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Grand Master's Annual Address Masonic Year 2017 - 2018
Delivered December 8, 2018

First and foremost I greet you all in the name of the Great Architect of the Universe and I thank you all for attending our Annual Communication in such great numbers. My brethren the 2017- 2018 Masonic year was exciting, uplifting, disappointing and humbling, this new administration was met with several inherited organizational challenges. Challenges such as, systemic financial mismanagement, poor planning processes, organizational piracy, lack of planning and accountability. These contumacies are known throughout history for destroying civilizations and institutions.

When this membership elected me its Twenty-six Grand Master on December 3, 2017 I made several declarations to this body which became the moral foundation for your elected Grand Lodge Officers to build upon. I said to you the following words in my accepted speech.

"As your Grand Master, I commit to every member of this organization and the concordant bodies these actions: Right Knowledge, meaning I will always provide you with the facts. The culture of organizational secrecy was over. Wisdom in its practical form, to assure you that I will use the accumulated knowledge of our failures and successes, to rebuild and restore this Ancient and Honorable Fraternity to a position of prominence. The promotion of Unity, which brings the organization back to our roots, composed of Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth".

Declarations such as these are nothing special; though, it was and still is my belief that any reasonable person would want its organization to be the best it could be. That is simply a matter of organizational pride. However, we were confronted with a powerful human element that now plagues our society and is eroding our nation's international standing. That element is also responsible for resurrecting a blatant form of racism within our Country. What is it that I speak of?; it is the human act of selfishness and greed! Placing one's own ambition and desires above what is right. That element, (selfishness) found its way into our ancient and honorable fraternity and temporarily robbed our membership of its organizational pride.

This administration launched and distributed a 3 year strategic plan for the first time in decades. The plan addresses several target areas; Governance & Advocacy, Political Action, Community Priorities, Education & training, Fiscal Management, Public Relations and Marketing. If we intend to survive for another 200 years we must have a plan of action. The future success of Prince Hall Freemasonry in Maryland is the responsibility of all members. This is the beginning of an exercise in self and organizational evaluation for all constituent lodges and appendant bodies. **The strategic plan is a challenge, a call to action, to address critical**

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issues and re-orientate the membership to our shared core values, reclaim our social relevance; and to reclaim our political standing.

"And the LORD answered me, and said, write the vision, and make it plain upon tables, that he may run that readeth it". Habakkuk 2:2 KJV

However my brethren, in spite of the challenges, in spite of the sabotage by some, in spite of the apathy of others and in spite of the naysayers and our detractors this administration performed as upright men and Masons. This administration introduced historic events such as, the "Thurgood Marshall Black History Inaugural Program" celebrating African American historical triumphs, which is still a source of conversation and pride throughout the national Prince Hall Masonic family. Due to the Grand Lodge's indebtedness I immediately placed a spending moratorium on the Grand Lodge. We paid back approximately \$95,000.00 in loans encumbered by the previous administration within the first 90 days after our election. As we, established sound financial business practices with review and approval redundancies and while under extreme financial pressure we were able to set aside the amount of \$100,000.00 for the State's matching grant program. We are formally establishing a 501 c(8) designation for the Grand Lodge and now hold membership with Maryland Nonprofits organization. We kept our scholarship promise to our Grand Lodge college awardees to the tune of \$27,000.00; and we contributed to the Historic National Negro Baseball League. We exceeded \$50,000.00 in charitable giving.

We reconstituted your board of Trustees with the mandate that they reimagine how to better market our facility, review and renegotiate costly contracts, put in place common sense policies and procedures to account for all Grand Lodge property and inventory. In addition the "Board" was tasked with the responsibility to initiate a facility plan to include clean-up procedures and building repairs for every property under the auspices of the grand lodge. Over the past several months we have moved forward with several repairs and renovations within the Grand East to include a complete renovation of the 2nd Floor, as a true testament to our responsibility to our sisters of Myra Grand Chapter and our other female components.

I know that my expectations are lofty visions and require a level of commitment from the brothers and sisters. It is a common belief that when a man voluntarily invests his time, treasures and talents into his passion, those same men, should value success over accolades or a title. However, I submit to you all; a guiding principle for those who seek to serve this Grand body and that principle is, "Organizational Pride".

Speaking of pride and vision, we have had remarkable achievements with organizing and managing our Grand Lodge events this past year. Our events have been attended by civic dignitaries, local council leaders, and state officials, moreover they have been enjoyable and profitable. Our events have been consistently attended by political personalities seeking our support for elected office which has not happened over a number of years. I want to take a moment to address those who believe that our fraternity should not indulge in politics. The short answer is that we can't afford not to. The historical struggles and triumphs of my people, your people, our people, were only realized because our ancestors understood that the power to change future outcomes was interwoven with America's political process. Prince Hall himself and the fourteen other men of color understood this concept.

"Hall was an abolitionist and frequently lobbied elected officials on economic and social rights for blacks. He supported the Revolution and may well have fought against the British. He emerged as a leader of Boston's African-American community in the years after the war.

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Using his position as Grandmaster as a bully pulpit, he organized efforts to improve education for black Bostonians, to begin a back-to-Africa colonization movement, and to resist Northern participation in the slave trade. In the words of his Masonic biographer Brother Charles H. Wesley, "His drive/or freedom had a dual thrust. One directed against the dominating rule of a foreign power in the American colonies, and the other against the bondage of blacks."

"And for that reason, we are here today celebrating 234 years of Freemasonry as an international fraternity and 193 years as Maryland's Grand Lodge. I could stand before you, all day and illustrate the importance to engage **in** the political process. As socially conscious Masons, I trust that you all know your history and how we as a people demanded our right to be treated with dignity and in other cases it was bought with the blood of our ancestors".

This past Masonic year I appointed members to the newly formed Membership Relations Committee in an effort to quell the loss of membership and to reclaim former members by improving the communication of the Grand Lodge's mission and goals. We have had success in attracting and retaining candidates during the 2017-2018 MY. We executed two Master Mason induction ceremonies which yielded approximately 350 new members. These new brethren, will contribute to our continued successes and have been assigned to lodges that are struggling to stay active. During the past year the Grand Lodge issued a dispensation authorizing the operation of a new lodge S.T. Kendal, Lodge in Waldorf, Maryland. We established a committee on Community Engagement, their mission is to involve the Grand Lodge in community activities that promote social justice and political awareness.

For the first time in Maryland Prince Hall history this Grand Lodge hosted a Gubernatorial Candidates Public Forum, in partnership with the State Student Government Association and Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.

Under the Office of the Grand Lecturer I have approved revisions to the protocol manual and updated several outdated Grand Lodge documents and SOP's; Restructured the Grand Lodge Masonic Educational System to expand and provide greater opportunities for Masonic enlightenment and growth.

To my friends I thank you for your loyalty. To the elected and appointed Grand Lodge Officers I invite you to choose success. To all elected and appointed constituent Lodge Officers I challenge you to greatness in all aspects of your life, understanding that greatness is never a given. It must be earned. To my Masonic brothers and Sisters I ask for your prayers.

On this day, I declare and proclaim an end to the petty grievances and to the open assault on our constitution. In the words of scripture, the time has come to "Set aside childish things." We must choose a better history, nobler ideas to be passed on from generation to generation.

We are all fortunate to belong to an organization which transcends the globe; and whose influence for good is never ending. I wish you all happiness and joy in the up and coming New Year.

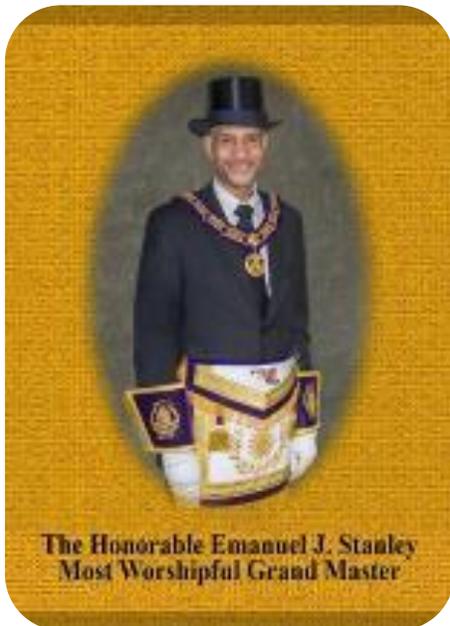
And so, to the Here and Now, I leave you with these words of our founder Prince Hall.

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Then shall we hear and see and know, All we desired and wish'd below,
And every power find sweet employ, In that eternal world of joy.
Our flesh shall slumber in the ground, Till the last trumpet's joyful sound,
Then burst the chains with sweet surprise, And in our Saviour's image rise.

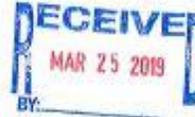
Prince Hall, A Charge Delivered to the Brethren of the African Lodge. On the 25th of June, 1792
(Boston: Bible and Heart, 1792).





Mt. Hope A.M.E. Zion Church

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March 20, 2019

The Honorable Emanuel J. Stanley
Grand Master of the MWPHGL of Md.
1307 Eutaw Place
Baltimore, Md. 21217

Dear Hon. Emanuel J. Stanley:

It is with extreme gratitude and thanks that I write this letter on behalf of the officers and members of Mt. Hope AME Zion Church. The honorable presence of the Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Maryland and the East Gate Lodge #65 presiding over the Corner Stone Laying Service on March 3, 2019 was a blessing to all who attended. I want you to know that our Bishop W. Darin Moore and Presiding Elder William E. Kelly were well pleased with the conduct of the service and extend their blessings to you.

The Cornerstone Laying Service was conducted with great dignity in every aspect, and we were very grateful for the large number of lodge brothers who participated. I extend special thanks and gratitude to RW Al Boseman, and MM Mike Bivens for providing leadership for the service. Please see enclosed the impressive news article that was published in the Crisfield-Somerset County Times.

Needless to say, this was a great day in the life of Mt. Hope A.M.E. Zion Church. The presence of the Prince Hall Grand Lodge really made a difference in the success and joy of the occasion.

May God continue to bless you and give you His peace.

Yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "L. Copeland".

Rev. Leon L. Copeland, Sr. Ed.D.
Pastor

Copy: Trustees and Congregation

"We can do all things through Christ who strengthens us,"
Philippians 4:13



Left photo, the cornerstone is displayed for the new addition. Inset is the former stone setting the church dates to 1897. At right, the Rev. Dr. Leon Copeland Sr., pastor of Mt. Hope, is joined by The Rt. Rev. Bishop W. Darin Moore, left, presiding preside of the Mid Atlantic Episcopal District. Below are two views of the church, one during the dedication and the other prior to construction.

Masonic ritual for new cornerstone

Special service dedicates Mt. Hope AME Zion Church with time capsule included

By Richard Crumbacker
Stafford-Somerset County Times

PRINCESS ANNE — The oldest and only African Methodist Episcopal Zion church in Somerset County traveled and dedicated a cornerstone secured to its newly-completed addition.

