

**UNITED SUPREME COUNCIL  
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FOR THE THIRTY-THIRD AND LAST DEGREE OF FREEMASONRY  
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# 2024 ANNUAL SESSION

December 11, 2024 - December 15, 2024

**HYATT REGENCY CRYSTAL CITY  
2799 RICHMOND HWY, ARLINGTON, VIRGINIA**

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**2024 USC-DC & GOLDEN CIRCLE  
ANNUAL SESSION OFFICIAL BULLETIN**

**Arlington, Virginia  
December 11-15, 2024**

**Hyatt Regency Crystal City  
2799 Richmond Hwy, Arlington, Virginia 22202**



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Dear Esteemed Members,

We welcome you to the 2024 United Supreme Council and Order of the Golden Circle Annual Sessions! For what promises to be an inspiring and informative convention, we are delighted to have you join us on the beautiful southwestern bank of the Potomac River in Arlington, Virginia.

A conference like ours provides an excellent opportunity for networking and collaboration, which is one of the most exciting aspects of attending. These interactions can lead to inspiration, professional development, and even lifelong friendships. It is our goal to ensure that you feel comfortable and inspired throughout the conference. We have a fantastic lineup of events and engaging workshops, all designed to facilitate these connections and foster your professional growth.

We greatly appreciate your participation in this exciting journey. Together, we'll make this conference an unforgettable and rewarding experience.

Warm regards.

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**DR. RALPH SLAUGHTER**

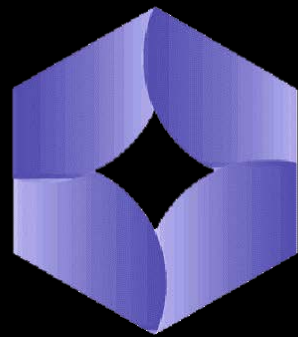
SOVEREIGN GRAND COMMANDER

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**GLLR, FAYE H. WILLIAMS**

PRESIDENT, AUXILIARY TO THE USC- DC





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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 Crystal City, 2799 Richmond Hwy, Arlington, VA. 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 official website at: <http://www.usc-dc.org/>*

**December 12th, 13th, 14th, & 15th**  
**(Thursday—Sunday)**

All Sovereign Grand Inspectors Generals are required to register. **All SGIG & GIG candidates are required to register.** The advance registration form must be completed and submitted with payment postmarked or electronically received by November 30, 2024. The advance registration fee will be \$250.00, and the On-site registration fee will be \$300.00. The registration fee includes session access, one (1) Luncheon Ticket, and one (1) Banquet Ticket. An additional luncheon ticket costs \$70.00, and an additional banquet ticket is \$100.00 each.

Registration Category	Dates	Cost	Additional Tickets	
Advanced	9/1/24 -11/30/24	\$250.00	Luncheon	\$70.00
Late / On-Site	beginning 12/1/24	\$300.00	Banquet	\$100.00

The Council of Administration (COA) must be present for an Executive Officers meeting scheduled for Thursday, December 12<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m. Deputies must be present for a Deputies meeting that will include the COA and Overseers scheduled for Thursday, December 12<sup>h</sup> at 3:00 p.m. All Sovereign Grand Inspectors General are required to be present for the First Executive session scheduled for Friday, December 13<sup>th</sup> 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 12<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 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 due to the issuance of the new Scottish Rite Rituals. 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 33<sup>rd</sup> 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, 5, 8, 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 7<sup>th</sup> Street, NW, #153, Washington, D.C. 20001 or via email at [USCDCgrandsecretaryoffice@gmail.com](mailto:USCDCgrandsecretaryoffice@gmail.com). Those classes not mentioned above may also hold a class reunion or meeting.

Given over our signature this 16<sup>st</sup> day of July 2024 A.D.

ATTEST:



**NICHOLAS PADILLA**

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 7<sup>th</sup> Street, NW, #153,  
Washington, D.C. 20001**

The advance registration form must be completed and submitted with payment postmarked or received electronically by November 30, 2024. Payment through PayPal should be made under [uscdegrandsecretaryoffice@gmail.com](mailto:uscdegrandsecretaryoffice@gmail.com) and email the registration form to the USC-DC email address.

