



Most Illustrious Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters

Jurisdiction of Mississippi, Prince Hall Affiliation

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Most Illustrious Grand Thrice Illustrious Master

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Official Proclamation

August 19, 2026

To: All Elected and Appointed Grand Officers, Past Grand Officers, Present and Past Thrice Illustrious Masters, Deputy Masters, Principal Conductors of the Work, and Illustrious Companions of subordinate Councils of Royal and Select Masters, Jurisdiction of Mississippi

Greetings Illustrious Companions,

By virtue of the powers vested in me in accordance with Article IV of the Most Illustrious Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters, I, Steven W. Crawford, The Most Illustrious Grand Thrice Illustrious Master of the Most Illustrious Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the Jurisdiction of Mississippi, do hereby summon all Grand Council Officers and Illustrious Companions of subordinate councils to assemble for our 20th Annual Grand Assembly. It is to be held on Saturday, March 6, 2027, at 9:15 am. The Grand Assembly shall be organized and convened at the M.W. Stringer Grand Lodge located at 1072 J.R. Lynch St., Jackson, Mississippi 39203. The attire for the Grand Assembly will be a black suit, white shirt, purple bow tie, black socks, and black shoes for Illustrious Companions and Appointed Grand Officers. For Elected Grand Officers, the attire is a black suit, white shirt, purple straight necktie, black socks, and black shoes.

Annual Dues / Pre-Registration / Registration

Be reminded that, per Article VII of the Grand Council Constitution, in order to have voting privileges, all dues for the 2026-2027 Masonic Year must be submitted by **November 1, 2026**. No local Council or Illustrious Companion dues will be accepted at the Grand Assembly. No Illustrious Companion will be allowed to register if their dues aren't paid and the Council hasn't registered. It is mandatory that all Subordinate Councils, under this jurisdiction, register for the Grand Assembly.

The pre-registration fee for local Councils is **\$100.00** and on-site registration is **\$115.00**. The Council registration fee will cover the current (3) Principal Officers. The Grand Assembly requires a pre- registration fee of **\$45.00** and **\$50.00** on-site registration for Illustrious Companions. The registration fee includes a picnic meal and a banquet meal ticket. It is strongly encouraged that **ALL** local Elected and Appointed Officers attend the Grand Assembly.

All pre-registration fees must be in to the Grand Council by February 1, 2027. Any registration received after this date will be considered as on-site registration.



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Committee Reports

If any Illustrious Companion has items to submit to the following committees, such as Charters / Dispensation, Grievance, Bylaws, and Jurisprudence, you are required to have all information to the Grand Council by **November 1st** in order for the Grand Recorder to forward all submissions to the Committee Chairmen. This will allow enough time for the committee to meet and bring forth a good report to the Grand Assembly.

Hotel Information

Hotel accommodations have been made at the **Staybridge Suites Flowood** located at **2620 Lakeland Dr., Flowood, Mississippi 39232**. Room rates are **\$134.00/tax** per night for a Queen Bed Suite, **\$154.00** per night for a Double Queen Bed Suite. The contact number to make your reservations is **601-952-3234** (**Mention "York Rite Masons of Mississippi to secure this rate"**) or YRM using the IHG app to make your reservation. You may use the link to make your hotel reservation. The deadline to book your room is **February 1, 2027**.

<https://www.ihg.com/redirect?path=rates&brandCode=SB®ionCode=1&localeCode=en&checkInMonthYear=022027&checkInDate=4&checkOutDate=7&checkOutMonthYear=022027&hotelCode=JANFW&GPC=YRM&numberOfAdults=1&numberOfRooms=1&adjustMonth=false&showApp=true&monthIndex=00>

If multiple reservations are made and confirmed under one name, they must remain under that name. All reservations must be guaranteed with a major credit card. The Hotel will not hold any reservations unless it is secured by a major credit card. Upon check-in, your credit card on file will be charged for your entire stay. Individual reservations may be cancelled up to 72 hours prior to the date of arrival to avoid no-show or cancellation charges. The no-show/cancellation fee is one night's room & tax charge. Please note that check-in time is 3:00 pm and check-out time is 11:00 am.

York Rite Picnic and Banquet

It is with such great pleasure that I announce that the **York Rite Bodies of Mississippi** will host a **Joint York Rite Picnic on Friday, March 5, 2027, from 3:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. at LeFleur's Bluff State Park, 3315 Lakeland Terrace, Jackson, Mississippi 39216**. I am also pleased to announce a **Joint York Rite Banquet on Saturday March 6, 2027**, which will be held in the **J.C. Gilliam Auditorium** at the **M.W. Stringer Grand Lodge from 6:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m.** Additional York Rite Weekend Passes for family and friends can be purchased for **\$45.00** per person (which will include a picnic meal and a banquet meal ticket) and can only be purchased through Zeffy until **February 15, 2027**. No additional weekend passes will be sold after this date. We also have 20th Anniversary T-shirts available for purchase through our Most Illustrious Grand Council online store. The cost of these shirts is \$25.00.

The Zeffy link to make your 20th Anniversary T-shirt purchase is:

<https://msgrandcouncils.org/most-illustrious-grand-council-of-royal-select-masters-store/>



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This historic banquet will commemorate the 20th Anniversary of the Most Illustrious Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters and the 150th Anniversary of the Most Excellent Prince Hall Grand Chapter of Holly Royal Arch Masons, bringing our York Rite family together in ***Celebration, Fellowship, and Unity***. For those Illustrious Companions who have the Purple Royal and Select Blazer, it may be worn during the banquet. All other Illustrious Companions will be in Masonic Dress with a purple bow tie. ***Your Royal & Select Crown and Collar shall also be worn.***

The Zeffy link to make your additional weekend pass purchase is:

<https://www.zeffy.com/en-US/ticketing/ms-york-rite-weekend-souvenir-journal-and-weekend-passes--2027>

Souvenir Journal

To commemorate this special occasion, the ***York Rite Bodies of the Jurisdiction of Mississippi*** will be publishing a 2027 E-Book. We are soliciting your support by purchasing and selling full-page ads for this publication for ***\$100.00***. All ads should be submitted by ***February 1, 2027***. ***No exceptions will be allowed!*** Thank you in advance for your support and for making this event a success.

The Zeffy link to make your purchase is:

<https://www.zeffy.com/en-US/ticketing/ms-york-rite-weekend-souvenir-journal-and-weekend-passes--2027>

I require that this communication be read in its entirety at all subordinate Council meetings from August through February to ensure that every Illustrious Companion is informed of this event. It is my prayer that we have as many Illustrious Companions present during this 20th Grand Assembly celebration as possible. Please do not hesitate to contact the Right Eminent Grand Recorder, Corey Carter, for additional information. I look forward to seeing all of you in March. May the Great I Am bless you and your families abundantly; this is my prayer.

Yours in the Secret Vault,

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Attested By:

Corey M. Carter

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Right Illustrious Grand Recorder

