



134TH ANNUAL GRAND CONCLAVE
UNION GRAND COMMANDERY NO. 22
Sir Knight Valentino McBride Jr., KCT, KYGCH
RIGHT EMINENT GRAND COMMANDER

Jacksonville, FL | April 20th, 2026



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FLORIDA, U.S. VIRGIN ISLANDS, AND JURISDICTION, PHA

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134th Annual Grand Conclave Proclamation

January 12, 2026

"Except the Lord build the house, they labour in vain that build it: except the Lord keep the city, the watchman waketh but in vain." (Psalm 127:1)

To the Honorable Gus Harris Jr., Most Worshipful Grand Master, to all Past Right Eminent Grand Commanders, to all Present and Past Grand Officers, Elected and Appointed, District Deputy Grand Eminent Commanders, all Eminent Commanders, Generalissimos, Captain Generals, Recorders, Treasurers and all Sir Knights of Subordinate Commanderies, I bring you greetings from the Office of the Right Eminent Grand Commander, Sir Knight Valentino R. McBride Jr., KCT, KYGCH.

Sir Knights, Attention!

Pursuant to the Powers and Authority vested in me by the Constitution, By-Laws, General Regulations, and Statues, I, Sir Knight Valentino R. McBride Jr., KCT, KYGCH, Right Eminent Grand Commander of Union Grand Commandery No. 22 Magnanimous Order of Knight Templar Masons of Florida, Prince Hall Affiliation and it's Jurisdiction, do hereby summon all Grand Commandery Officers Elected and Appointed, all Past REGC., District Deputy Grand Eminent Commanders, all Present Eminent Commanders, Generalissimos, Captain Generals, Recorders and Treasurers of Subordinate Commanderies owing obedience and allegiance to UNION GRAND COMMANDERY No. 22, to convene with me for our **134th Annual Grand Conclave** in Jacksonville, Florida starting the afternoon of **Monday, April 20th, 2026**.

Advance Registration is \$65 until March 1, 2026. ON SITE REGISTRATION IS \$125. Each Commandery must pre-register their (5) Principal Officers, whether in attendance or not. (Eminent Commander, Generalissimo, Captain General, Recorder, Treasurer). Registration for this event is Online, please complete the [UGC22 2026 Grand Conclave Registration Form](#).

All Elected and Appointed Grand Commandery Officers are expected to pre-register through their **local Commandery**, whether in attendance or not. **All Sir Knights** wishing to attend **must register and send payment** through their **local Commandery**, **NOT to Union Grand Commandery** directly. **Local Commandery Recorders** can send payment electronically through **Zelle** using the Eminent Grand Treasurer email address EGTUGC22@gmail.com. **Zelle** is the preferred method of payment for Union Grand Commandery, but Recorder's can still mail Payment (Check or Money Order) to **ATTN: EGR Juan Vega P.O. Box 23956 Jacksonville, FL 32241**. Payments should be payable to **Union Grand Commandery No. 22**. There will be a \$40 charge (plus bank fees) for all returned checks.

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LODGING ACCOMODATIONS

The Headquarters Hotel for the 134th Annual Grand Conclave of Union Grand Commandery No. 22 will be the **Hyatt Regency Jacksonville Riverfront**, 225 East Coastline Drive, Jacksonville, Florida 32202.

- Room Rate: \$129.00 per night
- Parking: Discounted self-parking at \$20.00 per day
- Host Hotel Phone: (904) 588-1234

Important Note: Please be advised that a valid credit or debit card must be placed on file at the time of check-in to cover any incidental charges that may be incurred during your stay. When contacting the Reservations Desk, please indicate that you are booking under the block or group name "G-MW26." Reservations may be made beginning immediately and must be completed no later than March 26, 2026. Please be advised that the block is subject to sell out before this date, so we strongly encourage you to promptly make your reservations.

Additionally, we must emphasize that rooms within the block are to be reserved only by those who intend to occupy them. Please refrain from holding or blocking rooms with the intent of saving them for others. Such practices hinder the fair and orderly process of securing accommodations and may deprive fellow members of the opportunity to benefit from the reserved block. So, let us move forward with unity, courtesy, and consideration for one another.

Should rooms remain reserved within 72 hours of your scheduled arrival date and are not needed, the hotel will assess a charge equal to one night's room rate for each unused room. The Grand Lodge will not assume responsibility for these late cancellation fees. Such charges will be applied directly to the credit card used to secure the reservation.

Hotel Passkey Information

The official pass key for the 156th MWUGL 2026 Grand Session is provided below:

[Most Worshipful Group Booking Website 2026](#)

For reservations by phone, or for assistance with an existing booking, please contact the Hyatt Reservations Department at (904) 588-1234 and reference Group Code "GMW26."

Please note: If the group rate is no longer available, prevailing hotel rates may apply for some or all of your selected dates.



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ATTIRE

FULL KT DRESS: Chapeau or Fatigue Cap, Frock or Fatigue Coat, Black Pants, Black Shoes, Sword and Belt. No Polo or Dickie shirts allowed.

MISCELLANEOUS REMINDERS

COMMITTEE REPORTS: Committee reports were assigned during our January Workshop. All committee reports are due back to the **Eminent Grand Recorder by February 28, 2026.**

This Communication is required to be shared with all Sir Knights and read at all Local Commandery meetings until our Grand Conclave in April.

Yours In Knightly Courtesy,

Sir Knight Valentino McBride Jr., KCT, KYGCH

Right Eminent Grand Commander

ATTESTED BY:

Sir Knight Juan R. Vega

Eminent Grand Recorder



CC: The Honorable Gus Harris Jr.
Most Worshipful Grand Master
Florida, & Jurisdiction, Inc. Prince Hall Affiliated

All Grand Department Heads
All Elected and Appointed Officers of Union Grand Commandery No.22
All District Deputy Eminent Grand Commanders
All Eminent Commanders
All Subordinate Commanderies Recorders & Sir Knights



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2026 ANNUAL GRAND CONCLAVE AGENDA

Asylum Consecration & Setup – Monday, April 20th

Time	Event
0730 - 0900	Registration Pick Up (each Sir Knight individually)
1200 - 1230	Opening of Grand Conclave
1230 – 1245	Roll Call of Officers / Deputies / Commanderies
1245 – 1330	Reading of Committee Reports and Acceptance of 2025 Minutes
1330 - 1400	Welcoming / Greetings from Dignitaries / Special Guest
1400 - 1415	Reception of Dept. Heads & Visiting Dignitaries
1415 - 1430	Reception of MW Grand Master & Cabinet
1430 - 1445	Annual Election
1445 - 1515	Right Eminent Grand Commander's Address
1515 – 1545	MW Grand Master Remarks
1545 - 1600	Necrology Report
1600 - 1615	Closing of the 134 th Annual Grand Conclave

Time & Events Subject to Change