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The Most Eminent Prince Hall Grand Commandery
of the Order of Knights Templar
Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Florida

The Apartment of
M.E. Sir Knight Gregory L Dunton, II, 33°
Most Eminent Grand Commander

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Proclamation #3

"We are troubled on every side, yet not distressed; we are perplexed, but not in despair; Persecuted, but not forsaken; cast down, but not destroyed."
2nd Corinthians, Chapter 4, verses 8 and 9.

To The Right Eminent Deputy Grand Commander, Very Eminent Generalissimo, and Very Eminent Captain General. To all other Grand Encampment Officers, both elected and appointed. To all Most Eminent Past Grand Commanders, Eminent Commanders, Past Eminent Commanders, Generalissimos, Captain Generals, and Sir, Knights comprising the Constituency of the Most Eminent Prince Hall Grand Commandery, of the Order of Knights Templar Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Florida.

To the Most Worshipful Grand Master of The Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Florida, Incorporated; To The Grand Worthy Patron and Grand Worthy Matron of he Royal Grand Chapter, Order of he Eastern Star; To The Most Excellent Grand High Priest of The Most Excellent Prince Hall Holy Royal Arch Grand Chapter; To The Most Worthy Grand Joshua and The Most Ancient Grand Matron of The United Grand Court of The Heroines of Jericho; To The Very Eminent Grand Ambassador and The Grand Lady Chief Counselor of The Bessie E. Pierce Grand Council of Lady Knights.; To The Illustrious State Grand Potentate of The Arabic Grand Council, AAONMS; To The Illustrious Grand Patron and The President of Al Shiah Council of Grand Courts of Deliberation--Daughters of Sphinx--AAODOS; To The Deputy of the Ancient Free and Accepted Scottish Rites Masons, of the Valley of Florida; and to The Grand Youth Advisors of The National Order of Trail-Maters and The Order of Sunbeams

"This is the day which the Lord hath made; we will rejoice and be glad in it." Psalm 118:24

Greetings in the name of Our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ

Please take due and timely notice of these writings and govern yourselves accordingly.

Whereas: First and far most, I would like to thank God whom is our Hope and Strength. I would like to thank members of the Most Eminent Grand Commandery for again, having placed their trust, confidence and fidelity in me, by re-electing me, as the Most Eminent Grand Commander of the Most Eminent Grand Commandery, Order of Knights Templar, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Florida for a second term. I am very grateful and honored by this, and I continue to pledge my willingness of mind and heart to lead, with steadfast loyalty to this Order and the duties to which I have been elected. Again, I thank you. I wish to congratulate all of the newly elected and re-elected Grand Commandery Officers. I would like to also, congratulate Lady Patricia (Pat) Hughes, on being elected as the Grand Chief Counselor of Lady Knights, of the Bessie E. Pierce Grand Council of Lady Knights of the State of Florida. Congratulation to all the newly elected and re-elected Grand Council officers.

And Whereas: I would like to congratulate 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. Congratulation 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. Congratulation to all the newly elected and re-elected Grand Chapter Officers.

And Further Whereas: Congratulations are to be extended to 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.

Also Further Whereas: I would like to also thank everyone for an exciting, successful and progressive 114th, Grand Lodge Annual Communication, Grand Convocation and 67th Grand Conclave. The turn-out for the Grand Commandery was a vast improvement over times past, and I wish to encourage us, that we must continue to encourage our members in the local Commanderies that participation in the Grand Encampment is a necessity for growth.

The Most Eminent Grand Commandery is experiencing growing pains, due to the on going resurgence that we are also experiencing. I submit that if we be patience and continue to study and making ourselves available, we will begin to enjoy the benefits of our labors. We have implemented a **Grand Escort Detail** under the Leadership of the Very Eminent Deputy Grand Captain General, S. k. Lamar Donaldson, 33°. **Grand Usher Detail** working along side the Star Points for all Grand Religious Services, under the leadership of the Very Eminent Grand Generalissimo, S. K. Willie Haulstead, 33°. **Membership and Accountability** under the guidance of Right Eminent Deputy Grand Commander, S.K. Robert Hall, Jr., 33° and in conjunction with the Very Eminent District Deputy Grand Eminent Commanders and the Right Eminent Grand Recorder, S. K. Walter H. Cason, 32°. These Sir Knights will be calling on each local Commandery for volunteers and their support . I will remind all members of Florida that, there will be no Constituting, Creations, or Dubbing of New Knights, unless the appointed Deputy is present.

Let it Be Known: The Most Eminent Prince Hall Grand Commandery, Order of Knights Templar, and the Bessie E. Pierce Grand Council, of Lady Knights, announces a Work Shop is scheduled for Saturday, November 18, 2023, at 9:00 am., at the Grand East Temple, 1199 Bruton Boulevard, Orlando, Florida. This Work Shop 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. We have a lot of work to do, and I am soliciting the aid and assistance of every Commandery and Council of this Grand Encampment to help fill in the gapes, that we shall be successful.

And Let it Known: I am soliciting the support of all District Deputy Grand Eminent Commanders, to ensure that all Local Commentaries are financial and current with the V. E. Grand Record:

**V. E. Sir Knight Walter Cason, 32°
Grand Recorder
506 Turkey Creek, Alachua, Florida 32615**

And Let It Be Further Known: That 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 will held on 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, Heroins 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.

