

General Conference of Grand Chapter Holy Royal Arch Masons of the U.S.A. and the Bahamas, Inc., PHA,



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PROCLAMATION

To the General Conference Deputy Grand High Priest, Nathaniel Degraffmreaidt, General Grand King, Tyrone S. Peterson, General Grand Scribe, Stephen M. Copher, Jr., Past General Grand High Priests, Most Excellent Grand High Priests, Deputy Grand High Priests, Grand Kings, Grand Scribes, Officers and Companions of the Member Jurisdictions of the General Conference of Grand Chapters, Holy Royal Arch Masons of the United States of America and The Bahamas, Incorporated, Prince Hall Affiliation:

Holiness to The Lord! Holiness to The Lord! Holiness to The Lord!

Greetings,

By the power vested in me, in accordance with Article III, Section A of the Constitution and General Regulations of the General Conference of Grand Chapters, I, Medford J. Campbell, Jr., Most Excellent General Conference Grand High Priest, do hereby proclaim that the 65th Annual Conference and the 57th Joint Session of the General Conference of Grand Chapter Holy Royal Arch Masons of the U.S.A. and the Bahamas, Inc., PHA, and the General Conference of Grand Courts, Heroines of Jericho, the U.S.A. and the Bahamas, Inc. PHA., will convene in Louisville, Kentucky on Friday, June 30 - Tuesday, July 4, 2023. Due to the novel coronavirus and due to the size of our group and the recommendation of the CDC, we will adhere to practicing social distancing. We will not put any of our members at risk.

REGISTRATION

Advance registration for the Conference is \$150.00 and must be received by the Grand Coordinator by April 30, 2023. Please send your registration to Companion Willie Tate, 1505 Iris Avenue, Killeen, Texas 76543. Make checks payable to General Conference of Grand Chapters. Onsite registration is \$250.00.

The Parade of States and the Banquet are included in your registration. NOTE: If your registration is "Gratis" you will still need to fill out your registration form and return it to Companion Willie Tate, so that we may properly prepare for your arrival.

JURISDICTONAL AFFILIATION FEE

The Jurisdictional Affiliation fee is a mandatory \$200.00 and each Jurisdiction is required to register prior to the seating of their delegates. Checks and Credential Forms are to be mailed, no later than June 1, 2023 to: Companion James E. Alston, General Conference General Grand Secretary, at P. O. Box 316, Suitland, MD 20752-0316. All Jurisdictions registering their Affiliation fee after June 1, 2023 will be assessed a \$100.00 late fee.

ELECTED OFFICERS' AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

All Reports must be emailed to the General Grand Secretary, James Alston at jealston65@gmail.com and GCGHP Medford Campbell at medfordjr@comcast.net by June 1, 2023 so that they can be sent to the MEGHPs for distribution. No Reports will be printed due to the high cost of printing. Reports are due from the: GCDGHP, GCGKing, GCGScribe, GCGTrustees, GCGRitual Report, GCG Auditors, all GCG Alliance Deputies (Each Deputy is required to email a written report of his Alliance's activities. The report should summarize the accomplishments and recommendations of your Alliance, the members' participation and the need of the Grand Chapters in your Alliance), and GCG Coordinator.

The books of the General Grand Treasurer, General Grand Secretary, General Grand Coordinator, and the Ritual Committee must be in the hands of the Chairman of the General Conference Audit Committee Chairperson, Companion Bobby Thompson, OK, by May 31, 2023.

CREDENTIALS AND ANNUAL REPORT FORMS

Each Member Jurisdiction is required to complete four (4) copies of the Annual Report Form. You are to retain one (1) copy for your records and send the remaining three (3) copies to the Office of the General Grand Secretary James E. Alston along with your Jurisdictional Affiliation Fee of \$200.00, by June 1, 2023. Please ensure that your Delegates and all Past Most Excellent Grand High Priests are listed on this form. The Annual Report form also provides the Secretary with the required information to prepare the Gold Cards for the delegates and PMEGHPs. These report forms must be signed and sealed by the appropriate officers. The form must be received by the General Grand Secretary no later than June 1, 2023.

HAROLD GRAY JOINT CHARITY AND STUDENT AID

The Harold Gray Joint Charity and Student Aid application are attached with this Proclamation. You may contact the General Conference Chairman: MEGHP Michael Berry, Chairman with any questions. 254-702-0509 mberry3915@gmail.com

A donation is also presented to a charity of the Host Jurisdiction's choice. We thank you in advance for your generous donations, which will assist the General Conference in awarding students scholarships in their pursuit of furthering their educational studies.

KINGS CONTEST

Each Jurisdiction is mandated to donate \$200.00 to the Kings Contest. All Jurisdictions are encouraged to compete in the Kings Contest. These funds will be used to supplement our Student Aid Award. Our only assigned gift to the community is to help deserving students advance in their educational goals, we must not miss this opportunity. With this endeavor, we can help at least eight or more deserving students. Each Jurisdiction is requested to submit one application of a deserving student. Information pertaining to the King contest is included in your packet from General Grand Secretary on behalf of Grand Conference Grand King Tyrone S. Peterson. The winner will be crowned at the conclusion of the Parade of States. Together we can do wonders for our youth.

