



# Most Excellent Union Grand Chapter

HOLY ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF FLORIDA & U.S. VIRGIN ISLANDS, INC.

Prince Hall Affiliated

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## 2023 OFFICIAL PROCLAMATION

January 15, 2023

To the Honorable Jeffery G. Jones, 19th Most Worshipful Grand Master, All Florida Jurisdictional 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, Grand Chaplain Rev. Ernest L. Powell, All Past Most Excellent Grand High Priests, All Past Grand High Priests, All Past High Priests, All Excellent High Priests, Kings, Scribes, All Grand and Local Appointed Officers, and All Companions throughout the Jurisdiction, **Hear Ye This Official Proclamation!**

*Having therefore, brethren, boldness to enter into the holiest by the blood of Jesus, by a new and living way, which he hath consecrated for us, through the veil, that is to say, his flesh;  
Hebrews 10:19-20*

There is much work to be done in the temple and we will now be about the business of producing **good** work, **true** work, and **square** work as it pertains to the Capitular Rite of freemasonry. We have approached the time of year when all Companions far and wide should convene and be in order as TRUE Royal Arch Masons, ready to present our work and give account of our stewardship.

## 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 **120<sup>th</sup> Annual Grand Convocation and 2023 Holy Royal Arch Annual Meeting**, will convene for all Holy Royal Arch Masons on Monday, April 17<sup>th</sup>, 2023 and conclude on Tuesday, April 18<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at the Hyatt Regency Jacksonville Riverfront, 225 E. Coastline Dr., Jacksonville, FL 32202.

## LODGING ACCOMMODATIONS

The host hotel for this event is the Hyatt Regency Jacksonville Riverfront, 225 E. Coastline Dr., Jacksonville, FL 32202. The room rate is \$114.00 per night, with complimentary self-parking. The hotel's phone numbers are (904) 588-1234 or (877) 803-7534. When calling the Reservation Desk, indicate you are booking a room under the block for the "Most Worshipful Union Grand Lodge of Florida" or "MWUGL of Florida." You may begin calling the Reservation Desk now and continue through March 23, 2023. (After March 23, 2023 reservation requests are confirmed on guestroom and convention rate availability. If the rate is not available, the prevailing hotel rate will apply.)

### **Pass Key for Hotel Reservations:**

The pass key for the 2023 Grand Session is below. Please copy and paste the URL below into your browser:

<https://www.hyatt.com/en-US/group-booking/JAXRJ/G-MWG9>

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 K.Y.C.H.

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 **\$80.00 from January 15, 2023 through February 28, 2023**. Late Registration is **\$100.00 from March 1, 2023 through March 31, 2023**. Any registrations received by the Grand Secretary after April 1, 2023 will be considered on-site registration. On-site registration is **\$125.00**. Chapters must pre-register all three (3) principal officers, Excellent High Priest, King, and Scribe, whether in attendance or not.

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 Zelle by sending funds using the email meugc.grtreasurer@gmail.com.

## ATTIRE

All Companions are to dress in full Royal Arch ritualistic dress, to include black suit, white dress shirt, black socks, red tie, crown, apron, gloves, and appropriate collar. *(Please note that those with inappropriate crowns, aprons, or collars will be asked to remove them before entering the meeting room. PLEASE BE WARNED!)* All elected and appointed Grand Chapter Officers are to dress in full ritualistic regalia.

## OCCASIONAL CHAPTER OPENING

The officers and members of our 2023 Large Chapter of the Year, Joshua Chapter #32, will perform the Occasional Grand Chapter Opening in due and ritualistic form.

## "CODE RED" HOSPITALITY

The Most Excellent Union Grand Chapter HRAM and the Most Ancient Union Grand Court HOJ will have their "CODE RED" Hospitality on Monday, April 17, 2023 at 5:00 PM at the Wilbur Fernander Scottish Rite Cathedral, 29 W. 6<sup>th</sup> Street, Jacksonville, FL 32206. This event will include a crab boil and barbeque, spades tournament, dominoes tournament, and line dance competition. Companions and Heroines are asked to dress casual with red from head to toe. There will be prizes and giveaways throughout the evening. This event promises to be one for the ages!

## DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND HIGH PRIEST REPORT

Each District Deputy Grand High Priest will prepare two copies of his Annual District Deputy Report, and forward one copy to the Grand Secretary and one copy to the Deputy Grand High Priest. Reports must be received by the Grand Secretary and Deputy Grand High Priest by March 8, 2023.

## BY-LAWS, GRIEVANCES, AND RESOLUTIONS

All By-Laws, Resolutions and Grievances to be acted upon at the 120<sup>th</sup> Annual Grand Convocation must be received in the Office of the Grand Secretary, Rt. Ex. Canary Williams, on or before February 15 2023. Changes to approved By-Laws must be submitted to the office of the Grand Secretary with three duplicates, along with the approved By-Laws on or before Friday, February 22, 2023.

## GRAND CHAPTER COMMITTEE REPORTS

All committees reports must be completed and sent electronically to the Office of Grand Secretary, Rt. Ex. Canary Williams, on or before March 8, 2023. A copy of the report must also be sent to the appropriate Committee Administrator by the same date.

## SUBORDINATE CHAPTER REPORTS

Each Chapter is required to submit a written report of their activities, special projects, and accomplishments from March 2022 to February 2023. One copy of the report is to be sent to the Grand Secretary and the other copy sent electronically to the Most Excellent Grand High Priest. Please ensure that these reports are in the possession of the aforementioned by March 8, 2023.

**GRAND CHAPTER BOOK OF MARKS**

The Most Excellent Union Grand Chapter has adopted 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 at a cost of \$20.00.

**GRAND CHAPTER CHARITABLE ENDEAVOR**

Chapters are expected to support the 2023 Grand Chapter charitable endeavor by donating \$100.00 to be collected by each District Deputy Grand High Priest. The District Deputy Grand High Priest is expected to collect all monies for their respective districts and turn all monies over to the Grand Secretary by March 31, 2023. At the Joint Luncheon held by the Most Excellent Union Grand Chapter HRAM and the Most Ancient Union Grand Court HOJ, there will be a monetary contribution made to the Alzheimer’s Association of Florida.

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 until the commencing of the 120<sup>th</sup> Annual Grand Convocation and a copy made available to each member via email or regular mail.*



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*

ATTESTED,

Rt. Ex. Canary Williams  
*Grand Secretary*

