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Most Ancient Union Grand Court

Heroines of Jericho, Florida Jurisdiction

Prince Hall Affiliated

Established in January 1882

Formerly Most Worshipful Union Grand Court, HOJ, PHA

2025 MID-YEAR PROCLAMATION

June 11, 2025

(To be read in its entirety during three consecutive meetings)

“And be renewed in the spirit of your mind”. Ephesian 4:23 (KJV)

Greetings; Honorable Gus Harris, Jr., 20th Most Worshipful Grand Master, Most Excellent Grand High Priest – Companion Dr. Elton L. Lewis, Grand Court Line Officers (Elected and Appointed), Past Most Ancient Grand Matrons, Past Most Worthy Grand Joshuas, Honorary Past Most Ancient Grand Matrons, Honorary Past Most Worthy Grand Joshuas, Honorary Past Grand Chaplain Emeritus Henry Ely, District Deputy Ancient Grand Matron Emeritus Willer Moody, Royal Grand Queens (Present and Past), Grand Youth Directress, Grand Court Queen, District Deputy Ancient Grand Matrons, Most Ancient Matrons, Senior Ancient Matrons, Junior Ancient Matrons, Joshuas, 1st Court Directors, and all subordinate members of this magnificent Heroines of Jericho P.H.A. Florida Jurisdiction organization! By the power vested in me; I, Sonya D. Brinson, the 19th Most Ancient Grand Matron and Hero Michael Bellamy, the 19th Most Worthy Grand Joshua, declare the opening of our Mid-Year Workshop in beautiful Orlando, Florida on Friday and Saturday; September 5-6, 2025.

CALL TO ASSEMBLE

We're excited to invite you to our **Mid-Year Workshop**, where our top-notch **Grand Lecturers** will deliver insightful and engaging presentations. Get ready to energize your passion for learning as we explore essential **HOJ facts and teachings**. Your HOJ knowledge is important to us—this workshop is your **Gateway to HOJ Perfection!**

LODGING ACCOMMODATIONS

HOST HOTEL: Doubletree by SeaWorld, located at 10100 International Drive, Orlando, FL 32821. (407) 352-1100 to make your reservations; please reference the group name “*MAUGC Heroines of Jericho Mid-Year.*”

<https://book.passkey.com/event/51041167/owner/213/home>

The room rate is **\$125** per night plus applicable fees/taxes for single or double room accommodations. The reservation cut-off date is **August 16, 2025**; *after the cut-off date, reservation requests are confirmed on guestroom and convention rate availability. If the rate is not available, the prevailing hotel rate will apply.*

We are expecting a larger-than-normal attendance at this event, so please make your reservations early. To secure your reservation, you will need to a major credit card.

PLEASE DO NOT OVERBOOK ROOMS. The Grand Court will not be responsible for cancellation charges and/or overbooked rooms.



REGISTRATION

COURT REGISTRATION: Registration fee is **\$100.00** and must be received by August 16, 2025. The following six (6) officers are **requested** to be in attendance: Most Ancient Matron, Senior Ancient Matron, Junior Ancient Matron, Worthy Joshua, Secretary, and Treasurer. It is imperative that officers are present at the Mid-Year Workshop. Registration fee for the top (6) officers is required, whether in attendance or not. **ON-SITE REGISTRATION IS DISCOURAGED AND DOES NOT GUARANTEE A KIT!** A fee of \$25 will be strictly enforced for late registration. Please do not send personal checks. **Court Checks or Money Orders** are accepted only. Send your assessment to your deputy, who will send it to the Grand Court Secretary, *Heroine Chrystalia Blyden, 249 Park Tree Terrace Apt 1122, Orlando, FL 32825*, no later than the due date of **August 16th**.

ATTIRE

FOR WORKSHOP: Uniformed in solidarity! Please wear your Court T-Shirt or Polo Shirt (If you do not have a court shirt, please wear a red top) with a black skirt. Remember, the attire for Saturday's Workshop will be Black Skirts **(No Pants)**.

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

MAUGC HOJ Executive Board Meeting for this session will be on **Friday, September 5, 2025, at 2:00 PM – 3:00 PM** at the hotel, location TBA.

