



The United Supreme Council

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Northern Jurisdiction, U.S.A., INC.

OFFICE OF
Sovereign Grand Commander
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140TH ANNUAL SESSION – (IN PERSON) SESSION CANCELLATION

January 5, 2021

Greetings;

It is my sincere hope and prayer that his message finds the members and families of the United Supreme Council AASR, NJ, (PHA), in the best of health and that all enjoyed the Holiday season.

It has been a tumultuous 2020 for not only our country, fraternity and families but the world as a whole. However, despite it all, God has seen us through it, and for that we are grateful.

As we look forward to the year 2021, there remain many challenges as we not only continue to battle the COVID-19 Corona Virus, but transition from the 45th to the 46th presidential administration. My Brothers, with the arrival of a vaccine, hope may be on the way, and we can look forward to the future.

As your leader, it is important for me to communicate the status of our annual session scheduled to be held in Detroit, MI, in May 2021.

On December 18, 2020, due to the resurgence of COVID-19 pandemic, Ill. Carl A. Williams, Convention Director and his team, has reached an agreement with the Marriot Hotel Detroit. The United Supreme Council Annual Session, planned to take place from May 26 – June 2, 2021, has been cancelled with no penalties assessed to our organization. I would like to thank Ill. Williams and his team for their efforts.

In the alternative, we are preparing contingency plans to take care of the constitutionally required business of our Supreme Council. In addition, it is our commitment to elevate both the 2020 class scheduled to be elevated in Cincinnati and the 2021 class scheduled for Detroit. It is also our intent to have the successful completion of our raffle, scheduled to be drawn at our annual meeting. More details regarding our annual session will be provided as we complete our plans.

Thank you in advance for your understanding and patience as we work through the planning phase of our up and coming virtual activities.

I humbly request that we all continue to Secure the Future by Enhancing the Scottish Rite Experience.

Yours in the Rite

Ill. Melvin J. Bazemore, 33°
Sovereign Grand Commander