May 6, 2012

“When they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceeding great joy.”
Matthew 2:10

Proclamation

Please read this proclamation in its entirety at every Chapter and Council meeting until the Youth Grand Session.

Greetings:

By the power vested in us, Sister Patricia A. Stafford and Dr. Elvin J. Parker III, 33°, as Grand Worthy Matron and Grand Worthy Patron of the Jerusalem Grand Chapter Order of the Eastern Star, Prince Hall Affiliated, State of Florida and St. John Virgin Islands Jurisdiction, we hereby call the Grand Youth Supervisor, all Youth Supervisors and members that comprise the subordinate Youth Councils of Jerusalem Grand Chapter’s Star Lights Youth Councils and subordinate chapters of Jerusalem Grand Chapter Order of the Eastern Star, Prince Hall Affiliated to meet for our 2nd Annual Grand Youth Session on June 8-10, 2012.

HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS: The Headquarters Hotel is the Crowne Plaza Hotel 1201 Riverplace Blvd, Jacksonville, Florida 32207. The room rate is $79.00 per night and parking is free. The hotel’s phone numbers are: (904)398-8800 or (800)-227-6963. When calling the Reservation Desk, please indicate that you are booking a room under the MWUGL Youth Department Grand Session. We cannot guarantee a room or the special rate after May 25, 2012. All cancellations must be made 72 hours prior to your arrival date to receive a refund and to avoid paying the penalty of one night lodging for each reservation. Check-in time at the hotel is 3:00 p.m.

REGISTRATION: The deadline for advance registration is May 31, 2012. All Councils are asked to pre-register all youth attending the session to ensure a souvenir kit. The registration fee is $15.00 for Star Lights and $25.00 for all Supervisors and OES Members. Your registration fee includes the Friday night activity; Saturday afternoon Luncheon; and the Saturday evening pool party. Members who register after the deadline are not guaranteed a Souvenir kit.

Please email completed registration form and mail Chapter check or money order payable to Jerusalem Grand Chapter to:

Grand Youth Supervisor
Renee G. Hutchinson
P.O. Box 223261
West Palm Beach, FL33422-3261
YOUTH GRAND SESSION: All events, including the opening session, will be held at the Crowne Plaza. The Ritualistic Opening, will be held on Saturday, June 9, 2012 at 9:00 a.m. SHARP. We are asking that Local Youth Supervisors contact Sis. Hall with Star Lights that are able to open the Youth Council, and they may use their Rituals.

GRAND SESSION ATTIRE: The attire for all Star Lights, Youth Supervisors and OES Members for the Grand Session is ALL WHITE (skirts or dresses to the knees or at least t-length, without silver or gold adornment such as buttons, sparkles, etc..., white undergarments, plain white hosiery, white gloves, and white purse). All young men will wear black pants, white shirts, black ties, black socks, and black shoes.

ORATORICAL CONTEST: Friday, June 8, 2012 at 7pm, we will be having an Oratorical contest that is open to all Star Lights. If there is a Star Light interested in participating in this contest, please have the enclosed form completed and submitted by the deadline stated on the form. ALL Star Lights are encouraged to participate. Winners will be announced at the luncheon on Saturday afternoon.

Attire for the Oratorical contest is dress business casual for all Youth (NO jeans, NO shorts, and NO flip-flops). This year’s contest theme will be as follows:

- 14 & up - “How has the struggle of our past shaped our future”
- 11-13 - “African Americans to make the First Historic Movements”
- 6-10 - “My African American Idol and Why”

Star Lights should be prepared to give a short speech or poem related to the above topic. Presentations should be no longer than 2 minutes and participants will not be allowed to use any paper during their presentation.

BRAIN BOWL COMPETITION: Friday, June 8, 2012 at 8:30 pm, we will have a Brain Bowl competition between the Star Lights, KOP, and the HOJ Palace youth. The topics for the Brain Bowl are included below in the proclamation. If your Star Lights’ Council would like to participate, please complete the enclosed form and email it to Sis. Hutchinson by May 31, 2012.

- TOPIC: African American Inventors. Questions will not be sent out to any youth Councils. Each Council will be asked a series of questions pertaining to African American inventors; and as you are aware, this country has to credit the majority of their advancement in all areas to the African American people. Start your research and be prepared.

YOUTH AWARDS LUNCHEON: A beautiful luncheon will be held on Saturday, June 9, 2012 starting promptly at 12:30 pm. The luncheon is included in your registration, so come dressed in your best attire and ready to receive your awards for the year.
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**STAR LIGHTS SHINE AWARDS:** To commemorate our 2nd Annual Youth Grand Session, we will give awards to those Star Lights that have shown exemplary service, charity, and growth in their communities, school, and their Youth Council. Please send a one-page letter describing the Youth your Council chose to receive the SHINE Award. We will also give away an award to the most active Youth Council over the past year. Please submit a scrapbook detailing the activities of the Youth Council. Supervisors are asked to please complete the enclosed form and email it to Sis. Hutchinson, by **May 31, 2012.** SHINE Awards will be given at the luncheon on Saturday afternoon.

**CHARITY:** This year, we are adopting the **Ronald McDonald House** of Jacksonville and we are asking each Youth Council to collect and assemble a “Basket of Love” for the Local Ronald McDonald House. The basket should contain items from the Ronald McDonald House wish list. The items on the wish list are as follow: **FOOD ITEMS:** individually packaged cereal, chips, cookies, fruit and entrees breakfast bars and pop-tarts, coffee creamer, sugar packets, individually packaged soups & meals, squeeze mayo, squeeze jelly, tea bags (all flavors) **KITCHEN ITEMS:** paper cups, bowls and plates, large plastic containers and lids, plastic forks, knives and spoons, paper towels, ziploc bags (extra-large), oven gloves / pot holders, non-stick frying pans, **HOUSEHOLD ITEMS:** flashlights, laundry detergent, Lysol, disinfectant spray, swiffer dusters, swiffer sweeper dry and/or wet cloths **OFFICE SUPPLIES:** copy paper (8 1/2 x 11), 1/3 cut manila file folders, hanging file folders, legal size writing pads, post it notes, scissors, scotch tape, standard size staples.

Your Sister in the Light,  

**Renee G. Hutchinson**  
Grand Youth Supervisor

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**CC:** Grand Matron, Patricia Stafford  
Grand Master, Anthony T. Stafford, 33°  
Grand Youth Assistant Supervisor  
JGC Grand Officers  
Council Supervisors  
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Tentative Itinerary:

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**Friday, June 8, 2012**

- Registration: 3:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.
- Oratorical Contest: 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
- Brain Bowl Competition: 8:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.
- Youth Hospitality: 9:30 p.m. - 11:30 p.m.

**Saturday, June 9, 2012**

- Breakfast on your own: 6:45 a.m. - 8:45 a.m.
- Registration: 7:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.
- Executive Board Meeting: 8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.
- Opening Session: 9:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
- Joint Star Lights and Youth Palace Session: 9:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
- Luncheon: 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.
- Drill: 4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.
- Youth Dance Poolside at the Crowne Plaza: 7:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m.

**Sunday, June 10, 2012**

- Wrap-up Meeting - State Supervisors ONLY: 9:00 a.m.

Please be sure to register early to receive a souvenir packet.