

Most Excellent Grand Chapter
HOLY ROYAL ARCH MASONS - P.H.A.
JURISDICTION OF PENNSYLVANIA

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Most Excellent Grand High Priest

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PROCLAMATION NUMBER FOUR

Right Excellent Deputy Grand High Priest, Right Excellent Grand King, Right Excellent Grand Scribe, Right Excellent Elected and Excellent Appointed Grand Chapter Officers. Past Most Excellent Grand High Priests, Most Excellent High Priests, Excellent Kings, Excellent Scribes, Past High Priests and Companions of all Constituent Chapters obedient to the Most Excellent Grand Chapter, Holy Royal Arch Masons - Prince Hall Affiliated, Jurisdiction of Pennsylvania, Greetings:

Holiness to the Lord!

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It continues to be an Honor to serve and thank you for the outstanding efforts many of you have made during this Administration to strengthen the 3R'S of being a Holy Royal Arch Masons within the Jurisdiction of Pennsylvania, "The Mother Jurisdiction!" It has been through your prayers for the guidance and blessings of Almighty God, that we continue to carry out the duties and responsibilities, of our Fraternity, to the best of each of your abilities.

Therefore, by the authority vested in me as the Most Excellent Grand High Priest I, Kevin L. Aleem #6, do hereby direct that this ***Proclamation Number Four*** be read in its entirety (except for the appendices) in open Chapter meeting. Furthermore, I direct that all Executive Orders (11) and Directives (7) previously stated in ***Proclamation Number Three***, its addendums and appendices (2) are to remain in effect. along with the Executive Orders and Directives contained herein be strictly adhered to. This Proclamation shall be available at every Chapter meeting and used as a reference.

EXECUTIVE ORDERS

Executive Order No. 12 – Administrative Continuity

Pursuant to the Constitution of the Most Excellent Grand Chapter of Holy Royal Arch Masons PHA, Article 5 Convocations, elections are to be held at each Grand Convocation and traditionally members of the Council serve two years as an administration. Therefore, to facilitate and support the projected change of administration the following permissions are hereby granted, effective immediately:

- 1) **The Right Excellent Deputy Grand High Priest, Warren S. Montague No. 15**, as he deems necessary, is authorized to begin any and all processes that will ensure the seamless transition of administrations projected for October 2024. This includes, *but is not limited to*, interviews of potential appointed officers, administrative planning, and training.
- 2) **The Right Excellent Grand King Leroy T. Bunyon No. 28**, as he deems necessary, is authorized to begin any and all processes that will develop committee chairmanships/ memberships, that will support the efforts of the Right Excellent Deputy Grand High Priest. This includes, *but is not limited*

to, assistance with the Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence (CC on FC), George Ravenell, and Seminar efforts.

- 3) ***The Right Excellent Grand Scribe Agoi V. Ombima, No. 53***, as he deems necessary, is authorized to begin any and all processes that will support the efforts of the Right Excellent Deputy Grand High Priest. This includes, *but is not limited to*, assistance with Constitution, Charity, and Information Technology (IT) efforts.

None of these permissions will impede/interfere or override any current Grand Chapter Executive Orders, Directives, or activities! They are being put in place to support the continuity, maintain the stability and continue the strategic/operational planning of our fine organization.

Executive Order No. 13 – Summer Closures

It is hereby ordered that dispensations for Chapters to ***not meet*** in the months of July and August will only be approved by the signature of the Most Excellent Grand High Priest or The Right Excellent Deputy Grand High Priest! All requests must be submitted prior to 6/30/2024.

Executive Order No. 14 – Festive Celebrations/Dates to Remember

May

Holy Royal Arch 204th Anniversary & Historical Celebration Month – During the Month of May, all Chapters will be celebrating our 204th Anniversary! There will be a Historical Celebration at each Chapter to remind each Holy Royal Arch Mason of the phenomenal history of their specific Chapter. The review of each Chapters History is the Lecture for this month.