## **ONLINE REGISTRATION**

Members can register for the 2024 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 Crystal City, 2799 Richmond Hwy, Arlington, VA. The daily hotel rate is \$154 single or double. Reservations may be made by contacting the Hyatt Regency Crystal City via telephone at (703) 418-1234. Please use group code: G-USS1. Reservations may also be made utilizing the following hotel reservation link:

<https://www.hyatt.com/en-US/group-booking/WASRC/G-USS1>


***Please note that the cut-off date for making reservations is November 18, 2024.***

## **MEETING PLACE**

The Divine and Memorial Service will be held on Thursday, December 11, 2024, and the official ceremonial opening of the United Supreme Council will be held on Saturday, December 14, 2024. All programs and the official sessions will be held at the Hyatt Regency Crystal City Hotel, 2799 Richmond Hwy, Arlington, VA

## **REFUNDS**

All conference cancellations and refund requests must be made in writing and mailed, faxed, or emailed no later than midnight, November 30, 2024. 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 7<sup>th</sup> Street, NW, #153, Washington, D.C. 20001; email is [uscdegrandsecretaryoffice@gmail.com](mailto:uscdegrandsecretaryoffice@gmail.com),

	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	

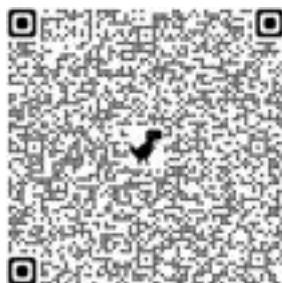
**ATTIRE**

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.

**ANNUAL BANQUET**

The annual banquet is held in honor of the newly elevated Class of 2024. In addition to presenting the 2024 class and awards, past classes and reunions may make contributions/ donations during the banquet. The banquet will be held in the Independence Ballroom of the Hyatt Regency Crystal City, 2799 Richmond Hwy, Arlington, VA., on Saturday, December 14, 2024, at 7:00 p.m



**Scooter Rentals**

December 12 -15, 2024

Delivered to the Hotel

**\$175**

To reserve your scooter, contact:

**1-888-441-7575**



# Schedule of Events

## Thursday, December 12, 2024

<b><u>Time</u></b> (EST)	<b><u>Event</u></b>
<b>7:00 AM</b>	Medical Office On-Site Registration Opens Advanced Registration Opens
<b>1:00 PM</b>	Elected Officers Meeting
<b>2:00 PM</b>	2023 Class Orientation
<b>3:00 PM</b>	Deputies Meeting
<b>5:00 PM</b>	Lodge Helper Certification Vendors
<b>6:00 PM</b>	Official Photos (w/ Robes) <i>(Elected Officers &amp; SGIGs)</i>
<b>7:00 PM</b>	Memorial Service

## Friday, December 13, 2024

<b>7:00 AM</b>	Medical Office On-Site Registration Opens Advanced Registration Opens
<b>8:00 AM</b>	Vendors Open
<b>9:00 AM</b>	Executive Session
<b>10:00 AM</b>	Scottish Rite Training
<b>11:30 AM</b>	SGIG Coronation
<b>12:30 PM</b>	Taste of New Orleans (Sponsored by the Orient of Louisiana)
<b>2:00 PM</b>	Scottish Rite Training Resumes
<b>3:00 PM</b>	Lodge Helper Certification
<b>6:00 PM</b>	Class Reunions
<b>7:30 PM</b>	Live Concert w/ Dinner



# Schedule of Events

## Saturday, December 14, 2024

<u>Time(EST)</u>	<u>Event</u>
7:00 AM	Medical Office On-Site Registration Opens Advanced Registration Opens Vendors Open
7:30 AM	2023 Class Orientation Morning Devotion
8:00 AM	General Session & Elevation Order of the Golden Circle Session
9:00 AM	Scottish Rite Training
12:00 PM	Luncheon
2:30 PM	General Session Reconvenes Scottish Rite Training Resumes
4:00 PM	KSA Secretary's Workshop
6:30 PM	Assembly for the Banquet
7:00 PM	Annual Class Banquet
9:00 PM	Social w/ Live DJ

