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**NEW ORLEANS
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**2023 ANNUAL SESSION
DECEMBER 7, 2023 - DECEMBER 10, 2023
HYATT REGENCY NEW ORLEANS, 601 LOYOLA AVENUE**

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**2023 USC-DC & GOLDEN CIRCLE
ANNUAL SESSION OFFICIAL BULLETIN**

**New Orleans, Louisiana
December 7-10, 2023**

**Hyatt Regency New Orleans
601 Loyola Avenue, New Orleans, Louisiana, 70113**

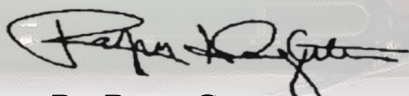
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The Prince Hall Family of Louisiana and I welcome you to the City of New Orleans where Prince Hall Masonry began in Louisiana in 1842. We are delighted to have you in this great city.

New Orleans, founded in 1718, is a melting pot of French, Spanish, African, and American cultures and is known for its hospitality and friendliness. Our city is a lively and dynamic city that has a wealth of historic sites, monuments, waterfront esplanades, restaurants, shops, and other amenities that you will enjoy exploring if your time permits. Bourbon Street is located nearby and the world-renowned French Quarter is evolving into an artistic and recreational center with a wide range of attractions.

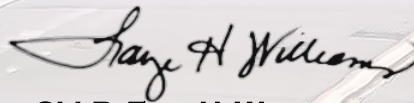
A unique community spirit characterizes our city, and we enjoy hosting special events such as the 2023 Annual Session for USC-DC. We hope you will take the time to enjoy the unique food, entertainment, and special cultural locations that you can find here in New Orleans.

Best wishes to all for a memorable and productive session.



DR. RALPH SLAUGHTER

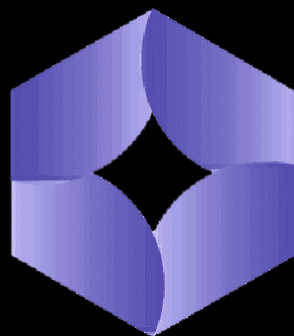
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GLLR, FAYE H. WILLIAMS

PRESIDENT, AUXILIARY TO THE USC- DC

United Supreme Council, Grand Orient at Washington, D.C.



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OFFICIAL NOTICE

Grand Inspectors General of all grades and Ladies of the Golden Circle are hereby notified that the United Supreme Council-DC & Order of the Golden Circle will convene for its 2023 United Supreme Council Session at the Hyatt Regency New Orleans Hotel, 601 Loyola Avenue, New Orleans, LA. We have enclosed for your convenience the hotel information. Please make your hotel reservations as soon as possible. The hotel has prepared a reservation link for your convenience, which is enclosed in this notice.

Note: *Pre-Registration and Souvenir Journal Contracts can be completed electronically on our new official website at: <http://www.usc-dc.org/>*

December 7th, 8th, 9th, & 10th
(Thursday—Sunday)

All Sovereign Grand Inspectors General are required to register. The advance registration form must be completed and submitted with payment postmarked or electronically received by November 30, 2023. The advance registration fee will be \$200.00, and the On-site registration fee will be \$250.00. The registration fee includes session access, one (1) Luncheon Ticket, and one (1) Banquet Ticket. An additional luncheon ticket costs \$65.00, and the banquet ticket is \$100.00 each.

Registration Category	Dates	Cost	Additional Tickets	
Advanced	9/1/23 - 11/30/23	\$200	Luncheon	\$65.00
Late / On-Site	beginning 12/1/2023	\$250	Banquet	\$100.00

The Council of Administration (COA) must be present for an Executive Officers meeting scheduled for Thursday, December 7th at 1:00 p.m. Deputies must be present for a meeting that will include the COA and Overseers scheduled for Thursday, December 7th at 3:00 p.m. All Sovereign Grand Inspectors General are required to be present for the First Executive session scheduled for Friday, December 8th at 9:00 a.m. Thursday and Friday meetings will be in business attire.

