



# Jerusalem Grand Chapter



## Order of the Eastern Star State of Florida & Jurisdiction, Prince Hall Affiliated

Working under the protection of  
The Most Worshipful Union Grand Lodge of Florida  
& Belize, Central America and St. John, U.S. Virgin Islands, Inc.

The Honorable Jeffery G. Jones  
The 19<sup>th</sup> Most Worshipful Grand Master

**December 23, 2024**

### PROCLAMATION 2025 ANNUAL GRAND CHAPTER SESSION

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*"I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the Lord.  
Our feet shall stand within thy gates, O' Jerusalem." Psalm 122: 1-2*

### THIS PROCLAMATION IS TO BE READ IN ITS ENTIRETY AT EVERY CHAPTER MEETING UNTIL THE EVENT PASSES!

O' Jerusalem....Season's Greetings, Happy Kwanzaa, and Happy New Year!

It is my prayer that this communication finds you all in good health and spirit!

By the power and authority vested in us, we, Grand Worthy Matron Sis. Dr. Tracy A. Thomas, and Grand Worthy Patron Bro. Raymond Cromartie, Jr., of the Jerusalem Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, PHA, Florida and its Jurisdiction, do hereby summons **ALL** Grand Officers (Elected & Appointed), Past Grand Worthy Matrons, Past Grand Worthy Patrons, Worthy Matrons (Past and Present), Worthy Patrons (Past and Present), and all members of our beloved Order of the Eastern Star, to assemble for our 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Grand Chapter Session to be held **Friday, April 18 thru Monday, April 21, 2025** at the Hyatt Regency Orlando International Orlando Drive, 9801 International Dr., Orlando, Florida 32819.

**THEME:** "Faithful Service, Enduring Legacy"

### REGISTRATION:

Registration is **\$80.00** per person from **December 5, 2024 – February 29, 2025** (This will be strictly enforced). Late Registration is **\$100.00** per person from **March 1, 2024 – March 17, 2024**. Onsite Registration is **\$125.00** per person (badge and or bag are not guaranteed for late and on-site registrations!)

Each chapter must register the eight (8) principal officers: **Worthy Matron, Worthy Patron, Associate Matron, Associate Patron, Conductress, Associate Conductress, Treasurer, and Secretary whether in attendance or not**. The Worthy Matron must be present for the roll call of officers throughout the session. (**Please note:** If one of the required positions is held by a senior member or life member, the member is still required to register).



*\*Life Members* are exempt from registration fees ONLY IF THEY HAVE PAID THEIR REQUIRED MAINTENANCE FEE OF \$25.00 and \$14.00 for TEMPLE TAX.

#### **REGISTRATION CONTINUED:**

*\*Senior Stars* are exempt from registration fees ONLY IF THEY HAVE PAID THEIR REQUIRED ANNUAL TEMPLE TAX OF \$14.00, and their name has been received in the Office of the Grand Secretary prior **February 28, 2025**. Please do not register a Senior Star if they are not attending.

*\*Make chapter checks, money orders, or cashier's checks payable to **Jerusalem Grand Chapter**.*

Please mail the completed registration form along with the required payment to: **JERUSALEM GRAND CHAPTER**, and mail to:

**Sis. Temekee Armstrong  
Grand Session Registration  
P.O. Box 43480  
Jacksonville, Florida 32203**

Please email a copy of your registration form to the Grand Recordress, Sis. Latisha Jackson at [Jerusalemgrandrec2024@gmail.com](mailto:Jerusalemgrandrec2024@gmail.com).

**ACCOMODATIONS:** The headquarter hotel is the Hyatt Regency Orlando, located at 9801 International Dr. Orlando, Florida 32819. The room rate is **\$129.00** per night (plus \$5 resort fee), with discounted self-parking at \$15 per day. The hotel's reservation phone number is (402) 593-5048. When calling the Reservation Desk, please indicate that you are booking a room under the block for "**G-MWUG**". You may begin calling the Reservation Desk now and continue through **March 20, 2025**.

**PASS KEY:** The Pass Key for the 2025 Annual Grand Session is below. Please copy and paste the hyperlink below into your URL browser: <https://www.hyatt.com/en-US/group-booking/MCORO/G-MWUG>

This special rate cannot be guaranteed after March 20, 2025. Do not wait until the last minute to book your room, and please do not overbook rooms and expect to cancel them at the last minute. **If you hold up excess rooms until 72 hours before your arrival date, you will be required to pay one night's room rate for each of the excess rooms you are holding and do not need.** The Grand Lodge nor the Grand Chapter will cover this late cancellation fee, and it will be charged to your credit card. Cancelled rooms after the cutoff date are not returned to our block and negate another members' opportunity to reserve a room at the group rate.

**LOCATION OF THE GRAND SESSION:** The Ritualistic Opening will be conducted by the elected Grand Officers of The Jerusalem Grand Chapter and the Emblem Presentation will be done by Wabasso Friendly Chapter #131 on Saturday, April 19, 2025, at 8:00 AM, at the Hyatt Hotel. Visiting Jurisdictions and Department Heads will be received at 10:00 AM.

