

Most Excellent Prince Hall Grand Chapter Holy Royal Arch Masons, State of New York & Jurisdiction

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Grand King

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Grand Scribe

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OFFICE OF THE GRAND HIGH PRIEST

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152nd Annual Grand Convocation

PROCLAMATION

March 31st, 2024

To: All Grand Chapter Officers, Past and Present, elected and appointed, Excellent High Priests, Kings, Scribes and Companions under the obedience of the Most Excellent Prince Hall Grand Chapter of Holy Royal Arch Masons State of New York and its Jurisdiction.

Greetings,

Be it known that by the virtue of the authority vested in me, and by Article 10 Section 1, of the Constitution of this Most Excellent Prince Hall Grand Chapter of Holy Royal Arch Masons, State of New York and its Jurisdictions. I, Most Excellent Rex H. Garrett, Grand High Priest, do hereby summons all Grand Chapter Officers, Past Grand Chapter Officers, Excellent High Priests, Kings, Scribes of all Subordinate Chapters to convene for the **152nd Annual Grand Convocation, on FRIDAY, OCTOBER 4th, 2024, at 8:00 AM.** This year, our **GRAND CONVOCATION** will convene during the **First York Rite Weekend for the State of New York**, to be held at the **CROWN PLAZA ALBANY - THE DESMOND HOTEL**, located at **660 ALBANY SHAKER ROAD, ALBANY, NY 12211 (518-869-8100).**

We will convene for the purpose of reviewing the state of Capitular Masonry in the state of New York and Jurisdiction, to enact laws, to devise programs for enhancement and growth, as well as for the transaction of such other business as may legally be brought before it. The well-being of the institution requires that this duty should on no occasion be omitted.

LODGING

THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTY SECOND ANNUAL GRAND CONVOCATION OF THIS MOST EXCELLENT PRINCE HALL GRAND CHAPTER, will be held at the Crown Plaza Albany – The Desmond Hotel, Albany, NY. Lodging will be **\$140 PER NIGHT PLUS TAX, SINGLE OR DOUBLE OCCUPANCY**. There will be a Master Room List, so please make your reservation before the deadline date. **THE DEADLINE FOR THE REDUCED ROOM RATE IS SEPTEMBER 13TH, 2024**. Reservations can be made by calling (518) 869-8100. When making reservations use the **Room Group Code: YORK RITE 2024**.

REGISTRATION

Every elected and appointed Grand Chapter Officer, Past High Priest, King, and Scribe of subordinate Chapters **Must** register for the **152nd Annual Grand Convocation of the Most Excellent Prince Hall Grand Chapter of Holy Royal Arch Masons, State of New York, and Jurisdiction**. In cooperation with the other Grand Bodies (male and female) participating during this year's YORK RITE WEEKEND (Oct 2nd – 6th), our Companions who have multiple memberships are being afforded a registration cost-saving opportunity. The registration will be in the amount of **\$100**. each person, **\$150**. if attending 2 (two) sessions, or **\$200**. if attending 3 (three) sessions. **Registration is due on or before September 13th, 2024**. Registration forms are attached to this proclamation. Registration will include Kit and Meals. Registration received after September 13th, 2024, will be considered "on site" and may have limited access to luncheon and Joint Banquet tickets. Refund requests received or post marked on or before August 31st, 2024, will receive a 100% refund. Requests received or postmarked after September 1st, 2024, will be honored minus the costs of meals and kit.

All visiting Most Excellent Grand High Priests will be given Gratis Registration. Those traveling with them and wishing to have lunch with us will be required to pay \$75. If they wish to attend the **Joint Banquet**, which will be held on Friday night October 4th, at 7pm, they will be required to pay \$75 per dinner ticket. This Joint Banquet will be with the Most Excellent Prince Hall Grand Chapter HRAM, Most Ancient Grand Court Heroines of Jericho, Prince Hall Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters, Emmett J. Avery Grand Court, Ladies of the Circle of Perfection and The Most Royal Prince Hall Grand Court, Order of the Cyrenes. All registrations should be sent to R.E. Joseph M. Fields, at 20 Karen Court, Poughkeepsie NY, 12603. **(REGISTRATION FORM IS ATTACHED)**

ANNUAL DIVINE SERVICE

All Companions are directed to lay aside all secular matters on **September 29, 2024**, at **3:00 pm** and repair to the Sanctuary of Pilgrim Baptist Church, 80 N. Franklin Street, Nyack, NY, 10960, where Reverend Carl L. Washington, III, will preside. This will be a joint Divine Service with our sisters The Most Ancient Grand Court Heroines of Jericho State of New York.

HEROINES OF JERICHO

The Most Ancient Grand Court Heroines of Jericho, State of New York is an Adopted affiliated body of the Holy Royal Arch Masons. It was originally composed of the wives, widows, mothers, sisters, and daughters of Holy Royal Arch Masons. It is the female counterpart of our Grand Chapter. We, as Holy Royal Arch Masons, must support them in all their activities. We can assist them by joining their subordinate Court and if possible, becoming a Worthy Joshua for the Court. We can also assist them in their fundraising activities.

HIGH PRIESTHOOD ANOINTING (DEGREE)

The High Priesthood Anointing (Degree) will be held on Thursday, **October 3rd, 2024**, at 8:00 pm at the CROWN PLAZA ALBANY - THE DESMOND HOTEL, located at 660 ALBANY SHAKER ROAD, ALBANY, NY 12211 (518-869-8100). Each newly elected High Priest **Must** be anointed on this day, or he will not be allowed to preside over his Chapter until he receives the High Priesthood Anointing (Degree). The price/fee for the Degree will be **\$60.00** paid by each Subordinate Royal Arch Chapter.

