International Grand Court Order of Cyrene Crusaders

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"Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths." Proverbs 3:5-6 KJV

Proclamation
January 16, 2026

International Grand Royal Advisor, SK Frederick Walker, Sr., International Grand Officers, Elected and Appointed, Past International Grand Princess Commandresses, Actual and Honorary; Past International Grand Royal Advisors, Actual and Honorary; Grand Princess Captains, Most Noble Grand Princess Captains, Royal Grand Commandresses, Grand Princess Commandresses, Most Royal Grand Commandresses, Sir Knight Grand Royal Advisors, Grand Royal Advisors, Royal Grand Chief Engineers, Most Royal Grand Chief Engineers, Royal Ladies, Princesses, and Sir Knights

Greetings,

I thank you for your Commitment and Dedication to the International Grand Court Order of Cyrene Crusaders. I pray that you and your families have a Blessed Holiday Season.

A special Thank you to our Host Jurisdiction Missouri, the Most Royal Grand Court of Cyrene Officers, and members, for a Wonderful 2025 Conclave. I also, thank our Coordinators SK Willie Tate and Pr. Curtina Taylor for the awesome experience.

By virtue of the power and authority in me vested as the International Grand Princess Commandress of the International Grand Court Order of Cyrene Crusaders, I, Martha J. Meyers, do proclaim the convening of the 57th Annual Convocation in Greenville, South Carolina, Tuesday, June 30, 2026, through Saturday, July 4, 2026. Our Session will convene at the Embassy Suites Greenville, 670 Verdae Blvd., Greenville, SC 29606.

Room rates are $164.00 per night plus tax (13.18%). Total per night with tax $185.62. Group Reservation Link: https://www.hilton.com/en/attend-my-event/gspeses-94p-19c52a66-c051-43cb-b28e-b 14f7993929f/.

Hotel Information: (864) 676-9090; Hotel Direct:(864) 210-9751. Deadline for hotel reservations is Monday, May 25, 2026.

"No Cross, No Crown"

Check-In: 4:00 PM. Check-Out: 12:00 Noon. When making your reservation, you may be charged for one (1) night's lodging at that time. A valid credit or debit card is required. Advance registration for Sir Knights is $200.00, and for Princesses $200.00. Your Registration includes two (2) Luncheons and the Annual Black & White Banquet. Please Note: All checks and money orders should be made payable to: Grand Encampment K.T. USA PHA. Mail all completed forms, registrations, and payments to: Willie Tate, POB 10788, Killeen, TX 76543.

Registration must be received or postmarked no later than May 25, 2026.
The deadline for advanced registration is May 25, 2026. No refund after June 1, 2026.
On-site and late registration for both Sir Knights and Princesses is $300.00.

Elected Officers 2025 – 2026

Pr. Martha J. Meyers (NJ)
International Grand Princess Commandress

SK Frederick J. Walker, Sr. (TX)
International Grand Royal Advisor

Pr. Rev. Alden G. Vaughan (VA)
International Grand Deputy Commandress

Pr. Rose Nelson (NC)
International Grand Martha

SK Darrin A. Rodgers (Bahamas)
International Grand Deputy Royal Advisor (W)

Pr. R. Lucille Samuel (TX)
International Grand Magdalene

SK Robert C. Gunn (DC)
International Grand Assistant Advisor (S)

Pr. Regina Bolden-Woodard (DC)
International Grand Senior Shepherdess

Pr. Darcel V.J. Lacy (IL)
International Grand Junior Shepherdess

Pr. Phyllis McLeod (NC)
International Grand Treasurer

Pr. Sharon A. Lane (GA)
International Grand Secretary

**** Pr. Diane Wingard (NC), PIGPC ****
Interim International Grand Secretary

Pr. Nicole Hartman (KY)
International Grand Trustee (1 year)

Pr. Raina Taylor (DC)
International Grand Trustee (2 year)

Pr. Nellie Wright-Jones (NC)
International Grand Trustee (3 year)