Holy Royal Arch Military Appreciation Day service will be held 5/19/2024 at Mt Sinai Tabernacle Baptist Church 2737 West Lehigh Ave, Philadelphia, PA 19132, 4pm (Assembly at 3:15pm). **Standard Holy Royal Arch Dress Code:** black/dark suit, white shirt, black tie, black socks, black shoes, apron, white gloves and prayer cap. Subordinate Chapters Council (Most Excellent High Priest, Excellent King, & Excellent Scribe) are to wear collars. *If a Military Appreciation sash was purchased, it is **authorized to be worn at this service, during Chapter meetings and during the Grand Convocation in October.***

June

The 104th Annual Zerubbabel Day Service will be held on Sunday, June 9, 2024.

Locations:

East- Millennium Baptist Church, 1630 N 52nd St, Philadelphia, PA 19131, 4pm (Assembly at 3:30pm).

West- Metropolitan Baptist Church, 22 Sampsonia Way Pittsburgh, PA 15212., 4pm (Assembly

Holy Royal Arch Festive Day Dress Code: black tails, white shirt, black bow tie, black cummerbund or black vest, black socks, black shoes, apron, collar, white gloves, and prayer cap (crown). All companions are to wear standard Holy Royal Arch dress (black/dark suit, white shirt, black tie, black socks, black shoes, apron, white gloves, and prayer cap. Subordinate Chapters Council (Most Excellent High Priest, Excellent King, & Excellent Scribe) are to wear collars.

Juneteenth Parade and Celebration- June 19, 2024. Additional information will be forwarded.

Statewide School of Light on 6/22/24 3 pm, via Zoom,
Additional information will be forwarded.

September

Heroines of Jericho “Scarlet Ball” 9/14/24, 7pm at Clarion Hotel, 76 Industrial Highway, Essington PA., 19029

Statewide School of Light on 9/21/24 4 pm, via Zoom, Additional information will be forwarded.

Anointment Ceremony- Sunday 9/29/24

October

Good Guys Charities – Raffle Drawing 10/26/2024. Additional information to be provided from the office of the Right Excellent Grand Scribe Agoi V Ombima

Executive Order No. 15 – 204th Grand Convocation

Pursuant to Article 5, Section 1 of the Constitution of the Most Excellent Grand Chapter, Holy Royal Arch Masons, Prince Hall Affiliated, Jurisdiction of Pennsylvania and by the authority in me vested; I, Kevin L. Aleem, No. 6, Most Excellent Grand High Priest, do hereby proclaim and **summon** all Right Excellent Elected and Excellent Appointed Grand Chapter Officers, the Councils of each subordinate Chapters (3 members each) and officially notify all Companions to register in advance and be present for the convening of the **204th Annual Grand Convocation, 9:00 AM on Saturday October 26, 2024 and Sunday, October 27, 2024** at the Delta Philadelphia Airport Hotel, 500 Stevens Drive, Philadelphia, PA 19113 for the purpose of reviewing the state of the craft and transacting all business that may constitutionally and legally come before us.

ROOM RESERVATIONS

Room reservations at the Delta Philadelphia Airport Hotel can be made by calling 1-610-521-5901 or Marriot reservations at 1 (800)627-7480, room rates are \$145.00 per night, plus tax. The deadline for advanced registration is Thursday October 3rd, 2024.

REGISTRATION

Pre-registration fee for the Grand Convocation is \$165.00 which includes lunch Saturday, and one Dinner Dance Ticket. On-site registration is \$180.00 and includes lunch on Saturday but **does not include a Dinner Dance ticket**. The deadline for pre-registration is **Wednesday October 16th, 2024**. All Grand Chapter Elected Officers will pre-register with the Right Excellent Grand Assistant Secretary or Right Excellent Grand Secretary. The Most Excellent Grand High Priest and Past Most Excellent Grand High Priest will register **gratis**; **They must pre-register with the Right Excellent Grand Assistant Secretary or Right Excellent Grand Secretary**. Make checks payable to - M.E.G.C. Holy Royal Arch Masons and forward them to the attention of Right Excellent Assistant Secretary Walter Samuels, 4301 N. Broad Street, Philadelphia, PA 19140.