The ceremony Sunday afternoon, March 3, was presided over by Masters of the East Gate Lodge #95 of Princess Anne, a part of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge, F & A.M. They were invited to take charge of this part of the program by the Rev. Dr. Leon L. Copeland, who welcomed everyone to this special event in the life of the church.

Joining Rev. Copeland were the Rt. Rev. W. Darin Moore, presiding preside of the Mid Atlantic Episcopal District, and the Rev. Dr. William E. Kelly, presiding elder of the Eastern Shore District.

During the ceremony, a box of memorabilia was placed behind the stone. It included a Bible, the church history, a dedication program, and letters of officers and outreach.

There were also photographs of the church before and after the renovations, and a county inspection report describing the project.



Using the symbolic "Jewel" of their office — a square, a level and a plumb — the Deputy Grand Master, the Senior Grand Warden and Junior Grand Warden, respectively, checked the cornerstone and made a report. Each time it was said "the craftsmen have performed their duty."

The stone was then treated with a scattering of corn as an emblem of plenty, poured over with wine to signify joy and gladness, and treated with oil as a sign of peace — all part of the ritual of Free and Accepted Masons.

As the church members and guests went inside out of the cold rain to continue the service, Charles Parsons and Keith Bailey finished securing the interbed stone. These two workers were involved with the building the new ramp.

WE Hon Architect Inc. drafted the plans and Gladness Construction was the general contractor, and the addition increases the lobby size and includes new ballrooms — all topped by a new steeple.

The church located at 31250 Greenwood Road organized in the 1890s when worship services were held in a two-room schoolhouse on an adjacent property. The present site was purchased for \$48 from Alexander Moore and the church was formally organized June 13, 1897 with the Rev. Samuel Bailey the first appointed pastor.

Five months later the property was deeded to the Trustees of Mt. Hope for the use of the ministry and membership of the African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church of America. Since then there have been 32 pastors. The selection of the name Mt. Hope, however, is lost to time.

Currently the trustees are Adam Handy Sr., chair; E. Leon Williams, vice chair; Cleo Honey, secretary; and Walter Jones. Assisting Rev. Copeland are ministers, the Revs. Cheryl Deane, Charles Collier and Derek Nutter. For more information, visit www.mtjopcamer.org or call 410-651-0711.



After every one went inside to continue the dedication service, Charles Parsons, left, and Keith Bailey were left in charge of affixing the cornerstone permanently in place.

My Integrity Never!!!



“My Integrity Never!”

The First Constituent Lodge Workshop of 2019 is responsible for a very important and significant Masonic “first” for me. I was Raised on the Saturday before the Ravens won their first Super Bowl. Since then, I have patronized many Masonic assemblies and I have heard many things come out of the mouths of Masons. Outside of Degree Work, I have never heard a Mason, let alone a Grand Master claim to be a “man of integrity.”

The spirit of Freemasonry grabbed hold of me from the moment I represented our Ancient Operative and has not let go of me yet. It was never my intent to join Masonry. In the House of McIver it is almost a mandate that every able bodied male join the Craft; so much so that we refer to it as “The Family Business.” Growing up I always viewed Masonry as my father’s fraternity. Past Master Americus McIver 32°, my father, is a giant of a man, a giant of a father and a giant of a Mason. The last thing I wanted to do was to try to follow in his footsteps. Being the first born of a first born gives you “King” status in the House of McIver. In my mind, Freemasonry was already a part of my father’s kingdom. It was my plan to go out into the world to create my own kingdom because I thought that there was no way I would be able to shine while sitting on my father’s sun. As a result of the passing of Past Master Ronald Reed 33° (J59) I got the opportunity to witness my first Masonic Funeral. That funeral was wonderfully presided over by Past Master Prentiss Moore 33° out of Mt. Olive Lodge #25. During the repass Past Master Moore sat at the table with me and my father. They both went on and on about this Masonry stuff. Past Master Moore was also giving my father the “what for” about sitting in the East for so long. At that point in time, I believe it was my father’s 12th consecutive year as the Worshipful Master of Jerusalem Lodge #59. When my father got up to greet some of his other Masonic brothers, Past Master Moore told me that my father was waiting for one of his sons to succeed him in the East. He went on further to say that my father believed that my brother Antoine was the only son suited to succeed him. To this day, I am not sure if what he told me was like the Legend of our Ancient Operative or if it was actually fact. Past Master Moore is a skilled educator, a master motivator and he was very aware of my competitive nature. The day after the funeral I submitted my Petition for membership.

Entering the fraternity was not that big of a deal to me. I have been around men who have become Masons my whole life. In the House of McIver a man does not join Masonry; he becomes a Mason. I remember as a boy going down to the Grand Lodge with my father when he would meet with Grand Master Samuel T. Daniels. When we would walk into his office Grand Master Daniels would say “ALL RISE! GRAND MASTER MCIVER HAS ENTERED!” He then gave me his Gavel and told me to sit in his chair. After that mock ceremony, my father sent me into the “TV Room” so that they could conduct business. When we were leaving, Grand Master Daniels would always bellow at me to listen to my father and to make sure that the world only sees my best and therein laid the true secret of being a Freemason; “make sure the world only sees your best.” As a new member of the Craft, one of the things that wholly surprised me was the alarming number of Masons who seemed not to be aware of that secret. We all know that the greatest among us will “grievously erred” and the wisest of Masons “have gone sadly astray,” but we ought not flaunt and advertise our foibles before the world at large. The Masons I have been around all my life were not perfect men, to include my father, but they were perfect Masons because they preserved the reputation of the fraternity by only letting the world see the best of them.

On Saturday, March 2, 2019 at approximately 2:25PM Grand Master Emanuel J. Stanley showed the best of himself by standing in front of a room of about 250 Masons and proudly proclaimed that he is a “man of integrity.” That proclamation, for me, washed away the sins of all the past and present wrongdoers of Maryland Prince Hall Freemasonry. It also shook me with hope like nothing has done since the woman who became my wife said “I do.” I wrote this article to say to Grand Master Stanley what I was unable to say to him at the Workshop because I was fighting the flu and I probably would have bust out crying before I got through it because I was so moved by his proclamation. I have waited my entire Masonic life to hear a leader of our Craft proclaim about himself what we Masons are all supposed to be; Men of Integrity!

My Integrity Never!!!



Thank you Grand Master Stanley for the efforts you are taking to guide Maryland Prince Hall Masonry back to viability and respectability. You are absolutely correct in saying that the majority of this jurisdiction should wholeheartedly support you without any hesitation or reservation. Let it be known, that from my lowly position, you have my support. That is not to say that you have my support blindly. That is to say that I trust that you are trying to square this Grand Lodge away, but that I plan to verify the same by attending the meetings to which you have given us access. I challenge every Master Mason in our great jurisdiction to do the same. Whatever support you need from me or Jerusalem Lodge #59 you have. Please do not hesitate to knock.

“Now unto Him that is able to keep you from falling and to present you faultless before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy. To the only wise God our Saviour, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and forever.”

Fraternally Submitted

Brother Anthony McIver
Jerusalem Lodge #59



2nd Annual Thurgood Marshall Black History Month Program



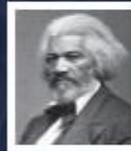
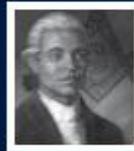
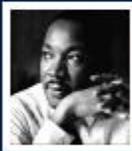
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The 2ND Annual
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Voices of Triumph



**LIFE AND LEGACY
HONOREE**
Kweisi Mfume
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KEYNOTE SPEAKER
Freeman A. Hrabowski, III
President, The University of
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Sunday, February 17, 2019, at 3 p.m.

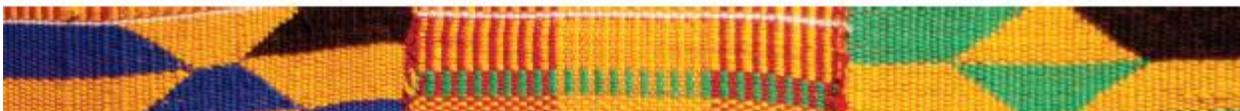
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MOST WORSHIPFUL GRAND MASTER

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2nd Annual Thurgood Marshall Black History Month Program



MWPHGL MD 2019 2nd Annual Thurgood Marshall Black History Celebration

Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Maryland and the Honorable Emanuel J. Stanley M.W. Grand Master attends the 2nd Annual Thurgood Marshall Black History Celebration at Morgan State University.



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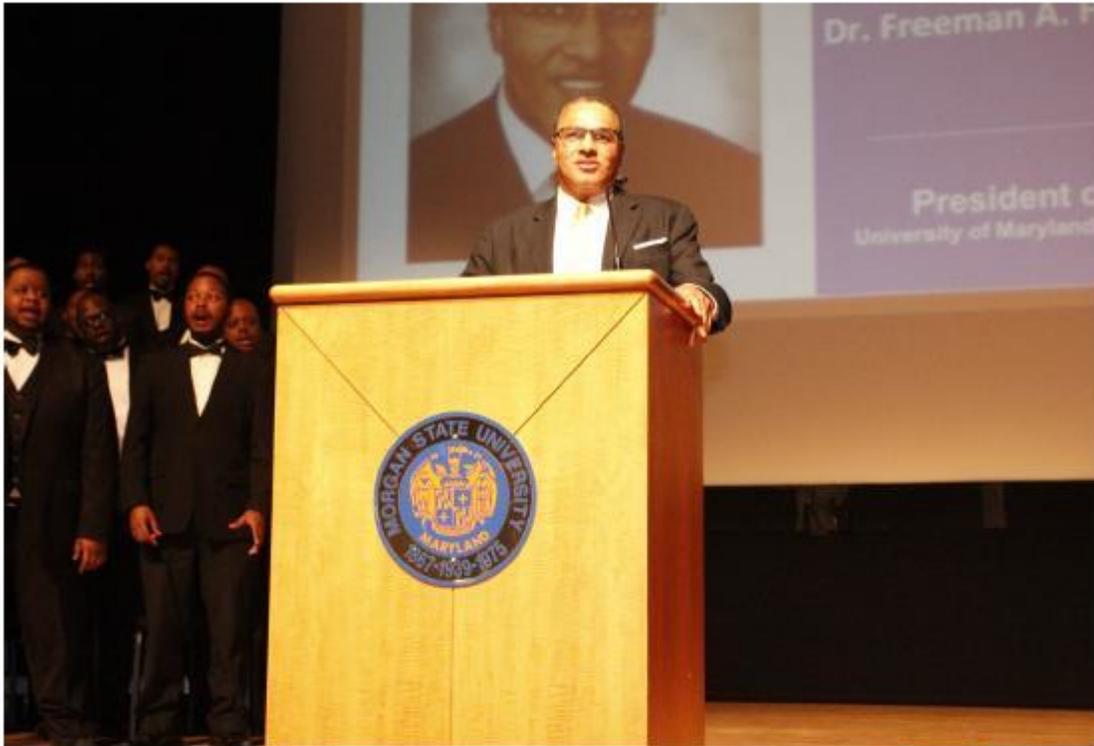
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MWPHGLMD Supporting the Veterans



MWPHGLMD Annual Veterans Dinner

Mayor Catherine Pugh visited the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Maryland to support the Honorable Emanuel J. Stanley M.W. Grand Master while we provided support at the Annual Veterans Dinner.