APPOINTED OFFICERS

Princess Rita E. Woods (AL)	International Grand Senior Commissary
Princess Jeanell Newmuis-Haley (NJ)	International Grand Junior Commissary
Princess Veronia Brooks (AR)	International Grand Altaress
Princess Etiole L. Abraham (CA)	International Grand Assistant Altaress
Princess Edna Harvin Battle (DC)	International Grand Inspectress
Princess Arlene F. Robinson (DC)	International Grand Marshal – East
Princess Vera H. Smith (DC)	International Grand Marshal – West
Princess Donna M. Ford (IL)	International Grand Assistant Marshal – East
Princess Willie Ruth Dean (FL)	International Grand Assistant Marshal – West
Princess Gloria Wallace (PA)	International Grand Inner Guard
Sir Knight Richard A. Bourne (NY)	International Grand Outer Guard
Princess Dianna M. Caston (IL)	International Grand Photographer
Princess Susan Alston-Spencer (NJ)	International Grand CCFC
Princess Alicia Jones-Chisolm (NC)	International Grand Historian
Princess Marsha K. Singleton (SC)	International Grand Administrative Assistant
Princess Angella Y. Clarke (NY)	International Grand Assistant Treasurer
Princess Meshanda Phillip (TX)	International Grand Assistant Secretary
Princess Tiffany Lathan (NC)	International Grand Recording Secretary
Princess Carletta Trower (PA)	International Grand Jurisdictional Deputy Coordinator
Princess M. Francine Washington (OH)	International Grand Jurisdictional Assistant Deputy Coordinator
Princess Wenona C.B. Jefferson (VA)	International Grand Choir Director
Princess Crystal Brown (TN)	International Grand Music Director
Princess Curtina Taylor (NC)	International Grand Convention Coordinator
Princess Lisa Gibson (NY)	International Grand Webmaster
Princess Yvonne G. German (IL)	International Grand Webmaster

COMMITTEES

AUDIT COMMITTEE
Princess Joann Mitchell (NC), Chair
Princess Shellie V. Lewis (MA)
Princess Diane Wingard (NC), PIGPC

CONSTITUTION & BY-LAWS
Princess Betty C. V. Reed (DC), PIGPC, Chair
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Princess Rev. Alden G. Vaughan (VA)
Princess Karen Thompson (GA), PIGPC
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Princess LaJohn Bivins Pollitt (NJ), Chair
Sir Knight Anthony Pollitt (NJ)

AWARD LUNCHEON
Princess Rose Nelson (NC), Chair
Princess Marsha K. Singleton (SC)
Princess Edna Harvin-Battle (DC)
Princess Curtina Taylor (NC)
Princess Cheryl Priest (PA)
Princess Joyce Braxton (PA)

COMMUNITY SERVICE
International Grand Jurisdictional Deputies

DOROTHY L. HAUGHTON
Queen/Lady in Waiting Contest
Princess R. Lucille Samuel (TX), Chair
Princess Lisa Gibson (NY)
Princess Dianna M. Caston (IL)
Princess Diane Wingard (NC), PIGPC

DEPUTIES COORDINATOR
Princess Carletta Trower (PA), Coordinator
Princess M. Francine Washington (OH), Assistant Coordinator
International Grand Jurisdictional Deputies

BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE
Princess Angella Y. Clarke (NY), Chair
Princess Faye Moreland (FL)
Princess Carol Hundley (VA)

FIRST AID & HEALTH
Princess Gladys M. Robinson (IL), Chair
Princess Polandria Porter (GA)

GRIEVANCES & APPEALS
Princess Willie Mae Williams (NC), Chair
Princess Joyce I. Dyson (MD)
Princess Raina Taylor (DC)

SPECIAL CHARITY
Princess Pamela Godding-Vassar (MA), Chair

CREDENTIALS
Princess Glendra Smith-Watson (SC), Chair
Princess Martha Smith (TN)
Princess Patricia Watkins (GA)

HISTORY & ARCHIVES
Princess Alicia Jones-Chisolm (NC), PIGPC, Chair
Princess Mary B. Harpe (OH), PIGPC
Princess Darcel V.J. Lacy (IL) IGJS
Princess Tiffany Lathan (NC)

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Princess R. Lucille Samuel (TX), Chair
Princess Tami McCullar (WA)
Princess Sharon A. Lane (GA)
Princess Rose Nelson (NC)
Princess Wenona C.B. Jefferson (VA)
Princess Wanda Knight (VA)