And Let It Also Be Further Known: That the new improved Grand Lodge Lodge Web-site 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 Web-Site will be a top-notch and first-class production. The new Grand Lodge web-site address is: **tmwphglafamfl.org**.

Be It Known: That 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.

And Be It Known: That the below listed Officers of the Most Eminent Prince Hall Grand Commandery, of the Order of Knights Templar, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Florida, Incorporated; has been duly Elected, Appointed and Installed.

Elected Grand Officers

M. E. Sir Knight Gregory L, Dunton, II., 33°	Most Eminent Grand Commander
R. E. Sir Knight Robert Hall, Jr. 33°	Right Eminent Deputy Grand Commander
V. E. Sir Knight Willie Haslstead, 33°	Very Eminent Grand Generalissimo
V. E. Sir Knight Lamar Donaldson, 33°	Very Eminent Grand Captain General
V. E. Sir Knight James Sander, 33°	Very Eminent Grand Treasurer
V. E. Sir Knight Walter H, Cason, 32°	Very Eminent Grand Recorder

Appointed Grand Officers

V. E. Sir Knight Adnes Bronson, 33°	Very Eminent Grand Senior Warden
V. E. Sir Knight Charles Davis, 33°	Very Eminent Grand Junior Warden
V. E. Sir Knight Gerald R. Vickers	Very Eminent Grand Warden

Appointed Officers (Cont.)

V. E. Sir Knight Leo Grant, 33°	Very Eminent Grand Flag Bearer
V. E. Sir Knight Freddie L. Dunton, Jr. 33°	Very Eminent Grand Sword Bearer
V. E. Sir Knight Alexander H. Smith, 33/96°	Very Eminent Grand Ambassador
V. E. Sir Knight Willie J. Dennis, 33°	Very Eminent Asst. Grand Ambassador
V. E. Sir Knight James Jones, 33°	Very Eminent Grand Prelate
V. E. Sir Knight Alexander Barton	Very Eminent Asst. Grand Prelate
V. E. Sir Knight Willie E. Roberts, 32°	Very Eminent Grand Sentinel

District Deputy Grand Eminent Commanders

F. W. Allen Commandery, #1, Orlando, FL	V. E. Sir Knight Gerald R Vickers, VEDDGEC
John Simmons Commandery, #3, Jacksonville, FL	V. E. Sir Knight Jerome Bostick, 33°, VEDDGEC
Harris Commandery, #3, Miami, FL	V. E. Sir Knight Freddie L Dunton, 33°, VEDDGEC
Johnson Commandery, #7, Ft. Lauderdale, FL	V. E. Sir Knight Arthur A. Jones, 33°, VEDDGEC
Allen Commandery, #16, Panama City, FL	V. E. Sir Knight Vaughn Jenkins, 33°, VEDDGEC
Glades Commandery, #24, Belle Glades, FL	V. E. Sir Knight Willie J. Dennis, 33°, VEDDGEC
Crusaders Commandery, #42, Clearwater, FL	V. E. Sir Knight Lenard Pollard, 32°, VEDDGEC


"Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth." John's #rd Letter verse 2


"Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us," Amen. Ephesians 3rd Chapter, verse 20.

Done on this 25th day of May, in the year of our Lord, 2023 A.D.; in the year of Order 905, Anno Ordinis, in the City of New Port Richey, County of Pasco and the State of Florida; by the authority vested in me, having caused the seal of the Most Eminent Prince Hall Grand Commandery, Order of Knights Templar, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Florida, to be affixed

Attest::




M. E. Sir Knight Gregory L Dunton, II, 33°
Most Eminent Grand Commander


V. E. Sir Knight Walter H. Cason, 32°
Very Eminent Grand Recorder

ANNOUNCEMENTS

State Grand Potentate James Sanders, hereby call for the above constituency to assemble in the City of Orlando, June 2nd through June 4th, 2-23. 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: Group Direct Booking Link - No login/Attendee Code needed:

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>

Activities Include”

Friday	June 02, 2023	Hospitality Reopen after Joint Meeting	6:00 P.M.	7:30 P.M.
Friday	June 02, 2023	Joint Meeting	8:00 P.M.	9:30 P.M.
Saturday	June 03, 2023	Nobles Meeting	8:30 A.M.	1:30 P.M.
Saturday	June 03, 2023	Daughters Meeting	8:30 A.M.	1:30 P.M.
Saturday	June 03, 2023	Nobles & Daughters Family Picnic	2:00 P.M.	4:00 P.M.
Saturday	June 03, 2023	An Evening of Elegance in White	8:00 P.M.	Mid-Night
Sunday	June 04, 2023	Jubilee Church Service (Grand East)	11:00 A.M.	1:00 P.M.

Attire for Gala Day Weekend Session:

- * Friday Joint Session: Temple Uniforms and Fez or Shiner’s Cap
- * Saturday Session and Sunday Religious Service: Black or Burgundy Suits, White Shirts Burgundy Bow Tie, Black or Burgundy Shoes, Gloves, Regalia of your office and Fez.
- * Saturday “Evening of Elegance in White: White Suites, White Shirts, Burgundy Bow Tie, and Fez.

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.”

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. Phone number is 601-957-2800. The deadline for making reservations is June 28, 2023, or until all rooms are booked. Rate for all rooms are \$146.16 per night after taxes and are available three days prior and after the Imperial 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.

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.

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.