

The Most Excellent Prince Hall Grand Chapter of Holy Royal Arch Masons
OF THE STATE OF TEXAS AND JURISDICTION



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May 13,
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PROCLAMATION

To: Grand Chapter Officers, Excellent High Priests, Kings, Scribes, Past High Priests, and Companions of the Most Excellent Prince Hall Grand Chapter of Holy Royal Arch Masons, of the State of Texas and its Jurisdiction.

HOLINESS TO THE LORD

By the authority vested in me, I, **Michael Berry, Sr., Most Excellent Grand High Priest**, of The Most Excellent Prince Hall Grand Chapter of Holy Royal Arch Masons, do with this proclamation, call all Companions aforementioned, to assemble at our **143rd Grand Convocation, Thursday, January 30 2025, Time: 8:00 am – 5:00 pm (CST)**.

HOTEL INFORMATION

The 143rd Grand Convocation will be held at the Embassy Suites by Hilton Dallas DFW Airport South, 4650 W Airport Fwy, Irving, TX 75062. Room Rates: \$149.00 (Wednesday thru Saturday), King or double. **Deadline for Reservations: November 30, 2024.**

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REGISTRATION

The Excellent High Priest, King, and Scribe, of each subordinate Chapter must register for the Grand Convocation whether they attend or not, or the Chapter will not be square. The advance registration fee is \$135.00, which will cover the entire York Rite Weekend. Advance Registration Deadline: **November 30, 2024**. Late registration is \$200.00 **after November 30, 2024**. Late Registration is from December 1 – 31, 2024. **There will be no on-site registration**. Event Registration Includes: One (1) ticket for lunch on Friday, One (1) ticket for Saturday Evening Banquet. **Note:** No Banquet tickets will be available after advance registration. Registration and Room Reservation can be found at the following Link: [YRW Registration and Hotel Reservation](#). *Registration must be completed before you can make hotel accommodations. Duplicate hotel reservations will be subject to cancellation.* **Note:** All registrations and payments will be made online. If a Companion is unable to register by means of online payment, please coordinate with your Chapter /Deputy to ensure proper payment.

ORDER of THE HIGH PRIESTHOOD

The Order of the High Priesthood *will open On January 30, 2025 @ 7:00 am for Elections.*

MEPHGC OPENING CEREMONY

The Grand Convocation Opening Ceremony will be conducted by North Region under the direction of [RDGHP Devan Davis \(6\)](#), [DDGHP Cyrus Thomson \(6\)](#), [DDGHP Daryl Taylor \(143\)](#), [DDGHP Kevin Hampton \(118\)](#), [DDGHP Kerry Woodard \(74\)](#). The Full Ritualistic Opening will commence on **Thursday, January 30, 2025 @ 8:00 am**. The Grand Convocation setup must be completed by **Wednesday evening, January 29, 2025**.

SOUVENIR JOURNAL

Grand Chapter Officers and Deputies are expected to purchase an Ad in the Souvenir Journal. Excellent High Priests or their respective Chapters are expected to place at least one Ad in the Souvenir Journal. Please see the 25th Annual York Rite Weekend Packet for Ad sizes and cost. **Deadline for Souvenir Ads: November 30, 2024.**

JOINT AWARDS /SCHOLARSHIP LUNCHEON / BANQUET

Friday, January 31, 2025 @ 12:00N, there will be a Joint Awards /Scholarship Luncheon. The Banquet will be held **Saturday, February 1, 2025 @ 7:00 PM**. Dress for the banquet is formal or semi-formal. Grand Chapter officers and Deputies may wear collars and Black Cowboy Hats. The banquet fees are included in your registration. **Additional banquet tickets will not be available after Advance Registration.**

GOSPELFEST

The Gospel festival will be held **Friday, January 31, 2025 @ 6:30 PM**. The desired dress for this event is semi-formal. Grand Chapter Officers, Deputies, and EHPs are expected to be in attendance.

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JOINT MEMORIAL CEREMONY

The Joint Memorial Ceremony will be held **Saturday, February 1, 2025 @ 7:30 AM**. The dress for the service is a black and white suit. Grand Chapter Officers, Deputies, and EHPs are expected to be in attendance.

DRESS

Holy Royal Arch Mason dress is required of all Companions attending the 143rd Annual Convocation: White Coat, White Shirt, Red Pants, White Shoes, Red Tie, Red Socks, and Royal Arch Crown. Alternate dress will be the Black Suit, Black Shoes, White Shirt, Red Tie, and Red Socks. Grand Chapter Officers and The Order of The High Priesthood (Elected) Officers may wear their appropriate robes. PGHPs may wear Red Coats and Black Pants. Appropriate Regalia will also be worn. Companions who have purchased the Grand Chapter Gold Shirt may wear this shirt and black pants in lieu of the traditional Royal Arch Dress during the Grand Convocation.

ANNUAL REPORTS

Each Chapter will submit their Annual Report to the Grand Chapter. Reports will identify the principal officers and all members by name. All reports and funds are due NLT: **December 15, 2024. DO NOT MAIL REPORTS**. Reports will be uploaded to the MEPHGC Website (Secure link: [Upload Annual Reports](#)). The only alternate method will be to email your reports to the following email address: grand_secretary_office@mephgcoftx.org. Chapters who cannot make Annual Payments through the MEPHGC online portal must photocopy check/money order and upload the copy along with the Annual Report prior to mailing.

