

**Most Excellent Grand Chapter
HOLY ROYAL ARCH MASONS - P.H.A.
JURISDICTION OF PENNSYLVANIA
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**Kevin L. Aleem #6
Most Excellent Grand High Priest
April 30, 2023**

PROCLAMATION NUMBER TWO

Right Excellent Deputy Grand High Priest, Right Excellent Grand King, Right Excellent Grand Scribe, Right Excellent Elected and Excellent Appointed Grand Chapter Officers. Past Most Excellent Grand High Priests, Most Excellent High Priests, Excellent Kings, Excellent Scribes, Past High Priests and Companions of all Constituent Chapters obedient to the Most Excellent Grand Chapter, Holy Royal Arch Masons - Prince Hall Affiliated, Jurisdiction of Pennsylvania,

Greetings:

Holiness to the Lord!

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I again, thank you for the outstanding efforts many of you have made during the preceding months to strengthen the 3R'S of being a Holy Royal Arch Masons within the Jurisdiction of Pennsylvania, "The Mother Jurisdiction!" With the guidance and blessings of Almighty God, may we continue to carry out the duties and responsibilities, of our Fraternity, to the best of each of your abilities.

Therefore, by the authority vested in me as the Most Excellent Grand High Priest I, Kevin L. Aleem #6, do hereby direct that this *Proclamation Number Two* be read in its entirety (except for the appendices) in open Chapter meeting. Furthermore, I direct that all Executive Orders (11) and Directives (8) previously stated in *Proclamation Number One*, it's addendums (2) and appendices (2) are to remain in effect. along with the Executive Orders and Directives contained herein be strictly adhered to. This Proclamation shall be available at every Chapter meeting and used as a reference.

EXECUTIVE ORDERS

Executive Order No. 12 – Fiscal Responsibilities

Chapters are to complete an internal budget and fiscal function review! This review will determine if the current dues structure of each Chapter can sustain the standard operational expenses of the Chapter plus 15% above that amount for emergency, sustainability, and longevity purposes. This fiscal review is to be completed by 6/30/2023 and submitted to your Area Deputy Grand High Priest prior to that date. The ADGHP will provide assistance and will have a template on how this is to be completed.

This review is being ordered to help, aid, and support Constitutional requirements that include proper audits, timely status reports and accounts receivable billing/payments and the overall fiscal operations of each Chapter. At the conclusion of this review, each Chapter should have a clear understanding of their revenue and expenditures and should make adjustments to their dues structure as required.

Executive Order No. 13 – Summer Closures

It is hereby ordered that dispensations for Chapters to *not meet* in the months of July and August can only be approved by the signature of the Most Excellent Grand High Priest or The Right Excellent Deputy Grand High Priest! All requests must be submitted prior to 6/30/2023.

Executive Order No. 14 – Festive Celebrations/Dates to Remember

May

Holy Royal Arch 203rd Anniversary Celebration and Rededication Month – During the Month of May, all Chapters will be celebrating our 203rd Anniversary! There will be a rededication to Holy Royal Arch Masonry ceremony conducted at each Chapters meeting. This ceremony will be given by The Most Excellent Grand High Priest, The Right Excellent Deputy Grand High Priest or a Past Most Excellent Grand High Priest at all Chapters. The rededication is the Lecture for this month.

Holy Royal Arch Military Appreciation Day service will be held 5/21/2023 at Millennium Baptist Church, 1630 N 52nd St, Philadelphia, PA 19131, 4pm (Assembly at 3:15pm).