Princess Edna Long (NJ)

COMMITTEES

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Host Jurisdiction

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Princess DeNoris Brown (OH), PIGPC
Princess Phyllis Carruth (AR), PIGPC
Sir Knight Lewis Nelson (SC), PIGRA
Princess Judy Ellen Ann Stubbs (BAH)
Princess Regina T. Bolden-Woodard (DC)
Princess Darcel V. J. Lacy (IL)

COLLEGE OF HONOURS
Princess DeNoris Brown (OH), PIGPC, Chair
Princess Betty C. V. Reed (DC), PIGPC
Princess Diane Wingard (NC), PIGPC
Princess Regina T. Bolden-Woodard (DC)
Princess Rev. Alden G. Vaughan (VA)
Sir Knight Frederick J. Walker, Sr. (TX), IGRA
Sir Knight Frank Langford, Jr. (AL), PIGRA
Sir Knight Russell Duckett (NY), PIGRA
Sir Knight Homer Buchanan (TX), PIGRA

Jurisdictional Grand Deputies
The Deputies are very important to the International Grand Court. Thank you for your service and for continuing to support our goals. The income generated from the Annual Deputies donations are extremely welcomed each year and it supports our mission. Thank You to each one of you who donated to the contest.
Special congratulations to the 3 Deputies reporting the highest amounts in 2025:

Winner – Pr. Patricia Watkins (GA) - $1,270.00
1st Runner-up – Pr. Darcel V.J. Lacy (IL) - $1,215.00
2nd Runner-up – Pr. Cindy Powell-Hughes (NJ) - $265.00

Awards Luncheon
Pr. Rose Nelson, International Grand Martha, is the Chairperson for this Committee. rosenelson122014@gmail.com. The Joint Awards Luncheon is scheduled for Thursday, July 2, 2026, at 12 Noon. Awards will be presented to individuals who have shown exemplary support and service to the Order. Additional information is forthcoming.

Mozelle A. McKay Princess of the Year Award
The application and criteria for the Mozelle A. McKay Princess of the Year Award is located on our website: **intlgrandcourtocc.com** under Forms and Documents, and must be submitted to the Pr. Regina Bolden-Woodard, International Grand Senior Shepherdess, 2406 Lackawanna; Adelphi, MD 20783; (301) 431-4105.
Deadline: **Wednesday, April 1, 2026.**

Maggie B. Moon Special Service Award of the Year
The application and criteria for the Maggie B. Moon Special Service Award of the Year is located on our website: **intlgrandcourtocc.com** under Forms and Documents, and must be submitted to the Pr. Darcel V.J. Lacy, International Grand Junior Shepherdess, 2909 Lexington Drive; Hazel Crest, IL 60429; (708) 244-0996.
Deadline: **Wednesday, April 1, 2026.**

Deputy of the Year
To be presented by Pr. Carletta Trower, Deputy Coordinator

Flower Committee
Pr. LaJohn Bivins-Pollitt is the Chairperson for this Committee. ldbp615@gmail.com
Corsages will be available for a donation of $15.00. You can pre-order by calling (856) 264-3969. Mail Check, Money Order, or Cashier's Check, (Payable to IGCOCC), to the Committee Chairperson, Pr. LaJohn Bivins-Pollitt, 1959 Park Boulevard; Camden, NJ 08103. **Deadline: Friday, May 15, 2026**.

History and Archives
Pr. Alicia Jones-Chisolm, PIGPC, is the Chairperson for this Committee. ajcyellowrose@gmail.com This committee is researching and compiling the history for the International Grand Court. Please share this information with the Committee Chairperson, Pr. Alicia Jones-Chisolm, 1855 Cascade Street; Fayetteville, NC 28301; 910-818-7287.

