

NEW YORK STATE GRAND ASSEMBLY
ORDER OF THE GOLDEN CIRCLE
Auxiliary To
The New York State Council of Deliberation
Of
The United Supreme Council A.A.S.R. of Freemasonry, Prince Hall Affiliation
Northern Jurisdiction, U.S.A., Inc.

Sovereign Grand Commander Solomon Wallace 33°, extended the edict for membership in the Order of the Golden Circle, indefinitely, which allows any female that is a member of the Order of Eastern Star or the Heroines of Jericho, to be eligible to become a member of the Order of the Golden Circle. This milestone has increased the membership in the Subordinate Assemblies and this past Grand Assembly Session realized a registration of 112 members. As Loyal Ladies, I believe that we contribute toward a better world, set examples on a day to day basis and achieve our goals, one by one. "If you dream them, believe them, you can achieve them."

NEW YORK STATE GRAND ASSEMBLY ELLECTED OFFICERS:

State Grand Loyal Lady Ruler Sharon W. Chaple (72)
1005 Washington Street, Watertown, NY 13601 (315) 782-3855

State Grand Loyal Lady Associate Ruler Edwina Harris (3)
33 Washington Avenue, Ossining, NY 10562 (914) 762-6149

State Grand Loyal Lady Priestess Joyce Bush-Ray (48)
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State Grand Loyal Lady Guide Dorothy D. Williams (20)
261 St. Marks Avenue, Freeport, NY 11520 (917) 482-4978

State Grand Loyal Lady Treasurer Geneva Stevenson (48)
244 Hazelwood Avenue, Buffalo, NY 14215 (716) 893-7807

State Grand Loyal Lady Secretary Maria A. LaRue (86)
12 Hartley Avenue, Mount Vernon, NY 10550 (914) 664-1767

NEW YORK STATE GRAND ASSEMBLY APPOINTED OFFICERS:

State Grand Loyal Lady Herald Fannie E. Wiley (3)

State Grand Loyal Lady Standard Bearer Rita Gross-Nelson (86)

State Grand Loyal Lady Inner Guard Carrie Gamble (60)

State Grand Loyal Lady Outer Guard Dawn Duckett (72)

State Grand Loyal Lady Recording Secretary Doris Lewsey-Phills (48)

State Grand Loyal Lady Musician Jessie Stallworth (72)

HISTORICAL OVERVIEW

In the year of 1907, certain gentlemen of the Ancient Accepted Order of the Scottish Rite of Free Masonry for the Southern Jurisdiction of the United States of America, conceived the idea of forming a Ladies Auxiliary to the Johnathan Davis Consistory of Washington, D.C. They felt that as in other branches of Masonry, their wives, mothers, sisters and daughters could be of great assistance to them and furthermore, could partake of such courtesies as the sublime princes could offer to blood relatives.

Such began the task of organizing the auxiliary with certain ladies who were prominent in the Eastern Star Chapters. In October of 1907, the auxiliary received a new impetus with more members added and thus the idea of conferring degrees upon the Ladies of the Auxiliary to bring them into closer relationship with the Brethren of the Scottish Rite Free Masonry.

On May 6, 1908, the obligations, signs and mottos were given. The Ladies named their Assembly, "The Richard Howell Gleaves Assembly No. 2, Order of the Golden Circle." Number 1, was assigned to Queen Esther Assembly of Baltimore, Maryland, because the Scottish Rite Auxiliary of that city was the first to be organized in the jurisdiction. This Assembly was named after the late Richard Howell Gleaves, one of the most prominent masons in the United States at that time.

The Ladies agreed to do charity work in hospitals and to relieve the suffering humanity as best they could in a simple way, such as carrying fruits, flowers, magazines, etc., to the sick who had no friends to provide for them and to care for the elderly and the uncared for.

