

**KING CYRUS GRAND CHAPTER, HOLY ROYAL ARCH MASONS
JURISDICTION OF VIRGINIA (PHA)**

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Curtis Gunn #9
Most Excellent Grand High Priest
"Hail Companions, Find Your Purpose"

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R.E. Grand Lecturer (W)

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R.E. Grand Lecturer (E)

PROCLAMATION

To Be Read in Open Chapter

To: Right Excellent Deputy Grand High Priest, Right Excellent Grand Kin, Right Excellent Grand Scribe, Grand Chapter Officers (Elected and Appointed), Excellent High Priests, Kings, Scribes and Companions


In accordance with the Constitution of King Cyrus Grand Chapter, Holy Royal Arch Masons (PHA) of Virginia, Article III, Section 1 and Article VIII, Section 1; and the power in me vested and in keeping with same, I, Curtis L. Gunn, Most Excellent Grand High Priest, do hereby proclaim our 151st Annual Grand Convocation for all companions of Holy Royal Arch Masons (PHA) in the Commonwealth and Jurisdiction of Virginia to convene at the Holiday Inn Virginia Beach-Norfolk Hotel & Conference Center, 5655 Greenwich Road Virginia Beach, VA 23462 on 3 October 2025 through 5 October 2025. The Past High Priest Council will convene at 7:00PM on Thursday, October 2nd and the Grand Convocation will open on Friday, October 3rd at 8:00AM.

Given under my hand and seal; 9 January 2025. Take due notice and please govern yourselves accordingly.

UNDER THE LIVING ARCH

Curtis L. Gunn

Curtis Gunn
Most Excellent Grand High Priest


Attested: Steven S. Legette
Right Excellent Grand Secretary



P. O. Box 352, Fredericksburg, VA 22404 (Mailing Address for all Correspondence)
Website: <https://HRAMVAPHA.org> E-Mail: SSLegette@gmail.com
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**2025 CONVOCATION GUIDELINES,
PROCEDURES AND PARTICIPATION**

REGISTRATION

Early Registration is \$150.00 from April 1, 2025, through July 31, 2025. Late Registration is \$160.00 from August 1 - 31, 2025. Any registrations received September 1, 2025, or later will be considered on-site registration, which is \$165.00. Registrations should be sent to DDGHP Silvester Harris at P.O. Box 522, Colonial Heights, VA 23834, or emailed to silvesterharris@yahoo.com or MAM Toni Aikens, 125 Market Street #228, Manassas, VA 20111 or emailed to taikens6668@gmail.com. Attached is the registration form. Make all checks or money orders payable to the "York Rite of VA Convention." If a check is returned, there will be a \$40 fee plus bank fees.

LODGING ACCOMMODATIONS

The host hotel for this event is the Holiday Inn Conference Center, 5655 Greenwich Road, Virginia Beach, VA. 23562. The room rate is \$129.00 per night, with complimentary self-parking. The above rates are subject to a 15% state sales tax plus \$2.00 per night, per room lodging tax in effect at the time of check-in. The hotel check-in time is after 3:00 p.m., and the check-out time is 12:00 p.m.

The hotel's phone number is (757) 499-4400. If you wish to book through the Holiday Inn Conference Center, use the code **GCG**.

When calling the Reservation Desk, indicate you are booking a room under the block for the "Holy Royal Arch Masons Convention." *Individuals making their own reservations may call the Holiday Inn Virginia Beach-Norfolk Hotel & Conference Center directly at 757.499.4400 (Toll-free 800.567.3856) or our Worldwide number at 800.465.4329. Reservations by attendees must be received on or before September 2, 2025 ('cut-off date').*

HOTEL RESERVATIONS URL

The link for the 2025 Grand Convocation is below. Please copy and paste the URL below into your browser:

https://www.ihg.com/holidayinn/hotels/us/en/find-hotels/select-roomrate?fromRedirect=true&qSrt=sBR&qIta=99801505&icdv=99801505&qSIH=ORFGR&qCiD=02&qCiMy=092025&qCoD=05&qCoMy=092025&qGrpCd=KCG&setPMCookies=true&qSHBrC=HI&qDest=5655%20Greenwich%20Rd,%20Virginia%20Beach,%20VA,%20US&srb_u=1&qRmFltr=

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ATTIRE

All Companions are to dress in full Royal Arch ritualistic dress, with appropriate regalia, including a black suit, white dress shirt, black socks, red tie, crown, apron, gloves, and proper collar. *(Please note that those with inappropriate crowns, aprons, collars, and jewels will not be allowed to enter the Grand Convocation until they are regaled correctly in accordance with the constitution of this Grand Chapter or as illustrated in the KCGC Ceremonies, Workbook and Questions Manual). PLEASE BE WARNED!* For the opening of the Grand Convocation, all elected Grand Chapter Officers are required to wear black tuxedos (with tails). For the banquet, elected and appointed Grand Chapter Officers must wear black tuxedos (no tails) or a black suit, red vest, white shirt, and red tie, with collars.

