

THE 2026 OFFICIAL BULLETIN

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THE 140TH ANNUAL SESSION

OCTOBER 9-13, 2026



THE SHERATON
BIRMINGHAM HOTEL

2101 RICHARD
ARRINGTON BLVD. NORTH

BIRMINGHAM, AL

FROM THE SOVEREIGN GRAND COMMANDER

Welcome to the *Magic City*

It is with great pride and heartfelt warmth that I welcome you to the 140th Annual Session of the United Supreme Council, Ancient & Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry, Prince Hall Affiliation, Southern Jurisdiction, USA. This year we gather in Birmingham, Alabama—the Magic City—a place forged in iron and refined in courage, where history was not merely witnessed but made.

From the sanctuary of Sixteenth Street Baptist Church to the reflective grounds of Kelly Ingram Park and the Birmingham Civil Rights Institute, this city stands as hallowed ground in the long march toward justice. Here, ordinary men and women did extraordinary things; here, faith met fire and prevailed. It is fitting that our Rite—built upon light, liberty, and the dignity of every soul—should convene where those ideals were so dearly purchased.

This year's Session promises a rich array of events for all. For the Order of the Golden Circle, our Loyal Ladies can look forward to impactful workshops, engaging leadership conversations, and memorable fellowship. For our Fraters, we proudly continue “**PSA for PHA**,” our vital prostate-cancer awareness and screening initiative, encouraging every member to prioritize annual checkups and bloodwork. **The APEX Program** continues its ascent, elevating leadership and sharpening the skills that will strengthen our Rite for generations to come. And our **Scottish Rite Lecture Series** will again inspire and enlighten, deepening our understanding of the Rite's history, philosophy, and future direction.

As we embark upon this 140th Annual Session, I extend my sincere thanks for your steadfast commitment and enthusiasm. Together, in the spirit of brotherhood and sisterhood, we will honor our legacy, embrace our responsibilities, and continue to build the enduring structure of our beloved Rite.

Welcome to Birmingham. Welcome to the 140th Annual Session. Let us make history—together.



Dr. Corey D. Hawkins, Sr., 33°

SOVEREIGN GRAND COMMANDER



THE ESSENTIALS

Advance Registration

One form. One fee. Every signature moment of the Session.

The advance registration forms appear on the final pages of this Official Bulletin for your convenience. Please complete and return the appropriate form with your check or money order to Headquarters: **United Supreme Council, 33°, AASR, PHA–SJ, USA, P.O. Box 16787, Memphis, TN 38186.** The advance registration form must be completed, and payment received or postmarked, by **September 25, 2026.**

The Registration Fee grants access to: **one (1) Luncheon Ticket; one (1) Class Banquet seat; one (1) HBCU Night Ticket; one (1) Registration Bag; and one (1) Registration Badge.** You may purchase a guest access pass for the Class Banquet for an additional fee of **\$75** and/or a guest HBCU Night ticket for **\$60.** **Registration is not transferable.**

Frater’s Registration opens **October 15, 2025** and closes **October 13, 2026.** Golden Circle Registration opens **October 15, 2025** and closes **October 13, 2026.**

RATES	ADVANCE OCT. 15, 2025 – OCT. 9, 2026	ONSITE OCT. 9 – OCT. 13, 2026
FRATER	\$200	\$250
LOYAL LADY	\$150	\$200

LATE & ON-SITE REGISTRATION

On-site registration shall commence on **October 9, 2026** and ends **October 13, 2026.** **No cash will be accepted — no exceptions.**

Note: Due to preplanning with the hotel, Luncheon & Banquet tickets are **not guaranteed** for late and on-site registrants.

CANCELLATIONS & REFUNDS

All Annual Session cancellations and refund requests must be made in writing and mailed to: United Supreme Council, 33°, A.A.S.R., PHA–SJ, USA, P.O. Box 16787, Memphis, TN 38186; faxed to 901.716.5112; or emailed to hq@aasrphasj.org. Refund requests received on or before **September 25, 2026** will be charged a \$50.00 administrative processing fee. **No refund requests will be honored after September 25, 2026. Registration is non-transferable.**

ACCOMMODATIONS

The Residences

HEADQUARTERS HOTELS

Sheraton Birmingham Hotel

PRIMARY HEADQUARTERS

2101 Richard Arrington, Jr. Blvd. North
Birmingham, AL 35203

205.324.5000 · Toll-Free 888.236.2427

\$176/night + tax • **CODE CCA**

The Westin Birmingham

2221 Richard Arrington, Jr. Blvd. North
Birmingham, AL 35203

205.307.3600 · Toll-Free 888.236.2427

\$176/night + tax • **CODE USA**

RESERVATION GUIDELINES

Each member may reserve **only one (1) room** within the official room block. Multiple reservations made by the same member will be **canceled in their entirety**.

A **one-night deposit** will be required on your credit card at the time of booking; the card must carry sufficient funds to cover one night's stay, or the reservation will be canceled.

SGIGs and 2026 33° Candidates should not reserve rooms. Accommodations are secured by the Convention Coordinator: Ill. Shelton

Riddick, 33°, at sriddickgl@aol.com.

Do not send hotel reservations or money to the United Supreme Council.

OVERFLOW HOTELS

The Kelly Birmingham

\$199

Tapestry Collection by Hilton

2027 1st Avenue North, Birmingham, AL 35203 ·

205.250.7000

The Redmont Hotel

\$205

Curio Collection by Hilton

2101 5th Avenue North, Birmingham, AL 35203 ·

205.957.6829

Hilton Birmingham

\$189

Downtown at UAB

808 20th Street South, Birmingham, AL 35205 ·

205.933.9000

Hilton Garden Inn

\$139

Downtown Birmingham

250 18th Street South, Birmingham, AL 35233 ·

205.322.7937

Home2 Suites

\$139

by Hilton · Downtown

250 18th Street South, Birmingham, AL 35233 ·

205.322.7933

Homewood Suites

\$189

by Hilton · Downtown near UAB

1016 20th Street South, Birmingham, AL 35205 ·

205.703.9920

Residence Inn

\$149

by Marriott · Downtown at UAB

821 20th Street South, Birmingham, AL 35205 ·

205.731.9595

All rates per night, plus applicable taxes. Book early — availability is limited.

