

**ILLUSTRIOUS H. R. BUTLER GRAND COUNCIL
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March 18th, 2018

PROCLAMATION

HEAR YE!

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TO: All Grand Council Officers, Thrice Illustrious Masters, Deputy Masters, Principal Conductors of the Work, Captain of the Guard, Treasurers and Recorders and Companions of subordinate Councils owing allegiance to the Illustrious H. R. Butler Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Georgia, Prince Hall Affiliation.

GREETINGS:

By the power in me vested, I, Joel Mends, Sr., Grand Thrice Illustrious Master of the Illustrious H. R. Butler Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters, Jurisdiction of Georgia, hereby call all elected and appointed Grand Council Officers, Thrice Illustrious Masters, Deputy Masters, Principal Conductors of the Work, Captains of the Guard, Treasurers, Recorders, and Companions of Subordinate Councils to assemble for our 13th Annual Grand Assembly to convene on September 20, 2018 to be held at the **Hilton/ Atlanta Hotel & Conference Center located at 500 Powder Springs St, Marietta GA 30064.**

The 2018 Grand Assembly will start promptly at 9:00 a.m. on the 20th of September 2018. Adoniram Council #2 will be the host and conducting the opening without the ritual. Come out

and support them and see them shine! The dress code will be purple jacket, black pants, white shirt, black or purple socks, black shoes, purple accessories, crowns, and collars. **All Elected Grand Council Officers** are to wear the purple jacket with white pants and white shoes. **All appointed Grand Council officers** and District Deputies are to wear purple jacket black pants, to include proper headgear (no skull caps). The business of the Grand Council will not be lengthy; however, ample time will be taken to cover all the important items on the agenda.

District Deputies; remember to have your stewardship reports prepared to be read at the Grand Assembly.

TESTIMONIAL

There will be a Testimonial honoring Grand Thrice Illustrious Master Joel Mends Sr KYGCH on the evening of Thursday September 20, 2018 at 8pm in the Hotel so please come out and support his time in offices and bring your donations from every Council and let's send the Grand out in Royal style

HOTELS ROOM RATES & PARKING

The hotel for the 2018 Assembly will be the **Hilton Atlanta Hotel & Conference Center located at 500 Powder Springs St, Marietta GA 30064**. The telephone number for group reservation is **(770) 427-2500**. The room rate for the hotel is **\$99.00** per night (single or double), subject to applicable state and local taxes, (15%). The hotel has negotiated a *day of event self-parking and overnight self-parking is FREE* for our group, covering our event dates. Valet Parking is available at a rate of **\$18.00** per day.

RESERVATIONS

Reservations for this event will be made by individual attendees directly with Hilton Atlanta Hotel and Conference Center reservations at **(800)-293-0718 or (770) 427-2500**.

All reservations must be guaranteed with a major credit card or by the York Rite Masonic Bodies of Georgia. The hotel will not hold any reservations unless secured by one of the above methods. Rooms are available now to be reserved.

The check in time is 4:00 p.m. and check out time is 11:00 a.m. ***The reservation cutoff date is Tuesday September 5, 2018.*** When registering, please identify yourself as a member of the "York Rite Masonic Bodies of Georgia, PHA" to be eligible for the **\$99.00** rate.

ADVANCE REGISTRATION

For your convenience, a reproducible copy of the advance registration form is attached to this document. It is imperative that all attendees pre-register to ensure adequate funding to support this event.

The cost for pre-registration for all three houses is **\$245.00** and includes a banquet ticket. The registration fee for one house is **\$100.00** and includes a banquet ticket. The Pre-registration

deadline is September 1, 2018. Anyone registering after September 1, 2018 will be considered on-site.

Every Companion is encouraged to pre-register so that the Convention Coordinating Committee can adequately determine seating for the meeting room and have an accurate head count for lunch and banquet meals.

If you have a special meal requirement, ensure that you note it on the registration form. Special meals will only be provided for those who note a special meal requirement.

