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MOST WORSHIPFUL GRAND MASTER

To: The Honorable Noel C. Osborne, Sr., Most Worshipful Grand Master
Elected Grand Lodge Officers, Most Worshipful Past Grand Masters, Appointed Grand Lodge Officers,
Worshipful Masters, Past Masters, Wardens and Brethren of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of
Maryland and Its Jurisdictions, Inc.

Subject: My 2023-2024 Annual Report of the Regional Deputy Grand Master, Southern Region of Maryland

Greetings,

All honor is given to the Supreme Architect of The Universe who makes all things possible.

I would like to express my sincere gratitude and appreciation to the Honorable Noel C. Osborne, Sr., MWGM for his continued confidence in allowing me to serve as the Regional Deputy Grand Master for the Southern Region of Maryland. It has been a tremendous honor for me to serve you and this Grand body during your tenure as the Most Worshipful Grand Master.

Serving as the Regional Deputy Grand Master for the Southern Region of Maryland is a tremendous privilege and an honor. The Southern Region represents some of the finest and most talented Brothers in the entire Jurisdiction of Maryland. The diversity of the region is reflected via the Counties from which these brothers serve. They are Arundel, Prince Georges, Charles, Calvert, and Saint Mary's.

It has been my responsibility to provide oversight, support, and guidance to the District Deputy Grand Masters in accordance with the directives and vision of The Most Worshipful Grand Master.

The Southern Regions leadership is comprised of RW David Pollard (*Assistant Regional Deputy Grand Master*), District Deputy Grand Masters RW Harold Robinson (*Fourth Masonic District*), RW Gerald Battle (*Fifth Masonic District*), RW Rodney Aych (*Ninth Masonic District*), and RW Roderic Mauldin (*Tenth Masonic District*).

Status of the Southern Region of Maryland

Southern Region began the 2023-2024 Masonic year with the goals of continued membership growth, leadership enhancement, and an increased impact in the various communities which we serve. Masonic education, to include constitutional, protocol, and ritualistic knowledge is essential for leadership growth. Working with a dynamic group of District Deputy Grand Masters we focused on addressing many of the areas that were highlighted for improvement during the start of the Masonic year.

With the appointment of Dr. Kevin D. Claiborne as the new State Director for the Maryland Grand Council of the Knights of Pythagoras. An increased emphasis was placed on the District Deputy Grand Masters of the Southern Region to provide whatever resources that were needed to ensure the success of the program. The 4th and 9th Districts stepped up to answer the call, establishing two of the five new councils in the jurisdiction.

Continued emphasis has been placed on the relationship between the constituent lodges on the region and their OES chapters. The result has been a tremendous level of mutual support in the areas of dialog, visitations, increased male membership within the chapters, community service, and fundraising endeavors. With the addition of Prince Hall #15, supported by King Solomon #7. I am confident that the Masonic / OES relationship in the Southern Region will continue to flourish and grow.

