



**Proclamation** August 1, 2023

To: All Grand Chapter Officers, Past Grand Chapter Officers, Chapter Officers, and Companions

Greetings,

By virtue of the power vested in me I, Timothy A Booker Sr, the Most Excellent Grand High Priest of the Most Excellent Prince Hall Grand Chapter for the Jurisdiction of Mississippi, do herby call all Grand Chapter Officers, Chapter Officers, and Companions of subordinate Chapters to assemble for our 147<sup>th</sup> Annual Grand Convocation on **Friday**, <u>March 1, 2024 at 9:00am</u>. "Be it resolved by proclamation that a Grand Convocation of the Most Excellent Prince Hall Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons for the Jurisdiction of Mississippi shall be organized and shall convene at the M. W. Stringer Grand Lodge located on 1072 J. R. Lynch St, Jackson, Mississippi 39203. IT IS MANDATORY THAT ALL SUBORDINATE CHAPTERS IN THIS JURISDICTION REGISTER FOR THE GRAND CONVOCATION. ALSO, EACH HIGH PRIEST, KING, AND SCRIBE OF THEIR RESPECTIVE CHAPTERS, SHALL BE REQUIRED TO ATTEND THE GRAND CONVOCATION. There will be a pre-

registration fee of \$100.00 for each subordinate Chapter and an on-site registration fee of \$110.00. The Chapter registration fee will cover the (3) Principal Officers Only. The Grand Convocation requires a \$40.00 pre-registration fee for individual Companions and a \$45.00 on- site registration fee. All fees will cover registration packet and lunch. The annual souvenir given by the Grand Chapter is not a part of the registration packet. Souvenirs are given to the Companions for attending the meeting. No Companion can receive a souvenir for another Companion. The attire for the Grand Convocation will be black suit/red bowtie for Companions, Appointed Grand Officers, and black suit/red necktie for Elected Grand Officers.

BE REMINDED, IN ORDER TO HAVE VOTING PRIVILEGES, ALL DUES FOR 2023-2024 FISCAL YEAR MUST BE SUBMITTED TO THE GRAND CHAPTER BY NOVEMBER 1, 2023. NO LOCAL CHAPTER OR MEMBER DUES WILL BE





ACCEPTED AT GRAND CONVOCATION. TO AVOID COMPANION'S NAME BEING LEFT OFF THE REGISTRATION ROLL FOR THE GRAND CONVOCATION, IT IS IMPERATIVE THAT ALL CHAPTER DUES (IF NOT PAID ALREADY, \$21.00 or \$41.00 PER COMPANION) BE SUBMITTED TO THE GRAND CHAPTER. All preregistration fees must be into the Grand Chapter by JANUARY 31, 2024. Any registration received after this date will be considered as on-site registration. Please use the enclosed registration to ensure proper payment.

The Grand Chapter will be hosting a workshop that will take place on <u>Thursday</u>, <u>February 29<sup>th</sup>, 2024 @ 5:00pm</u> at the M.W Stringer Grand Lodge. In addition, the Grand Chapter will be hosting a Welcome Fellowship to be held on <u>Thursday, February 29<sup>th</sup>, 2024</u> <u>@ beginning @ 7:00 pm until 9:00 pm</u> at the M.W Stringer Grand Lodge.

Hotel accommodations have been made at the **Holiday Inn Trustmark Park Hotel** located at **110 Bass Pro Drive, Pearl, Mississippi 39208**. Room rates are \$129.00 per night for king rooms and doubles, \$134.00 per night for King Suite and King Executive. The contact number to make your reservations is 601-939-5238 (Mention "York Rite Masons of Mississippi to secure this rate). The deadline to book your room is January 30, 2024.

If any Companion has items to submit to the following committees such as Grievances, Registration, Charter/Dispensations, and Jurisprudence, you are required to have all information to the Grand Chapter by **November 1, 2023,** for the Grand Secretary to forward all submissions to the Committee Chairman. This will allow enough time for the Committee to meet and bring a good report(s) to the Grand Convocation related to the matter(s). Any submission





received after **November 1, 2023,** shall not be presented before the body. I am pleased to announce that the Grand Chapter will be having the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual David J. Hilton Awards Banquet on <u>Friday, March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024</u>, in the Elnora McGowan Cafeteria at the M.W Stringer Grand Lodge. The time of the event will be from <u>6:00pm to 9:00pm</u>.

## ROYAL ARCH AGENDA

## Thursday- February 29, 2024

Grand Chapter Registration
Grand Chapter Workshop <b>5:00 pm - 7:00 pm</b> (MW Stringer Grand Lodge/Andrew Stewart Room)
Grand Chapter Welcome Fellowship <b>7:00 pm -9:00 pm</b> (MW Stringer Grand Lodge Cafeteria)
Friday-March 1, 2024
Registration
147th Annual Grand Convocation
Lunch
Order of High Priesthood Meeting <b>1:00 pm – 3:00 pm</b> (MW Stringer Grand Lodge/Andrew Stewart Room)
David J. Hilton Awards Banquet <b>6:00 pm -9:00 pm</b> (MW Stringer Grand Lodge Cafeteria)





I am requiring this communication be read in its entirety in all subordinate Chapters during the months of **August through February** to make sure that every Companion is informed of this event. We hope to have as many Companions present during this Grand Convocation and I look forward to seeing each of you in March. Please do not hesitate to contact the **Right Excellent Grand Secretary, Terence Parker Sr** for additional information. It is my prayer that the Great I Am keeps his loving arms around all of you.



Yours 3 x 3,

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**Timothy A Booker Sr, KYCH Most Excellent Grand High Priest**