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From the Office of Royal Grand Perfect Matron **Georgetta Fountain-Harris**

We (I) can do all things through Christ who strengthens Us (Me) Philippians 4:13



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PROCLAMATION – GFH 1-2025 13th ANNUAL GRAND ASSEMBLY

To the Grand Thrice Illustrious Master, Companion Roderick Q. Blount, Jr., Royal Grand Chief Advisor, Illustrious Companion Guardian Thomas W. Stevens, Royal Grand Deputy Matron, Royal Matron Lawyanna M. Marshall, Royal Grand Principal Conductress, Royal Matron Anita M. Pearson, All Present and Past Elected and Appointed Royal Grand Officers, Royal Perfect Matrons, Royal Chief Advisors, Royal Matrons and Illustrious Companion Guardians.

Greetings.

Pursuant to Article VII Section 1 the powers and authority vested in me by the Constitution and By-Laws of Anderson - Springer Grand Court – Ladies of the Circle of Perfect for the State of Ohio and Its Jurisdiction, P.H.A., KNOW YE THAT I, Royal Grand Perfect Matron Georgetta Fountain-Harris, do hereby proclaim that All Royal Grand Court Officers Elected and Appointed and All Members of our Subordinate Royal Courts who owe allegiance to this Royal Grand Court to attend our 13th Annual Grand Assembly that shall convene on **Friday, May 16 and Saturday, May 17, 2025** at the Embassy Suites by Hilton Cincinnati Northeast-Blue Ash, 4554 Lake Forest Drive, (Blue Ash) Cincinnati, Ohio 45242.

Special room's rates are \$123.00 per night plus tax and incidentals. When making reservation, 1-513-733-8900, please ask for "Prince Hall Grand Council Royal and Select." or use this link to make your reservation: https://www.hilton.com/en/attend-my-event/cvgbaes-xrs-c215b581-16f2-4847-ae36-176c32898360/ Please use a major credit card to guarantee your room and rate. This includes breakfast for Saturday and Sunday along with free parking. Deadline for room reservations under the special pricing is Thursday, May 1, 2025. Check-In Time 4:00pm Check-Out Time 12:00pm. I do further hereby **SUMMON** all Past Royal Grand Perfect Matrons, Past Royal Grand Chief Advisors, all Royal Grand Officers, Elected and Appointed, all Past Royal Perfect Matrons, all Past Royal Chief Advisors, Royal Matrons and Illustrious Companion Guardians of the Subordinate Courts owing allegiance to Anderson-Springer Grand Court – Ladies of the Circle of Perfection State of Ohio and Its Jurisdiction to convene with me to transact and dispatch all business.

I do further hereby **DIRECT** that all subordinate Courts are to be represented and that the 8 (eight) elected principal officers of every Court to be present and pre- registered, Royal Perfect Matron, Royal Chief Advisor, Royal Deputy Matron, Royal Principal Conductress, Royal Associate Conductress, Royal Conductress of Ceremonies, Royal Secretary and Royal Treasurer. Courts that are delinquent with their taxes will also forfeit their voting rights. Please adhere to this Directive and govern yourselves accordingly.

DEVOTION/DEDICATING THE ROYAL COURT ROOM/RITUALISTIC OPENING

We will open our Grand Assembly on **Friday, May 16, 2025 at 8:00pm Eastern Standard Time.** Devotion and Dedicating the Royal Court Room will be led by our Royal Grand Chaplain, Rev. Brain T. Moragne and Royal Chaplains from the Courts. Presiding over the Ritualistic Opening will be Royal Perfect Matron, Royal Matron Miriam Greenlea and Royal Chief Advisor, Illustrious Companion Guardian Larkin Banks, III and the members of Eyes of Wisdom Court #3. After introductions, the Royal Grand Officers will pay a "Memorial Tribute" to our Past Royal Grand Perfect Matron, RM Emmajean Hines, Past Royal Grand Chief Advisor, ICG Arper Tentman, Jr., Past Royal Grand Chief Advisor, ICG Paul Hunt and our 65th Past Most Worshipful Grand Master and ICG Jerry R. Ellerson. We will also obligate Companions from Royal and Select Masters. We will resume on Saturday, May 17 at 9:00 am Eastern Standard Time with Devotion and conduct business. Our Grand Assembly will conclude at 3:00pm.