Standard Holy Royal Arch Dress Code: black/dark suit, white shirt, black tie, black socks, black shoes, apron, white gloves and prayer cap. Subordinate Chapters Council (Most Excellent High Priest, Excellent King, & Excellent Scribe) are to wear collars. *If a Military Appreciation sash was purchased, it is **authorized** to be worn at this service, during Chapter meetings in May and November and during the Grand Convocation in October.*

June

The 103rd Annual Zerubbabel Day Service will be held on Sunday, June 11, 2023,

Locations:

East- Berry Long Memorial Methodist Church, 1745 S 58th St, Philadelphia, PA 19143, 4pm (Assembly 3:30pm)

West- Grand Lodge West 1117 Wood Street, Wilksburg, PA15221, 4pm (Assembly 3:30pm)

Holy Royal Arch Festive Day Dress Code: black tails, white shirt, black bow tie, black cummerbund or black vest, black socks, black shoes, apron, collar, white gloves and prayer cap (crown). All companions are to wear standard Holy Royal Arch dress (black/dark suit, white shirt, black tie, black socks, black shoes, apron, white gloves, and prayer cap. Subordinate Chapters Council (Most Excellent High Priest, Excellent King, & Excellent Scribe) are to wear collars.

July

FYI- General Grand Conference of Holy Royal Arch Masons/Heroines of Jericho 7/1/23 Thru 7/5/2023, Louisville Kentucky

September

Heroines of Jericho “Scarlet Ball” 9/9/23, 7pm at Double Tree Hotel by Hilton 640 Fountain Rd Plymouth Meeting PA 19462. Additional information to follow.

October

Anointment Ceremony- 10/1/23

Good Guys Charities – Raffle Drawing 10/21/2023. Additional information to be provided from the office of the Right Excellent Grand Scribe Agoi Ombima

Executive Order No. 15 – 203rd Grand Convocation

Pursuant to Article 5, Section 1 of the Constitution of the Most Excellent Grand Chapter, Holy Royal Arch Masons, Prince Hall Affiliated, Jurisdiction of Pennsylvania and by the authority in me vested; I, Kevin L. Aleem, No. 6, Most Excellent Grand High Priest, do hereby proclaim and summon all Right Excellent Elected and Excellent Appointed Grand Chapter Officers, the Councils of each subordinate Chapters (3 members each) and officially notify all Companions to register in advance and be present for the convening of the 203rd Annual Grand Convocation, 9:00 AM on Saturday October 21, 2023 and Sunday, October 22, 2023 at the Delta Philadelphia Airport Hotel, 500 Stevens Drive, Philadelphia, PA 19113 for the purpose of reviewing the state of the craft and transacting all business that may constitutionally and legally come before us.

ROOM RESERVATIONS

Room reservations at the Delta Philadelphia Airport Hotel can be made by calling 1-610-521-5901 or 1 (800) 468-3571, room rates are \$139.00 per night, plus tax. The deadline for advanced registration is Thursday October 5th, 2023.

REGISTRATION

Pre-registration fee for the Grand Convocation is \$140.00 which will include one Banquet Ticket. On-site registration is \$85.00 and does not include a Banquet ticket. The deadline for pre-registration is Monday October 9th, 2023. All Grand Chapter Elected Officers will pre-register with the Right Excellent Grand Assistant Secretary or Right Excellent Grand Secretary. The Most Excellent Grand High Priest and Past Most Excellent Grand High Priest will register **gratis**; **They must pre-register with the Right Excellent Grand Assistant Secretary or Right Excellent Grand Secretary.** Make checks payable to - M.E.G.C. Holy Royal Arch Masons and forward to the attention of Right Excellent Assistant Secretary Ernie Ball, 4301 N. Broad Street, Philadelphia, PA 19140.

(Note- PHP Robert Ragsdale, is the Chairman, of the Registration Committee)

**Note* We will be providing the opportunity to receive “Mental Health First Aid,” certification on Friday October 20th, 2023. This class is from 9am to 3:15pm and full day attendance is required for the certification! The pre-registration form will have check off if you wish to attend/receive this certification. There are only 60 slots and first come, first served! This is an excellent, nationally certified/recognized free opportunity to become certified in an area that is finally being recognized as a plague on our society!*

VISITORS REGISTRATION

Visitors will be gratis if pre-registered. Visitors will check in with the C.C. on F.C. PMEGHP Wayne Parnell, upon arrival. Visiting Jurisdictions will be received at 10:30 A.M. on Saturday morning.

