

**General Conference of Grand Councils
Royal and Select Masters
Prince Hall Affiliation, U.S.A. & Bahamas**



**Most Illustrious Companion Joel Mends Sr, KYGCH-KCT
General Grand Conference Thrice Illustrious Grand Master**

PROCLAMATION 01-2023-2024

To: GC Deputy Grand Master Hubert A. Braxton GC Grand Principal Conductor of the Works Troy Cousins, Elected and Appointed General Conference Grand Officers, Past General Conference Grand Officers, Affiliated Jurisdictional Grand Council Officers and Illustrious Companions, GC Royal Grand Perfect Matron Kay Anderson, Royal Grand Chief Advisor Ron Williams, Royal Grand Perfect Matrons, Royal Grand Chief Advisors, Past Royal Grand Perfect Matrons, Past Royal Grand Chief Advisors, Officers and Members of the Jurisdictional Grand Courts, Ladies of the Circle of Perfection.

Greetings:

Pursuant to the powers and authority vested in me and by warrant of the Constitution of the General Conference of Grand Councils, Royal and Select Masters, PHA, U.S.A. and the Bahamas, I, Joel Mends Sr, General Conference Thrice Illustrious Grand Master do hereby announce and proclaim that all owing allegiance to the General Conference of Grand Councils of Royal and Select Masters, PHA, U.S.A and the Bahamas to convene for the 36th Annual General Grand Assembly on Friday, May 2nd, 2024 through Sunday, May 5th, 2024 at the **Doubletree by Hotel Orlando Sea World located at 10100 International Dr , Orlando, FL 32821.**

The Most Illustrious Union Grand Council Royal and Select Masters of the Jurisdiction of Florida under the dynamic leadership of GTIM Reginald Hardy KYGCH will open an occasional Grand Assembly on Saturday, May 4th, 2024, at 8:00 AM for the purpose of receiving the General Conference Grand Council Officers.

Jurisdictional Fees

Jurisdictional Fee of \$ 100.00, Benevolent Fee of \$ 100.00, Student Aid Donation of \$ 50.00 and individual Illustrious Companion Membership Fee of \$ 15.00 each along with all completed report forms are to be sent to the GGC Grand Recorder no later than **March 17th, 2024, before jurisdictions are allowed to be seated.** Any Jurisdiction that failed to register for the previous year is required to remit those fees in addition to the current fees before they can be seated in the 36th Annual Grand Assembly. Payment can be sent via Zelle to rsmtreasurergccg1988@gmail.com or PayPal has a convenience fee to rsmtreasurergccg@gmail.com (please select friends, and family) or check / money order made payable to GGC RSM. Regardless of payment method, a completed registration form must be filled out and **ALL CHECKS/MONEY ORDER MUST** be posted marked **March 1st 2024 NO EXCEPTIONS to:**
Jurisdictional Fee link; <https://forms.gle/LvAufkWFuY3GfU5P7>

MIC Charles Holiday, Jr
GC Grand Recorder
8828 S. Cornell Avenue
Chicago, Illinois 60617
charlesholidayjr@yahoo.com

General Grand Assembly Registration

Advance Registration deadline is March 15th, 2024 and is **\$150.00**. Registration received after the deadline is considered Onsite Registration (kit or lunch **not guaranteed**) and is **\$ 250.00**. “All Illustrious Companions whether in attendance with the LOCOP or ROYAL& SELECT MASTERS must pay the Annual Membership Dues of **\$ 15.00?**

(NO EXCEPTIONS). All Illustrious Companions are asked to be masonically dressed (RSM) and regaled for the meeting as you would in your respective jurisdiction. All GGCRSM Registration will be on line. Registration Link; <https://forms.gle/BNiDWCtfE7paKaFQ7>

Hotel Reservations

Hotel reservations can be made by calling (800) 445-8667 or (844) 203-6027 Booking Code is CON <https://www.hilton.com/en/book/reservation/deeplink/?ctyhocn=MCOSRDT&groupCode=CDTCON&arrivaldate=2024-04-30&departuredate=2024->

