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PROCLAMATION

2026 YORK RITE WORKSHOP

August 14, 2025

“Let your conversation be without covetousness; and be content with such things as ye have:
for he hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee. (Hebrews 13:5)”

To: The Honorable Gus Harris Jr., 20th Most Worshipful Grand Master, Most Worshipful Union Grand Lodge of Florida, Belize, Central America & It's Jurisdiction Inc. Prince Hall Affiliated; Rt. Ill. Grand Deputy Master, Companion Frank Barnes; Rt. Ill. Grand Principle Conductor of the Works, Companion Flemon Lewis; Rt. Ill. Grand Treasurer, Lamont Summerset; Rt. Ill. Grand Recorder, Jamaal Davis; All Elected and Appointed Grand Officers; Past Grand Officers; Present and Past Thrice Illustrious Masters; Deputy Masters; Principal Conductors of the Work; Recorders; Treasurers; and Companions of Subordinate Councils of Royal & Select Masters.

2026 YORK RITE WORKSHOP: By virtue of the authority invested in me and in conformity pursuant to Article I, Page 7, Section 3, in accordance with the Constitution and By-laws governing The Most Illustrious Union Grand Council Royal & Select Masters, State of Florida, PHA & Jurisdictions, Inc. I, Most Illustrious Reginald Hardee, Grand Thrice Illustrious Master, call all Elected and Appointed, Grand Council Officers, Past Grand Thrice Illustrious Masters, Honorary Past Grand Thrice Illustrious Masters, District Deputy Grand Thrice Illustrious Masters, Past and Present Thrice Illustrious Masters, Deputy Masters, Principal Conductors of the Work, and all companions owing allegiance to the Illustrious Union Grand Council, to convene in our Annual YORK RITE Workshop. The YORK RITE Workshop will open at 9:00 PM, Thursday, January 8, 2026, and conclude on Friday, January 9, 2026, at the DoubleTree by Hilton Orlando Hotel SeaWorld.

REGISTRATION: All Appointed Grand Council Officers, the top seven principal officers of each Council, and Companion Guardians are required to register, whether in attendance or not by December 6, 2025. Advance Registration is \$60.00 per officer and due by December 31, 2025. On-site registration is \$75.00. There is no registration fee for PGTIM, Grand Lodge Elected Officers, Grand Council Elected Officers, Dept. Heads, Past Dept. Heads and DDGTIMs but they must be listed on their local council registration report.

If an exempt companion holds one of the required registration positions, the registration that is paid for that position can be applied to another officer or companion's registration fee. The registration fee for any additional Companions is \$70.00 and is due by December 31, 2025.



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Mail all Council checks and/or money orders to the Grand Recorder, Rt. Ill. Jamaal Davis 3375 Fitzgerald Drive Orlando, Fla. 32805. If you are sending payments through Zelle make sure to notate it as "2026 YRW Registration".

All Companions must be registered to enter the Grand Council Session. Admittance of Companion Guardians to the Russell Alexander Earl, Sr. Grand Court, Ladies of the Circle of Perfection will require a Most Illustrious Union Grand Council badge. Companion Guardians will not be assessed a registration fee by the Grand Court.

LIFE MEMBERS, MIPGTIM, and PGTIM must notify the Office of the Grand Recorder in writing by November 28, 2025, of your plans to attend our Annual Grand Session in order to prepare your registration badge. If one or more of the three principal officers are Life Members, the registration that is paid for that position within your Council can be applied to another officer(s) or companion's registration fee. However, a letter must be submitted to the Grand Recorder with the names.

HOTEL RESERVATIONS: The Headquarters Hotel is the Double Tree by Hilton Orlando at SeaWorld 10100 International Dr., Orlando Florida 32821. Reservations can be made directly with the hotel. Call the Reservations Desk at (407) 532-1100 and ask for the Special Group Rate under "York Rite Workshop." The room rate is \$139.00 per night plus applicable taxes/fees for a traditional single (king bed) or traditional double (queen bed).

(Reservation cut-off date: December 1, 2025. After December 1, 2025, reservation requests are confirmed on guestroom and convention rate availability. If the rate is not available, the prevailing hotel rate will apply.)

The Pass Key for Hotel Reservations: The passkey for the 16th York Rite Workshop is below. Please click the hyperlink below to access the hotel reservation site:

[York Rite Weekend FL PHA Link to Doubletree Passkey](#)

Please do not wait until the last minute to book your room, nor should you overbook rooms and expect to cancel them at the last minute. If you hold up excess rooms until 72 hours before your arrival date, you will be required to pay one night's lodging for each of the excess rooms you are holding and do not need. The Grand Council will not cover this late cancellation fee, and it will be charged to your credit card.



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MEGHP TESTIMONIAL: Tickets for this celebration of service are available through your local Holy Royal Arch Chapter. Please engage, support, and inquire for specific communication on this Grand Testimonial.

DRESS CODE: All companions are required to wear a Royal and Select Polo, black pants, black belt, black socks, and black dress shoes. If you do not have a polo, then regular Royal and Select masonic dress is required.

