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PROCLAMATION MFW-2026-001

To the Vice Ancient Grand Matron – Heroine Celestine Travis, Worthy Grand Joshua – Knight Charles V. Williams, III, Past Most Ancient Grand Matrons, Past Most Worthy Grand Joshua(s), All Grand Officers Present and Past, Most Ancient Matrons, Most Worthy Joshua(s) Heroines and Knights -

Greetings!

Pursuant to Article IV, Section 2 of the Constitution and By-Laws of the Most Ancient Prince Hall Grand Court Heroines of Jericho, State of Ohio, and by the power and authority in me vested as the Most Ancient Grand Matron, know ye, that I, M. Francine Washington do hereby proclaim that the 51st Annual Grand Convocation of the Most Ancient Prince Hall Grand Court Heroines of Jericho shall convene **Friday, April 24, 2026 through Sunday, April 26, 2026 at the Quality Inn & Suites Richfield, 4742 Brecksville Rd., Richfield, OH 44286.**

I do further proclaim that the Annual Convocation will be officially opened at 8:30 A. M. on April 26, 2026. The Vice Ancient Grand Matron, Heroine Celestine Travis shall open the session. The Vice Ancient Grand Matron shall be assisted by the Worthy Grand Lecturer, Heroine Lucille Sherrill. The Most Ancient Grand Matron shall be received immediately following the opening.

Devotions will be led by the Worthy Grand Chaplain, Knight Villani J. Thomas beginning promptly at 8:00 A.M. April 26, 2026. He shall be assisted by Worthy Chaplain of the Subordinate Courts.

For hotel reservations, call the Quality Inn directly at (234) 346-9540, under the group name: RAM/HOJ, or simply click the link below:

2026 Grand Convocation Hotel Accommodations

Room rates are \$99 plus tax per night. This rate includes the breakfast buffet. Reservations for rooms at this exclusive rate must be made by April 2, 2026.

****Should you need to cancel the reservation, contact the hotel directly.****

Registration: Registration to attend Grand Convocation is \$50.00. Registration for the Past Most Ancient Grand Matrons and Past Most Worthy Grand Joshua(s) is \$20.00. Grand Chairman of Registration is Heroine Marva Jordan (216) 571-4053). Registration forms will be sent by Heroine Jordan. **Deadline for registration is April 10, 2026.** All Heroines and Knights in good standing are encouraged to register and attend.

Credentials: The chairperson for Credentials is Heroine Leatrice Sellers, PMAM, #5. Check in with credentials upon arrival at the convocation just after checking in with registration.

Representation: The Most Ancient Matrons shall provide proper representation for their various courts. Vice Ancient Matrons, Worthy Joshua's, Vice Joshua's are expected to represent their offices. Voting is a privilege and a responsibility. Most Ancient Matrons are to ensure that all members receive this proclamation prior to March 1, 2026. All are encouraged to attend.

Reports: Committee Chairpersons, submit your reports to the Worthy Grand Secretary. If your report does not require monetary discussion, it shall be sent to the Worthy Grand Secretary by April 8, 2026. Reports discussing funds shall be submitted in triplicate at the Convocation to: MAGM; Worthy Grand Secretary; Worthy Grand Assistant Secretary.

Sick and Relief: Vice Ancient Grand Matron will be accompanied by Vice Ancient Matrons of each Subordinate Court with their respective reports for the months of February and March 2026. Submit written reports to the Vice Ancient Grand Matron by April 10, 2026.

Ways & Means (Queen's Contest): Heroine Celestine Travis, Vice Ancient Grand Matron shall send communications to all Courts requesting participation in this fundraiser. All Vice Ancient Matrons or their representatives are Queen contestants.

Student Assistance: Heroine Mona Atley is the Chairperson and will send communications with details and deadlines. Heroines and Knights shall do all we can to find students to assist.

Convocation Journal: Chairperson is Heroine Geneva Ellis, Worthy Grand Senior Attendant, shall send a letter out for your support and participation.

Heroine & Knight of the Year: Chairperson is Heroine Jacqueline Harris, Worthy Grand Junior Attendant. She will send communications to all Courts requesting nominations for the annual award. Look within the Court and find that deserving Heroine and Knight!

Resolutions: Chairperson is PMAGM/GCPMAGM Kay F. Anderson, 5684 Springgate Ct. Huber Hts. OH 45424. Submit all resolutions to her by April 4, 2026.

Grand Historian: Chairperson is PMAGM Janice M. Bostic. Each Most Ancient Matron shall assign an Historian to capture the events since last convocation and forward the report to Heroine Bostic by April 12, 2026. Heroine Bostic's email is sunn159@att.net; her address is 6000 Sunset Ave. Bedford Heights, OH, 44146.

Arts & Crafts: Chairperson is Heroine Anna Davis, PMAM. She shall receive all items by 7:45 A. M. April 26, 2026. All Most Ancient Matrons shall inform Heroine Davis of their Court's planned involvement no later than April 12, 2026. She may be reached at (330) 400-1422. All Courts are encouraged to submit items or be prepared to provide a monetary donation.

SHOESIZE FUNDRAISER: Chairperson is Heroine Juanita Thomas, PMAM. She shall send communications with instructions and entry forms to all Courts. The forms and funds shall be turned into Heroine Thomas by 11 P.M. Saturday, April 25, 2026. The coveted title of "Size Matters", together with a grand plaque, now resides with Rollin F. Kelley Court No. 4.. Who will own the title and plaque next?

Constitution and By-laws Revision: Chairperson is Gregory Allen. All requests for revisions of subordinate by-laws shall be sent to Knight Allen at 2825 Lawndale Ave., #A, Cincinnati, OH 45212.

Protocol: Chairperson is Vice Ancient Grand Matron, Celestine Travis. All changes should be submitted to her at 18316 Mapleboro Avenue, Maple Heights OH 44137 by April 12, 2026.

Necrology: Chairperson is Worthy Grand Lecturer Lucille Sherrill. She shall send communications requesting the names of the Heroines and Knights who have transitioned since our last Convocation (April 27, 2025).

Grand Trustee Meeting: Grand Trustees will meet Friday April 24, 2026, at 7:00 P.M.

THIS PROCLAMATION IS TO BE READ IN THE JANUARY, FEBRUARY, and MARCH MEETINGS.

Take due and timely notice of the foregoing and govern yourselves accordingly.

Given under my hand and the private seal of the Most Ancient Grand Matron hereto affixed at Trotwood, Ohio this 9th day of January, A. D. 2026.

Yours in the Bond of the Scarlet Cord,


M. FRANCINE WASHINGTON
Most Ancient Grand Matron