[0505&cid=OM,WW,HILTONLINK,EN,DirectLink&fromId=HILTONLINKDIRECT](https://www.hilton.com/en/book/reservation/deeplink/?ctyhocn=MCOSRDT&groupCode=CDTCON&arrivaldate=2024-04-30&departuredate=2024-0505&cid=OM,WW,HILTONLINK,EN,DirectLink&fromId=HILTONLINKDIRECT) and must be accompanied by a first night room deposit. The room rate is **\$ 129.00** plus 6.50% tax plus a 6.0% per night and a Service Charge 9% **Debit cards funds are held for 7 to 10 business days by most banking institution.** **DEADLINE** for hotel reservations is Monday, **April 16th, 2024**. Any remaining rooms after this date will be released back to the Hotel. Attendees making reservations should ask for the “**General Grand Conference and Convent General**” block code. **Check in time is 3:00 PM** and **Check out time is 11:00 AM**. Deposits are refundable if the Hotel receives notice of cancellation no later than **72 hours** before the scheduled arrival date. Cancellations received after 72 hours will be charged one night’s room rate **(NO EXCEPTIONS)**. **Hotel self-parking is FREE per day per vehicle.** **Daily self-park \$25 Lost Ticket \$50**

NOTE: Please contact General Conference Convention Coordinator Charlie Alexander at 804-683-5576 prior to canceling ALL Hotel reservations.

Transportation

The Double Tree Hilton Hotel at SeaWorld is located approximately 12.5 miles from the Orlando International Airport. The Jurisdiction of Florida will be providing shuttle services for \$25 round trip.

Souvenir Journal

There will be a Joint Souvenir Journal. All General Grand Conference Grand Officers -- Elected and Appointed and affiliated Jurisdictional Councils are asked to be represented in the Souvenir Journal. The ad prices are:

Inside Front / Inside Back	\$ 125.00
Outside Back	\$ 150.00
Full Page	\$ 100.00
Half Page	\$ 50.00
Patron Ad Name Only	\$ 25.00

NOTE: E-mailed Ads will be processed upon receipt of payment!!! Deadline March 1st 2024

Shirts and Hats are available Shirts \$110 Hats \$25 please support the Conference and make a purchase

The Memorial Service will be **JOINT** on Thursday evening 7PM

Meal Functions

The Banquet will be **JOINT** held on Friday, May 4th, 2024, beginning at **7:00 PM**. The Dignitaries for the Head Tables will assemble at **6:30 PM** and begin the processional into the Ballroom at **6:45 PM**.

The RSM / LOCOP luncheon will be held on Saturday, May 4th, 2024, at **12:30 PM**.

NOTE: Please let us know if you have any special / dietary food restrictions

Agenda/Reports

The agenda is attached. All Committee Chairmen and Jurisdictional Deputies are requested to send a copy of their reports to the GGCTIGM at Jmends32@yahoo.com and GGC Grand Recorder Charles Holiday, Jr at charlesholidayjr@yahoo.com no later than **March 31st, 2024**.

Jurisdictional Grand Thrice Illustrious Masters, please forward a copy of all Actual and Honorary Past Grand Thrice Illustrious Masters who are members of your Grand Council along with a historical synopsis of your Grand Council to the GGC Grand Recorder's Office as we are continuing the process of collecting and documenting our history.

COVID-19 Administrative Notes

The General Conference of Grand Councils of Royal and Select Masters, PHA, U.S.A. & Bahamas, is fully aware and takes seriously the dangers involving exposure to the COVID-19 virus and its several variants. The protection and safety of our members, attendees, leadership, and staff is our top priority. All attendees will adhere to the following health and safety protocols during the assembly in Atlanta, GA.