The *Particulars*

MEETING PLACES

All meetings shall take place centrally at the **Birmingham–Jefferson Convention Complex (BJCC)** or the **Sheraton Birmingham — Headquarters Hotel**, connected to the BJCC campus. The **Morning Worship Service** will be held on **Sunday, October 11, 2026, at 10:00 a.m.** — **East Hall 3 · BJCC**; the **Divine & Memorial Service** follows that evening in the **East Ballroom · BJCC**. The **Full Ceremonial Opening** will take place on **Monday, October 12, 2026 — Sheraton Ballroom**. Room-by-room assignments appear in the daily schedules that follow.

OFFICIAL TRAVEL PARTNER

Delta Air Lines is the Official Travel Partner of the United Supreme Council, 33°, AASR, PHA, Southern Jurisdiction, USA's 140th Annual Session, and is pleased to offer special discounts for our members. You may call the Delta Meeting Network® at **1.800.328.1111** (Mon–Fri, 8:00 a.m.–6:30 p.m. EST). Meeting Event Code: **ZNY3B9**.

THE ANNUAL BANQUET

The Annual Banquet is held in honor of the newly elevated **Class of 2026 — Monday, October 12, 2026, promptly at 7:00 p.m. · East Ballroom · BJCC**. In addition to the presentation of the Class of 2026, awards may be presented.

ATTIRE

Divine & Memorial Service — Dark blue or black suit, white shirt, black shoes, black tie, white gloves, and cap or crown are required.

Ceremonial Opening — Dark blue or black suit, white shirt, black shoes and socks, black tie, white gloves, robe, official jewel, and crown are required. Failure to adhere to the dress code will result in being denied admission.

The Banquet — SPs & GIGs: formal After-Six, black tuxedos (no tails) with black accessories. SGIGs: black tails with white bow tie and collar studs, white low-cut vest, black dress socks, and formal shoes. **Caps and crowns are required.** Those not properly dressed will not be permitted in the processional.

HBCU NIGHT — SATURDAY EVENING

The **HBCU Night** event convenes **Saturday, October 10, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. · Sheraton Ballroom 1/5/9**. All SPs, GIGs, SGIGs, Loyal Ladies, and ticketed guests are encouraged to attend and to wear their favorite HBCU apparel. Extra tickets: **\$60**.

BY ORDER OF THE SOVEREIGN GRAND COMMANDER

Official Notice

MAY 1, 2026

Grand Inspectors General of all grades are hereby notified that the United Supreme Council, 33°, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry, Prince Hall Affiliation, Southern Jurisdiction, United States of America, convenes for the **140th Annual Session** at the **Sheraton Birmingham Hotel, 2101 Richard Arrington, Jr. Blvd. North, Birmingham, Alabama.**

Friday, Saturday, Sunday, Monday & Tuesday

OCTOBER 9-13, 2026

Active Members are required to attend. All Grand Inspectors General (Honorary 33°) who have not attended the last two sessions are required to attend and/or pay the Individual Registration (Advance) Fee of \$200.00. All Deputies must be present by **Friday, October 9, 2026**, for the 9:00 a.m. workshop. Sovereign Grand Inspectors General are to be present **Saturday, October 10, 2026, at 9:00 a.m.**

CLASS MEETINGS

Grand Inspectors General of all grades are reminded that they may hold a Class Reunion this year, and they are expected to attend the session. This is a special feature of our United Supreme Council meeting each year; we are calling and depending upon your cooperation and participation. Classes interested in holding reunions or meetings should contact **Ill. Malcom Horton, 33°, Director of Class Reunions**, by email at malcomhorton@comcast.net or by phone at 901.289.1252. Additionally, other classes may also hold class meetings.

Classes holding reunions and meetings that may need food are requested to contact **Ill. Shelton Riddick, 33°, Convention Coordinator**, no later than **September 10, 2026**, by email at sriddickgl@aol.com.

All Class Donations are to be turned in to **Ill. Malcom Horton, 33°, Director of Class Reunions**, no later than **Monday, October 12, 2026, at 1:00 p.m.**, for recognition at the 2026 Class Banquet.

Corey D. Hawkins, Sr.

This First Day of May 2026 A.D.



Dr. Corey D. Hawkins, Sr., 33°
SOVEREIGN GRAND COMMANDER



ATTEST

James K. Collins II

This First Day of May 2026 A.D.