District Deputies, you are tasked with the responsibility of spearheading the registration process for the local councils assigned to you. This includes the following:

- Ensure that the local councils are represented by at least the three principal officers.
- Maintain a record of companions who register through their local council. This method of registration is encouraged and affords local councils the opportunity to write one check for registration.
- Ensure the advance registration form is completed legibly and that it reaches the Grand Recorder on or before the cut-off date of **September 1, 2018**.
- The cost for pre-registration for all three houses is **\$245.00** and includes a banquet ticket. The late and on-site registration fee for all three houses is **\$285.00**. Late or onsite. Registration is **\$100** for one house with a banquet and **\$140** late or onsite with banquet.

If you have a special meal requirement, ensure, you note it on the registration form. Special meals will only be provided for those who note a special meal requirement.

ON-SITE REGISTRATION

On-site registration will begin at 7:30 a.m. on September 20, 2018. The late and on-site registration fee for all three houses is **\$285.00**. The late and on-site registration fee for one house is **\$140.00** and includes the banquet ticket.

All Grand Council Officers, Subordinate Council representative and Companions must register before entering the Grand Council Assembly. Attached is a registration form for your use. Please duplicate this form for other Companions and ensure that it is completely and legibly filled out, with ALL check or money order, payable to the H. R. Butler Grand Council, and forwarded to.

Make all checks and money orders payable to “York Rite Bodies of Georgia, PHA” and mail along with registration form to:

Attention: Pam Y. Lee
3471 Sagewood Court
Snellville, Georgia 30039

BANQUET

The Joint Banquet will be held on Saturday, September 22, 2018, and will start promptly at 7:30 p.m. The banquet will have a Masquerade theme. Come out in your best mask and let's have some fun!

There will also be a York Rite cookout on Friday, September 21, 2018, from 7:30 p.m. - until. The cookout is included with your registration. Come out to fellowship with and support your Grand Bodies!

2018 YORK RITE ANNUAL CHARITY

The York Rite Bodies Annual charity of choice for 2018 will be the Kidney Foundation. We will give a minimum donation of \$3000.00. We are asking every Council to donate \$25.00 in support of our charity. Please support this campaign by sending a separate check to the Grand Recorder by September 5, 2018. The donation will be presented to the Kidney Foundation during the banquet. Thank you in advance for your continued support of our annual charities.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

To better utilize our time and to promote increased participation, the Memorial Service will be held on Thursday, September 20, 2018, and will commence promptly at 8:00 a.m.

Sandersville Council #18 will be conducting the Memorial Service. Come out and support them. All members of memorial team are to study and be ready to deliver an outstanding service without the ritual.

We are looking for volunteers to form a second Grand Memorial Service Team. Please inform your District Deputy Grand Thrice Illustrious Master if you are interested in being on the team.

ANNUAL REPORTS

Remember that annual tax forms and funds are due in the office of the Grand Recorder no later than July 15, 2018. **NO EXCEPTIONS.** A late fee of **\$100.00** (one-hundred dollars) will be assessed to any council that fails to meet the deadline. Any subordinate council that fails to remit their taxes on time will **not be allowed to participate** in the Grand Assembly. The forms presented to you by the Grand Recorder are the official forms of the Grand Council. No subordinate Council can introduce or establish forms for use in this Jurisdiction without the express approval of the Grand Thrice Illustrious Master. Companions, you have been given due and timely notice. Please govern yourselves accordingly.

AD JOURNAL

The Convention Coordinating Committee will be responsible for the ad journal for this session. Contract information is attached to this document. The ad journal is a fundraising opportunity for the York Rite Masonic Bodies of Georgia and should be designed to finance the production of the journal itself. The following email address YRMBG.PHA@gmail.com has been set-up to receive all ads for the 2018 session.

I am asking EVERY Council to purchase a full-page ad in order to support the Grand Council.

