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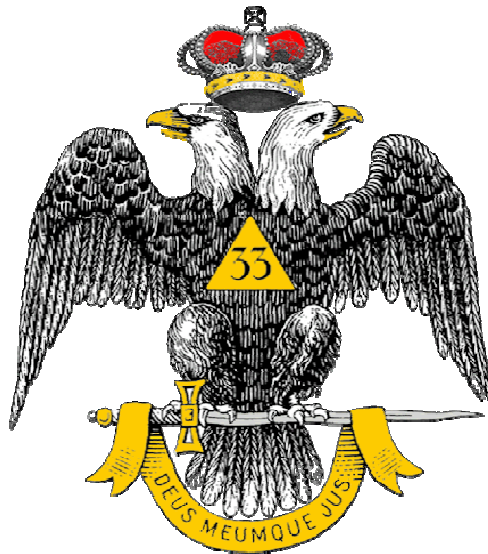
THE UNITED SUPREME COUNCIL

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The 101st Biennial Supreme Council Session
Sheraton New Orleans Hotel
500 Canal Street
New Orleans, LA 70130
July 26 – August 4, 2024



“And God said unto Moses, I AM THAT I AM: and he said, Thus shalt thou say unto the children of Israel, I AM hath sent me unto you.”
Exodus 3:14 – King James Version

To: The Officers and Members of the United Supreme Council and Affiliated Departments (Male & Female)

“AGNUS DEI”

In accordance with Article No. 5 of the Constitution of The United Supreme Council, of Sovereign Grand Inspectors General, of the Thirty – Third and Last Degree, and Affiliated Departments of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry, for the Southern and Western Masonic Jurisdiction, United States of America. Its Territories and Dependencies, and by the Power and Authority in me vested, I, Honorable Gregory D. Thomas, 33°, The Most Puissant Sovereign Grand Commander, “Do Hereby Proclaim” that the 101st Biennial Supreme Council Session of this United Supreme Council shall convene in the city of New Orleans, in the state of Louisiana, commencing on July 26, 2024, to conclusion on August 4, 2024.

PLACE OF MEETING AND GENERAL HEADQUARTERS

Sheraton New Orleans Hotel

**500 Canal Street
New Orleans, LA 70130
1 (888) 627-7033**

Please Use The Link Below In Your Internet Browser To Make Your Hotel Room Reservation:

<https://bit.ly/USC2024NewOrleans>

HOST STATE

**Most Worshipful Cornerstone Grand Lodge, A.F.&A.M.
Phoenix Grand Chapter O.E.S.
Jurisdiction of Louisiana**

HOTEL RESERVATIONS & RATES

Hotel room rates are \$139.00 plus 14.45% Room Tax and \$3.00 Occupancy Tax and 1.75% New Orleans & Company Tourism Support Assessment per room, per night, for singles and doubles. There will be an additional fee for reservations of \$25.00 per person past three per king bed and 4 per double bed per night. The check-in time is 4:00 P.M. and check out time is 11:00AM. **CUT OFF DATE FOR ROOM RESERVATION IS 12:00PM, JUNE 14, 2024.** Please call and make your reservations early. You must mention the “USC 101st Supreme Biennial

Session 2024” or simply use this special reservation link: <https://bit.ly/USC2024NewOrleans> .

The Sheraton New Orleans Hotel accepts all major credit cards, debit cards with the Visa /MasterCard logo, and cash as valid forms of payment. If you use the cash option, a first night’s deposit is required.

Parking is \$52.00 Per Day For Self-Park, For Self-Parking – you can use these websites:

<https://www.premiumparking.com/P296> or <https://www.premiumparking.com/P193>.

REGISTRATION

Registration Fee: \$125.00 - your kit will include a Delegate’s Badge, ticket to the Complimentary Hospitality Session, Closing Ball and other souvenirs. **Please Note: You must wear your Delegate’s Badge in order to be admitted into all Official U.S.C. Functions.** You must pre-register with your Head of State or with such Committee that may be appointed. **DEADLINE FOR PRE-REGISTRATION IS JUNE 21, 2024.**

**Please make all checks payable to “The United Supreme Council” and forward same to:
III. Shad K. Wise, 33° - 3399 Ashton Springs Lane, Pearland, TX 77584**

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Friday July 26, 2024

3:00 PM - 7:00 PM Arrival and Registration

Saturday July 27, 2024

10:00 AM - 5:00 PM Registration
12:00 PM – 2:00 PM Meeting of Sovereign Grand Commander and Supreme Department Heads
3:00PM – 5:00PM **Meeting of the United Supreme Council Board**

Persons Eligible to Attend and Vote: All Supreme Department Heads, Past and Present, and their Supreme Secretary; all present Elected Officers of any Supreme Department, down to their Supreme Treasurer; all Present and Past Grand Masters and Grand Matrons affiliated with or recognized by this United Supreme Council. All other members of the affiliation that are part of a Grand Lodge or Grand Chapter in GOOD STANDING with this United Supreme Council are cordially invited and strongly encouraged to attend as observers.