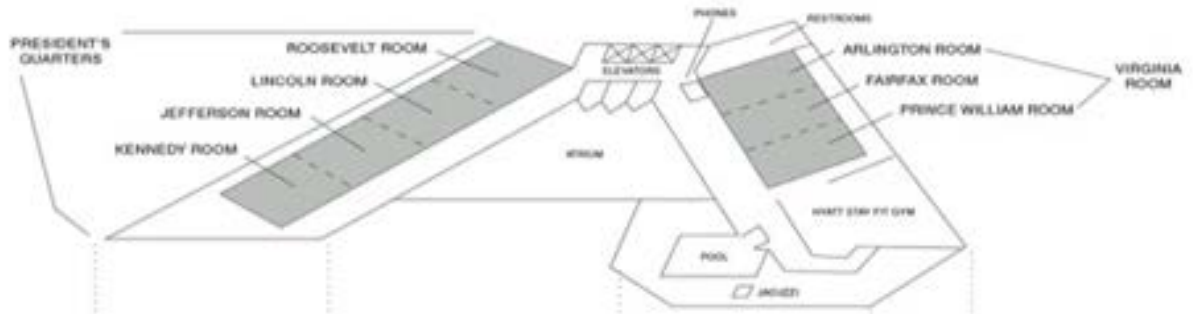
## Sunday, December 15, 2024

8:00 AM	Medical Office
9:00 AM	Devotional Service

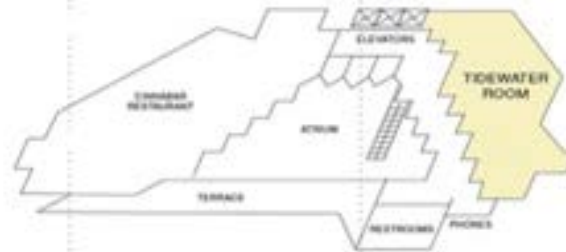




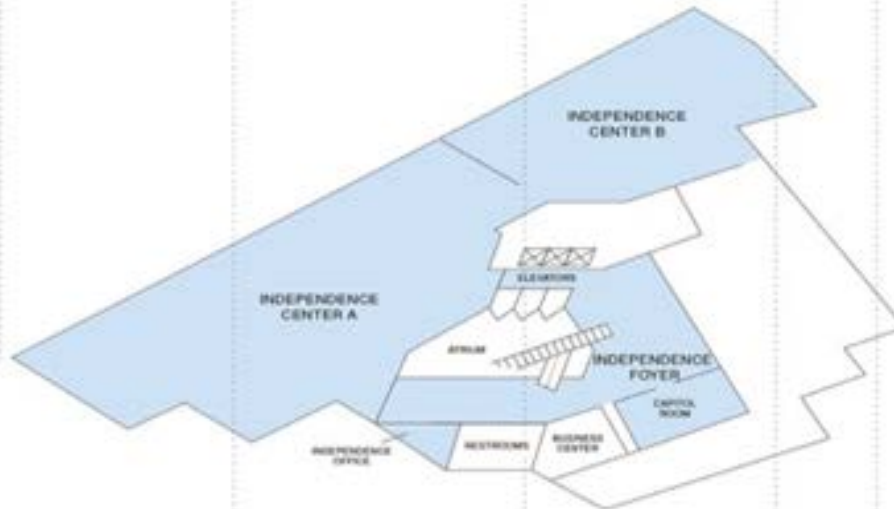
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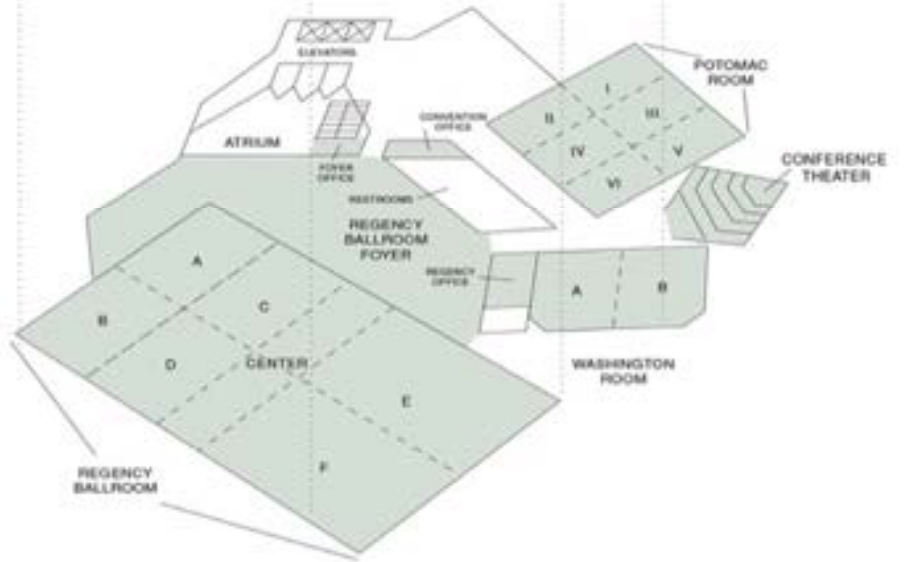
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INDEPENDENCE LEVEL



