



Most Excellent Union Grand Chapter

HOLY ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF FLORIDA & U.S. VIRGIN ISLANDS, INC.

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2024 OFFICIAL PROCLAMATION

January 15, 2024

To the Honorable Jeffery G. Jones, 19th Most Worshipful Grand Master, All Florida Jurisdictional Department Heads, Deputy Grand High Priest Peter J. Bruton, Grand King Andre Reed, Grand Scribe Craig E. Hall, Grand Treasurer Jose "Tito" George, Grand Secretary Canary Williams, Grand Chaplain Rev. Ernest L. Powell, All Past Most Excellent Grand High Priests, All Past Grand High Priests, All Past High Priests, All Excellent High Priests, Kings, Scribes, All Grand and Local Appointed Officers, and All Companions throughout the Jurisdiction, **Hear Ye This Official Proclamation!**

Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might; for there is no work, nor device, nor knowledge, nor wisdom, in the grave, whither thou goest.

Ecclesiastes 9:10

By the grace of God, we have all answered the call and have been about the business of working to build the Capitular Rite by producing **good** work, **true** work, and **square** work for all to see. We are now approaching the time of year when all Companions far and wide should convene and be in order as TRUE Royal Arch Masons, ready to present our work and give account of our stewardship.

CALL TO ASSEMBLE

Now, by the prerogative of this office and in conformity with the Constitution and By-Laws governing the Most Excellent Union Grand Chapter, Holy Royal Arch Masons of Florida & U.S. Virgin Islands, Prince Hall Affiliated, I, Most Excellent Dr. Elton L. Lewis KYCH, Grand High Priest of all Capitular Masonry, do hereby proclaim the **121st Annual Grand Convocation and 2024 Holy Royal Arch Annual Meeting**, will convene for all Holy Royal Arch Masons on Monday, April 22nd, 2024 and conclude on Tuesday, April 23rd, 2024 at the Hyatt Regency Jacksonville Riverfront, 225 E. Coastline Dr., Jacksonville, FL 32202.

LODGING ACCOMMODATIONS

The host hotel for this event is the Hyatt Regency Jacksonville Riverfront, 225 E. Coastline Dr., Jacksonville, FL 32202. The room rate is \$116.00 per night, with complimentary self-parking. The hotel's phone numbers are (904) 588-1234 or (877) 803-7534. When calling the Reservation Desk, indicate you are booking a room under the block for the "Most Worshipful Union Grand Lodge of Florida" or "MWUGL of Florida." You may begin calling the Reservation Desk now and continue through March 28, 2024. *(By the time of the writing of this Proclamation the room block may be full. If that is the case, please refer to representatives from the MWUGL for additional lodging accommodations. All visitors and guests contact our Rt. Ex. Grand CCFC, Jordin Chandler, at (321) 591-8091 or by email at meugc.ccfc@gmail.com)*

Pass Key for Hotel Reservations:

The pass key for the 2024 Grand Session is below. Please copy and paste the URL below into your browser:

<https://www.hyatt.com/en-US/group-booking/JAXRJ/G-MW24>

We are expecting a larger than normal attendance at this event, so make your reservations early. Please do not over book rooms. Reservations are made with a major credit card. The Grand Chapter will not be responsible for cancellation charges or overbooked rooms.

Most Excellent

Dr. Elton L. Lewis KYGCH KCT

Grand High Priest

Right Excellent

Peter J. Bruton KYCH

Deputy Grand High Priest

Right Excellent

Andre Reed KYCH

Grand King

Right Excellent

Craig E. Hall KYCH

Grand Scribe

Right Excellent

Jose "Tito" George

Grand Treasurer

Right Excellent

Canary Williams

Grand Secretary

Right Excellent

Rev. Ernest L. Powell

Grand Chaplain

Right Excellent

Jordin T. Chandler

Grand Chairman of the Committee
on Foreign Correspondence

REGISTRATION

Registration is **\$85.00 from January 15, 2024 through February 29, 2024**. Late Registration is **\$125.00 from March 1, 2024 through March 22, 2024**. Any registrations received by the Grand Secretary after March 22, 2024 will be considered on-site registration. On-site registration is **\$150.00**. Chapters must pre-register all three (3) principal officers, Excellent High Priest, King, and Scribe, whether in attendance or not.

