



Jerusalem Grand Chapter



Order of the Eastern Star State of Florida & Jurisdiction, Prince Hall Affiliated

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The Most Worshipful Union Grand Lodge of Florida
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The Honorable Jeffery G. Jones
The 19th Most Worshipful Grand Master

December 9, 2022

PROCLAMATION 2023 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!

O' Jerusalem....Season's Greetings, Happy Kwanzaa and Happy New Year!

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 Bro. Raymond Cromartie, Jr., of the Jerusalem Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, PHA, Florida and its Jurisdiction, do hereby summons **ALL** Grand Officers (Elected & Appointed), Past Grand Worthy Matrons, Past Grand Worthy Patrons, Worthy Matrons (Past and Present), Worthy Patrons (Past and Present), and all members of our beloved Order of the Eastern Star, to assemble for our 15th Annual Grand Chapter Session to be held **Friday, April 14 thru Monday, April 17, 2023** in Jacksonville, FL.

The 2023 Jerusalem Grand Chapter's Operational Theme is: "The Thing We Must Do!" taken from Nehemiah 2:19: *But when Sanballat the Horonite, Tobiah the Ammonite official, and Geshem the Arab heard of it, they laughed at us and despised us, and said, "What is this thing that you are doing? Will you rebel against the king?"*

Yes, beloved Jerusalem Grand Chapter, there is a "THING" that we all have been called, obligated and committed to do. And the time is now that we do it!!!

REGISTRATION:

Registration is **\$80.00** per person from **December 5, 2022 – February 28, 2023**.
Late Registration is **\$100.00** per person from **March 1, 2023 – March 17, 2023**.
Onsite Registration is **\$125.00** per person (badge and bag are not guaranteed!)

Each chapter must register the eight (8) principal officers: **Worthy Matron, Worthy Patron, Associate Matron, Associate Patron, Conductress, Associate Conductress, Treasurer, and Secretary**. The Worthy Matron must be present for the roll call of officers throughout the session.

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* *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 TEMPLE TAX OF \$14.00, and their name has been received in the Office of the Grand Secretary prior **February 28, 2023**.

Make chapter checks, money order, or cashier's checks payable to Jerusalem Grand Chapter.* Please mail completed registration form and Chapter check or money order payable to **JERUSALEM GRAND CHAPTER, and mail to:

**Sis. Temekee Armstrong
Grand Session Registration
P.O. Box 43480
Jacksonville, Florida 32203**

ACCOMODATIONS: The headquarter hotel is the Hyatt Regency Riverfront, located at 225 E. Coastline Drive, Jacksonville, FL 32202. The room rate is \$114.00 per night and includes complimentary self-parking. The hotel's reservation phone number is 1-877-803-7534 and 904-588-1234. When calling the Reservation Desk, please indicate that you are booking a room under the block for **Most Worshipful Union Grand Lodge**. You may begin calling the Reservation Desk now and continue through **March 23, 2023**.

PASS KEY: The Pass Key for the 2023 Annual Grand Session is below. Please copy and paste the hyperlink below into your URL browser: <https://www.hyatt.com/en-US/group-booking/JAXRJ/G-MWG9> . This special rate cannot be guaranteed after March 23, 2023. You should neither wait until the last minute to book your room, nor should you overbook rooms and expect to cancel them at the last minute. If you hold up excess rooms until 72 hours before your arrival date, you will be required to pay one night's room rate for each of the excess rooms you are holding and do not need. The Grand Lodge nor the Grand Chapter will cover this late cancellation fee, and it will be charged to your credit card.

LOCATION OF THE GRAND SESSION: The Ritualistic Opening will be conducted by Dwight Reynolds Chapter #127 and the Emblem Presentation will be done by Sisters of Love UD #129 on Saturday, April 15, 2023, at 8:00 AM, at the Hyatt Hotel. Visiting Jurisdictions and Department Heads will be received at 10:00 AM.

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 chapter 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, !!! 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 (Sat, Sun & Mon). Meet in the lobby at 6:00 AM for Morning Prayer, Devotion, and our POWER Walk! Please wear a WHITE OES tee shirt (to assist with visibility).

ADMINISTRATIVE DEGREE & DDGWM/DDGWP APPRECIATION LUNCHEON: On Friday, April 14, 2023, starting promptly at 11:00 AM, the Administrative Degree will be given by GWM Thomas, GWP Cromartie, GAM Bolden, and GAP Bess for all newly elected Worthy Matrons and Worthy Patrons. Immediately following, all Worthy Matrons and Worthy Patrons are extended an invitation to join us in celebrating our District Deputy Grand Worthy Matrons and District Deputy Grand Worthy Patrons.

To attend, you **MUST be in possession of the Administrative Degree!!!*

OES DEGREE will be performed by Raymond Cromartie, Jr. UD #128 on Friday, April 14, 2023, at 2:00 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, No Hazing Form, and Annual Return Form) and the appropriate fees, no later than **February 28, 2023**, to:

**Sis. Temekee Armstrong
OES Degree Application
P.O. Box 43480
Jacksonville, Florida 32203**

Make chapter checks, money order, or cashier's checks 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 **\$50.00**, 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. (Due to COVID-19 guidelines, space will be limited. Therefore, only candidates and members of the degree team will be admitted.)*

QUEEN CONTEST: The Annual Queen's Contest will be held on Friday, April 14, 2023, 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!!! Our theme: **"Jerusalem's Crowned Jewels" (Zechariah 9:16)**. This year, we will feature **all** of our queen contestants from across our Great Jurisdiction, as they bring to us their finest fashions from the Mother Land and the Caribbean!!!

