

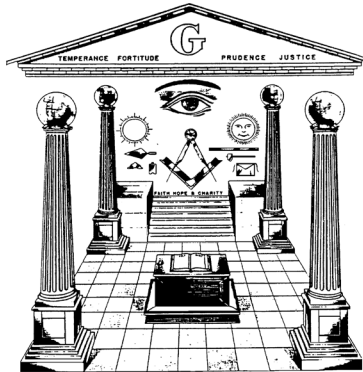
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PROCLAMATION

2024

THE ORIGINAL GENERAL GRAND MASONIC CONGRESS OF GRAND MASTERS

ANCIENT FREE AND ACCEPTED MASON OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, INC.:



JOHN V. THORNTON MIDWINTER CONFERENCE

BRIDGING THE GAP PART XIII

MARCH 20, 2024, THRU MARCH 23, 2024

Double Tree Hotel by Hilton

Chicago-Oak Brook

1909 Spring Road, Oak Brook, IL 60523

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RE: John Vernon Thornton Mid-Winter Conference

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PROCLAMATION

9 God *is* faithful, by whom ye were called unto the fellowship of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

10 Now I beseech you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye all speak the same thing, and *that* there be no divisions among you; but *that* ye be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment.

11 For it hath been declared unto me of you, my brethren, by them *which are of the house* of Chloe, that there are contentions among you.

12 Now this I say, that every one of you saith, I am of Paul; and I of Apollos; and I of Cephas; and I of Christ.

13 Is Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you? or were ye baptized in the name of Paul? Corinthians 1: 9-13

TO: All M.W. Grand Lodges, M.W. Grand Masters, R.W. Dep. Grand Masters, R.W. Grand Senior, and Junior Wardens, Past and Present. Officers of the Original General Grand Masonic Congress of Grand Masters of the United States of America and Canada, Inc.:

GREETINGS:

In accordance with Article 8, of the Constitution and By-Laws of The Original General Grand Masonic - Congress of Grand Masters, and by the Power and Authority vested in me I, Honorable Charles J. Clarke 33°, "The President General" do hereby call the above named Masonic Congress from refreshment to labor in its **JOHN VERNON THORNTON MID-WINTER CONFERENCE**, to convene in Oak Brooks, IL **March 20, thru 24, 2024.**

GENERAL HEADQUARTERS HOTEL

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By Hilton, Chicago-Oak Brooks
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RE: JOHN VERNON THORNTON MID-WINTER CONFERENCE

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RESERVATIONS

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Phone No. 630-472-6000

Please make your reservation directly to the hotel:

ROOM RATES: Single, Double, - \$125.00 triple & Quads \$135 + tax. Breakfast included. A one (1) night advance deposit is required to hold your reservation. (s). **Please call (630) 472-6000: RESERVATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BEFORE 6:00 PM EST, FEBUNARY 14, 2024.**

Registration Fee is **\$125.00** per person, this includes a Journal, Badge, Friday Night Social, and Saturday Evening Banquet, **however; non-registered guests and attendees will be charged a fee of \$25.00 for the Friday Night Social and \$65.00 for the Saturday Night Banquet.** Please make checks or money orders payable to: Most Worshipful United Grand Lodge, and forward to: Most Worshipful United Grand Lodge A.F. & A.M. of IL.

GROUND TRANSPORTATION

Ground Transportation from O'Hare \$40.00 round trip. Midway \$50.00 round trip

Dialysis Centers:

US Renal Care Oak Brook	1201 Butterfield Road suite B, Downers Groves, IL 60515	800-550-9664
Nxstage Kidney Care Oak Brook	1600 W. 16 th St. Oak Brook, IL 60523	630-475-4340 ref# 302534
FMC Downers Groves	3825 Highland Ave, Downers Groves, IL	630-964-9414 ref#100333

MID-WINTER CONFERENCE AGENDA

THURSDAY: MARCH 21, 2024:

Grand Master's Council Meeting
Grand Matrons Meeting
Supreme Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons Workshop:
Supreme Grand Court, Heroine of Jericho Workshop:

Registration 8:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M.

8:30 A. M. to Noon
9:00 A. M. to Noon
2:00 P.M. to 4:00 P. M.
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FRIDAY: MARCH 22, 2024:

Joint Meeting M. Congress & S. G. Chapter:
S. Grand Patrons, O. E. S. Workshop:
Masonic Congress Special Session:
Lunch:
State Night

Registration 8:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.

8:00 A.M.
10:00 A.M. to 12:00 Noon
11:00 A.M.
12:00 P.M to 1:30 P.M.
7:00 PM until 11:30 PM

SATURDAY, MARCH 23, 2024:

Joint Meeting M. Congress & S. G. Chapter:
Masonic Congress reconvenes
Lunch
Congress workshop, President General
L.H. Bostick Banquet (after 6:00 Attire):

Registration 8:00 A.M. to 10:00 A.M.

8:30 A.M.
10:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M.
12 Noon to 1:30
1:30 P.M. to 4:00 P.M.
7:00 P.M. Until...

MASONIC CONGRESS MEETINGS AGENDA

01. Opening ceremonies
02. Roll call of Grand Lodges and M. Congress Officers
03. Reading of the Masonic Congress Proclamation
04. Reading of minutes of previous communication
05. Reading of appointed Masonic Congress Committees
06. Masonic Congress Workshop
07. Remarks: Grand Masonic Congress Officers and Members
08. Remarks: Affiliated Supreme Department Officers
09. Closing Ceremonies

This Masonic Congress may be called into special session at any time during this Mid-Winter Conference to consider any and all matters that may affect its welfare.

ELIGIBILITY TO ATTEND THE MID-WINTER CONFERENCE

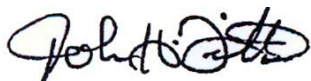
Grand Masters, Past Grand Masters, Deputy Grand Masters, Past Deputy Grand Masters, Senior and Junior Grand Wardens, Past Senior and Junior Grand Wardens, and present and past Grand Secretaries and Treasurers, Supreme Departments Heads past and present and all Master Masons:

All members of this Masonic Congress are expected to make every effort to attend this Mid-Winter Conference in full Masonic regalia of the Order.

COVID: (1) For the General Meetings, COVID guidelines will be strictly followed: (2) Those who have medical conditions that prevent them from being vaccinated; the six feet rule will apply: (3) I highly encourage all Grand Masters and Grand Matrons to get vaccinated. (4) Only vaccinated offices will be able to attend the Masonic Congress and Supreme Grand Chapter Staff meeting. It is time as leaders that we must step up and help our community to get vaccinated. I highly encourage you to help.

In witness whereof, I have set my hand and caused the great seal of the Original General Grand Masonic Congress of Grand Masters, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of the United States of America and Canada, Inc., to be affixed this 29th day of October 2023 A. D. - A. L. 6023 in the City of Chicago, County of Cook, and the State of Illinois

FRATERNALLY,



HON. JOHN H. FITTS, 33°
"THE SECRETARY GENERAL"



HON. CHARLES J. CLARKE, 33°
"THE PRESIDENT GENERAL"