All **Appointed Grand Chapter Officers** and Companions who serve as **Joshua or Court Director** for the Heroines of Jericho are expected to **register with their local Royal Arch Chapter**. This will be strictly enforced. Please understand that it should not be expected that the local HOJ Court will pay your registration for you.

This year's registration form can also be completed using the online registration form. A link to the online registration form can be found on the registration form attached below. ALL local Chapter Secretaries are asked to complete the online registration form to allow for accuracy of information being submitted. The QR Code for Zelle payments can also be found on the online registration form.

Registrations should be mailed directly to the **Grand Secretary, Right Excellent Canary Williams at P.O. Box 16303, Pensacola, FL 32507**. Attached is the registration form. Make all checks and money orders payable to the "M.E.U.G.C." If you send a check, there will be a \$40 fee on any returned check plus bank fees. Individuals can also register using Zelle by sending funds using the email meugc.grtreasurer@gmail.com.

ATTIRE

All Companions are to dress in full Royal Arch ritualistic dress, to include black suit, white dress shirt, black socks, red tie, crown, apron, gloves, and appropriate collar. *(Please note that those with inappropriate crowns, aprons, or collars will be asked to remove them before entering the meeting room. PLEASE BE WARNED!)* All elected and appointed Grand Chapter Officers are to dress in full ritualistic regalia.

OCCASIONAL CHAPTER OPENING

The officers and members of Peace Chapter UD, will perform the Occasional Grand Chapter Opening in due and ritualistic form. This will serve as their official ritualistic proficiency as they are attempting to obtain an active charter and become the newest numbered chapter in this great Jurisdiction.

"CODE RED" HOSPITALITY

THE EVENT OF THE YEAR IS BACK!!! The Most Excellent Union Grand Chapter HRAM and the Most Ancient Union Grand Court HOJ will have their "CODE RED" Hospitality on Monday, April 22, 2024 at 5:00 PM at the Wilbur Fernander Scottish Rite Building, 29 W 6th Street, Jacksonville, Florida 32206. This event will include a crab boil and barbeque, spades tournament, dominoes tournament, and line dance competition. Companions and Heroines are asked to dress casual with red from head to toe. There will be prizes and giveaways throughout the evening. This event promises to be one for the ages!

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND HIGH PRIEST REPORT

Each District Deputy Grand High Priest will prepare two copies of his Annual District Deputy Report, and forward one copy to the Grand Secretary and one copy to the Deputy Grand High Priest. Reports must be received by the Grand Secretary and Deputy Grand High Priest by March 8, 2024.

BY-LAWS, GRIEVANCES, AND RESOLUTIONS

All By-Laws, Resolutions and Grievances to be acted upon at the 121st Annual Grand Convocation must be received in the Office of the Grand Secretary, Rt. Ex. Canary Williams, on or before February 15 2024. Changes to approved By-Laws must be submitted to the office of the Grand Secretary with three duplicates, along with the approved By-Laws on or before Friday, February 23, 2024.

GRAND CHAPTER COMMITTEE REPORTS

All committee reports must be completed and sent electronically to the Office of Grand Secretary, Rt. Ex. Canary Williams, on or before March 1, 2024. A copy of the report must also be sent to the appropriate Committee Administrator by the same date.

SUBORDINATE CHAPTER REPORTS

Each Chapter is required to submit a written report of their activities, special projects, and accomplishments from March 2023 to February 2024. One copy of the report is to be sent to the Grand Secretary and the other copy sent electronically to the Most Excellent Grand High Priest. Please ensure that these reports are in the possession of the aforementioned by March 1, 2024.

GRAND CHAPTER BOOK OF MARKS

The Most Excellent Union Grand Chapter has adopted an Official Book of Marks for Companions of the Jurisdiction to have their official mark left in perpetuity amongst the archives. Every Companion in attendance can have their mark placed in the Grand Chapter Book of Marks at a cost of \$20.00.

GRAND CHAPTER CHARITABLE ENDEAVOR

Chapters are expected to support the 2024 Grand Chapter charitable endeavor by donating \$100.00 to be collected by each District Deputy Grand High Priest. The District Deputy Grand High Priest is expected to collect all monies for their respective districts and turn all monies over to the Grand Secretary by March 31, 2024. At the Joint Luncheon held by the Most Excellent Union Grand Chapter HRAM and the Most Ancient Union Grand Court HOJ, there will be a monetary contribution made to several charities from around the State of Florida.