Dr. L. Ken Collins, II, 33°
GRAND SECRETARY-GENERAL, H·E·

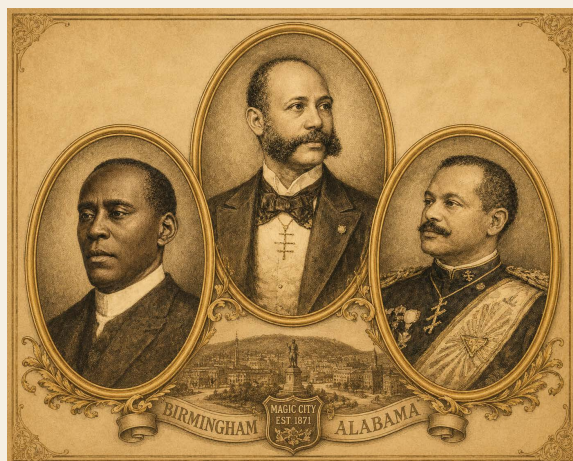


USC ANNUAL SESSION SCHEDULE

09 Friday, October 9, 2026

ARRIVAL & ORGANIZATION

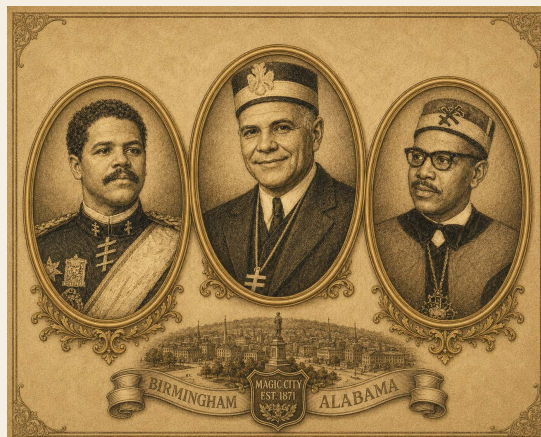
9:00 AM	Deputies Workshop (Deputies only)	Forum A&B - BJCC
10:00 AM	PSA for PHA: Prostate Cancer Screening (blood draws 10:00am-2:00 pm)	Forum C - BJCC
11:00 AM	SGIG Nominee Training (SGIG candidates)	Forum E - BJCC
12:00 PM	Military & Veterans Affairs Committee Symposium	Chamomile - Sheraton
3:00 PM	Advance Registration	East Meeting Room A&B - BJCC
3:00 PM	On-Site Registration & USC Store	East Meeting Room A&B - BJCC
4:00 PM	KCCH Organization	Sheraton Ballroom
4:00 PM	33° Class Organization	Forum G/H/I - BJCC
6:00 PM	KCCH Investiture	Sheraton Ballroom
6:00 PM	SGC's Welcome Reception (invitation only)	Sheraton Ballroom 1/5/9
7:00 PM	Hospitality Night	Offsite - Buses Depart From the Sheraton Main Entrance
7:30 PM	USC Charitable Foundation Advisory Committee	Forum A&B - BJCC



10 Saturday, October 10, 2026

CELEBRATION

8:00 AM	Advance Registration · On-Site Registration & USC Store	East Meeting Room A&B - BJCC
8:00 AM	USC Photographer's Suite (SGIG official headshot - Robes, B&W)	Gardenia - Sheraton
8:00 AM	33° Class Organization	Forum G/H/I
9:00 AM	USC Charitable Foundation Meeting (SGIGs only)	Forum A&B - BJCC
9:00 AM	Executive Session I	Forum A&B - BJCC
9:00 AM	Class Reunions	Begonia/Bamboo/Dogwood -Sheraton
10:00 AM	PSA for PHA: Prostate Cancer Screening (blood draws 10:00 am - 2:00 pm)	Forum C - BJCC
12:00 PM	Military & Veterans Affairs Committee Symposium	Chamomile (407) - Sheraton
12:00 PM	Lecture Series - The Expectation: KCCH and SPRS (32°)	Forum E - BJCC
12:00 PM	Lecture Series - The Expectation: GIG (33° Only)	Forum D - BJCC
12:00 PM	Lecture Series-Grand Honors: Receiving Dignitaries (33°/32°)	Meeting Room C - BJCC
12:00 PM	USC Database Training - Training on the New USC Database	Forum Theater
1:30 PM	Lecture Series - The Expectation: KCCH and SPRS	Forum E - BJCC
1:30 PM	Lecture Series - The Expectation: GIG (33° Only)	Forum D - BJCC
3:30 PM	The APEX Program - Academy session for all Scottish Rite Mason	Forum Theater
5:00 PM	Pre-Book Release - The Masonic Legend of Count Roume de St. LAurent	Forum Theater
7:00 PM	HBCU Night - Rep your favorite HBCU	Sheraton Ballroom 1/5/9



11 Sunday, October 11, 2026

WORSHIP & REMEMBRANCE

8:00 AM	Advance Registration - On-Site Registration & USC Store	East Meeting Room A&B
8:00 AM	USC Photographer's Suite (SGIG Official Headshot - robes, B&W)	Gardenia - Sheraton
8:00 AM	Executive Session II	Forum A&B - BJCC
9:30 AM	Morning Worship Lineup (SGIGs & Dignitaries)	East Meeting Room C -
10:00 AM	Morning Worship Service	East Ballroom - BJCC BJCC
1:30 PM	The APEX Program Test (<u>Cohorts 1&2 Only: 1:00PM-5:00PM</u>)	Sheraton Ballroom 1/5/9
1:30 PM	The 2026 Class Educational Symposium	Forum G/H/I - BJCC
6:00 PM	Divine & Memorial Service Assembly (SGIGs & Dignitaries)	East Meeting Room C - BJCC
7:00 PM	Divine & Memorial Service	East Ballroom - BJCC

12 Monday, October 12, 2026

CEREMONY & CONFERRAL

8:00 AM	Advance Registration - On-Site Registration & USC Store	East Meeting Room A&B - BJCC
8:00 AM	Assembly for Ceremonial Opening (SGIGs & Dignitaries)	Sheraton Ballroom 1/5/9
8:30 AM	Full Ceremonial Opening (GIGs / SGIGs)	Sheraton Ballroom
11:30 AM	Executive Session III	Sheraton Ballroom
1:00 PM	Class Luncheon	East Ballroom 3 - BJCC
2:00 PM	Conferral of the 33°	Sheraton Ballroom
5:30 PM	Active Member Official Headshot (SGIG - Tails, Jewel & Crown)	East Meeting Rm C - BJCC
6:00 PM	Assembly for SGIGs and the SGC's Guests only)	East Meeting Rm C - BJCC
7:00 PM	The 2026 Class Banquet (Fraters, OGC & Guests)	East Ballroom - BJCC



USC ANNUAL SESSION SCHEDULE

13 Tuesday, October 13, 2026

THE CLOSE

8:00 AM

The United Supreme Council (*GIGs* / *SGIGs*)

Sheraton Ballroom

Report of Officers

Reports of Committees & Other Business

Meeting until the Close of the USC

The Chain of Union



“Deus Meumque Jus”

GOD AND MY RIGHT

The 140th Annual Session concludes with the Chain of Union — the unbroken circle of brotherhood that binds every Orient of the Southern Jurisdiction, from session to session and generation to generation.