DEPUTY'S MEETING

There will be a **MANDATORY** Deputy Meeting on Friday, **September 5, 2025, from 3:00 PM – 5:00 PM** at the hotel, location TBA.

ARNOLD – PETERSON – BYRD SCHOLARSHIP

Scholarships will be awarded on Friday evening during the King and Queen Contest. Applicants must complete and submit an Arnold-Peterson-Byrd Scholarship Application along with a current official high school transcript, SAR Report and (3) letters of recommendation to the Most Ancient Union Grand Court Committee on Education. The postmark must bear a date on or before **August 1, 2025**. No applications will be considered after **August 1, 2025**. No Exceptions! For additional information please contact Heroine Rosa Tucker, Royal Grand Queen at 850-459-5224 or via email at rltuck@aol.com.

ANNUAL HONORS AND AWARDS

Honor Where Honor Is Due!

In every Court, there is always that one individual who has gone above and beyond the call of duty. Likewise, some Courts have worked tirelessly within their communities and deserve special recognition. Now is the time to give honor where honor is due! Please see the attached form.

Please submit the completed form and recommendations of these outstanding members and dedicated Courts to the Senior Ancient Grand Matron, Heroine Kelly at hlbush85@aol.com no later than **August 10th**. We are excited to discover and celebrate this year's honorees! For questions and/or concerns, contact Heroine Kelly at 850-519-5028.



Scrapbook Reminder:

If your Court has created a scrapbook, we look forward to seeing it at the Workshop! However, you **must submit your application** for scrapbook entry to the Senior Ancient Grand Matron by the deadline of **August 10th**. **Please do not mail your scrapbook; bring it with you for judging and display. The committee must have your scrapbook on Friday, September 5th by 9:00 PM.**

Let's make this a celebration to remember!

KING & QUEEN CONTEST

2025-26 KING & QUEEN CONTEST: Please join the “**Royal Family**” for an evening of “**Une Grande Célébration**”. The King & Queen contest will be held on Friday, September 5, 2025, at 7:30 pm, at Doubletree by SeaWorld, Orlando, FL.

The Most Ancient Union Grand Court has touched numerous lives through the countless acts of kindness and generosity. Your contributions will indeed have a profound impact on assisting us as we continue the forward progress in blessing of others.

Each District is asked to have a Queen representative. Each queen representative is to submit a picture with the attached form that includes a BIO by **Monday, July 14, 2025**, to HOJQueenContest@gmail.com. Please adhere to the deadline. (No Exceptions).

This is a group effort which is designed to ensure all courts participate. Each Queen contestant is required to turn in a minimum of \$1,000 on or before **Monday, August 4, 2025**, for you to qualify. The contestant who raises the most money will be crowned the 2025-26 Queen for the Year. **Every Court is required to pay a minimum of \$500**. All money must be given to your DDAGM. Any additional funds raised must be turned in at the Mid-Year Workshop to the finance committee. The location and time will be published later.

ATTIRE: Queen contestants are asked to wear **Red or Black** Cocktail /Semi formal Dress (below the knees). If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact Heroine Renee Hutchinson, JAGM (561) 307-3899. Attire for attendees - Heroines your Favorite Little Red or Black dress, Beret, Ascot/Scarf -Heroes, your favorite Black Blazer or Sports Jacket with Slacks, Beret, Ascot/Scarf.

ADS: There will be a souvenir journal booklet to assist with accomplishing our goal. The journal booklet page size will be 8 ½ by 11. The cost for: full page \$100, half page \$50 and for ¼ page \$35. Please submit camera ready ads to HOJQueenContest@gmail.com by **Monday, August 4, 2025**. **Ads are an addition to and are not part of your minimum amount.** This amount will be applied to the total amount raised by the queen for her district. Please be sure you indicate which King or Queen the ad is for on the memo line on the check/money order or on your email subject line.

MOST WORTHY GRAND JOSHUA APPRECIATION

"The Man Behind the Apron: Appreciation for Distinction"

This gracious event is presented by Heroine Sonya D. Simmons-Brinson, MAGM, and the Most Ancient Union Grand Court, Heroines of Jericho, Prince Hall Affiliated, Florida & St. John, U.S.V.I. Jurisdiction, Inc.