Sunday July 28, 2024

8:00 AM. – 10:00AM Registration
11:00AM – 3:00PM United Supreme Council Gospel Brunch and Testimonial Celebration for our Retiring Supreme Department Heads. (\$30.00 Per Person Additional Cost Early Bird Ticket Available or \$35.00 Ticket Onsite Purchase)

**Attire For The 101st Biennial Supreme Session Will Be In Accordance With
The Bylaws Of The Supreme Department That Is Operating On That Specific Day**

Monday July 29, 2024

9:00 AM – 5:00PM The Supreme Council of Grand Lodges and The Supreme Council of Grand Chapters, O.E.S. will open for business.

Tuesday July 30, 2024

9:00AM – 5:00PM The Supreme Grand Lodge of Perfection and The Supreme Grand Court Royal Exalted Order of Amaranth will open for business.

7:00PM – 11:00PM

The Amaranth Banquet Featuring The Crowning of The 2024 - 2026 Amaranth Queen and 2024 – 2026 Supreme Grand Lodge of Perfection King. (\$60.00 Per Person Additional Cost Early Bird Ticket Available or \$65:00 Ticket Onsite Purchase)

Wednesday July 31, 2024

9:00 AM – 5:00 PM The General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons and The Supreme Grand Court Heroines of Jericho will open for business.

7:00PM – Until

Wednesday Night Has Been Set Aside For The Various States To Entertain
Their Delegates.

Thursday, August 1, 2024

9:00AM – 5:00 PM The General Grand Encampment of Knights Templar and The Supreme Encampment of Ladies of Knights Templar will open for business.

6:30PM - Conclusion

Elevation / Graduation Ceremonies for Incoming Class of 2024 Inspector Generals and Rose of Seven Seals.

Friday, August 2, 2024

9:00 AM – 5:00 PM

The Imperial Grand Council, A.A.O.N.M.S. and The Supreme Grand Court A.A.O.D.O.S. will open for business.

7:00PM – Until

The Jurisdiction of Louisiana will host an affair for our mutual enjoyment. (Additional Fee To Be Announced)

Saturday, August 3, 2024

9:00 AM – 5:00 PM

The United Supreme Council and The Supreme Grand College Rose of Seven Seals will open for business.

Agenda For The Meeting Of The United Supreme Council

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| 1. Opening Ceremony | 8. Report of Supreme Valleys |
| 2. Roll Call of Supreme Officers | 9. Unfinished Business |
| 3. Roll Call of Consistories | 10. Report of Sovereign Grand Commander |
| 4. Reading of Proclamation | 11. Report of Secretary & Treasurer Generals |
| 5. Reading of the Minutes of Previous Communication | 12. Report of Audit Committee |
| 6. Report of Committee on Credentials and Returns | 13. Election of United Supreme Council Officers |
| 7. Report of Standing Committees | 14. New Business / Remarks |
| | 15. Closing of the United Supreme Council Meeting |

7:30 PM

2024 United Supreme Council Board Session Closing Banquet
\$65.00 For Unregistered Guests

Sunday August 4, 2024

9:00 AM

Adjournment Of The 2024 United Supreme Council Extended Board Session

Have A Safe Journey Home!!!

Directives & Reminders

1. There may be special workshops or events sponsored by some of our Affiliated Upper Degree Departments. This will be determined and deemed necessary by the Supreme Department Head of that Affiliated Department. Those that will present these opportunities will coordinate them with their subordinate bodies either personally or through their State Deputies. PROPER PROTOCOL MUST BE OBSERVED AT ALL TIMES.
2. All Annual Financial Reports of a Consistory or Council of Deliberation are to be sent to the Secretary General no later than June 30, 2024.

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3. Each Supreme Department should come prepared to take care of their rental fee for the day of its meeting, which for this extended session is \$100.00. Additionally, the Charity Fund of \$100.00 and the Scholarship Fund of \$100.00 will be due from each Affiliated Department for the year 2024 at this session. All fees are to be made payable to the “United Supreme Council”, at the close of your meeting.



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Mission and Vision Statements

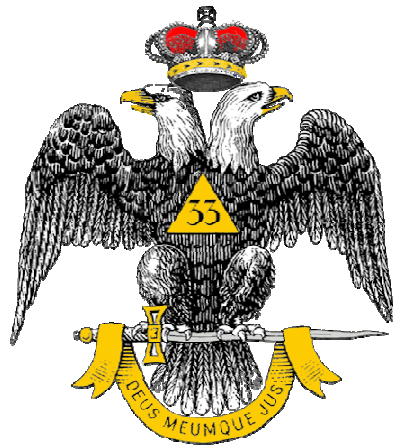
Mission:

To work for the advancement of understanding, goodwill, justice, and peace through a world fellowship of fraternal state jurisdictions; to improve the economic, educational and professional stature of its members and thereby ensure equal rights and protection for all its members. To be united through fraternal relationships in the ideals of high ethical standards, effective service programs, and social progress for members, their communities, and this universe that we share.