-Peter Hassel Council #6 - Advised by the 4th Masonic District

-John E. Wallace Council #5 - Advised by the 9th Masonic District

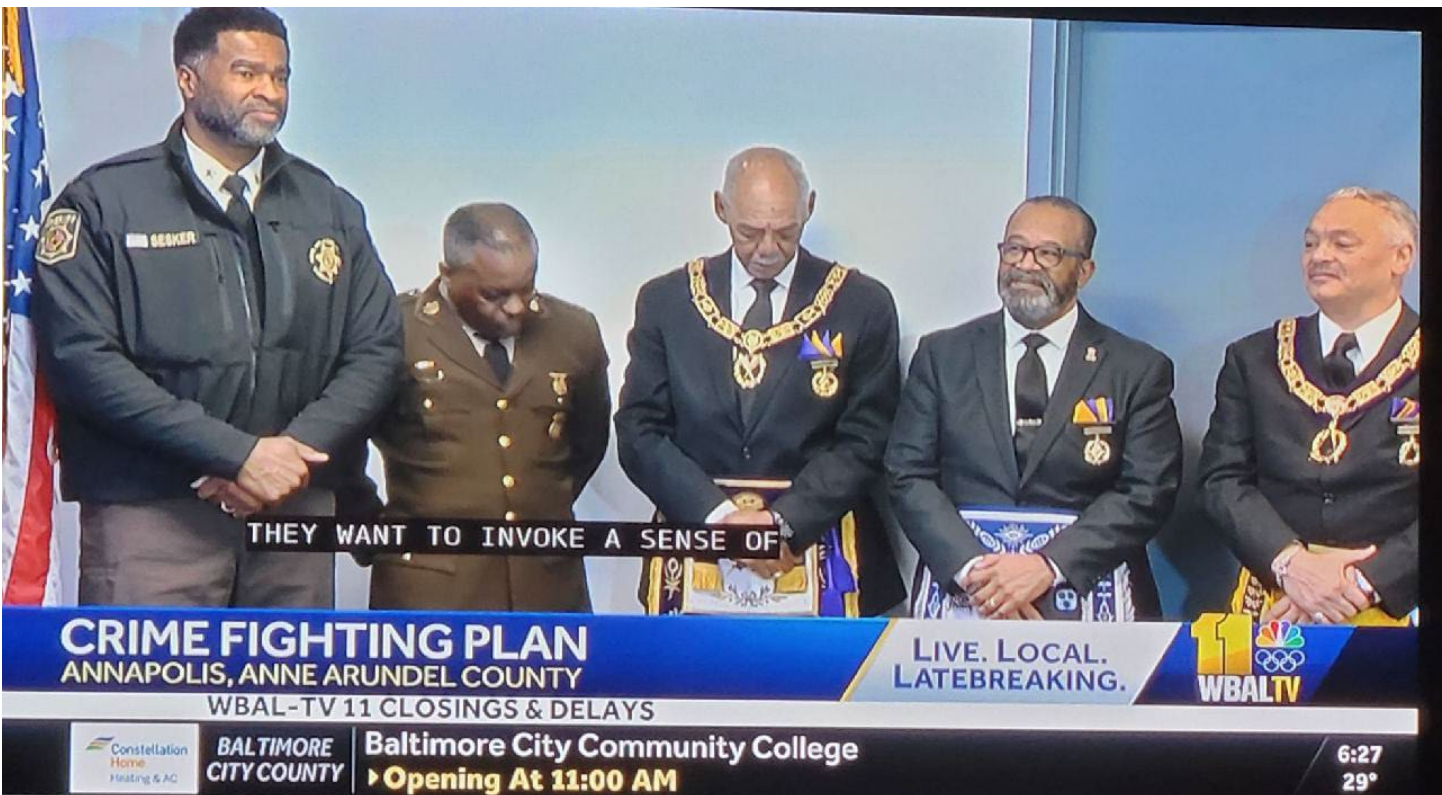
Notable Southern Region Events

- 4th and 9th Districts support of the Shatter the Silence Domestic Violence and Sexual assault 5K walk.

- 10th District – Support of the first Anti-Crime Rally in Annapolis Maryland

The brothers of the 4th and 9th Masonic Districts supported by the sisters from the 2nd OES District have continued our partnership with the Maryland National Capitol Park Police (Prince Georges County Division) to provide much needed funds to the University of Maryland Region Health Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Center (DV/SAC). The Prince Hall family have provided financial and logistical support to the victims/survivors of these horrific crimes since 2016. To date the total contributions to the cause have exceeded \$24000. I am so enormously proud of the efforts and the support provided by my brothers and sisters. We are helping to make a difference.

The first Anti-Crime Rally was held at the Annapolis Police Department headquarters. Annapolis Police Chief Edward Jackson, Superintendent of the Maryland State Police, Col. Ronald Butler, Jr. Arundel County Sherriff Everett Sesker, The Honorable Noel C. Osborne, Sr. MWGM, Annapolis Mayor Gavin Buckley, and a host of political and civic leaders participated in a call to action to assist in combating the rise in violent crime in the city of Annapolis.





