

AUXILIARY TO THE UNITED SUPREME COUNCIL WASHINGTON, DC

**ORDER OF THE GOLDEN CIRCLE,
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*For the Thirty-Third and Last Degree of Freemasonry
For the United States of America and Its Jurisdictions, Inc.
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2023 USC-DC Annual Session

New Orleans, Louisiana

Thursday, Friday, Saturday & Sunday

December 07 – 10, 2023

New Orleans Hyatt Regency

601 Loyola Avenue

New Orleans, Louisiana 70113



Official Notice

Greetings Loyal Ladies, we have made it through yet another year and "Thank" God Almighty for taking care of us and bringing us thus far. We Praise Him and Trust Him for who He is. You are hereby notified that the Auxiliary to the United Supreme Council-DC, will convene for its 2023 USC-Auxiliary Annual Session at the **New Orleans Hyatt Regency, 601 Loyola Avenue, New Orleans, Louisiana 70113**. Please read the enclosed information carefully, and govern yourselves accordingly, as changes that will affect you have taken place. Please be attentive to the date, day and time information on the enclosed Agenda.

Changes to this year's Annual Session: (1) Kit preparation will be Wednesday afternoon; (2) Thursday, Joint Memorial Service followed by Social Courtesies; (3) Friday, Fashion Show and dance immediately after; (4) Saturday, *Banquet followed by a Post Banquet Social; (5) The Auxiliary will not have a tour this year, instead, there will be Training on Thursday and Friday.

NOTE: *Loyal Ladies are requested to adorn their heads with a matching crown or tiara for the Annual Banquet. If you cannot match your gown/dress with a matching head ornament, a gold crown or tiara will suffice. This is not mandatory for members. However, it is requested that all Officers will adorn with a crown or tiara.

Also enclosed for your convenience is the hotel information. Please make your hotel reservations as soon as possible, as the New Orleans Saints have a home game that Sunday. The hotel has prepared a reservation link for your convenience which is enclosed later in this notice.

COVID-19 SAFETY PROTOCOLS

THURSDAY, FRIDAY, SATURDAY & SUNDAY

December 07th, 08th, 09th, & 10th,

Masks are recommended but may change depending on current CDC guidelines. In light of the dangers associated with COVID-19 and its variants, the United Supreme Council takes the matter seriously. Each conferee and guest are strongly encouraged to vaccinate before attending this year's Annual Session. Temperature checks will be conducted daily by either automated monitors or handheld devices. Participants with temperatures above 100.4°F/38°C will be evaluated for COVID-19 and will not be allowed to participate. All meeting rooms will be decontaminated three times a day, before each meeting, during lunch breaks, and at the end of the meeting. Upon completion of the daily medical screening process, all conferees and guests will receive a wristband. **NO WRISTBAND, NO ENTRY!** The USC-DC COVID-19 Liability Release Waiver Form* must be completed and signed by all conferees and guests. The waiver is part of the registration form for members. Guests will have access to the form on-site. To pick up pre-registration credentials or register on-site, you will need proof of the waiver approval and a wristband. Your entry into our various events/activities will be denied if you do not comply with the requirements listed above.



Please print and sign the Waiver Form. Once signed submit the Form to LL Patsy A. Smith via email: pasmith1953@bellsouth.net or direct mail to, 501 Maple Street, Vidalia, LA 71373.

Blank forms will be available on-site and must be signed prior to Registration.

Hotel Information

The members and guests will stay at the **New Orleans Hyatt Regency, 601 Loyola Avenue, New Orleans, Louisiana 70113**. Please utilize the following information to make your reservations. **Note: The New Orleans Saints have a home game on Sunday, December 10, 2023. Traffic will be heavy coming in. Make adjustment for departure accordingly.**

1. The daily hotel rate is \$149.00 single and double, and \$159.00 triple and quad.
2. Reservations may be made telephonically by contacting the New Orleans Hyatt Regency at **(504) 561-1234**, and provide the following group code: **USCDC**.
3. Reservations may also be made utilizing the following hotel reservation link
<https://www.hyatt.com/en-US/group-booking/MSYRN/G-USCA>.

Please note that the cut-off date for making reservations is **November 7, 2023**.

Advance Registration

The Advance Registration fee is \$130.00. The Advance Registration form is enclosed for your convenience and must be completed and submitted with payment postmarked or electronically received by **November 30, 2023**. Please submit the Registration form along with your payment (money order or check) to P. O. Box 6954, Capital Heights, MD 20791. Advance registration can also be made through Eventbrite (See Enclosed Form for information).

