December 19, 2016

PROCLAMATION
2017 ANNUAL GRAND CHAPTER SESSION

“I was glad when they said unto me, ‘Let us go into the house of the Lord.’ Our feet shall stand within thy gates, O’ Jerusalem.” Psalm 122: 1-2

THIS PROCLAMATION IS TO BE READ IN ITS ENTIRETY AT EVERY CHAPTER MEETING UNTIL THE EVENT PASSES

Greetings,

It is my prayer that this communication finds you all in good health and spirit!

By the power and authority vested in us, we, Grand Worthy Matron Dr. Tracy A. Thomas and Grand Worthy Patron Rev. Ronald Williams, Sr., of the Jerusalem Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, PHA, Florida and its Jurisdiction, do hereby summons all members to assemble for our 9th Annual Grand Chapter Session to be held April 7 - 10, 2017 in Jacksonville, FL.

LODGING ACCOMMODATIONS: The headquarter hotel is the Hyatt Regency Riverfront, located at 225 E. Coastline Drive, Jacksonville, FL 32202. The room rate is $105.00 per night, and self-parking is free. The hotel’s reservation phone number is 1-800-323-7249 and 904-588-1234. When calling the Reservation Desk, please indicate that you are booking a room under the Most Worshipful Union Grand Lodge. The direct link for the hotel’s reservation is https://aws.passkey.com/event/14828826/owner/54540/landing. The Reservation Desk will continue to take calls through March 25, 2017.

The MWUGL of Florida cannot guarantee a room or the special rate after March 25, 2017. Please do not wait until the last minute to book your room, nor overbook rooms and expect to cancel them at the last minute. If you hold excess rooms up until 72 hours before your arrival date, you will be required to pay one night’s lodging for each of the excess rooms you are holding and do not need.

REGISTRATION: The deadline for advance registration is February 25, 2017. Advance registration for ALL is $75.00 (same fee for everybody!). All chapters MUST submit advance registration for the following principle officers: (Worthy Matron, Worthy Patron, Associate Matron, Associate Patron, & Conductress), whether in attendance or not. Registrations received between February 26 – March 11 are $90.00. There will be NO ONSITE registration!!!
Life Members are exempt from registration fees ONLY IF THEY HAVE PAID THEIR REQUIRED MAINTENANCE FEE OF $25.00 and $14.00 for TEMPLE TAX. Senior Stars are exempt from registration fees ONLY IF THEY HAVE PAID THEIR REQUIRED ANNUAL DUES OF $34.00, and their name has been received in the Office of the Grand Secretary prior February 25, 2017.

Please mail completed registration form and Chapter check or money order payable to JERUSALEM GRAND CHAPTER, and mail to:

Sis. TinaMarie N. Campbell  
Grand Session Registration  
P.O. Box 61766  
Palm Bay, Florida 32906

LOCATION OF THE GRAND SESSION: The Ritualistic Opening will be conducted by Jerusalem Grand Chapter Officers on Saturday, April 8, 2017, at 8:00 AM, at the Hyatt Hotel. Visiting Jurisdictions and Department Heads will be received at 10:00 AM.

CONFERRING OF DEGREES:  
The Administrative Degree for newly elected Worthy Matrons and Worthy Patrons will be given on Friday, April 7, 2017 at 1:00 PM at the Masonic Temple on the 3rd floor. All Past Worthy Matrons and Past Worthy Patrons are strongly encouraged to attend. Complete the Administrative Degree Form (located on the website) and send with the required fee of $35.00 to the Office of the Grand Secretary, Sis. TinaMarie N. Campbell, no later than February 25, 2017.

The OES Degree will be given on Friday, April 7, 2017 at 3:00 PM at the Masonic Temple on the 3rd floor. If you have candidates that have been investigated, voted on and approved by your Chapter, they are eligible to receive the degree. Send all the required forms (Petition for Membership, Designation of Beneficiary, and Annual Return Form) and the appropriate fees, no later than February 25, 2017, to:

Sis. TinaMarie N. Campbell  
OES Degree Application  
P.O. Box 61766  
Palm Bay, Florida 32906

*Make chapter checks and money orders payable to Jerusalem Grand Chapter. All candidates are to be at the Temple by 2:30 PM. The new Sisters and Brothers can attend the Grand Session for a registration fee of $30.00, which must be included along with the petition. All female candidates are to be dressed in uninterrupted white, while male candidates should be dressed in masonic black and white.