REPORTS

The Right Excellent Grand Scribe and Right Excellent Grand King will submit their reports to the Right Excellent Deputy Grand High Priest Warren Montague No.15 no later than Friday, October 06, 2023.

Excellent Deputy at Large and Excellent Grand Lecturer after reviewing the ADGHP & Lectures reports will submit all reports, including their own, to the Right Excellent Deputy Grand High Priest Warren Montague No.15 no later than Friday, October 06, 2023.

Right Excellent Deputy Grand High Priest will submit his report to the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, no later than Friday, October 06, 2023

Excellent President of the Holy Order Priesthood, the Worthy Grand Joshua, Most Ancient Grand Court Heroines of Jericho, and IT Director will submit their reports to the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, no later than Friday, October 06, 2023

All reports are expected to be an accurate, professional depiction of each area of responsibility to the Most Excellent Grand Chapter! All reports must be typed on the correct Grand Chapter forms which can be obtained from the Right Excellent Grand Assistant Secretary Ernie Ball or Right Excellent Grand Secretary Charles A. Bishop No. 6 at the Grand Chapter office 4301 N. Broad Street. The Right Excellent Grand Assistant Secretary and IT director will ensure forms for this area and registration will be available for download & signature on our website megc@megcofpa.com by 6/1/2023.

All reports must include the present condition of aprons & collars and **must be** signed by the individual. **Note: Electronic signatures will not be accepted.**

MEMORIAL SERVICE

The Memorial Service for our deceased Companions, during the year 2022-2023, will be held on Friday October 20th, 2023, at 7:00 P.M. at the Delta Philadelphia Airport Hotel, 500 Stevens Drive, Philadelphia, PA 19113. Each Chapter must submit the name of all Companions that perished prior to 9/30/2023 to both the Right Excellent Assistant Grand Secretary Ernie Ball and the Grand Lecturer Eddie Williams by 10/4/2023!

Members of every Chapter within the Jurisdiction of Pennsylvania are encouraged to attend this service to pay due respect to those steadfast Companions who have gone before us. **Chapters are encouraged to invite the family members of our deceased Companions to attend. Assembly time is 6:30 P.M.**

OPENING OF AN OCCASIONAL CHAPTER

William Cooper Chapter No. 6 will open an Occasional Chapter on Saturday October 21st, 2023, at 8:00 A.M. for the purpose of receiving the Right Excellent Deputy Grand High Priest Warren S. Montague No. 15, who will then receive the Most Excellent Grand High Priest Kevin L. Aleem, No. 6, and his core of officers. The Past Most Excellent Grand High Priest will be received at 9:15 A.M.

DRESS CODE FOR GRAND CONVOCATION

Officers- Holy Royal Arch Dress Code: black tails, white shirt, black bow tie, black cummerbund or black vest, black socks, black shoes, apron, collar, white gloves and prayer cap (crown).

Companions- are to wear standard Holy Royal Arch dress (black/dark suit, white shirt, black tie, black socks, black shoes, apron, white gloves and prayer cap. **Subordinate Chapters Council** (Most Excellent High Priest, Excellent King, & Excellent Scribe) are to wear collars.

Holy Royal Arch Dress Code for banquets (HRA & HOJ): red jacket, black trousers (formal preferred), white shirt, **red** bow tie, red cummerbund or red vest, black socks, black shoes, and collar for all elected and appointed Grand Chapter officers. Subordinate Chapters Council (Most Excellent High Priest, Excellent King, & Excellent Scribe) are to wear collars.

Military/Supporter sashes are authorized to be worn at the Convocation!

