



**Most Excellent Grand Chapter Holy
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"HOLINESS TO THE LORD"

JOSEPH PIERCE JR. - MOST EXCELLENT GRAND HIGH PRIEST

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TO: All Grand Chapter Officers, Present and Past, High Priests, Kings, Scribes, and Companions

Greetings Companions and friends,

As we begin our New Year we're praying for success in all of our endeavors. As I stated in the first communication, "Team Work" coming together is a beginning, Keeping together is progress, and working together is success. Let's keep that in mind as we start our 2016 journey.

By the authority in me vested, I, Joseph Pierce Jr., Most Excellent Grand High Priest of the Most Excellent Grand Chapter Holy Royal Arch Masons of Arkansas do now call our Annual Mid-Year Convocation to be held on March 18th and 19th, 2016, in the great city of Pine Bluff, AR at the Grand Masonic Temple.

Schedule of Events

Friday – March 18th, 2016

5:00 PM - Order of High Priesthood Meeting

5:00 PM - Past Matron/ Past Joshua Meeting – All candidates for degree work need to be there before meeting opens.

7:00 PM– Exaltations and instructional period (Breakout Sessions)

9:00 PM– Hospitality – Hotel

Saturday March 19th, 2016

8:45 AM – Joint Meeting

9:30 AM – Official Opening of Grand Chapter and Grand Court

11:30 – 12:45 Lunch

1:00 – 2:30 Grand Chapter concludes and close

2:45 – 5:00 - Royal and Select (Purple House) – opening, degree work, and conclusion-all new candidates must have applications turned in by March 18th, 2016 and must be in good standing with the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Arkansas, Most Holy Royal Arch Grand Chapter of Arkansas, and Knights Templar Grand Commandery of Arkansas.

7:30 - PM – Banquet –We are asking for everyone's complete support for this fundraiser. Tickets are \$30.00 and each chapter is asked to buy at least (3) tickets. Make checks out to the Grand Guild, Heroines of Templar Crusades.

10:30 – Hospitality – Hotel

Hotel Information

Headquarters hotel will be the Holiday Inn Express 2903 Pines Mall Drive – Pine Bluff, AR 71601 – Inform them that you are with the Royal Arch Masons for our group rate. Rooms are \$ 75.00 plus tax (\$ 85.69) per night. The cut-off date is March 12th, 2016 Phone – (870) 534-1810

Annual Returns

All annual returns will be sent to Grand Secretary Ernest L. Jones, mailing information attached to the letterhead of this communication, by March 18th, 2016.

District Deputy Reports

We will be selecting District Deputy Grand High Priest at our mid-year session.

Registration

All Chapters must register with \$25.00 plus the (3) principal officers of the chapter @ \$10.00 each – minimum total \$55.00. Registration for members attending the session will be \$10.00 and we are asking everyone to pre-register with your chapter by March 18th, 2016. Make checks payable to: **Grand Chapter (HRAM) of Arkansas – PHA**

Dues/ New Membership

Dues are 15.00 per man on current rosters. New member fee is \$40.00. Please mail all dues with paper work and all registrations with payments to Grand Secretary/ Treasurer of Relief: Thomas Brown Sr. – 2906 E Harding Ave, Pine Bluff AR 71601.

Elections

All elections should be held by March 15th, 2016. Please contact Deputy Grand High Priest Christopher Miller for instructions to holding your elections. **All New High Priests must receive their Order of High Priesthood Degree on Friday March 18th to take office.** 2016 officers take their official seat on April 1, 2016. Elected High Priests that have not received this degree will not take the chair and the past High Priest will retain the office until he can receive the necessary degree.

Potluck

Deputy Grand High Priest Christopher Miller is the Point of Contact for our potluck.

Dress

Friday – Casual

Saturday – Any combination of Red and White – of course Masonic dress is always in order!

We are hoping to see you all there for the Mid Year session and may God keep you until we meet again.

Fraternally Submitted,

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Joseph Pierce Jr.