1. The wearing of a facemask is **OPTIONAL AND SUBJECT TO CHANGE** during the Annual Grand Assembly. Facemasks and hand sanitizer will be made available to all members if needed.
2. Prior to checking in at the advance/onsite registration desk, you must first visit the Medical/COVID-19 Check-In station. Please **DO NOT GO** to the advance/onsite registration desk before going to the Medical/COVID-19 Check-In station.
3. The General Conference of Grand Councils of Royal and Select Masters, PHA, U.S.A. & Bahamas is requiring all attendees to provide proof of one of the following: **Vaccination card showing full vaccination status against COVID-19 or a Negative COVID-19 PCR or rapid test result, administered by a medical professional and taken within 72 hours of check-in at the 35th Annual Grand Assembly.**
4. Daily screening will consist of a current COVID-19 Self-Assessment Questionnaire with a temperature check. **Attendees with temperatures above 100.4° F / 38° C will be evaluated for COVID-19 and will not be allowed into the meeting.** All attendees will be required to complete a copy of the COVID-19 Liability Waiver and Statement of Understanding. If you answer "YES" to any of the "Symptoms", "Contact", or "Temperature" related questions on the COVID-19 Self-Assessment Questionnaire, you will not be permitted into the meeting and will need a negative COVID-19 test and normal temperature to be admitted the following day. A wristband will be issued to all attendees (daily) after successful completion of the medical screening process. **NO WRISTBAND, NO ENTRY!!!** A wristband is also required to register onsite or to pick up credentials at the advance/onsite registration desk.
5. Temperature checks will be required anytime you leave and return to any of the designated meeting areas. Temperature checks may also be rendered throughout the session or as directed by the presiding officer.
6. Social distancing inside and outside of the meeting is required. We are currently working with the venue to establish parameters around seating inside each meeting space. Please remain cognitive of your surroundings

and environment as you enter the meeting rooms. The General Conference of Grand Councils of Royal and Select Masters, PHA, U.S.A. & Bahamas encourages groups to minimize social group gatherings outside of those already scheduled as part of the 36th Annual Grand Assembly. We are grateful for your attendance and participation at this year's Annual Grand Assembly but, your safety is of our utmost concern.

This I declare under my hand and seal on this 1st day of August 2023.

Joel Mends Sr.

In The Secret Vault

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**OFFICIAL AGENDA
FRIDAY, MAY 3, 2024**

Medical Room & Registration Room Set-up.....	
Arrival and Check-In.....	3:00 PM
Executive Cabinet Meeting (Elected Officers).....GGCTIGM Joel Mends Sr	4:00 PM
Jurisdictional Deputies Meeting.....GGCTIGM Joel Mends Sr	5:00 PM
Banquet.....	7:00 PM

SATURDAY, MAY 4, 2024

Medical Room & Registration Room Open.....	
Ritualistic Opening of an Occasional Assembly.....Jurisdiction of Florida.....	8:00 AM
Reception of GGC Grand Officers.....GGC Grand Deputy Master Hubert Braxton.....	8:20 AM
Reception of GCTIGM.....GGC Grand Deputy Master Hubert Braxton.....	8:30 AM
Prayer.....	GGC Grand Chaplain Jerry Springer
Roll Call of GGC Grand Officers & affiliated Jurisdictions.....	GGC Grand Recorder Charles Holiday, Jr
Rules of the Day.....	GGC Grand Deputy Master Hubert Braxton
Reception of PGCTIGMs & Visitors	GGCTIGM Joel Mends Sr
Reading of the Minutes of the 35th Annual Grand Assembly.....	GGC Grand Recorder Charles Holiday, Jr
Sickness and Distress.....	GGC Grand Recorder Charles Holiday, Jr
Communications.....	GGC Grand Recorder Charles Holiday, Jr
GGC Grand Recorder's Report.....	GGC Grand Recorder Charles Holiday, Jr
GGC Grand Treasurer's Report.....	GGC Grand Treasurer Ronald Blakely
Committee Report(s).....	GGCTIGM Joel Mends Sr
-Audit Committee.....	GGC Audit Chairman Walter Sims
-Budget Committee.....	GGC Grand Deputy Master Hubert Braxton
-Charters and Dispensations.....	GGC PCOW Troy Cousin
-Registration's Committee.....	GGC Assistant Grand Recorder Leroy Berry

-Jurisdictional Membership Committee.....	HPGCTIGM Kenneth M. Barkley
-Credentials Committee.....	HPGCTIGM Damon P. Anderson, Sr
-Constitution & By-Laws Committee.....	PGCTIGM William A. Cooke
-Jurisprudence Committee.....	GGC Legal Advisor Harrison Gregg & Michael Thomas
-Time & Place Committee.....	GGC Convention Coordinator Charlie Alexander
-Rituals.....	GGC Ritual Chairman Fred Joyner
-LOCOP GC Royal Grand Chief Advisor.....	RGCA Ron Williams
-Resident Agent.....	GTIM Andre Kemp
-Health and Wellness Committee.....	HPGCTIGM Dr. Donald Ware
Unfinished Business.....	GGCTIGM Joel Mends Sr
New Business.....	GGCTIGM Joel Mends Sr
Reception of Guest(s).....	GGCTIGM Joel Mends Sr.....10:30 AM
Annual Address	GGCTIGM Joel Mends Sr
Committee on GGCTIGM’s Address.....	
Remarks.....	Invited Guest(s)
Lunch.....	12:30 PM
Resume Labor.....	GGCTIGM Joel Mends Sr.....2:00 PM
Elections & Installation of Officers.....	
Closing of the 36th Annual Grand Assembly.....	GGCTIGM
Visitation to LOCOP.....	GGCTIGM