Special Charities
Pr. Pamela Godding-Vassar, HPIGPC is the Chairperson for this Committee. mostancient1@gmail.com The Palmetto Grand Guild of South Carolina has selected DISTRICT 25 SOCIAL CLUB of Greenville, SC as our Charity for the 2026 Donation. All Officers and Members are asked to donate $15.00. Make Checks and Money Orders payable to IGCOCC, and mail to the Committee Chairperson, Pr. Pamela Godding-Vassar, 19 Dudley Street, Roxbury, MA 02119; (617) 438-4435. Deadline: **Friday, May 15, 2026.**

Dorothy L. Haughton Queen and Lady-In-Waiting Contest
Pr. R. Lucille Samuel, International Grand Magdalene, is the Chairperson for this Committee. rouchellion@yahoo.com. This is one of the International Grand Court's main fundraisers. We are looking forward to the participation of each Jurisdiction to make this an enchanting and prosperous evening. A letter with details and guidelines was sent via email. The tickets were mailed via USPS.

NOTE: All Queens and Ladies-In-Waiting Contestants MUST be registered for the Annual Session. Also, monies turned in for the contest must be by: Court/Guild Check, Cashier's Check, Money Order payable to IGCOCC. Information is on our website, intlgrandcourtocc.com. Personal Checks WILL NOT be accepted. Mail funds to the Committee Chairperson, Pr. R. Lucille Samuel, 9922 Colette Street, El Paso, TX 79924; (915) 276-6650. **Cash can ONLY be turned in at the Annual Session.**

Credentials and Annual Returns

The Interim International Grand Court Secretary, Pr. Diane Wingard, PIGPC will not be mailing Annual Return Administrative Forms and Documents to the Grand Courts and Grand Guilds. These forms can be found on the International Grand Court website, **intlgrandcourtocc.com** under Forms and Documents. The Annual Return Administrative Forms and Documents are to be printed and completed in full. All current Officers and Past Grand Officers must be listed. Two Credential Forms must be included. One copy of the form for each voting member is to be returned to the Interim International Grand Secretary, including the Jurisdictional Membership Fee of $150.00. The completed Annual Return Administrative Forms and Documents must be received in the office of the Interim International Grand Secretary on or before **Friday, May 15, 2026**. Failure to submit this fee on time will result in your Jurisdiction not being seated and voting privileges being revoked. The second copy of the Credential Form is to be presented to Pr. Glendra Smith-Watson, Chairperson of the Credential Committee, by each member before the opening ceremony, Wednesday, July 1, 2026. Both copies of the Credential Forms must be signed by the presiding Grand Court/Grand Guild Officer and the Secretary with the Grand Cour /Grand Guild seal affixed.

Virgie E. Cary Student Aid Fund

Pr. Cecelia Foote-Shands is the Chairperson for this Committee. ceceliashands96@gmail.com
Your support of our Scholarship program is very important. Each Jurisdiction is requested to donate $100.00. Please submit your donation with your Annual Return Administration Forms and Documents Packet to the Interim International Grand Secretary, Pr. Diane Wingard, PIGPC, 2023 Quentin Street, Charlotte, NC 28216. In the MEMO LINE, annotate VIRGIE E. CARY STUDENT AID FUND.

Elected International Grand Court Officers are asked to donate $50.00, and Appointed International Grand Court Officers are asked to donate $25.00 for this endeavor. Scholarship Application is located on the International Grand Court website, **intlgrandcourtocc.com** under Forms and Documents. Make Checks and Money Orders payable to IGCOCC and mail applications to the Committee Chairperson, Pr. Cecelia Foote-Shands, 31 Echo Lane, Newburgh, NY 12550; (914) 443-6446. In the MEMO LINE, annotate VIRGIE E. CARY STUDENT AID FUND. **Deadline: Friday, May 15, 2026.**

Grand Honors

Pr. Martha J. Smith is the Chairperson for this Committee. marthajsmith1@yahoo.com
Information for submission of applications is our website, **intlgrandcourtocc.com,** under Forms and Documents. The deadline for submission of applications with the appropriate fee of $300.00 and biographical summary is **Friday, May 15, 2026**. **NO EXCEPTIONS**. Mail application, biographical summary, and appropriate fee to the Committee Chairperson, Pr. Martha J. Smith, 1809 Bourne Circle; Clarksville, TN 37043; (931) 980-5699.

