

52nd Annual Midwest Regional Conference of
Grand Masters and Masons



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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 Kentucky!

The Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Kentucky along with Cecelia Dunlap Grand Chapter, Order of Eastern Star, Prince Hall Affiliated, Jurisdiction of Kentucky, extends to you a cordial invitation to attend the 52nd Midwest Regional Conference of Grand Masters and Masons and the 37th Midwest Regional Conference of Grand Chapters and Eastern Stars to convene on **Thursday, April 4, 2024 to Sunday, April 7, 2024**, at the Galt House Hotel, 104 North Fourth Street, Louisville, Kentucky 40202.

The Planning Committees are diligently at work creating social events and hospitality venues to welcome and entertain you during your visit to the "Derby 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,

DGM Anthony Harris, Chairperson

Cell: 502- 767-2697

Email: rwdeputygrandmaster@phglky.com

PGWM Brenda A. Murphy, Co- Chairperson

Cell: 270-312-4699

Email: bremurf25@gmail.com

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2024 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 \$65.00 each and additional banquet tickets are \$75.00 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://MWRCKY2024.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-KY and mailed to Midwest Regional Conference, Attn: RWGS Kevin Crittenden, PO Box 11839 Louisville, Kentucky 40251-0839. No personal checks will be accepted.

The deadline for registration is March 15, 2024; there will be NO LATE REGISTRATION ACCEPTED and NO ONSITE REGISTRATION. All mailed registrations need to be post mark by March 15, 2024.

CANCELLATION POLICY

Cancellation of full registration at no charge will be accepted until March 15, 2024. Any cancellations after March 15, 2024, 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 Galt House Hotel will serve as the Conference Headquarters, located at 104 North Fourth Street Louisville, Kentucky 40202. Hotel Rate: \$169.00 per night, Deluxe Guestrooms plus tax and Executive Suites \$189.00 plus tax. To make your reservations, please call (502) 589-5200 or 1-800-843-4258. You are welcome to visit the website <https://galthouse.com/>.

Please reference group name and code, when placing your reservation to ensure the negotiated rate is applied.

Group Name: **Grand Lodge 2024 Midwest Grand Master**

Group Code: **GLM2024**

The hotel reservation deadline is March 4, 2024. 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. Parking is available on site in the attached covered garage for registered vehicle per day at the hotel. Please note these fees are subject to change.

- Overnight Parking \$28.00 self-parking, \$36.00 valet parking
- Bus Parking: \$75.00 as space permits

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2024 MIDWEST CONFERENCE INFORMATION SHEET

MEETING ROOMS

All official sessions of the conference will be held at the Galt House Hotel.

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 2024 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-KY and mail to:**

Midwest Regional Conference
Attn: RWGS Kevin Crittenden
P.O. Box 11839
Louisville, Kentucky 40251-0839

E-mail all ad requests to the Souvenir Book Committee, 2024midwestads@phglky.com

Contact: PGS Donald E. Croom at 502-294-9226

The deadline for the Souvenir Journal: **March 15, 2024**

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

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

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HOSPITALITY AND ENTERTAINMENT

On **Thursday, April 4, 2024**, please join us as we welcome you to the "Derby City" with a Meet & Greet Hospitality KENTUCKY Style.

Location: Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge Address:
1304 South 28th Street Louisville, Kentucky
Time: 6:00 p.m. until 12:00 a.m. (Midnight)

On **Friday, April 5, 2024**, Come travel to the Bluegrass State and wear your hippest gear to experience the Soul Train II Reunion with Special Guest appearances of Artist from back in the day! This will be a ride that you won't forget!

TRANSPORTATION

For those who will be flying in for the 2024 Midwest Regional Conference, please book your travel plans to fly into Louisville's Muhammad Ali International Airport (Louisville SDF).

For your convenience, the following transportation companies are available to assist you in your travel needs to and from Louisville Muhammad Ali 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 Kentucky and Cecelia Dunlap Grand Chapter, O.E.S., of Kentucky, Inc., PHA will host the 52nd Annual Midwest Regional Conference of Grand Masters and 37th Annual Midwest Regional Conference of Grand Chapters and Eastern Stars. The Conference will convene April 4th to April 7th, at the Galt House Hotel 104 North Fourth Street, Louisville, Kentucky 40202.

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 list below:

1 Table & 1 Chair \$200.00
2 Tables & Chairs \$250.00
3 Tables & Chairs \$300.00
4 Tables & Chairs \$325.00

All applications must be submitted no later than March 15, 2024; no refunds will be issued after March 20, 2024. Registered vendors will have access to set up display booth on April 4, 2024.

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 2024 Vendor Chairs:

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,

RWSGW Simeon Pullum, Chair
502-767-8730
Email: 2024midwestconferencevendor@phglky.com

GAC M. Denise Watts, Co-Chair
931-302-6639
Email: 2024midwestconferencevendor@phglky.com

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2024 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-KY**
Fee:

- 1 Table & 1 Chair \$200.00
- 2 Tables & Chairs \$250.00
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You may register for a vendor table by going to the following link:

<https://MWRCKY2024.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-KY and mailed to Midwest Regional Conference, Attn: RWGS Kevin Crittenden PO Box 11839 Louisville, Kentucky 40251-0839. Email: rwgrandsecretary@phglky.com. No personal checks will be accepted.

For accountability purposes: All conference vendors must check in with RWSGW Simeon Pullum 502-767-8730 prior to setting up booths. Application must be submitted no later than March 15, 2024. No refunds will be issued after March 20, 2024.

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

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

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Registration Deadline: March 15, 2024

You may also register online at: <https://MWRCKY2024.eventbrite.com>

Full Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Telephone: _____

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., April 5, 2024	\$ 65.00		
Additional Luncheon Ticket(s) Sat., April 6, 2024	\$ 65.00		
Additional Banquet Ticket(s) Sat., April 6, 2024	\$ 75.00		
TOTAL			

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: March 15, 2024 (No Ads will be accepted after this date)

I authorize the 2024 Souvenir Journal Committee to publish the designated _____ ad for the 2024 Midwest Regional Conference. I understand that my Ad will be published per specification listed below, and I have enclosed my payment. I understand that failure to provide payment of Ad by or prior to the specified due date will cause my Ad to not be published in the 2024 Souvenir Journal.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Full Page		\$100.00
Half Page		\$75.00
Quarter Page		\$50.00
Outside Back Cover		\$300.00
Inside Front & Back Cover		\$200.00

Email ads to: 2024midwestads@phglky.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

Contact PGS Donald Croom 502-294-9226 if you have questions about your ad.

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Contract Received from:	Date:
Type of Ad:	Amount:
Check #/MO#:	Receipt #:

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