All candidates for Sovereign Grand Inspectors General and Grand Inspectors General are required to report for class orientation scheduled for Friday, December 8th at 1:00 p.m. Candidates will be in a black suit, white shirt, and black necktie or bow tie.

Sublime Princes of the Royal Secret are cordially invited to attend this year's session. Scottish Rite Training Seminars will be conducted daily to implement the new ritual changes. All Sublime Princes will be required to register to participate in the following events:

- Scottish Rite Training Seminars (New Ritual Training)
- Lodge Helper Certification
- Memorial Service
- Luncheon



- Banquet
- Social
- Sunday Worship Service

The Memorial Service will be Thursday at 7:00 p.m. The 33rd Degree Elevation and General Session will begin Saturday morning with workshops and training sessions on Saturday afternoon. The banquet will be held on Saturday evening, followed by a Social Event and a Devotional service on Sunday morning.

COVID-19 SAFETY PROTOCOLS

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 is 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. Before each meeting, during lunch breaks, and at the end of the meeting, all meeting rooms will be decontaminated three times a day. 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.

CLASS REUNION MEETINGS

Grand Inspectors General of all grades who were elevated in the year whose last numeral is 2, 4, 7, or 9 and have not attended a USC-DC Supreme Council are reminded that this is the year of their class reunion, and they are expected to attend the session. Classes interested in holding a class reunion or meeting should contact Illustrious Nicholas Padilla, Jr, Deputy Grand Secretary-General, H.E., by mail at 1835 7th Street, NW, #153, Washington, D.C. 20001 or via email at USCDCgrandsecretaryoffice@gmail.com. Those classes not mentioned above may also hold a class reunion or meeting.

Given over our signature this 1st day of August 2023 A.D.

ATTEST:



ROBERT E. WHEELER

GRAND SECRETARY - GENERAL, H.E.




DR. RALPH SLAUGHTER

SOVEREIGN GRAND COMMANDER



ADVANCE REGISTRATION

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**USC-DC Convention Department in Washington, D.C.,
1835 7th Street, NW, #153,
Washington, D.C. 20001**

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ONLINE REGISTRATION

Members can register for the 2023 Session by accessing the online registration form using the link below:

<https://form.jotform.com/231914740163149>

HOTEL INFORMATION

The members and guests will stay at the Hyatt Regency New Orleans Hotel, 601 Loyola Avenue, New Orleans, LA. The daily hotel rate is \$149 single, \$159 double, or \$169 corner King. Reservations may be made by contacting the Hyatt Regency New Orleans via telephone at (504) 561-1234 or emailing hyno.sales@hyatt.com. Please use group code: **G-USCA**. 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.


MEETING PLACE

The Divine and Memorial Service will be held on Thursday, December 7, 2023, and the official ceremonial opening of the United Supreme Council will be held on Saturday, December 9, 2023. All programs and the official sessions will be held at the Hyatt Regency New Orleans Hotel, 601 Loyola Avenue, New Orleans, LA.

ATTIRE

A black suit, white shirt, black shoes, black tie, white gloves, and crown are required for the Divine and Memorial Services on Friday and the Ceremonial Opening of the Supreme Council. The dress for the banquet is formal: After Six/ Black Tuxedo. The dress for Sovereign Grand Inspectors General attending the banquet is Black Tails with a white tie or white bow tie, a white low-cut vest, black dress socks, and black formal shoes. The dress for Grand Inspectors Generals and Sublime Princes attending the banquet is a Black Tuxedo, black bow tie, black socks, and black shoes.



