

## **PROTOCOL & HONORS**

### **CORRECT USE OF TITLES:**

The use of titles is one of the most important signs of trust confidence and honor that we as masons can place upon each other.

**Personal Titles** - We as masons receives the personal title "Brother" simply as obtaining the status of Master Mason. It is not a term of kinship. Worshipful Masters and Past Masters are personally titled "Worshipful Brothers" Elected Grand Lodge Officers and District Deputy Grand Masters are personally titled "Right Worshipful Brother" and Most Worshipful Grand Masters and Past Grand Masters are personally titled "Most Worshipful Brother.. These titles are retained for life.

**Titles of Office** - The titles of offices held in the Grand Lodge and subordinate lodges are as follows:

#### **Elective Grand Lodge Offices:**

Most Worshipful Grand Master  
Deputy Grand Master - Right Worshipful  
Grand Senior Warden - Right Worshipful  
Grand Junior Warden - Right Worshipful  
Grand Secretary - Right Worshipful  
Grand Treasurer - Right Worshipful  
Grand Lecturer - Right Worshipful  
Grand Trustee - Right Worshipful

#### **Appointive Grand Lodge Offices:**

District Deputy Grand Master - Right Worshipful  
Grand Senior Deacon - Worshipful  
Grand Junior Deacon - Worshipful  
Grand Senior Steward - Worshipful  
Grand Junior Steward - Worshipful  
Grand Chaplain - Worshipful  
Grand Tyler - Worshipful  
Grand Bible Bearer - Worshipful  
Grand Marshal - Worshipful  
Grand Historian - Worshipful  
Grand Standard Bearer - Worshipful  
Grand Pursuivant - Worshipful  
Grand Photographer - Worshipful  
Assistant Grand Secretary - Worshipful  
Assistant Grand Chaplain - Worshipful

#### **Elective Subordinate Lodge Offices:**

Worshipful Master  
Senior Warden  
Junior Warden  
Treasurer  
Secretary  
Trustee

**Appointive Subordinate Lodge Offices:**

Senior Deacon  
Junior Deacon  
Senior Steward  
Junior Steward  
Chaplain  
Marshall  
Tyler

**REPORTING TO LODGE**

We as masons are bound to announce our presence in any jurisdiction to the lodge jurisdiction to which we reside. It is a matter upheld in the masonic code of this and most jurisdictions.

**SENIORS PLACE OF HONOR**

Since ancient times, the derived custom of a senior's place of honor is dictated that you always walk or sit to the left of your superiors. When entering a vehicle, a junior enters first and sits on the left of the senior. When leaving a vehicle, the senior exits first and others follow in order of seniority.

In the Lodge, the Most Worshipful Grand Master (under arch of the Deacons), District Deputy in his own District, Past Grand Masters, and Elected Grand Lodge Officers should be escorted from the alter to their seats in the East by way of the North. Appointed Grand Lodge Officers, visiting District Deputies, visiting Worshipful Masters and any other Brethren should be escorted to the East by way of the South.

**PRESENTING GRAND HONORS (Public and Private)**

The reception of visitors with honors due their masonic rank is an ancient custom of the fraternity, but no Mason except the Grand Master or the District Deputy on his official visit, has the right to demand that he be accorded the Grand Honors of Masonry.

The Worshipful Master of the Lodge is the sole judge of what honors, if any, shall be tendered the visitor, except at the visitation of the Grand Master or his duly accredited representative. A duly accredited representative is one who is in possession of written -authorization upon an approved form to represent the Grand Master on that particular occasion.

**PRIVATE GRAND HONORS**

Discretion should be strictly observed in *accord*ing the Private Grand Honors. Prior to the entrance of the Brother entitled to the Private Grand Honors, the Craft should be informed emphatically that the Private Grand Honors consist of the Due Guards and Penal signs of the three degrees only. Private Grand Honors are given only when the Honoree is in the East.

The Private Grand Honors are the due guards and penal signs of the three degrees, to be used only on six occasions:

- When a Masonic Hall is consecrated.
- When a new Lodge is constituted.
- When a Most Worshipful Grand Master is installed.
- When a Worshipful Master is installed. (Tyled installation only.)
- When the Most Worshipful Grand Master, or his duly accredited representative (Past Grand Masters only), is received on a visitation to a lodge.
- Upon the reception of a visiting Grand Master or his duly accredited representative.

