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FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS
OF MARYLAND AND ITS JURISDICTION, INC.**



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**A Message from The Honorable Emanuel J. Stanley,
Most Worshipful Grand Master**

**Notable Facts About
The Jurisdiction of Maryland**

Freemasonry among Black Men in Maryland had its start on February 2, 1825 with what was then known as Friendship Lodge No. 6. It was chartered under the authority of the First Independent African Grand Lodge of North America of the State of Pennsylvania. Using basic math skills we can see that Blacks in Maryland have been practicing the sublime art for 193 years. Pennsylvania went on to later charter two more lodges --- St. James Lodge and Enterprise Lodge (their nomenclature is unknown). These three lodges met in 1845 and created the First Colored Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Maryland.

In 1847 a curious organization was formed known as the National Grand Lodge, this body formed another grand lodge in this state. The result of which caused much discord until a Union was ratified on September 12, 1876.

These two bodies merged and formed the First Union Colored Grand Lodge of the State of Maryland. In 1878 the name was changed to the MW United Grand Lodge of the State of Maryland and it remained so till 1947 when it was changed to its present name The Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Maryland and its Jurisdiction, Inc.

The Grand Lodge of Maryland was instrumental in the formation of lodges in Virginia, the District of Columbia and West Virginia.

In 1865 the Grand Lodge of Maryland organized Lincoln Lodge No. 11 (4), in Alexandria, Virginia.

In 1870 Bro. Thornton A. Jackson, Grand Inspector of Washington, D.C. reports the following:

"To the MW F.C. Grand Lodge of Maryland

Warren Lodge No. 9, the only Lodge in my jurisdiction, I have the pleasure to report in the most flourishing condition. In order to accommodate the work pressing upon her, has held almost weekly meetings for several months past, and the brethren have fitted up, and furnished their new hall for their accommodation.

I expect that petitions for dispensations for one or two new Lodges will soon be presented to this Grand Lodge.

Respectfully submitted,

Thornton A. Jackson

Washington, November 1st, 1870."

Warren Lodge has been renumbered to Lodge No. 8 under the MW Prince Hall Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia. Brothers who are members of the Scottish Rite and the Order of Eastern Stars should know the name of Thornton Jackson well. He was a very prominent Mason in his day; serving as Sovereign Grand Commander of the Supreme Council, AASR and he is also credited for forming the first Chapter of Eastern Stars among Blacks.

In the 1881 proceedings of the M.W. United Grand Lodge of the Most Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of A.F.&A. Masons for the State of Maryland and its Jurisdiction we find the following:

"The committee appointed by the Grand Master to visit Harper's Ferry and Martinsburg, West Virginia, reported that they visited Harper's Ferry on the 30th Day of May, A.L. 5881, and set apart Rising Sun Lodge, No. 34, and installed the following officers: Thomas Jefferson, W.M.; Thomas Edwards, S.W.; Henry Thomas, J.W. Number of members, 22. Visited Martinsburg, W.Va., on May 31st, A.L. 5881, and set apart Mt. Pisgah Lodge, No. 33, and installed the following officers: H.E. Keys, W.M.; Charles H.

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Smith, S.W.; George W. Green, J.W. Number of members, 40, and in a flourishing condition.

WALTER SORRELL, JOHN H. SMITH,
JOS. H. LEE,
Committee."

It further states that these lodges together with Star Lodge, No. 32 of Charlestown, West Va., held a Masonic convention and resolved to form a Grand Lodge for the state of West Virginia. They petitioned the Grand Lodge of Maryland to set apart said Grand Lodge and install the Grand Officers for the same. Their petition was met favorably and the Grand Master appointed a committee to install the officers.

On the national level we have had three Imperial Potentates to come from this jurisdiction. Bro. Hiram Watty served as the second Imperial Potentate of the AEAONMS from 1902 - 1904, John H. Murphy, Sr (1913 -1915) and John H. Murphy, Jr (1935 - 1939). We currently have two Brothers who are elected Imperial Council officers and they are Right Worshipful Brother's Ronald Dickens (Imperial Recorder), Eastern G. Stewart (Imperial Auditor) and Warren L. Broomer has been bestowed the honor of (Imperial Auditor Emeritus). We are also proud to have three Sisters from this jurisdiction who have been elected as Officers of the Imperial Court Daughters Auxiliary to the AEAONMS. Sister Gwendolyn A. Moore (Imperial 2nd Lt Commandress), Sister Cheryl R. Eggleston (2nd Ceremonial Daughter) and Sister Joan D. Campbell (Imperial outside Spy).

At one time there existed 5 Supreme Councils for the AASR although the Grand Constitution of 1862 only allowed two. A conference was held in 1887 to "unite" the Councils into two. At that meeting Bro. Lemuel G. Griffin, James A. Handy, A.W. Tancil and Hiram Watty served as representatives of the Baltimore Supreme Council. As a result of the conference two Supreme Councils were formed, namely the United Supreme Council of the Northern Jurisdiction and the United Supreme Council of the Southern Jurisdiction. MWGM

Emeritus Willard W. Allen served as Sovereign Grand Commander; Past Grand Secretary George T. Duppin served as Lt. Grand Commander and MWPGM Joseph P. Evans as Treasurer General – Holy Empire. MWGM Emeritus, SGIG Shelton D. Redden served as Lieutenant Grand Commander for the Southern Jurisdiction.

MWGM Emeritus Shelton D. Redden, Sr., also served in the capacity of President of the Conference of Prince Hall Grand Masters, Inc. from 2006 - 2009. And the Honorable Samuel T. Daniels, Sr., previously served as the Chairman of the Steering Committee for the Conference of Prince Hall Grand Masters. The Chairman of the Steering Committee was the title of the presiding officer prior to the conference voting to change that position to that of President of the conference.

Thank you for your attention.

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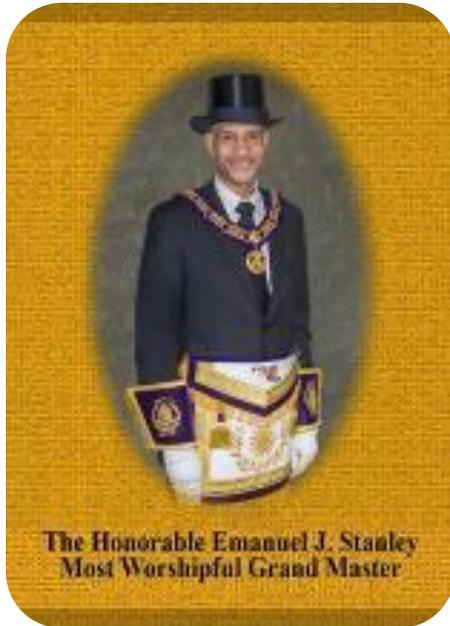
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Prince Hall Masonry “Who’s Who”



Maryland Prince Hall Masonry
“Who’s Who”



Right Worshipful Nathaniel J. McFadden was born in Philadelphia, PA, and at the age of four his family moved to Baltimore, where he currently resides. Mac, as he is affectionately known, attended Baltimore City public schools and graduated from the Baltimore City College High School in 1964. He attended Morgan State College where he received a Bachelor of Arts degree in geography and history in 1968 and a Masters of Science degree in history and social science in 1972. He was also enrolled in Morgan’s Doctoral program where he completed one year of an Urban Educational Administration De-

gree Program. McFadden began his professional career in 1968 as a teacher at Dunbar Senior High School. Subsequently, he served in various positions in the field of education including Coordinator, Educational Opportunity Program, Lake Clifton/Eastern Senior High School; Department Head of Social Studies, Lombard Junior High School and later at Southwestern Senior High School; Principal of Dunbar Adult Evening School. Currently, he is a facilitator with the Baltimore City Public Schools. Long active in public service, Senator McFadden served on the Baltimore City Council from 1982 to 1987 and has served in the Maryland Senate since 1995. His service also includes twelve years on the Democratic State Central Committee and four years as Secretary of the Maryland Democratic Party. Among his many Senate duties, McFadden serves on the Joint Committee on Transparency and Open Government, on the Senate Special Committee on Ethics Reform, and as the Vice-Chair on the Senate Budget & Taxation committee. **McFadden has been a member of the Maryland State Senate for seventeen years where he currently serves as the President Pro Tem – the first Black President Pro Tem in the history of the Maryland State Senate, previously he served as the Majority Leader. The first Black Majority Leader was also a Mason – Senator Clarence W. Blount.**

Senator McFadden is the former Chair of the Baltimore City Senate Delegation, a position that he held for 13 years. Senator McFadden is a member of the Southern Legislative Conference of the Council of State Government (Education Committee), National Conference of State Legislatures (Budgets and Revenue Committee) and Board of Trustees for Maryland Citizens for the Arts. Recipient of the 2009 State of Maryland First Citizen’s Award. Recipient of the 2009 Maryland National Guard Freestate Challenge Academy Lifetime Achievement Award and 2009 Recipient of Morgan State University’s Alumni of the Year Award. For his official biography, please click here.

Senator McFadden has been a member of Southern Baptist Church for the past thirty-eight years. He is happily married to his wife Rachel and is the proud father of three adult sons and five grandchildren.

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Sister Adrienne A. Jones was born in Cowdensville, Maryland and **she is the current Speaker Pro Tem of the Maryland House of Delegates, the first African-American female to serve in that position in Maryland.** She attended Baltimore County public schools; Lansdowne Senior High School, Baltimore; University of Maryland Baltimore County, B.A. (psychology), 1976. Attended national security seminar, U.S. Army War College, 2007. Part-time columnist, The Baltimore Times, 1990-2000. Board member, Friends of Benjamin Banneker Historical Park, 1987-97. Member, Woman Power, Inc., 1987-; Liberty/Randallstown Coalition, 1995-97. Board member, Family and Children's Services of Central Maryland, 2002; Political and Community Action Commission, 2003; We Are Family Community Development Center, 2003. Delegate, Democratic Party National Convention, 2008, 2012. Board of Directors, Maryland State Fair and Agricultural Society, 2016-. Board member, American Cancer Society. Prince Hall Eastern Star, Myra Grand Chapter OES. Member, Baltimore County Leadership Alumni Board; National Forum for Black Public Administrators; Baltimore Neighborhoods, Inc.; Coalition Opposed to Violence and Extremism (COVE); Coalition of 100 Black Women; Tenth District Democratic Club. Former panelist, Baltimore County Bar Association. Former mentor, Partnership for Success Program, Deer Park Elementary School. Former member, Baltimore County Democratic Central Committee. Community Services Award, Baltimore Alumnae Chapter, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, 1991. Citizens Award, Baltimore County Police De-

partment, 1993. Award of Appreciation for Outstanding Services to the Asian/Indian Community, 1993. Valued Hours Award, The Fullwood Foundation, 1995. Award of Appreciation, Baltimore County Branch, National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), 1996. Meritorious Service Award, National Association of Negro Business and Professional Women's Clubs, Inc., 1996. Governor's Certificate of Merit for outstanding contributions in field of victims' rights and services, 1997. Delegate of the Year, Maryland State's Attorneys' Association, 1998. Parren J. Mitchell Award, Maryland Association of Equal Opportunity Professionals, 1999. Service Above Self Award for Outstanding Public Service, Woodlawn/Westview Rotary, 1999. Living Legacy Award, Benjamin Banneker Historical Park and Museum, 2001. Award of Excellence, Women in Government Services, 2003. Outstanding Alumna of the Year, University of Maryland Baltimore County, 2003. Maryland's Top 100 Women, Daily Record, 2002, 2004, 2007 (Circle of Excellence). Honorary Doctor of Law Degree, Goucher College, 2008. John R. Hargreaves Distinguished Legislative Fellow Award, Institute for Public Affairs and Civic Engagement, Salisbury University, 2012. Louis S. Diggs Award, Baltimore County Government, 2017. Board of Stewards, Union Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church, Randallstown, Maryland, 2003. Two sons.



MWPGM Paul A. Smith, Sr., Associate Judge, Baltimore City Circuit Court, 8th Judicial Circuit, October 9, 1990 to January 13, 2006. Retired January 13,

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2006. Member, Juvenile Law Committee, Maryland Judicial Conference, 1998-99. Past member, Juvenile and Family Law Committee, Maryland Judicial Conference. Member, Retired and Recalled Judges Committee, Judicial Council, 2015-16.

Associate Judge, District Court of Maryland, District 1, Baltimore City, August 15, 1983 to October 8, 1990.

Master in Chancery, Baltimore City Circuit Court, 1971-83. Past member, Mayor's Task Force on Child Abuse and Neglect, Baltimore City.

Born in Baltimore, Maryland, January 14, 1936. Attended Paul Laurence Dunbar High School, Baltimore, Maryland. Served in U.S. Marine Corps. Morgan State College, B.A., summa cum laude, 1963; University of Maryland School of Law, J.D., 1967; National College of Juvenile Justice, University of Nevada, 1974. Admitted to Maryland Bar, 1967. Member, National and Monumental City Bar Associations. Assistant interim public defender, Legal Aid Bureau, Inc., 1970-71. Advisory Board, Reservoir Hill Community Association. Member, Brooks Lane 900 Block Neighborhood Association; Baltimore Alumni Senate, Delta Theta Phi Law Fraternity; Prince Hall Masons; Elks. Past member, Board of Directors, Opportunities Industrialization Center, Inc.; Baltimore Branch, Community Teaching Project, University of Maryland School of Law; Neighborhood Family Planning Center of Baltimore City, Inc.; Banneker Optimist Club, Catonsville. Life member, National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP). Life member, Memorial Baptist Church.



MWPGM Leotha N. Hull is a native of Wicomico County, Maryland, where he received his elementary and secondary education. He holds a Bachelor of Science Degree from Bowie State College, and a Master's of Education Degree from Salisbury State College. Mr. Hull taught in Somerset County for two years, before transferring to Dorchester County Public Schools. During his 37 years in education in Dorchester County he served as a teacher for 30 years, and as a school administrator before retiring in 2002. He is an active civic and community leader, and has served on many Boards of Directors for organizations and agencies. He is a Prince Hall Mason and a member of the Dorchester County Branch of the NAACP; and has been an elected member of the Dorchester County Board of Education representing District 2 since 2014. Mr. Hull's wife Jacquelyn, is a retired teacher, and they have one daughter, a granddaughter, and a great-grandson.



July 17, 2018

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Most Worshipful Grand Master
Willard W. Allen Masonic Temple
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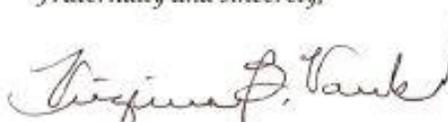
Dear Grand Master Stanley:

Please accept my sincere appreciation for your participation in the celebration and honoring of the Past Matrons of Maggie C. Upshur Chapter No. 53, Order of the Eastern Star as well as your kind words and the generous monetary gift that was received.

In the words of Marcel Proust - "Let us be grateful to people who make us happy; they are the charming gardeners who make our soul blossom."

On Sunday evening, June 24th my soul was made to blossom and I thank you most sincerely for finding the time to spend with my Eastern Stars sisters at the Forum.

Fraternally and sincerely,

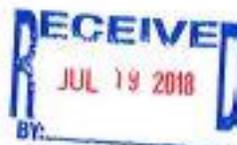

PGWM Virginia B. Vauls



Melvin C. High
Sheriff

OFFICE OF THE SHERIFF Prince George's County, Maryland

July 12, 2018



Grand Master Emanuel J. Stanley
Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge,
F. & A.M.
1301-07 Eutaw Place
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Dear Grand Master Stanley:

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you and the entire Prince Hall Family for the wonderful support you gave me during the recent Sheriff election. I thank you for your well wishes and look forward to working with you in the future.

Sincerely,

Melvin C. High
Sheriff

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State of Maryland Commission on Civil Rights

"Our vision is to have a State that is free from any trace of unlawful discrimination."



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Good morning,

On behalf of the Board of Commissioners and Staff of the Maryland Commission on Civil Rights, I extend a heartfelt "thank you" for joining us on Saturday, April 28 for our 50th Gala Celebration. Your passion for and dedication to equity, opportunity and inclusion are instrumental as we continue work for a Maryland that is free from any trace of unlawful discrimination.

We at the Maryland Commission remain committed to working with partners like you across our state to fight discrimination in all of its forms. Again, thank you for being a part of our celebrations.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Alvin O. Gillard".

Alvin O. Gillard
Executive Director

MWGM Stanley's Travels Myra Grand OES Semi-Annual Session



Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge Free & Accepted
Masons of Maryland and Its Jurisdiction Inc.



The Honorable Emanuel J. Stanley,
Most Worshipful Grand Master Poses for a picture
with the newly elected Grand Associate Conductress,
Sister Chelly Jones. This was following the
election at Myra Grand Chapter—Semi Annual
Session

MWGM Stanley's Travels Conference of Grand Masters



Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge Free & Accepted Masons of Maryland and Its Jurisdiction Inc.



Professor Larry Gibson



The Honorable Emanuel J. Stanley, Most Worshipful Grand Master with Noble Carl D. Parker, 42nd Imperial Potentate.

MWGM Stanley's Travels Conference of Grand Masters



Psalm 133 **The Blessings of Brotherly Unity** **A Song of degrees of David**

**Behold, how good and how pleasant it is
For brethren to dwell together in unity!
It is like the precious ointment upon the head,
even Aaron's beard:
That went down to the skirts of his garments;
As the dew of Hermon,
And as the dew that descended upon the mountains
of Zion,
For there the Lord commanded the blessing,
even life for evermore...**



MWGM Stanley's Travels Conference of Grand Masters



Conference of Grand Masters Prince Hall Masons, Inc.

August 24, 2018

100 years ago Woodrow Wilson outlined his 14 points of peace, women were given the right to vote, the National Urban League was founded, daylight savings time went into effect, and Robert Ripley began his "11 Believe It or Not" column in the NY Globe. But none were more significant to Prince Hall Masonry than the founding of this body whose purpose has remained the same:

To provide an opportunity for mutually recognized jurisdictions and their subordinate bodies to engage in fraternal communication and Masonic fellowship;

To provide an opportunity for unification of Prince Hall Grand Lodges and other affiliated Masonic Bodies to address issues of common interest relative to both the institution of Freemasonry and the profane world; and

To remain committed to the universal promotion and perpetuation of Prince Hall Freemasonry throughout the world.

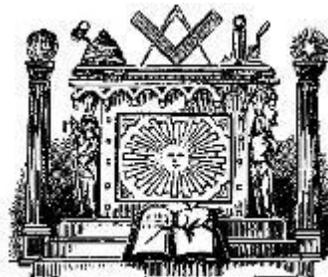
The world has evolved, but Prince Hall Masonry has remained a constant beacon of light and cornerstone in our respective jurisdictions around the world. Once looked at as just "Black Masons" and something that wasn't always universally recognized, we have lasted 100 years, and become an institution recognized and revered for its time honored traditions.

At a time where our people are becoming an endangered species, we have to find ways to stop giving those who choose to do us harm ammunition. And within the walls of the fraternity, we have to find ways to build that house not made with hands, rather than using them to swing a setting maul against one another. Masonry demands more from us, and as Sovereign leaders in our respective territories, it expects us to come together for the greater good of the Craft, and not ourselves.

