



GENERAL CONFERENCE OF GRAND COURTS LADIES OF THE CIRCLE OF PERFECTION, PHA, USA And the Bahamas



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Favorite Scripture: "Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; lean not to thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him and he shall direct thy path." Prov 3:5-6

Motto: "When everyone does a little bit, no one person has to do a lot"

Theme: "It's all about **We** and not about **Me**"

Mission Statement: "Lighten the load for those less fortunate"

Song: "Total Praise"

PROCLAMATION

(It is our sincere request that this Proclamation and any appropriate attachments be promptly disseminated from the Grand Court to the Subordinate Courts in your Jurisdiction)

General Conference Royal Grand Chief Advisor, ICG Frank Harris, Jr., General Conference Royal Grand Deputy RM Sandra Fanning, General Conference Royal Grand Principle Conductress RM Cheryl Thomas Mitchell, General Conference Royal Grand Associate Conductress RM Rose Nelson, and all other Elected and Appointed General Conference Officers, Past and Honorary General Conference Grand Officers, Royal Grand Perfect Matrons, Royal Grand Chief Advisors, Past Royal Grand Perfect Matrons, Past Royal Grand Chief Advisors, Officers and Members of the Jurisdictional Grand Courts, Royal Matrons and Illustrious Companion Guardians of the Ladies of the Circle of Perfection.

Greetings,

Pursuant to the powers and authority vested in me in Article VII, Section 1 of the Constitution of the General Conference of Grand Courts, Ladies of the Circle of Perfection, Prince Hall Affiliation, United States of America and The Bahamas, as **General Conference Royal Grand Perfect Matron, I, RM Martha J. Smith**, do hereby summon all General Conference Officers Elected and Appointed, Past and Present, Jurisdictional Royal Grand Perfect Matrons and Royal Grand Chief Advisors, all Royal Matrons, Royal Chief Advisor Officers and Members of the Ladies of the Circle of Perfection, PHA and The Bahamas, who owe Obedience and Allegiance to this prestigious Order, to convene with me in **Cranberry, Pennsylvania**, as I, hereby, proclaim the convening of the **21st Annual General Conference of Grand Courts, Ladies of the Circle of Perfection, PHA, USA, and The Bahamas on Thursday, April 30, 2026 - May 3, 2026, at The Double Tree by Hilton Hotel Pittsburg - Cranberry, 910 Sheraton Drive, Mars, PA 16046, (724) 776-6900. The General Conference will convene on Friday, May 1, 2026 with the opening being conducted by RGPM Hazel Thompson and Esther Grand Court of Pennsylvania, Ladies of the Circle of Perfection.**

Hotel Reservation and Conference Code: CDT91C

This is a Hilton Hotel. If you are a member, be sure to ask for your points. Our special group rate is \$136.00 per night. To make your reservations call the hotel directly at 1-724-776-6900 or 1-855-610-8733. Deadline for reservations is April 1, 2026. When making your reservation, if you will need handicap accommodations or a refrigerator in your room, please make that request at the time of making your reservation. Hotel room rates are subject to applicable state and local taxes (currently 14%) in effect at the time of check-out. All reservations must be guaranteed and accompanied by a first night room deposit or guaranteed with a major credit card.

NOTE: If any member makes a reservation through a “**Third Party Company**,” they will **NOT** Receive the Group Rate. It will be your responsibility to make the correction to obtain the Special Group Rate of \$136.00, not the GC Coordinator.

Here is your reservation link:
<https://www.hilton.com/en/book/reservation/deeplink/?ctyhocn=PITMADT&groupCode=CDT91C&arrivaldate=2026-04-28&departuredate=2026-05-04&cid=OM,WW,HILTONLINK,EN,DirectLink&fromId=HILTONLINKDIRECT>

The Absolute DEADLINE for hotel reservations is **Tuesday, April 1, 2026**. Any remaining rooms after this date will be released back to the Hotel. **Check in time is 4:00 PM and Check out time is 11:00 AM**. Deposits are refundable if the Hotel receives notice of cancellation no later than **72 hours** before the scheduled arrival date. Cancellations received after 72 hours will be charged one night's room rate (**NO EXCEPTIONS**). **Hotel self-parking is FREE per day per vehicle.**

Early Departure Fee

An early departure fee may apply if an attendee checks out prior to the pre-confirmed checkout date.

