



General Conference of Grand Chapters

1958 Holy Royal Arch Masons, Prince Hall Affiliation, United States and Bahamas, Inc. 2007

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Proclamation

All Elected and Appointed General Conference Officers, Past General Grand High Priest, All Most Excellent Grand High Priest and Companions of the Member Jurisdictions of the General Conference of Grand Chapters, Holy Royal Arch Masons, United States of America and Bahamas, Inc., Prince Hall Affiliation:

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Greetings:

General Grand King
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By the power vested in me, as the General Grand High Priest of the General Conference Grand Chapters, Holy Royal Arch Masons, Prince Hall Affiliation, USA and Bahamas Inc. I Anthony K. Wells, Sr., General Grand High Priest do hereby summons All Most Excellent Grand High Priest and Companions of the Member Jurisdictions of the General Conference of Grand Chapters, Holy Royal Arch Masons, United States of America and Bahamas, Inc., Prince Hall Affiliation to convene at the 50th Joint Session of the General Conference Grand Chapters, Holy Royal Arch Masons, Prince Hall Affiliation, USA and Bahamas Inc. and the General Conference Grand Chapters, Heroines of Jericho, Prince Hall Affiliation, USA and Bahamas Inc. on June 27, 2008 through July 1, 2008, at the Sheraton Braintree Hotel, 37 Forbes Road, Braintree, MA 02184, (781)848-0600.

General Grand Scribe
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Room rate is: \$91.00 per night plus 9.7% tax (\$8.83). There will be an additional charge of \$25.00 per person, per day for third and fourth guest per room. The cutoff date for room reservation is: Sunday June 8, 2008. Reservations received after this date will be processed on space and rate availability. All reservations must be guaranteed by a major credit card or first night deposit. Please inform the reservationist of any special needs, such as inability to walk, etc.

General Grand Treasurer
Booker T. Nichols
42 East Horrtter St.
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Registration Fee and Affiliation of Jurisdictions

General Grand Secretary
James E. Alston
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Jurisdictional Affiliation Fee is \$200.00, and each Jurisdiction is required to register prior to seating of their delegates. Each Jurisdiction is expected to register with this amount for the support of the General Conference of Grand Chapters.

General Grand Asst. Secretary
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Advanced registration is \$75.00 per attendee. Please make checks payable to "General Conference Grand Chapters" Mail to: James E. Corpening, 1037 River St. Apt. 9, Hyde Park, MA 02136-3048 (See coordinator's letter)

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Transportation

Transportation to and from Logan Airport can be obtained by using the Logan/Braintree Express bus for a fee of \$22.00 standard and \$20.00, seniors round trips to their terminal where the Sheraton Shuttle will transport you to the hotel which is down the street. It is a very comfortable and trouble free service. Alternatives, are to fly into Providence RI where SW Airline service and rent a car for a 30 minute drive to Braintree. In addition Amtrack Station is about 5 mile away. Transportation from train station is undetermined at this point.

Credentials and Annual Report Form

Each member Jurisdiction is asked to complete Four (4) copies of the Annual Report Form and retain one copy for your records, sending three copies along with your Affiliation Fee of \$200.00 to the Office of the General Grand Secretary, James E. Alston, PO Box 316 Suitland, MD **20752-0316**.

Please assure that the Annual Report Form is filled out completely. We use the data on this form to produce an accurate roster. Also the Credential for must be filled out completely to assuring that your six delegates are listed and that the form is properly signed and sealed. We request that you mail all reports and forms so they will be received by the General Grand Secretary on or before June 1, 2008.

L. Harold Gray Joint Charity and Student Aid

Right Excellent Grand King, George Jeffries, TX, Chairman will be contacting each jurisdiction with all necessary forms and instructions for submitting applications for awards. You must participate in this program to recommend a student for an award. No award can be awarded in a jurisdiction that does not participate by making a donation to our Student Aid program. All donations should be sent to the office of the General Grand Secretary at the listed PO Box 316, Suitland MD, 20752-0316. In addition we make a donation to the charity of the local jurisdiction's choice. Therefore, please send your charity donation to the General Grand Secretary. If you use one check, please indicate the amount for each charity.

Annual King Contest

Each Jurisdiction is asked participate in the King's Contest. These funds will be used to supplement our Student Aid awards. Further information will be forth coming from General Grand King, Roosevelt Huggins. The winner will be crowned at the Parade of States.

Benevolent Fund

PGGHP Leslie Dean will be sending out information for joining or continuing your membership in this fund. Remember the membership fee is \$12.00 per year. We recommend that the Grand Chapters make one payment of \$72.00 to cover the fee for your six delegates.

Souvenir Journal

We are soliciting your support for the Host Jurisdiction of Massachusetts. The journal is one of the few programs that the host can use to help defray some of their expenses. In addition, this is our 50th Anniversary and I am asking you to help make this journal a historical keepsake. I am also asking that if you have any souvenir journals from past Conferences, please contact me. We are attempting to set up a display of historical items. I thank you in advance for your assistance in this endeavor. All request for ad's should be sent to Companion Rudolph Brown, Jr. 24 Byron Rd, Chestnut Hill, MA 02167 or to Heroine Carolyn Andrews-Thomas 188 Moss Rd, Springfield, MA 01119. Deadline for ads is May 14, 2008. (See attachment)

Medical

Patient Profile Forms are enclosed for your use. We strongly recommend that all attendees complete and mail this form to Dr. Polycorp K. Gedegbeku, PO Box 860 Kingstree, SC 29556 on or before June 1, 2008.

Deceased Members

We are asking that you please furnish to the General Grand Secretary the names of all deceased Grand Chapter companions in your Jurisdiction from June 1, 2007 through May 31, 2008 so their names may be included in the Memorial Services on Sunday Morning.

Jurisdictional Workshop

As requested by you, this year we have increased the number of workshops to disseminate Royal Arch knowledge. The workshops will commence Saturday Morning and continue into the Afternoon with a break for lunch. In addition, we will try to set aside 30 to 45 minutes on Monday for an informational period. Times will be announced at a later date.

Committee Reports

Where possible, all Committees are requested to complete their work and submit their reports to the General Grand Secretary, James E. Alston, on or before June 1, 2008. All reports will then be combined into a report book to be included in the kits. This will afford the members the opportunity to porous them prior to the opening of the business meeting of the Conference. If there are any questions please contact me for further clarification.

Alliance Reports

Each Deputy is expected to submit a written report and submit the same to the General Grand Secretary on or before June 1, 2008. The report should summarize the accomplishments and recommendations of the Alliances. Also, it should show the participation and the needs of the Grand Chapters in the Alliance.

Official Dress

Dress during the business meetings on Monday and Tuesday is your Jurisdictional Dress; full regalia.

All General Grand Conference officers are and all Most Excellent Grand High Priest and representatives

are requested to wear the following at the Red and White Ball & Banquet:

Ball; Any combination of Red & White without Regalia.

Banquet; General Grand Officers White Tuxedo or Suit with Red Accessories, Collars only, **No Crowns or Aprons.** Others dress to impress.

Parade of States

The cost of the Parade of States is included in your registration. All are asked to participate and wear White Suits with Red Accessories. All Grand High Priest should plan to lead their Jurisdiction in the march or Parade of States. In addition the King contestants will march. The King will be crowned during the Parade of States.

Yours 3X3

AKWells, Sr.

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General Grand High Priest