

*47th Annual Midwest Regional
Conference of
Grand Masters and Masons*



*Most Worshipful
Prince Hall Grand Lodge
F & AM Minnesota Jurisdiction*

MWGM Joe R. Gonzalez



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*32nd Annual Midwest Regional
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*Prince Hall Grand Chapter
Order of the Eastern Star
Minnesota Jurisdiction*

*WGM Peggy A. Ramosime
WGP John M. Chisley*

“Stepping To New Horizons In Harmony”

Most Worshipful Grand Masters, Worthy Grand Matrons & Worthy Grand Patrons, Past Grand Masters, Past Grand Matrons & Past Grand Patrons, Elected Grand Officers and Members for the Jurisdictions of the 47th Midwest Regional Conference of Grand Masters and Masons and Elected Grand Officers and Members for the Jurisdictions of the 32nd Midwest Regional Conference of Grand Matrons and Eastern Stars:

GREETINGS FROM MINNESOTA:

The Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Minnesota and Prince Hall Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, Jurisdiction of Minnesota extends to you a cordial invitation to attend the 47th Midwest Regional Conference of Grand Masters and Masons and the 32nd Midwest Regional Conference of Grand Chapters and Eastern Stars, on March 21st through the 24th, 2019

The Planning Committees are diligently at work creating social events and hospitality venues to welcome and entertain you during your visit to the North Star State. It is imperative that you respond by the designated timelines we have established to ensure your registration is both pleasant and uneventful. We look forward to sharing this momentous occasion with you. If there is a need for special accommodations, (i.e. medical, dietary restrictions, accessibility, etc.) please be sure to inform us, so we can ensure your needs are met during your visit.

The enclosed information is designed to facilitate your program planning, conference registration, hotel registration, transportation and general entertainment. Please ensure that you return all forms to the designated committee or contact person. Additional information may be obtained from the Steering Committee Members listed below.

Fraternally Yours,

MWB John Hardeman, Past Grand Master
Steering Committee Chairperson

PWGM Sister Paula Lee
MWB Kymphus Muhammad
RWB Virgil Brown

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2019 Policies

CONFERENCE REGISTRATION

The conference registration fee is \$150.00 which includes two (2) luncheon tickets and one (1) banquet ticket. Additional luncheon tickets are \$40.00 each and additional banquet tickets are \$55.00 each. Any additional tickets must be ordered at the time of registration. Conference registration forms are enclosed; the forms should be completed and mailed with Jurisdictional checks, cashier checks or money orders only payable to: Midwest Regional Conference 2019 and forwarded to John M Chisley, 3002 Copper Oaks Trl, Woodbury, MN 55125, Attn: Midwest Committee. The deadline is February 24, 2019. Late registrations will be honored up until March 8, 2019. The fee for late registration will be \$200.00. After March 8, 2019 there will be **NO LATE REGISTRATION ACCEPTED** and **NO ONSITE REGISTRATION**.

CANCELLATION POLICY

Cancellation of full registration at no charge will be accepted until February 24, 2019. Any cancellations after February 24, 2019 will be assessed a fee of \$120.00 per registered cancellation.

HOTEL REGISTRATION

The Hyatt Regency Minneapolis Hotel will serve as the Conference Headquarters, located at 1300 Nicollet Mall, Minneapolis, MN 55403. The hotel rates are \$129.00 per night Single/Double plus tax. You can book your room online at: <https://aws.passkey.com/go/GrandMasters2019> or call: 888-421-1442 or 612-370-1234. When calling for registration ask for the block listed under Midwest Regional Conference. Onsite parking is available at \$13/ day. Busses will park at the Minneapolis Convention Center Parking Lot, located at 1301 2nd Ave S Minneapolis, MN 55403.

The deadline for hotel registration is February 26, 2019. Reservation requests after the deadline will be accepted on space and rate availability basis; if the group rate is not available after the cutoff date, the prevailing rates will apply for any confirmed reservations thereafter.

The Millennium Hotel located across the street from the host hotel at 1313 Nicollet Mall, Minneapolis, MN 55403 will serve as the overflow hotel. We have additional rooms available at the overflow hotel which can be reserved by calling the Group Coordinator at 866-866-8086. Inform the coordinator that you'd like to reserve a room under the 'Grand Masters Conference' group rate during the dates of March 21, 2019 - March 24, 2019.