Pre-Book Release

The Masonic Legend of Count Roume de Saint-Laurent

HISTORICAL SYMPOSIUM • SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10 • 5:00 PM • FORUM THEATER

PRESENTERS



DR. L. KEN COLLINS, II, 33°

R.W. Grand Historian

M.W. Prince Hall Grand Lodge F&AM of Alabama

Grand Secretary-General, H.E.

United Supreme Council, 33°, AASR, PHA-SJ, USA, Inc.



COUNT ROUME DE SAINT-LAURENT

SUBJECT OF THE FORTHCOMING BOOK



DR. E. OSCAR ALLEYNE, 33°

R.W. Deputy Grand Master

The Grand Lodge of New York, F&AM

Supreme Council, Northern Masonic Jurisdiction

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

Join Dr. E. Oscar Alleyne, 33°, and Dr. L. Ken Collins, II, 33°, for an exclusive pre-publication presentation drawn from *Finding Count Saint-Laurent*, a forthcoming work examining the extraordinary life, travels, legacy, and Masonic influence of one of the nineteenth century's most enigmatic gens de couleur. Through newly examined historical records and Masonic sources, the presenters will explore the man who emerged as an important patron of Prince Hall Scottish Rite Freemasonry.

The lecture traces Saint-Laurent's relationships, activities, and efforts to advance the Scottish Rite across national, racial, and cultural boundaries. Particular attention will be devoted to his advocacy of the Masonic principle of toleration during an era of inequality, political upheaval, and social division. Attendees will receive an advance look at the documentary evidence behind the book and a remarkable international Masonic journey.

SPECIAL HISTORICAL EXHIBITION

In conjunction with the symposium, attendees may view historically significant artifacts connected to the history and development of Prince Hall Scottish Rite Freemasonry:

**The Saint-Laurent Golden Book • The Pike Manuscript & Pike Ritual
The Original Minute Book of the United Supreme Council • The Revells Manuscript**

A rare encounter with primary sources central to the development of Prince Hall Scottish Rite Freemasonry.

THE ORDER OF THE GOLDEN CIRCLE

Golden Circle Agenda



09 Friday, October 9, 2026

2:00 PM	Golden Circle Registration	East Meeting A&B • BJCC
5:00 PM	Meet & Greet	Sheraton Ballroom 1/5/9
7:00 PM	Hospitality Night	<i>Offsite-Buses leave from the Sheraton Entrance</i>

10 Saturday, October 10, 2026

8:00 AM	Golden Circle Registration	East Meeting A&B • BJCC
9:00 AM	Morning Workshops:	Forum J • BJCC
	• <i>Embracing Technology: Enhancing Efficiency and Innovation</i> • <i>Burnout in Service Organizations: Balancing Service, Leadership & Personal Wellness</i>	
12:00 PM	Pink with a Purpose Brunch	Sheraton Ballroom 1/5/9
2:00 PM	Afternoon Workshops:	Forum J • BJCC
	• The Significance of Circles • Health Communications Matter: Why People Don't Act on What They Know	
7:00 PM	HBCU Night (Attire: HBCU / Team Attire)	Sheraton Ballroom 1/5/9

The Empowerment Brunch — Pink with a Purpose — *Empowering Women, Inspiring Hope*

A celebration of refinement, leadership, sisterhood, and legacy. Attire: pearls, Sunday dress, gloves (optional), and a fascinator or stylish hat. Each Orient will wear a fascinator in its assigned cancer-awareness color —together our colors honor survivors, remember loved ones, raise awareness, and demonstrate unity across the Southern Jurisdiction. Every color tells a story.

Know Before You Go

The Order's complete pre-arrival guide follows on the next eight pages: the Loyal Ladies' schedule at a glance, the Empowerment Brunch and fascinator color assignments, the HBCU Experience and Highlight Reel, and the Pink with a Purpose walk, tour, and contribution program. Please complete the attendance pre-registration form: http://forms.gle/FW9FHC9HwGW_cLSdo7



11 Sunday, October 11, 2026

8:00 AM	Golden Circle Registration	East Hall A/B • BJCC
10:00 AM	Morning Worship Service(<i>Attire: Worship Attire</i>)	East Hall 3 • BJCC
3:00 PM	Members Meeting(<i>Attire: Business Casual</i>)	Forum J • BJCC
7:00 PM	Memorial Service (<i>Attire: OGC Memorial Attire for your Orient</i>)	East Hall • BJCC

12 Monday, October 12, 2026

7:00 AM	Pink with a Purpose Breast Cancer Walk	Sheraton Lobby
8:00 AM	Golden Circle Registration	East Meeting Room A&B • BJCC
10:00 AM	Tours — 16th Street Baptist Church & The Summit	Sheraton Main Entrance
7:00 PM	The Class of 2026 Banquet (<i>Attire: Formal</i>)	East Ballroom • BJCC

13 Tuesday, October 13, 2026

8:00 – 11:00 AM	Until We Meet Again	Sheraton Lobby
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SGLLR OFFICIAL PHOTOS

All State Grand Loyal Lady Rulers are required to report to the USC Photographer's Suite to take their Official Photo on Sunday, October 11, 2026 — reporting time to be announced with the room schedule. The Photographer's Suite will be open 8:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m., Saturday through Monday. Please bring your crown, collar, and gloves. The Official Photo is required for publication on the USC website. Gardenia - Sheraton



