# Illustrious H. R. Butler Grand Council

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**Proclamation 26-05**

To the Right Illustrious Grand Deputy Master Kerron Benjamin, Principal Conductor of the Work Sherman Lofton, Captain of the Guard Lamar Jackson; to all other Grand Council Officers, PMIGTIMs, HPGTIMs, DDGTIMs, Illustrious Companions of the Illustrious H. R. Butler Grand Council R&SM's, and The Lillian E. Blake Royal Grand Court, LOCOP.

"Moses acknowledged the brevity of life and prayed, "Teach us to number our day, that we may gain a heart of wisdom" (Psalm 90:12).

Subject: **Council and Court Exemptions for PGMs, PGWMs and PGWPs**

Please let this communication serve as an official matter of record and to be archived for/by all Councils and Courts to adhere too.

It has been brought to my attention that during the administration of PGM Bruce A. James a proclamation he issued out, with the support of the 3 York Rite Male Heads of Houses, the following proclamation dated 07-2016:

"Past Grand Master/Past Grand Worthy Matron/Past Grand Worthy Patron"

"Effective immediately, all PGMs, PGWMs, PGWPs are bestowed the honor and title of Life Member, meaning, they are Exempt from All dues, assessments, registration fees, and admission charges for events levied by the Grand Lodge, Appellant and Concordant Bodies, Districts, Lodge and Chapter."

Therefore, by the Constitutional Authority in me vested, please adhere and govern yourselves

accordingly, and continue to keep on your active rolls their membership. We thank them for their continued support in York Rite, especially within The Illustrious H R Butler Grand Council RSMs , Cryptic Rite and Lillian E Blake Royal Grand Court, LOCOP.

Please have this proclamation read in your next 3 Assembly and Court meetings.

All Proclamations are LAW ABIDING until they are voted in dissent, annulled, revoked or reversed.

Any questions, comments, and concerns regarding this proclamation, please feel free to reach out to me.

**IN THE 9TH ARCH** C.E. Alexander
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**Attested By:** Edwin R. Thompson
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