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2019 MIDWEST CONFERENCE INFORMATION SHEET

MEETING ROOMS

All official sessions of the conference will be held at the Hyatt Regency Hotel Minneapolis

PHOTOGRAPHY

The Photography Committee has contracted with photographers to provide coverage of the entire Conference. Time slots will be designated for the traditional group photos as in the past; the photographer will be available onsite to make arrangements with members who wish to purchase individual pictures.

SOUVENIR JOURNAL

Preparation for the 2019 Midwest Regional Conference Souvenir Journal is in progress. The Planning Committee invites your Jurisdiction to participate in the Journal by purchasing advertising space or a Patron Ad. Please enclose payment for Souvenir Journal Ad via check or money order made payable to: The Midwest Regional Conference 2019. Mail ad and payment to: MWRC Souvenir Journal Committee, PO Box 27114, Crystal, MN 55427, Attn: MWB Alex Horne. The deadline for the Souvenir Journal is Friday, February 1, 2019. You may also email a photo ready ad to: MidwestRegionalAds@gmail.com

HOSPITALITY AND ENTERTAINMENT

Join us on Thursday, March 21, 2019 as we welcome you to the North Star State during an evening of Minnesota hospitality and fraternal fellowship and on Friday, March 22, 2019 for a Masquerade party and dance contest. We ask that you dress to impress for a trophy will be given to the most alluring Masquerader.

TRANSPORTATION

The Transportation Committee is putting together an assortment of option to assist in your transit to and from the Conference Host Hotel. Additional Information will be sent to the Jurisdictional Grand Secretaries. For further information Contact Sister Machel Albert at (313) 413-4444.

MEDICAL/FIRST AIDE

There will be a trained medical staff available to assist you should the need arise. Remember to travel with your medication(s) and to take them as prescribed. Please contact Sister Sarah Barnett, RN at (651) 235-4009 should you have any questions.

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2019 Midwest Conference Registration Form (Please Print)

DEADLINE FOR REGISTRATION IS FEBRUARY 25, 2019, (LATE: March 04, 2019)

*****NO ON-SITE REGISTRATION*****

Full Name: _____
Address, City, State, ZIP: _____
Phone: _____
E-Mail: _____
Title(s): _____
Jurisdiction: _____

Registration	Cost	Qty.	Amt.
Includes Kit, 1 Banquet Ticket and 2 Luncheon	\$150.00		
Late Registration (Kit + 1 Banquet + 2 lunch Tickets)	\$200.00		
Additional Banquet Ticket(s)	\$ 55.00		
Additional Luncheon Ticket(s) Fri., March 22, 2019	\$ 40.00		
Additional Luncheon Ticket(s) Sat., March 23, 2019	\$ 40.00		

[] CHECK HERE IF REQUESTING A VEGETARIAN MEAL FOR BANQUET AND LUNCHEON
Please photocopy if additional registration forms are needed

**ALL RETURNED CHECKS WILL BE CHARGED \$50.00

**WE WILL ONLY ACCEPT Money Order, Cashier Check or JURISDICTIONAL CHECKS ONLY; NO PERSONAL CHECKS

For additional information or questions, please feel free to contact MWPGM John M. Chisley Registration Committee Chairperson, at 612-419-7059 or email at jmchisley@q.com. Submit registration forms along with your money order, cashier check or Jurisdictional Check payable to: The Midwest Regional Conference - MN and Mail to Attn: MWPGM John M. Chisley, Midwest Regional Conference 3002 Copper Oaks Trl, Woodbury, MN 55125.

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY:

Received by: _____ Date: _____ Check # / MO#: _____

Receipt #: _____

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Souvenir Journal Contract

Deadline: March 1, 2019

No Ads will be accepted after this date.

I authorize the 2019 Souvenir Journal Committee to publish the designated Ad in conjunction with the 2019 Midwest Regional Conference. I understand that my Ad will be published per specification listed below, and I have enclosed my payment. I further understand that failure to provide payment of Ad prior to the specified due date, will cause my Ad to not be published in the 2019 Souvenir Journal.

