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2025 Lodge of Perfection Meetings

Clarksdale, 1st Tuesday of each month

Mar 4, Apr 1, May 6, Jun 3, Jul 1, Aug 5, Sep 2,
Oct 7, Nov 4

Corinth, 2nd Thursday of each month

Jan 9, Feb 13, Mar 13*, Apr 10, May 8, Jun 12,
Jul 10, Aug 14, Sep 11, Oct 9, Nov 13, Dec 11

Gulfport, 3rd Friday of each month

Jan 17, Feb 21, Mar 21, Apr 18, May 16, Jun 20,
Jul 18, Aug 15, Sep 19, Oct 17, Nov 21, Dec 18

Hattiesburg, 1st Friday of each month

Jan 3, Feb 7, Mar 7, Apr 4, May 2, Jun 6,
Jul 4*, Aug 1, Sep 5, Oct 3, Nov 7, Dec 5

Jackson, 1st Tuesday of each month

Jan 7, Feb 4, Mar 4, Apr 1, May 6, Jun 3,
Jul 1, Aug 5, Sep 2, Oct 7, Nov 4, Dec 2

Meridian, 1st Thursday of each month

Jan 2, Feb 6, Mar 6, Apr 3, May 1, Jun 5,
Jul 3, Aug 7, Sep 4, Oct 2, Nov 6, Dec 4

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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Friday, October 3, 2025

1:00 pm	Lodge Set-up <i>**Volunteers Needed**</i>	Cadence Bank Center <i>Meet in hotel lobby @ 1 pm</i>
3:30 pm	Registration Opens	Hilton Garden Inn Walnut Room
3:30 – 5:30 pm	Meet and Greet	Hilton Garden Inn Walnut Room
5:00 pm	KCCH Team Practice	Magnolia/Oak Room - Cadence
6:30 pm	33° IGH Team Practice	Magnolia/Oak Room - Cadence
Evening	Dinner on your own	

Saturday, October 4, 2025

8:00 am	Registration Opens	Cadence Bank Center Corridor
8:30 am	33° IGH Candidates Meet	Magnolia/Oak Room - Cadence
	33° IGH Team Assembles	Magnolia/Oak Room
9:15 – 11:00 am	33° Coronation Degree (<i>Closed</i>)	Magnolia/Oak Room
11:00 am	Professional Pictures to be Taken	Magnolia/Oak Room
11:45 am	Luncheon Doors to Open (<i>Ticket Required</i>)	Sweetgum Room - Cadence
1:00 pm	32° KCCH Degree Candidates Meet	Magnolia/Oak Room - Cadence
	32° KCCH Degree Team Assembles	Magnolia/Oak Room
1:30 – 3:00 pm	32° KCCH Investiture (<i>Open</i>) (<i>Pictures to follow</i>)	Magnolia/Oak Room
4:45 – 5:30 pm	Social & Pictures	Cadence Bank Center Corridor
5:30 – 7:30 pm	Honour's Banquet (<i>Ticket Required</i>)	Sweetgum Room - Cadence

LADIES SCHEDULE

Saturday, October 4, 2025

8:00 am	Royal Order of Mushroom Degree	Hilton Garden Inn Walnut Room
8:30 – apx 11:00 am	Breakfast and Activity	Hilton Garden Inn Walnut Room

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EVENT CALENDAR

Mon Sep 1 - Labor Day
Tue Sep 2 - Valley of Clarksdale Stated
Tue Sep 2 - Valley of Jackson Stated
Thu Sep 4 - Valley of Meridian Stated
Fri Sep 5 - Valley of Hattiesburg Stated
Sat Sep 6 - Valley of Gulfport Breakfast

Thu Sep 11 - Valley of Corinth Stated
Fri Sep 19 - Valley of Gulfport Family Night
Sat Sep 20 - Congressional School -
Lexington #24
Mon Sep 22 - Rosh Hashanah
Sat Sep 27 - Water Valley YR Festival

Wed Oct 1 - Yom Kippur
Thu Oct 2 - Valley of Meridian Stated
Fri Oct 3 - Valley of Hattiesburg Stated
Sat Oct 4 - Orient Honors Weekend
Sat Oct 4 - Congressional School -
Corinth #116
Tue Oct 7 - Valley of Clarksdale Stated
Tue Oct 7 - Valley of Jackson Stated
Thu Oct 9 - Valley of Corinth Stated
Sat Oct 11 - Valley of Gulfport Reunion

Mon Oct 13 - Columbus Day
Fri Oct 17 - Valley of Gulfport Open
Meeting
Sat Oct 18 - Valley of Meridian Reunion
Fri/Sat Oct 24-25 - Valley of Corinth
Reunion
Sat Oct 25 - Congressional School -
R.P. Bowen #430
Fri Oct 31 - Halloween

Sat Nov 1 - Valley of Jackson Reunion
Sat Nov 1 - Valley of Gulfport Breakfast
Sun Nov 2 - Daylight Saving Time Ends
Tue Nov 4 - Valley of Clarksdale Stated
Tue Nov 4 - Valley of Jackson Stated
Thu Nov 6 - Valley of Meridian Stated
Fri Nov 7 - Valley of Hattiesburg Stated

Sat Nov 8 - Joppa & Hamasa Ceremonials
Tue Nov 11 - Veterans Day
Thu Nov 13 - Valley of Corinth Stated
Sat Nov 15 - Congressional School -
Circle #638
Thu Nov 27 - Thanksgiving

Tue Dec 2 - Valley of Jackson Stated
Thu Dec 4 - Valley of Meridian Stated
Fri Dec 5 - Valley of Hattiesburg Stated
Sat Dec 6 - Wahabi Ceremonial
Sat Dec 6 - Valley of Gulfport Breakfast

Thu Dec 11 - Valley of Corinth Stated
Sat Dec 20 - St. Leonard RC
Thu Dec 25 - Christmas Day
Sat Dec 27 - Feast of St. John
Wed Jan 1 - New Year's Day



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