## **PUBLIC GRAND HONORS**

The Public Grand Honors consist of a three-times-three battery or clapping of hands in unison as follows: Give three claps of the hands, the right uppermost, reverse the hands and give three more, reverse and give final three claps. Public Grand Honors are generally given to the Honoree in front of the Alter; they should never be given with the recipient on the sidelines (North, South, or West).

## **RECEIVING THE MOST WORSHIPFUL GRAND MASTER**

Every visit of the Most Worshipful Grand Master is an official visit. In order to follow the proper procedure for receiving the Grand Master or the District Deputy of the Grand Master on his official visit, the Worshipful Master of the Lodge and his officers should always be prepared for this occasion.

Upon the Grand Master demanding admission, the Tyler raps three times at the door, with proper response by the Junior Deacon, and reports as follows:

“Most Worshipful (entire name), Grand Master of Prince Hall Masons in Washington and Jurisdiction demands admission.”

The Junior Deacon closes the door, salutes, and reports to the Worshipful Master in the same form the Tyler reported. The Worshipful Master shall immediately appoint a member of the Craft (*normally a Past Master*) to escort the Grand Master and his *Officers*. The escort will approach the alter, salute and retire to the ante room.

The Deacons will then form an arch with their staffs immediately inside the door. The Junior Deacon opens the door and instructs the Tyler to admit the Grand Master. The Worshipful Master shall then give three raps to bring the Lodge to attention. The Deacons shall arch the Grand Master all the way to the East, with a short stop at the Alter, for Public Grand Honors.

At the Alter, the escort will report as follows:

*“Worshipful Master, it’s my privilege and honor to present to you Most Worshipful (entire name), Grand Master of Prince Hall Masons in Washington and Jurisdiction.”*

The Worshipful Master will welcome the Grand Master on his own behalf and on behalf of the Lodge and other Lodges present, then the Grand Master is given Public Grand Honors.

The Worshipful Master will descend from ‘his station to the floor and offer his right arm and escort the Grand Master (*still under arch*) to the East; after the Grand Master has arrived in the East, he is given Private Grand Honors, and then the Worshipful Master presents him to the Craft in the following manner:

**Craft, behold your Most Worshipful Grand Master.  
Most Worshipful Grand Master, behold your Craft.**

**Craft, behold your Most Worshipful Grand Master.  
Most Worshipful Grand Master, behold your Craft.**

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The Worshipful Master then removes his hat and presents the gavel and turns over the Lodge to the Grand Master. The Worshipful Master then takes his place at the left of the Grand Master. \*Note: The Grand Master must always be invited to close the Lodge.

## **RECEPTION OF VISITORS**

The reception of visitors with the honors due their rank is an ancient custom of the Fraternity; but no Mason has the right to demand that he be accorded the GRAND HONORS of MASONRY.

## **RECEPTION OF PAST GRAND MASTER**

Past Grand Masters are received in the same manner as a Most Worshipful Grand Master, but without an arch. Nor do they behold the craft or the craft behold them.

## **RECEPTION OF GRAND OFFICER**

When a Grand Officer is at outer door and is ready to come in, the WORSHIPFUL MASTER allows him or them to enter the lodge room. Upon entering into the lodge room, WORSHIPFUL MASTER raps gavel three (3) times raising lodge. The Grand officer proceeds to altar. Then the W. M. greets the Grand officer or officers from his station in the east and give them Grand honors (3/3). Then the W. M. invites him or them to a seat in the east.