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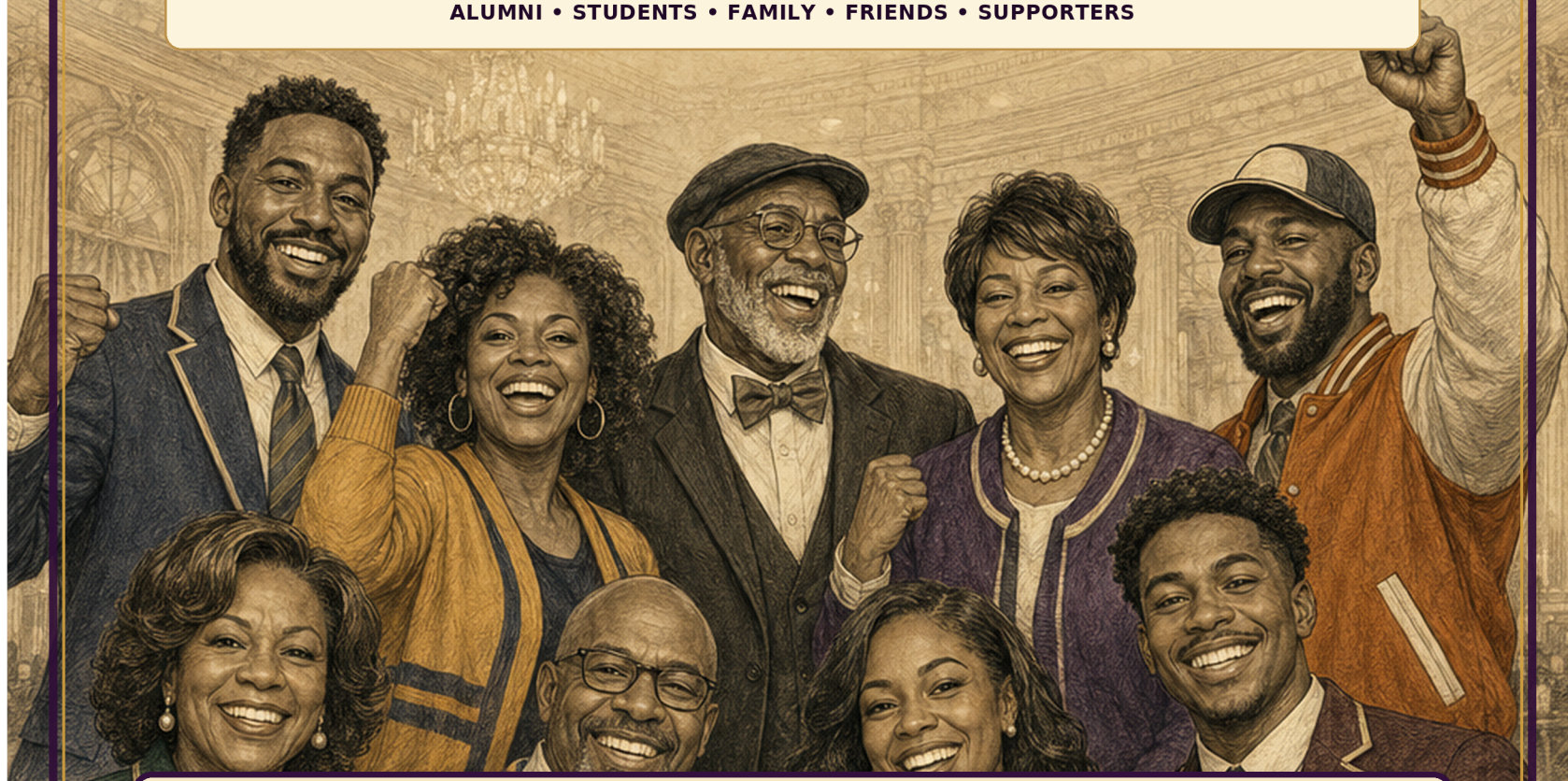
THE 140TH ANNUAL SESSION • BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA

HBCU NIGHT

WEAR YOUR COLORS • REPRESENT YOUR LEGACY

Join us for an evening celebrating the history, excellence and enduring spirit of Historically Black Colleges and Universities. Come dressed in the colors, apparel and paraphernalia of your favorite HBCU - and bring the pride, fellowship and energy that make our institutions extraordinary.

ALUMNI • STUDENTS • FAMILY • FRIENDS • SUPPORTERS



SHOW YOUR HBCU PRIDE



ALABAMA STATE UNIVERSITY

FLORIDA A&M UNIVERSITY

FLORIDA A&M UNIVERSITY



HOWARD UNIVERSITY



JACKSON STATE UNIVERSITY



MOREHOUSE COLLEGE



NORTH CAROLINA A&T
STATE UNIVERSITY



SPELMAN COLLEGE



TUSKEGEE UNIVERSITY

SATURDAY • OCTOBER 10, 2026 • 7:00 PM

SHERATON BALLROOM 1/5/9

ENTERTAINMENT • FELLOWSHIP • SCHOOL PRIDE

SHOW UP. STAND OUT. SUPPORT YOUR FAVORITE HBCU.

The Empowerment Brunch



Empowering Women, Inspiring Hope — a celebration of refinement, leadership, sisterhood, and legacy.

BRUNCH ATTIRE

Pearls

Sunday dress

Gloves *(optional)*

Fascinator or stylish hat

THE CANCER AWARENESS FASCINATOR CHALLENGE

Each Orient will wear a fascinator featuring its **assigned cancer-awareness color**. Together, our colors will:

- ◆ Honor survivors
- ◆ Remember loved ones
- ◆ Raise awareness
- ◆ Celebrate hope
- ◆ Demonstrate unity across the Southern Jurisdiction

Your Orient's assigned color, the cancer it honors, and what each color represents appear on the facing page. Choose your fascinator or stylish hat in your Orient's shade, pair it with pearls and your Sunday best, and join your sisters for an afternoon of elegance with a purpose.

