

BESSIE E. PIERCE GRAND COUNCIL Of Lady Knights of The State of Florida

*Working under the Protection of
The Most Eminent Prince Hall Grand Commandery of the Order of Knight Templars, State of Florida
Sir Knight Gregory Dunton, 33°, Most Eminent Grand Commander*



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But if we hope for what we do not see, we want for it with patience". Romans 8:2

Theme: "PATIENCE"

BULLETIN #1

May 29, 2023

All Grand Officers, Present and Past; Chief Counselors, Present and Past; Grand Ambassador; Assistant Grand Ambassador; Subordinate Officers and Members of Bessie E. Pierce Grand Council of Lady Knights; and to the Grand Eminent Commander of The Most Eminent Prince Hall Grand Commandery, Order of Knights Templar of the State of Florida, SK Gregory Dunton, 33°.

CC: To the Grand Matron and Grand Patron of the Royal Grand Chapter, Order of Eastern Star; to the Grand Master of The Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge, A.F.&A.M. of Florida Jurisdiction; to the Most Ancient Grand Matron and The Most Worthy Grand Joshua, United Grand Court, Heroines of Jericho; to The Most Excellent Grand High Priest of the Most Excellent Prince Hall Holy Grand Royal Arch Chapter; To the Worthy President and Illustrious Grand Patron of AlShiah Council of Grand Courts of Deliberation, Daughters of Sphinx, AAODOS; and To the Illustrious State Grand Potentate, Arabic Grand Council, AAONMS; and to the Officers and Members, both elected and appointed of each Cognate Branch.

GREETINGS:

Our 2023 Annual Grand Encampment was very successful. We want to THANK YOU for giving your time, efforts, and participation in a wonderful and productive Session. I thank you for placing your confidence in me as your new Grand Chief Counselor of Lady Knights for the state of Florida. It is my desire to assist in the growth in membership and the continuous relationship building between us. The sentiments are the same for the Grand Ambassador, Sir. Knight Alexander H. Smith and we are looking forward to a most prosperous and rewarding year.

Congratulations are extended to M.E. Sir Knight Gregory L Dunton, II, 33°, Most Eminent Grand Commander and all the newly elected and re-elected Grand Council officers of The Most Eminent Prince Hall Grand Commandery, Order of Knights Templar.

Congratulations are also extended to M. W. James A Parker, 33° on being re-elected as the Most Worshipful

Grand Master of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M. Of Florida, Incorporated. Congratulations to all the other Grand Lodge Officers for being re-elected in their respected stations. Congratulations to Sister Gwendolyn Asia-Holley on being elected as the Grand Worthy Matron of the Royal Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star of the State of Florida. Congratulations to all the newly elected and re-elected Grand Chapter Officers the Most Excellent Companion, James Helm, 32° on being elected as the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, of the Most Excellent Prince Hall Holy Grand Royal Arch Grand Chapter, Ancient Free and Accepted Royal Arch Masons of Florida, Incorporated. Congratulations to Heroine Vivian Hunter on being re-elected as the Grand Most Ancient Matron of the United Grand Court - Heroines of Jericho, and to all the newly elected and re-elected officers of the United Grand Court.

The following officers were both elected and appointed during the 2023 Annual Grand Session for the ensuing year.

Grand Chief Counselor	Lady Patricia Hughes
Grand Ambassador	Sir Knight Alexander H. Smith, 33°
Vice Grand Chief Counselor	Lady Regina Salmon
3 RD Grand Chief Counselor	Lady Verna Bickerstaff
4 TH Grand Chief Counselor	Lady Barbara Spence
Assistant Grand Ambassador	Sir Knight Willie Dennis 33°
Grand Justice	Lady Wynette Hinkle
Grand Treasurer	Lady Angela Rogers
Grand Financial Secretary	Lady Vivian L. Hunter
Grand Recorder	Lady Linda C. Smith
Grand Honesty	Lady Veronica Sanders
Inner Gatekeeper	Lady Peggy Malone
Outer Gatekeeper	Sir Knight Willie Clark, 32°
Grand Mercy	Lady Sylvia Albani
Grand Chaplain	Lady Sandra Newman
2 nd Grand Chaplain	Lady Daisy Jones
Grand Marshall #1	Lady Cassandra Witherspoon
Grand Marshall #2	Lady Eunice Kirkland
Grand Marshall #3	Lady Dinah Nickerson
Grand Court Director	Lady Playthel Douglas
Grand Court Director	Lady Doris Hill
Grand Court Director	Lady Sandra Exantus
Grand Court Director	Lady Bertha Pryor
Grand Court Director	Lady Monique Morris
Grand Deputy	Lady Vivian L. Hunter
Grand Deputy	Lady Conchita Baldwin
Grand Lecturer	Lady Mary L. Ceasar-Gilbert

The following is a list of activities and upcoming events:

- Each local Council is asked to submit a current Roster of their members with the following information, this information will be printed in the Lady Knights directory that we are creating:
 - Name
 - Address
 - Telephone Number
 - Email Address (if applicable)
 - Birthdate (Month and Date)
- All members of your local council should complete the new Beneficiary form.
- Submit the names of the Beneficiary claims that have not been paid or submitted.

Secret Pal

To develop communication among the members across the state, we are creating a Secret Pal club. Please indicate on your council's roster those members who want to participate.

Fundraising

Queen Contest – The Queen representative is soliciting financial assistance towards her winning the crown for the state of Florida. This event will take place during the General Grand Masonic Congress Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of the United States of America 102nd Biennial Session in 2024.

To support the Queen, I am asking for each member of your council to please donate \$1.00 for their shoe size. The donations should be paid through your council with one check for all donations. Payments can be accepted up to April 2024. Please submit and make all checks payable to Bessie E. Pierce Grand Council of Lady Knights.