GRAND CHAPTER GIVEAWAY

The Most Excellent Union Grand Chapter is having a giveaway and the drawing will be held during our "CODE RED" hospitality on Monday, April 22, 2024. The grand prize is a three-day/two-night stay at Hammock Beach Golf Resort & Spa Hotel in beautiful Daytona Beach, Florida. Your stay includes a deluxe three-bedroom ocean view condominium suite, one round of golf for four (4) players, and a one-day spa treatment. The grand prize is valued at \$2900.00. Tickets are currently on sale for \$20.00 each. You don't want to miss out on the opportunity to win this!

In closing, I ask for your continued prayers of intercession for me as I go to the Supreme High Priest of Heaven and Earth in intercession for you. Let "Holiness to the Lord" be engraved upon all your thoughts, words and actions.

This communication is to be read in its entirety during each meeting until the commencing of the 121st Annual Grand Convocation and a copy made available to each member via email or regular mail.

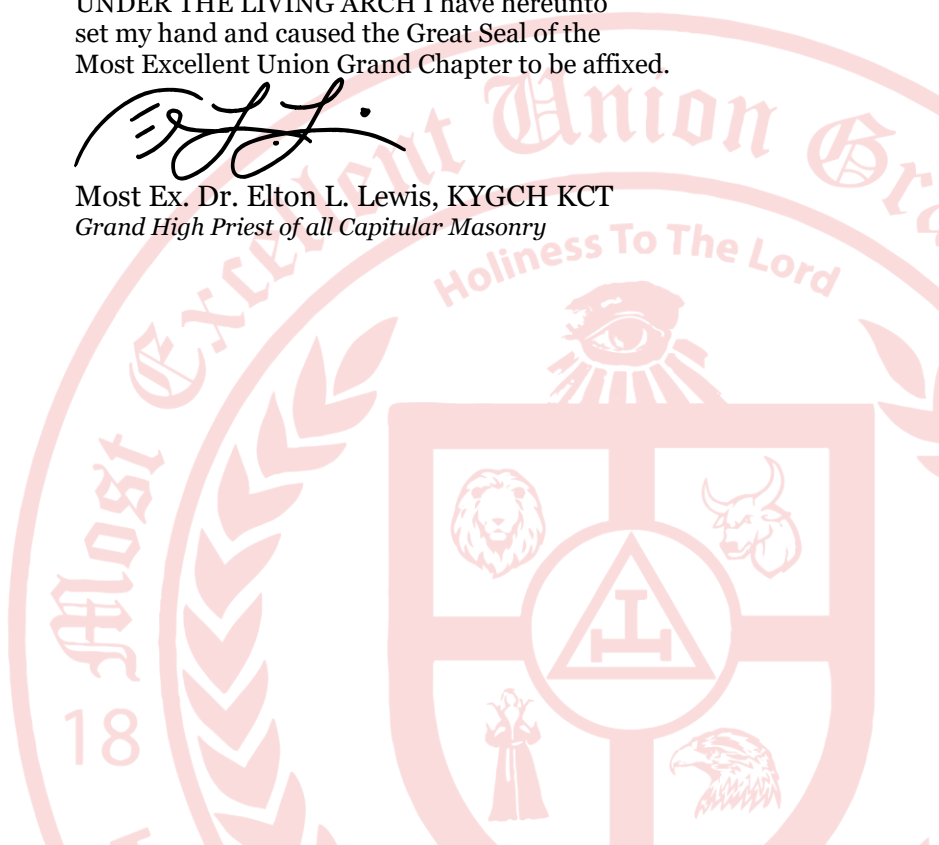


UNDER THE LIVING ARCH I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the Most Excellent Union Grand Chapter to be affixed.

Most Ex. Dr. Elton L. Lewis, KYGCH KCT
Grand High Priest of all Capitular Masonry

ATTESTED,

Rt. Ex. Canary Williams
Grand Secretary





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Holy Royal Arch Masons State of Florida & U.S.V.I. & Jurisdictions, Inc.