BALLROOM LEVEL



# UNITED SUPREME COUNCIL

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## 2024 ADVANCE REGISTRATION FORM

The advance Registration fee is \$250.00. The On-Site Registration fee will be \$300.00. 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 @ \$70.00	_____	\$ _____
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 2024 (\$250.00)**  
**LATE REGISTRATION BEGINS: 1-10 DECEMEBER 2024 (\$300.00)**

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

Bank Drafts, Checks, and Money Orders are made Payable to: **USC-DC.**





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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 2024 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". Please annotate on your advertisement contract whether your payment was made via check, or money order.

## ADVERTISEMENTS:

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

**United Supreme Council  
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Please follow the instructions on the advertisement form about photos and print. Please send your "Ready to Print Ads" via the below Jotform at:

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

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



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



Enclosure: (1) Advertisement Contract Form



# 2024 SOUVENIR JOURNAL ADVERTISING CONTRACT FORM

Please enter my subscription for a (Circle Preference): **Full Page / Half Page**  
*(All SGIGs are REQUIRED to purchase a Full-Page Ad at the cost of \$150.00)*

Enclosed herewith is PAYMENT IN FULL according to the rate schedule below:

Members			
FULL Page, Size 9"x7"	\$150.00	HALF Page, Size 4.5" x 7"	\$100.00
Corporate/ Business			
FULL Page, Size 9"x7"	\$250.00	HALF Page, Size 4.5" x 7"	\$200.00

\*ONE PICTURE PER FULL PAGE ONLY\*

**MAIL-IN ADVERTISEMENTS:**

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

CAMERA-READY ADVERTISEMENT SHOULD BE UPLOADED TO:

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

PHOTOGRAPHS MUST BE SAVED AS JPEG IMAGES WITH WORD FORMAT  
 ADVERTISEMENTS SENT WITH THIS REGISTRATION FORM  
 Make Checks or Money Orders Payable to: **USC-DC**

MAIL PAYMENTS TO:  
 United Supreme Council (USC-DC)  
 Attn: Souvenir Journal Committee  
 1835 7th Street, NW, #153  
 Washington, D.C. 20001

**ALL ADVERTISEMENTS MUST BE RECEIVED NO LATER THAN NOVEMBER 1, 2024  
 (NO EXCEPTIONS)**

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 E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

**PAYMENT INFORMATION**

Check/Money Order No: \_\_\_\_\_ Transaction ID: \_\_\_\_\_ Check/  
 Money Order/PayPal Amount Encl: \_\_\_\_\_





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NICHOLAS PADILLA  
GRAND SECRETARY –GENERAL, H.E.

August 1, 2024

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 11-15, 2024 at the Hyatt Regency Crystal City, 2799 Richmond Hwy, Arlington, Virginia 22202 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 Crystal City, 2799 Richmond Hwy, Arlington, Virginia 22202. The daily hotel rate is as follows: \$154 king, or double. The hotel does provide valet parking for \$30 plus tax during the session dates based on the hotel's parking space availability. Reservations may be made by contacting the Hyatt Regency Crystal City via telephone at (703) 418-1234. Please use this group code: G-USS1 (2024 United Supreme Council-DC Meeting). Reservations may also be made utilizing the host hotel reservation link: <https://www.hyatt.com/en-US/group-booking/WASRC/G-USS1> Also note that the cut-off date for making reservations is November 18, 2024.