District Deputy

The assignment for the District Deputies is listed below.

Deputy Vivian Hunter

RACHEL # 7

BESSIE E. PIERCE # 5

D. R. BARGAINEER # 3

Deputy Conchita Baldwin

HENRIETTA BACKEY # 4

BESSIE E. PIERCE # 1

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Local Election

Election of officers must be held no later than September 30th of each year. If there is a Patron in the council, he can hold the election instead of the District Deputy. If there is a need for the District Deputy to hold the election, and stay overnight, the local Council is responsible for her housing.

Website

The new improved Grand Lodge Website is now up and running. Bro. Gerald R. Vickers, Sr., has been appointed Grand Web-Master, and he is working diligently to ensure that the Grand Lodge Website will be a top-notch and first-class production. The new Grand Lodge web-site address is: tmwphglafamfl.org.

Grand East Cleanup Day

Grand East Clean-up/Workday will be **Saturday, June 10, 2023**, from 8:00 a.m., until 2:00 p.m. Please come out and join District #10 in food, fun and fellowship, as we continue to restore our “Historical State Grand East Building.”

Installation Ceremony

The Transitional Installation Ceremony of Sister Gwendolyn Asia-Holley as Grand Worthy Matron of the Royal Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star will be **Saturday, June 24, 2023**, at 12:00 P.M. At the Grand East Temple, in Orlando, Florida. I join in with the Most Worshipful Master and the other Cognate Heads, encouraging your support in making this an exciting and momentous occasion.

Gala Day

State Grand Potentate James Sanders hereby calls for the above constituency to assemble in the City of Orlando, **June 2nd through June 4th, 2023**. The accommodation for hosting the 2023 Mid-Winter Session will be at the

Avanti Palms Resort and Conference Center located at 6515 International Drive., Orlando, Florida 32819.

Reservation must be made by May 15, 2023. The room rate is \$85.00 plus taxes and fees. The registration will be \$45.00 and will include a dance ticket.

Reservation can be made by using the preferred online booking link:
login/Attendee Code needed:

Group Direct Booking Link-No

Web 3.0 URL: <http://bookings.ihotelier.com/booking.js?groupID-3897823&hotelID-77384>

Booking Engine 4.0 URL: <https://reservations.travelclick.com/77384?groupID-3897823>

Zerubbabel Day

The Most Excellent Prince Hall Holy Grand Royal Arch Chapter, of Royal Arch Masons of Florida, and Most Excellent Companion James Helms, 32°, Most Excellent Grand High Prince, announces that the Annual Zerubbabel Day Celebration is scheduled for **Saturday, July 15, 2023**, at the Grand East Temple, 1199 Bruton Boulevard, Orlando, Florida. The Most Excellent Grand Royal Arch Chapter and The United Grand Court, Heroines of Jericho, Zerubbabel Day Religious Service will begin at 8:00 A. M., and The Most Excellent Grand Royal Arch Chapter and The United Grand Court Sessions starts at 9:00 A.M.

102nd Imperial Biannual Session

The Illustrious Imperial Grand Potentate, Michael J Smith, 33°/96° has announced that the 102nd Biennial Session will be held **Friday, July 28, 2023 - Thursday, August 3, 2023**, in Jackson, Mississippi. The headquarters for this Imperial Session is Hilton Jackson, 1001 E. County Line Road, Jackson Mississippi, 39211. The phone number is 601-957-2800. The deadline for making reservations is June 28, 2023, or until all rooms are booked. Rates for all rooms are \$146.16 per night after taxes and are available three days prior to and after the Imperial Session.

The Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge AF & AM of Florida Grand Session

The Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Florida, Incorporated, 114th Annual Grand Communication will be held Friday, April 12, 2024, through Thursday, April 18, 2024. Hotel and additional information will be forthcoming as it is confirmed.

Founder's Day

The Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge, A.F. & A.M., of Florida, Inc., has designated the observance of Founders' Day to be held in conjunction with the Second Quarterly Session of the Grand Lodge on **Saturday, October 14, 2023**, through Sunday, October 15, 2023.

Workshop

The Most Eminent Prince Hall Grand Commandery, Order of Knights Templar, and the Bessie E. Pierce Grand Council, of Lady Knights, announces a Workshop is scheduled for **Saturday, November 18, 2023**, at 9:00 am., at the Grand East Temple, 1199 Bruton Boulevard, Orlando, Florida. This Workshop is in preparation for the 102nd Biennial Supreme Session of the General Grand Masonic Congress and its Cognate Branches, which is to be held in 2024, in the State of Florida. Also, we are planning to have a Statewide initiation. The local Chief Counselor must bring their Council's Charter if they have members to be initiated.

General Grand Masonic Congress

The General Grand Masonic Congress Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of the United States of America, 102nd Biennial Session will be held **Friday, July 19, 2024, through Friday, July 26, 2024**. The State of Florida will be hosting the 102nd Biennial Session at the Saddle Brook Resort in Tampa, Florida. Additional information will be forthcoming as it is released by the General Grand Masonic Congress.

Lastly, a handbook will be mailed to the local Chief Counselors and Deputies which should remain as property of their respective councils.

GRAND ENCAMPMENT:

Done this 29th day of May 2023, in the City of Orlando, County of Orange, State of Florida, whereby, I have caused the seal of Bessie E. Pierce Grand Council of Lady Knights to be here affixed.

Fraternally Submitted,



Lady Patricia Hughes
Grand Chief Counselor

Sir Knight Alexander H. Smith, 33^o
Grand Ambassador

Lady Vivian L. Hunter
Grand Financial Secretary