REGISTRATION: Advanced registration is **\$60.00** and on-site registration is **\$75.00** per Royal Matrons. All Elected Royal Grand Officers, Past Royal Grand Perfect Matrons, Past Royal Grand Chief Advisors, Honorary Past Royal Grand Perfect Matrons who are presently under Ohio Jurisdiction and Illustrious Companion Guardians registration is **\$35.00** and on-site registration is **\$50.00**. Please note that on site registrants are not guaranteed a registration packet or lunch reservation. Our food count and our packet count must be determined in advance of the Assembly date, so it is essential and economical to pre-register. Please make your Court checks payable to: **ASGC-L.O.C.O.P.** You also have the option to use our Cash App: **\$AndersonSpringerGCOH**. Please mail your registration payment to **Royal Matron Denise Walker, 140 Crockett Dr, Springboro, Ohio 45066**. Advance registration deadline - **Saturday, May 3, 2025**, so please register early.

CREDENTIALS: Voting Credentials are required for the following: All Present and Past Elected Royal Perfect Matrons and Royal Chief Advisors, Present Royal Deputy Matrons and Present Royal Principal Conductresses. The highest-ranking Officer may carry the Proxies for those officers who are not in attendance. **No Proxies** will be allowed unless the registration for the absent officer is paid in full. Honorary Past Royal Perfect Matrons are not eligible to voting during the Election Process and are not to be included with the Proxy Votes. Each Court is to write 1 (one) court check for those Officers mentioned and complete the forms and mail to our **Royal Matron Denise Walker, 140 Crockett Dr, Springboro, Ohio 45066.** Deadline - **Saturday, May 3, 2025.** A Proxy vote will not be allowed if the Officer's registration has not been paid and received by the deadline date. All Voting Members, including those with Proxies, must report to the Credentials Committee for their voting credentials no later than **8:30am on Saturday, May 17, 2025**.

ADMINISTRATIVE DEGREE: We will exemplify the Degree to Past and Present Elected Royal Perfect Matrons and Royal Chief Advisors who are eligible to receive this Degree on **Saturday, May 18th at 8:00am** sharp. Our Grand Assembly will continue beginning at **9:00am**.

Please submit your name along with a **\$10.00 fee** to your Royal Secretary who will then forward to the Royal Grand Secretary Pro Tem, RM Melinda Chappell. **Deadline Saturday, May 3, 2025**. Registration form is attached to this Proclamation. **No funds will be collected for this Degree on site**.

VOTING: Non-Voting Members have the privilege of speaking and voting on all issues **except** for the election of Royal Grand Assembly Officers.

There will be a hospitality scheduled for Friday evening **May 16, 2025** given by the Most Illustrious Prince Hall Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters for those who have registered. Anderson-Springer Grand Court, Ladies of the Circle of Perfection (L.O.C.O.P.) will hold our hospitality on **Saturday, May 17** after the Banquet. Chairperson is **RM Marci Gardette Cook**.

DRESS CODE: All Elected and Appointed Grand Officers, Past Royal Grand Perfect Matrons and Honorary Past Royal Grand Perfect Matrons will regale in long white with white or purple shoes, gloves and jewelry and the headdress (Crown or Fez) appropriate to their position in their court. All other Royal Matrons will attire in street length white with white or purple shoes, gloves and jewelry. Illustrious Companion Guardians will wear the appropriate dress of a Royal and Select Master. If in doubt, contact the Royal Grand District Deputy of your subordinate Court for direction.

REPORTS: All Committee Reports from the following are to be emailed to **Royal Grand Secretary Pro Tem, RM Melinda Chappell**. All Royal Grand Elected Officers; 1st and 2nd Royal Grand Advisors; Royal Grand Trustees; Jurisprudence; Rules of the Day; Military Salute; Necrology; Fraternal Communications (CCFC); Royal Grand Lecturer and Royal Grand District Deputies; Royal Grand Chief Administrator and Royal Grand District Administrators; Facebook Administrators; Website; Chairperson of Arrangements and Credentials. **Deadline April 12, 2025.** The purpose of this is to allow the Courts to receive these reports in advance prior to our Grand Assembly. Each member will receive copies from their Royal Secretary. You will review the reports and the body will vote on them. I hope this will help our meeting to run more smoothly in a timely matter. The only reports that will be read (other than the Royal Grand Perfect Matron, Royal Grand Chief Advisor and the Officers Address Committee) will be anything that deals with finances.

SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS and CHARITY AWARDS: Anderson-Springer Grand Court – Ladies of the Circle of Perfection State of Ohio and Its Jurisdiction is pleased to offer scholarship awards for 2025 to selected students who have achieved academic excellence, and who need financial assistance. Students are eligible to apply if they have completed high school by July 1, 2025. If you know of a deserving student who is currently enrolled in a four-year college/university, a community college, or a technical/trade school please share this information. Presentations will be made on Saturday, May 17 during the Banquet on Saturday Evening.