Shipping and Storage

Any materials to be sent to the hotel may arrive no earlier than 3 days prior to the event date.

A Special Request from the General Conference Royal Grand Secretary

Each member and/or Jurisdiction is asked to submit individual checks, with the purpose being listed on the memo line. This is to ensure accuracy in reporting (Jurisdictional Fees, Membership Fees, Special Charity, Scholarship and Ways and Means) your obligations to the General Conference of Grand Courts, Ladies of the Circle of Perfection.

Conference Registration

The individual **2026 Conference Registration Fee is \$125.00** which includes 1 banquet ticket, 1 luncheon ticket, and your conference kit. The conference registration link is as follows:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfWtTXqikfs8ZF5VCr6pEX6bxu_dlrS7v8UKQ39JO8dmnygA/viewform

Registration processed or received after the **deadline of Sunday, March 15, 2026 is considered late with a fee of \$250.00 required. The fee of \$250.00 is required also for on-site registration. Late registrants are not guaranteed a luncheon ticket, banquet ticket, nor conference kit.** If you need an additional luncheon and/or banquet ticket(s), please indicate the additions on the registration form. Please check your form for completeness before submitting it.

Registration Cancellation Policy

Cancellation of full registration at no charge will be accepted until **Wednesday, April 1, 2026**.

Registration Times:

Thursday, April 30, 2026 -1:00 p.m. -- 5:00 p.m. Friday, May 1, 2026 – 7:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. Saturday, May 2, 2026 – 7:00 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.

First Time Attendees

If this is your first time attending the General Conference of Grand Courts, LOCOP, please check the **First Time Attendee Box** on the Registration Form.

If you are a voting member of the General Conference of Grand Courts, LOCOP, please check the **Voting Member Box** on the Registration Form. You must be registered in order to VOTE.

To ensure that all First Time Attendees receive a conference certificate, please send the information to RM Tranase Jones-Paramo GC RGCC via email at rgpm5ca@gmail.com no later than **Tuesday, March 31, 2026**.

Transportation

Transportation will be provided by Zan or Kerron Benjamin at kzbtransportation@gmail.com (404) 277-8558 or (478) 258-8457.

Souvenir Journal

There will be a joint souvenir journal. All Convent General Grand Officers/Tucker-Coffee Elected and Appointed Officers, GCG R&S/GC LOCOP Elected and Appointed Members are asked to purchase an ad. All Jurisdictions and GC LOCOP Members are also encouraged to purchase an ad. If you have any questions, please contact Stephen Williams (267) 439-0805.

Ad Sizes

Inside Front / Inside Back	\$ 125.00
Outside Back	\$ 125.00
Full Page	\$ 100.00
Half Page	\$ 50.00
Patron Ad Name Only	\$ 25.00

NOTE: E-mailed Ads must be camera ready and will be processed upon receipt of payment. The deadline for submission is **March 14, 2026.**

If you would like to email your Ad for submittal, please email to: dcoleman@inspiredbydestiny.com
Submit all Ads to the following address accompanied by either Check or Money Order Only:

PHGCRSMPA Masonic Temple
4301 North Broad Street
Philadelphia, PA 19140

Other Information

Membership: The Jurisdictional Grand Court Annual Membership fee is \$175.00, the deadline for submittal is **March 28, 2025.** All Companion Guardians in attendance **MUST** pay dues to both the Grand Council and the General Conference of Grand Courts, Ladies of the Circle of Perfection. **No Companion Guardians will be permitted to VOTE.** Please make checks payable to the GCLOCOP and send to **RM Tiffany Lathan GC RGS, 2401 Pepperfield Drive, Raliegh, NC 27604-3799, 919-522-0309, tiffanyphgc1908@gmail.com**. The form is attached. Persons not attending the conference who desire to be a member of the General Conference are requested to contact their Jurisdictional Deputy to arrange for payment of \$10.00 for membership.