Being progressive has always been my mantra, and I look forward to helping to progress this Conference and our mandates forward. It requires a team, and I thank all of you for your participation in growing this sacred band of friends and brothers into something truly Grand.

As we look to celebrate 100 years of the Conference of Grand Masters at the Melia Nassau Beach All-Inclusive Resort, we are reminded how far we have come as a people, as a country, and as a body. 100 years ago the idea of having a conference where we would be able to fly would be unheard of, now we are concerned about seat assignments and rewards points ... how times have changed, but look how we have changed with them.

Here is to another 100 years ...



Leadership



By ADDGM Omar Smith

To be a leader is no easy task. Leading small groups of men, in a respective Lodge or Chapter is challenging enough. Very few, percentage wise, will ever know the pressure of being Grand Master. Those who have been to the top in their particular area can only speculate. One has to be prepared to deal with Men from all walks of life & have totally different ways of handling situations. They must keep a cool head & try their best to be unbiased. They have to be an exemplary model of what they expect, from the Men that follow them. Their support is constantly solicited, & many times from more than one group on the same day. All of these things & more are expected while trying to carry out his own mission. This is exactly why it is imperative for him to choose a strong team. Since our 170th Grand Lodge Session, I believe M.W.G.M. Stanley has stepped up to the plate & done an outstanding job, even with the cards he was dealt. Coming into a situation blind is something that no person wants to do. Though handling it, is an absolute must, in order to move forward. Our M.W.G.M. hit the ground running, & has made major strides to regain the respect that the Maryland jurisdiction of Prince Hall Masons were known for. Even with all that he has done & will continue to do, he needs the support of his Brothers. I pray for our M.W.G.M.'s continued success, along with our Elected Grand line. They all are good Men, & I am proud to support their efforts as I hope we all are!



Leadership



By ADDGM Omar Smith



Editor's Note: The Jurisdiction of Maryland is Blessed to have you steering our ship. Thank You Grand!

Report of the MWPHGLNY Session



By RW Michael B. Allen

Most Worshipful Sir,

Thanks for the opportunity to represent you on behalf of the Grand Lodge. I will be sending you reports and other information pertaining to the 173rd Annual Session of the MWPHGL of New York. As I have already mentioned that MWGM Mitchell did not attend the session because of an illness. It was reported at their Annual Divine Service that he is recovering.

The results of their elections are as follows:

MWGM Walter King
Deputy Grand Master Gregory R. Smith, Jr.
Senior Grand Warden Rev. Dr. Darren Morton
Junior Grand Warden Jean E. Appollon
Treasurer Kevin Wardally
Secretary Pedro Rivera-Bey

Pictured below is the First Black Elected Officer for the Grand Lodge of New York A.F. & A.M.
Junior Grand Warden - RW E. Oscar Alleyne



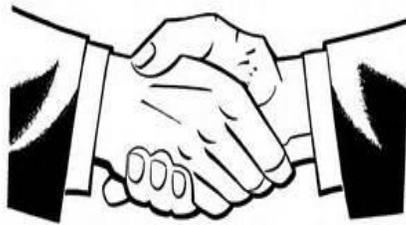
Deputy Grand Master's Corner *RWDGM Noel C. Osborne, Sr.*



*R.W. Noel C. Osborne, Sr.
Deputy Grand Master*

"Our fraternity has no room for politics ahead of correctness and we as Masons cannot be passive in our efforts to preserve the tenants of Free Masonry. We must step to the forefront and continue to press forward regardless of how unpopular our efforts and decisions may be at the time. We must stand above our contemporaries as it relates to pride and commitment toward professional excellence."

Greetings Prince Hall Masonic Family,



I greet you all in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. I pray that this correspondence meet each of you in the best of health and prosperity.

It remains our responsibility to provide the members of this Jurisdiction and their families with the best viewpoint of Masonry in the world. Thus far this year, I believe that the MWPHGL stands far above their contemporaries regarding pride and commitment towards Professional Masonic excellence.

Proverbs 11:14

Where there is no guidance the people fall, but in abundance of counselors there is victory.

Under the leadership of the Honorable Emanuel J. Stanley we continue to strive toward improvement in and throughout our outstanding Jurisdiction.

As we execute our responsibility to the best of our abilities, we provide a great service to the membership of Prince Hall Masonry by liberating them to emphasize on their multifaceted mission of Bonevolence, Brotherly love, Relief and Truth within our communities and in support of our all-encompassing missions, while rapidly providing the excellence of life so richly deserved by our Masonic membership and their Families.

As we are in the third portion of this Masonic Year – I am proud of the many accomplishments of this Grand body under the leadership of The Honorable Emanuel J. Stanley, Most Worshipful Grand Master with the support of the Executive Leadership team. This team continue to support the efforts of the Most Worshipful



R.W. Noel C. Osborne, Sr.
Deputy Grand Master



Deputy Grand Master's Corner

RWDGM Noel C. Osborne, Sr.

Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Maryland with class and professional maturity. This team is united and functions on one accord.

During the second quarter - we traveled throughout the Jurisdiction conducting regional workshops to make the membership aware of the issues and concerns that the Jurisdiction was facing while we worked diligently to resolve the respective issues. All of which were conducted in the spirit of transparency...

My responsibility thus far this year included the following:

- Under the Guidance of Grand Master Stanley we have established 100% accountability with regards to reconciliation of finances (i.e. accounts receivable/accounts payable) on a monthly basis.
- Establishment of programs: Financial Control Policies were established specific to our current processes, procedures and systems that allows us to govern our finances as it relates to the Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP).
- We conducted an analysis of our current Insurance Policy and were able to obtain a new policy through Farmers Insurance Company thus establishing a cost savings in excess of \$6,000.00 on an annual basis.
- We conducted a Climate Survey of the members of the Jurisdiction and was able to receive valuable feedback. The information that was obtained will afford us the opportunity to shape our way ahead as it pertains to forward progress.
- Coordinated the Baltimore Summer Youth feeding program, Chaired by R.W. Mike Jones. Scheduled the



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Deputy Grand Master



Deputy Grand Master's Corner

RWDGM Noel C. Osborne, Sr.

training of 11 members of the MWPHGL coupled with Myra Grand Chapter Order of the Eastern Star to assist with ensuring that children within our respective community have an opportunity to receive a breakfast and Lunch meal on a daily basis...

- We've supported each District and constituent lodge while staying steadfast to the Mission, Vision, Goals Objectives and Strategic Plan respectively.
- We've embrace the fact that people are our most treasured gift and we will continue to promote that exemplary value.
- We continue to do a top down assessment to analyze all cost and obtain quotes from vendors with the goal of cost savings in mind...

2 Timothy 2:15

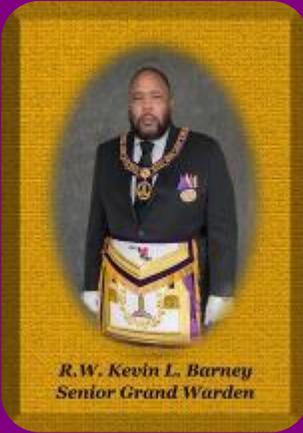
Be diligent to present yourself approved to God as a workman who does not need to be ashamed, accurately handling the word of truth.

In Closing - we have accomplished a great deal from December 2017 to present, and you can be proud of your accomplishments. I assure you that I certainly am! We have a great deal to do if we are to continue providing our Prince Hall Masonic Membership and Families the services, support and facility they require for future success. We have proven that we are relevant and valuable men within our community... So I thank you all and I charge each of you to embrace our way ahead and we will arrive at our desired destination together.

Respectfully & Fraternaly

Noel C. Osborne Sr.

R.W. Noel C. Osborne Sr.
Deputy Grand Master



R.W. Kevin L. Barney
Senior Grand Warden



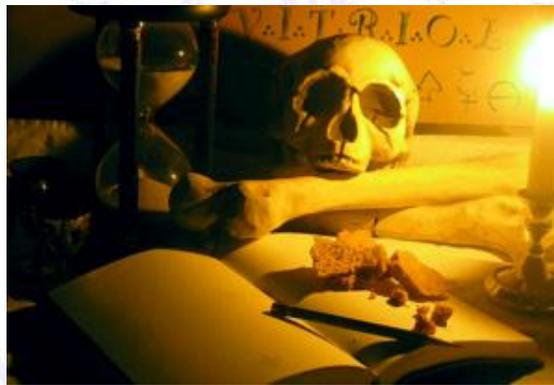
Senior Grand Warden's Corner

RWSGW Kevin L. Barney

'To the Brothers and Sisters of the Maryland Prince Hall Family I greet you in the name of the Supreme Architect of the Universe. Brothers and Sisters I would like to thank each and every one of you for your visits, call, concerns, and well-wishing while I recovered from my surgery earlier this year. The outpouring of love and support from my Brothers and Sisters was truly overwhelming. Although I was in a weakened state, because of you my spirits remained high thank you.

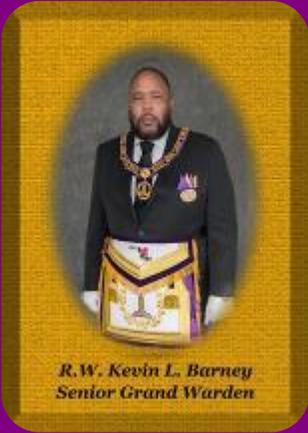
Reflections on Change

"There is nothing permanent in life except change." — Heraclitus



As I write this article I found it difficult to find inspiration to draw from, so I thought about our Grand Lodge passed through my mind. I thought about what we as a Grand Body endured in the last year, and what direction we are going in this year. Soon another year of labor will have ended. Thus far this Masonic year gave us historic and momentous events, and enjoyable times. The Honorable Emanuel J. Stanley, Grand Master set his vision into play and the Grand Lodge Officers, with their committees, and our Brothers are accepting the tough challenges, completing the work set before them, strategically identifying new projects as they incur, and also implementing new policies and procedures to make our fraternity operate more efficiently. That's a lot of work being done in a short period of time but somehow it still amazes me that in our craft we still have sceptics, naysayers, and members resistant to **CHANGE**.

The great enlightenment of Bhudda is that everything changes, and those changes will change further. Happiness and sadness will alike pass away, and from the viewpoint of an individual nothing is permanent—including the individual. Change is the nature of our world, and although some **FEAR** it, none can stop it.



We as Masons, however, understand change as the ancient stonemasons did. With a base in our ancient Craft, we labor to improve our Lodge, our community and ourselves. Knowing that there will always be change, we strive to improve our world and our contributions to it.

We try each day to be better men than we were the day before. Thus we use our traditions to harness change for the betterment of ourselves and our Lodges.

I recently saw a guy wearing a t-shirt with the saying “Death smiles at everyone, with a picture of a Mason smiles back. I wanted to ask him what his shirt symbolized, because I guess I was a little confused and offended. I just didn’t understand what that shirt meant. I thought long on that t-shirt so knowing me YES; I asked him, that man told me his shirt symbolized that we will not always be here, but our Craft will endure.

So while we are here, let us work as Brothers in harmony. We all stand as a shining example of what and who we can become when we work together as a **TEAM**, but I charge each and every one of you to beware of complacency and comfortability for they are the enemies of change and Unity. Some of us have taken up new stations and places; some have taken up new challenges. Together we can do great things. As the saying goes, “Where there is unity there is always victory.” I have no idea what the new Masonic year will bring, but I know that the reality will be far more than my expectations. I can’t think of a better group of Brother’s to share this journey with. I look forward to seeing what we will accomplish.

Walk in Light, my Brothers.

Kevin L. Barney

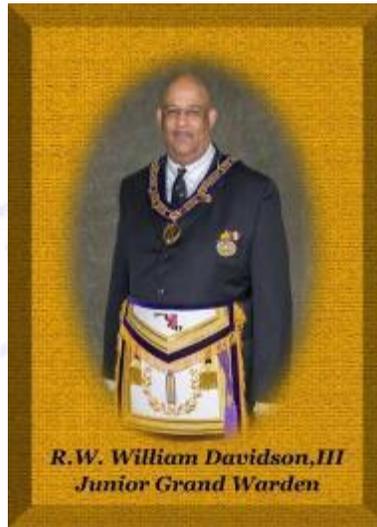
Senior Grand Warden





Junior Grand Warden's Corner

RWJGW William Davidson, III



In Whom Do You Put Your Trust

Often times we are asked are we a cult, why do we have titles like Worshipful Master, just what kind of organization is the Prince Hall Masons? And a lot of our responses relate to those that have a strong educated tie to their Bible

So, is Masonry a religion? No, we are not a religion, although our teachings are full of biblical term. Our organization is a worldwide group of individuals with a multitude of various religions, but we all have that common thread in that we must be a man of faith. A Mason's trust is in his God.

When we first came to the Lodge, we were asked to kneel for the benefit of prayer and a Brother prayed for us. We had another brother that walked with us. Although we may have feared the unknown, looking back we were never alone, we were trusting in the Brother and our God.

We walked a path others had walked; Every Mason has walked that path learning and growing. Trusting his Brothers and his God. As we advanced we were given light, more light and further light. The light from God, "In the beginning." The light of learning and knowledge. Light from the God in whom he put his trust.

As we grew as a Mason, we made promises. We were given Secrets to keep and we have Secrets to look for. The Master's Word was lost, we Searched for and never found. But still a Mason could trust in his God.

Working tools taught us lessons. A good man was made better, Passions were subdued, and the tools helped us build. It built our character as a stone, whose rough edges are smoothed for the Temple of His God.

Almighty Father of the Universe! Great Architect of the Universe! However He is addressed, He is the One to trust. And God is the one he trusts to answer that prayer.

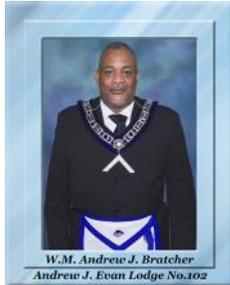
Not a religion, But a man must have faith. A Mason's trust and his faith are in his God.

Worshipful Masters of the MWP HGLMD

2017-18



Worshipful Masters of the MWP HGLMD 2017-18



W.M. Andrew J. Bratcher
Andrew J. Evan Lodge No.102



W.M. Brent Haynie
John A. Holmes Lodge No.89



Office of the Grand Lecturer



Helpful Hints for the Craft from The Office of the Grand Lecturer

1. It is a good practice to have a qualified Ritual Director to lead the Lodge's ritual work. Remember that the OGL is available to help if a qualified director cannot be produced by the Lodge itself.
2. Hold at least three rehearsal before each degree. This will allow adequate time for last minute polishing up. All participants should be notified at least 6-8 weeks in advance of the date to allow ample time for Ritual study. Don't forget to ask the Conductors too.
3. Give out Ritual assignments a minimum of 6-8 weeks in advance, to allow your cast ample time to prepare. Allow more time for the long lectures. Try to plan assignments for 6 months at a time.
4. Whenever possible, assign a qualified Back-up Brother for the key positions (e.g., Senior Deacon, Wardens, Charge, Working Tools, etc.)
5. Convey to the Lodge that talking, laughing or being loud in any way shape or form is disrespectful both the candidates and the Brothers performing the ritual. Only the Ritual Director or assigned prompter will assist during the degree. Make this clear before the start of the degree. Silence is golden!
6. Do not use the Ritual Book, or any form of "cheat sheets" during the degree. A prompter, proficient in the ritual, should be selected for each degree.
7. The prompter should be instructed as to when to give a prompt. For example he might be told not to prompt unless he is looked at directly.
8. If at all possible fill all the Station & Places with Brothers of the Lodge. If some prominent District Brother will participate – promote his/their participation in the Lodge Meeting Notice and in the District. (Masters' and Wardens' Associations, etc.)
9. The Senior Deacon is the floor Supervisor. He is to make sure everything goes well regarding circumambulations, attire of the candidate, lighting, etc. Make sure he knows the broad responsibilities and duties he has.
10. All officers and brothers that oversee the ritualistic work must be urged to attend the LOI (Lodge of Instructions). This is a sure way to maintain or achieve the high level of Ritual excellence that is required.
11. Encourage the sponsor of the candidate to attend all three degrees, and to take part in some of the degree work. Also, make every effort to see that the candidate's Masonic relatives and friends are invited to the degree, especially the third degree.
12. Remember: A Brother does not participate in his own name; his individuality should be submerged to the eminence of the Ritual. It is NOT appropriate or part of the standard work to make announcements of the brother(s) is (are) doing the specific part of the Ritual Work during the degree. The participant should be recognized following the degree. Give special recognition to any Brother who is performing the ritual for the first time.

My Brothers I hope everyone finds this information helpful!!

RW Randolph S. Smith, Sr., 33°

Grand Lecturer

Office of the Grand Lecturer



On Friday April 27th, 2018 I travelled to the Mother Jurisdiction of Massachusetts for the reopening of African Lodge #459. The following brothers made the trip, - from; Charles H. Wesley Lodge No. 147, Bowie, MD, (Bro. Ron Hill Jr., Senior Deacon, Bro. Mel Canady, Senior Steward) and from; Universal Lodge #14 Annapolis, MD, (WM Gregory Williams, Treas. Reginald Simms, Marshall Vincent Blair, Tyler Jadon Tyler, SS Carlos Simms, PM Alfred Dorsey, Bro. Todd Smith, Bro. Alan Herring)

The weekend of events started with meet and greet with brothers from all over the United States. As I checked in the hotel, I met brothers from California, Pennsylvania, Rhoda Island, Bahamas, Africa, Georgia, New York, Minnesota, and New Mexico just to name a few.



The Grand Lodge building was a very impressive site to see, I really think every Prince Hall Mason should make this trip at least once in their lifetime. During the reopening of African Lodge #459 the original charter was on display. Just looking at the original charter and the constitution, I could

only think of all that Prince Hall with the fourteen others went through, so we can have an opportunity to be Masons.



During the visit I had the opportunity to be in a meeting with all the visiting Grand Masters, as they discussed the roles that each would play during the reopening. I was very PROUD to represent our Most Worshipful Grand Master Emanuel J. Stanley, and The Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Maryland as the Senior Deacon during the reopening. Being one of the officers for the reopening was very special, and to have the reopening take place at Castle Williams, an experience I will never forget. Being dress in period dress and thinking about those great men and masons, that paved the very road we all are traveling was an unbelievable feeling. At that very moment, I was very proud to be a PRINCE HALL MASON!

Office of the Grand Lecturer



R.W. Randolph S. Smith, Sr., Grand Lecturer and Worshipful Master Greg Williams, Universal Lodge #14 presenting Most Worshipful Grand Master Yves Maignan, MWPHGL of Massachusetts with his patent from Most Worshipful Grand Master Emanuel J. Stanley, MWPHGL of Maryland making MW Yves Maignan a Past Grand Master of Maryland.