An extreme measure of appreciation goes out to the Worshipful Masters and the officers of the various lodges for their willingness to serve. Their selfless efforts contributed to the success of not only their lodges but our jurisdiction.

Special thanks go out to my right-hand man, RW RDGM David Pollard, the District Deputy Grand Masters and their staffs for their steadfast dedication, hard work, and support. Each and every one of these brothers are to be commended for their service. *What you say there Hogg!*

Any measure of success realized by me during this Masonic year would not have been possible if it were not for their efforts.

In closing I would like to thank The Honorable Noel C. Osborne, Sr. once again, and the members of the executive leadership team for your confidence and support. It is through this support that made it possible for the Southern Region to continue make a difference throughout our respective communities in which we serve.

Most Worshipful Grand Master Noel C. Osborne, Sr., it is my sincerest hope and prayer that the 175th Annual Session of the MWPHGL of MD and its Jurisdiction will be productive and harmonious.

May the Great Architect of the Universe continue to bestow his blessing upon you MW sir, your family, and this great fraternity of ours.

Fraternally Submitted,

MWPGM Willard N. Beach, Jr.

Regional Deputy Grand Master

The only leaders qualified to lead are those who have learned to serve

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Subject: 2023 - 2024 Regional Deputy Grand Master Report for the 176th Annual Grand Lodge Session

“I Can Do All Things Through Christ Who Strengthens Me” Philippians 4:13

First giving honor to God from whom all blessings flow. I would like to thank you Most Worshipful Grand Master Noel C. Osborne, Sr for allowing me to serve as the Regional Deputy Grand Master for the Eastern Shore.

The team on the Eastern Shore has been most supportive of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge activities. This support would not have been possible without the teamwork of the District Deputy Grand Masters and Assistant District Deputy Grand Masters. Thank you to the Eastern Shore District Deputy Grand Masters and their staff.

7th District

RW James E. Thompson 32°, #101 DDGM
RW Calvin Leaks 32°, #95 ADDGM

8th District

RW Jabbar Mills 32°, #53 DDGM
RW Joseph Marshall, #65 ADDGM

19th District

RW Anthony A. Mumford 32°, #45 DDGM
RW Stephen Mills , #45, ADDGM

State of the Lodges

The Lodges on the Eastern Shore are currently doing good. The brothers are working well together even though we have suffered several losses of faithful brothers this year and families have also had financial and health challenges. Lamech Lodge No 30 brought in 2 new Master Masons. Pride of Cambridge No 50 has 2 new apprentices. Union Lodge No 33 has one new apprentice. Unionville Lodge No 45 has 1 new apprentice. The following are some of the activities and community service events the lodges have sponsored and or participated in.

7th Masonic District

Pride of Cambridge No 50

Donations of cleaning products and personal hygiene products to the area elementary, middle and high schools. This activity is an ongoing community service activity. Food and Monetary donations have been made to the community members as needed.

Olive Branch No. 93

JW Howard Beulah is currently working with the Maryland Food Bank in Caroline County, Md. PM Derick Brummell is president of Critical Repairs Caroline County Group. This group volunteers contractors, plumbers and electricians to do work for needy families in Caroline County. The lodge participated in the adopt a family program at St Martin's Barn (a homeless shelter). Christmas gifts were given to the widows. Supported Praise in the Park with New Beginnings Church in Ridgely, Md. Participated in National Night Out this year.

Prospect Lodge No 95

Participated in the National Night Out activities in the local community

Thomas H. Kiah No 101

Participated in local voter registration drive

Donations made to community churches of food and school supplies.

Participated in National Night Out.

