

**General Conference of Grand Councils  
Royal and Select Masters  
Prince Hall Affiliation, U.S.A. & the Bahamas, Incorporated**



**Most Illustrious Companion Fredrick Joyner, KYGCH  
General Grand Conference Thrice Illustrious Grand Master**

**PROCLAMATION 01-2023**

To: GC Grand Deputy Master Joel Mends, Sr., GC Grand Principal Conductor of the Works Hubert A. Braxton, Elected and Appointed General Conference Grand Council Officers, Past General Conference Grand Council Officers, Affiliated Jurisdictional Grand Council Officers and Illustrious Companions, GC Royal Grand Perfect Matron Alicia J. Chisolm, GC Royal Grand Chief Advisor Willie Harris, Elected and Appointed General Conference Grand Court Officers, Past General Conference Grand Court Officers, Affiliated Jurisdictional Grand Court Officers, and Ladies of the Circle of Perfection.

Greetings:

Pursuant to the powers and authority vested in me and by warrant of the Constitution of the General Conference of Grand Councils, Royal and Select Masters, PHA, U.S.A. and the Bahamas, Incorporated, I, Fredrick Joyner, General Grand Conference Thrice Illustrious Grand Master do hereby announce and proclaim that all owing allegiance to the General Conference of Grand Councils of Royal and Select Masters, PHA, U.S.A and the Bahamas, Incorporated to convene for the 35th Annual General Grand Assembly on Friday, May 5th, 2023 through Sunday, May 7th, 2023 at the Atlanta Airport Marriott Hotel, 4711 Best Road, Atlanta, GA 30337.

The Most Illustrious H. R. Butler Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the Jurisdiction of Georgia under the leadership of GTIM Earl Lyons will open an occasional Grand Assembly on Saturday, May 6th, 2023, at 8:00 AM for the purpose of receiving the General Grand Conference Grand Council Officers.

**Jurisdictional Fees**

**Jurisdictional Fee of \$ 100.00, Benevolent Fee of \$ 100.00, Student Aid Donation of \$ 50.00 and individual Illustrious Companion Membership Fee of \$ 15.00** each along with all completed report forms are to be sent to the GGC Grand Recorder no later than **March 17th, 2023**, before jurisdictions are allowed to be seated. **Any Jurisdiction that failed to register for the previous year is required to remit those fees in addition to the current fees before they can be seated in the 35th Annual Grand Assembly.** Payment can be sent via Zelle to [rsmtreasurerggcg1988@gmail.com](mailto:rsmtreasurerggcg1988@gmail.com) or PayPal to [rsmtreasurerggcg@gmail.com](mailto:rsmtreasurerggcg@gmail.com) (please select friends, and family) or check / money order made payable to **GGC RSM. Regardless of payment method, a completed registration form must be mailed to:**

MIC Charles Holiday, Jr  
GGC Grand Recorder  
8828 S. Cornell Avenue  
Chicago, Illinois 60617  
[charlesholidayjr@yahoo.com](mailto:charlesholidayjr@yahoo.com)

## **General Grand Assembly Registration**

**Advance Registration deadline is March 17th, 2023 and is \$ 150.00. Registration received after the deadline is considered Onsite Registration (kit not guaranteed) and is \$ 200.00. “All Illustrious Companions whether in attendance with the LOCOP or ROYAL & SELECT MASTERS must pay the Annual Membership Dues of \$ 15.00” (NO EXCEPTIONS). **All Illustrious Companions are asked to be masonically dressed and regaled for the meeting as you would in your respective jurisdiction.****

## **Hotel Reservations**

Hotel reservations can be made by calling **1-800-266-9432** or by using the hotel link:

<https://www.marriott.com/event-reservations/reservation-link.mi?id=1659041740962&key=GRP&app=resvlink> and must be accompanied by a first night room deposit. The room rate is **\$ 139.00** plus 16.50% tax plus a **\$ 5.00** per night State of Georgia Hotel / Motel fee for single or double accommodations. **Debit cards funds are held for 7 to 10 business days by most banking institution. DEADLINE** for hotel reservations is Monday, **April 10th, 2023**. Any remaining rooms after this date will be released back to the Hotel. Attendees making reservations should ask for the **“General Grand Conference and Convent General group rate at the Atlanta Airport Marriott”**. **Check in time is 3:00 PM** and **Check out time is 11:00 AM**. Deposits are refundable if the Hotel receives notice of cancellation no later than **72 hours** before the scheduled arrival date. Cancellations received after 72 hours will be charged one night’s room rate (**NO EXCEPTIONS**). **Hotel self-parking is \$10.00 per day per vehicle.**

**NOTE: Please contact General Conference Convention Coordinator Charlie Alexander at 804-683-5576 prior to canceling Hotel reservations.**

## **Transportation**

The Atlanta Airport Marriott Hotel is located approximately one (1) mile from Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport. The Hotel will provide shuttle service which runs 24 hours a day, 7 days a week:

- every 15 minutes from 5:00 AM - 12:00 AM
- every 30 minutes from 12:00 AM - 5:00 AM
- the shuttle stops at zones 9 - 12

## **Souvenir Journal**

There will be a Joint Souvenir Journal. All General Grand Conference Grand Officers -- Elected and Appointed and affiliated Jurisdictional Councils are asked to be represented in the Souvenir Journal. The ad prices are:

Inside Front / Inside Back	\$ 125.00
Outside Back	\$ 150.00
Full Page	\$ 100.00
Half Page	\$ 50.00

All ads are to be submitted as a Word document, pdf, jpeg, or bitmap file and may be emailed to **mwatts216@aol.com** or mailed to:

Denise M. Mundy, PYCH  
P.O. Box 81612  
Conyers, Georgia 30013

Checks and money orders are to be made payable to **Lillian E. Blake MRGC** and mailed to:

Pamela Y. Lee  
3471 Sagewood Court  
Snellville, Georgia 30039

**NOTE: E-mailed Ads will be processed upon receipt of payment!!! Deadline for Ads is March 1, 2023.**

### **Meal Functions**

The Banquet will be held on Friday, May 5th, 2023, beginning at **7:00 PM**. The Dignitaries for the Head Table will assemble at **6:30 PM** and begin the processional into the Ballroom at **6:45 PM**.

The luncheon will be held on Saturday, May 6th, 2023, at **12:30 PM**.

**NOTE: Please let us know if you have any special / dietary food restrictions**

### **Agenda/Reports**

The agenda is attached. All Committee Chairmen and Jurisdictional Deputies are requested to send a copy of their reports to the GGCTIGM at joyner.f@verizon.net and GGC Grand Recorder Charles Holiday, Jr at charlesholidayjr@yahoo.com no later than **March 31st, 2023**.

Jurisdictional Grand Thrice Illustrious Masters, please forward a copy of all Actual and Honorary Past Grand Thrice Illustrious Masters who are members of your Grand Council along with a historical synopsis of your Grand Council to the GGC Grand Recorder's Office as we are continuing the process of collecting and documenting our history.

### **COVID-19 Administrative Notes**

The General Conference of Grand Councils of Royal and Select Masters, PHA, U.S.A. & the Bahamas, Incorporated is fully aware and takes seriously the dangers involving exposure to the COVID-19 virus and its several variants. The protection and safety of our members, attendees, leadership, and staff is our top priority. All attendees will adhere to the following health and safety protocols during the assembly in Atlanta, GA.

1. The wearing of a facemask is **OPTIONAL AND SUBJECT TO CHANGE** during the Annual Grand Assembly. Facemasks and hand sanitizer will be made available to all members if needed.
2. Prior to checking in at the advance/onsite registration desk, you must first visit the Medical/COVID-19 Check-In station. Please **DO NOT GO** to the advance/onsite registration desk before going to the Medical/COVID-19 Check-In station.
3. The General Conference of Grand Councils of Royal and Select Masters, PHA, U.S.A. & the Bahamas, Incorporated is requiring all attendees to provide proof of one of the following: **Vaccination card showing full vaccination status against COVID-19 or a Negative COVID-19 PCR or rapid test result, administered by a medical professional and taken within 72 hours of check-in at the 35th Annual Grand Assembly.**
4. Daily screening will consist of a current COVID-19 Self-Assessment Questionnaire with a temperature check. **Attendees with temperatures above 100.4° F / 38° C will be evaluated for COVID-19 and will not be allowed into the meeting.** All attendees will be required to complete a copy of the COVID-19 Liability Waiver and Statement of Understanding. If you answer "YES" to any of the "Symptoms", "Contact", or "Temperature" related questions on the COVID-19 Self-Assessment Questionnaire, you will not be permitted into the meeting and will need a negative COVID-19 test and normal temperature to be admitted the following day. A wristband will be issued to all attendees (daily) after successful completion of the medical screening process. **NO WRISTBAND, NO ENTRY!!!** A wristband is also required to register onsite or to pick up credentials at the advance/onsite registration desk.
5. Temperature checks will be required anytime you leave and return to any of the designated meeting areas. Temperature checks may also be rendered throughout the session or as directed by the presiding officer.

6. Social distancing inside and outside of the meeting is required. We are currently working with the venue to establish parameters around seating inside each meeting space. Please remain cognitive of your surroundings and environment as you enter the meeting rooms. The General Conference of Grand Councils of Royal and Select Masters, PHA, U.S.A. & the Bahamas, Incorporated encourages groups to minimize social group gatherings outside of those already scheduled as part of the 35th Annual Grand Assembly. We are grateful for your attendance and participation at this year's Annual Grand Assembly but, your safety is of our utmost concern.

This I declare under my hand and seal on this 5th day of August 2023.



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