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Most Excellent Dr. Elton L. Lewis, KYGCH KCT – Grand High Priest

121ST ANNUAL GRAND CONVOCATION AGENDA

APRIL 22-23, 2024

DATE	TIME	ACTIVITY	
Mon. Apr. 22	1:00 PM	Registration	Rt. Ex. Canary Williams
Mon. Apr. 22	5:00 PM	Joint HRAM + HOJ “CODE RED” Hospitality	MEUGC HRAM & MAUGC HOJ
Tue. Apr. 23	7:30 AM	Registration	Rt. Ex. Canary Williams
Tue. Apr. 23	8:45 AM	Occasional Chapter Opening	Peace Chapter UD
Tue. Apr. 23	9:15 AM	Reception of Grand Cabinet	Rt. Ex. Peter J. Bruton
Tue. Apr. 23	9:30 AM	Reception of Grand High Priest	Rt. Ex. Peter J. Bruton
Tue. Apr. 23	9:35 PM	Reception of Dept. Heads/Visiting Dignitaries/Guests	Most. Ex. Dr. Elton L. Lewis
Tue. Apr. 23	10:00 AM	Reception of MW Grand Master & Cabinet	Most. Ex. Dr. Elton L. Lewis
Tue. Apr. 23	10:05 AM	Devotion	Rt. Ex. Rev. Ernest L. Powell
Tue. Apr. 23	10:15 AM	Welcome	DDGHP Kenneth A Ferguson – Dist. 1
Tue. Apr. 23	10:20 AM	Greetings/Welcome	Most Ex. Dr. Elton L. Lewis
Tue. Apr. 23	10:30 AM	Roll Call <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Elected Grand Chapter Officers Appointed Grand Chapter Officers Subordinate Chapters 	Rt. Ex. Canary Williams
Tue. Apr. 23	10:45 AM	Rules of the Day	DDGHP Cecil Carter
Tue. Apr. 23	10:50 AM	Acceptance of 120 th Grand Convocation Minutes	Rt. Ex. Canary Williams
Tue. Apr. 23	10:55 AM	Grand Treasurer Report Grand Secretary Report	Rt. Ex. J. Tito George Rt. Ex. Canary Williams
Tue. Apr. 23	11:00 AM	Committee Reports	Rt. Ex. Peter J. Bruton
JOINT LUNCHEON & MEMORIAL SERVICE – 12 NOON			
Tue. Apr. 23	2:00 PM	Consecration Ceremony	Rt. Ex. Rev. Ernest L. Powell
Tue. Apr. 23	2:15 PM	MEGHP Annual Address	Most Ex. Dr. Elton L. Lewis
Tue. Apr. 23	2:45 PM	Election of Grand Chapter Officers	Hon. Jeffery G. Jones
Tue. Apr. 23	3:00 PM	Installation of Grand Chapter Elected Officers	Hon. Jeffery G. Jones
Tue. Apr. 23	3:15 PM	Grand Chapter Appointments & Installation	Most Ex. Dr. Elton L. Lewis
Tue. Apr. 23	3:30 PM	Final Remarks	Visiting Dignitaries PMEGHPs Department Heads Most Ex. Dr. Elton L. Lewis Hon. Jeffery G. Jones
Tue. Apr. 23	4:00 PM	Official Ritualistic Closing of York Rite Workshop	Grand Elected and Appointed Officers



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121ST ANNUAL GRAND CONVOCATION REGISTRATION FORM

Registration Fee: \$85.00 | Late Registration: \$125.00 |

Onsite Registration: \$150.00

[**LINK TO ONLINE REGISTRATION FORM**](#)

CHAPTER NAME:		CHAPTER No.:
<u>COMPANION NAME</u>	<u>TITLE</u>	<u>AMOUNT PAID</u>
MANDATORY REGISTRATION		
	EXCELLENT HIGH PRIEST	
	KING	
	SCRIBE	
	DIST. DEP. GRAND HIGH PRIEST	**EXEMPT**
	ASST. DIST. DEP. GRAND HIGH PRIEST	
	DISTRICT GRAND INSTRUCTOR	
EXEMPT REGISTRATION		
	DEPARTMENT HEAD (EXEMPT)	**EXEMPT**
	DEPARTMENT HEAD (EXEMPT)	**EXEMPT**
	PAST GRAND HIGH PRIEST	**EXEMPT**
	PAST GRAND HIGH PRIEST	**EXEMPT**
	LIFE MEMBER	**EXEMPT**
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GENERAL REGISTRATION		
CHAPTER TOTAL REGISTRATION COST		\$



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