8th Masonic District
Lamech Lodge No 30

November 2023

Prepared 75 Meals for St Luke UMC Soup Kitchen on 11/8 and 11/22
Visited Sick/Shut-in Past Masters/Vance Albert- Steve Collier
Attended William Price's Mother Funeral
Attended Sorority Day at First Baptist Church

December 2023

Prepared 75 Meals for St Luke UMC Soup Kitchen on 12/13 and 12/27
Ring the Bell for Salvation Army at Walmart
Did Gift Donations to Needed families

January 2024

Prepared 90 meals for St Luke UMC Soup Kitchen on 1/3 and 1/24

February 2024

Performed Masonic Funeral for Brother Rudolph Cane Sr.
Prepared 90 Meals for St Luke UMC Soup Kitchen on 2/14 and 2/28

March 2024

Prepared 110 meals for St Luke UMC Soup Kitchen on 3/13 and 3/27
Attended Pastor's Appreciation Banquet at First Baptist Church

April 2024

Assisted Friends Unlimited at First Baptist Church
Prepared 110 meals for St Luke UMC Soup Kitchen on 4/17

May 2024

Prepared 110 meals for St Luke Soup Kitchen on 5/8 and 5/22
Attended Men's Day at St Paul UMC, Berlin, Md

June 2024

Prepared 110 meals for St Luke Soup Kitchen on 6/12 and 6/26
Church Visitation at First Missionary Church, Quantico ,Md

July 2024

Had a Barbecue for the homeless at Grace Church, all you can eat Hot dogs, Hamburgers, Chicken, French Fries, snow cones, popcorn, drinks, ballons and 1 ton of clothing for 450 people plus sent out 50 more meals to the Christian Shelter
Attended Church Visitation at St James AME Church

August 2024

Donated Health Supplies for children thru Allen UMC

Attended 3 Degree Exemplification at Grand Lodge with 2 Candidates being raised.

Prepared 110 meals for St Luke UMC Soup Kitchen on 8/7 and 8/21

Attended National Night Out

Attended Back to school day at First Baptist Church

September 2024

Attended St Luke UMC Homecoming along with Naomi Chapter #16

Attended Kappa Phi Annual Gathering

Assisted at St Luke UMC Soup Kitchen every Wednesday of the month

October 2024

Assisted Friends Unlimited at First Baptist Church

Church Visitation at Mt Calvary, Fruitland, Md

Attended Trunk a Treat at First Baptist Church

Lincoln Lodge No 53

Financial Donation to the widows of Lincoln Lodge deceased members for Christmas

Donation to St Paul United Methodist Church annual Men's Day

Participated in the Reading Program at Buckingham Elementary School

Participated in National Night out which was held Berlin, Md

Participated in the annual Memorial Day activities in Berlin, Md including the parade.

Donations of food to Diakonia Homeless Shelter.

Monetary Donation made to the Berlin, Md Fire Department

Spaghetti and Meatball dinner given to the community.

Unity Lodge No 73

Participated in National Night Out in Salisbury, Maryland.

19th District

Union Lodge No 33

Hosted 19th District St John's Day

Widows Visitation gifts given.

Assisted City of Crisfield in the lighting of the Christmas tree

Sponsored a family for Christmas gifts given

Bike Giveaway- 10 bikes donated to the Salvation Army

St Paul AME Zion- Church Visitation Men's Day

Donated food and cooked for a fundraiser sponsored by It Takes a Village Program

Donation and Cooked for Team Exposure fundraising events

Participated in City of Crisfield soft crab festival

Donated and cooked for Shiloh Building Fund

Donated and cooked for Dre Day- 2 day fundraiser event

Participated in National Night Out in Crisfield, Md with city officials

Church visitation to John Wesley United Methodist Church

Unionville Lodge No 45

Awarded 2 Book Scholarships to graduates attending University of Maryland Eastern Shore
Participated in Juneteenth Celebration in the town of Pocomoke City, Md
Participated in National Night Out in Pocomoke City, Md
Donated to the Samaritan Shelter in Pocomoke, Md
Donated funds to Pocomoke High School for senior banners hung along Main Street
Monetary gifts to widows for Christmas

Eastgate Lodge No 65

Clothing, cleaning items and toiletries donated in December to Good Samaritan and Lower Shore Shelters. Hosted free fish fry's at Mt Carmel Baptist Church and at Mt Hope AME Zion Church. Participated in National Night Out at the Garland Hayward Center. Greeted children returning to Princess Anne Elementary.