## **PROTOCOL AT MASONIC AFFAIRS**

“The first rule of protocol is when establishing protocol; all introductions will be made from the top organization to the bottom, starting with the Most Worshipful Grand Master”. Introductions of organizations are made from the bottom to the top. Listed is them in order, as they should be introduced. Please keep-in-mine these introductions are to be made only as appropriate. If listed person (s) are not present, there is no need to call their name (s) or title (s). Should any of the names below be seated at the head table, “only call their title/name when introducing the head table”. The following is the order they should be introduced:

MOST ANCIENT MATRONS  
WORTHY JOSHUAS  
WORTHY MATRONS  
WORTHY PATRONS  
LOYAL LADY RULERS  
WORSHIPFUL MASTERS  
THRICE POTENT MASTERS  
MOST WISE AND PERFECT MASTERS  
ILLUSTRIOUS COMMANDER-IN-CHIEFS  
DEPUTY ASSISTANTS (ILLUSTRIOUS OVERSEERS)  
ILLUSTRIOUS COMMANDRESS  
ILLUSTRIOUS POTENTATES  
DEPUTIES OF THE OASIS (DAUGHTERS OF ISIS)  
DEPUTIES OF THE OASIS (A.E.A.O.N.M.S.)  
DEPUTY OF THE DESERT (DAUGHTER OF ISIS STATE OF WA)  
DEPUTY OF THE DESERT (A.E.A.O.N.M.S. STATE OF WA)  
MOST EXCELLENT HIGH PRIESTS  
DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND HIGH PRIESTS (STATE OF WA)  
ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS  
EMMINENT COMMANDERS  
DISTRICT DEPUTY RIGHT EMMINENT GRAND COMMANDER  
STATE GRAND LOYAL LADY RULER  
DEPUTY OF SCOTTISH RITE MASONRY (STATE OF WA)

## **GRAND HIGH COURT HEROINES OF JERICHO:**

APPOINTED OFFICERS  
ELECTED OFFICERS  
PAST WORTHY GRAND WORTHY JOSHUAS  
PAST MOST ANCIENT GRAND MATRON  
\*\*WORTHY GRAND JOSHUA  
MOST ANCIENT GRAND MATRON

**PRINCE HALL GRAND CHAPTER, ORDER OF EASTERN STAR:**

APPOINTED OFFICERS  
ELECTED OFFICERS  
PAST GRAND PATRONS  
PAST GRAND MATRONS  
\*\*GRAND WORTHY PATRON  
GRAND WORTHY MATRON

**GRAND COUNCIL ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS:**

APPOINTED OFFICERS  
ELECTED OFFICERS  
PAST GRAND THRICE ILLUSTRIOUS MASTERS  
\*\*GRAND TRICE ILLUSTRIOUS MASTER.

**GRAND CHAPTER HOLY ROYAL ARCH MASONS:**

APPOINTED OFFICERS  
ELECTED OFFICERS  
PAST MOST EXCELLENT GRAND HIGH PRIESTS  
\*\*MOST EXCELLENT GRAND HIGH PRIEST

**MOST WORSHIPFUL PRINCE HALL GRAND LODGE:**

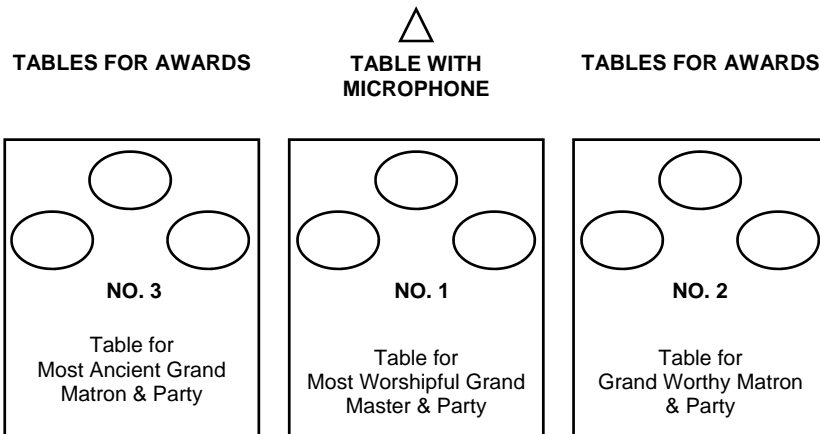
APPOINTED OFFICERS  
ELECTED OFFICER (TREASURER, SECRETARY, LECTURER, GRAND TRUSTEES  
PAST GRAND MASTERS  
GRAND JUNIOR WARDEN  
GRAND SENIOR WARDEN  
\*\*DEPUTY GRAND MASTER  
**\*\*THE MOST WORSHIPFUL GRAND MASTER**