The Subordinate Court Membership Remittance Form: Royal Matrons and Companion Guardians who desire to become or remain a member of the General Conference are due to the Jurisdictional Grand Secretary by **Tuesday, March 31, 2026.** The fee is \$10.00. A plaque will be awarded to the Jurisdictional Grand Court reporting to the General Conference Royal Grand Secretary the greatest number of paid members by **or before the aforementioned deadline.** A list of the paid members and the name of your Grand Court is to be sent along with a Grand Court check made payable to the **GC LOCOP** and be mailed to **RM Tiffany Lathan GC RGS, 2401 Pepperfield Drive, Raliegh, NC 27604-3799.** The form is attached.

Credentials: All voting members including those with proxies, please submit your form to your Jurisdictional Royal Grand Perfect Matron, so that she can mail the report to the Credentials Committee for their voting credentials no later than **Tuesday, March 31, 2026.** Jurisdictional Royal Grand Perfect Matrons, if needed, please make sure your **Certificate of Proxy** has been completed, sealed and mailed to the Credentials Committee Chairperson, **RM Vashti Grimes Pullen, PRGPM, 1732 Eveline Avenue, Macon, Georgia 31204.** If a voting member has not registered, they will not be permitted to request Credentials for voting. The form is attached. If a voting member is not in attendance, the Proxy Form **MUST** be completed in its entirety and seal with the Jurisdictional Grand Court Seal.

Credentialing Times:

Thursday, April 30, 2026 -1:00 p.m. -- 5:00 p.m.

Friday, May 1, 2026 – 7:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Saturday, May2, 2026 – 7:00 a.m. – 1 1:00 a.m.

General Conference Regalia: All Elected and Appointed General Conference Grand Officers (this includes GC Jurisdictional Deputies), Past General Conference Grand Officers and Royal Grand Perfect Matrons are to wear a white top or dress (long sleeve), gold gloves, gold jewelry, crown and collar of your Jurisdiction.

The 2026 Queen Contest: The 2026 Queen's Contest is our major fundraiser for our Scholarship Awards. Each Jurisdiction is asked to support this effort with a minimum donation of \$200.00. The contestant reporting the greatest amount in excess of \$200.00 will be crowned "General Conference Queen" and will receive one night's lodging at our next General Grand Conference. Flowers will be given to the top three (3) winners and each contestant will be given a certificate. Each contestant reporting over \$800.00 will receive a 10% rebate. All jurisdictions that do not have a Queen representative, is asked to represent with \$100.00. The deadline for submission for the Queen's Contest and reports are due by **Tuesday, March 31 2026.** Royal Grand Perfect Matrons please send immediately the name and contact information of your Queen Contestant to **RM Veloria Watts, Committee Chairperson, 2919 Vega Street, Houston, TX 77088, Phone: (832) 484-2802, email: vrwatts@hotmail.com**

Caldwell-Williams Scholarship: The Caldwell-Williams Scholarship Committee criteria allow us to award scholarship stipends to qualified applicants **whose Jurisdiction participated in the Queens Contest**. In order to receive a scholarship your Jurisdiction must participate in the Contest. Please assist your applicant (if needed) to ensure the application form is properly completed and all necessary documents are attached and submitted by your Grand Court no later than **Wednesday, April 1, 2025**, to Chairperson **RM Robbie R. Pillow, GC PRGPM, 4032 Farmingham Woods Drive, Hermitage, TN 37076-4437**. **Only one application is permitted per eligible Jurisdiction**. The form is attached.

Sick and Shut-in: Jurisdictional Royal Grand Secretaries, you are hereby asked to submit your **Jurisdiction's Sick and Shut-in List** as they occur via email to **RM Ruth Dean, Benevolence Co-Chair**. Email to: rudean22@yahoo.com The form is attached.

Combined Memorial Service

A Combined Memorial Ceremony will be held **Thursday, April 30, 2026 at 7:00 pm**

Court of Sorrow

Please submit your Jurisdiction's Memorial List by **Tuesday, March 31, 2026** to: GC RG Secretary RM Tiffany Lathan, 2401 Pepperfield Drive, Raliegh, NC 919-522-0309, tiffanyphgc1908@gmail.com and email to: **RM Tranase Jones Paramo, GC RGCC** rgpm5ca@gmail.com (attached).