Events & Activities Supported During the Masonic Year 2022-2023

November 25, 2023- Lincoln Lodge Annual Masonic Ball

November 30 to December 3, 2023- 175th Annual Grand Lodge Communication
And Myra Grand Chapter Order of the Eastern Star 127th Annual Session

December 16, 2023 Disabled American Veterans Eastern Shore-Christmas Party

December 16, 2023 Briddell Family Foundation Scholarship Gala

January 15, 2024- Tri-County Martin Luther King, Jr Coalition-39th Annual Banquet

January 21, 2024- AbulaHab Court Inaugural Court Blessing

January 27, 2024- Eastern Regional Training

February 3, 2024- MWPHGL Gold Collar Luncheon

February 10, 2024- Jurisdictional Town Hall Meeting

February 24, 2023- MWPHGL Black History Program

March 9, 2024- MWPHGL 1st Occasional Grand Lodge Meeting

March 17, 2024 – Lincoln Lodge No 53 Church Visitation to St Paul UMC Men's Day

March 22-23, 2024 Mid Atlantic Conference of Grand Masters, Grand Worthy
Matrons and Patrons

April 5-7, 2024 Samuel T. Daniels, Sr C.O.D. TN

April 20, 2024 John H. Jones, Jr #284 OGC TN- Golden Brunch

May 27, 2024- Memorial Day Parade, Berlin, Md

June 22, 2024 - MWPHGL 2nd Occasional Grand Lodge Meeting

June 23, 2024- 7th District St John's Day Service

June 29, 2024 Banquet Honoring Sister Chelly A. Jones GWM and R.W. Carl C. Jones Grand Worthy Patron – Myra Grand Chapter O.E. S.- P.H.A.

July 6, 2024 – MWPHGL Annual Crab Feast

August 6, 2024- National Night Out

August 10, 2024 Slavery Remembrance Day Program Washington, D.C.

September 15, 2024 -MWPHGL Prince Hall Day Ceremony at Coppin State Univ.

September 28, 2024 – MWPHGL 3rd Occasional Grand Lodge Meeting

October 11-15, 2024 – United Supreme Council TN-138th Annual Session

October 20, 2024 – King David Consistory No 284, TN Valley of Salisbury, Orient of Md, Past Commander In Chief Awards Banquet

Thank you to RW Howard Price 32 ° Regional Grand Lecturer-Eastern Shore-Lodge of Instruction. Our Region had two graduates for this year.

Thank you to RW James Briddell, Sr 33°, RW Howard Williams 33° and RW Willie Miller 33° for their continuing support.

CLOSING

In closing, I would like to thank Most Worshipful Grand Master Noel C. Osborne, Sr 33° and the Executive team for their support.

Fraternally Submitted

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Regional Deputy Grand Master
Eastern Region of Maryland

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From: Darryl B. Holt, District Deputy Grand Master, 2nd Masonic District

Subject: 2nd Masonic District Annual Report for Masonic Year 2023-2024

Date: October 27, 2024

Greetings

In honor of my Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, from whom all blessings flow, I extend my sincerest gratitude to the Honorable Noel C. Osborne Sr., Most Worshipful Grand Master, for granting me the opportunity to serve as District Deputy Grand Master. It has been an honor to support your mission and vision throughout this Masonic year.