ANNUAL BANQUET

Our 203rd Annual Banquet will be held at the Delta Philadelphia Airport Hotel, 500 Stevens Drive, Philadelphia, PA 19113. We will be Honoring our Community Partners in Support of our Youth. Tickets are \$75 for those who are not pre-registered. Deadline for all ticket purchases is Monday October 16th, 2023. To commemorate this Annual Banquet, we will have a Souvenir Journal. Full page Ads - \$50.00; Half page Ads - \$35.00; Quarter page Ads - \$20.00. Deadline for Ads will be Monday October 9th, 2023. All Right Excellent Elected and Appointed Grand Chapter Officers are expected to purchase at least one (1) ticket and a full-page Ad.

All checks should be made payable to the M.E.G.C., Holy Royal Arch Masons And forwarded to the Right Excellent Grand King Leroy Bunyon No. 28: Contact points - (610) 636-1682 regk@megcofpa.com or leeb1906@gmail.com, Ticket Chairman and/or Right Excellent Grand Scribe Agoi Ombima, No. 53: Contact points - 215-669-4764 regs@megcofpa.com or agoi.ombima@temple.edu Souvenir Journal Chairman, 4301 North Broad Street, Philadelphia, PA 19140. The Ticket and Souvenir Journal Chairman or their representatives will be available via telephone or email.

Executive Order No. 16 – Amendments, Revisions and Resolutions

Any amendments, revisions, resolutions, submission of by-laws or any other matter that is to be considered by the Jurisprudence Committee, must be submitted to the Office of the Right Excellent Grand Secretary Charles A. Bishop, No. 6 sixty (60) days prior to the convening of the Grand Convocation or no later than Monday August 21st, 2021.

DIRECTIVES

Directive No. 7 – Mergers

Dispensations have been received from Chapters Friendship #4 and Sesqui -Centennial #54 requesting the opportunity to merge into a singular Chapter. This merger is due to some identified deficiencies that place both your individual Chapters at risk for further existence. As of the date of this Proclamation, both Chapters have met all required prerequisites. Therefore, as of 1 July 2023 they will meet as a newly formed Chapter Friendship/Sesqui -Centennial UD (Under Dispensation). Their first meeting will be on the second Thursday July 13th, 2023, 7pm. The Grand Lecturer will provide a Lecture on “Unity,” to be presented on that day. The Deputy at Large will be providing the new structure of leadership to the members within the next 35 days.

They will meet under this new name under dispensation (UD) for the months of July, September, and October 2023. Upon the opening of the 203rd Grand Convocation, this action will be presented to the Companions for final approval and assignment of number.

Directive No. 7 – Communication and Support

The Most Excellent Grand Chapter has put in place several opportunities to enhance our communication and support for each of us as Companions. Through our Triple Tau, Benevolent efforts, and our Devotions at the end of each meeting we have numerous ways to communicate with one another, yet we do not take advantage of these options and that failure to take action continues to impede with our ability to grow. Take a few minutes to celebrate our continued success and share this opportunity with others through our prayers, articles within our Triple Tau, and recognition of those who continue to share the Love of being a Holy Ryal Arch Mason!

If we don't tell our own story, we will live with the narrative others give us!!

We are glad whenever we are weak but you are strong; and our prayer is that you may be fully restored. This is why I write these things when I am absent, that when I come I may not have to be harsh in my use of authority—the authority the Lord gave me for building you up, not for tearing you down.

Finally, brothers and sisters, rejoice! Strive for full restoration, encourage one another, be of one mind, live in peace. And the God of love and peace will be with you. 2 Corinthians 13:9-11

Having read this Proclamation Number Two, take heed and govern yourself accordingly. Given under my hand and seal this day 30 April, The Year of our Lord 2023 AD, 30 April, The year of Light 6023 AL

Yours 3 X 3,



**Kevin L. Aleem No. 6
Most Excellent Grand High Priest**

Attest:

**Charles A. Bishop, No. 6
Right Excellent Grand Secretary**