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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

2026 Most Ancient Union Grand Court

144th Annual Grand Session Proclamation

January 5, 2026

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

“Trust in the Lord and do good; so shalt thou dwell in the Lord, and verify thou be fed. Delight thyself also in the Lord: and he shall give thee the desires of thine heart.” Psalm 37: 3-4 (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 Sylvania Jones, 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.

CALL TO ASSEMBLE

By the power vested in me, we, Sonya D. Simmons-Brinson, the 19th Most Ancient Grand Matron and Hero Michael Bellamy, the 19th Most Worthy Grand Joshua, declare the opening of our 144th Annual Grand Convocation on Tuesday April 21, 2016 at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Jacksonville, FL.

LODGING ACCOMMODATIONS

HEADQUARTER HOTEL: Hyatt Regency Jacksonville Riverfront, located at 225 East Coastline Drive, Jacksonville, Florida 32202. Please call (904) 588-1234 or click the link below to make your reservations; please reference the group name “G-MW26.”

<https://www.hyatt.com/events/en-US/group-booking/JAXRJ/G-MW26>

The room rate is **\$129.00** per night plus applicable fees/taxes for single or double room accommodations. The reservation cut-off date is **March 26, 2026**; *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.*

Parking: Discounted self-parking at \$20.00 per day.

Please make your reservations early. To secure your reservation, you will need a major credit card. **PLEASE DO NOT OVERBOOK ROOMS.** The Grand Court will not be responsible for cancellation of charges and/or overbooked rooms.



REGISTRATION

COURT REGISTRATION: Registration fee is \$100.00 and must be received by March 30, 2026. 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 Grand Session. Registration fee for the top (6) officers is required, whether in attendance or not. Late Registration is \$125 per member. **ON-SITE REGISTRATION IS DISCOURAGED!** A fee of \$25 will be strictly enforced for on-site registration. No personal checks will be accepted. Court Checks or Money Orders are the only accepted forms of payment. 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 March 30, 2026.

ATTIRE

FOR GRAND SESSION: Below the knee white dress, suit or skirt set (Long sleeves or $\frac{3}{4}$ sleeves), white stockings, white gloves, white shoes, robes (MAM, SAM, JAM if you have the color of your station). All MAMs please wear long ankle length White Dress/Skirts. Most Ancient Matrons who have served for two years or more may wear a metal crown. If you do not possess a metal crown, a cloth crown is appropriate. Holy Royal Arch Masons please wear attire for Heroes.

Ladies, anyone wearing attire that is too tight or too short will not be permitted. Please dress accordingly.

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

MAUGC HOJ Executive Board Meeting – Wednesday April 15, 2026 @ 7:00 PM via zoom. Link will be sent to Executive Board Members prior to meeting.

DEPUTY'S MEETING

Deputies Meeting – Tuesday April 14, 2026 @ 7:30PM via zoom. Link will be provided prior to meeting.

HOSPITALITY – CODE RED

UNLEASH SOME FUN – BRING YOUR VIBE TO CODE RED!! The Most Excellent Union Grand Chapter HRAM and the Most Ancient Union Grand Court HOJ will have their “**CODE RED**” Hospitality on **Tuesday, April 21st, 2026 at 6:00 p.m.** on-site at the host hotel. This event will include a crab boil, barbeque, spades tournament, dominoes tournament, line dance competition, and a mechanical bull. Companions and Heroines are asked to dress casual with red from head to toe. There will be prizes and giveaways throughout the evening. Turning moments into memories!

SCOOTER RENTAL

HOME ABILITY STORE

Scooter Rental: \$35.00 Daily/ \$160.00 Weekly Rate.
Contact: (904) 999-4705 (to reserve your scooter for Grand Session 2026)
3728 Phillips Highway, Ste 22
Jacksonville, FL 32207



ANNUAL MEMORIAL SERVICE

Annual Memorial Services: Annual Memorial Services and Lodge of Sorrow will be held on Sunday April 19, 2026, in the Hyatt Regency Jacksonville Riverfront East Coastline Drive, Jacksonville, Florida 32202 at 7:00 p.m. The procession and seating will start at 6:30 p.m. for the brothers and sisters. Attendance is mandatory for all Masonic Houses. This tribute allows us to give respect to those who have transitioned from this life, and it is the greatest honor we can give to those who once stood within our ranks.

We pray HOJ continue to thrive, spread love, and grace to all those who join our PHamily and beyond. May we be humble, gentle, and patient; bearing one another in love. We ask God to continue to watch over our PHamily weaving love into our works.

READING OF PROCLAMATION

This communication is to be read in its entirety during each meeting until the commencing of the 144th Annual Grand Convocation and a copy made available to each member via email or regular mail.

Sonya D. Simmons-Brinson

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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**



**2026 Grand Convocation
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 Session	Total Paid
1.	Most Ancient Matron	\$ 100.00		
2.	Worthy Joshua	\$ 80.00		
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

Heroines of Jericho, Florida Jurisdiction, PHA
 Heroine Sonya Simmons-Brinson, Most Ancient Grand Matron
144th Annual Grand Convocation Agenda
 April 19-21, 2026



Date	Time	Event	Location
Sunday, April 19 th	6:30 PM	Grand Lodge Annual Memorial Service	Hyatt Hotel
Monday, April 20 st	1:00 P.M. - 5:00 PM	Registration	Hyatt Hotel
Tuesday April 21, 2026			
Tuesday April 22 nd	9:00 AM	Location: Hyatt Hotel Reception of the PMAGMs/PMWGJs Reception of Department Heads Reception of Visiting Dignitaries Welcome – Host DDAGM Becky Gibbs Response – JAGM Renee Hutchinson Welcome – First Time Attendees – SAGM Harriet Kelly Roll Coll of Grand Court Officers & Courts Reading of the 143 rd Grand Convocation Minutes Grand Court General Account Report Grand Court Treasurer Report CBA Report Audit Report Committee Reports Annual Address MAGM & MWGJ Court Elections & Installations	
	12:00 PM	Lunch - PROVIDED	
	1:30 PM	Re-Convene of Grand Session Committee Reports Committee Appointments Final Remarks & Closing of the 144 th Annual Convocation	
	4:00 PM	HOJ/HRAM Joint Memorial Service	
	6:00 PM	CODE RED HOSPITALITY!!!	