*(STATE OF WASHINGTON AND JURISDICTION IN THE PRESENT OF THE HONORABLE (Name).  
(Three raps will be given at this time)*

**\*\*NOTE:** The Grand officers listed above will/should introduce their officers. When introducing the state grand organizations:

- ❖ Worthy Grand Joshua will introduce the Most Ancient Grand Matron
- ❖ Grand Worthy Patron will introduce the Grand Worthy Matron
- ❖ The Deputy Grand Master will introduce the Most Worshipful Grand Master
- ❖ The Master of Ceremony may introduce the other state organizations. At no time will a woman introduce a male organization head of house.

## SEATING ARRANGEMENTS



### **NO. 1 TABLES**

MOST WORSHIPFUL GRAND MASTER AND GUEST  
MASTER OF CEREMONIES AND GUEST  
PRINCIPLE SPEAKER AND GUEST  
PUBLIC OFFICIAL AND GUEST  
VISITING GRAND MASTERS AND GUEST  
OTHERS AS DESIRED

### **NO. 2 TABLES**

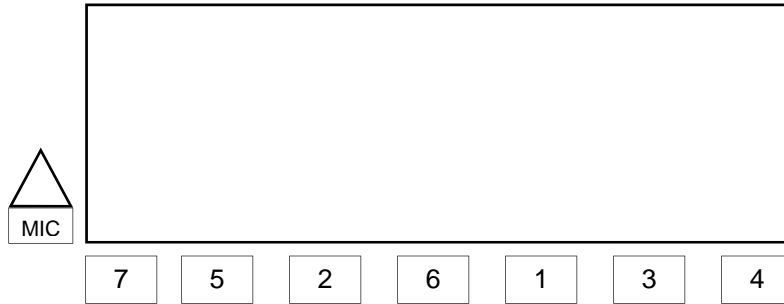
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GRAND WORTHY PATRON AND GUEST  
VISITING GRAND WORTHY MATRON AND GUEST  
VISITING GRAND WORTHY PATRON AND GUEST  
OTHERS AS DESIRED

### **NO. 3 TABLES**

MOST ANCIENT GRAND MATRON AND GUEST  
WORTHY GRAND JOSHUA AND GUEST  
VISITING MOST ANCIENT GRAND MATRON AND GUEST  
VISITING WORTHY GRAND JOSHUA AND GUEST  
OTHERS AS DESIRED

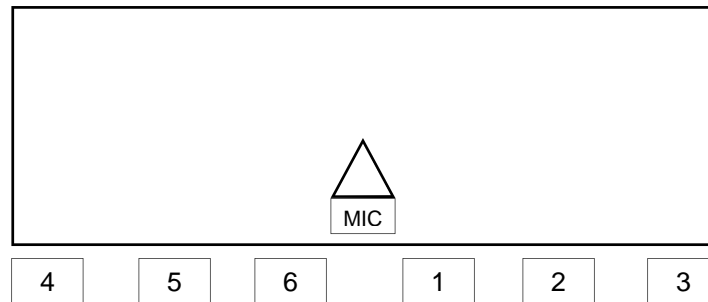
**NOTE:** Table No. 2 & 3 may be pulled together on a level lower than the table No. 1. Also variations of seating arrangements at these tables will be based on the type of function and attendees.

