



October 1, 2016

To All Youth Department Members

Greetings

Hopefully we are all ready to rock it out and geared up to move forward with our 2017 Annual Spring Conference and Retreat. A dispensation has been granted for April 7-8, 2017 at the Elks National Shrine, Winton, NC. Please call the Elks National Shrine at 252-358-5661 for reservations or the Ahoskie Inn 252-332-4165. It is with hopes and plans that the Annual Youth Retreat will also be able to be held at this time as well. Members will be contacted on an individual basis for assistance in planning the Retreat, in addition, all ideas and volunteers are being solicited to make certain this event is successful.

It has been suggested that a committee be formed to handle certain aspects of the conference and that will be done with different committees that have been formed. Please pay close attention to the enclosed forms, to make certain your information is handled correctly and by the proper persons.

In the past, we have enjoyed our opening Friday night with a theme event. So, how about a trick or treat party. Yeah it will be April...but let's bring out those costumes and have some fun!

We would like to honor our New 2016 Past Grand Exalted Rulers and Past Grand Daughter Rulers at the Visionary Awards Banquet during the Conference on Saturday evening. They will be our special guests. Let's come out and celebrate PGER Gaylord Williams, NJ; PGER Harvey Archie, NC; PGER Morris Jones, NC; PGER Timothy Jones, IL; PGDR Tracey Green, SC; PGDR Mary Brown, SC; PGDR Tonita Foxx, NC; PGDR Kimberly Campbell, NC and PGDR Jan Hillian, NC. (All Honorees-please contact PGDR Margareta Burroughs, 303-810-1687 of your attendance intent)

2016-2017 Commissions have not been requested or issued. Commission fees have been discussed and this will be an agenda item for your input and feedback. However, if your last issued Commission was that of Regional Director/Directress or either Assistant, please function in that capacity until further notice. Membership dues are currently \$10.00 per year and can be mailed to Dgt. Kimberly Wilson, Registration Chairperson, (address on enclosed pre-registration form) if you are unable to attend the conference and your membership card will be forwarded to you.

We didn't celebrate our 45th Anniversary last year, but the Challenge is extended to ALL Regional Directors and Directresses to reach out to the States within our jurisdiction and be responsible for \$250.00 per Region. Special recognition goes out to Dgt. Carla Brown, Reg. IV Assistant Regional Directress for contributing **every** year from the State of Georgia, whether there is a challenge or not. Thanks again for your continued support. Let's all step up and challenge Dgt. Brown this year and accept this challenge!

We would like to reinstate Our Prince/Princesses & King/Queen contest that was held during the National Convention in the past. Please start now recruiting your contestants. Enclosed is the entry form, with the deadline and instructions.

PGER David Aikens, Grand Director
Hon. Dr. Donald P. Wilson, Grand Exalted Ruler

PGDR Charlotte G. Green, Grand Directress
Ms. Margaret D. Scott, Grand Daughter Ruler

Please make all possible arrangements to be in attendance; we have a full agenda for this Spring Conference, and your attendance, participation, and input is valued and necessary for the progress of this department. Looking forward to seeing you all in April.

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Charlotte G. Green

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Attest: PGER David Aikens, Grand Director

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Pre-Registration form

Prince/Princess Contest Application

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