“To God be the Glory”

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Deputy Grand Master's Corner

RWDGM Noel C. Osborne, Sr.

Leadership



I am truly proud to be a Maryland Mason and also to be a part of an administration that stands for Organizational Pride, Commitment and Professional Excellence in Leadership. The Honorable Emanuel J. Stanley, Most Worshipful Grand Master personifies and exemplifies leadership by the manner in which he governs the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge (MWPHGL). From my perspective - Leadership is both a research area and a hands-on skill with respect to the ability of an individual or organization to "lead" or guide other individuals, teams, or entire organizations. While serving in the military I learned that leadership is the art of influencing others to accomplish the mission by providing motivation, direction, and purpose. In our organization; no leader can achieve anything great or long lasting if he goes about it by himself. A message to the many Worshipful Masters of the MWPHGL MD – It is about teamwork. Teamwork goes hand in hand with leadership. I am delighted that our MWGM has shaped and developed the Executive Leadership Team (ELT) of the MWPHGL of Maryland as a functional team to serve and support the membership of this Jurisdiction. We are united and perform our duties and responsibilities in support of each other with the Mission, Vision, Goals and Objectives of the MWPHGL uppermost in our minds.

Leadership is significant because it creates self-confidence among the participants in our organization and inspires a professional and optimistic atmosphere. In a Masonic setting, leadership acts as the substance that makes all other business aspects work in together. Leadership can also be considered the functional hub of the organization since it symbolizes the framework of all efforts.

People frequently overestimate what we can do in a day and underestimate what we can do in several days. Doing a little every day is better than doing a lot someday, (i.e. that may never arrive). Too many people live in the land of someday! I'll get to it ... someday, I'll try that ... someday, and I plan on doing that ... someday. It is wise to do a little bit every day, and you would get further than you believe... This administration through diligent guidance and



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



Deputy Grand Master's Corner

RWDGM Noel C. Osborne, Sr.

leadership has propelled this jurisdiction forward in a short span of time with leadership as the focus and transparency to our membership as our guide.

When we think of Leadership, some people may think of leading someone else. Notwithstanding – before we lead anyone else, first we must learn to lead ourselves. We must be ever mindful that if we wouldn't follow ourselves why would anyone else follow us?

Leadership is not about position or power; it is not about charm or beauty; it is not about intelligence or humor; although it can be made easier by any or all of them. To become a real leader we must focus on becoming the person we most want to be. We must discover what we value most in our humanity and grow and nurture it so that the people we would influence will be influenced by our authentic selves in as positive a direction as possible. – Kymphus Muhammad

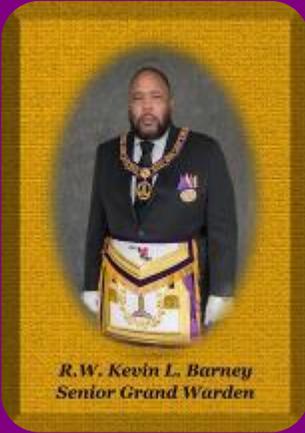
People are anxious to improve their circumstances, but are unwilling to improve themselves; they therefore remain bound. – James Allen

You add value to people, when you VALUE people. Know and relate to what you value; Make yourself more valuable.

One's philosophy is not best expressed in words; it is expressed in the 'CHOICES' one makes. In the long run, we shape our lives and we shape ourselves. The process never ends until we die. And the 'CHOICES' we make are ultimately our own responsibility. – Eleanor Roosevelt.

Competence, Vision, Discernment, Listening, Positive, attitude, Generosity and Servanthood are all great leadership qualities.

I extend a sincere and public thanks to the Honorable Emanuel J. Stanley, Most Worshipful Grand Master of this Jurisdiction for his outstanding leadership. I pray that Our Lord and savior Jesus Christ continue to bless us all as we continue to build on the trust and confidence of our membership.



R.W. Kevin L. Barney
Senior Grand Warden



Senior Grand Warden's Corner

RWSGW Kevin L. Barney

To the Distinguished East, Brethren, & Sisters of the Maryland Prince Hall Family

As I stand before you as your Senior Grand Warden it is both humbling and most appreciative.

For centuries this Fraternity has provided the world with an unparalleled set of morals and standards that have shaped countries and the lives of its people. Grand Master Stanley's vision has been entrusted with the gavel of authority not just to lead, but to motivate, inspire and with guidance of the Grand Architect of the Universe to make the right decisions. Being your Senior Grand Warden allows me the opportunity to serve each and every one of you daily.

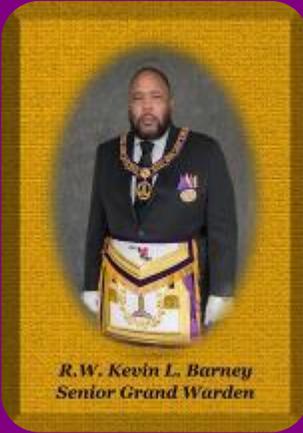
I find myself to be a lucky man. Lucky in the sense that I am following the Honorable Emanuel J. Stanley Most Worshipful Grand Master, and Right Worshipful Noel C. Osborne Sr., Deputy Grand Master. I am watching and learning how to administrate this jurisdiction. I have served as the elected Grand Lodge Officer alongside these two gentlemen and I've realized that we all share the same ideas and concerns and it became obvious to me that they are truly dedicated men and Masons and we all share the same goals for our organizations. Thank you, Grand Master Stanley and Deputy Grand Master Osborne.

Faith has intervened; I quickly saw the path that the Maryland Jurisdiction was on and started cementing ideas and plans to continue and enhance MW Stanley's programs and direction. As such; task forces were established to bring new technology to you, the local leaders. We are streamlining some processes while maintaining our core values. We will continue to support and supplement our charitable obligation with the care and support that is much needed.

Some of these plans have already been launched on a small scale and will continue to roll out in a quality manner. Some of the plans are extensive projects such as the 501 (c) exemption status which requires using Form 1023 for filing. If you file Form 1023, the average IRS processing time is 3-6 months without issues, however we had significant issues therefore it is taking us longer than usual to complete this process.

Timeline

In June 2018 the Grand Lodge joined the organization Maryland Non-Profits and through its membership resources we were able to retain a non-profit attorney to assist the Grand Lodge in obtaining a 501-c exemption status. The non-profit attorney visited the Grand



R.W. Kevin L. Barney
Senior Grand Warden



Senior Grand Warden's Corner

RWSGW Kevin L. Barney

Lodge to conduct an assessment and recommended that the Grand Lodge retain a Certified Public Accountant.

July 2018 Stoy and Malone Certified Public Accountants were retained to prepare our financial statement (1023) for the IRS. This financial statement requires four years of income vs. expense data; therefore we needed to provide income supporting data from 2014 to 2018. Due to the embezzlement situation experienced by the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge coupled with the manipulation of the Grand Lodge's QuickBooks data over the years this was found to be a very problematic task.

The Grand Lodge had (2) sets of QuickBooks and that was being utilized by the previous Grand Treasurer. Some of the information entered was not factual. In order to move forward with completing the 1023 form we had to verify all income vs expenses data. The data had to be verified through bank statements transaction by transaction and then re-entered into a new QuickBooks System under its proper accounting category in accordance to the constitution of the MWP HGL. This has been a tedious time-consuming task and process. From July 2018 until March 2019 we have been reviewing and verifying income vs expense data. I am pleased to report that we are finally prepared to submit our 1023 form to the IRS and all the income vs expense data has been validated and is correct and factual.

Many of our members are asking the big question – what are the advantages and disadvantages of becoming a non-profit organization?

➤ Advantages

Tax exemption/deduction: Organizations that qualify as public charities under Internal Revenue Code 501(c) (3) are eligible for federal exemption from payment of corporate income tax. Once exempt from this tax, the nonprofit will usually be exempt from similar state and local taxes. If an organization has obtained 501(c)(3) tax exempt status, an individual's or company's charitable contributions to this entity are tax-deductible.

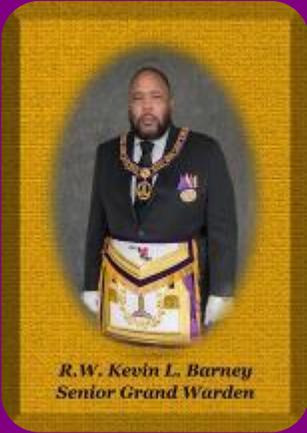
Eligibility for public and private grants: Many foundations and government agencies limit their grants to public charities. Nonprofit organizations also can offer tax deductions to individuals or businesses that give charitable contributions.

Formal structure: A nonprofit organization exists as a legal entity in its own right and separately from its founder(s). Incorporation puts the nonprofit's mission and structure above the personal interests of individuals associated with it.



Senior Grand Warden's Corner

RWSGW Kevin L. Barney



*R.W. Kevin L. Barney
Senior Grand Warden*

Limited liability: Under the law, creditors and courts are limited to the assets of the nonprofit organization. The founders, directors, members, and employees are not personally liable for the nonprofit's debts. However, there are exceptions. A person cannot use the corporation to shield illegal or irresponsible acts on his/her part. Also, directors have a fiduciary responsibility; if they do not perform their jobs in the nonprofit's best interests, and the nonprofit is harmed, they can be held liable.

➤ **Disadvantages**

Cost: Creating a nonprofit organization takes time, effort, and money. Fees are required to apply for incorporation and tax exemption. The use of an attorney, accountant, or other consultant may also be necessary.

Paperwork: As an exempt corporation, a nonprofit must keep detailed records and submit annual filings to the state and IRS by stated deadlines in order to keep its active and exempt status.

Shared control: Although the people who create nonprofits like to shape and control their creations, personal control is limited. A nonprofit organization is subject to laws and regulations, including its own articles of incorporation and bylaws. In some states, a nonprofit is required to have several directors, who in turn are the only people allowed to elect or appoint the officers who determine policy.

Scrutiny by the public: A nonprofit is dedicated to the public interest; therefore, its finances are open to public inspection. The public may obtain copies of a nonprofit organization's state and Federal filings to learn about salaries and other expenditures.