**HEAD TABLE ARRANGEMENT WITH MICROPHONE ON THE SIDE**



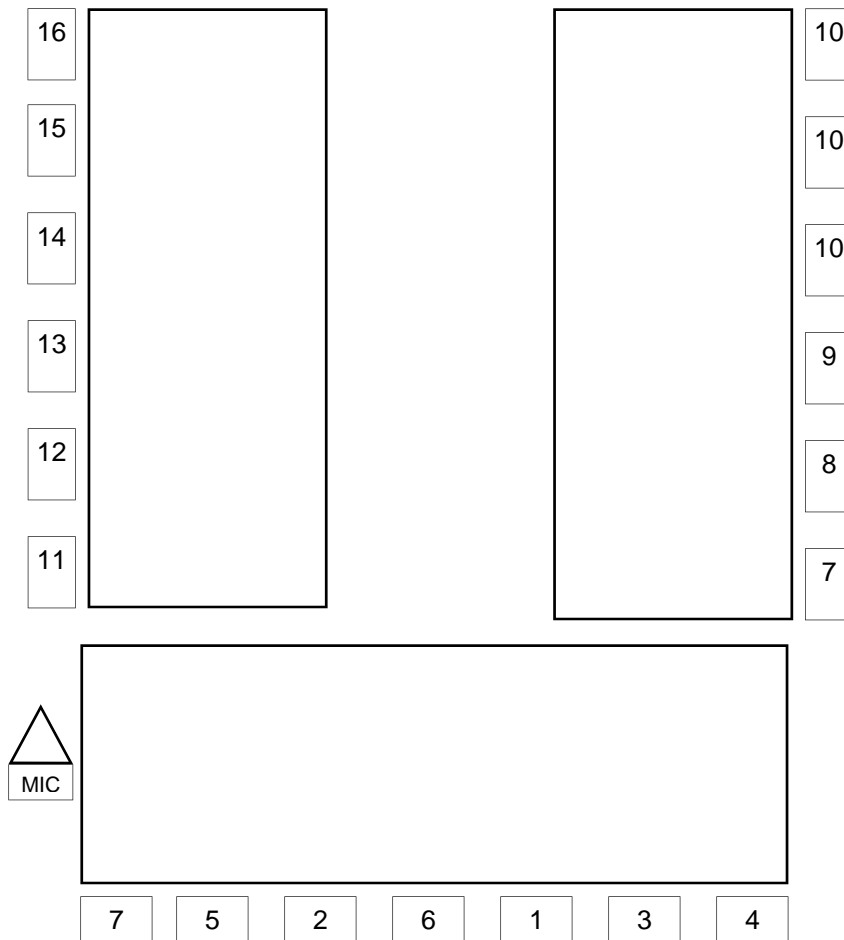
1. MOST WORSHIPFUL GRAND MASTER
2. HOSTING WORSHIPFUL MASTER
3. GUESTSPEAKER
4. GRAND WORTHY MATRON
5. MOST ANCIENT GRAND MATRON
6. HONOREE
7. MASTER OF CEREMONIES

**HEAD TABLE ARRANGEMENT WITH MICROPHONE IN THE CENTER**



1. MOST WORSHIPFUL GRAND MASTER
2. HOSTING WORSHIPFUL MASTER
3. GUESTSPEAKER
4. GRAND WORTHY MATRON
5. MOST ANCIENT GRAND MATRON
6. MASTER OF CEREMONIES