Click Here  
to Download



To reserve your vendor space, please complete the [USC-DC Official Vendor Agreement](#) and submit the application fee of \$400 per vendor space by November 10, 2024. 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.mwgll@sfx2llc.com](mailto:sfogle33.mwgll@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 11-15, 2024 at the Hyatt Regency Crystal City, 2799 Richmond Hwy, Arlington, Virginia 22202.

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 **FOUR HUNDRED (\$400.00)** 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.mwgl@sf2llc.com](mailto:sfogle33.mwgl@sf2llc.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 (703) 418-1234. Please utilize the group code: G-USS1 (2024 United Supreme Council-DC Meeting). Reservations may also be made utilizing the following hotel reservation link: <https://www.hyatt.com/en-US/group-booking/WASRC/G-USS1>. Please note that the cut-off date for making reservations is November 18, 2024.



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***AUXILIARY TO THE UNITED SUPREME COUNCIL WASHINGTON, DC***

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***2024 USC-DC Annual Session***

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*Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday & Sunday  
December 11 – 15, 2024*

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Arlington, Virginia 22202*





## Official Notice

Greetings Loyal Ladies, Praise, Honor and “Thanks” to God Almighty for taking care of us and bringing us thus far into yet another year. 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 2024 USC-Auxiliary Annual Session at the **Hyatt Regency Crystal City, 2799 Richmond Hwy., Arlington, Virginia 22202**. Please read the enclosed information carefully, and govern yourselves accordingly, as changes that will affect you have taken place. Please be attentive to the dates, day and time information on the enclosed Agenda.

Please note some changes to this year’s Annual Session: (1) Wednesday afternoon, Kits preparation; (2) Thursday, Joint Memorial Service; (3) Friday, Dance with Live band, including three (3) shows; (4) Saturday, Banquet.

**Dance Ticket cost is included in your Registration. Banquet tickets cost remains \$100.00 and Loyal Ladies are requested once again this year 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.**

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### **COVID-19 SAFETY PROTOCOLS**

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**December 12<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, & 14<sup>th</sup>, & 15<sup>th</sup>**

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](mailto: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 **Hyatt Regency Crystal City, 2799 Richmond Hwy., Arlington, Virginia 22202**. Please utilize the following information to make your reservations.

1. Hotel daily room rate is \$154.00 single or double, \$225.00 suites and \$459.00 parlors.
2. Reservations may be made telephonically by contacting the Hyatt Regency Crystal City at **(703) 418-1234**, and provide the following group code: **G-USS1**
3. Reservations may also be made utilizing the following hotel reservation link <https://www.hyatt.com/en-US/group-booking/WASRC/G-USS1>

Please note that the cut-off date for making reservations is **November 18, 2024**.

### ***Advance Registration***

The Advance Registration fee is \$170.00. The Advance Registration form is enclosed for your convenience and must be completed and submitted with payment postmarked or electronically received by **November 30, 2024**. 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).

<b>Registration Category</b>			<b>Dates</b>		<b>Cost</b>	<b>Additional Tickets</b>	
Advanced	08/01/2024 – 11/30/2024				\$170.00	Luncheon	\$70.00
Late / On-Site	Beginning 12/01/2024				\$200.00	Banquet	\$100.00
						Dance Tickets	\$20.00

**On-site registration fee will be \$200.00.** The registration fee includes access to the Session, the Luncheon, and the Dance. Extra Dance tickets may be purchased for \$20.00 each, payable to Auxiliary to the USC-DC.



You may purchase a USC-DC Banquet Ticket for \$100.00 and an extra Luncheon Ticket for \$70.00. **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 Dance tickets requests and mail to Auxiliary to the USC-DC, P. O. Box 6954, Capital Heights, MD 20791.**

Additional costs are:

Daily Valet Parking	\$30.00
Scooter Rental	\$175.00

### ***Meeting Place***

All meetings and all programs and the Official Sessions will be held at the Hyatt Regency Crystal City, 2799 Richmond Hwy., Arlington, VA 22202. Wednesday and Thursday are considered travel days. Kit Preparation will take place on Wednesday at 4:00 pm. Room TBD.