Brothers please understand that this project takes time and patience to complete this journey the most important part of the journey is completed that's the first step.

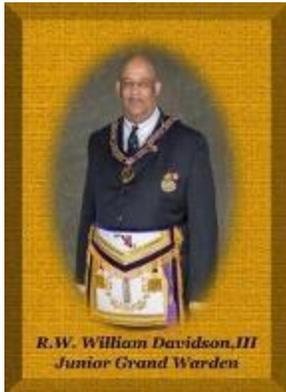
I pray that god continue to bless you and your families.

Respectfully Submitted
R.W. Kevin L. Barney Jr.
Senior Grand Warden



Junior Grand Warden's Corner

RWJGW William Davidson, III



From Darkness into the Light

I'm going to take this opportunity to get on my soapbox and speak in a very frank manner. October 2017 our beloved organization was rocked to its core as a individual(s) decided that he has no problem trying to destroy the very organization that most of love and care deeply about. Sadly it's not the first time someone has stolen from us, but I strongly believe that some don't really understand the severity of what was done and to the extent that it was done. Why do we take obligations if people refuse to follow the meaning of them? I often say we are supposed to be better than others, in our speech, our mannerisms, and our persona. The Bible is full of verses about thievery, but yet we have some that proudly claim to be men of GOD and do the very thing the Bible tells us not to do. I have a hard time trying to figure this out. I came from a world where your word means everything to me and if you believe in the teaching of this organization you will be a better man. I guess some believed they are owed something or entitled to get what they believe their predecessors got. If we as a body didn't approve it, then it's stealing, plain and simple, and you contributed to putting us in a dark place.

March 2019 closed a chapter of a dark history of our organization and there are some that say this book has a few more chapters, and it very well may, but at a minimum some healing can start. No leader should have to spend a third of his administration cleaning up a mess that should have been stopped years prior to him taking over with no help what so ever from those that should have been protecting us as he has done. We shouldn't have to protect us from us but sadly that's the situation we have been put in.

As dark as that time was, it has lead us to the light and the love that brothers have for this organization. That light helped get us thru a dark time. As bad as I personally felt and it's not about me, but it made me believe that I was not alone in my love for this organizations as brothers stayed positive and pushed forward and wouldn't let this organization die. Brothers could have gave up, some were mad, some were disappointed, some said here we go again, but in their heart they know it was the right thing to do. It's not easy when someone you trust and believes in lies and steals from you. It make you question the character of everyone, even when you should give the benefit of the doubt. You have to have the fortitude to believe in what's good and what's right. You have to believe that even on your darkest days, the light will show you the way. I believe in the light my brothers, that's why I know going forward we will be just fine.



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MWPHGLMD CROSSING THE 'Edmund Pettus Bridge'

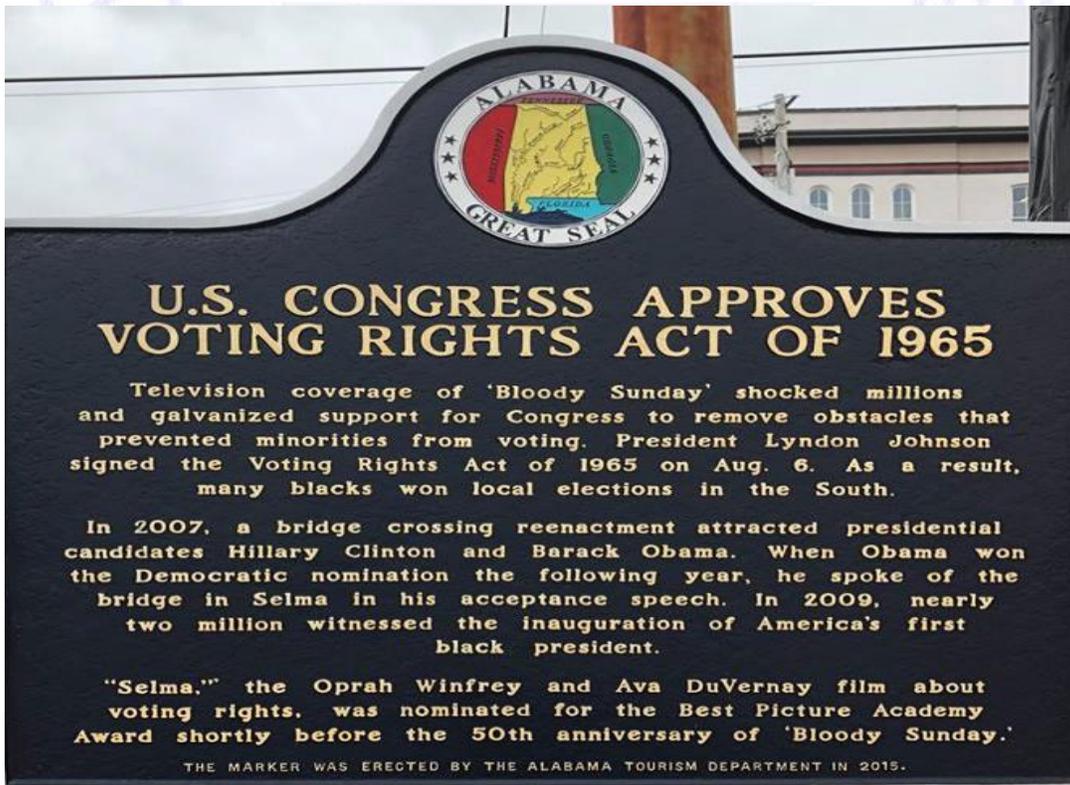
The 3rd of March 2019 marked history for the MWPHGL MD when the Honorable Emanuel J. Stanley, Most Worshipful Grand Master; RW Noel C. Osborne Sr., Deputy Grand Master; RW Kevin L. Barney Jr., Senior Grand Warden; RW William Davidson III, Junior Grand Warden; RW Willard N. Beach Jr., Regional Deputy Grand Master (Southern Region); RW Reginald Baker, Director of Security; RW Rainier Harvey Sr., Chief of Staff and Sister Robin Harvey, (spouse of Chief of Staff) participated in the 'Edmund Pettus Bridge' crossing march reenactment in Selma Alabama. We joined the members of the Jurisdiction of Alabama arm-in-arm led by The Honorable Corey D. Hawkins Sr., Most Worshipful Grand Master as we crossed the bridge; a way to connect with the men and women who were beaten and bloodied in the fight for voting rights.

This is the single most influential event of the Jubilee in Alabama to many people. The Jubilee commemorates Bloody Sunday and celebrates the Selma to Montgomery March and the passage of the Voting Rights Act.

Seeing people here today in unity is simply awesome. To God be the Glory for this experience.



MWPHGLMD



Grand Lodge Induction Ceremony



Induction Ceremony

Through the Induction Programs, the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons of Maryland was able to raise over 400 brothers within a 6 month time period. We realize that our membership is our most valuable asset... To God be the Glory...



Grand Lodge Induction Ceremony



DDGM Jimmie Surles
DDGM At Large, MWPHGLMD



This is my Teaching and my beliefs:

The Purpose of Freemasonry is to make better men out of good men. The emphasis placed on the individual man by strengthening his character, improving his moral and spiritual outlook, and broadening his mental horizons. It is not what Masonry can do for me but what I can do for masonry and it is not about how many Titles that I can get to try and impress people.

The Masonic Lodge often termed a private Lodge or Constituent, is the basic organizational unit of Freemasonry. Its also commonly used as a term for a building in which such unit meets. The Masonic Lodge or lodges operates under the District and the District operates under the Grand Lodge.

The Masonic Ritual is the scripted words and action that are spoken or performed during the degree work in a Masonic Lodge. Masonic symbolism is that which is used to illustrate the principles which Freemasonry espouses. So there you have it from a True and Loyal Mason.

Right Worshipful Jimmie Lee Surles
District Deputy Grand Master At Large
Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of
Maryland and Its Jurisdiction P.H.A.

DDGM Fleming D. Mitchell

DDGM At Large, Texas



Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge, F. & A. M.

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February 28, 2019
Grand Lodge Newsletter

Greetings to the Honorable Emanuel J. Stanley 33°, Most Worshipful Grand Master, Elected Grand Lodge Officers, M.W. Past Grand Lodge Officers, Emeritus and Appointed Grand Lodge Officers, Worshipful Masters, Past Masters, Wardens and Brethren.

This Masonic Year has been successful thus far. It's been a pleasure communicating with Brothers throughout the United States and encouraging them to reinstate into this Grand Body. Many Brothers elected to become inactive due to lack of communication.

I had the honor of sitting in a lodge this month with three newly reinstated Brothers and enjoyed seeing the gleam in their eyes, just as it was when they were first brought to Light! One Brother had not sat in a Lodge of Master Masons in more than 45 years. He again has set his sights on working diligently to support our efforts. The members of Beacon Light Lodge #50, Prince Hall Affiliation, Texas Jurisdiction located in San Antonio, Texas, were very receptive and helped ease the apprehensions of these Brothers after so many years away from our fraternity. I challenge each Brother in the Maryland Jurisdiction to seek one Brother and reclaim him. You will be amazed to find how many want to reinstate.

God bless each member of this Grand Body and may we continue to grow One Brother at A Time!



Pictured Left to Right: P.M. Van Johnson (Pride of San Marcos Lodge #494 P.H.A. TX), R.W. Fleming D. Mitchell, W.M. Michael Moore (Beason Light Lodge #50 P.H.A. TX), M.M. Coverston Navy (MD Military Lodge #122), M.M. Lee E. Lewis (Key West Lodge #257 P.H.A. TX), and P.M. Leon E. Carr (MD Military Lodge #122).

Warm Masonic Regards

R.W. Fleming D. Mitchell 33°
District Deputy Grand Master at Large - Texas

Office of the Grand Lecturer



Mt. Hope A.M.E. Zion Church Cornerstone Laying





How to Make Your Home More Resilient for Hurricane Season

May 9, 2019 Homeland Security Today

Hurricane season is on its way, and while you can't make your home invincible to high winds and flooding, you can improve your home's resilience.

Taking steps to protect your home now may pay off big in the future. Homeowners who spend money on mitigation measures are estimated to save six times that amount when disaster strikes their home.

Elevating your home is a great option to avert flooding, but it is also expensive and time-consuming.

- Funding to help elevate homes may be available through FEMA grant programs.
- Interested property owners must apply through their local government, which applies to the state. The state will then submit applications to FEMA when funding is available.
- Flood insurance policyholders whose homes sustain substantial damage can receive up to \$30,000 — on top of their normal flood insurance payout — to elevate, relocate or demolish their home, if local floodplain regulations require it.
- This additional payout, called Increased Cost of Compliance coverage, is included in most standard flood policies.
- To learn more about elevating your home, check out the FEMA Homeowner's Guide to Retrofitting: <https://go.usa.gov/xEsA3>.

