



Prince Hall Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters
Jurisdiction of North Carolina, Incorporated
Right Grand Thrice Illustrious Master
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20 February 2018

PROCLAMATION No. 2

- To:** *Grand Illustrious Deputy Master Alford L. Mack, KYCH, Grand Illustrious Principal Conductor of the Works Clemuel D. Grandy, KYGCH, all Elected & Appointed Grand Council Officers, Past Right Grand Thrice Illustrious Masters, Thrice Illustrious Masters, Deputy Masters, Principal Conductors of the Works, Illustrious Companions,*
- CC:** *Royal Grand Perfect Matron Joyce Williams, Royal Grand Chief Advisor Willie Harris, all Grand Court Officers, all Royal Matrons owing allegiance to Prince Hall Grand Court of Ladies of the Circle of Perfection Jurisdiction of North Carolina*
- Subject:** *OPEN SEASON FOR THE LADIES OF THE CIRCLE OF PERFECTION (L.O.C.O.P.)*

At the request of the Royal Grand Perfect Matron, RM Joyce Williams and Royal Grand Chief Advisor, IC Willie Harris, and after consultation with the Prince Hall Grand Council leadership along with the Most Excellent Grand High Priest Robert D. Hood, KYGCH, and Right Eminent Grand Commander William A. Cooke, KYGCH; I, Illustrious Companion Maurice D. Hamilton, KYGCH, Right Grand Thrice Illustrious Master of the Prince Hall Grand Council of Royal & Select Masters, Jurisdiction of North Carolina Inc. vested with full power and authority during the recess of the Grand Assembly, hereby proclaim March 1, 2018 through August 31, 2018 as the period of Open Enrollment for membership in the Ladies of the Circle of Perfection (L.O.C.O.P.), and hereby waive the constitutional regulations regarding bloodline affiliation and membership in the prerequisite York Rite bodies; Heroines of Jericho (H.O.J.), as it pertains to applications for membership within the subordinate L.O.C.O.P Courts.

This period of Open Enrollment is for those ladies who are members of the Order of the Eastern Star, in good standing and have a desire to join a subordinate Court of Royal Matrons within the Jurisdiction of North Carolina, but have no male bloodline connection to a member of the local Royal & Select Council and/or not currently a member of the Heroines of Jericho. This Open Enrollment period will start March 1, 2018 and will end on August 31, 2018.

The various degrees of the L.O.C.O.P. shall be conferred according to the work of the Order by the Subordinate Courts of the Jurisdiction and those degrees under the Jurisdiction of the Grand Court shall be conferred at the direction of the Royal Grand Perfect Matron and in conformity to the Grand Court Constitution & Bylaws to be completed on or before August 31, 2018.

All requests for membership under this Proclamation MUST comply with the following requirements:



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- *All applicants must be members in good standing of a North Carolina Order of the Eastern Star Chapter and join a Subordinate Court of the North Carolina Grand Court Order of Ladies of the Circle of Perfection, Prince Hall Affiliation.*
- *All petitions must be accompanied by all required fees and must be in the hands of the Subordinate Court Financial Secretary so as to complete the initiation process no later than August 31, 2018.*
- *All degrees must be conferred and completed by August 31, 2018 and the new members added to the Annual Report for the year ending December 31, 2018.*
- *Any member who is dropped from the rolls for any reason will have to follow the line of progression in the prerequisite bodies (i.e. OES, HOJ, L.O.C.O.P., Cyrenes) in order to reinstate.*
- *While membership in our Order may not be growing as fast as we desire; Subordinate Courts should only accept those ladies that will conform to the precepts and rules of a Subordinate Court of Ladies of the Circle of Perfection and will bring honor to themselves and their Courts. Furthermore, persons under suspension or expulsion for violations of the Constitution & Bylaws of the Order or other conduct unbecoming of a member shall not be allowed membership under this proclamation.*

TAKE DUE NOTICE THEREOF AND GOVERN YOURSELVES ACCORDINGLY!

Given under my hand and seal of the Prince Hall Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters, Jurisdiction of North Carolina this 20th Day of February 2018.

Yours in the Humble Service,

PTIM Maurice D. Hamilton, KYGCH
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*CC: Grand Illustrious Recorder, Prince Hall Grand Council Royal & Select Masters NC, Inc.
Most Excellent Prince Hall Grand Chapter Holy Royal Arch Masons NC, Inc.
Tarheel Grand Commandery Order of Knights Templar PHA Inc.*