Office of the Grand Inspector



Submitted By: RWGI Albert D. Adams, Jr

Greetings from the Office of the Grand Inspector (GI). The GI's staff includes RW Grand Inspector Albert D. Adams, Jr. (# 89, District 18), RW Deputy Grand Inspector Michael E. Jones, Sr. (# 18, District 1) and the following RW Assistant Grand Inspectors:

- Donald A. Bell (#147, District 4)
- David L. Crawford (# 77, District 5)
- Raymond G. Fefee, III (# 147, District 4)
- James E. Jackson, Jr. (# 49, District 2)
- Phillip A. James, Jr. (# 90, District 16)
- Lionel Jones (#48, District 6)
- Warren R. Jones (# 141, District 4)
- Johnny W. Moore, Jr. (# 66, District 9)
- Kevin Stephen (# 139, District 4)
- Henry Ward (# 33, District 8)

The main objective of most GI programs is to ensure that Lodges within the jurisdiction meet or exceed the standards of financial and administrative recordkeeping and accountability over monetary funds under their control. This year, the GI's goal was to increase interaction with Lodges and provide more assistance and guidance through various programs, including the Quarterly Audit Report Inspection Program, the District and Lodge Inspection Programs and the Audit Report Follow-up Visitation Program. So far, this year, the GI's has touched each District and numerous Lodges through one or more of the programs. In addition, the GI and staff are available and willing able to provide one-on-one support to any Lodge or District that requests it.

At the last Constituent Workshop, the GI shared draft SOPs covering minimum requirements for using PayPal and similar online payment systems, as well as for using the Integrated Secretary's Tool and solicited feedback from the Lodges present. Since the period for submitting constructive feedback is now over, the draft documents will be submitted for the review and approval signature of the Most Worshipful Grand Master.

Finally, two of the forms used by Lodges for financial recordkeeping and administrative purposes were revised recently - OGI Form 003, Cash Book Template, and OGI Form 008, Audit Report Template. Audit Report Inspection Reports (OGI Form 009) will direct Lodges to use the revised forms, which will be provided with inspection report until the forms are available on the new website that is currently under construction.

If you have any questions or comments about this article, or if you are interested in becoming a future member of the GI's team, please contact RW GI Al Adams, via email, at adasqd@verizon.net.

Office of the Board of Trustees



JUNE 9, 2018

TO THE GRAND MASTER, ALL ELECTED AND APPOINTED GRAND LODGE OFFICERS PAST AND PRESENT, PAST MASTERS, WORSHIPFUL MASTERS WARDENS AND BRETHREN I BRING YOU GREETING FROM YOUR BOARD OF TRUSTEES.

THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES HAS BEEN ABOUT THE WORK OF RESTRUCTURING AND THE REPARATION OF OUR HISTORIC WILLARD W. ALLEN MASONIC TEMPLE. OUR 2ND FLOOR RENOVATION PROJECT IS UNDERWAY. WE ARE ABOUT THE BUSINESS OF PATCHING AND PAINTING ALL MEETING ROOMS AND HALL WALLS. ALSO KEY IS THE REPLACEMENT OF CARPET IN ALL ROOMS AND THE STRIPING AND WAXING ALL HALLWAY FLOORS. IDENTIFYING AND REPAIRING ALL ELECTRICAL PROBLEMS

AND THE PAINTING OF THE COVE BASE. WE ARE ALSO IN THE PROCESS OF REPLACING DAMAGED CEILING TILES AS NEEDED AND THE REMOVAL OF 2ND FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM PANELING AND REPLACE THE SAME WITH DRY WALL. ONCE DONE WE WILL BE MOVING ON TO THE 2ND FLOOR RENOVATIONS.

WE HAVE ALSO ENGAGED ELITE SECURITY TO PROVIDE SECURITY FOR OUR FUTURE EVENTS. AGAINST THAT BACKGROUND WE ARE ALSO IN THE PROCESS OF OVERHAULING OUR FEES FOR EVENTS STRUCTURE TO REFLECT MODERN DAY COST. THIS IS BASED ON SOME PAST INSTANCES WHERE WE HAVE LOST REVENUE. WE WILL BE PRESENTING THE NEW PROPOSED FEES TO THE GRAND MASTER FOR REVIEW AND DISCUSSION. A PART OF THIS OVERHAUL WE WILL BE RESTRUCTURING THE BASIC CONTRACT FOR EVENTS.

OUR HVAC UNITS AND HIGH ON OUR LIST (CALL ON RW RANDY SMITH)

THE BOARD HAS ALSO TAKEN ON ATTORNEY RANDALL CRAIG TO BE A PART OF THIS GREAT BODY. RW CRAIG WILL PLAY A MAJOR ROLE IN HELPING US DETERMINE LEGAL SUFFICIENCY IN OUR ENDEAVORS.

WE ARE ALSO PREPARING A DOWNSTAIRS OFFICE IN THE TEMPLE FOR A PERMANENT HOME FOR THE MOST WORSHIPFUL PRINCE HALL GRAND LODGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OFFICE. WITH SECURITY BEING OF THE UTMOST IMPORTANCE, THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES ARE NOW ENTERTAINING PRICES FOR OUR NEW SECURITY CAMERA SYSTEM. SAID SYSTEM WILL HAVE SECURITY CAMERAS IN THE DINING ROOM, OUTSIDE ON BOTH LANVALE AND EUTAW STS. ONCE SECURITY AND SIGNAGE IS IN PLACE, I WILL THEN SEEK AN AUDIENCE WITH THE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION IN THE AN EFFORT TO PATCH UP OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH THE COMMUNITY.

WE ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO ESTABLISHING A FIX UP—CLEAN UP DAY AT THE TEMPLE. ON THIS DAY WE ARE ASKING THAT MEMBERS OF THE CRAFT WILL JOIN US IN FIXING UP AND CLEANING UP OUR BEAUTIFUL TEMPLE. A SYSTEM THAT WOULD ALLOW THE FRONT DOOR BELL TO BE HEARD ON THE SECOND AND THIRD FLOOR IS BEING CONSIDERED.

INSPECTIONS HAVE BEEN DONE ON;

KITCHEN GREASE TRAPS

ELEVATOR

FIRE

OVERALL KITCHEN

THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES SOLICITS YOUR INPUT AS IT RELATES TO TEMPLE IMPROVEMENT.

Office of Community Engagement



MWPHGL of Maryland Community Engagement Committee

June 2018 Report

Mission

As masons, we are all bound by a duty to relieve the distressed and be of service to the community and the human race at large. Prince Hall Freemasonry seeks to advance the tenets of the craft by leading, promoting and participating in meaningful engagement initiatives through sustainable partnerships with government, community, and industry.

Community Engagement Goals:

- To enhance state-wide community engagement and scholarship.*
- To engage current and future policy-makers and keep the craft informed of government proceedings.*
- To encourage collaboration between stakeholders for the betterment of the community.*
- To strengthen community partnerships through active participation and reciprocity.*
- To increase visibility of the MWPHGL of Maryland state-wide*
- To identify our current community programs, assess their effectiveness, and make recommendations going forward.*
- To create SOP's and trainings for brothers and lodges who wish to participate in community service activities*

WM Survey

We are circulating a WM sign-up sheet to collect e-mail addresses for the 2017-18 Worshipful Masters. We are collecting these e-mail addresses so that we can conduct a brief survey about your lodge's community service activities. Please leave us your e-mail address on the sign-up sheet and once you receive the survey, complete it to the best of your ability as it will provide our office with important data which will allow us to tailor our programs to the needs of your respective lodges.

Signature Programs/Events

Gubernatorial Candidates Forum

The Grand Lodge held its first Gubernatorial Candidates Public Forum on the campus of Bowie State University on Wednesday, May 9th 2018. The event, which was co-sponsored by the Bowie State

Student Government Association and the Eta Zeta Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. was quite successful. NBC 4 PG County Bureau Chief Tracee Wilkins moderated the event and the following candidates were in attendance:

Rushern Baker
Kevin Kamenetz
Alec Ross
Krish Vignarajah

The candidates thanked the Grand Lodge for the forum and eloquently laid out their platforms and ideas for moving our state forward. Members of the craft took them to task on subjects such as military benefits, educator benefits, equity in higher education, and much more.

The event had moderate in-person attendance, however, thanks to some quick work by our grand photographer staff, we were able to setup a high definition live feed of the event, which was retweeted by NBC4 and other media outlets. The live feed has yielded a total of 6,000 views and counting. Tragically, Baltimore County Executive Keven Kamenetz passed suddenly soon after the event. The live broadcast has been replayed often during the many tributes that have been given to Mr. Kamenetz. We will all keep his professionalism and eloquent delivery at our event safely lodged in our memories.

Social Media

Our Grand Lodge accounts are now active on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter. The accounts are as follows:

Facebook: www.facebook.com/mwphglmd

Instagram: @mwphglmd

Twitter: @mwphglmd

We encourage brothers to like, follow, and share the Grand Lodge social media accounts as they will provide an avenue through which to directly connect with the masonic and non-masonic communities, share information and promote causes and events. **GOAL:** By the time we leave Constituent Grand Lodge Workshop, we would like to have **over 100 followers on Twitter and 500 followers on FB and IG. Help us achieve this goal by liking and following these profiles.**

Office of Community Engagement



Website

In order to further the MW Grand Master's strategic plan, he has commissioned a group of qualified web developers and designers to create a professional and dynamic website for the jurisdiction. This website will be fast, efficient, secure, and functional while adding modern elements such as Content Management Systems (CMS), and Search Engine Optimization (SEO). The website is currently in the development phase and will have an official launch this summer. Please follow and like our social media pages for more information.

Baltimore Ceasefire: Against Violence in Baltimore

We have attended meetings with the "Baltimore Ceasefire Group"

Our intention is to host a 2018 event that addresses the overwhelming rise in violent crimes in Baltimore.

Feed the Homeless

Identify and provide a listing of food banks throughout the state for lodges to partner with.

Host events or dates where brother volunteer at the food bank(s)

Domestic Violence/Sexual Assault Awareness

There are not many men's groups speaking out and leading the charge in this area.

Continue the 4th District's involvement in "Shatter the Silence" 5k against domestic violence

Consider options to expand this awareness statewide.

Health/Wellness Programs (Targeted at illnesses that disproportionately affect minorities)

Heart Disease/Hypertension: Facilitate the Grand Master's objective of bringing this issue to the forefront

Diabetes

Lupus

Sickle Cell

MS

Other Illnesses

Conclusion

Our Grand Master has set forth a comprehensive strategic plan for the jurisdiction with an eye toward increased community involvement, visibility, political influence, and positive outcomes for distressed members of the African-American community in the State of Maryland. The Office of Community Engagement humbly submits this report which will ensure that the Grand Master's vision is being put into action. The overall goal of our committee is to advance the tenets of our time-honored institution through increased partnership, visibility, and influence. With the assistance of the GAOTU and our devoted craft, we are confident that these goals will be achieved.

Humbly and Fraternally Submitted,

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Home Fire Safety



By RW Dwayne Martin
9TH District Social Actions officer

I, R.W. Dwayne A. Martin #141 (9th District Social Action Officer) wanted to share some important information with the Craft in regards to fire safety in your home. Being a member with the DC Fire and EMS Department for 28 years I know how important it is to share this information. It's very important to be proactive instead of being reactive.

Please find out the closest Fire Station and Police Station that would respond to your home or neighborhood if an emergencies should arise, this is being PROACTIVE. Attached is a link from the American Red Cross on Home Fire Safety (Prevention & Tips) please share with your family, friends and neighbors.

Also please note that some Fire Stations provide/install FREE combination fire & carbon monoxide detectors. Some stations will even help you test and install them if you request them to. A good rule of thumb is to check your batteries every six months (usually when we set our clocks back and forth for Savings time is a good time to do it).

In addition, please make sure your family knows where their closest Fire station, Police precinct, and hospital is located because in an emergency, they will likely be to stressed to try and locate the information themselves so planning ahead is always best.

Please visit the website below for more information on preparing for emergencies:

<http://www.redcross.org/get-help/how-to-prepare-for-emergencies/types-of-emergencies/fire>



Need Help Now?

If you need help after a home fire, please contact your local Red Cross »

Did you know that if a fire starts in your home **you may have as little as two minutes to escape?** During a fire, early warning from a working smoke alarm plus a fire escape plan that has been practiced regularly can save lives. Learn what else to do to keep your loved ones safe!

Top Tips for Fire Safety

- ✓ Install smoke alarms on every level of your home, inside bedrooms and outside sleeping areas.
- ✓ Test smoke alarms every month. If they're not working, change the batteries.
- ✓ Talk with all family members about a fire escape plan and practice the plan twice a year.
- ✓ If a fire occurs in your home, **GET OUT, STAY OUT and CALL FOR HELP.** Never go back inside for anything or anyone.



Home Fire Safety



By RW Dwayne Martin

Know What to Do Before, During, and After a Fire



Download Our Free Apps



Emergency App

This all-inclusive app lets you monitor more than 35 different severe weather and emergency alerts, to help keep you and your loved ones safe.



Or text: "GETEMERGENCY" to 90999

Aplicación de Emergencias - ahora disponible en español también!



Monster Guard App

For kids aged 7-11. This app teaches preparedness for real-life emergencies at home with the help of Maya, Chad, Olivia and all the monsters.



Or text: "MONSTER" to 90999



Sound the Alarm. Save a Life.

You helped to install 100,000 free smoke alarms in high-risk neighborhoods nationwide this spring. Join us to Sound the Alarm >

Download Home Fire Safety Checklists and Fact Sheets

Resources for families, schools, and businesses



More Home Fire Safety Resources

[Campaign to Prevent Home Fires](#)

[Fire Safety Equipment](#)

[Fire Safety for Kids](#)

[Pet Fire Safety](#)

[Holiday Fire Safety Tips](#)

[Candle Safety Facts](#)

Home Fire Safety



By RW Dwayne Martin

Home Fire Safety Checklist



Cooking Safety

- "Keep an eye on what you fry." Stay in the kitchen when frying, grilling or using an open flame.



Fireplaces, Space Heaters, Baseboards, etc.

- "3 feet from the heat." Furniture, curtains, dish towels and anything that could catch fire are at least 3 feet from any type of heat source.



Smoking Safety

- Never smoke in bed.



Electrical and Appliance Safety

- Large and small appliances are plugged directly into wall outlets.



Children Playing

- Matches and lighters are locked away.



Smoke Alarms

- Make sure you have working smoke alarms. Different types of smoke alarms, ionization and photoelectric, detect fire in different ways. Experts recommend having both types in your home.
- Change smoke alarm batteries every year unless it has a long-life battery.
- Replace smoke alarms every ten years.

Home Fire Escape Plan

At least twice a year, use your home fire escape plan to practice your 2-minute drill with all your family members. Practice makes perfect! After each fire drill, mark down your escape time.

Practice your 2-minute drill.

Make sure everyone can escape in 2 minutes or less.

Drill 1

Drill 2



Sources: Vision 20/20, NFPA, USFA



RW Reginald H. Baker, Director

Office of Security Grand Lodge of Maryland

Mission Statement:

We are committed to the Following Principles and tenants of Masonry: We are also committed to listening and responding to the needs of our Brothers and Sisters. We will set a new standard in security, which is achieved by individuals and as a team. Our highly trained force consists primarily of former Military Police Officers, former local Police Officers, as well as other law enforcement personnel with years of experience and dedication.

We move forward silent as one team.

Purpose:

To provide security service under the authority of The Honorable Emanuel J. Stanley Most Worshipful Grand Master (Principal). The Security Service Team will promote a safe and secure environment by executing and overseeing all security functions for The Maryland Grand Lodge, constituent lodges, and its concordant bodies.

Security Advice

1. Report any suspicious activity by calling the Police.

Emergency: 9-1-1

2. Know your surroundings.

3. Secure the vehicle's doors, windows and sunroofs.

4. Keep all personal belongings out of sight by taking them with you or storing them in a glove compartment or trunk.

•Keep your vehicle locked at all times, even while driving.



- Keep your vehicle locked at all times, even while driving.
- When parked, never leave your keys in the car. Close all the windows and the sunroof.
- Never leave your car running and unattended.
- Avoid leaving valuables inside your vehicle where passersby can see them. Thieves prefer to work in the dark. Be particularly cautious at night about where you park your car. Park it in a well-lit area if possible.
- Look around. Be aware of your surroundings, especially in garages, parking lots and gas stations.
- Have your car's vehicle identification number (VIN) etched on each of the windows. Car thieves want to get off cheap. They don't want to go to the expense of replacing all the glass.
- On an incline, leave your car in park or in gear with the wheels turned toward the curb or some other obstruction. This makes it harder for thieves to tow your vehicle.
- If confronted by a carjacker, do not resist. Cars can be replaced; you can't.

Safety Reminders Distracted Driving Seconds Matter

Distracted driving is any activity that diverts attention from driving, including talking or texting on your phone, eating and drinking, talking to people in your vehicle, fiddling with the stereo, entertainment or navigation system—anything that takes your attention away from the task of safe driving.

Texting is the most alarming distraction. Sending or reading a text takes your eyes off the road for 5 seconds. At 55 mph, that's like driving the length of an entire football field with your eyes closed.

You cannot drive safely unless the task of driving has your full attention. Any non-driving activity you engage in is a potential distraction and increases your risk of crashing.



MWPHGLMD Visit to MWPHGLCA Northern Masonic Region



Trip report of RW Rodney M. James to the MWPHGLCA Northern Region Workshop and Grand Master's Official Visit

In March of 2018 I was invited by Peninsula Lodge No. 46, 6th District, MWPHGLCA, to attend their Northern Region Workshop. To understand this invitation let me first explain the unique relationship that our Grand Lodge has with Peninsula Lodge No. 46. The 24th Grand Master of Maryland, MWPGM Melvin M. Thorpe, was a dedicated member of Peninsula Lodge while stationed at Fort Ord, California. Upon learning that I was headed to Monterey, CA he gave specific instructions that upon my arrival I was to make contact and associate with Peninsula Lodge, knowing full well that I already intended to do just that. Arriving in the area in December, 2017 I began my fellowship with the Lodge in January, 2018. Therefore the invitation to the workshop was extended as I had already established a working relationship with the Lodge and its members.

Per the Protocol Manual I informed the Grand Master of my invitation and that I desired to attend in my official capacity. Always prepared to support and advance MD Prince Hall Masonry, MWGM Stanley made the decision for me to attend as the representative of his office and the Jurisdiction. Having represented the Grand Master on four separate occasions: Grand Lodge of Japan (x2); Grand Lodge of China; and Grand Lodge of India, I was no stranger to the task. However, I must note that each time I do this I am as nervous as I was the first time. It is both a humbling experience and a constant reminder that I am only human.

On the day of the event I arrived at the lodge hall in the Richmond, CA. Having been in the area for a few months I had already established relationships with a number of members of the Northern Region. We began the day by fellowshipping over breakfast. It was during this time that RW Donald James, Board Chair Emeritus and distant relative, introduced me to the various members of the Grand Lodge I had not yet met. At the appropriate time the workshop began. It was led by the DGM, RW Sam-

uel T. King. The workshop began with a review of the updated protocol manual for the jurisdiction. This review was an opportunity for the membership to go through the protocol manual and ask questions directly to its author and to the Grand Master on the intent of each section. It was noted by the DGM that he desired to further improve the protocol manual by addressing the more common concerns expressed by the membership, notably the approved jewels and regalia for each office in the Grand Lodge down to the Past Master. Once completed there was a short intermission before the start of the breakout sessions.