**If you have any outstanding monies or financial contributions to this effort, you may remit your funds through your respective Zone Coordinator or report them on Friday evening to Grand Secretary Temekee Armstrong and Grand Treasurer Lira M. Latimer between 1:00 PM – 5:00 PM. They will be set up in the Grand Worthy Matron's Suite.*

Remember, each chapter is responsible for a **minimal contribution of \$50.00 per member (\$25.00 per Senior Star)!!!*

Immediately following our **"Jerusalem's Crowned Jewels"** Queen Contest, the Most Worshipful Union Grand Lodge will be sponsoring an evening of social fun and excitement for the Jurisdiction.

This event will be free to all attendees and will be held on the Hyatt Regency River Deck.

PRAYER BREAKFAST: Our Annual Prayer Breakfast (yes, we have been cleared by MWGM Jones) will be Sunday Morning, April 16, 2023, at 7:00 AM, where the OES Chapter of Sorrow will be performed by A.T Stafford Chapter #117. Full regalia is required. Following the breakfast, we will join our brothers of the MWUGL of Florida for Worship Service. Bring your Bible, your tambourine, and shouting shoes!!!

MEMORIAL SERVICE: The Annual Memorial Service will be held on Sunday, April 16, 2023, in the Hyatt Regency Jacksonville Riverfront, 225 E. Coastline Dr., Jacksonville, FL 32202 at 7:00 PM. Memorial regalia and attendance is required for all sisters and brothers. The procession and seating will start at 6:30 PM.

READING OF THE PROCLAMATION: Worthy Matrons, Worthy Patrons, and Secretaries, please see that this Proclamation is read in full at all regular chapter meetings leading up to the 2023 Annual Grand Session for the Jerusalem Grand Chapter.

ATTENDANCE TO JERUSALEM GRAND CHAPTER ACTIVITIES:

We are grateful for the work and efforts of the Grand Masonic Medical Team in keeping us all safe, as we continue to navigate the global pandemic. Please be advised that COVID-19 Guidelines and Protocol will be strictly enforced! All persons attending any activities during Grand Session must be prepared to:

1. Present the completed COVID-19 documentation (located on MWUGL of FL website).
2. Have a temperature check prior admittance to any function
3. Must have facial mask or covering, if required.

NOTICE: UNTIL THE MOST WORSHIPFUL GRAND MASTER HAS DEEMED IT SAFE, THE MWUGL JURISDICTIONAL COVID PROTOCOLS REMAIN IN EFFECT. THE ACTIVITIES OUTLINED IN THIS COMMUNICATION ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE DUE TO THE IMPACTS OF COVID-19 AND/OR ANY CHANGE TO THE CDC'S COVID-19 REGULATIONS IN THE FUTURE. IF THESE PROTOCOLS ARE RELAXED, NOTICE WILL BE GIVEN PRIOR TO YOUR ARRIVAL.

Worthy In White (Rev. 3: 4-5),



Dr. Tracy A. Thomas
The 3rd & The 5th
Grand Worthy Matron



CC: Honorable Jeffery G. Jones, 19th Most Worshipful Grand Master
Raymond Cromartie, Jr., Grand Worthy Patron
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Sis. Lira M. Latimer, Grand Treasurer
Sis. Temekee Armstrong, 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. Ron Williams, Past Grand Worthy Patron
Sis. Estella Edwards, Most Ancient Grand Matron

Sis. Rose Anne Brown, Royal Grand Perfect Matron
Sis. Daniella Dixon, Grand Princess Captain
Sis. Asia McMillian, State Grand Loyal Lady Ruler
RW Gus Harris, Jr., Deputy Grand Master
RW Kendall T. Moore, Senior Grand Warden
RW Marlon S. Honeywell, Junior Grand Warden
RW Melvin F. Wright, Grand Treasurer
RW Tommie Wright, Grand Secretary



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2023 Annual Grand Session Registration Form

Chapter Name and Number: _____
(Please print or type all required information!)

Member's Name	Officers Titles	8 Principal Officers at \$80.00 each	Members at \$80.00 each	Late Registration at \$100.00	Life Member and/or Senior Star Sister Exempt
1	Worthy Matron				
2	Worthy Patron				
3	Associate Matron				
4	Associate Patron				
5	Conductress				
6	Associate Conductress				
7	Treasurer				
8	Secretary				
9	Member				
10	Member				
11	Member				
12	Member				
13	Member				
14	Member				
15	Member				
TOTALS		\$	\$	\$	EXEMPT

Make Chapter Check, Money Order, or Cashier's Check Payable to **JERUSALEM GRAND CHAPTER**

**Personal checks will not be accepted.*

There will be a \$50.00 fee assessed for all returned checks
Return Grand Session Registration Form(s) and Payment to:

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DEADLINE: February 28, 2023
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2023 Order of the Eastern Star Degree Initiates
(Please print or type all required information)

Chapter Name and Number: _____

Worthy Matron: _____

Member's Name	Sister or Brother	All Paperwork	All Fees	Attending Grand Session
Totals		\$	\$	\$

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