

**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 01-2024-2025

To: GC Deputy Grand Master Hubert A. Braxton GC Grand Principal Conductor of the Works Troy Cousin, 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 3rd, 2025 through Sunday, May 4th, 2025 at Sheraton Charlotte Airport Hotel 3315 Scott Futrell Drive Charlotte, NC 28208

The Illustrious Prince Hall Grand Council Royal and Select Masters of the Jurisdiction of North Carolina Inc under the dynamic leadership of GTIM Shawnta Best 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 15th, 2025, 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 37th Annual Grand Assembly.** Payment can be sent via Zelle to rsmtreasurergcgc1988@gmail.com or PayPal has a convenience fee to rsmtreasurergcgc@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/LyAufkWFuY3GfU5P7>**

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GC Grand Recorder
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General Grand Assembly Registration

Advance Registration deadline is March 15th, 2025 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) 325-3535 If any member makes a reservation with a third party **COMPANY** they **WILL NOT RECEIVE THE GROUP RATE!!!!!!** All you have to do is tap the blue line it will take you straight to the website.

Here's your reservation link members can use to make reservations:

[Book your group rate for General Grand Conference R+S April 2025](#)

Your Reservations will 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 Tuesday, **April 1st, 2025**. 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.**

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

Transportation

Sheraton Charlotte Airport is located approximately 1.7 miles from the Charlotte Douglas International Airport. The Hotel will be providing round trip shuttle services. (800) 325-3535

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	\$ 125.00
Full Page	\$ 100.00
Half Page	\$ 50.00
Patron Ad Name Only	\$ 25.00

Email to send Ads; ads.phgcrsmnc@gmail.com

NOTE: E-mailed Ads will be processed upon receipt of payment!!! Deadline March 1st 2025

Mail Payments to; MO/Checks ONLY PHGCRSMNC PO Box 242105 Charlotte NC 28224-2105

Shirts, Hats and Rituals are available Shirts \$110 Hats \$25 Rituals \$25 PGGCTIGM Jewel \$100 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 3th, 2024, beginning at **7:00 PM**. The Dignitaries for the Head Tables will assemble at **6:20 PM** and begin the processional into the Ballroom at **6:45 PM**.

The RSM / LOCOP luncheon will be held on Saturday, May 4th, 2025, 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 15th, 2025**.

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 Orlando FL,

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 36th 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 10th day of August 2024.

Joel Mends Sr

In The Secret Vault

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