I hereby grant a dispensation to all newly elected Excellent High Priest to preside over their Chapter from May 2023 thru October 3, 2024, which is the time of the conferring of the High Priest anointing Degree.
NO NEWLY ELECTED EXCELLENT HIGH PRIEST MAY WEAR A MITER UNTIL THEY ARE ANOINTED.

SUPPLIES

Supplies of rituals, yarmulkes, aprons, and Miters will be available. The fees for supplies are rituals **\$30.00**, aprons **\$35.00**, yarmulkes **\$30.00**, and Miters **\$85.00**. Please contact R.:E.: J-Claude Nelson, (518) 847-8007 or any of your Grand Trustees if you need additional information.

ANNUAL REPORTS

Each chapter will receive an invoice from the Grand Chapter together with a membership roster representing the Grand Chapter's current accounting of its membership.

Make any necessary adjustments to the roster and/or invoice and return a copy of both documents with your payments to the Grand Chapter office.

In a separate correction letter, please give the name and e-mail addresses of all companions. This will allow the Grand Secretary to properly upgrade his records. All payments and forms are due on the Grand Secretary's desk at 454 West 155th Street New York, N.Y. 10032, by **July 1st, 2024**.

All Elected and Appointed Grand Chapter Officers' Annual Reports for the Book of Records are to be sent to H.P.G.H.P. Robert Hansley, his email address is safeside4918@gmail.com, **No Later Than August 29th, 2024**.

BY-LAWS

All by-laws, Resolutions, and Grievances for action at this 152nd Annual Grand Convocation, must be in the office of the Grand Secretary on or before **AUGUST 29TH, 2024**. All documents must be properly filled out and submitted in copies of (3) three. A copy of the original by-laws must be submitted with all proposed by-laws revisions.

SOUVENIR JOURNAL

There will be a Souvenir Journal for New York's First York Rite Weekend. **Ads are Full Page-\$100.00 and Half Page-\$60.00 Deadline for Journal Ads is Sept 15, 2024**. Please make a check or money order payable to **NEW YORK STATE, YORK RITE CONVENTION**, and send payments to Sharon Chaple @ 1005 Washington Street, Watertown, NY 13601. Please email your ads and photos to, H.P.G.H.P. Robert B. Hansley at SAFESIDE4918@GMAIL.COM. A Copy of the Souvenir Journal Contract is attached to this Proclamation.

NATIONAL CHARITY

All funds for national charity must be in the office of the Grand Secretary on or before **AUGUST 29TH, 2024**. Donations from Past High Priests, Excellent High Priests, Kings, and Scribes are **\$7.00** each. Donations from companions is **\$5.00** each.

KEYSTONE SCHOOL OF INSTRUCTION

The Keystone School of instruction convenes on the third (third) Sunday of each month, Grand Lecturer, R.:E.: Carlos Rodriguez and/or Assistant Grand Lecturer, M.:E.: Albert J. Lewis. P.G.H.P., will preside.

The school is for your benefit and an opportunity for all of us to learn more about Royal Arch Masonry and Masonry in general.

OCCASIONAL GRAND CHAPTER

An Occasional Grand Chapter has been tentatively scheduled for September 14, 2024. Further information to be announced.

GRAND CHAPTER VISITATIONS

The goal of this Grand Chapter is to visit foreign Jurisdictions and to make visits to Subordinate Chapters.

The Grand Chapter will inform the membership of these visits with due and timely notice.

Please contact R.E. Blayne Saunders (347) 405-4900 if you plan to travel with the Grand Chapter.

All Companions are welcome, and encouraged, to travel with the Grand Chapter.

DEGREES AND EVENTS

The conferring of degrees and chapter events must be reported to the Grand Chapter with due and timely notice. Which will allow sufficient time for the information to be dispensed throughout the craft. Companions are encouraged to support their chapters and support the work others, if possible. Excellent High Priests, please consult with your D.D.G.H.P and the Grand Lecturer, R.:E.: Carlos Rodriques and M.:E.: Albert J. Lewis, P.G.H.P when planning degree work. Also, work with your PHPs for assistance in this area.

DUES CARDS

New dues cards have been created and are on their way to your chapters. If you have not received them yet, please contact R.:E.: Blayne Saunders, Grand Secretary for assistance, at bsaun89@icloud.com. Dues cards will be issued to Companions who are **financially current**. Excellent High Priest, you and your secretary must provide an accurate roster report to the Grand Secretary.

THIS PROCLAMATION MUST BE READ AT EVERY CHAPTER CONVOCATION PRECEDING OCTOBER 4th, 2024. (NOT LESS THAN THREE SEPARATE OCCASIONS)

Given under my hand and seal of the Most Excellent Prince Hall Grand Chapter of Holy Royal Arch Masons of the State of New York and Jurisdiction, this 30th day of March 2024, 2554, A.L.

Yours in Service,
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Rex H. Garrett

M.:E.: Rex H. Garrett (27)
Grand High Priest



Attested by:

Blayne E. Saunders

R.:E.: Blayne Saunders (1)
Grand Secretary

MOTTO – WHERE THERE IS UNITY- THERE IS STRENGTH