Honoring our Most Worthy Grand Joshua, Hero Michael Bellamy. Tickets are included with all HOJ registrations; additional tickets can be purchased for **\$50 each**. Please contact Deputy Ancient Grand Matron Philomena Bodie @ philomenabodie@yahoo.com. The deadline to purchase tickets is **August 4, 2025**.



Date: Saturday, September 6, 2025
Time: 7:00 p.m.
Location: DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Orlando at SeaWorld

Colors: Blue, White, and/or Silver

We look forward to your presence as we honor Hero Michael Bellamy, 19th MWGJ, for his distinguished service and unwavering commitment. Should you have any questions or require additional information, please do not hesitate to reach out to DAGM Heroine Philomena Bodie.

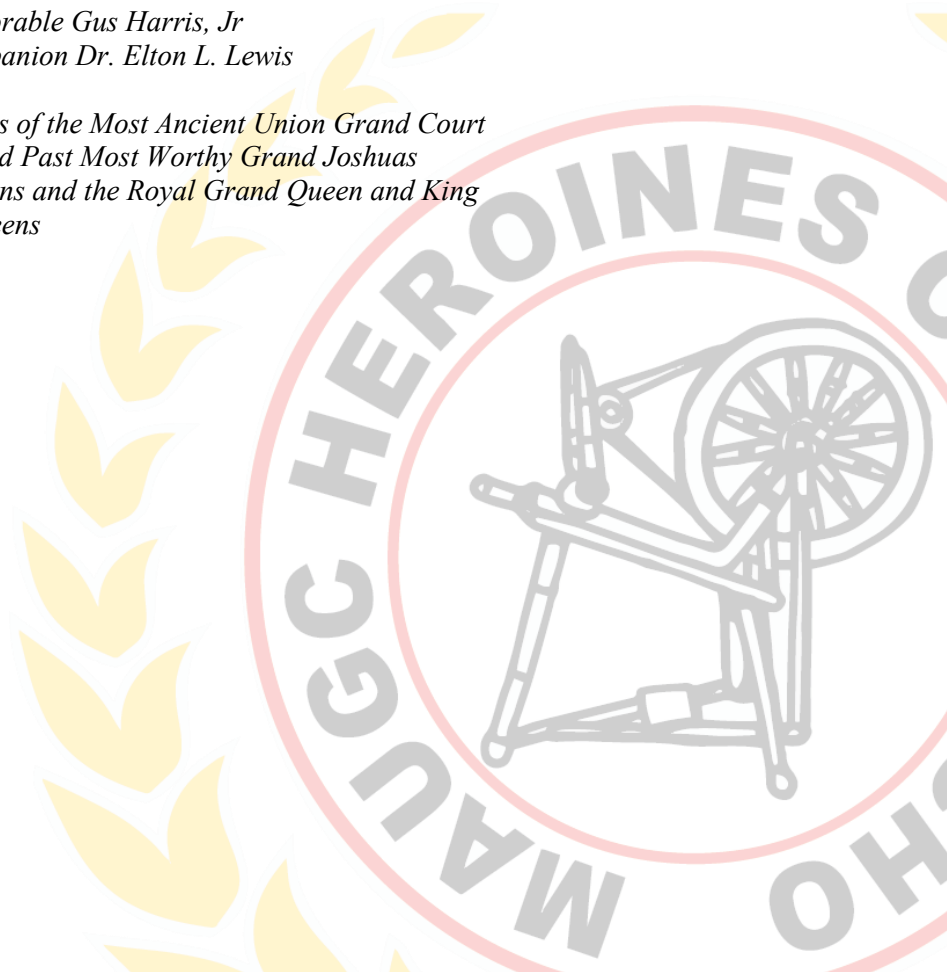


Sonya D. Simmons-Brinson
Heroine Sonya D. Simmons-Brinson
19th Most Ancient Grand Matron

