

51ST Annual Midwest Regional Conference
of Grand Masters and Masons



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36th Annual Midwest Regional Conference
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To: The Most Worshipful Grand Masters, Worthy Grand Matrons/Grand Worthy Matrons, Worthy Grand Patrons/Grand Worthy Patrons, Past Grand Masters, Past Grand Matrons & Past Grand Patrons, Midwest Regional Conference Executive Staff, Delegates and Attendees of the Midwest Regional Conference of Grand Masters and Masons, Grand Chapters and Eastern Stars

Fraternal Greetings from the GREAT State of Wisconsin!

The Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Wisconsin along with Unity Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, Prince Hall Affiliated, Jurisdiction of Wisconsin, extends to you a cordial invitation to attend the 51st Midwest Regional Conference of Grand Masters and Masons and the 36th Midwest Regional Conference of Grand Chapters and Eastern Stars to convene on **Thursday, March 9, 2023 to Sunday, March 12, 2023** at the Hilton Milwaukee City Center, 509 W. Wisconsin Avenue, Milwaukee, WI 53203.

The Planning Committees are diligently at work creating social events and hospitality venues to welcome and entertain you during your visit to the "Brew City". It is imperative that you respond by the designated timelines we have established to ensure your visit is both pleasant and eventful. If there is any 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 packet contains the following forms: conference registration, hotel info, transportation, souvenir journal ad request and vendor request. **Please ensure that you return all forms to the designated committee or contact person with proper payment at the proper time.** Additional information may be obtained from the Chairpersons listed below.

Fraternally Yours,

Linda Ward

PGWM Linda Ward
Cell: (608) 201-0334
Host Committee Co-Chairperson

Micah E. Tharpe

MWPGM Micah E. Tharpe
Cell: (334) 657-5626
Host Committee Chairperson

Barbara Nash

PGWM Barbara Nash
Cell: (414) 839-1899
Host Committee Co-Chairperson

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2023 POLICIES

CONFERENCE REGISTRATION

The conference registration fee is \$200.00 which includes two (2) luncheon tickets and one (1) banquet ticket. Additional luncheon tickets are \$40.00 each and additional banquet tickets are \$60.00 each. Any additional tickets must be ordered at the time of registration.

There are two ways to register:

1. Electronically Online by clicking on the registration link. You will be able to pay for registration, souvenir journal ads, and other items related to the conference.

<https://mwrc2023.eventbrite.com/>

Service fees will apply to all Eventbrite Registrations

2. Use the enclosed registration form.

The form should be completed and mailed with Jurisdictional checks, cashier checks or money orders payable to MWRC-WI and mailed to Midwest Regional Conference, Attn: Shawn A. James Sr., P.O. Box 242448, Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53224. No personal checks will be accepted.

The deadline for registration is February 27, 2023, there will be NO LATE REGISTRATION ACCEPTED and NO ONSITE REGISTRATION. All mailed registrations need to be post mark by February 27, 2023.

CANCELLATION POLICY

Cancellation of full registration at no charge will be accepted until February 27, 2023. Any cancellations after February 27, 2023, will be assessed a fee of \$100.00 per registered cancellation. Registered guest will not be charged the \$100.00 registration cancellation fee under emergency circumstances deemed acceptable.

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HOTEL REGISTRATION

The Hilton Milwaukee City Center will serve as the Conference Headquarters, located at 509 W. Wisconsin Avenue, Milwaukee, WI 53203. Hotel Rate: \$131.00 per night, Single/Double plus 15% tax.

To make your reservations, please call (414) 271-7250 or visit the following URL Link

<https://www.hilton.com/en/book/reservation/deeplink/?ctyhocn=MKEMHHF&groupCode=MRC&arrivaldate=2023-03-09&departuredate=2023-03-12&cid=OM,WW,HILTONLINK,EN,DirectLink&fromId=HILTONLINKDIRECT>

Reference ***"Midwest Regional Conference"*** when placing your reservation to ensure the negotiated rate is applied.

The hotel reservation deadline is 5:00 PM on Monday, February 27, 2023. Any reservations made after the deadline will be at the hotel's then-prevailing rate. One (1) night stay will be charged to your credit card for all reservations made. Self-Parking will be available at the hotel for a cost of \$10.00 per day.

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2023 MIDWEST CONFERENCE INFORMATION SHEET

MEETING ROOMS

All official sessions of the conference will be held at the Hilton Milwaukee City Center.

PHOTOGRAPHY

The 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 decide with members who wish to purchase individual pictures. Photos will be done on Friday. No cell phones will be allowed to be used in the photo room.

SOUVENIR JOURNAL

As we prepare for 2023 Annual Midwest Conference Souvenir Journal the Planning Committee invites your Jurisdiction to participate in the journal by purchasing advertising space. **Please enclose payment for Souvenir Journal ad via a jurisdictional check, cashier check or money order, payable to MWRC-WI and mail to:**

Midwest Regional Conference
Attn: PM Marcel Clarke
7625 West Appleton Ave. Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53222

E-mail all ad request to the Souvenir Book Committee, perfectashlar3@gmail.com

The deadline for the Souvenir Journal is **February 6, 2023.**

Please adhere to the following guidelines for your souvenir journal ad.

