

**THE MOST EXCELLENT PRINCE HALL GRAND CHAPTER
HOLY ROYAL ARCH MASON
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**FROM THE OFFICE OF THE MOST EXCELLENT GRAND HIGH PRIEST
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Proclamation #1

To: All Elected and Appointed Officers, Past Grand High Priest, Most Excellent High Priests, Officers and Companions of Most Excellent Prince Hall Grand Chapter of Holy Royal Arch Masons:

Greetings,

By the power vested in me, pursuant to Section IV of the Constitution and General Laws for the Most Excellent Prince Hall Grand Chapter, Holy Royal Arch Masons, State of Washington and Its Jurisdiction.

I, Robert D. Cassidy, Most Excellent Grand High Priest, hereby call, Past Grand High Priests, R.E. Deputy Grand High Priest, R.E. Grand King, R.E. Grand Scribe, R.E. Grand Secretary, R.E. Grand Treasurer, all elected and appointed Grand Chapter Officers, Excellent High Priests, Excellent Kings, Excellent Scribes of the Most Excellent Prince Hall Grand Chapter, Holy Royal Arch Masons of Washington Jurisdiction to meet in our 14th Annual Session on July 16, 2009. Commencement will start proximately at 8:00 a.m. with the opening of a chapter of Royal Arch Masons by the host Chapter. The location of our Annual Session will be held at:

Red Lion at the Park
303 W. North River Drive
Spokane, Washington 99201
Tel: 1 (800) 733-5466 Internet: www.redlion.com/park

Individual registration for the conference is \$60.00 in advance and \$75.00 for registration after June 2, 2009. Additional Banquet Tickets are \$40.00. Registration forms and other information are posted on our website at <http://www.hram-wa.org>. Forms should be mailed to the York Rite Entertainment Committee, c/o James "Rocky" Dallas @ 7824 Phillips Road SW, Lakewood, WA 98498.

Pursuant to Section V, Every Chapter of Royal Arch Masons under this Jurisdiction shall be represented in the Grand Chapter at all Convocations of the Grand Chapter. The High Priest, King and Scribe shall act as representatives of their Chapter in person or by a proxy; who must be a Companion of said Chapter. No High Priest, King, Scribe, or Companion shall be entitled to act as proxy other than for the Chapter he is a member. The proxy shall carry no more than three votes unless the carrier of the proxy is a Past High Priest which will then entitle him to an additional vote as a Past High Priest.

Pursuant to Section VIII, If any Chapter under this Jurisdiction shall fail to assemble once a year, or shall fail to be represented in this Grand Chapter for two years in succession, or shall fail for one year without special permission from Grand Chapter to make return or to pay dues required by Section VI and VII, then in either case of delinquency, the said Chapters shall forfeit to the use of the Grand Chapter its Charter with its records, jewels, clothing, furniture, and together with its monetary and all other property of every description.

By-Laws: Each Chapter is requested to send in a copy of their By-Laws for the Grand Secretary records no later than June 3, 2009. If there are changes to be made please submit all changes to the By-Laws committee no later than June 3, 2009.

Annual Report Forms: Each Chapter will complete the Annual Report Form (website). Please duplicate three copies: (1) for your records, (1) for the Most Excellent Grand High Priest and (1) for the R.E. Grand Secretary. These forms need to be postmarked by June 3, 2009.

Audit Report: Each Chapter will send a copy of this year's audit report. Please send two copies (1) for the Audit Committee, (2) for the Most Excellent Grand High Priest. These report need to be received by June 3, 2009. The period of the report will be from June 08 to May 09.

Deceased Members: Please submit the names of all Companions from your Chapter who have passed during the time frames of June 1, 2008 – May 30, 2009. Information should be sent by June 3, 2009.

Past High Priest Degree: The Past High Priest Degree will only be given at the Grand Convocation and will be on July 15, 2009. This is mandatory for all sitting High Priest; there is no fee for this degree. The fees for all other degrees are as follows:

Honorary High Priest: \$250.00

Honorary Grand High Priest: \$500.00

Chapter's Property: Each chapter will send a complete list of all property belonging to the Chapter. Please ensure this report is sent to the office of the Grand Secretary and a copy to the Most Excellent Grand High Priest. This report is needed for accountability purposes.

District Deputies' Report: Each District Deputy is required to submit their annual report covering the period of June 08 to May 09. A copy of the report will be posted on the website. In addition, all District Deputies Grand High Priests will ensure that they have a copy of all reports submitted by their district to this Grand Body and that all reports has been sent and receive by this Grand Body.

All **funds** due to the Most Excellent Prince Hall Grand Chapter, Holy Royal Arch Masons of Washington Jurisdiction must be paid to the **Office of the Grand Secretary** by June 20, 2009 in order to count as **current** at Convocation. Any money received after this date will be listed on next quarter's report.

This Proclamation should be given the widest possible dissemination and will be read at each meeting until the start of the Convocation.

All Companions of the Most Excellent Prince Hall Grand Chapter, Holy Royal Arch Masons are cordially invited to attend.

Given under my hand and seal of the Most Excellent Prince Hall Grand Chapter, Holy Royal Arch Mason, Washington Jurisdiction, this 2nd Day of December, A.D. 2008 and A.I. 2538.

Robert D. Cassidy
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Most Excellent Grand High Priest