	Attire		
	Sublime Princes	Grand Inspectors Generals	Sovereign Grand Inspectors Generals
Memorial Service	Black suit, White shirt, Black shoes, Black tie, White gloves, & Cap	Black suit, White shirt, Black shoes, Black tie, White gloves, Crowns, & Ceremonial Robes	
Banquet	Black Tuxedo, white shirt, black bow tie, black socks, crowns/caps, and black shoes	Black Tails, white shirt, white tie or bow tie, white low-cut vest, black dress socks, crowns, black formal shoes	
Official Opening		Black suit, White shirt, Black shoes, Black tie, White gloves, Crowns, & Ceremonial Robes	

ANNUAL BANQUET

The annual banquet is held in honor of the newly elevated Class of 2023. In addition to presenting the 2023 class and awards, past classes and reunions may make contributions/donations during the banquet. The banquet will be held in the Celestin Ballroom E/D of the Hyatt Regency New Orleans Hotel, 601 Loyola Avenue, New Orleans, LA., on Saturday, December 09, 2022, at 7:00 p.m.

REFUNDS

All conference cancellations and refund requests must be made in writing and mailed or emailed no later than midnight, November 30, 2023. The mailing address is United Supreme Council, Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite for the Thirty-Third and Last Degree of Freemasonry for the United States of America and Its Jurisdictions, Inc., Prince Hall Affiliated, 1835 7th Street, NW, #153, Washington, D.C. 20001; email is uscdegrandsecretaryoffice@gmail.com.



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December 7 -10, 2023

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Schedule of Events

Thursday, December 7, 2023

<u>Time</u> (EST)	<u>Event</u>	<u>Location</u>
7:00 AM	Medical Office On-Site Registration Opens Advanced Registration Opens	Strand Room 6 (2nd Floor) Imperial Room 5A (4th Floor) Imperial Room 5B (4th Floor)
1:00 PM	Elected Officers Meeting	Imperial Room 10 (4th Floor)
2:00 PM	2023 Class Orientation	Strand Room 11 A/B (2nd Floor)
3:00 PM	Deputies Meeting	Celestin Ballroom E (3rd Floor)
5:00 PM	Lodge Helper Certification Vendors	Imperial Room 9 (4th Floor) Celestin Ballroom F/G/H (3rd Floor)
6:00 PM	Official Photos (w/ Robes) (<i>Elected Officers & SGIGs</i>)	Celestin Ballroom D (3rd Floor)
7:00 PM	Memorial Service	Celestin Ballroom E/D (3rd Floor)
8:30 PM	Social Courtesy	8 Block Kitchen & Bar (3rd Floor)

Friday, December 8, 2023

7:00 AM	Medical Office On-Site Registration Opens Advanced Registration Opens	Strand Room 6 (2nd Floor) Imperial Room 5A (4th Floor) Imperial Room 5B (4th Floor)
8:00 AM	Vendors Open	Celestin Ballroom F/G/H (3rd Floor)
9:00 AM	Executive Session	Celestin Ballroom E (3rd Floor)
10:00 AM	Scottish Rite Training	Imperial Room 9 (4th Floor)
2:00 PM	Scottish Rite Training Resumes	Imperial Room 9 (4th Floor)
3:00 PM	Lodge Helper Certification SGIG Coronation	Imperial Room 9 (4th Floor) Celestin Ballroom E (3rd Floor)
6:00 PM	Class Reunions	Imperial Room 10 (4th Floor)
6:00 PM	Fashion Show & Dance	Storyville Ballroom (3rd Floor)



Schedule of Events

Saturday, December 9, 2023

<u>Time(EST)</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Location</u>
7:00 AM	Medical Office	Strand Room 6 (2nd Floor)
	On-Site Registration Opens	Imperial Room 5A (4th Floor)
	Advanced Registration Opens	Imperial Room 5B (4th Floor)
	Vendors Open	Celestin Ballroom F/G/H (3rd
7:30 AM	2023 Class Orientation	Strand Room 11 A/B (2nd Floor)
	Morning Devotion	Celestin Ballroom E/D (3rd
8:00 AM	General Session & Elevation	Celestin Ballroom E/D (3rd
	Order of the Golden Circle Session	Celestin Ballroom A/B/C (3rd
9:00 AM	Scottish Rite Training	Imperial Room 9 (4th Floor)
12:00 PM	Luncheon	Storyville Ballroom (3rd Floor)
2:30 PM	General Session Reconvenes	Celestin Ballroom E/D (3rd
	Scottish Rite Training Resumes	Imperial Room 9 (4th Floor)
4:00 PM	KSA Secretary's Workshop	Imperial Room 10 (4th Floor)
6:30 PM	Assembly for the Banquet	Storyville Ballroom (3rd Floor)
7:00 PM	Annual Class Banquet	Celestin Ballroom E/D (3rd Floor)
9:00 PM	Social w/ Live DJ	Storyville Ballroom (3rd Floor)