DEPUTY'S REPORT

Regional/District Deputy will submit a written report for their areas of responsibility for the previous year. The report will include a summary of Chapter meetings, election of officers, chapter activities within the local community, and charity donations. The Deputy's report will be emailed to: grand_secretary_office@mephgcoftx.org NLT: **December 15, 2024**. All Deputies will be prepared to present their reports at the Grand Convocation Deputies Meeting IAW with the pre-agenda below.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

All Committee Reports must be completed and emailed to Grand Secretary NLT: **December 30, 2024** (grand_secretary_office@mephgcoftx.org). This includes Committees on Grievances, Warrants and Charters, Dispensations, Resolutions, and Jurisprudence so that they can be forwarded to the appropriate oversight committee. **Please Note:** *All Committees must be available and prepared to present their report (virtual) on the dates and times (January 20 - 23, 2025) indicated under virtual pre-brief agenda. This will allow ample time for reports to be placed in a book and made available to all Companions prior to the Grand Convocation.*

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WORKS COMMITTEE

Candidates must register with the Works Committee by submitting a letter of intent to be eligible for nomination to an Elected Office in the Grand Chapter **NLT: December 30, 2024**. Companions who are not registered and appear before the Works Committee shall not be eligible to be nominated to any office. Elected Present or Past Grand Chapter Officers are exempted from this requirement. Candidates must send their nominations to: grand_secretary_office@mephgcoftx.org. The Works Committee will review nominations and meet with Candidates **NLT: January 15, 2025**. The Works Committee Report will be presented during the Grand Convocation on **January 30, 2025**.

AWARDS NOMINATIONS

Nominations must be submitted to the Grand Secretary Office: grand_secretary_office@mephgcoftx.org using the standard Grand Chapter Awards format. The Grand Secretary Office will accept awards for: Companion of the Year, Deputy of the Year, Chapter of the Year, Excellent High Priest of the Year, and Secretary of the Year. Nominations are due in the Grand Secretary Office **NLT: December 15, 2024**. **NOTE: All Nominations must be submitted through the Regional Deputy for his recommendation /signature.**

EXECUTIVE MEETING

All Grand Chapter officers, and Deputies must be present on **Sunday, January 26, 2025 @5:00-7:00PM (CST)** for the Executive Board Meeting. Excellent High Priest and Past High Priest are encouraged to attend.

The key points of this proclamation are to be read in at least three meetings prior to December 2024, and a copy provided to every Companion. This proclamation having been given under my signature and seal, please observe the dates, and times.

Take due notice thereof and govern yourself accordingly.
Fraternally yours,

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Michael Berry, Sr.

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Most Excellent Grand High Priest

Attested:

Victor Wiggins, Jr.

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Right Excellent Grand Secretary



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MEPHGC 143rd Grand Convocation (Virtual Pre-Brief)

COMMITTEE REPORTS

The following Committees Chairs, vice Chairs, and RDGHPs are required to meet via zoom on the date and time indicated. Excellent High Priests, Deputies, and Past High Priests are welcome to attend.

<u>COMMITTEE</u>	<u>DATE/TIME</u>	<u>ZOOM LINK</u>
RULES ZOOM LINK: Click Here	1/20 @ 6:00pm	
BUDGET ZOOM LINK: Click Here	1/20 @ 6:15pm	
AUDIT ZOOM LINK: Click Here	1/20 @ 6:45pm	
NECROLOGY ZOOM LINK: Click Here	1/20 @ 7:15pm	
GRAND SECRETARY ZOOM LINK: Click Here	1/21 @ 6:00pm	
GRAND TREASURER ZOOM LINK: Click Here	1/21 @ 6:30pm	
TIME AND PLACE ZOOM LINK: Click Here	1/21 @ 7:00pm	

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WAYS AND MEANS 1/22 @ 6:00pm

ZOOM LINK: [Click Here](#)

INFORMATION AND TECHNOLOGY 1/22 @ 6:15pm

ZOOM LINK: [Click Here](#)

RESOLUTIONS 1/22 @ 6:30pm

ZOOM LINK: [Click Here](#)

FRATERNAL RELATIONS 1/22 @ 7:00pm

ZOOM LINK: [Click Here](#)

BY LAWS AND WARRANTS 1/23 @ 6:00pm

ZOOM LINK: [Click Here](#)

CONSTITUTION 1/23 @ 6:15pm

ZOOM LINK: [Click Here](#)

BUILDING/FUNDING 1/23 @ 6:30pm

ZOOM LINK: [Click Here](#)

JURISPRUDENCE 1/23 @ 7:00pm

ZOOM LINK: [Click Here](#)

GRIEVANCE AND APPEALS 1/23 @ 7:30pm

ZOOM LINK: [Click Here](#)

Committee Reports

- Rules
- Budget
- Audit
- Necrology
- Grand Secretary
- Grand Treasurer
- Grievance and Appeals
- REDGHP Stewardship
- REGK Stewardship
- REGS Stewardship
- Scholarship Committee
- Time and Place
- By-Laws and Warrants
- Ways and Means Committee
- Veterans Committee
- Information & Technology (IT)
- Fraternal Relations
- Constitution
- Infrastructure

COMMITTEE REPORTS PROVIDED ON FEBURARY 3, 2024

- RULES
- NECROLOGY
- GRAND HIGH PRIEST ADDRESS
- JURISPRUDENCE
- RESOLUTION
- GREVIANCE AND APPEALS
- WORKS COMMITTEE
- CREDENTIALS
- MEDICAL
- ORDER OF THE HIGH PRIESTHOOD REPORT