It was during this intermission that I had a conversation with the DGM about the direction he wanted to take the protocol manual. Having read our manual at length I realized that we had exactly what the DGM was looking for as he researched various Grand Lodges in order to improve his product. It was at this point that I reached out to our Grand Master and requested permission to share our protocol manual with CA in order to discuss and make recommendations to the DGM. With his approval I shared the product and discussed at length how we have updated and made changes to what is traditionally seen within the Prince Hall Grand Lodges. I am certain that this conversation will continue for a while.

After the intermission the breakout sessions began. There was a session for the Deacons and Stewards; a session for the Wardens; a session for the Worshipful Masters, Treasurers and Secretaries; and a session for Past Masters. I attended the session for Past Masters, led by the SGW who discussed Masonic Trials. This was a superb session aided by the legal knowledge of members who were actively serving judges and trial lawyers. Upon completion of the breakout session we returned to the main hall to close out the workshop. It was at this time that a representative from the Oakland, CA Mayor's Office came to present two proclamations. The first was to commemorate the life of MWPGM Tommie E. Phillips, Sr., who recently passed away. The second was to recognize the work and contributions that Monarch Lodge No. 73 has made to the Oakland community. Following this we had lunch.

MWPHGLMD Visit to MWPHGLCA Northern Masonic Region



During lunch I learned that the Grand Master of California is taking steps to extend fraternal recognition to the Order of the Eastern Star. I have long noted that although I have been able to fellowship with Masons around the country and across the globe, my wife has not had the same privilege as a member of the Order of the Eastern Star. I am pleased to see this step being taken and hope it spreads. After lunch it was time for the Grand Master's Official Visit. While the host lodge was opening the Occasional Lodge I took the opportunity to continue the conversation on regalia with the elected line. It was there that we had an opportunity to discuss a number of things that they were looking to update. One of these things was the beauty and uniqueness of placing a logo, like the MD logo, on the collar.

When the appropriate time came I was arched and escorted into the lodge hall, greeted by the Grand Master, given public honors as the official representative of our Grand Master, and delivered remarks on his behalf. Afterward we moved to the Grand Master's remarks. It was at this point that I learned that the MWPHGLCAL prints their own plastic dues cards and ID badges for events. I immediately inquired of the DGM who the point of contact in the GL was for this. This is a new process for them and they are extremely excited about the promising opportunity it presents. Additionally, they have moved to an electronic registration system for their annual session for the first time. As this is the test bed, its effect remains to be seen but it is promising. Following the Grand Master's remarks he proceeded to close the Occasional Lodge and we took the photo presented with this report.

It is worth noting that I was unaware of the passing of the MWPGM until I arrived at the workshop so I did not have any remarks prepared in that regard. However, an opportunity was presented later this same day that allowed me to contribute to his memory on behalf of the MWPHGLMD. To commemorate the service of MWPGM Phillips, MWGM Ware commissioned a flag to be made, seen in the photos. After the meeting of Menelik Temple No. 36, attended by MWGM Ware in his capacity as the Imperial High Priest and Prophet, the flag was deliv-

ered to the hall where the Temple meets. It was at this time they desired to place one of the flags into the shadow box seen in the pictures. After many trials and errors I was personally asked to assist (I was not in the same room when the flag arrived). I was honored to have been asked to perform the task and did not depart the Oakland area until I had accomplished it. Knowing that I would not be able to attend the memorial services for the deceased it was the least that I could do in his honor. The difficulty in the attempt was getting the centerpiece of the flag to display properly in the viewing window of the shadow box. If you have never attempted this before, let me say, it is extremely difficult to be this precise. After many fails on my part we finally succeeded. The final product was to be presented to the widow of MWPGM Phillips. At this point I concluded my day and return home, truly humbled and excited over the day's events.



From Left to Right: WM Hayden Williams, Monarch Lodge No. 73; RW Brian J. Macon, Grand Lecturer; RW David San Juan, Senior Grand Warden; MWGM Donald R. Ware, Grand Master; RW Rodney M. James (me); RW Samuel T. King, Deputy Grand Master; RW Robert J. Eagle Spirit, Junior Grand Warden; RW Micah A. Jones, Senior Grand Steward.

MWPHGLMD Visit to MWPHGLCA Northern Masonic Region

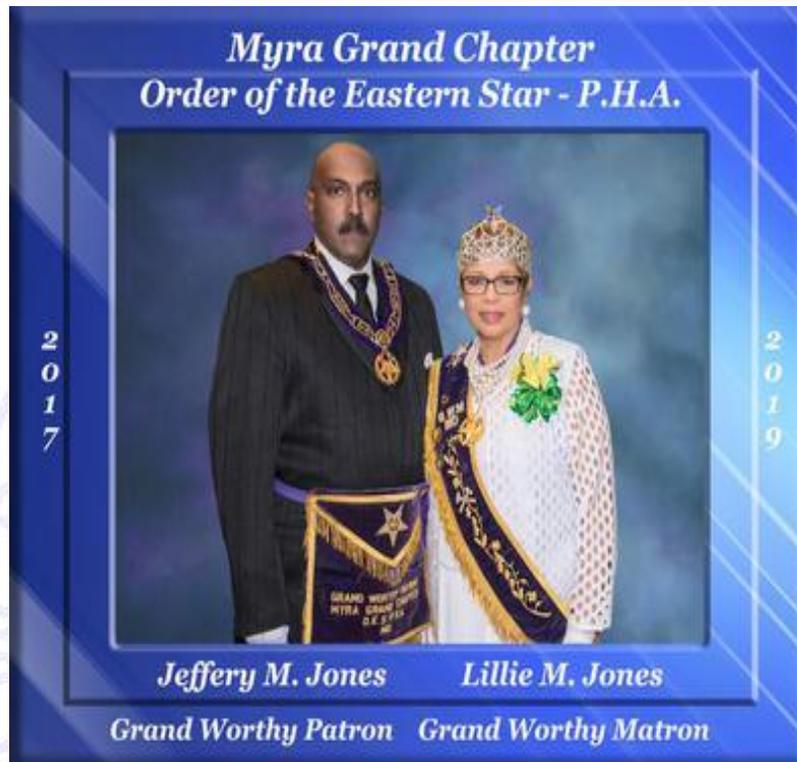


Same version placed in shadow box to be presented to the widow of MWPGM Tommie E. Phillips, Sr.

RW Rodney M. James and RW Donald James, Board Chair Emeritus



Flag, commissioned by MWGM Ware in honor of MWPGM Tommie E. Phillips, Sr.



PRAYER

Lord, please use me as your instrument to touch others' lives. Help me not be concerned about what title I hold, but instead that my life might show others your grace.

MOTTO

J.U.M.P. Jesus Understands My Prayers

GOALS

- ❖ **To increase our presence in the community;**
- ❖ **To increase the membership of constituent chapters;**
- ❖ **Strengthen relationships with city and state elected officials;**
- ❖ **Promote love and mutual respect between our Masonic Brothers and Sisters.**

“O Give Thanks unto the Lord; for he is good: for his mercy endureth forever”. Psalms 118:1

“I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me”. Philippians 4:13

Myra Grand Chapter Order of the Eastern Star



Elected Grand Chapter Officers 2017-2018

Grand Worthy Matron	Lillie M. Jones (11)
Grand Worthy Patron	Jeffery M. Jones (85)
Grand Associate Matron	Barbara J. Henderson (85)
Grand Associate Patron	Robert Perry (16)
Grand Conductress	Carmen Kearney (20)
Grand Associate Conductress	Chelly Jones (2)
Grand Treasurer	Adele E. Osborne (20)
Grand Secretary	Juanita Brinkley-Hall (11)
Grand Financial Secretary	PM Robbie Skinner (36)
Grand Assistant Secretary	PM Jeanette Randall (25)
Grand Chairman of Trustees	PM Cecilia Vandervall (41)
Grand Trustee in the South	PM Desirae Williams (25)
Grand Trustee in the North	PM Barbara Peace (11)

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Appointed Grand Officers

2017-2018

Grand Points

Grand Adah PM Alana Smoaks (19)
Grand Ruth PM Claudette Yerby (34)
Grand Esther PM Kimberly Lawhorne (54)
Grand Martha PM Linda Gibson (11)
Grand Electa PM Helen Powell (8)

Grand Flag Bearers

Grand Christian Flag PM Paula Eason (5)
Grand US Flag PM Velma Honaker 11
Grand OES Flag PM Sharon Holt (34)

Grand Chaplains

Grand Chaplain PM Kathleen Sweeney (25)
Grand Asst. Chaplain PM Mary Parker (25)

Grand Warders and Grand Sentinels

Grand Warder PM Betty Royal (85)
Grand Asst. Warder PM Beatrice Thomas-
Ward (11)
Grand Sentinel PP Charles Lewis (46)
Grand Asst. Sentinel PP Keith Anderson (84)

Grand Marshals

Grand Marshal in the East PM Mary Fields (32)
Grand Marshal in the West PM Deborah Jones (45)
Grand Asst. Marshal/Advisor PGL Ruby Hinnant (46)

Grand Musicians

Grand Musician PM Rosemary Hudson (16)
Grand Asst. Musician PP Millard Reid (85)
Grand Asst. Musician Michelle Carter (46)
(Taped Music)
Grand Chair/Director PM Joyce Ellison (84)

Appointed Grand Trustees

Appointed Grand Trustee
PP VanLear Thomas (42)
PM Gloria Criss (85)

Grand Lecturers

Grand Lecturer PM Robin R. Carpenter (46)
Grand Associate Lecturer PM Charlesta Bailey (34)
Deputy Grand Lecturer PP Paul Kearney (20)

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Deputy Grand Matrons District Deputy Grand Associate Matrons District Deputy Grand Patrons

District No. 1

DDGM PM Monique Lewis (5)
DDGAM PM Evelyn David (41)
DDGP PP Brent Haynie (53)

District No. 2

DDGM PM Venus Drummond (85)
DDGAM PM Angela Turner (46)
DDGP PP Marcilus Jolly (19)

District No. 3

DDGM PM Peggy Blake (36)
DDGAM PM Cynthia Lundy (2)
DDGP PP Ronald Butts (2)
Advisor PM Wanda Gadson (36)

District No. 4

DDGM PM Davette Askins (23)
DDGAM PM Patricia Sharp (23)
DDGP PP Delbert Benson Jr. (23)

District No. 5

DDGM PM Edith Douglass (16)
DDGAM PM Sheila Kilgoe (16)
DDGP PP Delbert Benson Jr. (23)

District No. 7

DDGM PM Karen Daughton-Thomas (8)
DDGAM PM Shirley Singleton (55)
DDGP PP Joshua Slack (20)

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Banquet Honoring GWM Lillie M. Jones

The banquet honored our lovely GWM Lillie M. Jones, it was truly a beautiful event. We were pleased to have Georgiana Thomas Grand Chapter (Our Mother Chapter) celebrate this special event. Thank You to Eureka Chapter No. 11 did an outstanding Job.



Myra Grand Chapter Order of the Easter Star



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A Happy Mother's Day

By Daphne Wanzer

The Members of Amulet Chapter No. 85 was spreading Mother's Day love and cheer to the residents of Glen Burnie Health and Rehab Center. The residents and staff were excited to have visitors and to receive Mother's Day cards. The chapter members also had the opportunity to meet a lady named Ms. Flo who will be turning 100 years old later in the month. She was so excited and grateful for their visit because she had just lost her son in April and she was still mourning her loss.



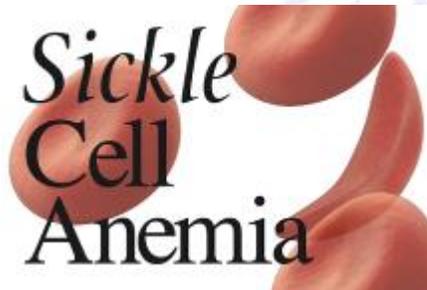
The Members of Amulet Chapter brought so much love to these resident, some who just needed to know that someone cared and thought of them on this special day.

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Myra Grand Chapter Order of the Eastern Stars addresses the state of two most underfunded health conditions in United States; Sickle Cell Anemia and Autism

by Sister Catherine Brown.



Sickle Cell Anemia is a disease that attacks the red blood cells causing them to be abnormal. This disease impacts generation after generation in a pattern of inheritance and is most common in African- Americans. There's no cure for most people with sickle cell anemia, however treatment can relieve pain and help prevent problems associated with the disease.

Autism is a serious developmental disorder that impairs the ability to communicate and interact socially. As a hidden disability the symptoms are not always visible. Recent reports from the CDC show that 1 in 59 children in the US is diagnosed with autism. Currently there is no medical test that can detect or cure autism.

Therefore, early intervention is so critical for both Sickle Cell Anemia and Autism. These health conditions affect children and adults of all racial, ethnic, and socioeconomic groups. Myra Grand Chapter Order of the Eastern Stars and the community in giving a financial contribution for the care of individuals, assist with early diagnosis, provide treatment and to conduct research. This is the first time that Myra Grand Chapter is undertaking an initiative in support of chronic disease and disorder of this caliber.

In Grand Worthy Matron Lille M. Jones expression let's ASK. SEEK. KNOCK to aide our family, communities who are in need of funding for these two-worthy causes.

Let's move and support to make an Impact!

2018 Sickle Cell Anemia and Autism Committee

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The Jones-Jones Graduation Class 2018

By Daphne Wanzer

The 2018 Jones-Jones Graduation Class shared their Motto “Strangers we entered, Friends we became, Brothers and Sisters we remain”. The year was hard, but we made it. A builder built himself a home, so looking around for an appropriate stone, he chanced upon a sapphire blue and a topaz of golden hue, then a diamond of beauty rare, and an emerald he added there. And with these he placed a ruby of love and asked for a blessing from above. This foundation he gathered from near and far and called it then the EASTERN STAR.



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District 1 Preparing and Feeding the Homeless



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Annual African Fashion Show

By Daphne Wanzer



Venus Chapter No. 56 had their Annual African Fashion Show fundraiser and community service event. A portion of the proceeds will benefit the youth organization B4 Youth Theatre in Liberia, West Africa. They had a guest designer named Tianna, who is the owner of Afropolitan boutique in Liberia. They also highlighted local youth talent through song and dance.



The B4 Youth Theatre was founded in 2010 in Liberia, West Africa by our own Sister Jasmine L. Blanks Jones, Founder/Executive Director. Their mission of empowering young people to become educated citizens through the arts. B4YT has helped children develop a vision for a better world and attain the education to realize their vision. Performing on stage gives children a way to voice their concerns. Since 2010, B4YT has served more than 300 children and trained 15 Liberian young adults as Arts Instructors across four counties in Liberia: Montserrado, Margibi, Grand Bassa and Bong.

B4YT plans on expanding to provide curriculum development, teacher training and sustainability plans for schools in at least ten of Liberia's 15 counties by 2020. It all starts with children having a chance to imagine something different.



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MTL 84 Community Service with St. Maria's Meals on Wheels

By Sister Daphne Wanzer

On Tuesday, July 10, 2018, the Sisters of Marjorie T. Lancaster No. 84 volunteered their time to help serve residents of Prince George's County at the St. Maria's Meals truck, which allows them to feed at least one hundred people in Prince George's County through the St. Maria's Meals. The members were Sister Christina Cepeda-Proctor, Sister Kenya Henry, Sister Maria Washington and Sister Erica George.



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The members of Marjorie T. Lancaster #84 who served included Sisters Octavia Bizzell-Floyd, Carol Smith, Adrien Starks, and Maria Washington. Naomi, Sis. Washington's daughter also pitched in. Other ladies who assisted included Sis. Angel Terry (from OES chapter in Oklahoma) and Sharon Barkley.

As promised, members of MTL#84 returned to its newly adopted senior living center, St. Paul Wayne's Place to assist with the Father's Day brunch on June 9, 2018. Several residents who mingled with the members in May were happy to see a few of us return. Likewise, Sis. Starks looked for a couple of residents whom she had befriended. One resident, Shorty, who was the life of the party during the Mother's Day Brunch was noticeably absent. He was in rehab but due to return soon.

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Marjorie T. Lancaster Chapter #84 Supports Mother's Day Brunch

by Sis. Adrien F.C. Starks

On May 5, 2018, members of Marjorie T. Lancaster Chapter #84 served a Mother's Day brunch to residents of the St. Paul Wayne's Place Senior Living Center, located at 114 Wayne Place SE, Washington, DC 20032.

Wayne's Place is one of several senior living centers owned by St. Paul Central Worship Center, 6419 Marlboro Pike, District Heights, MD, where Sister Starks is a member.

Approximately 40 of the 57 residents participated in the brunch, which included a live band, shrimp appetizers, chicken, macaroni and cheese, string beans, and cake. Members of Marjorie T. Lancaster #84 danced and chatted with residents, and a fun time was had by all.

The property manager was grateful for the service and immediately invited us back to help with the Father's Day Bruch taking place in a few weeks.

"I am so glad you came. I don't know what I would have done without you," said Tehany Pika, property manager. The Marjorie T. Lancaster #84 members who participated included Sisters Adrien Starks, Avis Hagans, Kenya Henry, Melba Poole, and Maria Washington.



MTL#84 has sought to serve not only those in women's shelters, but also others from youth to seniors to veterans who may need a hand up or a word of cheer. Varying the community involvement projects gives each member a chance to work with their passion.

On June 5, 2018, members of Marjorie T. Lancaster #84 were back on the move serving free meals to more than 100 residents of Prince George's County, in partnership with St. Maria's Meals, a service of Catholic Charities. The weather forecast called for rain and the dark clouds loomed over head. However, with a word of prayer and determination to see smiles on the faces of those who had gathered for a meal, Marjorie T. Lancaster #84 members and couple of women interested in joining Marjorie T. Lancaster #84 persevered. This ministry of serving and fellowshiping with the residents left all who helped ready to roll up their sleeves and return the next week.

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The Father's Day Brunch got a late start, but the members of MTL#84 got organized and prepared the recreation room for another delectable brunch. Even though the female residents seemed to outnumber the men, there were still a good number of Father's to honor on this day. The DJ played oldies but goodies and even slipped in a Wobble. With stomachs full and dessert on the way, residents once again took to the floor – and a few MTL #84 members joined them. For this pre-Father's Day function, Bro. Jae-Te Starks, along with Sisters Adrien Starks, Melba Poole, and Nikea Peyton pitched in. Joining them were Sisters Angel Terry (who's seeking to demit from Oklahoma) and Adriane Clayton (who wants to demit from D.C.).