Souvenir Journal Chairperson:

MWB Alex Horne – Phone: (952) 465-2235, E-mail: MidwestRegionalAds@gmail.com

Please Make all cashier checks or Money Orders Payable To: Midwest Regional Conference 2019

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone Number: () _____

Amount Enclosed: _____

Outside Back Cover	\$200.00
Inside Front Cover	\$150.00
Inside Back Cover	\$150.00
Full Page/w Picture	\$100.00
Half Page with Picture	\$ 75.00
Half Page w/o Picture	\$ 60.00
Quarter Page (no Picture)	\$ 35.00
Business Card (no Picture)	\$ 25.00
Patron Ad - Name & Title	\$ 10.00

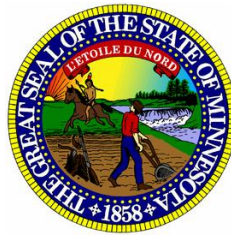
Full page ads price includes a picture. All Pictures must be of print quality and placed on ads at least 1/2 page or larger, each additional picture per page will be an additional \$15.00. Make all Jurisdictional checks, cashier checks and or money orders payable to **Midwest Regional Conference 2019** and mail to: P.O. Box 27114, Crystal, MN 55427, Attn: MWB Alex Horne

For OFFICE Use Only:

Contract received from _____ for _____ page to be published in the 2019 Annual Midwest Souvenir Journal.

Received by: _____ Amount: _____ Date: _____

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Vendor Contract

Dear Vendor:

The Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Minnesota and Prince Hall Grand Chapter, O.E.S., P.H.A., Jurisdiction of Minnesota will host the 47th Annual Midwest Regional Conference of Grand Masters and 32nd Annual Midwest Regional Conference of Grand Chapters and Eastern Stars. The Conference will convene March 21 through March 24, 2019 at the Hyatt Regency Minneapolis, 1300 Nicollet Mall, Minneapolis, MN 55403.

We are accepting applications from vendors who are interested in participating in this endeavor; we have limited space designated within the hotel. The fee for table reservation is \$200.00 per table plus two chairs and \$50.00 for each additional table. All applications must be submitted no later than February 25, 2019; no refunds will be issued after March 1, 2019. Registered vendors will have access to set up display booth on Wednesday evening, March 20, 2019.

Please fill out the attached application and return it to the address indicated on the form with your payment. Payment must be a cashier check or money order only – no personal checks will be accepted.

If you have any questions, please contact the 2019 Vendor Coordinator, Sister Ruchelle Whitner at (612) 768-9248 or rwhitner@comcast.net

You will be responsible for providing both covering for your items during the time frame that you are on break and when you close for the day.

Sincerely,

Sister Ruchelle Whitner.

2019 VENDORS REGISTRATION FORM

Business Name: _____

Contact Person: _____

Business Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone #: () _____ Cell #: () _____ Fax: () _____

Email Address: _____

Trade Goods: _____

**Make all Cashier Checks and Money Orders payable to:
The Midwest Regional Conference 2019
(NO PERSONAL CHECKS WILL BE ACCEPTED)**

Fee: \$200.00 per table (includes 2 chairs) and \$50.00 for each additional table (includes 2 chairs)

Note: Vendors **DO NOT** make request regarding space, tables, electrical outlets, chairs, etc. directly to the hotel staff. Contact Sister Ruchelle Whitner (612) 768-9248

Mail Vendor Registration Form and payments to:

The Midwest Regional Conference 2019
Attn: Sister Ruchelle D. Whitner, GC
1244 County Road D East Unit 206
Maplewood, MN 55109

For accountability purposes: All conference vendors must check in with Vendor Coordinator Sister Ruchelle Whitner at the hotel prior to setting up booths.

Application must be submitted no later than Monday, February 25, 2019. No refunds will be issued after Friday March 1, 2019.

Contract Disclaimer: As a condition of your vendor contract you represent and warrant to the MWPH Grand Lodge of Minnesota that you will not use this space for any purposes that is unlawful or outside of its original intention. You further understand that the MWPH Grand Lodge of Minnesota will not assume responsibility or liability for any displaced, lost or stolen items.

Check here to acknowledge that you have read and understand the contract disclaimer. _____(initial)

Signature: _____ Date: _____

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**Midwest Regional Conference of Grand Masters and Masons
Tie and Belt Charity**



Donate your old/new Ties and Belts to those less fortunate. Every Man/Young Man should have a Tie for an Interview and a Belt to keep his pants up. Let's reach out and help a community organization in MINNESOTA by participating in the Midwest Regional Conference of Grand Masters and Masons Tie and Belt Donation. Our attempt is to reach back into our community and provide that helping hand and assistance to those who need it. You can help by bringing a belt and a tie to Minneapolis and watch it do its magic. The charity has been picked; all we need is your help. Any questions contact the Executive Secretary MWPGM Darrell Morton darrellemorton@aol.com or Brother Lamont Cole lamontricole@yahoo.com