ATTIRE FOR GRAND SESSION: The guidelines for the proper dress are outlined in Jerusalem Grand Chapter Constitution and Bylaws, Article XII, Section 1. In addition, Worthy Matrons and Past Worthy Matrons are to wear ankle length skirts or dresses, while Subordinate Members’ skirts or dresses are to be at least “tea- length.” Members are not to have silver or gold adornments such as buttons, sparkles, etc…. and all must wear white undergarments. Worthy Matrons, you are ultimately responsible for the presentation of your chapter and your
members. Members not properly dressed will NOT be allowed into the session! No refunds will be given.

**WORTHY IN WHITE WALK:** O’ Jerusalem, it’s still our TIME TO SHINE!!! As a tradition set by this administration, ALL able members, at ALL levels of mobility, are invited to join GWM Tracy A. Thomas for a morning POWER walk. We will meet and walk EVERY morning (Fri, Sat & Sun). Meet in the lobby at 6:00 AM for Morning Prayer and Devotion. Please wear a WHITE OES tee shirt (to assist with visibility).

**QUEEN CONTEST:** The Annual Queen’s Contest will be held on Friday, April 7, 2017, starting promptly at 7:00 PM (doors will open at 6:30 PM). Our goal is $100,000.00 and together, we can make this happen!!! The theme: “AFROS & BELL BOTTOMS” This year, there will be prizes for Best Throwback Outfits, Best 70’s Lip Sync Talent, and a Dance Off!!! You may remit your funds through your respective Zone Coordinator or report them on Friday evening to Grand Secretary TinaMarie N. Campbell between 5:00 – 6:00 PM. She will be set up in the Grand Worthy Matron’s Suite. Please join me and the Grand Line Officers in making HER-STORY for the second-time in Jerusalem Grand Chapter by doing your part to help us reach this goal…and coming down the Soooooouuuuuuuuuul Train Line!!!!

*Remember, each chapter is responsible for a minimal contribution of $50.00 per member, as noted on their 2017 Annual Return!!*

Again this year, the Most Worshipful Union Grand Lodge’s Fundraising Committee is sponsoring “The All White Linen Party.” This party will take place on Friday, April 7, 2017 immediately following the O.E.S. Queen Contest. This event will afford all members of the jurisdiction, along with family and friends, to fellowship during the Annual Grand Session. Ticket are $25.00 per person.

**PRAYER BREAKFAST:** Our Annual Prayer Breakfast will be Sunday Morning, April 9, 2017, at 7:30 AM, where the OES Chapter of Sorrow will be performed. Full regalia is required. Following the breakfast, we will join our brothers of the MWUGL of Florida for Worship Service. Bring your shouting shoes!!!

**MEMORIAL SERVICE:** The Annual Memorial Service will be held on Sunday, April 9, 2017 at the Second Missionary Baptist Church located at 954 Kings Road, Jacksonville, FL 32204 at 7:00 PM. The procession and seating will start at 6:30 PM for the Brothers and Sisters. Attendance is MANDATORY for all Brothers and Sisters of all Masonic Houses!!!
Sis. Laurine Bennett, Grand Associate Conductress
Sis. Joyce Trobridge, HPGWM, Grand Treasurer
Sis. TinaMarie N. Campbell, Grand Secretary
Min. Alma R. Cornish, Past Grand Worthy Matron
Sis. Patricia A. Stafford, Past Grand Worthy Matron
Sis. Thelma Maxie, Past Grand Worthy Matron
Bro. Leanders Harvey, Past Grand Worthy Patron
Rev. Dr. E.J. Parker, III, Past Grand Worthy Patron
Bro. Dwight Reynolds, Past Grand Worthy Patron
Dr. Charlie P. Albury, Honorary Past Grand Worthy Matron
Sis. Vernell Douglas, Most Ancient Grand Matron
Sis. Lenora Porter, Royal Grand Perfect Matron
Sis. Fay Moreland, Grand Princess Captain
Sis. Juan C. Cox, State Grand Loyal Lady Ruler
RW Jeff Jones, Deputy Grand Master
RW Gus Harris, Senior Grand Warden
RW Pierre Rutledge, Junior Grand Warden
RW Phillip Robinson, Grand Secretary
RW Melvin Wright, Grand Treasurer
Name and Number of Chapter: ____________________________________________________
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ADVANCE REGISTRATION DEADLINE: February 25, 2017
LATE DEADLINE: March 11, 2017
(No Registrations after this date)
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Jerusalem Grand Chapter
Order of the Eastern Star
State of Florida & Jurisdiction, Prince Hall Affiliated

2017 Order of the Eastern Star Degree Initiates
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