HRAM BANQUET GUEST ATTENDANCE

Due to budgetary constraints, visiting HRAM jurisdictions and dignitaries are invited to join KCGC and Gilgal at our Banquet on Saturday evening, at a cost of \$65 per person with arrangements made through the KCGC CCFC Samuel Rivers via phone at 434-430-7902 or Email: samrivers1955@gmail.com by 15 September 2025.

SOUVENIR JOURNAL

All elected and appointed Grand Chapter Officers are expected to submit a full-page Ad. Each Chapter is expected to submit a full-page ad. The Souvenir Journal will be produced in color glossy stock. Good quality glossy-ready photos or graphic images are required. The journal will be in digital format only at a cost of \$50 per full page with a maximum of two photos. Note that the printed journal will incur an additional \$20. Thus, the fee for the full-page AD will increase from \$50 to \$70.00 for requested printed journals.

Email camera-ready Ads to: hragilgalsouvenirjournal@gmail.com or text a photo to (757) – 412-9871. Mail all AD contracts and fees to Comp Darren Bentley, 19107 Temple Ave., S. Chesterfield, VA 23834, Email: Heroine Robbie Parker, 1301 Swindell Street, Chesapeake, VA 23324, Email: takeLasunrise@gmail.com. Ensure checks or money orders are made payable to **York Rite of VA Convention**.

Cost of Ads: Inside Back Cover \$100.00, Outside Back Cover \$100.00, and Full-Page Ad \$50.00. The Journal will only be produced digitally (up to two photos per Ad). Printed Journal on demand is \$70 for a full-page Ad. AD DEADLINE: **Monday, September 1, 2025 - NO EXCEPTIONS.**

GRAND CHAPTER OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

All Reports must be emailed to the RE Grand Secretary Steven Legette at sslegette@gmail.com no later than September 1, 2025, so that they can be prepared for dissemination. To reduce printing costs, our goal this year is to disseminate the reports electronically before the Grand Convocation. One hard copy will be prepared and available to each chapter at the Grand Convocation. Reports that are due: audit, budget, Grand Secretary, Grand Treasurer, educational assistance programs, annual awards (companion, excellent high priest, and chapter of the year), constitution and by-laws, king's contest, and elected and appointed Grand Chapter Officer's stewardship, and any other reports deemed necessary by the Most Excellent Grand High Priest.

KING'S CONTEST

Our King's Contest aims to generate funds for our educational assistance programs. Each chapter is required to donate a minimum of \$350 in support of the Kings Contest. 40% of the funds raised over the \$350 minimum will be returned to the submitting chapters. Each chapter must select a companion (can be any member of your chapter) to represent their chapter in the contest. Their name should be provided to RE Grand King Michael Coffey NLT July 31, 2025. All funds collected for the King's Contest should be turned in to the RE Grand King by September 1, 2025. The King will be crowned during our Grand Convocation Banquet.

PAST HIGH PRIEST COUNCIL CONVENTION

Grand Convention of Past High Priest will convene on Thursday, October 2, 2025, at 7:00 p.m. An Elected Excellent High Priest may not preside until he has received the Past High Priest degree. Therefore, so that we may prepare for the event, please forward the name of your nomination of an Excellent High Priest for the Past High Priest degree together with the \$85 fee to the RE Grand Secretary Steven Legette by September 1, 2025. The newly elected Excellent High Priest must arrive for the convention by 6:30 p.m. on the date listed above. Any PHP who has not received the PHP degree may obtain it at this year's Grand Convocation by submitting a request to the RE Grand Secretary through their respective chapter by September 1, 2025. In addition, they must also arrive for the convention by 6:30 p.m. NOTE: All questions or concerns should be addressed to the President of the Past High Priest Council, PHP Willie Johnson, at johnsonwr@gmail.com or (757) 284-7569.