Registration Category	Dates	Cost	Additional Tickets	
Advanced	08/01/2023 – 11/30/2023	\$130.00	Luncheon	\$65.00
Late / On-Site	Beginning 12/01/2023	\$150.00	Banquet/Post Banquet Social	\$100.00
			*Fashion Show/Dance	\$30.00

Cash App will be available on-site for extra Fashion Show/Dance Ticket(s) purchase.

On-site registration fee will be \$150.00. The registration fee includes access to the Session, the Luncheon, and the Fashion Show/Dance. Extra Fashion Show/Dance tickets may be purchased for \$30.00 each, payable to Auxiliary to the USC-DC.



You may purchase a USC-DC Banquet/Post Social Ticket for \$100.00 and an extra Luncheon Ticket for \$65.00. Please note payments for the *Extra Banquet Ticket and Extra Luncheon Ticket must be in a separate check or/money order made payable to the USC-DC* and submitted with your Auxiliary Advanced Registration Form. If you use Eventbrite for Auxiliary Registration, then you must submit a *hard* copy of the Auxiliary Advanced Registration Form, indicating your banquet, luncheon and/or Fashion Show/Dance ticket request and mail to Auxiliary to the USC-DC, P. O. Box 6954, Capital Heights, MD 20791.

Meeting Place

All meetings and all programs and the Official Sessions will be held at the New Orleans Hyatt Regency, 601 Loyola Avenue, New Orleans, Louisiana 70113. Wednesday and Thursday are considered travel days. Kit Preparation will take place on Wednesday at 4:00 pm in the Celestin Ballroom Salons A-B-C.

Registration will open Thursday morning from 8:00 am until Noon, close for lunch and reopen at 1:30 pm until 3:00 pm. Thursday's Training will begin at 3:00 pm. The Joint Memorial Service will be held on Thursday, December 7, 2023 at 7:00 pm in the Celestin Ballroom Salons D-E. The Fashion Show & Dance will be Friday at 6 pm in Storyville Hall.

The official opening of the USC-Auxiliary, Order of the Golden Circle will be held on Saturday, December 9, 2023 at 8:00 a.m. in the Celestin Ballroom Salons A-B-C. Registration on Saturday will begin at 7:00 am and end promptly at 7:45 am.

The Banquet and Post Banquet Social will be held on Saturday evening at 7:00 pm and a Devotional service at 9:00 am on Sunday Morning. Please be mindful of the New Orleans Saints Home Game on Sunday. If necessary, the Auxiliary will reconvene following the Devotional service.

Attire

Wednesday and Thursday are travel days; attire is "dress as you are" decent and in order. The Joint Memorial Service attire is Order of Golden Circle according to your Jurisdiction. All meetings dress is white, with crowns and no capes, with white hosiery, shoes, gloves and jewelry. The white gloves may have the O.G.C. emblem. See below for further information.



- Joint Memorial Service: State Grand Loyal Lady Ruler and Past and Honorary Past State Grand Loyal Lady Rulers wear their capes on the gold side with left side folded back and pinned. All other members wear the cape white side out, with left front folded back and pinned with the GC pin.
- White hosiery, shoes, gloves and jewelry. The white gloves may have the O.G.C. emblem.
- Gold crown with wide gold band for SGLLR and PSGLLR, HPSGLLR.
- White crown with wide gold band for LLR, PLLR and HPLLR.
- White crown with small gold band for all other Loyal Ladies.

Banquet: FORMAL attire (Loyal Lady's choice of color) shall be worn to the Banquet held on Saturday night. NO PANTS. All other clothing shall be decent and in order.

Annual Banquet

The Annual Banquet is held in honor of the newly elevated Class of 2023. The Banquet will be held in the Celestin Salons D-E of the New Orleans Hyatt Regency, 601 Loyola, New Orleans, Louisiana 70113, on Saturday, December 9, 2023 at 7:00 pm. Assembling for the Banquet will be in Storyville Hall, Grand Officers and guest.

REFUNDS

All conference cancellations and refund requests must be made in writing and mailed, or emailed no later than midnight, **November 30, 2023**. The address is P. O. Box 6954, Capital Heights, MD 20791; email; pattutti304@aol.com.

Parking

Valet Parking only is available at the hotel at a daily rate of \$25.00, based on the hotel's parking space availability, with unlimited in and out access to your vehicle, based on the hotel's parking space availability.

Nearby Parking lots are available within walking distance ranging from \$15.00 to \$25.00 per day.

Souvenir Journal



November 1, 2023 is the deadline for all ads.
Ads are Digital Form Only – Mail in ads will not be accepted.

Prices are:
Full page \$150.00
Half-Page \$100.00
Inside Back Cover \$300.00

Complete the **online digital form** and drag and drop the Ad into the space indicated on the form.