The Brunch is presented during the Loyal Ladies' Saturday — following the Morning Workshops and ahead of the Afternoon Workshops and HBCU Night — **Sheraton Ballroom 1/5/9**.



Every Color Tells a Story

Suggested cancer-awareness color assignments for the Fascinator Challenge.

COLOR	AWARENESS	ORIENTS ASSIGNED	REPRESENTS
 Pink	Breast Cancer	Alabama · Arkansas · Mississippi	Strength, courage, and support for those affected by breast cancer.
 Lavender	All Cancers	Arizona · California South Carolina	Represents all cancers and our unity in the fight.
 Light Blue	Prostate Cancer	Florida · Georgia	Awareness and support for prostate cancer.
 Teal	Ovarian Cancer	Kentucky · Maryland	Hope and early detection for ovarian cancer.
 Orange	Leukemia / Kidney	Missouri · North Carolina	Energy and encouragement for blood and kidney cancers.
 Gold	Childhood Cancer	Oklahoma · Tennessee	Shining hope for our brightest fighters.
 Navy Blue	Colon Cancer	Texas · Virginia Nevada	Colon cancer awareness and prevention.
 Purple	Pancreatic Cancer	Washington, D.C. West Virginia	Remembering, supporting, and advocating.
 White / Pearl	Lung Cancer	New Mexico · USVBI	Hope, healing, and support for lung cancer.
 Emerald Green	Liver Cancer	Middle East · Western Europe	Renewal, strength, and liver cancer awareness.

*Together we honor every survivor, remember every loved one,
and stand united in hope.*

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— SOUTHERN JURISDICTION —

HBCU

EXPERIENCE



HBCU
HIGHLIGHT
REEL



A SOUTHERN JURISDICTION CELEBRATION OF
HBCU PRIDE!

The HBCU Highlight Reel will showcase members from every Orient proudly representing their alma maters and favorite HBCUs. The reel will be featured during the HBCU Experience at the 140th Annual Session in Birmingham, Alabama.

YOUR VIDEO.
YOUR HBCU.
OUR LEGACY.

Let's Shine!

SHOW YOUR HBCU PRIDE!

We are asking members to submit a short video proudly representing their HBCU and sharing what their institution means to them.

MAXIMUM LENGTH

**7-10
SECONDS**



SUBMISSION PROCESS

STEP 1:

Members submit videos to their Orient Point of Contact.

STEP 2:

Each Orient will compile and submit all videos together to the HBCU Experience Committee.

STEP 3:

The HBCU Experience Committee will create a unified HBCU Highlight Reel featuring members from across the Southern Jurisdiction.

VIDEO REQUIREMENTS

- ✓ Maximum Length: 7-10 seconds
- ✓ Record in Landscape (Horizontal) Format
- ✓ Wear HBCU apparel, colors, or regalia if available
- ✓ Record in a well-lit location
- ✓ Speak clearly and enthusiastically

SUGGESTED SCRIPT



"Greetings from the Orient of _____!"

My name is _____ and I proudly represent _____ University.

[Share one sentence about what your HBCU means to you.]

"Go [Mascot Name]!"



SUBMIT VIDEOS TO:
hbcucommittee2026@gmail.com



SUBMISSION DEADLINE
TO SEND TO COMMITTEE:
SEPTEMBER 15, 2026
★★★★★

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UNITED SUPREME COUNCIL ★ SOUTHERN JURISDICTION, U.S.A. ★ ANCIENT & ACCEPTED SCOTTISH RITE OF FREEMASONRY ★ PRINCE HALL AFFILIATION

The HBCU *Highlight Reel*

Your video. Your HBCU. Our legacy — let's shine.

The HBCU Highlight Reel will showcase members from every Orient proudly representing their alma maters and favorite HBCUs. The unified reel — created by the HBCU Experience Committee — will be featured during the HBCU Experience at the 140th Annual Session. Members are asked to submit a short video proudly representing their HBCU and sharing what their institution means to them.

HOW TO SUBMIT

- 1 Members submit videos to their **Orient Point of Contact**.
- 2 Each Orient compiles and submits all videos together to the **HBCU Experience Committee**.
- 3 The Committee creates one unified **HBCU Highlight Reel** featuring members from across the Southern Jurisdiction.

VIDEO REQUIREMENTS

Maximum length: **7–10 seconds**

Record in **landscape (horizontal)** format

Wear HBCU apparel, colors, or regalia if available

Record in a well-lit location

Speak clearly and enthusiastically

SUGGESTED SCRIPT

“Greetings from the Orient of _____!” “My name is _____ and I proudly represent _____ University.” [Share one sentence about what your HBCU means to you.] “Go [Mascot Name]!”

SUBMIT VIDEOS TO **hbcucommittee2026@gmail.com** • DEADLINE TO
COMMITTEE: SEPTEMBER 15, 2026



The Walk

Together we walk to support breast-cancer awareness and honor survivors, fighters, and those we have lost.

Every Orient has been assigned a shade of pink — wear your assigned shade during the walk. You may wear your own shirt provided it matches your Orient's shade; the SGLLR for your Orient will provide any specifics on shirt design.

● SAFETY PINK

Arkansas · Arizona · Maryland ·
North Carolina · Tennessee · West
Virginia

● AZALEA PINK

California · Florida · Middle East ·
New Mexico · Virginia · Western
Europe

● LIGHT PINK

Georgia · Kentucky · Missouri ·
Oklahoma · Nevada · D.C.

● HOT PINK (HELICONIA)

Mississippi · Alabama · Texas · US &
British Virgin Islands · South Carolina

DON'T FORGET

Comfortable walking shoes · water · your assigned shade · and a positive spirit.

Together, our steps make a difference.

Thank you for supporting this important cause!

The Tour



Together, we make a difference.

WE WILL BE TOURING — 16TH STREET BAPTIST CHURCH

Join us as we reflect on history, honor legacy, and be inspired by faith and courage — on the very ground where Birmingham’s story, and our nation’s, was written.