**ATTIRE FOR GRAND SESSION:** The guidelines for the proper dress are outlined in Jerusalem Grand Chapter Constitution and Bylaws, Article XII, Section 1. Reminder, Worthy Matrons and Past Worthy Matrons are to wear ankle length skirts or dresses, while subordinate chapter members' skirts or dresses are to be at least "tea-length." Members are not to have silver or gold adornments such as buttons, sparkles, etc.... and all must wear white undergarments. ***Worthy Matrons, you are ultimately responsible for the presentation of your chapter and your members.*** Members who are not properly dressed will NOT be allowed into the session! No refunds will be given.



**WORTHY IN WHITE WALK:** O' Jerusalem!! As a tradition set by this administration, ALL able members, at ALL levels of mobility, are invited to join GWM Tracy A. Thomas for a morning POWER walk. We will meet and walk EVERY morning (Sat., Sun., & Mon.). Meet in the lobby at 6:00 AM for Morning Prayer, Devotion, and our POWER Walk! Please wear a WHITE OES tee shirt (to assist with visibility).

**ADMINISTRATIVE DEGREE & DDGWM/DDGWP APPRECIATION LUNCHEON:** On Friday, April 18, 2025, starting promptly at 11:00 AM, the Administrative Degree will be given by GAM Bolden and GAP Bess for all newly elected Worthy Matrons and Worthy Patrons. Please submit your Administrative Degree Application and fee of \$25 along with your Chapter registration. Immediately following, all Worthy Matrons and Worthy Patrons are invited to join us in celebrating our District Deputy Grand Worthy Matrons and District Deputy Grand Worthy Patrons. ***\*To attend, you MUST be in possession of the Administrative Degree!!!***

**OES DEGREE** will be performed by Morning Star Chapter #75 on Friday, April 18, 2025, at 2:00 PM. If you have candidates that have been investigated, voted on and approved by your Chapter, they are eligible to receive the degree. Send all the required forms (Petition for Membership, Designation of Beneficiary, No Hazing Form, and Annual Return Form) and the appropriate fees, no later than **February 28, 2025**, to:

**Sis. Temekee Armstrong  
Grand Session Registration  
P.O. Box 43480  
Jacksonville, Florida 32203**

*\*Make chapter checks, money orders, or cashier's checks payable to **Jerusalem Grand Chapter**. All candidates are to be present by 1:45 PM.* The new Sisters and Brothers can attend the Grand Session for a registration fee of **\$50.00**, which must be included with the petition. All female candidates are to be dressed in uninterrupted white, while male candidates should be dressed in masonic black and white. *(Due to COVID-19 guidelines, space will be limited. Therefore, only candidates and members of the degree team will be admitted.)*

**QUEEN CONTEST:** The Annual Queen's Contest will be held on Friday, April 18, 2025, starting promptly at **7:00 PM** (doors will open at 6:30 PM). Our goal is \$100,000.00+ and together, we can make this happen!!!

Our theme: ***"Hawaiian Luau"***.

*\*If you have any outstanding monies or financial contributions to this effort, you may remit your funds through your respective Zone Coordinator or report them on Friday evening to Grand Secretary Temekee Armstrong and Grand Treasurer Lira M. Latimer between 1:00 PM – 5:00 PM. They will be set up in the Grand Worthy Matron's Suite.*

*\*Remember, each chapter is responsible for a **minimal** contribution of \$50.00 per member (\$25.00 per Senior Star)!!!*

Immediately following our ***"Hawaiian Luau"*** Queen Contest, the Most Worshipful Union Grand Lodge will be sponsoring an evening of social fun and excitement for the Jurisdiction. This event will be free to all attendees and will be held in conjunction with the Hawaiian Luau.

**MWGM's Testimonial:** On **Saturday, April 19, 2025**, get ready for a night to remember as we celebrate and honor our Most Worshipful Grand Master. This will be the Testimonial Celebration for the Honorable Jeffery G. Jones, 19<sup>th</sup> MWGM of our great Jurisdiction. The color theme for this Testimonial Gala is black and gold. Men's attire for the event will be formal black tuxedo or black tails. Those in tails should plan to wear white accessories including white tie, white vest or cummerbund, with



white button studs. Ladies may wear their favorite color formal gown. **Doors will open promptly at 6:00 PM. The entrance of the Grand Master will be at 7:00 PM.**

**PRAYER BREAKFAST:** Our Annual Prayer Breakfast will be Sunday Morning, April 20, 2025, at 7:00 AM, where the OES Chapter of Sorrow will be performed by A.T. Stafford Chapter #117. Full regalia is required. Following breakfast, we will join our brothers of the MWUGL of Florida for Worship Service. Bring your Bible, your tambourine, and shouting shoes!!!