- Camera ready ads only.
- \$50 Fee for Ad creations
- Please be sure all names and titles are spelled correctly
- All electronic ads MUST be of good quality.
- Photos on Polaroid, Laser Printed, Xerox, Ink Jet Photos will NOT BE ACCEPTED AND WILL NOT BE RETURNED.

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HOSPITALITY AND ENTERTAINMENT

On Thursday, March 9, 2023, please join us as we welcome you to the "Brew City" with a Meet & Greet Hospitality Wisconsin Style.

Location: Wisconsin African American Women's Center
Address: 3020 West Vliet St. Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53208
Time: 6pm until 12am (Midnight)

On Friday, March 10, 2023, we will have a Relaxo. Please come prepared for an exciting evening of entertainment at the Hilton Milwaukee City Center at 8pm.

TRANSPORTATION

For those who will be flying in for the 2023 Midwest Regional Conference Please book your travel plans to fly into Milwaukee 's General Mitchell International Airport

For your convenience, the following transportation companies are available to assist you in your travel needs to and from Milwaukee Mitchell International Airport:

Uber (www.uber.com) or Lyft (www.lyft.com) transportation services.

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VENDOR INFORMATION

Dear Vendor:

The Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Wisconsin and Unity Grand Chapter, O.E.S., P.H.A., Jurisdiction of Wisconsin will host the 51st Annual Midwest Regional Conference of Grand Masters and 36th Annual Midwest Regional Conference of Grand Chapters and Eastern Stars. The Conference will convene March 9th to March 12th, 2023, at the Hilton Milwaukee City Center, 509 W. Wisconsin Avenue, Milwaukee, WI 53203.

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 and \$25.00 for each additional table. All applications must be submitted no later than February 17, 2023; no refunds will be issued after February 20, 2023. Registered vendors will have access to set up display booth on March 9, 2023.

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, money order, or on the website.

If you have any questions, please contact the 2023 Vendor Chair:

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,

Minor King

MWPGM Minor King
Vendor Committee Chair
414-248-2113

MINORLEOMAN@AOL.COM

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2023 VENDOR REGISTRATION FORM

Business Name	
Contact Person	
Business Address	
City, State, Zip	
Cell Number	
Email	
Trade Goods	

Make all Cashier Checks and Money Orders payable to: **MWRC-WI**

Fee: \$200.00 per table and \$25.00 for each additional table. You may register for a vendor table by

going to the following link: <https://mwrc2023.eventbrite.com/>

You may also mail this registration form and payments to:

This form may also be completed and mailed with cashier checks or money orders payable to MWRC-WI and mailed to Midwest Regional Conference, Attn: Minor King, 9284 N. Fairy Chasm Ln, Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53223. No personal checks will be accepted.

For accountability purposes: All conference vendors must check in with MWPGM Minor King 414-248-2113 prior to setting up booths. Application must be submitted no later than February 17, 2023. No refunds will be issued after February 20, 2023.

As a condition of your vendor contract, you hereby consent and warrant to the MWPHGL – WI that you will not use allocated space for any unlawful purpose except those within the guidelines as stated by this MWPHGL – WI. Furthermore, we will not assume responsibility nor liability for vendor's goods.

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Check here to acknowledge that you have read and understand the contract disclaimer.

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Registration Deadline: February 27, 2023

You may also register online at: <https://mwrc2023.eventbrite.com/>

Full Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

Title(s): _____

Jurisdiction: _____

	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Registration (includes Kit + 2 Lunch Tickets + 1 Banquet)	\$ 200.00		
Additional Luncheon Ticket(s) Fri., March 10, 2023	\$ 40.00		
Additional Luncheon Ticket(s) Sat., March 11, 2023	\$ 40.00		
Additional Banquet Ticket(s) Sat., March 11, 2023	\$ 60.00		
TOTAL			

BANQUET OPTIONS: ☐ MEAT ENTRÉE

☐ CHECK HERE IF REQUESTING A VEGETARIAN MEAL "IF ALLERGIC TO CHICKEN, BEEF OR TURKEY"

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY (Registration Form)		
Received by:	Date:	
Check #/MO#:	Amount:	Receipt #:

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Souvenir Journal Contract

Deadline: February 6, 2023 (No Ads will be accepted after this date)

I authorize the 2023 Souvenir Journal Committee to publish the designated _____ ad for the 2023 Midwest Regional Conference. I understand that my Ad will be published per specification listed below, and I have enclosed my payment. I understand that there's a \$50 fee for Ad creations (To ad verbiage to your picture). I further understand that failure to provide payment of Ad prior to the specified due date or this will cause my Ad to not be published in the 2023 Souvenir Journal. Ads can be purchase by going to the following link:

<https://mwrc2023.eventbrite.com/>

Full Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

Outside Back Cover	\$ 500.00
Ad Creation Fee	\$50.00
Inside Back Cover	\$ 300.00
Full Page with Picture	\$ 100.00
Patron	\$ 10.00

Email ads to: perfectashlar3@gmail.com

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.

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY (Souvenir Journal Ad)	
Contract Received from:	Date:
Type of Ad:	Amount:
Check #/MO#:	Receipt #:

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