Raising your electrical system components, appliances and utilities, instead of your whole house, may be a more convenient option.

- Some appliances, like laundry machines and components of your heating and air-conditioning systems, may be candidates to move to an upper floor or attic.
- If not, you can place them on concrete blocks to gain elevation.
- Electrical components such as fuse boxes, outlets and switches should be elevated above the potential flood elevation.
- These modifications must be made by a licensed electrician and may require a permit from the city or county.

Using temporary barriers is an alternative to elevation.

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- These include sandbags, portable flood gates and inflatable flood walls to protect fuel tanks and utilities.

Anchoring fuel tanks so they can't be swept away or punctured protects lives, property and the environment.

- Attach your fuel tank to the floor (if inside) or a large concrete slab outside that weighs enough to resist the force of floodwaters.
- You can also install ground anchors that connect to the tank with metal straps.

Installing backflow valves and drain plugs will prevent floodwater and wastewater from backing up into your home through toilets, sinks and drains.

- Backflow valves should be installed by a licensed plumber.

Maintaining your property may be your simplest preventive measure.

- Clear debris from gutters, downspouts, drainage ditches and storm drains.
- Secure loose items, including shingles, which could become windborne missiles.
- Modify landscaping, if necessary, to channel stormwater away from your house.
- Keep the distance between your home and your trees greater than the trees' full-grown heights.

The following items can also prevent or reduce damage in a storm:

- Hurricane shutters for windows and doors;
- Flood alert system;
- Sump pump, which draws in groundwater and sends it away through drainage pipes;
- Flood vents, which allow water to flow through foundation walls, garages and crawlspaces instead of destroying them;
- Bracings or hurricane straps that fasten your roof to the walls, particularly if you have a gable-end roof;
- Waterproof veneer for your exterior walls; and
- Waterproofing compounds to seal walls in your basement.

Learn more about defending your home against hurricanes and other natural disasters at <https://go.usa.gov/xmNxK>.

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Message From the
Chief of Security



if you
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ACTIVE SHOOTER RUN/HIDE/FIGHT

- HOW TO RESPOND WHEN AN ACTIVE SHOOTER IS IN YOUR VICINITY
- QUICKLY DETERMINE THE MOST REASONABLE WAY TO PROTECT YOUR OWN LIFE. REMEMBER THAT CUSTOMERS AND CLIENTS ARE LIKELY TO FOLLOW THE LEAD OF EMPLOYEES AND MANAGERS DURING AN ACTIVE SHOOTER SITUATION.
- RECOGNIZING THE SOUND OF GUNSHOTS
- REACTING QUICKLY WHEN GUNSHOTS ARE HEARD AND/OR WHEN A SHOOTING IS WITNESSED
- REACTING WHEN LAW ENFORCEMENT ARRIVES
- ADOPTING THE SURVIVAL MIND SET DURING TIMES OF CRISIS





RUN

IF THERE IS AN ACCESSIBLE ESCAPE PATH, ATTEMPT TO EVACUATE THE PREMISES. BE SURE TO:

- HAVE AN ESCAPE ROUTE AND PLAN IN MIND
- EVACUATE REGARDLESS OF WHETHER OTHERS AGREE TO FOLLOW
- LEAVE YOUR BELONGINGS BEHIND
- HELP OTHERS ESCAPE, IF POSSIBLE
- PREVENT INDIVIDUALS FROM ENTERING AN AREA WHERE THE ACTIVE SHOOTER MAY BE
- KEEP YOUR HANDS VISIBLE
- FOLLOW THE INSTRUCTIONS OF ANY POLICE OFFICERS
- DO NOT ATTEMPT TO MOVE WOUNDED PEOPLE
- CALL 911 WHEN YOU ARE SAFE

HIDE

- IF EVACUATION IS NOT POSSIBLE, FIND A PLACE TO HIDE WHERE THE ACTIVE SHOOTER IS LESS LIKELY TO FIND YOU.
- YOUR HIDING PLACE SHOULD:
 - BE OUT OF THE ACTIVE SHOOTER'S VIEW
 - PROVIDE PROTECTION IF SHOTS ARE FIRED IN YOUR DIRECTION
 - NOT TRAP YOU OR RESTRICT YOUR OPTIONS FOR MOVEMENT
- TO PREVENT AN ACTIVE SHOOTER FROM ENTERING YOUR HIDING PLACE:
 - LOCK THE DOOR
 - BLOCKADE THE DOOR WITH HEAVY FURNITURE
- IF THE ACTIVE SHOOTER IS NEARBY:
 - LOCK THE DOOR
 - SILENCE YOUR CELL PHONE AND/OR PAGER
 - TURN OFF ANY SOURCE OF NOISE (I.E., RADIOS, TELEVISIONS)
 - HIDE BEHIND LARGE ITEMS (I.E., CABINETS, DESKS)
 - REMAIN QUIET



FIGHT

AS A LAST RESORT, AND ONLY WHEN YOUR LIFE IS IN IMMINENT DANGER, ATTEMPT TO DISRUPT AND/OR INCAPACITATE THE ACTIVE SHOOTER BY:

- ACTING AS AGGRESSIVELY AS POSSIBLE AGAINST HIM/HER
- THROWING ITEMS AND IMPROVISING WEAPONS
- YELLING
- COMMITTING TO YOUR ACTIONS

ADDITIONAL WAYS TO PREPARE FOR AND PREVENT AN ACTIVE SHOOTER SITUATION

PREPAREDNESS

- ENSURE THAT YOUR FACILITY HAS AT LEAST TWO EVACUATION ROUTES
- POST EVACUATION ROUTES IN CONSPICUOUS LOCATIONS THROUGHOUT YOUR FACILITY
- INCLUDE LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AND FIRST RESPONDERS DURING TRAINING EXERCISES
- ENCOURAGE LAW ENFORCEMENT, EMERGENCY RESPONDERS, SWAT TEAMS, K-9 TEAMS, AND BOMB SQUADS TO TRAIN FOR AN ACTIVE SHOOTER SCENARIO AT YOUR LOCATION

PREVENTION

- FOSTER A RESPECTFUL WORKPLACE
- BE AWARE OF INDICATIONS OF WORKPLACE VIOLENCE AND TAKE REMEDIAL ACTIONS ACCORDINGLY
- **EVALUATE AND CONDUCT AN ANALYSIS**
 - RUN, HIDE AND FIGHT
 - COMMUNICATE WITH SUBORDINATES
 - SECURITY MEASURES
 - PERFORM PERSONNEL ACCOUNTABILITY

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COMMUNITY RELATIONS COUNCIL MEETING
 3RD TUESDAY @ 6:30 P.M. - CENTRAL DISTRICT ROLL

EMAIL
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- MAJOR DARYL GAINES
- MAJOR DARYL GAINES JOINED THE BALTIMORE POLICE DEPARTMENT IN 2001 AND IS CURRENTLY THE COMMANDING OFFICER OF THE CENTRAL DISTRICT. HE HAS SERVED IN PATROL ASSIGNMENTS IN THE NORTHWESTERN AND SOUTHWESTERN DISTRICTS. WHILE ASSIGNED TO THE NORTHWESTERN DISTRICT, HE WAS ASSIGNED TO PATROL, AND DISTRICT OPERATION UNITS. MAJOR GAINES WAS ALSO ASSIGNED TO THE VIOLENT CRIMES IMPACT DIVISION.
- MAJOR GAINES WAS PROMOTED TO SERGEANT IN JUNE 2008 AND ASSIGNED TO THE SOUTHWESTERN DISTRICT AS A PATROL SUPERVISOR AND THEN ASSIGNED TO THE NORTHWESTERN DISTRICT WHERE HE SUPERVISED THE BIKE UNIT, WARRANT SQUAD, COMMAND INVESTIGATIONS, AND FLEX UNIT.
- MAJOR GAINES WAS PROMOTED TO LIEUTENANT IN 2015 WHERE HE WAS ASSIGNED TO THE WESTERN DISTRICT AS A SHIFT COMMANDER. LATER, HE BECAME THE COMMANDER OF THE DISTRICT ACTION TEAM. MAJOR GAINES REPRESENTED THE DEPARTMENT IN AN EDUCATION AND TRAINING PROGRAM THROUGH THE INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF CHIEFS OF POLICE (IACP) HELPING TO TRAIN AND OFFER BEST PRACTICES TO SUPERVISORS FROM THE SAUDI ARAMCO CORPORATION BASED OUT OF SAUDI ARABIA, AS WELL AS ASSISTING THEM IN POLICY REFORM.
- MAJOR GAINES WAS PROMOTED TO THE RANK OF CAPTAIN IN DECEMBER 2017 AND WAS ASSIGNED TO THE CENTRAL DISTRICT, AND SUBSEQUENTLY PROMOTED TO MAJOR OF THE CENTRAL DISTRICT IN MAY 2018
- MAJOR GAINES HAS A BACHELOR'S DEGREE IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE FROM SAINT LEO UNIVERSITY.

BALTIMORE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Population Estimate	611,648
African American	62%
Caucasian	31%
Hispanic / Latino	5%
Other	2%
Baltimore Police Department	*BPD 8/1/2017
Budgeted Personnel	3,340
Staffed Sworn Personnel	2,514
Staffed Civilian Personnel	411
Fiscal 2017 Operating Budget	\$480,696,060
Vehicle Fleet	1,300



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)

Myra Grand Chapter Order of the Eastern Star



MYRA GRAND at their Best by WM Daphne Wanzer

Myra Grand has been busy over the past several months. Beginning with the 123rd Annual Session, the Mardi Gras Event, then the entrance of the GWM Lillie M. Jones and GWP Jeffery M. Jones. Myra Grand's Queen, PM Torri Rodgers-Ball from Marjorie T. Lancaster Chapter No. 84. WM Cathy Blackwell of Fidelity Chapter No. 60 standing guard at the Myra Grand Raffle.



Amulet Chapter No. 85 celebrating the holidays.



Queen Esther Chapter No 2 Pillow Donation
to the Women of Frederick Rescue Mission



Myra Grand Chapter Order of the Easter Star



The Osborne's (DGM Noel C. Osborne, Sr. and Grand Treasurer Sister Adele E. Osborne and Grand Prince Patron Noel C. Osborne, Jr.) Brother Noel Osborne, Jr has enlisted into the Army.

The Simon-Cunningham Youth Fraternity at the Alfred Street Baptist Church Foundation Annual HBCU College Fair at the Walter E. Washington Convention Center in Washington, DC.



Myra Grand Teens and Tots Program "The Power of Sankofa" The Youth did an Outstanding Job.



Myra Grand Chapter Order of the Easter Star



Gethsemane Chapter No. 34 Serving the Daily Bread



Maggie C. Upshur #53 helping at the Dr. Seuss program at Dallas F. Nichols Elementary



Myra Grand Chapter Order of the Eastern Star



Magdalene No. 45 enjoying themselves at Amulet No 85 Ebony Affair.