Admission: \$10 — purchase your ticket during online registration by adding the **16th Street ticket** from the “You May Also Like” section to your cart.

AFTER THE TOUR — THE SUMMIT

Shop. Dine. Connect. Enjoy time to relax, shop, dine, and fellowship together at one of Birmingham’s premier destinations.

LUNCH ON YOUR OWN

Coaches depart the Sheraton Main Entrance at 10:00 a.m. Lunch will be on your own at The Summit — choose from a variety of restaurants and enjoy at your leisure before the coaches return to the Sheraton.

*Let’s make memories, support a great cause,
and make a difference — together!*



A Contribution *from the Heart*

Each Loyal Lady — attendees and non-attendees alike — is asked to make a contribution from the heart.

- 1 The contributions from all Loyal Ladies will be **collected in the Orients**.
- 2 The Orients will submit their contributions to the **USC Charitable Foundation** before **September 30, 2026**.
- 3 The Foundation will then present **one check for the total** to the selected charities on **Monday, October 12, 2026**.

*Together, our gift of giving
creates a lasting impact.*



The Enrichment

SCOTTISH RITE LECTURE SERIES · SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2026 · 12:00 PM & 1:30 PM

The Expectation: GIG

FORUM D · 33° ONLY · 12:00 PM & 1:30 PM



A focused discussion of the duties of Grand Inspectors General, practical Orient-level leadership, and how to develop and deploy the talents of members within local valleys and consistories.

The Expectation: KCCH & SPRS

FORUM E · 12:00 PM & 1:30 PM



Understand the expectations of a KCCH and Sublime Prince, strengthen AASR competency, and leave with actionable leadership practices for service in the valley, consistory, and Orient.

MISSION-CRITICAL TRAINING · FORUM THEATER · 12:00 PM

USC Database Training

Training on the New USC Database - learn the full range of its functions.

Designed for Commanders-in-Chief, KSAs, Grand Secretaries, Orient technology officers, State Grand Loyal Lady Rulers, State Grand Secretaries, Loyal Lady Rulers, Secretaries, and Grand Assembly technology officers. This essential working session will prepare leaders to manage records, navigate workflows, support members, and use the system confidently from day one.



Grand Honors: Receiving Dignitaries

EAST MEETING C · ALL FRATERS · 12:00 PM



Learn the correct Grand Honors and reception protocols associated with Scottish Rite dignitaries. This practical discussion will help officers and members receive guests with confidence, consistency, and the dignity required by the Rite.

The APEX Program

FORUM G/H/I · 3:30 PM



The Academy for the Progressive Education & Examination of Scottish Rite Masons continues its rollout and is open to all Scottish Rite Masons. Learn about the next cohort's application process, expectations, and the academy's leadership-focused educational experience.

The 2026 USC Choir

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2026

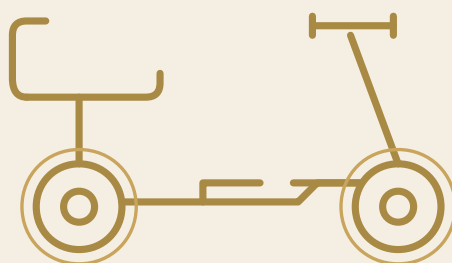
Musicians, vocalists, praise worshippers, and music enthusiasts are invited to join the United Supreme Council Southern Jurisdiction Choir. Organizational meetings will address repertoire, attire, and rehearsals. Contact Bishop Dr. Reginal Black, 33°: 310.990.5569 · drrbsr@yahoo.com.



GUEST SERVICES

Mobility & Medical Equipment

Motorized scooters and medical equipment are available for the Session from two Birmingham providers. Rentals are reserved **directly with the vendor** in advance of arrival, and delivery to the **Sheraton Birmingham — Headquarters Hotel** may be arranged with either company.



RESERVE EARLY — QUANTITIES ARE LIMITED

SCOOTER RENTALS

Elrod Mobility

205.318.2203

WEEKEND RATE **\$250**

Includes delivery & pickup

WEEKLY RATE **\$275**

Includes delivery & pickup

MEDICAL EQUIPMENT

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205.722.3517

DAILY RATE **\$40**

Per day

DELIVERY FEE **\$20**

One-time, added to daily rate

Please contact the providers directly to confirm availability, equipment type, and delivery arrangements for **October 9–13, 2026**. **Do not send equipment requests or rental payments to the United Supreme Council.** Members requiring additional accommodations may contact Ill. Shelton Riddick, 33°, Convention Coordinator, at 757.409.0289 or sriddickgl@aol.com.

2026 Frater Registration

Please fill out the registration form in its entirety and submit payment by cashier’s check or money order, mailed to: USC AASR PHA USA, P.O. Box 16787, Memphis, TN 38186. You may also register online at: <https://www.uscsj.org>. The 2026 online registration and supplemental form links will be announced by Headquarters. Sublime Prince registration begins September 1, 2026; registrations made prior to this date will not be honored. No cash will be accepted - no exceptions.

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BANQUET

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☐ Vegetarian Meal

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2026 RATES	ADVANCE	ONSITE
	OCT. 15, 2025 - OCT. 8, 2026	OCT. 9 - OCT. 13, 2026
FRATER	\$200	\$250

EXTRA BANQUET TICKETS - \$75 EA. (QTY)

EXTRA HBCU NIGHT TICKETS - \$60 EA. (QTY)

TOTAL \$

Cancellations: All cancellation and refund requests must be made in writing and mailed, faxed, or emailed to: United Supreme Council, 33°, A.A.S.R., PHA-SJ, USA, P.O. Box 16787, Memphis, TN 38186; fax 901.716.5112; email HQ@aasrphasj.org. Requests received on or before September 25, 2026 will be charged a \$50 administrative processing fee. No refund requests will be honored after September 25, 2026.

