

General Conference Grand Chapters Holy Royal Arch Masons Prince Hall Affiliation, United States and The Bahamas



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PROCLAMATION

To the General Conference Deputy Grand High Priest Nathaniel Degraffinraidt, General Grand King Stephen M. Copher, Jr., General Grand Scribe Shawn Willis, 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 67th Annual Conference will convene in Freeport, Bahamas on Friday, June 28 – Tuesday, July 2, 2024. Due to the novel coronavirus (COVID 19), 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 for Companions and \$80.00 for Visitors and must be received by the Grand Coordinator by May 30, 2024. There will be no on-site registrations. Please send your registration to Companion Willie Tate, 1505 Iris Avenue, Killeen, Texas 76543. Make checks payable to General Conference of Grand Chapters. The Kings Contest 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.

The General Conference is conducting a raffle that will offset some of the cost of the rooms in the Bahamas. You must register by May 1, 2024 to be eligible. Jurisdictions must sell no less than \$1,200 for participants from that Jurisdiction to be eligible.

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, 2024 to: **Companion Ronald Gerac, General Conference General Grand Secretary**, at General Grand Chapter PHA, PO Box 933, Cypress, Texas 77410-0933. All Jurisdictions registering their Affiliation fee after June 1, 2024 will be assessed a \$100.00 late fee.

ELECTED OFFICERS' AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

All Reports must be emailed to the General Grand Secretary, Ronald Gerac at rgerac@gmail.com and GCGHP Medford Campbell at medfordjr@comcast.net by June 1, 2024 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 any needs 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, 2024.

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 Ronald Gerac along with your Jurisdictional Affiliation Fee of \$200.00, by June 1, 2024. 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, 2024.

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.

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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 student 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. One of our only assigned gifts 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 Stepen Copher. The winner will be crowned at the conclusion of the Kings Contest. 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, 2023 through May 31, 2024, are to be submitted to the General Grand Secretary's office no later than June 2, 2024 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 June 29, 2024, 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
- Kings Contest – 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.

KINGS CONTEST

Entrance cost for the Kings Contest 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 will be crowned at the conclusion.

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 is still with us so we must remain on guard.

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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Medford J. Campbell, Jr. Attested: *Ronald Gerac*

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