Military Personnel

Royal Grand Perfect Matrons please have subordinate Courts send on or before **Tuesday March 31, 2026**, the names of your active and inactive Military Personnel to RM Edna Iverson Long, 30 Earnshaw Lane, Willingboro, NJ 08046, Phone 856.404.5145, email ednaivy@comcast.net (Form attached)

Visitation: **GGCTIGM Hubert Braxton**, Officers, Members, and Guests of the Most Illustrious General Conference of Grand Councils, Royal and Select Masters will visit on **Saturday, May2, 2026**, time TBA.

Receiving of Guests: All Jurisdictional Heads of Houses for the Jurisdiction of Pennsylvania will be received at 11:15 a.m.

"Ways and Means" : The Ways and Means Committee Chairperson, **RM Cheryl Thomas Mitchell, GC RGPC** has sent out information and tickets for our first fundraiser of the year. Be the 1st Place Jurisdiction winner for selling the most tickets by October 1, 2025. Ticket stubs and money must be received by RM Mitchell by October 1, 2025 for the selling competition. Ticket sales will continue until all printed are sold! More exciting fund raisers are on the way.

Special Charity: Our Special Charity is still to be determined according to the host area (**Women's Shelter, Children's Hospital or Cancer Center**). RM Phyllis McLeod, PRGPM (NC – Jurisdictional Deputy), is the Chairperson and all Jurisdictional Deputies are to serve as part of this committee along with other committee members. Our donations will be presented to a place in Pennsylvania area. We are asking each jurisdiction to donate at least **\$100.00** for this very worthwhile charity. Additional information will follow with the appropriate Special Charity Remittance Form. Certificates will be awarded to the courts making the highest donations. Forward all funds to **RM Tiffany Lathan, GC RGS**, 2401 Pepperfield Drive, Raliegh, NC 919-522-0309, tiffanyphgc1908@gmail.com no later than **Tuesday, March 31, 2026** and make checks payable to the **GC LOCOP**. Write "Special Charity" on the memo section of your check. We truly need your full support. (Form attached)

Annual Audit

GC RGT and GC RGS required records are scheduled to be turned over to the GC Auditor Chairperson RM Meshanda Phillip on or before April 15, 2026.

QR CODE

All **reports** are to be sent to the GC LOCOP administrative email address admin@gcglocoppha.org to be compiled to the QR Code for all registered attendees except reports involving finance and the GC Grand East Annual Addresses. Financial reports are submitted to the GC RGS RM Tiffany Lathan, GC RGT RM Lucille Samuel, GC RGPM RM Martha Smith, and GC RGCA IGC Frank Harris.

Reports: We are asking that all typed reports from the General Conference Committee Chairpersons, General Conference Jurisdictional Deputies and other General Conference Officers be submitted to the Office of the General Conference Royal Grand Perfect Matron and General Conference Royal Grand Assistant Secretary by email, no later than **Tuesday, March 31, 2026**. **This is your ABSOLUTE Deadline**. Please keep your report to a single page and be print ready. You may use your Jurisdictional letterhead.

Please email copies to:

GC RGPM RM Martha J. Smith
marthajsmith1@yahoo.com

GC RGS RM Tiffany Lathan
tiffanyphgc1908@gmail.com

RM Shirla Sewell-Fisher, GC RG Administrator
rebasworld@hotmail.com

We thank you in advance for your Teamwork and Positive Energy to make our General Conference of Grand Courts a memorable success!

Done under our hand and the seal of the General Conference of Grand Courts, LOCOP, PHA, USA and The Bahamas.

In the Rite of Perfection,

RM Martha J. Smith

RM Martha j. Smith, PSYCH
GC RGPM

ICG Frank Harris, Jr.

ICG Frank Harris, Jr.
GC RGCA



Attested by: *RM Tiffany Lathan, PSYCH*
RM Tiffany Lathan, GC RG Secretary

Note: *All necessary forms will be sent to the Jurisdictional Secretaries and may be duplicated and disseminated to the Subordinate Courts.*

Attachments