Michael Bellamy
Hero Michael Bellamy
19th Most Worthy Grand Joshua

Attest:
Heroine Chrystalia Blyden
Grand Court Secretary

CC: Most Worshipful Grand Master the Honorable Gus Harris, Jr
Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Companion Dr. Elton L. Lewis
All Grand Department Heads
All Elected and Appointed Grand Officers of the Most Ancient Union Grand Court
All Past Most Ancient Grand Matrons and Past Most Worthy Grand Joshuas
All District Deputy Ancient Grand Matrons and the Royal Grand Queen and King
All Most Ancient Matrons and Royal Queens
All Foreign Dignitaries.
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**MOST ANCIENT UNION GRAND COURT
HEROINES OF JERICHO, PHA**
2025 MAUGC HOJ Mid-Year Workshop
Registration Form



Court Registration Summary Form

Please print duplicates as necessary

*Send completed form to Grand Court Secretary Heroine Chrystalia Blyden with a copy to your District
Deputy Ancient Grand Matron*

Court Name: _____ Court Number: _____ District: _____

Location _____ State _____ Zip: _____

Court Contact Name: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Print Member LastName, First Name	Position	Per Member	√ If Attending Workshop	√ If Attending Appreciation	Total Paid
1.	Most Ancient Matron	\$100.00			
2.	Worthy Joshua	\$ 75.00			
3.	Senior Ancient Matron	\$100.00			
4.	Junior Ancient Matron	\$100.00			
5.	Secretary	\$100.00			
6.	Treasurer	\$100.00			
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TOTALS:					

Please forward this form along with payment to: Your District Deputy for sending to
Grand Court Secretary Heroine Chrystalia Blyden - 249 Park Tree Terrace Apt 1122, Orlando, FL 32825

Make Checks Payable to Most Ancient Union Grand Court HOJ

NOTE: There will be a \$25 Late Fee and Service charge of \$50 for all returned Court checks

_____ Deputy Signature and Date

MOST ANCIENT UNION GRAND COURT
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AWARDS CEREMONY

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Are you a committed member?

Are you supporting Festive Days?

Heroine - Hero - Court of the Year

Are you a team player?

Are you making an impact in your community?

*Showcase your creativity with a scrapbook or
photo presentation of your court's achievements!*

FOR INFORMATION PLEASE CALL:

850-519-5028



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HEROINE – HERO – COURT OF THE YEAR

Court Name & No.: _____ City _____

MAM Name: _____

Nominee's Name: _____ Position in Court _____

Nominated By: _____ Position in Court _____

Tell us about the nominee, community involvement and reason for the nomination. (Use additional sheets if necessary)

Attach two (2) Character Reference Letters (not needed for Court nomination)
Attach Pictures and/or Newspaper Articles.

Only one nomination per form-NOMINATION DEADLINE: AUGUST 10, 2025

Email to:
Heroine Harriet Kelly, Senior Ancient Grand Matron
hlbush85@aol.com



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Jurisdiction of Florida, PHA
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19th Most Ancient Grand Matron

&

The Royal Family Showcases

KING & QUEEN CONTEST

AN EVENING IN

Paris



At Mid-Year Workshop

Friday, September 5, 2025, 7:30p

Heroine Renee Hutchinson, JAGM
reneehoj@gmail.com



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MAUGC HOJ Queen Contestant Information

Name: _____ Years as a Heroine _____
Court Name _____ Court Number _____
Most Ancient Matron Name _____
District Deputy Name _____ District No. _____

BIO

*Please submit the completed form and picture to
HOJQueenContest@gmail.com by **July 14, 2025***



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At Mid-Year Workshop
DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Orlando at SeaWorld
10100 International Drive
Orlando, Florida 32821
407-352-1100
Saturday, September 6, 2025 | 7 p.m.
Evening Colors: Blue, White, & Silver



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Arnold-Peterson-Byrd Scholarship

The **Arnold-Peterson-Byrd** Scholarship Program recognizes students from the State of Florida for their exceptional scholastic achievement and community involvement. Scholarships will be awarded based on academic achievement, leadership qualities, and involvement extracurricular activities, financial need and employment history. Awards are granted without regard to race, creed, color, religion, gender, or national origin. The Most Ancient Union Grand Court will be awarding monetary scholarships, amounting \$1,000 to (3) three deserving high school students to help him/her achieve their dreams of going to college.