Sunday, December 10, 2023

8:00 AM	Medical Office	Strand Room 6 (2nd Floor)
9:00 AM	Devotional Service	Celestin Ballroom A/B/C (3rd Floor)



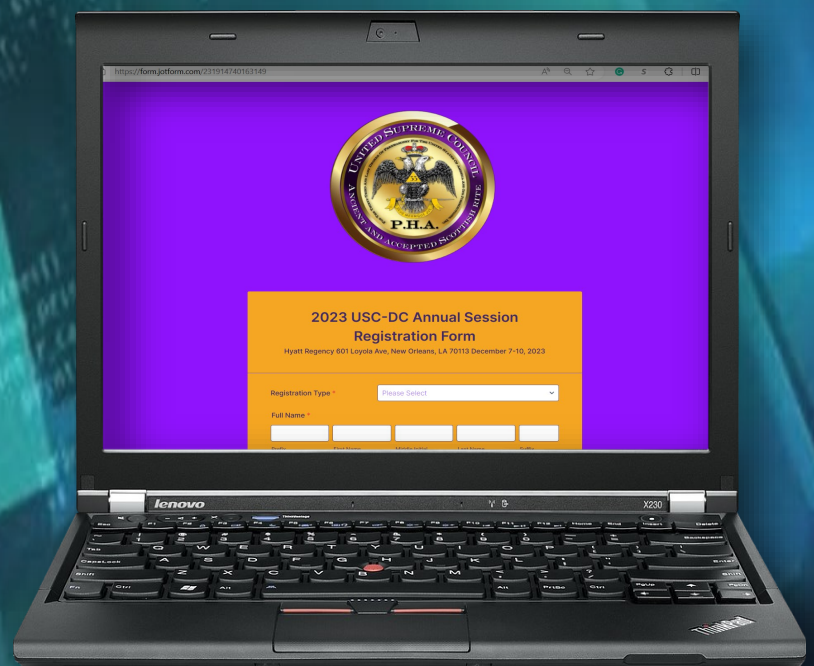
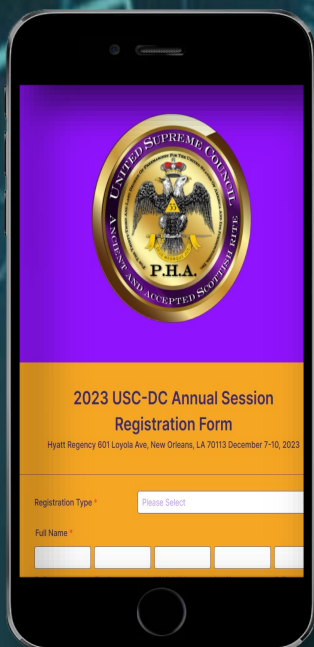
2023 USC-DC ANNUAL SESSION ONLINE FORMS

Enjoy a quick, easy, and convenient registration experience
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2023 ADVANCE REGISTRATION FORM

The advance Registration fee is \$200.00. The On-Site Registration fee will be \$250.00. The registration fee includes one (1) luncheon ticket and one (1) banquet ticket.