Saturday, June 16, 2018, was a designated bagging day for the Self Help and Resource Exchange (SHARE) program, another Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Washington ministry, and Marjorie T. Lancaster #84 was on hand to assist. Members and other young ladies interested in joining the Order of the Eastern Star bagged tons of potatoes, and 400+ boxes of chicken. All of this was an effort to prepare for the upcoming distribution days. Members of Marjorie T. Lancaster #84 who worked included Sisters Kenya Henry, Eula Miller, Renna Quildon, Adrien Starks, and Maria Washington. Joining these sisters were Sis. Erica Hill, who is interested in demitting from California to Marjorie T. Lancaster #84, and Kim Cooper, who is interested in becoming an Eastern Star.



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Truth Chapter No. 19 Charity Ride and Picnic (Escorted by Sons of Solomon, MC)

By Daphne Wanzer



The Order of the Eastern Star Truth Chapter No. 19 held its first “Families In Need Charity Ride” in 2009 for a young man named Austin Ball, and on Saturday, June 30, 2018 he took part in the event for the first time as a distinguished guest.

Now 10 years old, Austin needed a heart transplant as an infant and his family received monetary assistance from the Order. After dozens of surgeries and procedures over a five-month period, Austin’s condition slowly improved, and he’s been able to live a normal life, aside from three-month checkups and an annual visit to a hospital in Pittsburgh for heart tissue evaluation.

This year the charity ride began and ended at the Village Green and Pavilion, 100 Walter Thomas Road, Indian Head, MD 20640. Donations was \$20 for both the ride and picnic and \$15 for the picnic only. The proceeds from the Charity Ride will provide Backpacks and School Supplies to children in need at Indian Head Elementary, JC Parks Elementary, Mt. Hope Elementary, Gale-Bailey Elementary, and Smallwood Middle School as part of our Families In Need Program.

There was also a “Donation Jar” that was available for those who wanted to contribute to the continuous medical expenses for Austin. If you wish to make a donation for Austin’s medical expenses, please contact Truth Chapter No. 19, Attn: Gloria Jolly, PDDGM, P. O. Box 501, Bryans Road, MD 20616, Memo on check: Austin Ball’s Medical Expenses.



Simon-Cunningham Grand Youth Fraternity



On Saturday, June 9th Simon-Cunningham Grand Youth Fraternity held their 3rd Annual Grand Youth Session at the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge located in Baltimore, Maryland. Grand Princess Matron Breyanna Burney and Grand Prince Patron Taurean K. Caesar, presented their outgoing speeches for the 2017-2018 Administrative Year. After the outgoing speeches of Princess Breyanna Burney and Prince Taurean K. Caesar, they received their Past Grand Youth Regalia, by the Myra Grand Past Grand Worthy Matron and Patron Council.

Past Grand Princess Matron Breyanna Burney (2017-2018) is the third Grand Princess Matron of Simon-Cunningham Grand Youth Fraternity. Past Grand Prince Patron Taurean K. Caesar is the third Prince Patron however, the first Past Grand Prince Patron of Simon-Cunningham Grand Youth Fraternity.



After the public installation of the 2018-2019 officers of Simon-Cunningham Grand Youth Fraternity -incoming administration for 2018-2019 Grand Princess Matron Arianna "AJ" Osborne and Grand Prince Patron Noel Osborne, Jr., affectionately acknowledged as the "Brother-Sister Duo" presented their incoming acceptance speeches. Grand Princess Matron and Grand Prince Patron Osborne are the first Brother and Sister to serve in the Grand East for Simon-Cunningham Grand Youth Fraternity.



Visiting Jurisdictions in attendance are as follows Phyllis S. Byrd Grand Youth Fraternity of Washington, DC, Order of the Knights of Pythagoras of Washington, DC, Lucy F. Dunn Gleaners No.91 of North Carolina and Knights of Pythagoras of Maryland.

Simon-Cunningham Grand Youth Fraternity



Simon-Cunningham Grand Youth Elected Officers for 2018-2019

Grand Princess Matron

Arianna Osborne

Grand Prince Patron

Noel Osborne, Jr.

Grand Princess Associate Matron

Nyah Guillaume

Grand Prince Associate Patron

PGPP Taurean K. Caesar

Grand Princess Conductress

Rian Cully

Grand Princess Associate Conductress

Khalea Turner

Grand Princess Treasurer

Arianna Osborne

Grand Princess Secretary

Imani Dendy

Grand Princess Assistant Secretary

Jasmin Land

Grand Princess Banner Bearer

Kaylah Washington

Grand Princess Chaplin

Aleecia Grays

Grand Princess Chair of Trustee

Juanima Van Zandt

Grand Princess Trustee of the North

Kamani Bell

Grand Princess Trustee of the South

Alondra Quildon

Grand Princess Inner Guard

Danae White

Grand Princess Outer Guard

Taraji White



United Supreme Council History



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The first Scottish Rite organization among African-Americans was the African Grand Council of 1820 in Philadelphia, which was referred to as a Council of Princes of Jerusalem. This Council arose through West Indian migration, for Stephen Morin had propagated the Rite there. The Organization of the King David Supreme Council grew out of the conferring in Philadelphia (1850) of the 33rd Degree by Count DeSaint Laurent (also, Larine) of the Supreme Council of France and the Grand Commander of the Council of Spain on David Leary, the first Black Inspector-General of the Prince Hall Scottish Rite.

In New York City, a Supreme Council of the United States was established in 1864. Also in 1864, a separate Supreme Council was formed in New York, which was made up of members from the National Compact Grand Lodge, from which a Southern Jurisdiction split off with the Headquarters in Baltimore, Maryland. From the Philadelphia Council, a Southern and Western Jurisdiction defected with Headquarters at Washington, D.C. In 1871 a fifth was established in Philadelphia, and was named King Fredrick Supreme Council. In 1881-1887, these five merged into 2 United Supreme Councils of the 33rd Degree: one for Northern Jurisdiction and one for Southern Jurisdiction.

Ill. Edward M. Thomas petitioned the King David Council, since he was residing in the District of Columbia, for the 33rd degree to be conferred on representative Masons in D.C., and on May 5, 1856, the conferment was made and a council was established. A fourth council was set up in Baltimore, Maryland and a fifth Council in Philadelphia. These 5 Councils petitioned for unity in a conference in New York City on January 13, 1881, and was responsible for the Articles of Union and two Supreme Councils of the Northern Jurisdiction (PHA) and the United Supreme Council of the Southern Jurisdiction (PHA).

The constitutions for the Southern Jurisdiction were established in 1887 and revised in 1917 and 1955. The Southern Jurisdiction for the United Supreme Council, PHA, consists

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of the states: AL, AR, FL, GA, KT, LA, MD, MS, Missouri, NC, OK, SC, TN, TX, VA, WV, the territories of Arizona, New Mexico, the District of Columbia, and Alaska. The Northern Jurisdiction consists of the following states: CO, Connecticut, DE, ID, Illinois, IN, IO, KA, Maine, Mass, MI, Minnesota, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, NH, NJ, NY, ND, OH, OR, Pennsylvania, RI, SD, UT, VT, Washington, Wisconsin, Wyoming, and that of the states outside Continental United States. Alaska shall belong to the Northern also.

As a result of the conference of the Sovereign Grand Commanders of the two Supreme Councils, Northern and Southern Jurisdictions A.A.S.R., PHA, on August 2, 1966, were established at the Cathedral, Fitzwater & Mole St. in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. The above divisions were made based on a boundary developed by a joint committee in Wilmington, Delaware on April 19, 1907 using the Mason- Dixon Line as an official boundary.

The Sovereign Grand Commanders:

Ill. Rev. James A. Handy, 33° (1887-1888) he also served as MWGM of the jurisdiction of Maryland

Ill. Thornton A. Jackson, 33° (1888-1904) he also served as Grand Inspector of Warren Lodge No. 9 jurisdiction of Maryland prior to the formation of the jurisdiction of the D.C.

Ill. Joseph L. H. Smith, 33° (1904-1911) he also served as MWGM of the jurisdiction of Maryland

Ill. Robert L. Pendleton, 33° (1912-1929)

Ill. Dr. Willard W. Allen, 33° (1929-1961) he also served as MWGM of the jurisdiction of Maryland

Ill. Dr. John G. Lewis, 33° (1961-1979) he also served as MWGM of the jurisdiction of Louisiana

Ill. Dr. Isadore H. Clayborn, 33° (1979 to 1994) he also served as MWGM of the jurisdiction of Texas

Ill. Dr. S. J. Bennett, 33° (1994 to 1999) he also served as MWGM of the jurisdiction of Alabama

Ill. Edgar Bridges, 33° (1999 to 2003) he also served as MWGM of the jurisdiction of Mississippi

Ill. Dr. Deary Vaughn (2003 to present) he also served as MWGM of the jurisdiction of Oklahoma

Hiram Holy Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Maryland



The Most Excellent Hiram Holy Grand Chapter Holy Royal Arch Masons – Prince Hall Affiliation In and For the State of Maryland and its Jurisdiction

On The Move

During this last Capitulary Masonic Quarter, of HRAM, had a Great quarter. We had several major events during the Quarter. First, we exalted 18 new Companions into the Holy Royal Arch hosted by the Officers and Members of Corinthian Chapter No. 20, MEHP Dennis Scott under the guidance of our Grand Lecturer, PMEGHP Calvin I. Harvey Jr, and Assistant Grand Lecturer, RE Christopher Charles, under the stewardship of REDGHP Dale E. Weaver.

On 12 May 2018 we held our 145th Semi-Annual Grand Convocation at Rising Sun Lodge in Severna Park, MD, the convocation was well attended with representatives from every stateside Chapter. Our constituent Chapters are doing great work within the Chapters as well as in their respective communities. King David Chapter No. 1 of note has adopted a Highway and cleans its area on a regular basis.

On Saturday 19 May 2018 we held our Annual Red & White Ball presided over by our REDGHP Dale E. Weaver, and his committee, wherein we honored the MEGHP; presented our Scholarships to deserving High School Seniors, and Crowned our newly exalted Companions. This year we renamed the Scholarship after PMEGHP Michael A. Taylor, to read as The Michael A. Taylor Scholarship, many of his family and friends were excited. Michael A. Taylor was the only Grand High Priest to pass while in office. We gave out two scholarships in his name in the amounts of \$2000. We also crowned our 18 newly exalted Royal Arch Masons in a Special Ceremony.

We participated in the Eastern Alliance meeting of the East Coast jurisdictions. Also, from 29 June to 4 July 2018 the MEHHGC HRAM attended The General Grand Conference of Grand Chapters HRAM for the United States of America and the Bahamas in the City of Brother Love, Philadelphia, PA. The Conference started of with a bang with one of our very own Companions Christopher Lewis-El, MEHP of King David Chapter No. 1, giving an OUTSTANDING Lecture on the Spiritual and Meta-Physical Meaning of Holy Royal Arch, his lecture was well received with the GGC Leadership with them asking him to return at the next conference to provide another lecture to the Companions. Our Maryland jurisdiction came in a third place tie for raising funds to go towards the Conference Scholarships. Also, our own PMEGHP Medford J. Campbell succeeded himself as the General Grand King, who also was the chair of the scholarship Committee. Twenty-eight jurisdictions participated in that competition. Also, our own MEGHP Eddie V. Tucker was appointed the General Grand Conference Grand Principle Sojourner.

All in All – Maryland Jurisdiction is doing Great things at home and abroad in the name of Royal Arch Masonry.

Yours In the Capitular Rite,

Eddie V. Tucker

Comp. Eddie V. Tucker, KYCH
Most Excellent Grand High Priest
“Kodesh ‘L Adonai”
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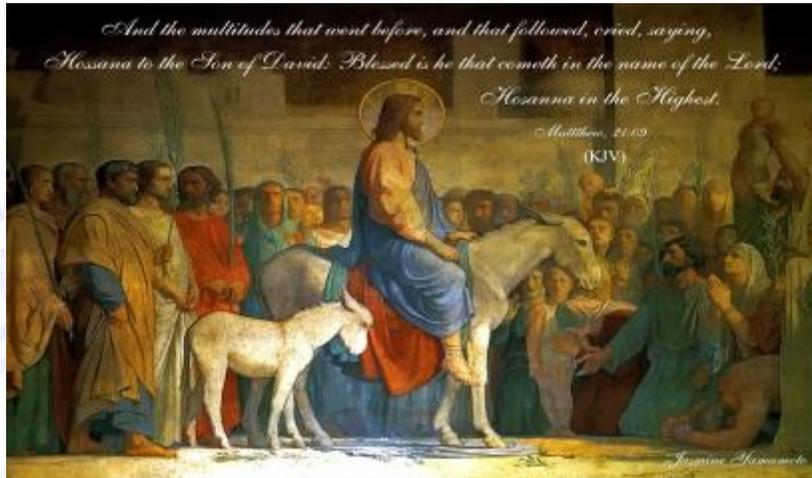
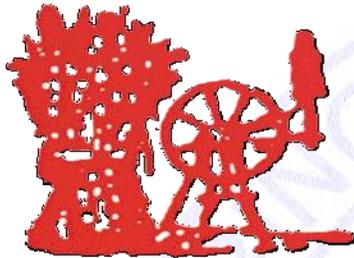
Hiram Holy Grand Chapter
Royal Arch Masons of Maryland



PHOTOS OF THE RED &
WHITE BALL OF THE
SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS
AND NEWLY CROWNED
CLASS OF ROYAL ARCH
MASONS



Rahab Grand Court Heroines of Jericho, MD Jurisdiction (PHA)



Rahab Grand Court Heroines of Jericho PHA

By MAGM Joyce E. Ellison

MAGM Joyce E. Ellison and MWGJ James W. Skinner of Rahab Grand Court Heroines of Jericho PHA, Maryland and its Jurisdiction. The Most Worthy Grand Joshua and I certainly hope you are enjoying your summer break.

Scripture: I must work the works of him that sent me, while it is day: the night cometh, when no man can work. John 9:4

The Most Ancient Matrons (MAM) from Emmanuel Court No. 4, Dobson Court No. 6 and Fairmount Court No.8 have been active in their communities providing for our children with school supplies, Nursing facilities with needed toiletries and supporting the sick and distress members by visiting, calling or sending a card of encouragement.

This year I am proud to announce that Rahab Grand Court was able to award three Annie W. Johnson scholarships at the Vice Ancient Matron and Vice Joshua Graduation Ceremony. Each student will be heading to college of their choice this fall.

On June 7, 2018, there were six (6) graduates of the 2018 Ellison- Skinner MAM Graduating Class. One of the largest classes in several years. The graduates who will be elevated to the east are **Emmanuel Court No. 4**, Vice Ancient Matron: Georgene Butler, who was the class Valedictorian and the Vice Joshua, Robin Griffith, Sr.; **Dobson Court No. 6**, Vice Ancient Matron: Sherri J. Offer and the Vice Joshua, Eddie V. Tucker (MEGHP) and **Fairmount Court No.8**, Vice Ancient Matron Teresa Hicks, who was the Salutatorian, and the Vice Joshua, Stephen Bush. This class is going to do wonderful things because they are Great. Congratulations and we are proud of you.

Rahab Grand Court Heroines of Jericho, MD Jurisdiction (PHA)



We had the great honor to represent the Rahab Grand Court at the 96th Annual General Grand Conference of Grand Courts of Heroines of Jericho of United States and the Bahamas held in Essington, Pennsylvania on June 29th - July 4, 2018.



We were represented well as a delegation and we want to thank all of our members who travel with us to the conference. Indeed, we did not return empty handed, the Whistles and Bells go out to PMAGM Patricia A. Green, who was Awarded Deputy of the year for the seventh consecutive time. This award was re-named "The Patricia A. Green Deputy of The Year Award", and a special Thanks to the Grand Inner Gate Keeper, Cecilia Vandervall, who put our scrapbook together for Rahab Grand Court, which allowed us to receive 2nd Place in this competition.

Anyone interested in becoming a member of Rahab Grand Court, we welcome you with open arms. We Look forward to seeing you and It will be one of the best decisions you ever made.

Naomi Grand Court Ladies of the Circle of Perfection MD Jurisdiction (PHA)



Naomi Grand Court, Ladies of the Circle of Perfection

By Sharon Y. Hines

The Naomi Grand Court, Ladies of the Circle of Perfection is an Auxiliary to the Most Illustrious Prince Hall Grand Council, Royal & Select Master, PHA Maryland Jurisdiction.



They had their 11th Annual Grand Session on July 21, 2018 at the MWPGHL, 1307 Eutaw Place, Baltimore Maryland. Janice Albritton-Pollock, Royal Grand Perfect Matron and, Shawn Samuel, Sr., Royal Grand Chief Advisor presided. The Grand session opened at 0900 AM Ritually, and the Reception of the Royal Grand Perfect Matron, Royal Grand Chief Advisor and the Reception of Past Royal Grand Perfect Matrons and Royal Grand Chief Advisor was received as well as the Reception of the Foreign Jurisdictions, including Esther Grand Court, Philadelphia, PA, Dorcas Grand Court, District of Columbia and Prince Hall Grand Court, Virginia and Prince Hall Grand Court North Carolina.



Reception of our Prince Hall Family including Myra Grand Chapter, Order of Eastern Star, Grand Worthy Matron Lillie M. Jones and Grand Worthy Patron Jeffery M. Jones. Reception of the Honorable Emanuel J. Stanley, MWGM, and his Cabinet. The Welcome was delivered by Royal Grand Deputy Matron Joyce Ellison.

Naomi Grand Court
Ladies of the Circle of Perfection MD Jurisdiction
(PHA)



RGDM Joyce Ellison received her Honorary PRGPM honors and RGPM Janice A. Pollock was welcomed into the Past Royal Grand Perfect Matron Council.



The Election was held at this Annual Grand Session and the following are the newly Elected Grand Officers for the Administration for the ensuing year 2018-2019.

Naomi Grand Court

- Royal Grand Perfect Matron Sharon Y. Hines
- Royal Grand Chief Advisor Shawn Samuel, Sr.
- Royal Grand Deputy Matron Alana Smoaks
- Royal Grand Principle Conductress Joyce I. Dyson
- Royal Grand Associate Conductress Geneva Rose
- Royal Grand Conductress of Ceremonies Hilda Phillip
- Royal Grand Treasurer Beverly Johnson-Conaway
- Royal Grand Secretary Desirae Williams
- Royal Grand Financial Secretary Betty I. Zellner
- Royal Grand Chairman, Trustee (1 year) Betty Royal
- Royal Grand Trustee (2 year) Charlesetta Bailey
- Royal Grand Trustee (3 year) Alberta Smith-Colden
- Royal Grand Lecturers Gwendolyn Moore, Vanessa Thompson, and Larylon Young

The Constituent Courts Elected Officers are as follows:

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| Ruth Court No. 1 | |
| RPM Georgene Butler | RCA Stan Chase |
| Bathsheba Court No. 2 | |
| RPM Camilla Smith | RCA Thomas Russum |
| Esther Court No. 3 | |
| RPM Wendii Burstion | RCA Jason Burstion |

Most Royal Grand Court of Cyrenes

Most Royal Grand Court of Cyrene 23rd Annual Grand Session

By Y. Michelle Dowleyne



The 23rd Annual Grand Session of Most Royal Grand Court of Cyrene, Maryland and its Jurisdiction under the leadership of Most Royal Grand Commandress (MRGC) Y. Michelle Dowleyne and Most Royal Grand Chief Engineer (MRGCE) Thomas Russum was held at the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Maryland on July 14, 2018. This was a full and joyous day had by all. The session started with a welcome letter to all attendees at the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge for Most Royal Grand Court 23rd Annual Grand Session, Mayor Catherine E. Pugh, Mayor of Baltimore City. This informed everyone in attendance that this session would be a memorable one to all.