Necrology

We respectfully remember the following brothers from the 2nd Masonic District who transitioned from labor to reward during the Masonic Year 2023-2024:

- **Fredericktonian Lodge #12**
 - **Vurtis Cunningham**
 - **RW Herman I. Williams**

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- **Pythagoras Lodge #74**
 - **Charles Warren Frazer**
 - **James E. Stewart Lodge #49**
 - Robert Harkles Ambush
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Lodge Membership Overview

- Fredericktonian Lodge #12: 33 Master Masons (1 member holding a service exemption after 60+ years of service)
- Thurgood Marshall Lodge #154: 13 Master Masons
- James E. Stewart Lodge #49: 24 Master Masons (4 members holding service exemptions after 50+ years)
- Pythagoras Lodge #74: 44 Master Masons (4 members holding a service exemption after 50+ years of service)

Total Membership for the 2nd Masonic District: 114 Master Masons

Lodge Activities and Achievements

Fredericktonian Lodge #12

- **Community Service:** Engaged in various initiatives, including church visitations, highway adoption, monthly food bank donations, holiday baskets, and support

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- for women's shelter. Maintained a strong relationship with the OES Queen Esther Chapter.
- Achievements: Secured a grant to expand its facility, which now includes a dedicated area for community events and meetings for the Knights of Pythagoras. All financial obligations to the Grand Lodge have been met.

Thurgood Marshall Lodge #154

- Financial Stability: Ensured financial solvency while meeting all obligations to the Grand Lodge.

James E. Stewart Lodge #49

- Community Engagement: Supported local initiatives, including book and school supply donations and clothing drives for the homeless.
- Fundraising Efforts: Conducted successful fundraisers, including a Krispy Kreme sale, to support both the lodge's maintenance and holiday support for widows.
- Accomplishments: Initiated three new Master Masons and emphasized administrative improvements to support long-term lodge growth.
- OES Relationship: Maintained a meaningful partnership with the local OES chapter.

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Pythagoras Lodge #74

- **Community Engagement:** Actively engaged in local service projects, including a Thanksgiving food drive, senior luncheons, toy distribution, and outreach events with MT. Calvary Baptist Church.
- **Degree Conferment:** Conferred the First and Second Degrees on two new members, with plans to elevate them to Master Masons in the first quarter of the coming Masonic year.
- **Achievements:** Focused on maintaining financial stability, fulfilling all Grand Lodge requirements, and fostering growth within the lodge.
- **OES Relationship:** Strengthened its partnership with the Zorah Chapter #36 of the Eastern Star.

District Goals and Accomplishments

Masonic Education

The district prioritized Masonic education to deepen the understanding of Masonic principles, history, and rituals. Educational seminars, lectures, and discussions were conducted across lodges to promote Masonic knowledge.

Strengthening Bond and Brotherhood

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Unity and brotherhood were prioritized through fellowship events, mentorship programs, and shared experiences to build a strong Masonic community across the district.

Compliance with Grand Lodge Requirements

The district has ensured financial transparency and consistent reporting, with full participation in Grand Lodge activities and initiatives.

Financial Compliance

All lodges within the district completed semi-annual and annual returns and met their commitments for the Grand Lodge raffle tickets.

Inter-Lodge Relationships

Each lodge nurtured a strong relationship with their sister Order of the Eastern Star (OES) Chapter, fostering unity and collaboration within our Masonic family.

Annual Highlights and District Accomplishments

- **Membership Development:** Pythagoras Lodge successfully conferred the First and Second Degrees on two new members, with plans to elevate them to Master Masons soon. James E. Stewart Lodge initiated three new Master Masons.

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- **Fredericktonian Lodge Renovations:** Fredericktonian Lodge utilized a newly secured grant to expand and renovate its facility, providing a space for community events and Knights of Pythagoras meetings.
- **District-Wide Financial Accountability:** All lodges maintained timely and complete returns, ensuring that each lodge met its financial obligations to the Grand Lodge.

Challenges and Future Focus

- **Inter-Lodge Communication and Community Engagement:** Improving communication among all district lodges will be a key focus for the 2024-2025 Masonic year. Efforts will be made to encourage each lodge to strengthen its community presence, within local communities.