Jurisprudence

Pr. Betty L. Simmons is the Chairperson for this Committee. bettysimmons@aol.com
They should act on all recommendations, resolutions, or by-laws presented to the International Grand Court. A full report on their action(s) should be made during the Annual Session, and if approved by the International Grand Court, shall be sent to the Grand Encampment before it can become law.

Constitution and By-Laws

Pr. Betty C. V, Reed, PIGPC is the Chairperson for this Committee. bcvreed@aol.com
It should be their duty to examine all propositions to amend or repeal the laws for the governing of the International Grand Court and report their findings with their recommendations at the Annual Session. Recommendations and resolutions for proposed changes must be submitted in writing **sixty (60) days prior** to the International Grand Court Annual Session to the Committee Chairperson, Pr. Betty C. V. Reed, 9512 Bay Pine Lane; Orlando, FL 32832. Refer to Article XVIII.

Silent Auction
Pr. Rev. Alden G. Vaughan, IGDPC, is the Chairperson for this Committee.avjmv@comcast.net
Please see attachment.

Special Project
Pr. Martha J. Meyers, International Grand Princess Commandress, is the Chairperson for this Committee. mmeyers1221@comcast.net. Volunteers have been secured for this Project. Pr. Meyers has chosen The American Breast Cancer Society as her organization to give a financial donation.

Reports
Pr. Marsha K. Singleton, International Grand Administrative Assistant is the Chairperson for this Committee. (843) 532-6005. All reporting Deputies, Officers and Committee Chairpersons are responsible for providing 150 copies of their report. Reports should be **ONE PAGE** (back and front) and will be distributed to all members in attendance at the Annual Session. The reports must be received by **Wednesday, July 1, 2026.** NO LATER THAN 10:00 AM.

SINGLE/INDIVIDUAL REPORTS WILL NOT BE DISTRIBUTED DURING THE SESSION.

International Grand Session 2026 Attire
The proper attire at the Annual Session for International Grand Court Officers (Elected and Appointed), Past International Grand Princess Commandresses (Actual and Honorary), International Grand Deputies, and Members is all white jewelry, white hosiery, white shoes and white gloves. Princesses should not wear headgear. Sir Knights will dress in the Knights Templar attire. Members are permitted to wear their Jurisdictional Collars.

The proper attire for the Memorial Service is all black. Black dress or dress suit, black hosiery, black shoes, black purse, black jewelry, and black gloves if worn. **NO COLLARS. NO CORSAGES. NO HEADGEAR.**

Host Hospitality
The Host Hospitality will be the Jurisdiction of South Carolina. The Hospitality will be held on Wednesday, July 1, 2026, following the Memorial Service.

International Grand Court College of Honour
Pr. DeNoris Brown, PIGPC, is the Chairperson for this Committee. royaljewel7351@att.net
1. Princess Commandress of the Court Honour
2. Princess Grand Cross of Honour
   The criteria and guidelines will be forthcoming.

Honorary Past International Grand Princess Commandresses

Per our Constitution, in order to maintain your Honors with the International Grand Court Order of Cyrene Crusaders, a fee of $10.00 must be paid annually (and any arrears, if applicable). Please mail your check or money order payable to the IGCOCC to Interim International Grand Secretary Pr. Diane Wingard, PIGPC, 2023 Quentin Street; Charlotte, NC 28216.In the **MEMO LINE, annotate HONORARY HONORS.**

Theme: Trust Him, Praise Him, and watch Him work
Scripture: Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths. Proverbs 3:5-6
Motto: No Cross No Crown
Flower: The Calla Lily
Colors: Red, Black, and Gold

Given under my hand and personal seal of the International Grand Princess Commandress
this Sixteenth day of January 2026.

Yours By Way of the Cross,

Martha J. Meyers
Pr. Martha J. Meyers (NJ)
International Grand Princess Commandress

Frederick J. Walker, Sr.
SK Frederick J. Walker, Sr. (TX)
International Grand Royal Advisor

Sharon A. Lane
Pr. Sharon A. Lane (GA)
International Grand Secretary

Diane Wingard
Pr. Diane Wingard (NC), PIGPC
Interim International Grand Secretary

Attachments: Registration Form
Convention Letter
Souvenir Journal Contract
Medical Profile Form
Agenda
Silent Auction Letter