The Most Royal Grand Court of Cyrene of Maryland was honored to have the following visitors join them with well wishes on a successful annual session: The Jurisdiction of DC: Grand Princess Commandress Vera Smith, Grand Martha Elizabeth Howard, Grand Acting Secretary Carolyn Hunter and Royal Sister Barbara Clark. The Jurisdiction of VA: Most Royal Grand Commandress Carol Hundley and Grand Martha Cassandra Barnes and the Past Grand Most Royal Grand Commandress. From the Tarheel State, NC: Most Royal Grand Princess Commandress Nellie Wright -Jones graced us and from the Jurisdiction of PA, we had love from Most Royal Grand Commandress Yvonne Hagler, Royal Grand Martha Cheryl Priest and Royal Grand Magdalene Pamela M. White. Not only did the love of fellow Jurisdictions come out in numbers but, a session would not be complete without the faces of the Maryland Prince Hall Family: Most Ancient Grand Matron Joyce Ellison, Royal Grand Perfect Matron Janice Pollock, State Grand Loyal Lady Ruler, TN, Geneva Rose, Deputy for the Desert of MD, Imperial Court Daughters, Alberta Smith-Colden, Most Eminent Grand Commander Sir Knight Christopher Charles and St. Andrew Commandery. And to he holds this Jurisdiction together, the Royal Grand Court was honored to have in the midst of their session giving words of wisdom and encouragement, the Most Honorable

Most Royal Grand Court of Cyrenes

Emanuel J. Stanley, Most Worshipful Grand Master of Maryland and Its Jurisdiction Prince Hall Affiliated and his cabinet.

MRGC Dowleyne's theme this year was (USB) United Sisterhood and Brotherhood. With all of the accomplishments that the members had this year you can see that they truly lived up to this motto. The following highlights of the 23rd Annual Grand Session reflect the work that the members of this Grand Court have done over the last year:



The Constituent Courts were recognized for the work they have done in the community. Throughout the year community service events including feeding the homeless veterans with the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Maryland, food baskets to families during the year and holiday, clothing and gifts for children for Christmas, working with veterans during the year giving socks and Valentine's Day treats, passing out Mother's and Father's Day cards to the Senior Citizens and Veteran's Home.

The Augustus Scott Scholarship Committee worked hard to enable the Royal Grand Court to present three \$500 Scholarships to: Ms. Aja Johnson with a 3.5 GPA, Ms. Tijae McNeal with a 3.6 GPA, and Mr. Isaac Clarke with 3.4.



One of the visions for the Grand Court this year was membership increase, which was increased by over 34 members. At the 23rd Annual Grand Session of the Most Royal Grand Court of Cyrene, Robert M. Julius Royal Court No. 7 was chartered into the Royal Grand Court by Most Eminent Commander Sir Knight Christopher Charles, MRGC Y. Michelle Dowleyne, MRGCE Thomas Russum and the assistance of MWGM Emanuel J. Stanley. The 22 new Royal Sisters and Sir Knights of Robert M. Julius Royal Court will be led under the leadership of RC Geneva Rose and RCE Eugene Bradford. This was an historical moment in the Jurisdiction of Maryland on July 14th, 2018.

Most Royal Grand Court of Cyrenes

Awards were given to the constituent courts for the hard work they had done in the community and the Most Royal Grand Court of Cyrene as follows: gave abundantly to the community including feeding homeless veterans, food baskets for the holidays and the year, Gifts to children for Xmas several, working with veterans throughout the year and giving Mothers Day and Fathers Day cards to Senior Citizens at Senior Homes.

Honorary MRGC -PRC Nicole Bost
Honorary MRGC -PRC Joyce Ellison
Royal Sister of the Year -RS Altamease Pankey
Royal Commandress of the Year – RC Sharon Hines
Royal Court of the Year- Palestine Royal Court No. 5
Community Service Award- Beasant Royal Court No. 1
Community Service Award of the Year – Beasant Royal Court No. 1
Grand Appointed Officer of the Year -RS Charlesta Bailey
Grand Elected Officer of the Year- Grand Treasurer Nicole Bost
New Member of the Year- RS Martha Hyman



The session ended with Past Grand Honors being bestowed on Most Royal Grand Commandress Y. Michelle Dowleyne and Most Royal Grand Chief Engineer Thomas Russum and PMRGC Betty Zellner being installed as the newly elected Most Royal Grand Commandress, and Sir Knight Dennis Scott being installed as the Most Royal Grand Chief Engineer.

Willard W. Allen State Grand Assembly Order of the Golden Circle (AASR)



Willard W. Allen State Grand Assembly, USC-TN Order of the Golden Circle

By Daphne Wanzer

Motto: “Working Together with Peace and Unity”

The Willard W. Allen State Grand Assembly, USC-TN, Order of the Golden Circle, PHA, Auxiliary to the Samuel T. Daniels, Sr Council of Deliberation. We had the pleasure of attending the 2018 Council of Deliberation Annual Grand Session held July 6-7, 2018 in Solomon’s Island, MD. The delegation to the conference included the Honorable Emanuel J. Stanley, MWGM and a delegation of visiting SGIGs from the Orients of Virginia, Texas, Delaware, District of Columbia, North Carolina, and Alabama.

The Willard W. Allen State Grand Assembly opened their session with the members from Thomas Scott Lyles No. 334 and Ladies of the Rite No.363 presiding over the opening of the session and welcoming State Grand Loyal Lady Ruler Geneva Rose and her cabinet into the 44th Annual session. The Grand Assembly was pleased to receive the SGLLR for Washington, DC and the SGLLAR from Virginia to the session, along with the Grand Leaders from the Concordant Bodies of the Maryland Jurisdiction and the Grand Worthy Matron, Lillie M. Jones, Myra Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, PHA, Maryland Jurisdiction and her cabinet to the session.

Our State Grand Loyal Lady Ruler Geneva Rose received her crown and collar from the Deputy of the Orient of Maryland, ILL. SGIG Garnett Hall and Past Loyal Lady Ruler (PLLR) Gwendolyn Moore received the honor of being granted a Past State Grand Loyal Lady Ruler (PSGLLR) as well.



The following Assemblies make up the Willard W. Allen State Grand Assembly, they are as follows: Queen Esther Assembly No.1: LLR Gloria B. Porter, Thomas Scott Lyles Assembly No. 334: LLR Daphne

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ne M. Wanzer and Ladies of the Rite Assembly No. 363: LLR Michelle Dowleyne. Two (2) new assemblies have been formed and they are the Prince Hall Assembly, who was initiated by Thomas Scott Lyles Assembly No. 334 and New Aberdeen Assembly, who was initiated by Queen Esther Assembly No.1. The session was enjoyed by all and was a huge success!



Enterprise Lodge #3 1st Masonic District



Enterprise Lodge 170th Anniversary Celebration



MWPGM Morton 92nd Birthday Celebration

Enterprise Lodge #3 1st Masonic District



By Bro. Brandon Guy

Strong Women of Today & Tomorrow

The Strong Women of Today and Tomorrow (S.W.T.T.) is an after school organization established in 2003 to help girls become leaders, identify problems, create solutions and better their school community. As a women's empowerment group we have touched the lives of over 200 girls here at Baltimore City College.

In school year 2004-2005 two important components of S.W.T.T. were added; the step team held their first tryouts and the first Women's Tea was held. Since that time both the step team and the tea have grown. Early on we were fortunate to have City alum Brandon Guy '01' come back and work with the girls as step coach. Long hours have been put in, his calm demeanor keeps things going and his creativity adds just the right spice to the routines. He has been working with the girls from around 2011, left when he took a position out of state and when he returned to the area reestablished his position as coach and I couldn't be happier.

The tea has grown to an annual event where each young lady brings two guests; strong women who have influenced them through their lives. Most bring mothers and family members but many bring teachers, Sunday school teachers, pastors, Girl Scout leaders, godmothers, neighbors and other women who have been a positive influence in their lives. In 2013 we were fortunate to hold that tea at the Iota Phi Theta headquarters here in Baltimore. (See the attached sample invitation) Annually we have about 25 – 30 girls join S.W.T.T. and by the time the tea comes around about 15 – 20 are still participating. This year we had over 40 girls join the group of 18 that remained from the previous year! Even with attrition, we have outgrown our library and plan to have the tea on June 1, 2018 at Mt. Calvary AME Church in Towson, MD.

We would like to thank Enterprise Lodge #3 for supporting us in this most worthy endeavor.

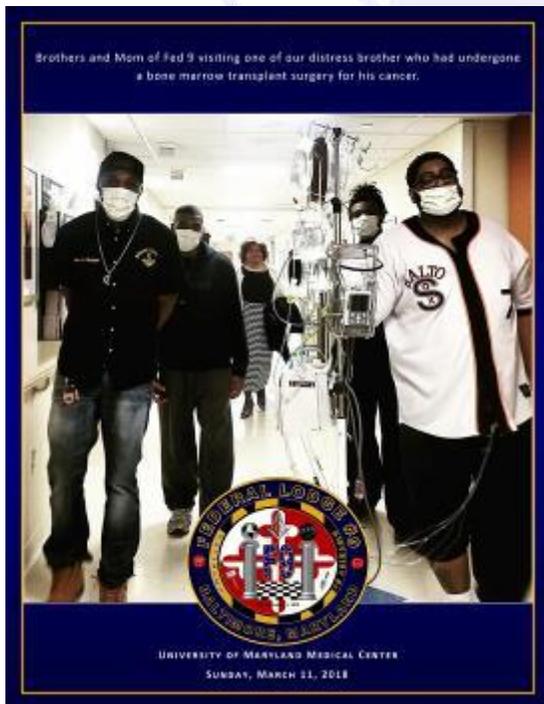
Donna Givens, Lead School Counselor
Counselor for:

- The Class of 2021
- The Class of 2019, IB Diploma Candidates

Baltimore City College, Baltimore MD



Federal Lodge #9 1st Masonic District



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Fairmount Lodge #92 4th Masonic District



By WM Napoleon Jasper

Memorial Day Parade and Ceremony



On Monday, May 28, 2018 the Town of Fairmount Heights sponsored a Memorial Day Parade and Ceremony. The Parade Coordinator, Ms. Stella Hargrove, personally requested Fairmount Lodge #92 to assist in honoring the veterans of the Nation, Prince Georges County and the Town of Fairmount Heights.



The Parade and Wreath Laying Ceremony was especially planned to give honor to Mr. Edward Jordan. Mr. Jordan was a gentleman who had lived until his recent death, in the house at the end of the lodge parking lot, and who was awarded the Bronze Star during his military service.

Fairmount Lodge #92 4th Masonic District



The Lodge responded resoundingly and Brothers convened with other parade participants at 9 A.M. for the parade assembly on 61st Avenue and Sheriff Road. The Brothers marched from the assembly point, through the Town to the Fairmount Heights World War II Veterans Memorial where they were joined by other Brothers from the Lodge, who were physically unable to walk with the parade. Inclement weather caused a slight drizzle on the day of the parade, but that did not stop the Brothers of “The Mighty Nine Deuce,” who were there until the end.



The parade terminated at the Fairmount Heights World War II Veterans Memorial on 59th Street. The following organizations participated in the parade: the Takoma Park Honor Guard, the Veterans of Foreign Wars (Posts 7757 and 7736), Members of the D.C. National Guard, the Police Department, the Fire Department and the Towns’ Officials including the Mayor, Chief of Police, City Council Members as well as other town’s people and candidates for local political offices. All assembled at the Veterans Memorial. The Honor Guard was truly a spectacle to see as they stood at brisk and sharp attention

in front of the Memorial, which had been beautify decorated. Mrs. Hargrove had previously asked if someone from the Lodge would say a few words at the ceremony in honor of the Veterans. Among the speakers was RW Otis Wilson, a member of the Mighty Nine Deuce, who answered the call. RW Wilson gave a wonderful, inspiration, spiritual, uplifting and rousing speech that had all who heard it sitting on the edge of their seats or standing on their tippy toes. It was a moving speech that expressed gratitude to God for his manifold blessings and mercies. He challenged the towns people to continue to exhibit the characteristics of love and unity. It was a marvelous, inspirational and motivating speech. The VFW conducted the Wreath Laying Speech and the town provided hot dogs and hamburgers to all in attendance. It was a wonderful affair and another fine example of the close relationship between Fairmount Lodge #92 and the Town of Fairmount Heights.



7th Masonic District RW DDGM Melvin Shorter



Black History Luncheon



The five lodges of the 7th Masonic District in collaboration with the Multicultural Advisory Committee and the Frederick Douglass Honor Society of Chesapeake College hosted a luncheon on Saturday, February 3, 2018. The event was in celebration of Black History Month and the 200th birthday of Frederick Douglass. The event was held at Chesapeake College; featured guest speaker was Simeaka Melton founder of Dear Girls Academy, Inc. The lunch was catered by members of District Seven. All proceeds from the event benefited the Chesapeake College J.C. Gibson Memorial Book Fund. Pictures show members of

District #7 in attendance.



Thomas H. Kiah Lodge #101 7th Masonic District



Thomas H. Kiah #101 hosted two fundraising events. On May 5, 2018 members held a fish fry and barbeque in Church Hill, MD. Proceeds from the event will go towards Christmas outreach programs. On May 26, 2018 the lodge participated in the Chestertown Tea Party Festival, an annual event where the lodge sells crab cake sandwiches and other concessions.

Pictures show members of Thomas H. Kiah #101 at the fish fry and barbeque fundraiser event.



Bee Hive Lodge #66 9th Masonic District



*By Bro. John R. Countryman
Commander, The American Legion, Department of MD, Southern Maryland District*

MEMORIAL DAY SPEECH

Greetings to my comrades, Sons of the American Legion, Auxiliary Unit members, all military veterans, esteemed dignitaries, families, and friends. First, I'd like to give special thanks to The American Legion, Post 82 Commander, Raymond "Buddy" Hindle, for the opportunity to address you today on this most momentous occasion.

Although it is proper to give due homage to everyone I mentioned, Retired General Martin Dempsey so aptly stated in a tweet, "This day, of all days of the year, should not be about any one of us. No matter how prestigious or powerful, no matter how successful we perceive ourselves to be. Rather, this day should be about those who gave their lives so that we could live ours in freedom.' I found that statement to be quite profound because too many times, we hold ourselves greater than the occasion.

I spent many hours contemplating on what I would say today, and no matter how I tried, words kept escaping me. Suddenly, like a storm on the horizon, thoughts of Memorial Day flooded my mind. As I sat down to write my speech, it would have been so easy to just highlight some historical facts about Memorial Day; such as the holiday was first name Decoration Day, a day of placing flowers on the graves of Civil War veterans; or that in 1966, Waterloo, NY became the official birthplace of Memorial Day; or that it became an official holiday in 1971, and so on, and so on... but most of us already know the facts of Memorial Day, so it seemed useless to belabor on, and bore you with trivia.

Traditionally, we celebrate Memorial Day on the last Monday in May, but in its truest sense, the holiday is actually annually on the 30th day of May. Therefore, today, 30 May 2018, is the official day to remember those that gave the ultimate sacrifice during times of war. I won't assume, but I can say with almost 100 percent certainty that we've all heard the slogan, "all gave some, and some gave all; a slogan predominantly linked to Viet Nam veterans, but I'll go out on a limb and beg to differ; not to downplay that war era, but to state that slogan can be synonymous to all military war veterans who left pieces of their mind, body and soul on the battlefield, and some gave the ultimate sacrifice. Some were victims, and some stood and took the bullet or blast to save their comrades, but regardless of the way they died in battle, they are all heroes that paved the way for us to continue to live in the land of the free, and the home of the brave.

I'll step out even further on the limb and state that this holiday is even more than just remembering our departed war veterans; what about the millions of families that lost pieces of their lives on those unseen battlefields; those mothers, fathers, brothers, sisters, sons, daughters, grandchildren, family and friends. What about that coworker that was as close as a family member; that Pastor, Rabbi, minister, Priest, and other members of the clergy that prayed for our service members, no matter what their denomination or faith? What about that teacher who took so much pride in their students achievements and they too saw them off to war; what about that young lady or young man that was engaged and waiting for their soon-to-be life-long partner to come back home...yet so many people that had ties in differing ways lost people dear to their hearts, and ultimately too many families were startled with a knock at the door, by a person sharply dressed in a well tailored military uniform, who was delivering the sad news that their loved one would not be returning. Yes, many men and women lost their lives and many more lost their loved ones, so here we are, memorializing the military veterans that vanished from the earth, but will always live on in our hearts.

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In 1981, Kelly Strong, a seventeen year old, high school senior, Junior Reserve Officers Training Corps (JROTC) cadet, penned the words to a poem entitled, Freedom Is Not Free. In his words:

"FREEDOM IS NOT FREE"

I watched the flag pass by one day.
It fluttered in the breeze
A young soldier saluted it, and then
He stood at ease.
I looked at him in uniform
So young, so tall, so proud
With hair cut square and eyes alert
He'd stand out in any crowd.
I thought, how many men like him
Had fallen through the years?
How many died on foreign soil?
How many mothers' tears?
How many Pilots' planes shot down?
How many foxholes were soldiers' graves?
No, Freedom is not free.
I heard the sound of taps one night,
When everything was still.
I listened to the bugler play
And felt a sudden chill.
I wondered just how many times
That taps had meant "Amen"
When a flag had draped a coffin
Of a brother or a friend.
I thought of all the children,
Of the mothers and the wives,
Of fathers, sons and husbands
With interrupted lives.
I thought about a graveyard
At the bottom of the sea
Of unmarked graves in Arlington.
No, Freedom is not free!!

I retired from the United States Air Force in September 1995. Those years that I served were pretty much good as gold and mostly worry-free, until that last time I raised my right hand and took the solemn oath of reenlistment; during the time of the Gulf War. Now, all of a sudden, that oath that I had recited numerous times before suddenly became real. I

can recall the lump in my throat as I repeated those profound words of the enlisted persons oath of enlistment:

I, John R. Countryman, Jr., do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; and that I will obey the orders of the President of the United States and the orders of the officers appointed over me, according to regulations and the Uniform Code of Military Justice. So help me God."

It seemed like so few words, but acute and sincere, and with new meaning during times of war. Those were the words that led us from our homelands, to foreign lands. Those were the words of your heroes.

There is a bright star that shines in the east; a pot of gold at the end of the rainbow; a softened pillow to lay our heads upon, even when we silently weep. Why???... Because if we believe in a higher power, we hold on to the promise that the Lord will never put more on us than we can bear before He gives us a way out, and that one day, in the twinkling of an eye and the sound of the harp, we'll see our loved ones again.