USC-DC Grade: _____ First Name: _____ Initial: _____ Last Name: _____
 Consistory/Assembly Name: _____ No. _____ Orient: _____
 Title/Position: _____
 Street Address: _____ City: _____
 State: _____ Zip Code: _____ Contact Number: _____
 E-mail: _____

<u>My Products:</u>	<u>No. Requested</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Extra Luncheon Ticket @ \$65.00	_____	\$ _____
Extra Banquet Ticket @ \$100.00	_____	\$ _____

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED: \$ _____

SPECIAL REQUEST OR NEEDS DURING SESSION

Are you handicap and/or require Special Assistance? _____
 Do you need a motorized scooter? _____
 Do you require Vegetarian meals? _____

Mail Form to:

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL -USC DC
Attn: Convention Department
1835 7th Street NW, #153
Washington, D.C. 20001

REGISTRATION AND PAYMENT INFORMATION

ADVANCE REGISTRATION ENDS: 30 NOVEMBER 2023 (\$200.00)
LATE REGISTRATION BEGINS: 1-10 DECMEBER 2023 (\$250.00)

A copy of this advance registration form must be completed, mailed, and received by the Convention Department. Completed forms can be emailed to:
 uscdcsouvenirjournalcontract@gmail.com.

Bank Drafts, Checks, and Money Orders are made Payable to: **USC-DC.**
 PayPal payments can be made to: usdcgrandsecretaryoffice@gmail.com



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Illustrious Sirs and Fraters:

The Sovereign Grand Commander is desirous of having a Souvenir Journal for the United Supreme Council's 2023 Annual Session. All SGIGs are required to place an advertisement in the booklet. Please feel free to reproduce the advertisement contract form and send it to other Masonic bodies and state and local organizations such as the NAACP, Urban League, etc.

Enclosed is the advertisement (digital form and .pdf version) for your use and distribution throughout your Orients. In addition, please contact your local businesses and request their support. The Business advertisement prices are included on the contract form.

Make all Bank Drafts, Checks, and Money Orders Payable to: "USC-DC." ALL funds must be sent to "United Supreme Council - DC, 1835 7th Street, NW, #153, Washington, D.C. 20001". PayPal payments can be sent to: uscdcggrandsecretaryoffice@gmail.com. Please annotate on your advertisement contract whether your payment was made via check, money order, or PayPal.

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If you use the organization's name in your ad, please use the name below:

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Please follow the instructions on the advertisement form about photos and print. Please send your "Ready to Print Ads" and contracts to the email address at:

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We anticipate your generous support and earnestly thank you in advance. Again, thank you for your adherence to the time frame.

Nicholas Padilla Jr.

Illustrious Nicholas Padilla, Jr., 33°
Chairman,
Souvenir Journal Committee

Enclosure: (1) Advertisement Contract Form



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Corporate/ Business			
FULL Page, Size 9"x7"	\$250.00	HALF Page, Size 4.5" x 7"	\$200.00

ONE PICTURE PER FULL PAGE ONLY

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PHOTOGRAPHS SHOULD BE GLOSSY FINISH AND NO LARGER THAN 5" X 7"
 ALL ADVERTISEMENT ENTRIES MUST BE TYPED OR LEGIBLY PRINTED
 PLEASE ADD AN ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF \$20.00 FOR ADS NOT CAMERA-READY

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uscdecsouvenirjournalcontract@gmail.com

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United Supreme Council (USC-DC)

Attn: Souvenir Journal Committee

1835 7th Street, NW, #153

Washington, D.C. 20001

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ROBERT E. WHEELER
GRAND SECRETARY —GENERAL, H.E.

August 1, 2023
Dear Future Vendor,

The United Supreme Council, Ancient & Accepted Scottish Rite for the Thirty-Third and Last Degree of Freemasonry for the United States of America and Its Jurisdiction, Inc., Prince Hall Affiliated, will convene its 2023 Annual Session, December 7-10, 2023 at the Hyatt Regency New Orleans, 601 Loyola Ave, New Orleans, Louisiana 70113 and cordially invites you to participate as a vendor to help make this event a success.