The Ad's link will be emailed to the State Grand Loyal Lady Rulers for dissemination to the Jurisdictional Assemblies. The Ad's link will also be emailed to all USC Auxiliary Officers. Additionally, you can copy and paste the link below in the web browser and complete your ad.

<https://form.jotform.com/231915149597164>

Also, you may make payment for your Ad on the form with a credit card.

See form under separate mailing through email.

***Note: The Registration badge will be used for access to Friday Night's Fashion Show and dance and Saturday's Session and Luncheon. If extra tickets are purchased, then the ticket will be used for access.**

Safe Travels, we look forward to seeing you! Yours In Peace and Unity

Given over our signatures this 1st Day of August, 2023 A.D.

ATTEST:

Gloria E. Smith

LL Gloria E. Smith, PSGLLR
Grand Recording Secretary

LL Faye H. Williams, PSGLLR
Grand Loyal Lady Ruler, President



The USC-DC Auxiliary Annual Session Agenda

Wednesday, December 6, 2023

4:00 p.m.	Kit Preparation	Celestin Ballroom Salons A-B-C
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Thursday December 7, 2023

700 a.m.	Medical Office	2 nd Floor - Strand 12
5:00 p.m.	Vendors Open	Celestin Ballroom Salon F-G-H - 3 rd Floor
8:00 a.m. - Noon	Registration/Credentials (Advance/On-Site)	5C-5D - 4 th Floor
1:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.	Registration/Credentials (Advance/On-Site)	5C-5D - 4 th Floor
1:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.	State Grand Loyal Lady Rulers Meeting	Celestin Ballroom Salons A-B-C
3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.	GC Training - Protocol (Part 1)	Celestin Ballroom Salons A-B-C
4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.	Joint Memorial Rehearsal	Celestin Ballroom Salons D-E
7:00 p.m.	Joint Memorial Service	Celestin Ballroom Salons D-E
9:00 p.m.	Social Courtesies	8 Block Kitchen & Bar Restaurant

Friday December 8, 2023

700 a.m.	Medical Office	2 nd Floor - Strand 12
8:00 a.m.	Registration/Credentials (Advance/On-Site)	5C-5D - 4 th Floor
8:00 a.m.	Vendors Open	Celestin Ballroom Salons F-G-H - 3 rd Floor
11:00 a.m. - 12 Noon	GC Training - Protocol (Part II)	Celestin Ballroom Salons A-B-C
Lunch on your own.		
12:30 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.	Fashion Show Rehearsal - 4-Seasons RIP the Runway	Storyville Hall
2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.	Set-up for Fashion Show/Dance	Storyville Hall
6:00 p.m. - Midnight	*Fashion Show - Followed by Dance	Storyville Hall

Saturday December 9, 2023

700 a.m.	Medical Office	2 nd Floor - Strand 12
7:00 a.m.	Vendors Open	Celestin Ballroom Salon F-G-H - 3 rd Floor
7:00 a.m. - 7:45 a.m.	Registration/Credentials (Advance/On-Site)	5C-5D - 4 th Floor
8:00 a.m.	*General Session Opening	Celestin Ballroom Salons A-B-C
	a) Loyal Ladies Short White Attire	
	b) Auxiliary Officers Long White Attire	
12:00 Noon	*Joint Lunch (SGIG, GIG, AND GOLDEN CIRCLE)	Storyville Hall
2:00 p.m.	Resume Session	
	Closing of Session (Official End of our 2023 Annual Auxiliary Session)	
6:30 p.m.	Assemble for the Annual Banquet (Officers and Guests)	Storyville Hall
7:00 p.m.	Annual Banquet	Celestin Ballrooms D-E
	Post Banquet Social	Storyville Hall

Sunday December 10, 2023

9:00 a.m.	Devotional Service	Celestin Ballroom A
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United Supreme Council-D.C. COVID-19 Liability Release Waiver and assumption of risk.

The World Health Organization has declared the novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) a worldwide pandemic. Due to its capacity to transmit from person-to-person through respiratory droplets, the government has set recommendations, guidelines, and some prohibitions to which the United Supreme Council-D.C. adheres to comply.

In consideration of my participation in the USC-DC, Annual Session 7-10 December, 2023 at the Hyatt Regency New Orleans 601 Loyola Ave New Orleans, LA 70113 the undersigned will acknowledge and agree to the following:

I am aware of the existence of the risk on my physical appearance to the venue and my participation to the USC-DC Annual Session events/activities that may cause injury or illness such as, but not limited to COVID-19 and its variants.

☐ I have not experienced symptoms of fever, fatigue, difficulty in breathing, or dry cough. I have not exhibited any symptoms relating to COVID-19 or any other communicable disease within the last 14 days.

