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Most Ancient Grand Matrons, Grand Most Ancient Matrons, Grand Secretaries and
General Conference Grand Deputies

Greetings:

Time is fast approaching for our 101ST Annual Session to be held at the Crowne Plaza
in Louisville, Kentucky from Friday, June 30, 2023 to Tuesday, July 4, 2023. On
Sunday, July 2, 2023, our Bessie F. Burton Parade of States will be held and we are
looking for all Jurisdictions to be a part of this event.

There will be a holding room for assembling all Queens, Ladies In Waiting, Escorts,
Most Ancient Grand Matrons/Grand Most Ancient Matrons, Worthy Grand
Joshuas/Grand Most Worthy Joshuas, and General Grand Conference Deputies who
will introduce your delegation. Also, any other members of your Jurisdiction are also
encouraged to be a part of the parade.

On Saturday, July 1, 2023, during the Meet and Greet, you will be able to pick up
your jurisdictional sashes, flag and flowers.

We encourage that once you have selected your Queen and/or Lady In Waiting they
begin their fund raising.

We are planning an exciting and fun afternoon.

Attached, please find the Guidelines, Attire and Informational Form. Please adhere
to all deadlines.

Yours In The Bond Of The Scarlet Cord,

Anita L. Davis, PGCGMAM
Bessie F. Burton Parade of States Chairperson

**NOTHING IS IMPOSSIBLE, THE WORD ITSELF SAYS "I'M POSSIBLE".
YES,
WE CAN. YES, WE WILL.**

TOGETHER EVERYONE ACHIEVES MORE. "TEAM"

GUIDELINES FOR BESSIE F. BURTON PARADE OF STATES PARTICIPATION

We are encouraging all Jurisdictions to participate in our Annual Queen and Lady In Waiting Pageant.

Queen participants must raise a minimum of three hundred (\$300.00) dollars in order to be a contestant and Lady In Waiting participants must raise a minimum of two hundred fifty (\$250.00) dollars in order to be a contestant.

- All Jurisdictions are requested to complete the Bessie F. Burton Parade of States Informational Form, whether you will have a Queen and/or Lady In Waiting Contestant. This information is needed for our program. Also, it will allow us to know where you will come in for the parade. The Host Jurisdiction will enter last.
- The winner of the queen contest will receive a reasonable roundtrip transportation from her state to the next General Conference Grand Session. In addition, if she reports more than three thousand (\$3,000.00) dollars, she will be eligible to receive a free single room for Saturday and Sunday night. The accommodations will be for the 2024 General Grand Conference. The Queen will be responsible to provide to the Bessie F. Burton Parade of States Chairperson a copy of the transportation receipt upon arrival to the hotel.
- Monetary prizes will be awarded as follows:
 - For the Queen: \$150.00 for first place; \$100.00 for second place and \$75.00 for third place.
 - Lady In Waiting: \$100.00 for first place; \$75.00 for second place and \$50.00 for third place.
- Medallions will be given to the first, second and third place contestants. Also, Most Ancient Grand Matron/Grand Most Ancient Matron will receive a medallion for the Jurisdiction that wins for Queen and Lady In Waiting.
- All monies for the Bessie F. Burton Parade of States must be turned in no later than 1:30 p.m. on Sunday, July 2, 2023, to PGCGMAM Arlene Bolden-Flowers, Finance Chairperson. Location and Time will be announced after the Memorial Service. You may also send money in prior to the deadline. Payments should be in the form of a Grand Court Check, Money Order or Certified Check made payable to the General Grand Conference of Grand Courts. No personal checks will be accepted. Please contact PGCGMAM Arlene Bolden-Flowers at 330-626-2769 to make arrangements.

Should you need additional information or have concerns or questions, please feel free to contact PGCGMAM Anita L. Davis, Bessie F. Burton Parade of States Chairperson at 610-237-9034.

Bessie F. Burton Parade of States Jurisdictional Information Form

PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY AND SUBMIT BY DEADLINE

NAME OF JURISDICTION: _____

NAME OF GRAND COURT: _____

NAME OF MAGM/GMAM _____

ADDRESS: _____ CITY: _____ STATE: ___ ZIP CODE _____

PHONE NO.: _____

NAME OF WGJ/GMWJ/MWGJ _____ PHONE NO. _____

DEPUTY FOR CONFERENCE: _____ PHONE NO. _____

NAME OF QUEEN: _____

ADDRESS: _____ CITY: _____ STATE: ___ ZIP CODE _____

PHONE NO.: _____

ESCORTS NAME: _____

NAME OF LADY IN WAITING: _____

ADDRESS: _____ CITY: _____ STATE: ___ ZIP CODE _____

PHONE NO.: _____

ESCORTS NAME: _____

PLEASE SUBMIT THIS FORM BY MAY 30, 2023 TO:

PGCGMAM ANITA L. DAVIS
202 NORTH 6TH STREET
DARBY, PA 19023

Attire for the Bessie F. Burton Parade of States

To all Heroines, please no pants.

General Conference Grand Officers and Deputies will dress in their Jurisdiction attire.

Queens - Long White Gowns, White Shoes, Hose and Gloves
No Crowns, Collars or Handbags

Lady In Waiting - Long Red Gowns, Red Shoes, and Gloves
No Crowns, Collars or Handbags

Escorts - White Suits, Shirts and Shoes - Red Cumberbund and Tie
No Miter or Collars