Conclusion

The Masonic Year 2023-2024 has been one of challenges, achievements, growth, and service for the lodges within the 2nd Masonic District. I extend my deepest appreciation to all Worshipful Masters, officers, and Brethren for their unwavering commitment and dedication.

Corinthians 16:14

"Let all that you do be done in love."

Respectfully submitted,
RW Darryl B. Holt
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Subject: MY 2023 - 2024 Annual Report of the District Deputy Grand Master, Fourth Masonic District

Greetings,

Giving honor to the Supreme Architect of The Universe who makes all things possible.

****We can do all things through Christ Who Strengthens Us* PHIL 4-13***

I would like to express my sincere gratitude and appreciation to the Honorable Noel C. Osborne, Sr., MWGM for his confidence in allowing me to serve as his personal representative over the Fourth Masonic District. The four Lodges comprise King Solomon No.7, Fairmont No.92, Shelton D. Redden No.139 and Charles H. Wesley No.147.

A true measure of success is the ratio between what we might have done and what we might have been on the one hand, and the thing we have made and the things we have made of ourselves on the other. The hardworking members of the Fourth District Staff. these Brothers were invaluable in providing mentorship and support to the leadership of the Lodges in the District.

My success as the DDGM can only be measured by the support of the Fourth Masonic District staff consisting of R.W. Duron Haynesworth (ADDGM), R.W. Darryl C. Bates (Protocol Officer), R.W. Bryce Gaylor (Information Technology Officer) R.W. Keon Anthony (Special Project / Community Engagement Officer), R.W Greg Davis (District Inspector officer), Brother Joshau Jones (Knights of Pythagoras Coordinator) and Brother Johnny Curtis (Asst. Knights of Pythagoras Coordinator)

The Brothers of the Fourth District were eager to try to find some way to reengage their efforts, experience some sense of giving back and let their communities know that they were still there. Most events that were held were community based supported activities.

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All Lodges participated in some form of awarding scholarships to area High School Students, the District also contributed over \$1000 to the Annual Shatter the Silence Walk/Run and formed a new partnership with the United Communities Against Poverty, Inc. (UCAP) of Prince George County.

A special acknowledgement goes to R.W. Willard N. Beach, Jr. Regional Deputy Grand Master, Southern Masonic Region for his leadership, guidance, friendship for which we would forever be grateful.

NECROLOGY

During the 2023 – 2024 Masonic year there were three of our beloved Brothers that were called from labor to reward.

King Solomon No 7

Kenneth H. Washington 12.4.23

James Tate 10.5.24

Fairmont No 92

Waymond F. Blassengale 10.30.24

Shelton D. Redden No. 139

Mark M. Odom 12.11.23

Charles H Wesley No 147

None

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STATUS OF THE DISTRICT

Member Pipeline

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|---------------------------|------------|
| Pending Candidate | 7 |
| Entered Apprentice | 3 |
| Fellowcraft | 3 |
| Master Mason | 233 |

I will start by saying that the District has shown great improvements from the previous year. While only averaging just 12 years of Masonic education and experience of the Masters of the Fourth District; John Peace (9), King Solomon #7; Michael White (17), Fairmont #92; David Curtis (8), Shelton D. Redden #139 and Bryan Simmons (14), Charles H. Wesley #147. These men have displayed a great attitude of a true Mason.

The District has increased its membership by 11 new members to its rolls during this Masonic year. Goals for the upcoming 2024/2025 year will be to place on emphasis recruitment, retention and focus on all aspects of being a Prince Hall Mason.

The District with the assistance of the Grand Lecturer's Office, performed its own installations of incoming 2024/2025 elected and appointed officers.

The District also spear headed an effort to become more engaged with the Order of the Eastern Star Sister Chapters within our District Prince Hall #15, Columbine #46 and Phoenix Chapter #94 with support in their endeavors.