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 12, 2024 at 7:00 pm. The Dance will be Friday, 6pm or 7 pm.

The official opening of the USC-Auxiliary, Order of the Golden Circle will be held on Saturday, December 14, 2024. Registration on Saturday will begin at 7:00 am and end promptly at 7:45 am.

The Banquet will be held on Saturday evening at 7:00 pm and a Devotional service at 9:00 am on Sunday Morning.

### ***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 2024.

### ***REFUNDS***

All conference cancellations and refund requests must be made in writing and mailed, or emailed no later than midnight, **November 30, 2024**. The address is P. O. Box 6954, Capital Heights, MD 20791; email; [pattutt1304@aol.com](mailto:pattutt1304@aol.com).

### ***Parking***

**Valet Parking only** is available at the hotel at a daily rate of \$30.00, 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.

## *Souvenir Journal*



**November 1, 2024 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 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 1<sup>st</sup> Day of August, 2024 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 11, 2024

4:00 p.m. Kit Preparation

### Thursday December 12, 2024

7:00 a.m. Medical Office  
8:00 a.m. - Noon Registration/Credentials (Advance/On-Site)  
1:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. Registration/Credentials (Advance/On-Site)  
1:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. *State Grand Loyal Lady Rulers Meeting*  
3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. GC Training  
4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. Joint Memorial Rehearsal  
5:00 p.m. Vendors Open  
7:00 p.m. Joint Memorial Service  
9:00 p.m. Social Courtesies

### Friday December 13, 2024

7:00 a.m. Medical Office  
8:00 a.m. Registration/Credentials (Advance/On-Site)  
8:00 a.m. Vendors Open  
11:00 a.m. - 12 Noon GC Training - Protocol (Part II)  
**Lunch on your own.**  
12:30 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. ??  
2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. ??  
6:00 p.m./7:00 p.m. - Midnight - Dance

### Saturday December 14, 2024

7:00 a.m. Medical Office  
7:00 a.m. Vendors Open  
7:00 a.m. - 7:45 a.m. Registration/Credentials (Advance/On-Site)  
8:00 a.m. \*General Session Opening  
a) Loyal Ladies Short and/or Long White Attire  
b) Auxiliary Officers Long White Attire  
12:00 Noon \*Joint Lunch (SGIG, GIG, AND GOLDEN CIRCLE)  
2:00 p.m. Resume Session  
Closing of Session (Official End of our 2024 Annual Auxiliary Session)  
6:30 p.m. Assemble for the Annual Banquet (Officers and Guests)  
7:00 p.m. Annual Banquet  
Post Banquet Social

### Sunday December 15, 2024

9:00 a.m. Devotional Service



# 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 11-15 December, 2024 at the **Hyatt Regency Crystal City, 2799 Richmond Hwy., Arlington, Virginia 22202** 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

[auxiliaryuscdc@gmail.com](mailto:auxiliaryuscdc@gmail.com) Text: 301-906-3342

## 2024 Annual Session

Wednesday December 11<sup>th</sup> thru Sunday December 15<sup>th</sup>  
Hyatt Regency Crystal City, 2799 Richmond Hwy.,  
Arlington, Virginia 22202



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, 2024) \$170.00**

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

**Late and On-Site Registration \$200.00**

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

Extra Dance Ticket – Number of Tickets \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$20.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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/the-order-of-the-golden-circle-auxiliary-to-the-usc-dc-2024-annual-session-tickets-970163143077?aff=ebemoffollowpublishemail&ref=email&utm\\_campaign=following\\_published\\_event&utm\\_content=notification&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_source=eventbrite](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/the-order-of-the-golden-circle-auxiliary-to-the-usc-dc-2024-annual-session-tickets-970163143077?aff=ebemoffollowpublishemail&ref=email&utm_campaign=following_published_event&utm_content=notification&utm_medium=email&utm_source=eventbrite)

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 \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$ 70.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

USC Banquet 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 \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

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**"Blu Neffu"**

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Time: 7:30 PM – 11:30 PM

Location: Hyatt Regency Crystal City

**Note:** For Tickets, see the Registration Form or QR-Code