Award Information

The award check will be mailed to the scholar. The award is expected to be used for educational expenses: tuition, books, fees, housing, and other costs normally associated with full-time enrollment.

Eligibility Criteria

To be eligible, you must:

- a. Be a State of Florida high school graduate.
- b. Have participated in community or volunteer work/activities.
- c. Have and maintain a cumulative GPA of at least 2.5 (on a 4.0 scale)
- d. Be accepted by an accredited two or four-year College or University, Community College, or Vocational/Technical school.
- e. Submit a completed application, along with a high school transcript,
- f. (3) letters of recommendation. One (1) from a High School Teacher, Community Leader, and
Personal a Reference. The letters of recommendation should include contact information on the individual making the recommendation.

Application Process

Applicants must complete and submit an Arnold-Peterson-Byrd Scholarship Application along with a current official high school transcript, and (3) letters of recommendation to the Most Ancient Union Grand Court Committee on Education. The postmark must bear a date on or before **August 1, 2025**. No applications will be considered after August 1, 2025. **No Exceptions!**

Applications will be evaluated on the information submitted to the Most Ancient Union Grand Court Committee on Education. Only the Committee on Education will review and evaluate applicant's information received.

If you have questions, please contact Heroine Rosa Tucker at 850-459-5224 or via email at r1tuck@aol.com.

Regards,

Sonya Simmons-Brinson

Sonya Simmons-Brinson
Most Ancient Grand Matron

Michael L. Bellamy

Michael L. Bellamy
Most Worthy Grand Joshua



Attest:

Rosa Tucker

Rosa Tucker
Royal Grand Queen

Craig Stafford

Craig Stafford
Royal Grand King





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APPLICATION FOR ARNOLD-PETERSON-BYRD SCHOLARSHIP

How did you receive this scholarship application? (Name/Court) _____

Applicant's Information

Name: _____

• Home Telephone (____) _____ Cellular(____) _____

• Home/Mailing Address _____

1. City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

2. Email Address: _____

3. Date of Birth: Month _____ Day _____ Year _____ Gender: (Circle One) Male or Female

4. Name of High School: _____

5. High School Phone Number: (____) _____

6. City: _____ State _____

7. Principal's Name: _____

8. Expected Graduation Date from High School:
Month _____ Year _____

9. Have you applied for any other awards/scholarships? Yes _____ No _____

(If yes, please state the source and expected amount):

10. Student resides with (Parents/Guardian/Other): _____

11. Name: _____

12. Address: _____

13. City: _____ State _____ Zip code: _____

14. Relationship to Student: _____

15. Occupation: _____

16. Comments/Remarks _____

MAJOR COURSE OF STUDY:

Degree: Bachelor _____ Associate _____ Other _____

Please explain why you choose that major:

ACADEMIC AWARDS OR HONORS RECEIVED: List the name and dates of all academic awards or honors received:

COMMUNITY AWARDS/MEMBERSHIPS OR PROGRAMS: List the name and dates of all community awards, special awards, memberships or programs:

RECOMMENDATION: Applicants must obtain at least three (3) letters of recommendation. One (1) from a High School Teacher, Community Leader and a Personal Reference. The letters of recommendation should include contact information on the individual making the recommendation.

OFFICIAL HIGH SCHOOL TRANSCRIPT: Applicants must submit a current official high school transcript in a school sealed official envelope with scholarship application.

STATEMENT OF UNDERSTANDING: I certify and understand that the above information is true and correct and will only be used by the **Arnold-Peterson-Byrd Scholarship** Committee on Education to determine my eligibility for this monetary Scholarship Award. I understand that my information will be kept in the strictest of confidence. I also understand that my Parents/Guardian's signature is required on this **Arnold-Peterson-Byrd Scholarship** Application.

Applicant's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

Return completed application to the following address No later than August 1, 2025:

Rosa Tucker
Most Ancient Union Grand Court
Committee on Education
1730 Hillgate Court
Tallahassee, Florida 32308

FOR COMMITTEE USE ONLY:

Date Application Received: _____

Signature of Receipt: _____

Application Documentation Confirmed: _____ Date: _____

Application Review Completed: _____ Date: _____

District Deputy or Court Contacted/Comments: _____
