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The Most Excellent Hiram Holy Grand Chapter, Holy Royal Arch Masons, In and For the State of Maryland and its jurisdictions

The 151st Annual Grand Convocation

Hear Ye, Hear Ye, and Hear Ye:

Notice is hereby given to the Right Excellent Deputy Grand High Priest, Companion Christopher Charles; Right Excellent Grand King, Companion Andre L. Atkinson; Right Excellent Grand Scribe, Companion Eugene C. Bradford; all Past Most Excellent Grand High Priests; all elected/appointed Right Excellent Grand Chapter Officers; all Excellent High Priests; all Excellent Kings; all Excellent Scribes; all Past Excellent High Priests; and, Companions owing obedience to this Most Excellent Hiram Holy Grand Chapter, Holy Royal Arch Masons, In and For the State of Maryland and its Jurisdictions that the 151st Annual Grand Convocation be held

on <u>Saturday</u>, <u>November 9</u>, <u>2024</u>, <u>BEGINNING PROMPTLY AT 9:00AM</u> in the James T. Dorsey Small auditorium at the Willard W. Allen Masonic Temple, 1307 Eutaw Place, Baltimore, Maryland 21217. Please arrive by 8:30 AM so that you can pick up your registration packet and we may convene on time. Host Chapter will be Keystone Chapter No. 10. Among those invited guests will include the reception of Royal Arch visitors beginning at 10:30AM, Prince Hall Family members will be received at 11:15AM, and the reception of the Honorable Noel C. Osborne Sr, Most Worshipful Grand Master, and his delegation at 12:00 PM (noon). Remarks will be heard from all.

Tenure reports of the Right Excellent Deputy Grand High Priest; RE Grand King; RE Grand Scribe; RE Division Deputy Grand High Priests; RE Grand Lecturer; RE Grand Inspector; RE Grand Chairman, Scholarship Committee; RE Grand Directors, Schools of Instruction; RE Grand Chairman, Committee on Foreign Correspondence; RE Grand Chairman, Grievances and Appeals Committee; RE Grand Chairman, Exemption Committee; RE Grand Chairman, Jurisprudence Committee; RE Grand Chairman, Media Affairs; RE Grand Chairman, Necrology Committee; final reports of the 151st Memorial Service; final report of the Annual Zerubbabel Service; Annual Red and White Party Report; Right Excellent Grand Treasurer's Report; Report of the Seth C. Robinson Holy Order of the Priesthood; tenure reports from each outgoing Excellent High Priest of each subordinate Chapter. All reports from each Right Excellent Grand Chapter officer, committee and/or Companion must be submitted to the Right Excellent Grand Secretary, PMEGHP Philip S. Lewis Sr by October 31, 2024, via email due to the requirement to present said reports in the QR code. The QR code will be made available to each Companion who registers to attend the Annual Grand Convocation.

All taxes <u>must</u> be paid in accordance with the Law of the Order. All returns (3 copies, each signed and sealed) with taxes and applicable fees must be filed with the Grand Secretary by October 31, 2024. Failure to meet this requirement will not only disqualify the Chapter from participation in our Annual Convocation and will leave the Excellent High Priest and the Secretary for the 2023-2024 Capitulary Year liable to pay a \$25.00 personal penalty **each** for late filing. All complaints, appeals, grievances, etc., must be filed in the office of the Grand Secretary at least <u>ten</u> (10) days prior to the convening of the Grand Chapter, otherwise they will not be permissible under the rules of the Constitution and Bylaws of the Most Excellent Hiram Holy Grand Chapter, Holy Royal Arch Masons, In and For the State of Maryland and its Jurisdictions.

All indebtedness owed to the Most Excellent Hiram Holy Grand Chapter must be resolved prior to the Annual Grand Convocation.

Registration Fee for the 151st Annual Convocation is \$100.00 per Companion payable thru the York Rite weekend Committee. Each Chapter <u>must</u> register its three principal officers: Excellent High Priest, Excellent King and Excellent Scribe, regardless of if they will attend. Proxy voting powers may be issued through the registration forms. This registration <u>must</u> be paid with the submission of the Annual returns on October 31, 2024. Failure to meet this requirement will disqualify that Chapter in participation of the Grand Convocation in their official capacity and subject the Chapter to immediate removal from the rolls without express permission from the Most Excellent Grand High Priest prior to due date. After October 31, the

on-site registration fee of \$150.00 per Companion is due. Any Past Excellent High Priest or individual Companion attending this 151st Annual Convocation may pre-register with the registration from their respective Chapter or by separate registration on the form provided. On-site registration fee of \$150.00 per Companion. There will be NO exceptions for non-voting members for registration fees.

All Chapters should hold their annual election of officers during their regular September or October meeting, and install those Companions elected during their October meeting. If any Chapter needs assistance in performing their installation ceremony, please feel free to communicate with our Right Excellent Grand Lecturer, PEHP Marlin Donaldson at 240-216-4750 for his assistance and direction or communicate directly with the Most Excellent Grand High Priest. Those Chapters who elect a new Excellent High Priest for the incoming Capitular Year, must communicate the name and email address to the President of the Seth C. Robinson Holy Order of the Priesthood for plans for the Anointment Ceremony. Dues payment for the incoming Excellent High Priest and all Past Excellent High Priests shall be made separately to the Priesthood and NOT to the Grand Chapter. Please communicate directly with Excellent President, Past Excellent High Priest Kevin Cosby reference the Priesthood.

Yours Three X Three;

Clarence A. Traynham

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Attested:

Phílip S. Lewis, Sr.

Philip S. Lewis, Sr. Right Excellent Grand Secretary Past Most Excellent Grand High Priest