Maggie C. Upshur No. 53 enjoying the Mardi Gras event at the 122nd Annual Session



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TRUTH CHAPTER NO. 19



Thanksgiving Basket Drive

Each year, Truth Chapter No. 19 distributes food baskets to families in need during the holiday season. On Monday, November 19, 2018, Truth Chapter No. 19 continued this tradition and distributed baskets to ten families in need for the Thanksgiving holiday! Families were provided with a full Thanksgiving meal with all the fixings to bring their family together for a complete Thanksgiving dinner as well as additional groceries for daily meals throughout the week.



13th Annual Joint Clothing & Toy Drive

On Saturday, December 15, 2018, Truth Chapter No. 19 and Bee Hive Lodge No.66 sponsored its 13th Annual Joint Free Clothing & Toy Drive. Families from the local community, homeless shelters, and others referred from local outreach programs were provided with a day of "free" shopping for clothes, shoes, toys, personal products as well as other general household items. The children all enjoyed a visit with Santa and also received a special treat. Over thirty families were supplied with groceries and food baskets to enjoy a traditional family dinner for Christmas. In addition, members of Truth Chapter No. 19 also adopted eight families comprised of a total of twenty children for the 2018 Christmas season. Each family provided a "Letter to Santa" with items of both want and need, and members collectively purchased and gifted those items from each child's wish list...making this a Christmas dream come true!

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99th Anniversary Celebratory Dinner-Play

Truth Chapter No. 19 celebrated its 99th Anniversary with a celebratory dinner-play on Sunday, December 2, 2018. Inclusive in the program was a very special and informative production of "The Women and Men of Truth" written by PDDGM Gloria Jolly. Guests were entertained with a very informative, enjoyable, and amusing rendition of Truth Chapter history while enjoying an evening of great cuisine. Gifts of appreciation were also disbursed to all in attendance, including special gifts that were presented to Grand Associate Matron Barbara J. Henderson and Grand Associate Patron Robert K. Perry in honor and recognition of their continued support.



Free Spaghetti Dinner for Furloughed Families

On Thursday, January 17, 2019, Truth Chapter No. 19 and Bee Hive Lodge No. 66 jointly sponsored a Free Spaghetti Dinner in support of furloughed families that were impacted by the government shut-down. Families were provided a free full-course meal with drink and dessert, either dine-in or carry-out, at Bee Hive Masonic Temple.

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Supporting Charlotte Hall Veterans Home

During the months of February and March 2019, members of Truth Chapter No. 19 were committed to assisting the residents of Charlotte Hall Veterans Home, a 168-bed assisted living program and 286-bed skilled nursing program, by hosting a Pajama Drive for its residents! Also, as their general supply closet had been depleted, the chapter also donated cleaning and laundry supplies for residents in need. It was a pleasure to serve those who served in their time of need!

Myra Grand Chapter Order of the Easter Star



District 3 Five Color Tea by DDGAM Cynthia Lundy

PM Trudy Hurd received an award and gift from the committee for her many years of service and commitment to O.E.S. and Queen Esther Chapter No. 2. DDGP Ronald Butts received a well deserved Thank You from the committee for all his hard work.



DDGAM Cynthia Lundy and Sister Laura Charles show off their hats



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District 3 O.E.S and District 2 Masonic Cookout at Black Hills Regional Park.



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Maggie C. Upshur No. 53 March Madness by WM Daphne Wanzer

On Saturday March 23rd, WM Lakisha Council and Maggie C. Upshur No. 53 had a March Madness Relay for Life Fundraiser at the Green Turtle Owings Mills. The Green Turtle donated 20% of their sales from the flyers Maggie C. Upshur gave out.



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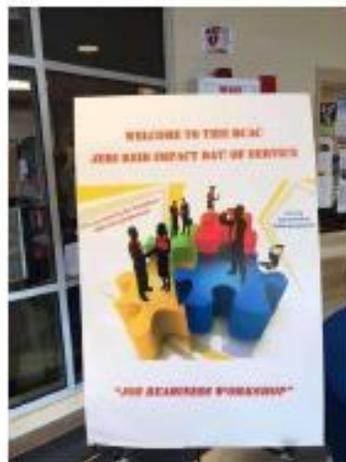
Martha Chapter No. 25 Community Service Projects

By PM Joy Etheridge

Martha Chapter No. 25 visited Saint Joseph's Nursing Home in December and delivered two large baskets and one gift bag filled with Arts and Crafts supplies. Sisters Jinaki Green and Keesha Parks helped at the home, along with Sisters Mary Parker and Eunice Johnson.



Sister Jerri Reid of Martha Chapter No.25 passed away from Cancer and the community had an Impact Day in her honor.



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Marjorie T. Lancaster Chapter No. 84 working with St. Ann's Center by WM Daphne Wanzer

Marjorie T. Lancaster Chapter No. 84 had the opportunity to work with St. Ann's Center for Children, Youth and Families, under the supervisor of the Volunteer Services Coordinator, Ms. Colette Saucier. On Saturday, March 16th the Sisters did an activity of decorating bottles with the



families and provided a Pizza lunch and even help watch the children while the Women of the center participated in the activity. The young mothers were happy with their final projects and enjoyed the conversations they had with the Sisters. This was a terrific activity for the Center and we have been invited back. Due to the policy of the center picture taking was very limited.

Sisters Kim Cooper, Michelle Collier, Kenya Henry, Maria Washington and her daughter Naomi, B. Vernett Dillard, Andrea Porter and CoSandra Carr.



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The Honorable Emanuel J. Stanley, 33° Most Worshipful Grand Master
1307 Eutaw Place
Baltimore, Maryland 21207

Greetings,

We are now known as the **Maryland Grand Council Order Of The Knights Of Pythagoras!** The "KOP" has recently been moving in a positive direction with the addition of 2 new Councils actively operating in the Baltimore area. The Youth Knights have participated in several activities in the month of February including The Thurgood Marshall Black History Celebration at Morgan State University on Feb 17th, February 23rd we attended the Morgan State vs Norfolk State Basketball Game (fun was had by all) and on the KOP also attended the Grand Lodge Workshop where the Youth Knights sold Candy and T-Shirts to help pay for their upcoming visit to Atlanta GA. The KOP has some exciting events coming soon we will be going to Kings Dominion as well as participating in a Kite Flying event in Washington DC. Stay Tuned!!!



Maryland Order of the Knights of Pythagoras



United Supreme Council History



Special Induction For Some Notable Prince Hall Masons in Maryland

October 2018 was a busy month for the Orient of Maryland. We had travelled to the United Supreme Council and have come back to the Orient with a newly coroneted 3GIG, 3GIG Emanuel J. Stanley, 32°. 3GIG Emanuel J. Stanley is also the Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Maryland.

We have travelled to the Northern Jurisdiction to visit the Orient of Delaware and support the Illustrious Deputy 3GIG James Scott for his annual Council of Deliberation.

We have conducted a successful Scottish Rite Induction by bringing 40 more fraters into the Scottish Rite and we have had one special induction for a few distinguished fraters that work for the benefit of our communities within the Orient of Maryland.

These fraters aren't often seen at Lodge meetings however, you often see them in the headlines or at the Grand Lodge conducting discussions with our Masonic Leadership about community affairs and how to improve conditions for the communities of which most of the fraters are intimately familiar.

Therefore, in October 2018, the Orient of Maryland conducted a Special Induction and took three

Master Masons to the degree of Sublime Prince of the Royal Secret. They are SP Larry Gibson, 32°, SP Talmadge Branch, 32°, and SP Julian E. Jones, 32°.

Frater SP Larry Gibson, 32° is a Law Professor and he also serves as Of Counsel for the law firm Shapiro Sher. Frater Gibson has been teaching law for over 47 years.

Frater Gibson is also the author of *YOUNG THURGOOD: THE MAKING OF A SUPREME COURT JUSTICE* (Prometheus Books, 2012).

Frater Gibson was the campaign manager whom helped Kurt L. Schmoke run a successful campaign to ensure his election as Mayor of the City of Baltimore in 1987, 1991, and 1995. He has run numerous other election campaigns, including the 1992 Clinton presidential campaign in Maryland. In recent years, he has advised the campaigns of African political leaders, including the President of Madagascar, Marc Ravalomanana, and Liberian President Ellen Johnson Sirleaf.

Frater Gibson has served as Associate Deputy Attorney General of the United States under President Jimmy Carter. He has also been in the acquaintance some would say friends with President Lyndon B. Johnson and President Bill Clinton. Frater Johnson is a wealth of walking knowledge.

SP Talmadge Branch, 32°, is a politician who represents the 45th legislative district in the Maryland House of Delegates. Branch has been in office since 1995 and is currently the House majority whip. Delegate Branch is a former chairman of the Legislative Black

Caucus of Maryland and founder of the Legislative Black Caucus of Maryland's foundation.

Frater Branch is a member of the Legislative Policy Committee, the Special Joint Committee on Pensions, the Task Force to Study the State's Retiree Health Insurance Liabilities, and many other committees. Frater Branch is also the House Chair of the Joint Committee on Welfare Reform.

Frater Branch also co-sponsored HB 860 (Baltimore City Public Schools Construction and Revitalization Act of 2013). Signed by the Governor on May 16, 2013, the new law approved 1.1 billion dollars to construct new schools in Baltimore City. The construction of the new schools in Baltimore City is long overdue and this bill is one of the reasons new schools are being constructed in Baltimore City. Now, we just need to make it enticing for teachers to want to live near the schools they teach at. "Safe and Clean Streets Equals a Brighter Future."

Also, just an FYI, Frater Branch was made a Master Mason by Samuel T. Daniels.

SP Julian E. Jones, 32°, is a politician who represents the 4th District of Baltimore County. Frater Jones was elected to the Baltimore County Council in 2014. After retiring as Chief of the Safety Division with Anne Arundel

United Supreme Council History



County Fire Department, Frater Jones decided to enter politics.

While at the Fire Department Frater Jones excelled. Frater Jones moved up in the department, he earned the rank of lieutenant, captain, battalion chief and, finally, safety division chief. In fact Frater Jones is the first African-American to become a lieutenant, captain, battalion chief and safety division chief in the Anne Arundel County Fire Department. Later in politics, Jones would become the first African-American Baltimore County Council Chairman.



Congratulations to all of our new fraters and Welcome to the Orient of Maryland.



Standing : Left to Right, SP Ranier Harvey, SP Talmadge Branch, SP Larry Gibson, SP Julian E. Jones. Seated: SGIG Garnett Hall, SGIG Emanuel J. Stanley also the MWGM.