In addition to the regular companion attire, all Elected Grand Officers can wear their purple coat. All other Companions not having a purple bowtie are authorized and encouraged to come in black and white Masonic dress. "All guidelines of the Most Worshipful Union Grand Lodge's COVID Protocol will be followed and strictly enforced."

OCCASIONAL COUNCIL OPENING: The officers and members of Henry Ely council will perform the workshop opening at 9:00 PM, January 8, 2026, in due and ritualistic form.

ILLUSTRIOUS COMPANION DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM (ICDP): Rt. Ill. Donald Woods - Grand Instructor / Lecturer, Assistant Grand Instructors, DDGTIMs, and the board will coordinate and manage our educational sessions. All Royal and Select Companions are required to be in attendance to receive proper credit for coursework. DDGTIMs, you are to check in for your assignments.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: All Standing and Special committees are to see the Grand Recorder to ensure they have all that is required, to complete their report in our April 2026 Annual Assembly. The sitting Thrice Illustrious Master is the Chairperson and the DDGTIM will serve as the Executive Administrator. Necrology will be done by Reverend Darien Bolden, Grand Chaplain, and the team. The close-out date for all reports is April 2026. All Reports are due to Grand Recorder, between March 1, 2026 but prior to March 30, 2026.

This Proclamation is required to be read at each meeting until the commencement of the YORK RITE Workshop. The DDGTIM is authorized to adjust to a summarized reading after a full initial reading of the document has been completed and noted in the local Council's minutes. Please disseminate this information to all for maximum participation and instruction.



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Yours In The Cryptic Rite,

Reginald Hardee

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the Most Illustrious Union Grand Council to be affixed

ATTEST,

Jamaal W. Davis



Right Illustrious Jamaal Davis
Grand Recorder

[Link to Online Registration Form](#)





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CC: The Honorable Gus Harris Jr., Most Worshipful Grand Master

Dr. Tracy A. Thomas, Grand Worthy Matron, Order of the Eastern Star

Raymond Cromartie., Grand Worthy Patron, Order of the Eastern Star

Dr. Elton Lewis, Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Holy Royal Arch Masons

Sonya Simmons-Brinson, Grand Most Ancient Matron, Heroines of Jericho

Michael Bellamy, Grand Worthy Joshua, Heroines of Jericho

Princess Hill, Royal Grand Perfect Matron, Ladies of the Circle of Perfection

Meshac Monday, Royal Grand Chief Advisor, Ladies of the Circle of Perfection

Valentino McBride, Right Eminent Grand Commander, Magnanimous Order of Knights Templar

Gail Works, Grand Princess Captain, Hattie C. Dandridge Grand Guild Templar Crusaders

Bishop Lorenzo Hall, Royal Advisor, Hattie C. Dandridge Grand Guild Templar Crusaders

Byron Willis, Eminent Prior, Union Priory No.6

Christopher D. Terrell, Deputy of the Orient of Florida, AASR Southern Jurisdiction

Asia McMillian, State Grand Loyal Lady Ruler, Order of the Golden Circle

Willie Kuykendall, State Director, Knights of Pythagoras

Terri Robinson, State Director, Starlights

1st MIPGTIM Russell A. Earl, Sr.

2nd MIPGTIM Cleveland Clanton

4th MIPGTIM Joseph Ellis

6th MIPGTIM Earnest B. Daniels

7th MIPGTIM Henry L. Wright, Sr.

8th MIPGTIM Jeffery C. Doyle, I

9th MIPGTIM Theodore Hammonds, Jr.

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YORK RITE WORKSHOP AGENDA January 8 – 9, 2026

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>ACTIVITY</u>	
Thursday, January 8	8:00 PM	Registration Opens	
Thursday, January 8	9:00 PM	Occasional Opening	Henry Ely UD
Friday, January 9	6:30 AM	Silver Trowel	Rt. Ill Frank Barnes, GDM, MIPGTIM Doyle, & Degree Team
Friday, January 9	7:30 AM – 7:55 AM	Registration	Grand Recorder
Friday, January 9	8:00 AM – 8:45 AM	Illustrious Companion Development Program – Room A	The Board of Instruction & Grand Instructor
Friday, January 9	11:45 AM–12:00 PM	CRA transition	Grand Council
Friday, January 9	9:00 AM – 11:45 AM	Main Room	Arch 3 - Each class will happen in the same room. Participants are to remain in place.
Friday, January 9	9:00 AM–11:45 AM	ICDP - Room B	Arch 6 - Each class will happen in the same room. Participants are to remain in place.
Friday, January 9	9:00 AM–11:45 AM	ICDP - Room C	Arch 8 - Each class will happen in the same room. Participants are to remain in place.
Friday, January 9	11:45 AM–12:00 PM	CRA pause	Grand Council
Lunch	Noon to 1:00 PM	ICDP – Room B	
Friday, January 9	1:00 PM – 2:00 PM	Main Room	Secret Vault Podcast (live feed)
Friday, January 9	2:00 PM - 2:30 PM	Main Room	Designated Lecturer
Friday, January 9	2:30 PM – 2:35 PM	CRA closing – Next steps	
Friday, January 9	2:35 PM	Final Remarks	Visiting Dignitaries, MIPGTIMs Department Heads MI Reginald Hardee Hon. Gus Harris Jr., 20 th MWGM, MWUGL



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