As I close, let us always remember and cherish the memories of those that answered the final call during war in order to preserve our freedom. Let's never forget their sacrifice for their families, friends, and associates.

Emily Toma penned these words:

Remember those who served before
Remember those who are no more
Remember those who serve today
Remember them all on Memorial Day.

Bee Hive Lodge #66 9th Masonic District



Not surprising, but outrageous to me, some people don't give proper respect to our fallen heroes, or our veterans as a whole. Believe it or not, even some of our veterans don't give a hoot about their military service. A couple days ago, I was in a conversation with a co-worker, a retired Navy veteran. I mentioned how it is enlightening to go places and hear people say one simple sentence that goes such a long way, "thank you for your service." Now, this was a military retiree I was speaking with, and he quickly diminished that thought by saying he is tired of hearing that statement because it is said so much he feels it has just become a common phrase with no merit. Some subjects aren't worth debating, so I didn't. I left him with my simple thought that I believe most people that say thank you for your service, really do mean it. I say it often and never get tired of hearing it.

I can remember long ago, I was riding in a funeral procession with my mother. As we rode down the street, a man stood on the sidewalk and rendered a salute as the hearse passed by. I'll never forget my mother's words, "it is refreshing to know that there are still people in the world that have dignity."

Universal Lodge #14 10th Masonic District



Brother Secretary Thomas C. Fagan Jr.

Universal Lodge No. 14 Attends the 10th Biennial Symbolic Reopening of African Lodge No. 459 Boston, Massachusetts on April 27-29, 2018



Universal Lodge No. 14 once again on the step with Worshipful Master Gregory D. Williams, attended the reopening which included sitting Most Worshipful Grand Masters from various jurisdictions to participate as line officers in full colonial dress and regalia. They represented each of the original Lodge Officers of African Lodge No. 459. The re-opening took place Saturday April 28, 2018 on Castle Island with the reception of visiting Grand Masters together with their delegations and where 15 true Fellow Crafts from various Prince Hall Grand Lodge Jurisdictions were raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason.

The Honorable Yves-R Maignan, Most Worshipful Grand Master of Prince Hall Masons, Jurisdiction of Massachusetts, proclaims April 28, 2018 a day of celebration in honor of our first Most Worshipful Grand Master, Prince Hall and African Lodge No. 459 of Boston.



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Members of the Maryland contingency included PM Alfred J. Dorsey Sr U14, Brother Carlos R. Simms U14, WM Gregory D. Williams U14, Brother Todd L. Smith U14, R.W. Randolph S. Smith, Sr., 33°, MWPHGL of Maryland Grand Lecturer, Brother Venicent W. Blair U14, Brother Jason Tyler U14, Brother Reginald B. Simms U14 and Brother Allan Herring.

The weekend included a visit to the Museum of African American History, Cambridge Commons/Prince Hall Monument and Prince Hall's Grave at Copp's Hill Burial Ground and African Lodge No. 459 Table Lodge

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*...give the right hand of affection and fellowship to whom it justly belongs; let their colour or completion be what it will, let their nation be what it may, for they are your brethren and it is your indispensable duty so to do...**Prince Hall***

ON MARCH 6, 1775 ...they knocked... and were Entitled to Enter, then Properly Passed and thence, Rightfully Raised

Brother Trustee Todd Lamont Smith U14 indicated that it's a pilgrimage that every Master Mason should make, if within the length of their cable tow.

Universal Lodge #14 10th Masonic District



Brother Secretary Thomas C. Fagan Jr.

Universal Lodge 14 “Men of Valor” of District Ten Complete Community Service

On Saturday 28 April 2018 Universal Lodge 14 “Men of Valor” newly initiated Entered Apprentice, along with representatives from (SOME) **So Others May Eat**, participated in Community Service at Prince Georges Community College in Largo, Maryland. Starting at 08:50 to 11:30 the community service project was to prepare meals for the homeless and provide inspirational messages to those in need. Brother EA Keith Anthony Nicks, Sr inscribed inspiring transcripts to be included with bag meals. Universals “Men of Valor” prepared 275 sandwiches along with chips and bag them for those present, deliveries and to be distributed to the shelters.



The “Men of Valor” truly enjoyed the altruistic act and experience of community service supporting one of Masonry’s Tenants’ of Relief though Charity.

William F. Taylor Lodge #57 11th Masonic District



WM. F. TAYLOR LODGE #57 ESTABLISHES ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP FUND WITH MSU

William F. Taylor Lodge #57, of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge, F.&A.M. of Maryland and Jurisdiction Inc., has established an endowed scholarship fund with Morgan State University. This fund was established under the leadership of Worshipful Master Clayton Taylor. The fund is a \$10,000 scholarship agreement which is payable, over five years. This is a perpetual fund through the MSU Foundation, with scholarships being awarded based in the annual interest earned on the lodge's investment.

The lodge is being assisted in this endeavor via a \$500 annual commitment by the 45° Council, a private charitable organization whose members are Past Masters of Wm. F. Taylor. In addition, the first individual contribution has been made by P.M. Edward Pettaway to enhance the lodge's ability to provide scholarships.

The endowment agreement was coordinated through Ms. Denise Smith, MSU Development Officer for Institutional Advancement. Anyone wishing to establish such an agreement can contact Ms. Smith at 443-885-3325, or via denise.smith@morgan.edu.



MSU WFT Check Presentation
First Row (L to R)

P.M. Maurice Wood, Jr., W.M. Clayton Taylor, Ms. Denise Smith, P.M. Leonard Parker, P.M. Edward Pettaway
Second Row (L to R)

P.M. Roosevelt Jordan. Jr., P.M. Kenneth Cloud, Bro. Isaac Tynes, Bro. Marvin Briscoe, P.M. Alvin Parks, Sr., P.M. Kevin Sanders



MSU PM CHECK PRESENTATION
(L to R)

W.M. Clayton Taylor, Ms. Denise Smith
P.M. Edward Pettaway



45 Degree Council Check Presentation

P.M. Roosevelt Jordan. Jr., P.M. Maurice Wood, Jr., W.M. Clayton Taylor, P.M. Kenneth Cloud, Ms. Denise Smith, P.M. Kevin Sanders (Council President), P.M. Leonard Parker, P.M. Alvin Parks, Sr, P.M. Edward Pettaway

13th Masonic District DDGM Lonsdale Skinner



PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE VISIT TO THE 13TH DISTRICT

The District Deputy Grand Master of the 13th District, RW Lonsdale Skinner, has been a United Kingdom resident member of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Maryland since 1981. RW Lonsdale Skinner had stated openly, on numerous occasions, of never having the slightest inclination whatsoever to visit any of the United Grand Lodge of England and Wales, the Grand Lodge of Scotland nor the Grand Lodge of Ireland constituent lodges within the British Isles. However, many members of the 13th District of the Most Worshipful Prince Grand Lodge of Maryland would seek his permission to visit the aforementioned Grand Lodges constituent lodges having been invited to do so by work colleagues, fathers-in-law, brothers-in-law, friends etc.

The District Deputy Grand Master has tried on many occasions, in vain I may add, to persuade those members not to attend the lodges because the members of those visited lodges would inevitably want to see, at least one, of the Prince Hall Affiliated lodges.

Three out of the four Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Maryland United Kingdom-based lodges are located on military establishments, and on occasions do not meet in the most salubrious of settings. The fourth lodge meets in rented accommodation in London, which on occasions can be very untidy and unwelcoming.

The District Deputy Grand Master has refused a few requests from members of lodges within the 13th District for visits from members of the above-mentioned Grand Lodges because he could not be convinced

of the meeting places being up to standard. Being the selected leader, rightly or otherwise, in any part of our historic Prince Hall Affiliation organization at all times carries awesome responsibilities.



Therefore, the District Deputy Grand Master has always insisted that one of his primary duties in the United Kingdom of all places, is to maintain the integrity of our organization at all times. Hence his reluctance to acquiesce to requests for members of 'foreign' jurisdictions to visit our lodges without being guaranteed that the meeting places and surrounding environment are of a high standard.

However, despite all of the above, RW Lonsdale Skinner relented after receiving a series of e-mail messages from one Worshipful Bro Webster Springer and agreed to the English Masons, as members of the United Grand Lodge of England and Wales are affectionately called locally, to attend a 13th District meeting on Saturday 18th November, 2017.

13th Masonic District DDGM Lonsdale Skinner



Worshipful Bro Webster Springer, a Past Provincial Sword Bearer, of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Buckinghamshire, commenced corresponding with the District Deputy Grand Master via e-mail in late January, 2017. He admitted being fascinated with Prince Hall Masonry after finding out that his late uncle was a Prince Hall Affiliation Mason in the Jurisdiction of Connecticut. In addition he stated as a tribute to his now departed uncle and the Tercentenary celebration of Freemasonry or the 300th anniversary of the establishment of the Grand Lodge of England, which gave Prince Hall Freemasonry its charter, Worshipful Bro Webster Springer requested a visit to one of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Maryland Jurisdiction's lodges located near the Provincial Grand Lodge of Buckinghamshire, namely Nero Prince # 126.

Worshipful Bro Webster Springer also informed the District Deputy Grand Master that he had contacted the Secretary of Nero Prince #126 on numerous occasions over a four year period requesting visits to the lodge, but was notified that most of the members were away on temporary military duty outside of the United Kingdom, and as such scheduled meetings were suspended. Unfortunately I had to reply to his late January 2017 request in a similar vein but promised to arrange a visit within the next three months.

In response to the District Deputy Grand Master's correspondence Worshipful Bro Webster Springer invited RW Lonsdale Skinner and other members of the 13th District to the consecration of Classic Car Lodge under the umbrella of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Buckinghamshire in late May,

2017. The District Deputy Grand Master could not attend the event since he had a prior engagement on the said date.

Worshipful Bro Webster Springer subsequently contacted the District Deputy Grand Master in June and September, 2017 about the previous requests to visit Nero Prince Lodge#126. The District Deputy Grand Master, after consulting with the 13th District staff and Worshipful Masters replied to the September, 2017 communication suggesting a possible meeting at Clarence H Beavers Lodge#124 (within the 13th District), located at RAF Alconbury in the county of Cambridgeshire, on Saturday 18th November, 2017. Clarence H Beavers Lodge#124 at the time had the best accommodation out of the four lodges in the 13th District. Due to unforeseen security problems at RAF Alconbury the visit had to be moved to RAF Croughton in Oxfordshire the home of Nero Prince Lodge#126. The meeting room at RAF Croughton was much smaller than the accommodation at RAF Alconbury but the District Deputy Grand Master decided that it was of the utmost importance to ensure that the visitation occurred on the planned date, remembering that the integrity of Prince Hall Affiliation Masonry, must be upheld without fail.

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The District Deputy Grand Master had decided, after consultation with District Staff members, that the District would host the visitation instead of one of the District lodges and ask all in country Master Masons, owing allegiance to the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Maryland, to be in attendance. As expected quite a number of members were sent on temporary military duty outside of the United Kingdom shortly before the visitation.

On Saturday 18th November, 2018 all of the lodges of the 13th District were well represented to officially fellowship with their English brethren since the establishment of Donald E Jones #121, the first Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Maryland lodge in the United Kingdom on 23rd February, 1967. That was fifty years of waiting.

The visiting delegation was led by Worshipful Bro Graham Thorn, Grand Registrar of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Buckinghamshire. The delegation of 15 included four members from the Provincial Grand Lodge of Middlesex. All but one of the visitors were Past Masters.

After the traditional introductions of both the visiting and host members, the District Deputy Grand Master RW Lonsdale Skinner officially welcomed the visiting delegation and made special mention of Worshipful Bro Webster Springer's tenacity in organizing the visit. According to the District Deputy Grand Master, Worshipful Bro Webster Springer's persistence ensured the visitation was held. RW Lonsdale Skinner remarked that he recognized Worshipful Bro Webster Springer's determination to fellowship with the Prince Hall Affiliation Masons and therefore could only do his best to reward his perseverance.

RW Lonsdale Skinner gave an in-depth lecture on Prince Hall Freemasonry and the history of the Maryland Jurisdiction's lodges in the United Kingdom. He also discussed the process that was undertaken in getting the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Maryland to establish a working relationship with the United Grand Lodge of England and Wales.

In return Worshipful Bro David Waterton gave a presentation on the history of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Buckinghamshire that has 118 lodges and over 3000 members. He also explained that lodges under the umbrella of the United Grand Lodge of England and Wales work on the first degree and other important aspects of their ritual.

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RW Lindsey Cameron, the District Secretary, at the direction of the District Deputy Grand Master, did a similar presentation on the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Maryland. The presentations were followed by a Question and Answer session in which most of the Master Masons present participated.

In an email message to the District Deputy Grand Master RW Lonsdale Skinner expressing his gratitude for the visitation Worshipful Bro Webster Springer wrote: “The formation and structure of the day was superbly managed by yourself and your team which allowed us to receive it to great effect due to the open minds and open hearts of both units. The interaction between both units was tremendous, the management of the session allowed colour of sincerity and humour to be mutually experienced by way

of an extremely agreeable Q&A session. You sir are an absolute credit to Prince Hall Masonry and a luminary in the value of progressive understanding for Masonry in general”.

It was a very good day of fellowship enjoyed by both groups of Master Masons and begs the question: Why did it take so long to officially meet?

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Ms. Tanisha Spratt

Tanisha Spratt, the daughter of a rather proud RW Haywood Spratt (13th District Treasurer), has been a deserving recipient of a number of scholarship awards from the 13th District and other Masonic bodies in the United Kingdom. The Prince Hall Masonic Family in the United Kingdom, especially the members of the 13th District, are very proud of this exceptional young woman's accomplishments and eagerly await the completion of her Ph.D. research.



To be accepted to attend the University of Cambridge for a Bachelor's degree course is an outstanding feat. To be accepted to research for a Ph.D. degree is off the Richter scale of academia. So, Ms Spratt's achievement on completion of the Ph.D. degree at that world-famous academic institution could only be measured on the modern earthquake Moment Magnitude scale. We are confident that her ground breaking work will definitely be beneficial to people of African Heritage worldwide. Tanisha Spratt is presently a PhD student at Newnham College of the world renowned University of Cambridge, England, working under the supervision of Dr. Darin Weinberg. She holds a BA (Hons) in English and American Literature (Canterbury University), a Master's degree in North

American Studies (London School of Economics) and is currently conducting research in the field of medical sociology. In using vitiligo and alkaptonuria as case studies, Tanisha's research explores the relationship between patient experiences of chronic illness, race, and gender in the United States, with a particular emphasis on the ways in which race, gender and illness are performed and constructed as separate but related identities. Tanisha is interested in ideas of race, gender, and illness performance in the US and how experiences of being "othered" because of their "abnormal" appearance can lead patients to attempt to socially pass as "normal" and/ or "healthy." She is particularly interested in the processes and mechanisms involved in these attempts to socially pass and how this often coincides with the country's political and economic climate.

Research Interests

Qualitative methods, stigma, social passing, US healthcare reform, beauty, illness photography, patient embodiment, social and political implications of skin disorders, class inequality, gender disparities

Teaching

SOC 11: Race, Racism, and Ethnicity
SOC 3: Global Social Problems and Dynamics of Resistance: Body Projects Around the Globe
Faculty of Biology: Social Context of Health and Illness

Key Publications - Other

Spratt, T. (2016) "I Identify as a black woman": The Strange Case of Rachel Dolezal, King's Review

Research Groups & Affiliations

Race Research Cluster
Social Studies of Health and Illness Group

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Mr. Jeremy Boon

Jeremy Boon is one of a number of young men and women that have benefitted from the 13th District's Annual Scholarship Awards program. Jeremy as you will see below is a dynamic and well-grounded young man that keeps the 13th District abreast of his career development since graduating from one of the world's top academic institutions



- **Jeremy Boon is a technology professional working in Deloitte's Technology Consulting business. In his current role as Chief of Staff he manages a practice of over 300 individuals, in one of the United Kingdom's largest consultancies.**

- **Having completed his Bachelor's degree at Oxford University, arguably one the best, if not the best of its kind in the world, in 2011, Jeremy began his career in technology working at Accenture, where he was able to develop his skills in the fast-paced world of coding and technology development. His inquisitive and analytical talents allowed him to quickly advanced within the graduate program and apply his technical knowledge in more senior consulting roles. Within 3 years he had worked with a variety of clients in the Telecommunications industry and produced a range of new business insights as part of a £45m industry-leading transformation.**

- **Jeremy took the decision to move to Deloitte in 2014 to work with some of the newest, cutting edge technologies and with more senior clients looking to understand and use them. In his first year he was recognised for making a significant contribution to Deloitte's Talent strategy with his work to champion and encourage diversity within the practice.**

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• In 2015 Jeremy was invited to work with the BBC as a Technology Expert. Described as a 'critical champion of the role of technology in our daily lives', Jeremy was identified as one of a new breed of tech-experts who seek to empower and educate the public in technology innovations; someone who has the details, passion and personality to make it engaging. He has appeared on the BBC television channels multiple times, as well as participating in radio panel discussion. Further, Jeremy is keenly involved in public debate on technology and society, and has delivered talks for schools and universities emphasising the need for a greater understanding of technology and its impacts on society.

• Most recently in 2017 Jeremy was nominated and won the Black British Business Award – Rising Star. This award recognises the trailblazers and rising stars who represent the very best of the United Kingdom's vibrant business sector (www.thebbawards.com). The judging panel, made up of business leaders from the United Kingdom's largest companies, were particularly im-

pressed by the impact Jeremy had made both for his clients and the wider community. Jeremy continues his community focus, in his role as school governor, mentor and role model, and remains keen to engage with those looking to navigate a career in business and technology.

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THE ROYAL WEDDING AND THE HYPHENATED AFRICANS

Introduction

As I looked at the replay of Britain's royal wedding, Prince Harry getting married to Meghan Markle, and read the reports of the event in the broadsheet newspaper, the British media marvelled about the 'African' contribution to the occasion.



Although the reports were most enlightening, it was surprising to see and read so much about the 'African' wedding. However, I was embarrassed and shocked by the patronizing comments made about the Black contribution that enliven and brightened most of the church service.

Bishop Michael Curry

The first African American to serve as the Presiding Bishop and Primate of the United States Episcopal Church, Most Rev. Michael Curry was one of many hyphenated African stars of the royal wedding. The mainstream British press is still raving about Bishop Curry's wedding sermon nearly two months after the 'royal event of the decade'.



According to one reporter: 'Curry's sermon was one of the three moments during the royal wedding when I felt moved. I had not expected to be moved. I had expected to remain full of cold indignation at the pomp and aristocratic indulgence of the day'. The reporter further stated that the American did the sermon 'in a Black way'. Bishop Curry gave the mostly well-heeled folks, including Queen Elizabeth II, just a small or rather a minute portion of Black churches' weekly sermons. His gesticulating, swinging of robes, smiling, and feet movement was seen to be impressive because his performance was in 'complete contrast to the solemn and stationary ecclesiastical address' given by the Archbishop of Canterbury and the Head of the established Church of England the Most Rev. Justin Welby.