The late Ill. J. Francis Rickards, 33°, when he was Sovereign Grand Commander of the Northern Jurisdiction, established a number of Assemblies in this Jurisdiction and in 1969, the late Ill. Leland D. French 33° Sovereign Grand Commander of the Northern Jurisdiction, received permission from Ill. John G. Lewis 33°, Sovereign Grand Commander of the Southern Jurisdiction to organize the State Grand Assemblies in the Northern Jurisdiction.

The New York State Grand Assembly was organized October 12, 1974 at the 49th Annual Session of the New York Council of Deliberation, hosted by Utica Consistory. Illustrious Deputy of the Orient Oscar J. Levy 33°, appointed the Officers; our first State Grand Loyal Lady Ruler Alberta Mae Clark of Manhattan Assembly No. 3.

The Loyal Ladies present represented four Assemblies:

Manhattan Assembly No. 3	Chartered in the year 1915
Long Island Assembly No. 20	Chartered in the year 1932
Bison Assembly No. 48	Chartered in the year 1972
Capital District No. 60	Chartered in the year 1974

Performing acts of charity was a priority on the agenda of the Grand Assembly from the beginning. In October 1979, still in our formative state, the Grand Assembly purchased Life Membership in the NAACP. Through the years, contributions have been made to the United Negro College Fund, Harlem Hospital, the United Supreme Council's Benevolent Fund, Camp Eureka and American Cancer Society.

Two more Assemblies were chartered as follows:

United Assembly No. 72	Chartered in the year 1979
Pentecost Assembly No. 86	Chartered in the year 1990

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SUBORDINATE ASSEMBLIES:

MANHATTAN ASSEMBLY NO. 3
Meets the 1st Monday of the Month
454 Prince Hall Plaza, New York, NY 10032

Loyal Lady Ruler Wilma J. Johnson
1240 Morrison Avenue, Apt. 7M, Bronx, NY 10472 (718) 589-9414

Loyal Lady Secretary Marshan Mason Gainer
10 Stewart Place, Apt. 1AW, White Plains, NY 10603 (914) 683-8923

LONG ISLAND ASSEMBLY NO. 20
Meets the 4th Thursday of the Month
70 Pennsylvania Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11207

Loyal Lady Ruler Julia F. Holland
12399 Flatlands Avenue, Apt. 5F, Brooklyn, NY 11207 (718) 257-2826

Loyal Lady Secretary Maxine Colden
108-05 Astoria Blvd., Apt. 3F, East Elmhurst, NY 11369 (718) 458-5354

BISON ASSEMBLY NO. 48
Meets the 3rd Sunday of the Month
248 East Utica Street, Buffalo, NY 14208

Loyal Lady Ruler Sarah J. Frasier
1185 S. Plymouth Avenue, Rochester, NY 14611 (585) 235-1463

Loyal Lady Secretary Clara M. Davis
471 Emslie Street, Buffalo, NY 14212 (716) 852-6686

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CAPITAL DISTRICT ASSEMBLY NO. 60
Meets the 3rd Sunday of the Month
120 Madison Avenue, Albany, NY 12206

Loyal Lady Ruler Willie Ann Thomas
29 Woodridge Drive, Loudonville, NY 12211 (518) 489-7392

Loyal Lady Secretary Cellestine Mauzon
P.O. Box 1304, Troy, NY 12181 (518) 326-0972

UNITED ASSEMBLY NO. 72
Meets the 2nd Sunday of the Month
175 West Brighton Avenue, Syracuse, NY 13205

Loyal Lady Ruler Annette Bostick
6 King Avenue, Binghamton, NY 13905 (607)724-7451

Loyal Lady Secretary Sharon W. Chaple
1005 Washington Street, Watertown, NY 13601 (315) 782-3855

PENTECOST ASSEMBLY NO. 98
Meets the 3rd Friday of the Month
245 South 11th Avenue, Mount Vernon, NY 10550

Loyal Lady Ruler Sylvia Muckelvaney
50 Riverdale Avenue, Apt. 8C, Yonkers, NY 10701 (914) 963-6797

Loyal Lady Secretary Rita Gross-Nelson
12 Horatio Street, Yonkers, NY 10710 (914) 963-6483