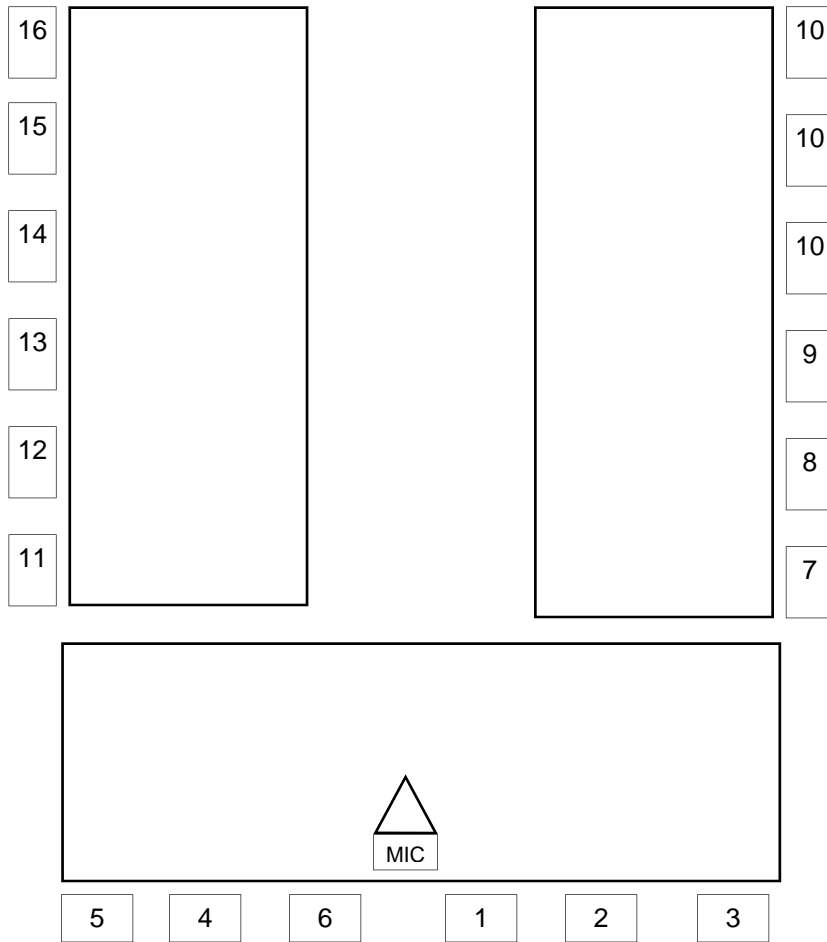
**HEAD TABLE HORSESHOE ARRANGEMENT MICROPHONE ON THE SIDE**



- 1. MW Grand Master
- 2. GUEST SPEAKER
- 3. Grand Worthy Matron
- 4. Most Ancient Grand Matron
- 5. Master of Ceremony
- 6. HONOREE
- 7. Deputy Grand Master
- 8. Grand Senior Warden

- 9. Grand Junior Warden
- 10. Past Grand Masters
- 11. Grand Worth Patron
- 12. Grand A. Matron
- 13. Grand Conductress
- 14. Worthy Grand Joshua
- 15. Dep. Ancient Grand Matron
- 16. Sen. Ancient grand Matron

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- 3. Grand Worthy Matron
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- 5. Master of Ceremony
- 6. HONOREE
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- 16. Sen. Ancient grand Matron

## SUGGESTED PROGRAM FORMAT

- ◆ Invocation
- ◆ Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag
- ◆ \*\*\*\*\*Dinner\*\*\*\*\*
- ◆ Greetings
- ◆ Selections
- ◆ Introduction of Head Tables
- ◆ Introduction of Head of Houses
- ◆ Introduction of Guest Speaker
- ◆ Speaker for the Evening
- ◆ Remarks and Presentations
- ◆ Remarks from Most Ancient Grand Matron
- ◆ Remarks from Grand Worthy Matron
- ◆ Remarks from Most Worshipful Grand Master (See Note #1)
- ◆ Benediction

### NOTES:

1. If a lady is Mistress of Ceremonies, she should have a male counterpart introduce the Most Worshipful Grand Master.
2. At Order of Eastern Star functions remarks and introduction by the Grand Worthy Patron for the Grand Worthy Matron is appropriate.
3. At Heroines of Jericho functions remarks and introduction by the Grand Worthy Joshua for the Most Ancient Grand Matron is appropriate.
4. When subordinate Chapters, Courts and Lodges give a function, the heads of those houses will speak before the Most Worshipful Grand Master or his Deputy. (The Most Worshipful Grand Master or his Deputy always speak last at all Masonic Affairs in this Jurisdiction.)

