

# Most Excellent Grand Chapter

## **HOLY ROYAL ARCH MASONS - P.H.A. JURISDICTION OF PENNSYLVANIA**

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Most Excellent Grand High Priest**

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### **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! Holiness to the Lord! Holiness to the Lord!**

I again, thank you for electing me as your 98<sup>th</sup> Most Excellent Grand High Priest of all Holy Royal Arch Masons within the Jurisdiction of Pennsylvania. the “Mother Jurisdiction,” of all Holy Royal Arch Masons of the United States and the Bahamas PHA with the guidance and blessings of Almighty God, I will carry out the duties and responsibilities of this office, to the best of my abilities.

Therefore, by the authority vested in me as the Most Excellent Grand High Priest I, Warren S Montague #15, do hereby direct that this *Proclamation Number TWO* be read in its entirety (except for the appendix) in open Chapter and the Executive Orders and Directives contained herein be strictly adhered to and further direct, that this Proclamation shall be available at every Chapter meeting and used as a reference.

The theme of this administration is:

**T.E.A.M. (Together Everyone Achieves More)**

**Executive Orders are established to provide direction and purpose for the membership of the constituent chapters that are obedient to this Most Excellent Grand Chapter, Holy Royal Arch Masons, Prince Hall Affiliation, Jurisdiction of Pennsylvania.**

**Directives are established to give clear guidance on how we operate and manage the responsibilities associated with operating our subordinate chapters, in particular and the Grand Chapter in general.**

**Directive No.7: Reclamation Project 100**

During the months starting February 1<sup>st</sup> until April 30 a companion can be reclaim from inactive or dropped from the chapters roles status by paying \$125.00 reinstatement fee( \$50 for Grand Chapter, \$75 for chapter) along with an application and current due card confirming active status. This information must be turned over to the office of the Grand Secretary with the stated fee and completed application during the stated time period. **Companions there non active membership sitting beside you in your Lodge meetings and you frequently engage in other activities with that you should be soliciting them to return. This should be an all hands-on deck approach, to make this project successful.**

**Directive No.8: Conferring of degrees**

To confer degrees each must satisfy the assigned Area Lecturer they are proficient in opening, closing and has establish a funeral team equipped with providing that service if called upon to do so. As mentioned in Directive #3 Proclamation #1 chapters will be permitted to establish partnerships with other chapters to perform this work. However, all chapters that make up said partnership must assist in conducting the degree work. We must take pride in performing the ritualistic work as we engage in introducing new membership into our organization. Excellent Study Group Czar (under the guidance and cooperation of the Excellent Grand Lecturer0 as a means of enhancing proficiency shall schedule **study groups within 30 days of degree conferral.**

- Mark Master Masons are to take part in the Study Group sessions to gain a better understanding of the 4<sup>th</sup> degree.
- Virtual Past Master Masons are to take part in the Study Group sessions session to gain a better understanding of the 5<sup>th</sup> degree.
  - Excellent Master Masons are to take part in the Study Group sessions session to gain a better understanding of the 6<sup>th</sup> degree.
  - Holy Royal Arch Masons (companions) are to take part in the Study Group sessions to gain a better understanding of the 6<sup>th</sup> degree.

**Directive No.9: Follow up to Directive #4: SOI & Seminars**

As you are aware, we conduct our first seminar in December which was very well attended however our School of Instruct was void of many of our companions that were not chapter officers. As a reminder the School of Instructions and seminars are for all companions. They activities provide information, instructions and clarity for Capitular Masonry. We will conduct the SOI on the third Sunday of each month unless otherwise instructed. We are attempting to confirm the next Seminar date ASAP sometime late March or April.

**Directive No.10: Follow up to Directive #5 Deceased Companion**

Please follow Directive no.5 with modification. The chapter must confirm that a companion has transitioned this life by notification from or engagement with the family. The family has requested the chapter performed the companion's last rights as a member or the chapter provides an acknowledgement by resolution. The family may be entitled to receive a contribution by way of the burial funds. It is not necessary to provide a death certificate.

**Directive No. 11: Fund Raising Activities**

We have started our fundraising activities this Capitular year with the distribution to each chapter of our HRAM Lapel Pin (7 each). We are asking that you purchase them at \$15.00 each, more are available. They can be obtained from ADGHP or from the Grand Secretary's office. In May we will be having a Red & Black event during Military Appreciation Weekend and in the Fall our annual raffle. All these activities with your assistance and efforts will provide the necessary support needed to operate this Grand Chapter.

**Directive No. 11 - Dates to Remember/ Follow up to Directive #6**

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**May**

Holy Royal Arch 205<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration and Rededication Month – During the Month of May, all Chapters will be celebrating our 205<sup>th</sup> Anniversary! There will be a rededication to Holy Royal Arch Masonry ceremony conducted at each Chapters meeting. This ceremony will be conducted under the oversight of the ADGHPs at all Chapters. The Area Lecturers will provide the rededication lecture for this month.

Military Appreciation Weekend: Saturday May 17<sup>th</sup> Black & Red Event, Sunday May 18<sup>th</sup> Military Appreciation Service location TBA

**June**

The 105<sup>th</sup> Annual Zerubbabel Day Service will be held on Sunday, June 08, 2025, times and locations (East & West) To Be Announced. Holy Royal Arch Festive Day Dress

**Heroines of Jericho Dates – FYI**

**April**

The Most Ancient Grand Court, Heroines of Jericho's Annual Palm Sunday Service will be held on Sunday, April 13, 2025, times and locations (East, Central, West) To Be Announced. Holy Royal Arch Festive Day Dress