HRAM JEWEL CONTEST

King Cyrus Grand Chapter will conduct a Jewel Contest at this year's Grand Convocation for those chapters wishing to compete. The Jewel Contest will be on the ritualistic Burial of a Royal Arch Mason short form utilizing the Authorized Ritual for the Capitular Degrees (Red Book). Chapters desiring to participate in the contest must notify RE Grand Secretary Steven Legette at sslegette@gmail.com no later than September 1, 2025, of your intentions to participate in order that time an space can be arranged in the agenda.

This communication will be read throughout each chapter of the convocation until the opening of the 151st Annual Grand Convocation and/or otherwise provided to chapter members. It will be posted on the website for companions to view or download.

UNDER THE LIVING ARCH, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of King Cyrus Grand Chapter is to be affixed on the 14th day of February 2025.

Seal

Attested:

Curtis L. Gunn
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Most Excellent Grand High Priest


PMEGHP Steven S. Legette
RE Grand Secretary



151st Grand Convocation King Cyrus Grand Chapter, Holy Royal Arch Masons

And

69th Grand Court Session, Gilgal Grand Court, Heroines of Jericho



October 3-5, 2025
Holiday Inn Conference Center
5655 Greenwich Road
Virginia Beach, VA. 23562

Registration Form
(Please Print Clearly)

Deadline for Registration – August 31, 2025

Name: _____ Title: _____

Chapter / Court: _____ Number _____

Home Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Email Address: _____ Phone #: _____

Registration Cost

Advance Registration:	\$150.00 (1 Apr - 31 Jul)	Extra Luncheon Tickets:	\$35.00
Late Registration:	\$160.00 (1 - 31 Aug)	Extra Banquet Tickets:	\$65.00
On-Site Registration:	\$165.00 (1 Sept-Oct 5)		

Type of Registration:

_____ HRAM Registration (E / L / OS) \$ _____

_____ HOJ Registration (E / L / OS) \$ _____

Extra Luncheon Tickets _____ (X \$35) \$ _____

Extra Banquet Tickets _____ (X \$65) \$ _____

Total Amount Enclosed: \$ _____

Make Checks/Money Orders Payable To **York Rite of VA Convention**. Please send your form and fees to:

DDGHP Silvester Harris
P.O. Box 35116
North Chesterfield, VA
23235-9998
(434) 480-6470
silvesterharris@yahoo.com

or

PMAM Toni Aikens
125 Market Street #228
Manassas Park, VA 20111
(703) 231- 9045
taikens6668@gmail.com

For vegetarian meal requests, check this box.

All Refund Request Deadline September 15, 2025



**151st Grand Convocation King Cyrus, Holy Royal Arch Mason
And
69th Grand Court Session, Gilgal Grand Court, Heroines of Jericho**



**2025 York Rite of Virginia Grand Convention
Souvenir Journal Ad Contract
(PLEASE PRINT ALL INFORMATION)**

Note all Ads are Full-page and digital

Subscriber's Name / Organization/Chapter or Court # _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Email Address: _____ Phone #: _____

Place an X beside the Ad Subscriber's choice:

- _____ Inside Back Cover -- \$100.00
- _____ Outside Back Cover -- \$100.00
- _____ Full Page -- \$50.00 (up to two photos included)

Photo texted of enclosed: Yes _____ No _____ Total Amount Due: _____

Make all Checks/Money Orders Payable To **York Rite of VA Convention** and mail them to:

Comp. Darren Bentley
19107 Temple Ave
South Chesterfield, VA 23834
(804) 943-3147

or

Heroine Robbie Parker
1301 Swindell Street
Chesapeake, VA 23324
(757) 412-9871

Email: hragilgalsouvenirjournal@gmail.com

or text all photos to (757) 412-9871

Note: Submit all camera-ready ads to above email.

Notes:

1. Unless indicated above, the Souvenir Journal will be produced digitally in color. NO EDITING NEEDED
2. Ensure checks or money orders are made payable to **York Rite of VA Convention**
3. Zelle: Code 7574129871 or takelasunrise@gmail.com
4. CashApp: \$takela15
5. AD DEADLINE: **Saturday, September 1, 2025 – NO EXCEPTIONS**
6. Submit all camera-ready Ads via email to takelasunrise@gmail.com or text all photos to (757)-412-9871.
7. Request for printed Journals will incur an additional printing cost of \$20.00 per full-page Ad submission.

