



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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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

Subject: New Candidate Validation and Greeting Assessment

Greetings Illustrious Companions,

Be it known that in accordance with the Constitution and Bylaws of the Most Illustrious Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters, Jurisdiction of Mississippi, Sections 8:1 – 9:5, the sole responsibility for membership in a subordinate Council under this Grand Council shall rest with that Council by its ballot. Any Master Mason, who is a member in good standing in a Symbolic Lodge and a Royal Arch Mason, who is a member in good standing in a regular Royal Arch Chapter, may apply for membership in any subordinate Council under this Grand Council.

Each subordinate Council shall pay within **Thirty (30) days** into the Treasury of the Grand Council the sum of **Thirty-Five Dollars (\$35.00)** for each Illustrious Companion greeted as a Royal and Select Master in that Council.

Every member of a subordinate Council, having paid his dues and assessments for the current year, shall receive a Dues and Identification (D&I) Card signed by the Recorder of his Council and bearing the imprint of the Seal of the Council. The D&I Card will have a space for the signature of the member, which, when signed, validates the card. This card shall bear the certificate of the Grand Recorder and a printed Seal of the Grand Council, attesting to the regularity of the Council issuing it. This Card shall serve as a receipt for dues and as identification for the bearer.

Effective immediately, **no candidate** within this Jurisdiction is to receive any degrees of Cryptic Rite Masonry if they are not on a current Royal Arch Chapter roll or able to produce any documentation that states they are currently a Royal Arch Mason in good standing. Any subordinate Council that neglects or refuses to pay any greeting assessment to this Grand Council within the allotted time frame shall not be entitled to be represented in this Grand Council, vote on any matter before this Grand Council, and possibly forfeits its Charter.

Please take due notice thereof and govern yourselves accordingly. For any questions or concerns, please contact the undersigned at 769-229-1277 or at swcrawford2@yahoo.com.

Yours in the Secret Vault,

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