**MEMORIAL SERVICE:** The Annual Memorial Service will be held on Sunday, April 20, 2025, in the Hyatt Regency Orlando, 9801 International Dr. Orlando, Florida 32819 (Windemere Ballroom Y-Z) at **7:00 PM**. Memorial regalia and attendance is required for all sisters and brothers. The procession and seating will start at **6:30 PM**.

**READING OF THE PROCLAMATION:** Worthy Matrons, Worthy Patrons, and Secretaries, please see that this Proclamation is read in full at all regular chapter meetings leading up to the 2024 Annual Grand Session for the Jerusalem Grand Chapter.

**ATTENDANCE TO JERUSALEM GRAND CHAPTER ACTIVITIES:**

We are grateful for the work and efforts of the Grand Masonic Medical Team in keeping us all safe, as we continue to navigate the global pandemic. Please be advised that COVID-19 Guidelines and Protocol will be strictly enforced! All people attending any activities during Grand Session must be prepared to:

1. Present the completed COVID-19 documentation (located on MWUGL of FL website).
2. Have a temperature check prior to admittance to any function
3. Must have facial mask or covering, if required.

**NOTICE: UNTIL THE MOST WORSHIPFUL GRAND MASTER HAS DEEMED IT SAFE, THE MWUGL JURISDICTIONAL COVID PROTOCOLS REMAIN IN EFFECT. THE ACTIVITIES OUTLINED IN THIS COMMUNICATION ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE DUE TO THE IMPACTS OF COVID-19 AND/OR ANY CHANGE TO THE CDC'S COVID-19 REGULATIONS IN THE FUTURE. IF THESE PROTOCOLS ARE RELAXED, NOTICE WILL BE GIVEN PRIOR TO YOUR ARRIVAL.**

Worthy In White (Rev. 3: 4-5),



Dr. Tracy A. Thomas  
The 3<sup>rd</sup> & The 5<sup>th</sup>  
Grand Worthy Matron



CC: Honorable Jeffery G. Jones, 19<sup>th</sup> Most Worshipful Grand Master  
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Sis. Renee Bolden, Grand Associate Matron  
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Sis. Bernice McFadden, Grand Conductress  
Sis. Bridgette Howell, Grand Associate Conductress  
Sis. Lira M. Latimer, Grand Treasurer  
Sis. Temekee L. Armstrong, Grand Secretary  
Min. Alma R. Cornish, Past Grand Worthy Matron  
Sis. Patricia A. Stafford, Past Grand Worthy Matron



Sis. Thelma Maxie, Past Grand Worthy Matron  
Bro. Leanders Harvey, Past Grand Worthy Patron  
Sis. Sonya Brinson, Most Ancient Grand Matron  
Sis. Rose Anne Brown, Royal Grand Perfect Matron  
Sis. Gail Works, Grand Princess Captain  
Sis. Asia McMillian, State Grand Loyal Lady Ruler  
RW Gus Harris, Jr., Deputy Grand Master  
RW Kendall T. Moore, Senior Grand Warden  
RW Marlon S. Honeywell, Junior Grand Warden  
RW Melvin F. Wright, Grand Treasurer  
RW Tommie Wright, Grand Secretary





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## 2025 Annual Grand Session Registration Form

(Please email a copy of your registration form to the Grand Recordress, Sis. Latisha Jackson at [Jerusalemgrandrec2024@gmail.com](mailto:Jerusalemgrandrec2024@gmail.com))

Chapter Name and Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Please print or type all required information!)

Member's Name	Officers Titles	8 Principal Officers at \$80.00 each	Members at \$80.00 each	Late Registration at \$100.00	Life Member and/or Senior Star Sister Exempt	Attending (Y/N)
1	Worthy Matron					
2	Worthy Patron					
3	Associate Matron					
4	Associate Patron					
5	Conductress					
6	Associate Conductress					
7	Treasurer					
8	Secretary					
9	Member					
10	Member					
11	Member					
12	Member					
13	Member					
14	Member					
15	Member					
<b>TOTALS</b>		\$	\$	\$	<b>EXEMPT</b>	

Make Chapter Check, Money Order, or Cashier's Check Payable to **JERUSALEM GRAND CHAPTER**

*\*Personal checks will not be accepted.*

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Return Grand Session Registration Form(s) and Payment to:

**Sis. Temekke Armstrong**  
**Grand Session Chapter Registration**  
**P.O. Box 43480**  
**Jacksonville, Florida 32203**  
**Office of the Grand Secretary**

**DEADLINE: February 28, 2025**  
**This form may be duplicated for use!**





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2025 Order of the Eastern Star Degree Initiates  
Please email a copy to the Grand Recordress, Sis. Latisha Jackson at  
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*(Please print or type all required information)*

Chapter Name and Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Worthy Matron: \_\_\_\_\_

Attending Grand Session	All Fees	All Paperwork	Sister or Brother	Member's Name
\$	\$	\$		Totals

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Return Degree Application Form(s) and payment to:

**Sis. Temekee Armstrong**

## OES Degree Application

**P.O. Box 43480**

**Jacksonville, Florida 32203**

**Deadline: February 28, 2025**

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