SOUVENIR JOURNAL

All Jurisdictions are requested to submit a full page ad to help the host jurisdiction as they host events for our Conference. All elected and appointed officers are required to submit a full page ad. The souvenir journal ad contract is attached with this Proclamation.

DECEASED MEMBERS

The names of all deceased **Grand Chapter Companions** in your Jurisdiction from June 3, 2022 through May 31, 2023, are to be submitted to the General Grand Secretary's office no later than June 2, 2023 so that their names may be included in the Memorial Service on Sunday morning. **PLEASE NOTE:** Grand Chapters officers **ONLY!**

JURISDICTIONAL WORKSHOPS

The Jurisdictional Workshop will be held on July 1, 2023, from 9:00 am to 12:30 pm. If any companion plans to make a presentation, please contact GCDGHP Nathaniel Degraffinraidt at 336-508-0309 or natedegraff@yahoo.com.

OFFICIAL DRESS

- Jurisdictional Workshop - Smart Casual
- Business Sessions - Monday and Tuesday - Your Jurisdictional Dress with Full Regalia.
- Saturday Evening Social Entertainment - Relaxed but Smartly dressed
- Sunday Devotions - Full Dress
- Parade of States - Represent your Jurisdiction
- Monday's Banquet and Scholarships Award - G. C. G. Officers - Red Jackets, black pants or White Jacket, Red Bowtie and Cummerbund. Collars only. No CROWNS or APRONS, others may dress to impress.

PARADE OF STATES

Entrance cost for the Parade of States is included in your registration fee. All attendees are invited to participate.

Grand High Priests are asked to lead their Jurisdictions in the march. Parade will begin at 2:00 pm. Additionally, the King and Queen will be crowned at the conclusion of the Parade.

MEDICAL

There will be Patient Profile forms available. We strongly recommend that all attendees complete these forms. Our Assistant Medical Director, E. Comp. Arlander Riddick: 6405 Eureka Avenue, Louisville, Kentucky 40216 or riddickarlander@yahoo.com, is available for any questions.

COVID-19 Administrative Notes

The General Conference of Grand Chapters Holy Royal Arch Masons, PHA, U.S.A. & Bahamas, is fully aware and takes seriously the dangers involving exposure to the COVID-19 virus and its several variants. The protection and safety of our members, attendees, leadership, and staff is our top priority. All attendees will adhere to the following health and safety protocols during the assembly in Louisville, Kentucky.

1. The wearing of a facemask is **REQUIRED** at all times during the Annual Grand Convocation (unless actively eating or drinking). Facemasks and hand sanitizer will be made available to all members if needed.
2. Prior to checking in at the advance/on-site registration desk, you must first visit the Medical/COVID-19 Check-In station. Please **DO NOT GO** to the advance/on-site registration desk before going to the Medical/COVID-19 Check-In station.
3. The General Conference of Grand Chapters Holy Royal Arch Masons, PHA, U.S.A. & Bahamas is requiring all attendees to provide proof of one of the following: Vaccination card showing full vaccination status against COVID-19 or a Negative COVID-19 PCR or rapid test result, administered by a medical professional and taken within 72 hours of check-in at the 64 Annual Conference.
4. Daily screening will consist of a current COVID-19 Self-Assessment Questionnaire with a temperature check. Attendees with temperatures above 100.4° F / 38° C will be evaluated for COVID-19 and will not be allowed into the meeting. All attendees will

be required to complete a copy of the COVID-19 Liability Waiver and Statement of Understanding. If you answer "YES" to any of the "Symptoms", "Contact", or "Temperature" related questions on the COVID-19 Self-Assessment Questionnaire, you will not be permitted into the meeting and will need a negative COVID-19 test and normal temperature to be admitted the following day. A wristband will be issued to all attendees (daily) after successful completion of the medical screening process. **NO WRISTBAND, NO ENTRY!!!** A wristband is also required to register onsite or to pick up credentials at the advance/onsite registration desk.

5. Temperature checks will be required anytime you leave and return to any of the designated meeting areas. Temperature checks may also be rendered throughout the session or as directed by the presiding officer.

6. Social distancing inside and outside of the meeting is required. We are currently working with the venue to establish parameters around seating inside each meeting space. Please remain cognizant of your surroundings and environment as you enter the meeting rooms. The General Conference of Grand Chapters Holy Royal Arch Masons, PHA, U.S.A. & Bahamas encourages groups to minimize social group gatherings outside of those already scheduled as part of the 65th Annual Grand Conference. We are grateful for your attendance and participation at this year's Annual Grand Conference but, your safety is of our utmost concern.

GENERAL

Please adhere to this Proclamation. Given under my hand and seal of the General Conference of Grand Chapters, Holy Royal Arch Masons of the United States of America and the Bahamas, Inc. Prince Hall Affiliation.

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