☐ I am familiar with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention ("CDC") guidelines regarding COVID-19, which are located at <https://www.coronavirus.gov> and <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>. I acknowledge and understand that the circumstances regarding COVID-19 are changing from day to day and that the CDC guidelines are regularly modified and updated. I accept full responsibility for familiarizing myself with the most recent updates and making informed decisions to take precautionary measures to protect myself and others. In addition to the CDC guidelines, I agree to abide by any and all policies or postings published to the general public at every event.

☐ I have not, nor any member(s) of my household been diagnosed to be infected with COVID-19 virus within the last 30 days.

Following the pronouncements above I hereby declare the following: *

☐ I am fully and personally responsible for my own safety and actions during my participation. I recognize that there is a chance that I could be exposed to contracting COVID-19.

☐ With full knowledge of the risks involved, I hereby release, waive, discharge the USC-DC, its board, officers, independent contractors, affiliates, employees, representatives, successors from any and all liabilities, claims, demands, actions, and causes of action whatsoever, directly or indirectly arising from or related to any loss, damage, injury, or death, that may be sustained by me related to COVID-19 while participating in activities while in, on, or around the premises or while using the facilities that may lead to unintentional exposure or harm due to COVID-19.

- ☐ I agree to the release of liability and hold harmless the USC-DC from and against any and all costs, expenses, damages, lawsuits, liabilities or claims arising from or related to any claims made by or against any of the released party due to injury, loss, or death from or related to COVID-19.
- ☐ I agree that, in the event that I suspect I became exposed to or infected by COVID-19 at the USC-DC Annual Session and I elect to seek testing and/or treatment as a result therefrom, I will be responsible for payment of any and all medical treatment and testing services.
- ☐ By signing below, I acknowledge that I have read the foregoing Liability Release Waiver and understand its contents; that I am at least eighteen (18) years old and fully competent to give my consent; that I have been sufficiently informed of the risks involved and give my voluntary consent in signing this document as my own free act and deed; that I give my voluntary consent in signing this Liability Release Waiver as my own free act and deed with full intention to be bound by the same, and free from any inducement or representation. This waiver will remain effective until laws and mandates relevant to COVID-19 are lifted.

EVEN IF ARISING FROM THE NEGLIGENCE, ACTS, OR OMISSIONS OF THE RELEASED PARTIES. I HAVE READ AND UNDERSTAND THIS AGREEMENT, AND I AM AWARE THAT BY SIGNING BELOW, I MAY BE WAIVING CERTAIN LEGAL RIGHTS, INCLUDING THE RIGHT TO SUE.

*Required information

Name *

First Name

Last Name

Consistory/Assembly*:

Orient*:

Phone Number *:

(000) 000-0000

Email *:

example@example.com

Signature *

Date Signed *

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AUXILIARY TO THE UNITED SUPREME COUNCIL

The Order of the Golden Circle, Prince Hall Affiliated
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2023 Annual Session

Thursday December 7th thru Sunday December 10th
Hyatt Regency, 601 Loyola Avenue, New Orleans, LA 70113

PRINT ALL INFORMATION

Name: _____ Title _____
E.g., LL, LLR, Etc. State of Your SGA

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

ELECTRONIC RECEIPT WILL BE SENT TO THIS EMAIL ADDRESS

Check If Vegan Meal Required: _____

THE ORDER OF THE GOLDEN CIRCLE REGISTRATION

Advance Registration (Received on or Before November 30, 2023) \$130.00

Registration Fee Includes: Kit Bag, Luncheon Access, and Fashion Show and Dance

Late and On-Site Registration \$150.00

(Kit Bag Not Guaranteed with Late or On-Site Registration)

Extra Fashion Show/Dance Ticket – Number of Tickets _____ @ \$30.00 = \$ _____

Total Amount Enclosed Payable to Auxiliary to the USC-DC \$ _____

Check if Registration Was Paid Via Eventbrite _____

Check or Money Order Payment

Payable To: AUXILIARY TO THE USC-DC

Mail To: Auxiliary to the USC-DC, P.O.Box 6954, Capital Heights, Maryland 20791

Eventbrite Online Registration Link

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/auxiliary-to-the-usc-dc-2023-annual-session-tickets-685173401087>

If you wish to purchase “Additional Lunch Tickets” or a United Supreme Council Banquet Ticket you must submit a “Separate Check” made payable to UNITED SUPREME COUNCIL.

Extra Lunch Ticket Number of Tickets _____ @ \$ 65.00 = \$ _____

USC Banquet and Post Social Ticket Number of Tickets _____ @ \$100.00 = \$ _____

Checks made payable to the Auxiliary for extra Lunch Tickets, or the USC Banquet will be returned to the sender.

Total Payable to United Supreme Council \$ _____