Vision:

The objectives of this organization shall be:

1. To prepare its members for the greatest usefulness in the causes of humanity, freedom, and dignity of the individual.
2. To encourage the highest and noblest forms of manhood and womanhood.
3. To aid humanity in its efforts to achieve higher social, economic, and intellectual status.



WE MUST CONTINUE TO FULFILL OUR MISSION
WE MUST STRIVE TO STAY TRUE TO OUR VISION

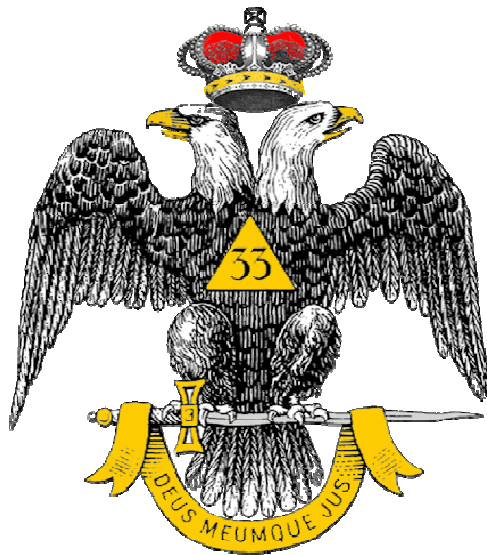
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UNITED SUPREME COUNCIL PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS VOTING SESSION NOTIFICATION



**Saturday, August 3, 2024, during the
United Supreme Council Meeting**

**Persons Eligible to Vote: All Elected Officers of The United
Supreme Council Staff, All Inspector Generals, Current Illustrious
Commanders in Chief, in a Consistory in good financial standing
with this United Supreme Council.**

To: The Illustrious Lieutenant Sovereign Grand Commander, Illustrious Grand Prior, Illustrious Grand Chancellor, Illustrious Grand Minister of State, all Illustrious Elected Officers Past and Present, Illustrious Honorary Past Most Puissant Sovereign Grand Commander, All Inspectors General, Commanders in Chief, All Consistory Officers and Sublime Princes of the Royal Secret

Over the past few months, the currently elected Supreme Department Heads BOTH male and female have discussed and decided to introduce the following legislation for your collective approval, that “The First Four Elected Principal Supreme Officers of one Supreme Affiliated Department shall not be eligible to accept nomination for, be elected to, temporarily hold or be appointed to any of the First Four Elected Positions in any other Supreme Affiliated Department”.

Our rationale for the aforementioned is as follows:

1. It allows for a greater diversity in the leadership structure of the Supreme Affiliation that directly reflects the diversity of the different states that comprise our Supreme Affiliation.
2. It allows the elected officer the opportunity to be fully focused upon the task that they have been elected to, thereby allowing them to be of greater benefit to their Supreme Department in specific and the Supreme Affiliation in general.
3. It allows for an increase in opportunities for our fellow members to seek leadership positions within our Supreme Affiliation, thereby increasing our current rate of participation.
4. It will also increase our ability to entertain and receive new ideas and innovations that may help to improve our efficiency and productivity throughout the entire Supreme Affiliation.

After discussion, debate and a favorable two-thirds vote of this proposition, this new rule will take effect the 102nd Biennial Supreme Council Session in the year of 2026.

Furthermore, the aforementioned verbiage shall be placed within the Constitutions and Bylaws of said Supreme Department to memorialize the same.

Finally, a copy of this voted on and approved legislation will be signed by each current Elected Officer of said Supreme Department, as ratification for its individual Supreme Affiliated Department and its combined membership in perpetuity.

Respectfully Submitted,



Hon Gregory D Thomas 33°



Honorable Gregory D. Thomas, 33°
Most Puissant Sovereign Grand Commander
United Supreme Council of Sovereign Grand Inspector Generals of the
Thirty-Third and Last Degree of Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite Freemasonry
for the Southern and Western Masonic Jurisdiction

HOPING THAT YOU AND YOUR FAMILIES HAVE ENJOYED THE HAPPIEST OF THANKSGIVING FESTIVITIES, THAT YOU HAVE A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS AND CONTINUE TO STAY HEALTHY, HAPPY AND PROSPEROUS THROUGHOUT THE NEW YEAR. MAY OUR ORGANIZATION CONTINUE TO GROW AND MAY EVERY MEMBER HERE CONTINUE TO GROW IN THEIR KNOWLEDGE OF THE CRAFT AND ORDER!!!

Done under my Hand, and the GREAT SEAL of the United Supreme Council, and affixed the 10th Day of November, equal to the 26th Day of Cheshvan, Anno Domino 2024, Anno Mundi 5784.

 *Henry Pates*

**HON. HENRY PATES, 33°
Secretary General (Holy Empire)**



Hon Gregory D Thomas 33°

**HON. GREGORY D. THOMAS 33°
Most Puissant Sov. Grand Commander**