## TITLES AND HONOR

### MOST WORSHIPFUL PRINCE HALL GRAND LODGE

	<u>TITLE</u>	<u>HONOR</u>
COMITTEEMEN	WORSHIPFUL BROTHER	PUBLIC
GRAND TYLER & HISTORIAN	WORSHIPFUL BROTHER	PUBLIC
GRAND STANDARD BEARER	WORSHIPFUL BROTHER	PUBLIC
GRAND MARSHALL	WORSHIPFUL BROTHER	PUBLIC
GRAND PURSUVIANT/ORATOR	WORSHIPFUL BROTHER	PUBLIC
GRAND SENIOR & JUNIOR STEWARDS	WORSHIPFUL BROTHER	PUBLIC
GRAND SENIOR & JUNIOR DEACONS	WORSHIPFUL BROTHER	PUBLIC
DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS	RIGHT WORSHIPFUL	PUBLIC
GRAND TRUSTEE	RIGHT WORSHIPFUL	PUBLIC
GRAND LECTURER	RIGHT WORSHIPFUL	PUBLIC
GRAND TREASURER & SECRETARY	RIGHT WORSHIPFUL	PUBLIC
GRAND SENIOR & JUNIOR WARDENS	RIGHT WORSHIPFUL	PUBLIC
DEPUTY GRAND MASTER	RIGHT WORSHIPFUL	PUBLIC
PAST GRAND MASTERS	MOST WORSHIPFUL	PUBLIC & PRIVATE
MOST WORSHIPFUL GRAND MASTER	MOST WORSHIPFUL	PUBLIC & PRIVATE

**PRINCE HALL GRAND CHAPTER ORDER OF EASTERN STAR (O.E.S.)**

	<u>TITLE</u>	<u>HONOR</u>
PAST GRAND MATRON	PGM	PRIVATE
PAST GRAND PATRON	PGP	PRIVATE
GRAND WORTHY MATRON	GWM	PRIVATE
GRAND WORTHY PATRON	GWP	PRIVATE

**PRINCE HALL GRAND HIGH COURT HEROINES OF JERICHO**

	<u>TITLE</u>	<u>HONOR</u>
PAST MOST ANCIENT GRAND MATRONS	PMAGM	PRIVATE
PAST WORTHY GRAND JOSHUAS	PWGJ	PRIVATE
MOST ANCIENT GRAND MATRON	MAGM	PRIVATE
WORTHY GRAND JOSHUA	WGJ	PRIVATE

\* These honors are given in their respective houses.

**PUBLIC SERVICE PROCESSION**

**PRINCE HALL GRAND LODGE**

MASTER MASONS	BY TWOS
APPOINTED OFFICERS	BY TWOS
ELECTED OFFICERS	BY TWOS
PAST MASTERS	BY TWOS
JUNIOR WARDENS	BY TWOS
SENIOR WARDENS	BY TWOS
WORSHIPFUL MASTERS	BY TWOS
GRAND TYLER & HISTORIAN	
GRAND STANDARD BEARER & PURSUVIANT	
GRAND ORATOR & CHAPLAIN	
DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS	BY TWOS
GRAND TRUSTEES	BY TWOS
CHAIRMAN GRAND TRUSTEE & GRAND LECTURER	
GRAND SECRETARY & TREASURER	
PAST MOST WORSHIPFUL GRAND MASTERS	BY TWOS
GRAND JUNIOR & SENIOR WARDENS	
DEPUTY GRAND MASTER	BY TWOS

Most Worshipful Grand Master (Arched by the Grand Senior & Junior Deacons, and supported by the Grand Marshall).

**PRINCE HALL GRAND CHAPTER ORDER OF EASTERN STAR (O.E.S.)**

FIVE COLORS	BY TWOS
WORTHY MATRONS	BY TWOS
GRAND OFFICERS (APPOINTED)	BY TWOS
GRAND OFFICERS ELECTED)	BY TWOS
PAST GRAND MATRONS/PAST GRAND PATRONS	BY TWOS

Grand Worthy Patron, supported by the Grand Marshall (West), (March through open ranks behind the Grand Worthy Matron.)

Grand Worthy Matron, supported by the Grand Marshall (East), (March through open ranks of procession, procession files in behind.)

**PRINCE HALL GRAND HIGH COURT HEROINES OF JERICHO (H.O.J.)**

MEMBERS	BY TWOS
MOST ANCIENT MATRONS	BY TWOS
GRAND OFFICERS (APPOINTED)	BY TWOS
GRAND OFFICERS (ELECTED)	BY TWOS
PAST MOST ANCIENT GRAND MATRONS/ PAST WORTHY GRAND JOSHUAS	BY TWOS

Worthy Grand Joshua, supported by the Grand Marshall (West), (March through open ranks behind the Most Ancient Grand Matron.)

Most Ancient Grand Matron, supported by the Grand Marshall (East), (March through open ranks of the procession, procession files in behind.)