Although Bishop Curry's oration lasted 14 minutes, mostly reading from his iPad he managed to include Jesus of Nazareth, Moses, love, Martin Luther King, slavery and the Hebrew scripture in what one of Britain's quality broadsheet newspaper referred to as 'the full throated, uninhabited, theatrical and emotive style of the traditional African American church'.

Bishop Curry's Performance

I do not want and I am not going to question the praise being given to Bishop Michael Curry for his performance. However, I have witnessed RW Joshua Slack, Assistant Grand Chaplain, and others too many to mention here, being far more expressive,

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communicative, and dare I say, effective, at the beginning of their sermon, than the good Bishop was at end of his preaching at the royal nuptials.

In my humble opinion, some may say a very biased one, Bishop Curry's sermon hardly bears comparison to those that are preached in Black churches the length and breadth of both the United States and the United Kingdom. If you did not know how privileged and blessed you are to regularly hear those highly talented preachers the mainstream British press has indirectly informed you of such.

So next Sunday, when attending church, put an extra "something" in the collection plate to show your appreciation that you are in the midst of some of the best, if not the best preachers in the world, administering the word of God.

Introduction to Blackness

Afua Hirsch, also a hyphenated African with parents from Ghana and Britain wrote in in one of Britain's quality newspapers: 'Markle used her wedding to introduce her new peers to blackness'. One may question this sentiment but it may contain some semblance of truth. It may also raise the question what level of blackness?

Karen Gibson's Gospel Choir

Following Bishop Curry's world-acclaimed contribution the colourful Karen Gibson, 'the silver coiffed conductor and her Kingdom Gospel Choir came close to stealing the show'.



Karen Gibson, of African Caribbean heritage, informed the British media that Prince Charles (Prince Harry's father and the heir-apparent to the British throne) suggested a gospel choir for his son's wedding.

Ms Gibson also stated that she was contacted two months prior to the wedding and invited to Kensington Palace, where Prince Harry and Meghan Markle reside to meet the couple. During the meeting the choir did 'a little sing-song for them'. Karen Gibson commented that the couple chose the two songs the choir sang at the wedding. The medley of 'Amen and 'This Little Light of Mine' was taken from Etta James' 'The Heart and Soul of Etta James'. The second song was the Ben E King 'soul classic Stand By Me: a love song, yes, but one that first rose to fame in the midst of the civil rights movement, becoming a soundtrack to protest and unity in the face of racial injustice'.



The Black press in Britain were not too enamoured with the 'stripped back' version of Ben E King's signature song but Karen Gibson explained that the Prince and his bride to be requested a special arrangement of the song in that 'they did not want it to be too rhythmic'.

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The Cellist

The third stunning performance from a hyphenated African during the royal wedding came from teenage cellist Sheku Kanneh-Mason. The young man is indeed a rarity in the classical music world. He is of African Caribbean parentage. In this instance the African element is Sierra Leone and the Caribbean part is Antigua.

The teenage sensation, with iced water running through his veins, performed 'pieces' from Franz Schubert, Gabriel Faure and Maria Theresa von Paradis faultlessly while the newly wedded couple signed the register. ShekuKanneh-Mason 'was framed by flowers as he revealed the depth of talent that made him the first Black person to win the British Broadcasting Corporation (BBC) Young Musician of the Year award'.



He was invited to play at the wedding after Prince Harry heard him play at a charity event in 2017. The young man on being interviewed after his exceptional performance said: ' I'mhonoured to perform at Prince Harry's and Meghan Markle' wedding. I was bowled over when Ms Markle called me to ask if I would play during the ceremony, and of course I immediately said yes! What a privilege.'

Meghan Invited to Palace

Rumour in Britain's Black community has it that Queen Elizabeth II, reigning Monarch and Prince Harry's grandmother, invited Meghan Markle to Buckingham Palace a few weeks before the royal wedding.



During the visit Queen Elizabeth informed Meghan Markle that she would not be the first member of the Royal Family to be of mixed race. Meghan was then shown a portrait of Queen Charlotte, Queen Elizabeth's great, great, great, great grandmother who was reputed to have had Black heritage.

According to the American Public Broadcasting Service Frontline (PBS) it is possible that 'Queen Charlotte was directly descended from Margarita de Castro y Sousa, the black branch of the Portuguese Royal House. Charlotte was mixed race in appearance'. Queen Charlotte was described by physician as being 'small, crooked with a true mulatto face'.

Queen Charlotte

Many historians, including Kate Williams, are of the belief that the 'evidence claiming Queen Charlotte was black is very thin'. Ms Williams, a British citizen, then adds : 'If we class Charlotte as Black, then ergo Queen Victoria (Charlotte's granddaughter) and our entire royal family.... to Prince Harry are also Black '.

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Looking beyond the effects of Queen Charlotte's racial heritage on the British royals Williams says:'this raises a lot of important suggestions about not only our royal family but those of most of Europe, considering that Queen Victoria's descendants are spread across most of the royal families of Europe and beyond'. What is important here about Williams' statement is that it is not Queen Charlotte's descendants but her grand-daughter's.



places named in her honour in the United States namely the city of Charlotte, North Carolina, and Charlottesville, Virginia.



The city of Charlotte, North Carolina, has two sculptures of Britain's first Black Queen. Just outside the city's airport there is a hard to miss monumental bronze sculpture of the Queen.

Celebrated in United States



Despite this question about Queen Charlotte's racial heritage and the fact that she died two hundred years ago in 1818 the woman is still celebrated and has

The Queen is celebrated again in downtown Charlotte where 'there is another prominent sculpture (of the monarch) walking with two dogs as if out for a stroll in 21st century America'.

Quite recently, in August, 2017 we say the white supremacist groups organized Unite the Right rally in Charlottesville, Virginia, a city ironically named after Queen Charlotte in 1761.

Queen Charlotte and her King

Queen Charlotte was born Sophia Charlotte of Mecklenburg—Strelitz in Morow, Germany on 19th May, 1744. She was the child of the Duke Charles Louis Frederick of Mecklenburg—Strelitz and Elizabeth Albertine.

Charlotte married George III of England on 8th September, 1761 at the age of 17 years old. Charlotte and George were blessed with 15 children with 13 serving to adulthood. The Royal couple's fourth

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child was Prince Edward Augustus later to become the Duke of Kent and their ninth child Prince Augustus Frederick, was later known as the Duke of Sussex. Now for those readers that have an interest in Masonic history the Duke of Kent and the Duke of Sussex were instrumental in uniting two warring factions of English Freemasonry in the early 19th Century.

Duke and Duchess of Sussex

On the morning of Prince Harry's marriage to Meghan Markle, Queen Elizabeth bestowed the titles of Duke and Duchess of Sussex, on the soon to be married couple. Prince Harry, remarkably, is only the second royal or otherwise, to hold the title of Duke of Sussex and Meghan Markle, the first person to be given the title of the Duchess of Sussex.

of the Duchess of Sussex thus Meghan Markle has been adorned the first Duchess of Sussex.



Duke of Kent



Marriages of First Duke

The first Duke of Sussex, married on two occasions without the required permission from his father, the reigning monarch George III, according to the Royal Marriages Act of 1772.

The first marriage to Lady Augusta Murray in 1793 was annulled in 1794 and the second marriage to Lady Cecilia Buggin was never legally sanctioned but the couple stayed together until the Duke died in 1843. Since the marriage was considered to be illegal Lady Cecilia Buggin never officially got the title

The Royal Freemasons

As mentioned earlier the first Duke of Sussex and his older brother the Duke of Kent were active Freemasons with the Duke of Sussex being the first Grand Master of the United Grand Lodge of England from 1813 until his death in 1843.

As most Master Masons are aware that the Grand Lodge of England was the first Grand Lodge of modern Freemasonry that was established in June, 1717. It was this Grand Lodge that granted a charter to our great founder Prince Hall for African Lodge #459 in September, 1784.

The Grand Lodge of England was considered the Premier Grand Lodge in the world of Freemasonry. The authority of the Grand Lodge of England however, was challenged by members of Irish lodges in the main operating in London, and other unaffiliated lodges disgruntled over changes made in the Masonic ritual. The Grand Lodge of England had changed their ritual during the 1730s 'to stay ahead of public exposures'. The Irish lodges and the unaffiliated lodges joined forces in 1751 and formed a Grand Lodge to rival the Grand Lodge of England. The newly established body the Most Ancient and Hon-

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ourable Society of Free and Accepted Masons became commonly known as ‘the Ancients’ while the Grand Lodge of England was referred to as ‘the Moderns’. The Grand Lodges fought one another relentlessly and with great venom throughout England and abroad including in the American colonies. The ‘battle’ lasted for over 60 years

End of the Masonic Battle

The warring factions agreed to put an end to the fighting that was severely damaging Freemasonry. At a Grand Assembly on 27th December, 1813 the Grand Lodge of England (the Moderns) and the Most Ancient and Honourable Society of Free and Accepted Masons (the Ancients) merged to become the United Grand Lodge of England.

On the occasion of the Union of the Grand Lodges, the Duke of Sussex was the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of England (the Moderns) and his brother the Duke of Kent was the Grand Master of the Most Ancient and Honourable Society of Free and Accepted Masons (‘the Ancients’). Once the Article of Union was signed ‘the Duke of Kent graciously stepped down and the Duke of Sussex took charge of the new Grand Lodge’.



Commenting on the merger, the Duke of Sussex remarked ‘it was the greatest day of my life’.

The First Grand Master of the UGLE

By all accounts the Duke of Sussex’s 30 years as Grand Master of the United Grand Lodge was very fruitful. It is said: ‘The Duke of Sussex established Freemasonry as a place where men of different faiths could meet in a bond of brotherhood, friendship and camaraderie’.

The Duke of Sussex was committed to his elected position of Grand Master of the United Grand Lodge of England. It is said that the Duke was a ‘very hands on’ Grand Master resolved to rule as well as reign

Writers on Masonic history all agree that the Duke of Sussex played such a monumental role that it ‘is impossible to overestimate the importance of his influence on the structure and status of modern English Freemasonry’. The Duke’s energy, vision, and sense of tolerance were instrumental in making the United Grand Lodge of England such a powerful organization in the world of Freemasonry.

The Second Duke of Sussex

It is not clear why Queen Elizabeth gave the Duke of Sussex title to Prince Harry but it is suggested that Prince Harry today and the first Duke of Sussex during the late 18th century and early 19th century were ‘associated with many progressive and liberal causes’.



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The first Duke of Sussex advocated for Jewish rights, anti-slavery legislation, electoral reform, scientific enquiry and Catholic emancipation. In supporting Catholic emancipation he was in direct opposition to his father, King George III, and his eldest brother, both of whom were against any change in the laws that discriminated on the grounds of religion.

Prince Harry with his marriage to Meghan Markle and other actions can be 'considered somewhat of a regal rebel who challenged ago old traditions and shattered royal stereotypes'.

The other actions stated above include being photographed while wearing a Nazi soldier uniform, smoking marijuana on several occasions and drinking alcohol excessively in London's trendiest night clubs.

One of London's free newspapers has publicised that Queen Elizabeth may have thought of Prince Augustus Frederick's (the first Duke of Sussex) 'anti slavery advocacy when choosing this title (Duke of Sussex) for Prince Harry and Meghan Markle. The title is fitting for the royal couple, especially considering all the ways Markle has used her celebrity status for advocacy of charity in her life so far'.

Conclusion

The royal wedding ceremony was 'stolen, lock, stock and barrel', by three hyphenated Africans whose foreparents were once slaves. They could not have chosen to perform in a more appropriate setting and occasion. These individuals preached, sang and played a musical instrument not usually associated with Black people. They were all outstanding although it seems that I have levelled a slight criticism at Bishop Michael Curry. It is not intended to be critical but was drawing a comparison with other African American preachers after reading of the ravaging report he received from the worldwide media.

In retrospect Bishop Curry was probably inhibited by not getting his accustomed 'hallelujah' and 'Amen' from an emotional congregation, not even from the many hyphenated Africans present, to encourage and propel him to further extol the word of God. Maybe the Black people in attendance at the Royal Wedding had to 'bridle their tongues' and

'hold themselves in'. Then again, the wedding may not have been as Black as reported.

The royal wedding also threw some light on the African connection within the British royal family. Queen Charlotte, the great, great, great, great grandmother of Prince Harry's grandmother, was suddenly drawn into the limelight concerning her African heritage once Meghan Markle's heritage became an issue. The British media highlighted Meghan Markle's African heritage once the coveted title of the first Duchess of Sussex was given to her by Queen Elizabeth on her marriage to Prince Harry.

The Black media in Britain had to hurriedly remind the British public that Meghan Markle was not the first person of African heritage to be an integral part of the British royal family.

After the reminder from the British Black media of the British royal family African heritage, the quality newspapers suddenly informed the nation of the rebellious behaviour and social conscience the first Duke of Sussex being similar to that of Prince Harry, hence the Queen Elizabeth making her grandson the second Duke of Sussex.

Inevitably the first Duke of Sussex's connection with Freemasonry had to be mentioned because of the British press' obsession with all persons of importance that have any association with the square and compasses.

So the royal wedding became an occasion for the hyphenated Africans to excel and the general British public to be reminded of the African connection to their royal family. I do not think that Prince Harry and Meghan Markle, the new Duke and Duchess of Sussex ever contemplated that Queen Charlotte, her son Augustus Frederick, the first Duke of Sussex and Freemasonry would have been mentioned in their pre-wedding or post wedding publicity.

Prince Hall YouthWorks All Male Mentoring Group



Pictures by Bro. Marvin Briscoe



Maceo Boston, Jr. Lodge #145 18th Masonic District



Adopt-A-Road Program

Brothers of Maceo Boston Jr. Lodge #145 donated their time in helping keep Howard County roadways free from litter and debris by joining their Adopt-a-Road Program. Maceo Boston Jr. Lodge #145, improved the health of the environment, by collecting trash and debris from route 175 – Snowden River Parkway. Howard County Department of Public Works posted a sign on MD Route 175 acknowledging Maceo Boston Jr. Lodge #145 for their cleanup efforts.



Friends and Family Picnic

Maceo Boston Jr. Lodge #145 held their Annual Friends and Family Day Picnic on Saturday, 14 July 2018 at High Ridge Park in Laurel, Maryland. The event was pleasantly attended in a secluded area, and the surrounding scenery and playground activities were great for the families and children to enjoy. We had plenty of food with many thanks to the brothers who made donations for a successful event. Thanks to WM Christopher Jivers and Bro Charles Wood for working their magic on the grill, flipping and turning Burgers and Hot Dogs. WM Jivers also handled deep frying his golden crisp Chicken Wings. Bro. Cornell Walker and Bro. Antonio Rowe managed their team skills frying the Fish. RW Gerald Battle prepared his finger licking Ribs while PM James Watson rolled in his tasty Barbeque Chicken, still simmering in his mobile warmer. Well done to all Brothers who donated and contributed to making this another successfully event. Additionally, we had several brothers from other lodges stop by and Deputy Grand Master RW Noel C. Osborne, Sr., found some time out of his busy Saturday schedule to meet, greet and join in on this fabulous event.

Maceo Boston, Jr. Lodge #145 18th Masonic District



MWPHGLMD Annual Session



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April 5, 2018

To: Most Worshipful Past Grand Masters, Appointed Grand Lodge Officers, Worshipful Masters, Wardens,

Past Masters and Brothers

Subject: Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge Annual Session Dec. 7-9, 2018

Greetings,

The committee and I have reviewed several hotels across the state of Maryland in an attempt to find suitable meeting space and accommodation for our Annual Communications. My main goal was to keep room cost at a minimum while trying to get a first class facility to meet our needs. I would like to inform each of you that the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Maryland Annual Session Dec. 7-9, 2018 will be held at the Hilton Washington DC North/Gaithersburg 620 Perry Parkway, Gaithersburg, Maryland 20877



The room cost is \$95 per night (for single or double room) plus tax
Booking code: MWPHGLMD Annual Session
Hotel phone 301-977-8900

The MWPHGLMD Annual Session Registration fee will remain \$150.00 advance registration is encouraged.

**** Please note that this year our Saturday night event will be sit down dinner in which the Honorable Emanuel J. Stanley Most Worshipful Grand Master will give his annual address and present awards. Anyone that has not registered will be required to pay \$50 to attend the event and will be required to pay prior to the annual session. This will be strictly enforced**

MWPHGLMD Annual Session



The Hilton hotel is 10 minutes away from Clarksburg Premium Outlets which has just recently opened



The Hilton hotel is also located within walking distance to Lakeforest Mall and several restaurant options.



The Hilton hotel has all the usual Amenities and Services such as

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Indoor pool and gym

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Dictaphone

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Multi-Lingual Staff
On-Site Convenience Store
Room Service, Safety Deposit Box
Snack Shop / Starbucks Coffee / News Stand

***Please work with me directly should any lodge / District want to have a hospitality room, they will be available on Friday and Saturday night in one of the many meeting rooms.

The committee is still working on the details for the event and are available to assist you with your needs as we want you to have a very enjoyable annual session.

Should anyone have any questions, Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any additional questions.

Thank you,

RW Bill Davidson

Junior Grand Warden

Committee members

RW David Beatty, Senior Grand Deacon
RW Rhamel Fuller, Junior Grand Deacon
RW Thurman Davis, Senior Grand Steward
RW Keith Butler, Junior Grand Steward
RW Nelson Moody, Grand Pursuivant

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Maryland's Prince Hall Family Newsletter

Article Submission Guidance



To All Maryland Prince Hall Masonic Family Members,

To facilitate the production of our newsletter, I respectfully offer the following guidance on submitting items for publication.

Purpose

The MWPHGL of MD and its Jurisdiction uses the Maryland PHA Family Newsletter to communicate historically meaningful topics of interest to its constituent bodies, including:

- MWPHGL Initiatives
- Upcoming Grand Lodge Sponsored Events
- Our Success Stories
- Historically significant items of interest
- Human interest stories of a Masonic nature
- Constituent Lodge and other Masonic Family Member events (e.g. anniversaries, celebrations, community engagements, and galas).

Writing Style

- Whatever topic you choose for your article, there are some basic guidelines to follow:
- Try to include as much of the who, what, where, when, why, and how in your opening sentence.
- Keep sentences short and to the point – concise.
- Though it may be tempting to save the best for last, give the most interesting bits of information up front.
- Make the information interesting so your reader will want to read on.

Submission Constraints

- It is the responsibility of the submitter to follow any internal management requirements for submitting/approving articles prior to their publication (local approval authorities include: DDGM, Worshipful Master, Worthy Matron, Worthy Patron, Commander in Chief, High Priest, Potentate, etc.).
- Include the point of contact (name, title, email address, phone number), organization and article approver.
- Copyrighted material must include written authorization or approval by the copyright holder.

Format

- Microsoft Word with 12 point font is preferred, however PDF files are acceptable.
- All photos should have captions and if practical, include the names of each person shown, as appropriate.
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