What
Scottish Rite Induction

When
Saturday, May 4, 2019

Where
*Most Worshipful Prince Hall
Grand Lodge of Maryland*

Time
8:00 am

Cost
\$350.00

I asked the three new Fraters, If they could give a message collectively to the craft, what would it be? Their answer in summation, was no matter what the affiliation or political party, **MAKE SURE YOU ALWAYS REMEMBER TO VOTE.** As a people we must vote!

Hiram Holy Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Maryland



Hiram Holy Grand Chapter held their 145th Annual Convocation at the Grand Lodge on November 10, 2018. It was the culmination of now PMEGHP Eddie V. Tucker's leadership of the body. He skillfully led the Grand Chapter since the untimely passing of PMEGHP Michael A. Taylor. Many of the Jurisdictions that make up the Royal Arch Eastern Alliance came to visit and pay tribute to PMEGHP Tucker and the fraternal ties were on full display for all to see. Visitors came from Virginia, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, New York, South Carolina and Delaware to congratulate him on his tenure.

The Grand Convocation ended with the election of the new officers of the Grand Chapter, and they are:

Most Excellent Grand High Priest Dale E. Weaver
Right Excellent Deputy Grand High Priest Gerald C. Matthews
Right Excellent Grand King Clarence A. Traynham
Right Excellent Grand Scribe Christopher B. Charles
Right Excellent Treasurer Thomas Russum
Right Excellent Secretary PMEGHP Phil Lewis



Hiram Holy Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Maryland



Corinthian Chapter #20 Visitations with Fairmount Court #8



2nd Annual Ties That Bind Luncheon

Outstanding Corinthian Chapter No. 20, Holy Royal Arch Masons and Fairmount Court No. 8 Heroines of Jericho, 2nd Annual Ties that Bind Prayer Luncheon. Rev. Joshua Slack Preached an awesome Sermon (John 6:66-71/The other side of Rejection), and the Cartwright Singer's were superb! Congratulations to MEHP Ivory Traynham and MAM Teresa Hicks!!!



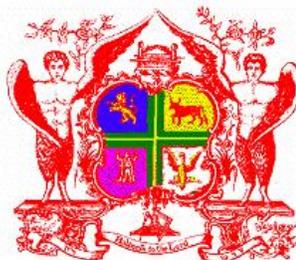
Hiram Holy Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Maryland



MEGHP Weaver Meeting with the MEHP's



HHGC Memorial Service



Hiram Holy Grand Chapter
Royal Arch Masons of Maryland



**Palestine Commandery #5
Knights Templar, PHA, MD**



PALESTINE COMMANDERY #5

Severna Park, Md

**Presents a Meet and Greet Luncheon at the
Wiley H. Bates Center**

1101 Smithville St, Annapolis, MD 21401

March 15 2019

1-3pm

*In Appreciation of our Seniors and to Introduce ourselves as Sir
Knights of Saint Andrews Grand Commandery, Prince Hall Af-
filiated, State of Maryland.*

*Sir Knight Christopher Charles,
Most Eminent Grand Commander
Sir Knight Eugene Bradford Eminent Commander*



Palestine Commandery #5 Knights Templar, PHA, MD



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Hannibal Lodge #8 3rd Masonic District



WM Christopher Lewis El

Hannibal #8 of the 3rd District has been pretty active over the last 6 months. From community service to supporting other lodges, in the first half of the year, Hannibal has done much.

Starting last fall, Hannibal started with it's "Party with a Purpose" where we distributed over \$1000 to 3 cancer organizations, raised 4 new brothers, and had our 1st prayer breakfast at Emmanuel United Baptist Church.

On Saturday, November 3rd, we had 12 brothers present at the 2018 MWPHGL Masonic Ball. Then, gave away 18 Turkey dinners for Thanksgiving complete with Turkeys, dressing and sides, on Wednesday, November 21st, 2018. Also, during that month, Hannibal's Past Master Nelson Moody was honored at a Ravens game as a Hometown Hero in November (<https://youtu.be/IWmOB7uxgPM>). In December, the lodge represented at 2018 Grand Lodge Session to close out the 2018 calendar year.

On Friday, January 4th, we visited Washington DC's "The Bionic" Ionic Lodge #17 for their 1st degree, and then supported J4 on Sunday, January 20th, 2019. Hannibal hosted an awesome community service activity to help the homeless on Saturday, February 9, 2019 outside St. Vincent's Church off President Street. The brothers withstood sub 30 degree weather to distribute clothes, shoes, toiletries and hot meals to those in need. Later that month on February 16th, we supported our District brothers of St. John's #5 at their annual Prayer Breakfast, where the guest speaker was our very own PM Melvin Truiett. It proved to be a busy day as we also supported our Sisters of Martha Chapter #25 OES at their annual Red & Black Cabaret, held at the MWPHGLMD Fellowship Hall. The next day, we were in attendance at the 2019 MWPHGLMD Thurgood Marshall Black History Month Celebration, held in the Murphy Fine Arts Center at Morgan State University. We approached the end of the month with a visit to another 3rd district brother lodge, Eden #72. The brothers made us feel welcome and were very hospitable. We were even privy to another treat as the Grand Lecturer and some of his staff provided some Masonic education. Lastly, for that month, we visited Arlington #58 in Arlington, VA for their 2nd degree passing. One of the young man being passed to the degree of Fellowcraft was known to us and is good friends with our JD.

On March 2nd, we attended the 1st Constituent Lodge Workshop held at the MWPHGLMD on Eutaw Place. This was informative and provided proper instruction for our labor as we progressed further in the year. MWGM Stanley articulated his goals and vision, while also focusing on respect, brotherhood, and protocol. Reports were given on many initiatives presented by the various committees, and brothers were encouraged to volunteer. DGM Osborne also presented feedback and data from December's Grand Lodge Session.

This Spring started with seeing our JW Desazeo Johnson off to training before being stationed in Australia. We had 7 brothers support our Sisters of Maggie C. Upshur #53, on March 23rd, at their Green Turtle fundraiser before our annual Black Party on Saturday, March 30th.

Then, on Saturday, April 20th, we visited the brothers of Hobson Lodge #23 in Richmond, Va for their 3rd degree raising. The degree work was solid and our younger brothers had an opportunity to see subtle differences in foreign jurisdictions, as there were masons from DC and VA in attendance. Our very own, RW Charles Plummer, had the opportunity to raise his nephew for a very touching and poignant moment that neither of them will forget. The hospitality was great and we had the opportunity to use our trowels abroad. It is our hope to continue forging lasting relationships and encouraging brothers abroad to visit the great state of Maryland.

Last, but not least, we had the opportunity to visit Charles H. Wesley Lodge #147 on Thursday, April 25th, as they conferred their 2nd degree. The degree work was on point as SW Haynesworth, PM Jacque Jones, and other brothers impressed in their roles. WM Bryce Gaylor was very proud, and for good reason. The future is indeed bright at CHW #147.

Charles H. Wesley #147 4th Masonic District



Strikes, Spares: Bowling for Scholarships 2018



Strikes, spares, food, fellowship, and brotherly love were the themes for the night during the Lodge's 1st Bowling for Scholarships Fundraising Event held at Greenway Bowl in Odenton, Maryland.

The event took place on August 18, 2018, with the express purpose of raising money for the Lodge's scholarship fund. Fun was plentiful as the Brothers of Wesley, along with their families, friends, and other guests got the opportunity to fellowship, get to know one another's families, and bowl for 3 hours. There were even door prizes that were awarded to lucky attendees of the event! A GREAT time was had by all and the event was a tremendous success, as the Lodge was able to raise over \$1200 for our scholarship fund. The event was so successful, that the incoming administration has decided to have the event 2 times per year, and our first event for the 2018-2019 Masonic Year will take place on March 30, 2019, again at Greenway Bowl in Odenton.

Special kudos go out to the Bowling Scholarship Fundraiser Committee for making this bowling event a HUGE success: Bro Lawrence J. Mercer, Junior Deacon (Chair), Bro Deron G. Pittman, I, Tyler (Co-Chair), and Bro Ronald Hill, Jr., Junior Warden (Co-Chair)!



Charles H. Wesley #147 4th Masonic District



Charles H. Wesley Hosts "The Crossover"

On Saturday, October 13, 2018, at the VFW Post 8950 in Lanham, Maryland, the Brothers of Charles H. Wesley hosted its annual end of year event, "The CrossOver". The purpose of the event is three-fold: 1.) to announce the Lodge's newly elected administration to the public; 2.) to celebrate the "crossing over" of newly raised Wesley Brothers into the Prince Hall Masonic Family; and lastly, 3.) to announce and honor the recipients of the Lodge's scholarship awards. The Brothers of Charles H. Wesley, as well as other Brothers from neighboring Lodges, OES Sisters, and invited family and guests came from far and wide to partake in the atmosphere of good catered food, great fellowship, and groovy tunes spun by PHA Brother, DJ Supa B, who hails from John F. Cook Lodge No. 10, MWPHGLDC.



The newly raised Brothers introduced to the Brotherhood and invited guests were: Bros Frank "Joseph" Callender-Britto, Brian C. Tillman, Harry E. Booth, Jr., and Donald Blackwell-Bey (not in attendance), who are affectionately known as "Freeborn Four." The Brothers of Freeborn Four further solidified their journey into the Prince Hall Masonic Family by receiving their Masonic patents, and the class expressed their sincere gratitude to the Lodge, most especially Brothers RW Joseph E. Bowe, Byron Holly, and Ronald Hill, Jr., who served as Co-Proficiency Team Chairmen, in assisting with shaping them into becoming Prince Hall Master Masons and "Wesley Boyz!"

The Academic Scholarship Awards Committee also honored three graduating high school seniors as recipients of Charles H. Wesley Lodge No. 147 Scholarship Awards. The awardees were: Ms. J'Mia Tillman, Ms. Jordan Downtin-Dorsey, and Ms. Stephanie Crawford. Each young lady, accompanied by their parents, was awarded a scholarship in the amount of \$1000 for their academic excellence, commitment, and service to the community.

A special highlight of the evening was the surprise announcement of the Charles H. Wesley Brother of the Year. The award was presented to Brother Byron Holly for his many significant contributions, not only to Charles H. Wesley, but also for his outstanding work throughout the 4th Masonic District and the MWPHGLMD, as Bro Holly was the primary contributor for the design of the current version of the MWPHGLMD Website! What a FANTASTIC honor bestowed to Brother Holly!

The Crossover was a HUGE success and COULD NOT have been possible without the dedicated and talented direction of the following Brothers: Bros Deron G. Pittman, I., Lonnie L. Lesane, Ronald L. Gee, Jr., and Obadiah V. Johnson! Great job!

The Charles H. Wesley Brothers would also like to thank all of our guests for attending the event and supporting the Lodge, as well as anyone else who may have helped to make the event a success! We look forward to an even bigger and better event next year!