If you wish to stay at the host hotel, please contact the Hyatt Regency New Orleans, 601 Loyola Ave, New Orleans, Louisiana 70113. The daily hotel rate is as follows: \$164 king corner, \$149 king, or \$159 double. The hotel does provide valet parking for \$52 plus tax (\$57 plus tax for oversized vehicles) during the session dates based on the hotel's parking space availability. Reservations may be made by contacting the Hyatt Regency New Orleans via telephone at (504) 561-1234 or emailing hyno.sales@hyatt.com. Please use this group code: G-USCA (2023 United Supreme Council-DC Meeting). Reservations may also be made utilizing the host hotel reservation link: [Hyatt Regency NOLA](#). Also note that the cut-off date for making reservations is November 7, 2023.

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To reserve your vendor space, please complete the [USC-DC Official Vendor Agreement](#) and submit the application fee of \$350 per vendor space by November 10, 2023. The application fee includes two (2) 6-foot tables. Adequate space will be allotted to all vendors as space permits. The vendor's set-up can begin any time after 12:00 PM Wednesday, December 8, 2023. We will have an assigned exhibit hall for vendors.

Immediately upon submitting your application, you will receive a system-generated automatic payment confirmation and a follow-up e-mail from Dr. M. Shawn Fogle before the event, to ensure that your company has reserved a space. No personal checks will be accepted, all payments must be made online.

I encourage you to promptly return the vendor form and payment to reserve your space. If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact Dr. M. Shawn Fogle via telephone at (843) 906-3612 or by email at sfogle33.mwgl@sfx2llc.com.

Yours in the faith,

Dr. Melvin L. Fogle

Dr. M. Shawn Fogle
United Supreme Council – DC
Director, Convention Vendors

OFFICIAL VENDOR AGREEMENT

United Supreme Council

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This is an official vendor agreement between The United Supreme Council, Ancient & Accepted Scottish Rite for the Thirty-Third and Last Degree of Freemasonry for the United States of America and its Jurisdictions, Inc., Prince Hall Affiliated:

Whereby said vendor is authorized to display and sell appropriate products (not to include flammables, drugs/dangerous substances, alcohol, tobacco and firearms) in space(s) designated by the official representative of the United Supreme Council, Ancient & Accepted Scottish Rite for the Thirty-Third and Last Degree of Freemasonry for the United States of America and Its Jurisdiction, Inc., Prince Hall Affiliated, will convene its 2023 Annual Session, December 7-10, 2023 at the Hyatt Regency New Orleans, 601 Loyola Ave, New Orleans, Louisiana 70113.

Spaces are assigned on arrival at the conference site, and done at the discretion of the United Supreme Council's vendor manager. The said party named above, as the vendor, agrees that a **NON-REFUNDABLE** fee of **THREE HUNDRED and FIFTY Dollars (\$350.00)** per space (can accommodate 2 6-foot table) must be paid before assignment and occupancy of any vendor display space. If you have any questions, please contact Dr. M. Shawn Fogle via telephone at (843) 906-3612 or by email at sfogle33.mwqll@sfx2llc.com.

Hotel accommodations and meals are the sole responsibility of individual vendors. Reservations may be made by contacting the Hyatt Regency New Orleans via telephone at (504) 561-1234 or emailing them directly at hrno.sales@hyatt.com. Please utilize the group code: G-USCA (2023 United Supreme Council-DC Meeting). Reservations may also be made utilizing the following hotel reservation link: [Hyatt Regency NOLA](#). Please note that the cut-off date for making reservations is November 7, 2023.

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AUXILIARY TO THE UNITED SUPREME COUNCIL WASHINGTON, DC

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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.

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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; pattutt1304@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

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Faye H. Williams".

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.	<i>State Grand Loyal Lady Rulers Meeting</i>	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 *

MM-DD-YYYY



AUXILIARY TO THE UNITED SUPREME COUNCIL

The Order of the Golden Circle, Prince Hall Affiliated

auxiliaryusdc@gmail.com Text: 301-906-3342

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 \$ _____