We bestow upon each of you God’s traveling grace and mercy. Stay Safe and see you in SC 2025.

35TH GENERAL GRAND CONFERENCE OF GRAND COUNCILS RSM USA & BAHAMAS INC.

Call to Conference

WELCOME TO FLORIDA



MAY 2-5, 2024

DOUBLE TREE BY HILTON AT SEAWORLD

10100 INTERNATIONAL DRIVE

ORLANDO, FLORIDA 32821

35TH GENERAL GRAND CONFERENCE **SOUVENIR** JOURNAL

The General Grand Conference Souvenir Journal committee looks forward to welcoming all of you to the 35th General Grand Conference in Orlando, Florida. We are calling all councils, organizations, and businesses to support the 35th General Grand Conference Souvenir Journal by purchasing an ad.

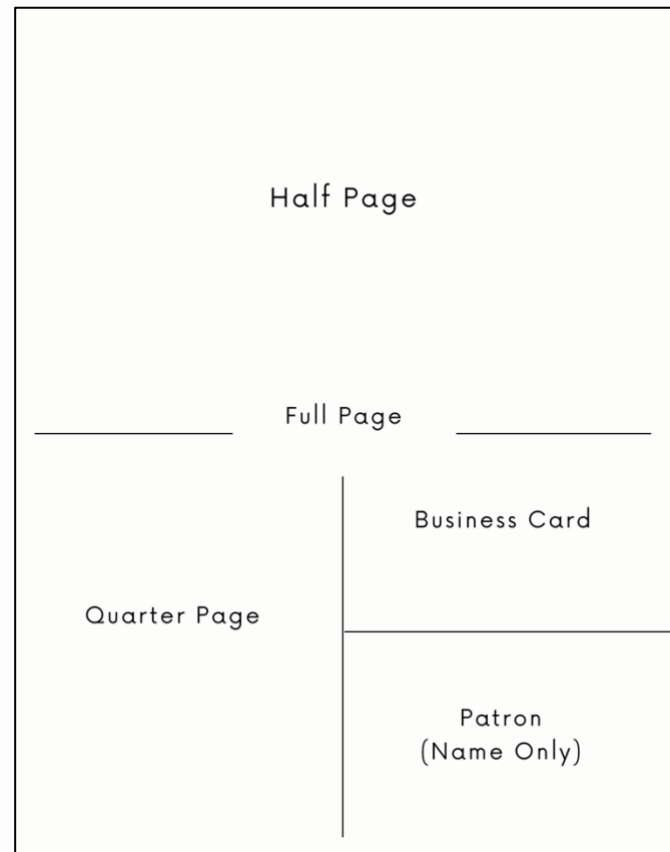
Click [Here](#) to submit your ad today! Ads that are not camera ready may be returned for further improvement. Checks and money orders are to be made payable to MIUGC and mailed to Rt. III Grand Recorder Wesner Pierre, PO Box 192 24106 State Road 46, Sorrento, Florida 32776. **Ads and/or payments received after deadline may not appear in the 35th General Grand Conference Souvenir Journal.** If you have any questions, please contact the 35th General Grand Conference Souvenir Journal Committee at souvenirjournal.35thGGC@gmail.com. We look forward to receiving your ad!

Deadline: All ads and payments must be submitted by **March 1, 2024**. (Ads will only be accepted via the provided link.)

Requirements: All ads and logos print full color. Ads must be Camera Ready and can be submitted as a Word Document, PDF, JPG, PNG, Formats with 300 dpi or higher resolution.