(Note- PHP Robert Ragsdale, is the Chairman, of the Registration Committee)

****Note* All Companions who were restored or exalted during this administration (10/2022-10/2024) along with any non-voting Companion, who pre-register will receive a “gift to last a lifetime,” from Most Excellent Grand High Priest Kevin L. Aleem at the Convocation. It is important that all Companions experience their Convocation!!!!***

VISITORS REGISTRATION

Visitors are to notify in advance and check in with the C.C. on F.C. PMEGHP Wayne Parnell (ccofo@megcofpa.com), upon arrival. Visiting Jurisdictions will be received at 10:30 A.M. on Saturday morning. Please note that visiting Most Excellent Grand High Priest or their direct

representative will receive lunch and a Dinner Dance ticket gratis, if attending. All other visiting jurisdiction members will be charged a fee of \$20 for lunch and a fee for a Dinner Dance ticket if they plan on attending.

***Note* Dinner Dance attendance of visiting jurisdictions requires notification of C.C. on F.C. PMEGHP Wayne Parnell (ccofc@megcofpa.com) prior to 10/15/2024!**

MEMORIAL SERVICE

The Memorial Service for our deceased Companions, during the year 2023-2024, will be held on Friday October 25th, 2024, at 7:00 P.M. at the Delta Philadelphia Airport Hotel, 500 Stevens Drive, Philadelphia, PA 19113. Each Chapter must submit the name of all Companions that perished prior to 9/30/2024 to both the Right Excellent Assistant Grand Secretary Walter Samuels and the Grand Lecturer Eddie Williams by 10/4/2024!

Members of every Chapter within the Jurisdiction of Pennsylvania are encouraged to attend this service to pay due respect to those steadfast Companions who have gone before us. **Chapters are encouraged to invite the family members of our deceased Companions to attend. Assembly time is 6:30 P.M.**

Directly after the service there will be a **George Ravenell Toy Drive Dance Event!**

The price for admission is one toy for a girl or boy (ages 8-15).

These toys will support our Holy Royal Arch George Ravenell **Toys for Children Program**

*** Remember every child deserves a toy!**

OPENING OF AN OCCASIONAL CHAPTER

William Cooper Chapter No. 6 will open an Occasional Chapter on Saturday October 26, 2024, at 8:00 A.M. for the purpose of receiving the Right Excellent Deputy Grand High Priest Warren S. Montague No. 15, who will then receive the Most Excellent Grand High Priest Kevin L. Aleem, No. 6, and his core of officers. The Past Most Excellent Grand High Priest will be received at 9:15am

ANNUAL DINNER DANCE

Our 204th Annual Dinner Dance will be held at the Delta Philadelphia Airport Hotel, 500 Stevens Drive, Philadelphia, PA 19113. We will be celebrating Most Excellent Grand High Priest Kevin L. Aleem. Tickets are \$80 for those who are not pre-registered. Deadline for all ticket purchases is Monday October 21st, 2024.

To commemorate this Annual Dinner Dance, we will have a Souvenir Journal. Full page Ads - \$50.00; Half page Ads - \$35.00; Quarter page Ads - \$20.00; Back Cover Inside/Outside \$200 each. Deadline for Ads will be Monday October 14th, 2024. All Right Excellent Elected and Appointed Grand Chapter Officers are expected to purchase at least one (1) full-page Ad and will receive one ticket with their registration. They are encouraged to bring their spouse/significant others to dance and enjoy!

All checks should be made payable to the M.E.G.C., Holy Royal Arch Masons And forwarded to the Right Excellent Grand King Leroy Bunyon No. 28: Contact points - (610) 636-1682 regk@megcofpa.com or leeb1906@gmail.com, Ticket Chairman and/or Right Excellent Grand Scribe Agoi Ombima, No. 53: Contact points - 215-669-4764 regs@megcofpa.com or agoi.ombima@temple.edu Souvenir Journal Chairman, 4301 North Broad Street, Philadelphia, PA 19140. The Ticket and Souvenir Journal Chairman or their representatives will be available via telephone or email.