SICK AND DISTRESS: All Court's Royal Deputy Matrons are to forward their Annual Report of their Sick and Distress Members to Royal Grand Deputy Matron, RM Lawyanna M. Marshall by Wednesday, April 30, 2025. Please send via email as an attachment to: colourpurple2018@gmail.com

SUBORDINATE COURT BY-LAWS REVISIONS: Court Secretaries are to mail eight (8) copies of all requests for By-Laws Revisions to the **Royal Grand Chief Advisor, ICG Thomas W. Stevens** by the **Wednesday, April 30, 2025 Deadline**. The By-Laws Revision Committee (Royal Grand Chief Advisor, 1st and 2nd Royal Grand Advisors, Royal Grand Lecturer and all Royal Grand District Deputies) will meet on Friday evening to review and rule on all requests from Subordinate Courts.

COURT OF SORROW: Convened by Royal Grand Conductress of Ceremonies and Royal Grand Chaplain on **Saturday, May 17** during the Session. Royal Secretaries must submit information about deceased members to the Royal Grand Secretary by **May 6, 2024** for acknowledged in the Court of Sorrow. and any members that have received their "Heavenly Wings" since our last Grand Assembly

MILITARY PERSONNEL: Royal Grand District Administrators are to submit the names of all members of their Courts who are Active Duty, Prior Service and Spouses to the Coordinator Royal Matron Geneva Ellis. Deadline Wednesday, April 30. If you have any questions or concerns you can contact her via email at genevaellis@att.net

SEATING: There will be reserved seating for all Royal Perfect Matrons and Royal Chief Advisors of Subordinate Courts; Honorary Past Royal Grand Perfect Matrons, Royal Grand Lecturer and Royal Grand District Deputies and Royal Grand District Administrators.

ROYALTY BASKET GIVEAWAY: The Royalty Basket Giveaway fundraising activity will be the responsibility of the Royal Conductress of Ceremonies of each court. The Royalty Basket drawings will take place during Saturday's Hospitality. If you have any questions, please contact the **Royal Grand Conductress** of Ceremonies, Royal Matron Celestine E. Travis at 440- 622-6122 or cetgem@gmail.com.

ANNUAL QUEEN & KING CONTEST: The Royal Grand Deputy Matron, RM Lawyanna Marshall is asking for all Courts to participate. All funds are to be turned in to her by **Friday, May 16, 2025 by 10:00pm**. Location will be announced during our Grand Assembly Friday Evening. You may bring 1 (one) person with you to confirm your funds. If you have any questions, you may contact her **at 937-751-6023**

3-SIDED POSTER BROAD CONTEST: Please drop off your Beautiful Posters on **Friday, May 16.** Judging will be done Saturday Morning prior to the beginning of our meeting. The winner will be announced during the Banquet. All posters will be on display in the Banquet Room. All Courts must submit 3-Sided Poster Board which displays photos of Officers and Member, Community Services, Charity Events, Interactions with their Sponsoring Council and Court Activities since our last Annual Grand Assembly.

ARTS & CRAFTS: Each Court is asked to donate arts and crafts. If you do not have crafts to donate, your Court monetary donation would be **\$25.00**. All checks are to be made out to: **ASGC-L.O.C.O.P.** Please put in the memo area **Arts and Crafts**. Deadline date to mail in your monetary donation is **Saturday, May 3**, **2025.** Please give your Arts and Crafts to **HRGPM RM Idella Thompson** or to any member of the Arts & Crafts Committee on **Friday, May 16 by 10:00 pm**. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact **RM Idella Thompson at 513-514-4451**.

VENDORS: There will be available space for a limited number of Vendors. Please contact Grand Chairperson of Arrangements **RM Doris Jones via email jd2dee@gmail.com**

CIRCLE OF LOVE: The Heads of Houses of the Ohio Jurisdiction will be received at **11:30am** on **Saturday, May 17** to bring Greetings and are invited to join us for lunch.

ROYAL GRAND PERFECT MATRON & ROYAL GRAND CHIEF ADVISOR RECOGNITION BANQUET: Recognition Banquet will be held on Saturday Evening May 17.

The wearing of a face mask is OPTIONAL DURING MEETINGS AND EVENTS.

Take due and timely notice and govern yourselves accordingly.

I do hereby **DIRECT** that this Proclamation to be read at all Court Meetings up to and including May. Given under my hand and seal of the Prince Hall Grand Court-Ladies of the Circle of Perfection for the State of Ohio now known as Anderson – Springer Grand Court, Ladies of the Circle of Perfection State of Ohio and Its Jurisdiction, PHA which includes Colorado on this 12th day of February 2025.

In the Rite of Perfection,

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RM Georgetta Fountain-Harris 6th Royal Grand Perfect Matron

cc: RGCA Thomas W. Stevens RGDM Lawyanna Marshall RRS Pro-Tem Melinda Chappell