Ad Sizes

Outside Back	8" x 10.5"	\$150
Inside Front/Back	8" x 10.5"	\$125
Full Page	8" x 10.5"	\$100
Half Page	8" x 5"	\$50
Patron	Name Only	\$25



35TH GENERAL GRAND CONFERENCE *TRANSPORTATION*

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Transportation Form

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**Office of the GGC Recorder
MIC Charles Holiday, Jr
8828 S. Cornell Avenue
Chicago, Illinois 60617**

(Please Print)

2024 Individual Membership Fee Form

Name/Title: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Telephone: _____

Amount Due: \$15.00

Amount Paid: \$ _____

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COVID-19 Liability Waiver and Statement of Understanding

Name: (print) _____ Telephone No.: _____

Street Address: (print) _____

City, State, Zip Code: (print) _____

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1. I voluntarily seek admission to the GGC RSM 36th Annual Grand Assembly and the GGC LOCOP 19th Annual Grand Session, to be held in Orlando, FL May 2nd, 2024 - May 5th, 2024.
 2. I understand that this event will include memorial services, opening ceremonies, meetings, and other “in-person” activities. I further acknowledge that I may be increasing my risk of exposure to the Coronavirus/COVID-19 as a result.
 3. I understand the contagious nature of the Coronavirus/COVID-19 and that the Center for Disease Control (CDC) and many other public health authorities recommend practicing the following precautionary measures, including, but not limited to, social distancing of at least six (6) feet apart, frequent handwashing and hand-sanitizing, and wearing a face covering or mask over one's mouth and nose.
 4. I understand that for all “in-person” activities every reasonable step will be taken to provide a safe environment in conformance with applicable CDC and local public health authority recommendations. I acknowledge that I too must comply with all precautionary measures as set forth above to reduce the risk of contagion during this event/function.
 5. I further understand that, notwithstanding all safety precautions being taken, the risk of contracting COVID-19 during an “in-person” activity cannot be eliminated completely. Therefore,

I, on behalf of myself, my heirs, and any personal representatives, hereby release and agree to hold harmless General Conference of Grand Councils, RSM, PHA and the General Conference of Grand Courts, LOCOP, PHA, together with all members, agents and employees, from any and all causes of action, claims, demands, damages, costs, expenses and compensation for damage or loss to myself and/or property, including but not limited to, bodily injury, illness, death, or medical treatment, that may be caused by any act, or failure to act of General Conference of Grand Councils, RSM, PHA and the General Conference of Grand Courts, LOCOP, PHA, or that may otherwise arise in any way as a result of, and in connection with, the Coronavirus/COVID-19.

Signature

Date

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GRAND COUNCIL OF THE YEAR AWARD

PURPOSE: To recognize Grand Councils for their outstanding contributions to Masonry in general and the Cryptic Rite in particular. This award is given for the outstanding service and commitment to the ideals of Cryptic Rite Masonry in their respective jurisdiction and the cultivation of relationships among the various jurisdictions in the promulgation of the Cryptic Rite.

CRITERIA FOR SELECTION:

1. Grand Council must be a member in good standing in the General Conference of Grand Councils, RSM, PHA, USA and the Bahamas, Inc.
2. All Reports (Jurisdictional Deputy included) having been turned in no later than March 31, 2024.
3. Grand Thrice Illustrious Master's Trestle Board for jurisdictional growth, with previous year and current year membership totals.
4. GTIM and/or delegation visiting regional or national PHA Grand Councils of RSM (listed in Stewardship Report).
5. List of all community service projects completed.
6. At a minimum, the registrations of the Grand Thrice Illustrious Master, Grand Illustrious Deputy Master and the Grand Illustrious Principal Conductor of the Works having been turned in no later than March 31, 2024.
7. All required information is due into the committee no later than March 31, 2024.

SELECTION PROCESS:

The Committee shall meet and use the following as the deciding factors: **Note:** if Committee members are unable to meet, the GGCTIGM will appoint member (no more than 3 total) from different jurisdictions to form an ad hoc committee.

1. The Grand Council who has met all the above listed requirements
2. The Grand Council who has met most of the above listed requirements
3. The number of voting members of the jurisdiction present at the conference
4. In case of a tie, a secret ballot will be taken. The chairman has deciding vote in case of tie

GRAND COUNCIL RESPONSIBILITIES:

Participating Grand Councils are asked to create a separate packet of the items listed above and email the packet **NO LATER THAN March 31, 2024**, to: kennethmbarkley@gmail.com

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