REPORTS

The Right Excellent Grand Scribe and Right Excellent Grand King will submit their reports to the Right Excellent Deputy Grand High Priest Warren Montague No.15 no later than Wednesday, October 09, 2024.

Excellent Deputy at Large and Excellent Grand Lecturer after reviewing the ADGHP & Lectures reports will submit all reports, including their own, to the Right Excellent Deputy Grand High Priest Warren Montague No.15 no later than Wednesday, October 09, 2024.

Right Excellent Deputy Grand High Priest will submit his report to the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, no later than Wednesday, October 09, 2024.

Excellent President of the Holy Order Priesthood, the Worthy Grand Joshua, Most Ancient Grand Court Heroines of Jericho, and IT Director will submit their reports to the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, no later than Wednesday, October 09, 2024.

All reports are expected to be an accurate, professional depiction of each area of responsibility to the Most Excellent Grand Chapter! All reports must be typed on the correct Grand Chapter forms which can be obtained from the Right Excellent Grand Assistant Secretary Walter Samuels No 1 or Right Excellent Grand Secretary Charles A. Bishop No. 6 at the Grand Chapter office 4301 N. Broad Street. The Right Excellent Grand Assistant Secretary and IT director will ensure forms for this area and registration will be available for download & signature on our website mege@megcofpa.com by 6/1/2024.

All reports must include the present condition of aprons & collars and **must be signed** by the individual. **Note: Electronic signatures will not be accepted.**

DRESS CODE FOR GRAND CONVOCATION

Officers- Holy Royal Arch Dress Code: black tails, white shirt, black bow tie, black cummerbund or black vest, black socks, black shoes, apron, collar, white gloves and prayer cap (crown).

Companions are to wear standard Holy Royal Arch dress (black/dark suit, white shirt, black tie, black socks, black shoes, apron, white gloves and prayer cap. **Subordinate Chapters Council** (Most Excellent High Priest, Excellent King, & Excellent Scribe) are to wear collars.

Holy Royal Arch Dress Code for Dinner Dance (HRA & HOJ): red jacket, black trousers (formal preferred), white shirt, **red** bow tie, red cummerbund or red vest, black socks, black shoes, and collar for all elected and appointed Grand Chapter officers. Subordinate Chapters Council (Most Excellent High Priest, Excellent King, & Excellent Scribe) are to wear collars. Military/Supporter sashes are authorized to be worn at the Convocation!

Executive Order No. 16 – Amendments, Revisions and Resolutions

Any amendments, revisions, resolutions, submission of by-laws or any other matter that is to be considered by the Jurisprudence Committee, must be submitted to the Office of the Right Excellent Grand Secretary Charles A. Bishop, No. 6 sixty (60) days prior to the convening of the Grand Convocation or no later than Monday August 26, 2024.

DIRECTIVES

Directive No. 10 – Communication and Support

The Most Excellent Grand Chapter has put in place several opportunities to enhance our communication and support for each of us as Companions. Through our Triple Tau, Benevolent efforts, and our Devotions at the end of each meeting we have numerous ways to communicate with one another, yet we do not take advantage of these options and that failure to act continues to impede with our ability to grow. Take a few minutes to celebrate our continued success and share this opportunity with others through our prayers, articles within our Triple Tau, and recognition of those who are new or simply continue to share the Love of being a Holy Royal Arch Mason!

If we don't tell our own story, we will live with the narrative others give us!!

In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus. Philippians 1:4-6 (NIV)

Having read this Proclamation Number Four, take heed and govern yourself accordingly. Given under my hand and seal this day 30 April, The Year of our Lord 2024 AD, 30 April, The year of Light 6024 AL

Yours 3 X 3,



**Kevin L. Aleem No. 6
Most Excellent Grand High Priest**

Attest:

**Charles A. Bishop, No. 6
Right Excellent Grand Secretary**