REGISTRATION



2026 Golden Circle Registration

Please fill out the registration form in its entirety and submit payment by cashier's check or money order, mailed to: USC AASR PHA USA, P.O. Box 16787, Memphis, TN 38186. You may also register online at <https://www.uscsj.org>. Every Loyal Lady is asked to complete the attendance pre-registration form at <http://forms.gle/FW9FHC9HwGWcLSdo7>. To purchase the 16th Street Baptist Church tour ticket (\$10), add the ticket from the 'You May Also Like' section during online registration. Golden Circle registration begins September 1, 2026. No cash will be accepted - no exceptions.

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☐ Breast Cancer Survivor ☐ Military Service

☐ Caregiver

EVENTS OF INTEREST

☐ Brunch ☐ Bus Tours ☐ Breast Cancer Walk

☐ 16th St. Baptist Church ☐ The Summit

☐ HBCU Night

2026 RATES	ADVANCE SEPT. 1 - OCT. 8, 2026	ON-SITE OCT. 9 - OCT. 13, 2026
LOYAL LADY	\$150	\$200

EXTRA BANQUET TICKETS

\$75 EA. (QTY)

HBCU NIGHT TICKETS

\$60 EA. (QTY)

TOTAL \$

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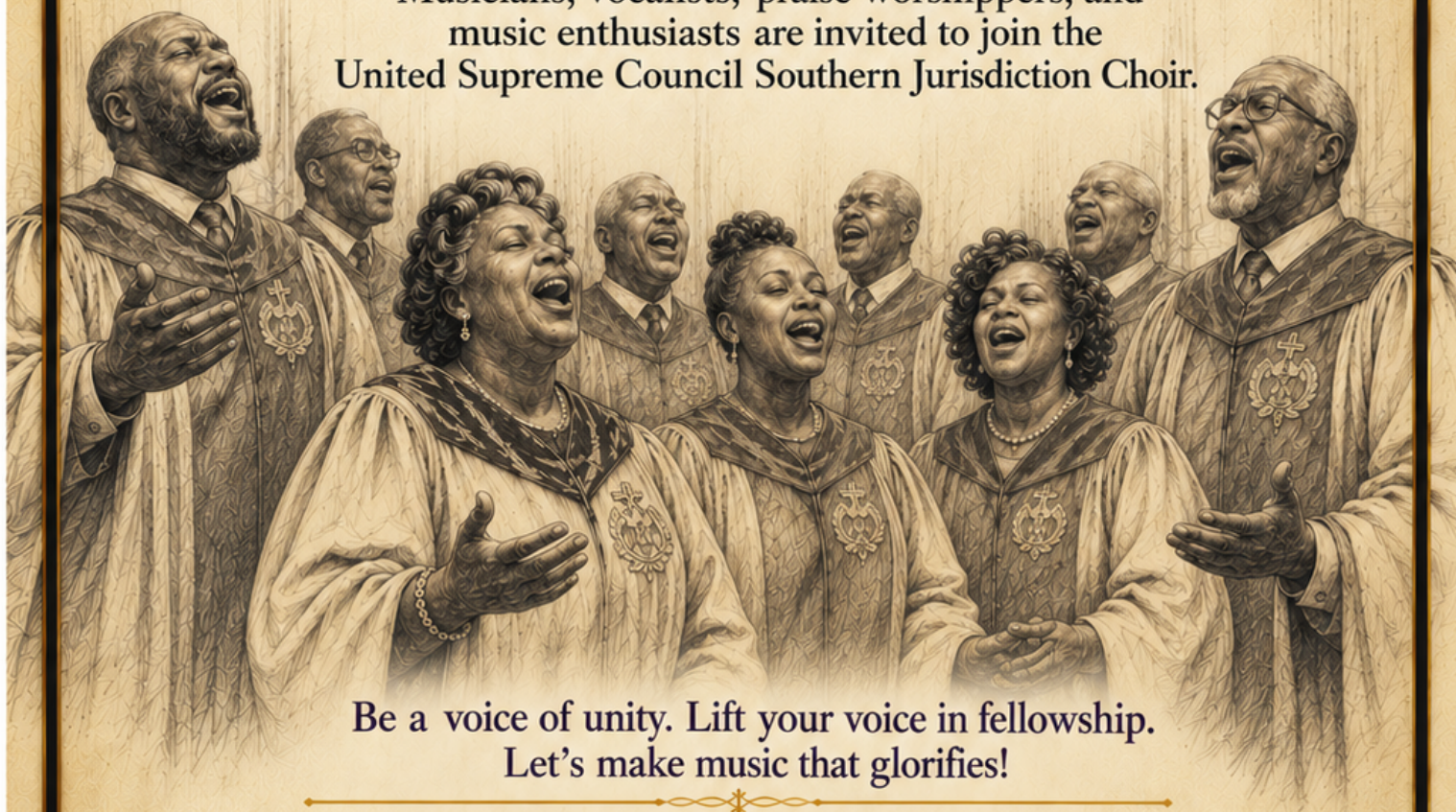
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To request airport transportation to and from Birmingham-Shuttlesworth International Airport (BHM), please complete the transportation request form by visiting the link below:

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BROTHERS, TAKE THE STEP.

PROTECT YOUR HEALTH. PROTECT YOUR FUTURE.



STAND WITH US AGAINST PROSTATE CANCER

PSA for PHA calls on our members, families and friends to stand together against prostate cancer. Encourage the men you love to be tested. Attend the screening, bring a Brother and help make men's health a shared priority throughout our jurisdiction.

SHARE THE MESSAGE. ENCOURAGE ATTENDANCE.

PROSTATE CANCER TESTING

OCTOBER 9-10

2026

10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

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ATTEND. BRING A BROTHER. START THE CONVERSATION.

A PSA blood test can help identify possible concerns; it does not diagnose cancer by itself.
Discuss screening decisions and results with a qualified healthcare professional.

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