Charles H. Wesley #147 4th Masonic District



"Dem Wesley Boyz" Deliver for Thanksgiving



Thanksgiving is the time of the year when Americans flood the supermarkets to purchase turkeys, hams, and all the "fixins" in preparation to making their Thanksgiving meal the best and most enjoyable experience ever! Most of us are blessed to have the financial resources to afford and make this annual celebration possible. However, for some in America, celebrating Thanksgiving is a challenge, a mere hope and a dream, because many families cannot afford to put a traditional Thanksgiving meal on the table!

With that in mind, on Saturday, October 17, 2018, the Brothers of Charles H. Wesley, along with their families and friends, did what they could in answering the call by

preparing and delivering 10 Thanksgiving baskets to selected families in need within Prince George's County. Even Bro Willard N. Beach, Jr., District Deputy Grand Master of the 4th Masonic District, participated! Each basket contained the following: a turkey, ham, canned vegetables, rice, stuffing, and other Thanksgiving inspired food items. The food was inventoried, sorted and packaged at the home of Bro Lawrence J. Mercer, and once the baskets were assembled, they were loaded by the Brothers and delivered to the residences of the families. The families that received the baskets were so grateful for the love and generosity shown by the Brothers of Wesley...their prayers had been answered!

A special shout out and kudos to the Committee on Masonic Charity for the organizing of the event, purchasing the food, coordinating with the country, and the delivery of the baskets. The committee consisted of the following: Bros George I. Morning, II, Ronald Hill, Jr., and PM Raymond G. Fefee, III. A special thank you is also in order to Bro Lawrence J. Mercer for allowing the Brotherhood use of his home to assemble the baskets!

"... It is more blessed to give than to receive." - Jesus Christ, Acts 20:35, NKJV



Charles H. Wesley Lodge No. 147 Donates to Bowie Police Department's "Shop with a Cop" Christmas Charity

Charles H. Wesley #147 4th Masonic District



On December 14, 2018, The Brothers of Charles H. Wesley Lodge No. 147 made a \$250 donation to the Bowie Police Department's Shop with A Cop Christmas Charity. The donations were made on behalf of and in recognition to Wesley Brothers and Bowie Police Officers, Bros Sean Schwartz and Harry E. Booth, Jr., and the Chief of the Bowie Police Department graciously accepted the gift on behalf of the Lodge towards their holiday initiative.

The Lodge would like to sincerely thank Bros Schwartz and Booth for their commitment to "Protect and Serve," and for allowing the Lodge to give back to children in the community on their behalf. Thank you for all that you do in keeping us all safe and secure!

About Shop with a Cop: Shop with a Cop is a program that allows young kids, K - 6th grade, to be selected each year during the end-of-the-year holiday season to shop at one of the local area stores to purchase gifts for members of their immediate family. Each child is given a small amount of money to spend, normally \$50-\$100 depending on the size of the child's immediate family. Approximately 1-2 children are assigned to each police personnel, who then escorts them around the store and assists in selecting appropriate gifts for each family member. The children are told that the money is not for personal use and must only be spent on members. After shopping, the children will eat lunch, wrap their gifts, and continue to get to know the police officers.



2018 Wreaths Across America

Charles H. Wesley Lodge No. 147 participated in its 1st Wreaths Across America Event on December 15, 2018. Each December on National Wreaths Across America Day, people around the country seek to "Remember, Honor and Teach," as we commemorate our lost veterans.

The event is conducted by coordinating wreath-laying ceremonies at Arlington National Cemetery, as well as at more than 1,400 additional locations in all 50 U.S. states, at sea and abroad. The event remembers fallen soldiers and their families from the Revolutionary War period up to our present-day conflicts. Wreaths Across America's mission touches the lives of thousands of schools, scouting organizations, and civic and religious groups across the country through fundraising for wreath sponsorships. These groups help to ensure that they reach their goal to place a wreath on each hero's grave. There were two lodge contingents representing the lodge at two different locations. Group 1 included WM Bryce A. Gaylor, JS Philip Ludd, Tyler Deron G. Pittman, I., and Bro Bryan Simmons at Arlington National Cemetery, and the Group 2 was led by DDGM Willard N. Beach, Jr., at Cheltenham Veterans Cemetery, where wreaths were placed on random graves of veterans and their families. It was a dreary and rainy day, and the weather likely reduced the attendance, however it was estimated that 60,000+ people participated at the event in Arlington.

The Lodge would like to sincerely thank Bro W. Bryan Simmons for suggesting and taking the lead with this initiative. It was Wesley's first participation in the event at Arlington, and because our Lodge has so many brothers who have served, it is good that the Lodge participated in this national event. Hopefully, next year,

Charles H. Wesley #147 4th Masonic District



as the event is conducted at multiple veteran's cemeteries, we can arrange participate at multiple sites that could include:

- Arlington National Cemetery,
- Cheltenham Veterans Cemetery, and the US Naval Academy



"Dem Wesley Boyz" Go 2-For-2 and Deliver Again for Christmas!

On Saturday, December 22, 2018, the Brothers of Charles H. Wesley, along with their families and friends, did what they could in spreading holiday cheer by preparing and delivering 10 Christmas baskets to selected families in need within Prince George's County. Just as with the Thanksgiving Basket initiative performed in November, Brothers met at the home of Bro Lawrence J. Mercer residence to inventory, sort, and assemble the baskets. Once the baskets were assembled, they were loaded by the Brothers and delivered to the residences of the families. The families that received the baskets were so grateful for the love and generosity shown by the Brothers of Wesley as several of the families were families we assisted during Thanksgiving!

Thank you to the Brothers of Wesley, for their participation and sacrifice in ensuring that the Christmas Baskets Initiative was successful and for helping to make receiving families' Christmas a blessed one!

Once again, a special shout out and kudos to the Committee on Masonic Charity for the organizing of the event, purchasing the food, coordinating with the country, and the delivery of the baskets. The committee consisted of the following: Bros George I. Morning, II, and Ronald Hill, Jr. Special thanks are also in order to Bro Lawrence J. Mercer for allowing the Brotherhood to once again use his home to assemble the baskets!



S.T. Kendall Lodge #153 5th Masonic District



S.T. Kendall Lodge At Work

Giving Honor and Glory to the Most High;

I would like to take a moment to first introduce ourselves we are, S.T. KENDALL LODGE # 153 out of Waldorf, Maryland. We are currently the newest edition to Great Jurisdiction of Maryland.

We would like to submit the first of what will be " A Lifetime Body of Work". On Dec. 13, 2018 at 4:30 pm, our first Community Outreach Project was, the basic fundamentals of CPR and "911 awareness". Our Lodge is Blessed to have two brave Members who continue to risk there lives by saving others. As Members of the EMT / Firefighting Family these two and six other S.T.K. # 153 members, showed over 40 children and there parents how to properly pre-form CPR, as well as other life safety tips.

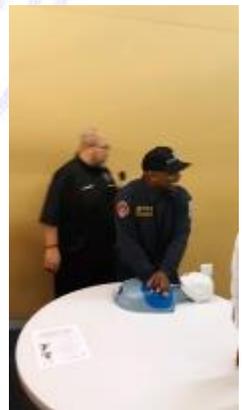
Attached are just a few photo's of the event. The training was actually held in the very place the Lodge holds it's Regular Communications.

Fraternally Submitted,

Bro. Jerome Thomas Johnson III
Worshipful Master of
S.T. KENDALL LODGE # 153



S.T. Kendall Lodge #153 5th Masonic District



Thomas H. Kiah Lodge #101 7th Masonic District



Thomas H. Kiah #101 Prince Hall Masons Rock Hall, Maryland membership of Kent and Queen Anne's Counties continued their annual tradition of donating food baskets and turkeys to families in need in Kent and Queen Anne's Counties; six food baskets were donated. The lodge also held their annual visitation and presented fruit baskets as Christmas gifts to 11 widows of deceased lodge brothers.

Lodge members pictured in attached photo from left to right – James Thompson, Brain Taylor, James Sampson, Orlando McElroy, Elbert Hicks, Earl Taylor, Thomas Groce, Jr., Randolph Wiggins, Wilbur Norman, Melvin Shorter . Not pictured Elmer Wheeler, Jr., Photographer



Benjamin F. Luke #127 12th Masonic District



BENJAMIN F. LUKE LODGE No. 127
District Number Twelve, Europe



Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Maryland & Jurisdictions, Inc.

February 10, 2019

From: Worshipful Master Ken Bohaty
To: 12th Masonic District

Subject: Black History Month

I bring you fraternal greetings and salutations. The members of Benjamin F. Luke Lodge #127 placed a wreath at the memorial for the Wereth 11 in Wereth, Belgium, to commemorate Black History Month. Placing the wreath at the memorial of the Wereth 11 is our Lodge's small way of recognizing the ultimate sacrifices and hardships endured by the Wereth 11 and all African American Service Members, during World War II. The Wereth 11 were members of the 333rd Field Artillery Battalion that were assigned to an area outside Wereth, Belgium. Their unit was overrun by the Germans during the war. They made a journey of 10 or 11 miles into Wereth, Belgium where they were later captured and executed by the German SS Unit. All 11 members received the Bronze Star, Purple Heart and Victory Medal. More information about the Wereth 11 and the Memorial can be found at www.wereth.org. The names of the Wereth 11 are provided;

WERETH 11

Private Adams, Curtis
Corporal Bradley, Mager
Private First Class Davis, George
Staff Sergeant Forte, Thomas J.
Technical Corporal Green, Robert
Private First Class Leatherwood James
Private Moss, Nathaniel
Private First Class Moten, George W.
Technical Sergeant Pritchett, William Edward
Technical Sergeant Stewart, James Aubrey
Private First Class Turner, Due W.

May the G. A. O. T. U. guide us all, So Mote It Be!

Fraternally,
Brother Kenneth W. Bohaty Jr 33°



Benjamin F. Luke #127 12th Masonic District



Mt. Lebanon #22 16th Masonic District



On December 22, 2018, the 16th Masonic District with Gethsemane Chapter #34 participated in a Christmas Party for Kelly Thompson's 7 Children. Kelly Thompson suddenly passed away at the age of 25 and her children have been in the care of their aunt, Kimberly Thompson since then. As a collective we raised \$750 between the 16th Masonic District & Gethsemane #34 to provide the kids with clothes, toys and other miscellaneous items for Christmas. We have made the commitment to adopt the children so that this is not a one time charity.



Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Maryland Building Renovations BRICK PROGRAM



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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.
- Photo file formats: JPEG, PNG, BMP, TIFF, and PDF.

Note

The Editorial Staff will endeavor to preserve the essence of an author's original submission; however, we reserve the right to abbreviate, append, delete, or otherwise edit all articles to enhance readability, or to engender clarity, succinctness, or suitability.

Please email your inputs directly to the Editor at trayiswawq@gmail.com.

Most Fraternally and Respectfully,

RW Ivory G. Traynham— Editor

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