VENDORS

Send any vendor interest or vendor forms to:

E Lawson Brock (ebroek4653@yahoo.com).
E Lawson Brock, Sr.
3462 Clifton Farms Road
.Decatur, GA 30034.

COMPANIONS GREETED REPORT

Be it known that EVERY Council and Thrice Illustrious Master is responsible for submitting a Companions Greeting Report along with \$90.00 for regalia no later than **10 days** after your greeting. **NO EXCEPTIONS**. Reports submitted **10 days** after the Council greets a Companion will be charged a **\$50.00 late fee**. The Grand Recorder (ONLY) will issue Membership Certificates after receipt of the report and accompanying fees.

You have been given due and timely notice, please govern yourselves accordingly.

Yours in the secret vault,



Joel Mendis Sr
Most Illustrious Grand Thrice Master

ATTEST:

Freddie C. Grisson, Jr
Freddie C. Grisson, Jr KYCH
Illustrious Grand Recorder



**YORK RITE MASONIC BODIES OF GEORGIA, PHA
ANNUAL CONVOCATION AND ASSEMBLY
September 20 – 23, 2018**

Hilton Atlanta/Marietta Hotel & Conference Center
500 Powder Springs Street SW
Marietta, GA 30064

MEMBER ADVANCE REGISTRATION FORM

(This Form May Be Duplicated if Needed)

_____ **Court/ Chapter No:** _____

Registration Fees are as follow: (Please list all names that payment is for below) Advance (3 Sessions) - \$245.00 with banquet \$100.00 (Per Day Sessions) with banquet Late (On-site) Registration – \$285.00 with banquet Late (On-site Per Day Session Fees) \$140.00 with banquet Late registration does not guarantee meal or souvenir	
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PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY

Title	Name	Extra Banquet	Registration Fee	Title	Name	Extra Banquet	Registration Fee
* Please indicate your title and ticket requirements above						Total Amount Enclosed	
						\$	

PLEASE NOTE BELOW IF YOU WILL NEED A VEGETERIAN MEAL.

Make Checks and/or Money Order Payable & Mail to:
York Rite Masonic Bodies of Georgia, PHA
Pamela Y. Lee
3471 Sagewood Court
Snellville, Georgia 30039

All advanced registration requests must be received by this office or postmarked by the U. S. Postal Service on or **before September 3, 2018 with appropriate fees.** **Only Advance Registrations will be guaranteed a complete registration package and meal.** **All others will be on an availability basis.**



**Souvenir Ad Journal Request
2018
York Rite Annual Grand Session**

The Convention Coordinating Committee is responsible for the ad journal. Ad journal information will be mailed to you through your respective York Rite Masonic Bodies of Georgia Proclamations. The following email address, YRMBG.PHA@gmail.com has been set-up to receive all ads for the 2018 session.

Prices for ads are as follows:

Inside Front: \$100.00 W/Picture	Full Page: \$65.00 with Picture
Outside Back: \$100.00 W/Picture	Full Page: \$55.00 without Picture
Inside Back: \$100.00 W/Picture	Half Page: \$50.00 with Picture
Half Page: \$45.00 without Picture	

**Please make Checks and Money Orders payable to:
The York Rite Masonic Bodies of Georgia, PHA**

Please send all ad contracts and payments to Souvenir Book Chairpersons **ONLY**, at
3462 Clifton Farm Dive Decatur, GA 30034.

Please Print

No Ads will be accepted after September 3, 2018. Please get your ads in on time.

Name: _____ Ad size: _____

Address: _____ Amount enclosed \$ _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Ads as you wish it to appear in book:

(Please Print – Use back if necessary or additional sheet) Pictures must be clear or they will not be printed, no exceptions.

This form may be reproduced if necessary.

Emailed ads will not be acted upon until money is received. No Exceptions

"When emailing ads identify them as September 2018 ad from your organizations"

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY

Received By: _____ Date: _____ Amount: _____ Check #: _____ Cash Receipt #: _____