The District Knights of Pythagoras Peter Hassell Council #6 has paid dividends with recruitment and community engagement with local Prince Georges County schools participating in greeting student back to school on their first day of school and attended one back to school events as well as outreach activities.

"You are where you are today because you stand on somebody's shoulders. And wherever you are heading, you cannot get there by yourself. If you stand on the shoulders of others, you have a reciprocal responsibility to live your life so that others may stand on your shoulders. It's the quid pro quo of life. We exist temporarily through what we take, but we live forever through what we give." - Vernon Jordan

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STATUS OF THE LODGES

King Solomon Lodge No. 7

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| Total Number of Member | 26 |
| Entered Apprentice | 3 |
| Fellowcraft | 3 |
| Raised MM | 0 |
| Reinstated | 1 |
| Suspended Non-Payment of Dues | 6 |
| Deceased | 2 |

Under the leadership of Worshipful Master John Peace the Lodge has held steady and the efficient work of King Solomon Lodge as he continued to work with limited numbers. the Lodge's displayed outstanding support for all Grand Lodge activities and events and met all its obligations. The Lodge continued to participate in the Feeding the Less Fortunate in support of the Prince George House Men shelter. King Solomon also played a significant role supporting the National Night Out event and Annual Shatter the Silence 5K Domestic Violence Run/Walk and Fundraising Dance. Contribute over \$2,000.00 to the Cancer Society (VFW) The Lodge is currently financially strong.

Fairmount Lodge No. 92

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| Total Number of Member | 56 |
| Entered Apprentice | 0 |
| Fellowcraft | 0 |
| Raised MM | 1 |
| Reinstated | 7 |
| Suspended Non-Payment of Dues | 5 |
| Demit | 1 |
| Deceased | 1 |

Under the leadership of Worshipful Master Michael L. White, the Lodge has continued to be a very active member of the Fairmount Heights community Fairmount's reached out to the Town of Fairmount Heights to re-establish their commitment and to have a positive impact on the township and the citizens of Fairmount. The Lodge displayed its role in supporting the National Night Out and Annual Shatter the Silence 5K Domestic Violence Run/Walk and Fundraising Dance, Truck or Treat with the Town of Fairmount they also assisted in the feeding the homeless at Shepherds Cove shelter, adopt a road clean up, and delivering over 30 Thanksgiving baskets to needy families. The Lodge has continued to support its Sister Chapter Columbine #46. The Lodge is currently financially strong.

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Shelton D. Redden Lodge No. 139

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| Total Number of Member | 61 |
| Entered Apprentice | 0 |
| Fellowcraft | 0 |
| Raised MM | 7 |
| Reinstated | 6 |
| Suspended Non-Payment of Dues | 4 |
| Deceased | 1 |

Under the leadership of Worshipful Master David Curtis, the Lodge has continued to be recognized for their charitable work and community involvement other notable community service endeavors are their monthly support of the residents of Rolling Crest Sr. Living Community. The Lodge has displayed a strong commitment to the growth of their membership. Lodge has displayed and executed a developmental plan and platform for a more efficient process of how a Lodge should be run by changing the perspective on how to structure Lodge meetings, instituted a tutorial on training new members The Lodge displayed its role in supporting the National Night Out and Annual Shatter the Silence 5K Domestic Violence Run/Walk and Fundraising Dance. The Lodge is currently financially strong.

Charles H. Wesley Lodge No. 147

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| Total Number of Member | 90 |
| Pending Candidate | 7 |
| Entered Apprentice | 0 |
| Fellowcraft | 0 |
| Raised MM | 4 |
| Reinstated | 6 |
| Suspended Non-Payment of Dues | 14 |
| Deceased | 0 |

Under the leadership of Worshipful Master Bryan Simmons leadership over the last year and the members of Charles H. Wesley has continued to raise the level of masonic proficiency and have develop that “Go Beyond” mentality. They have shown great support for their Sister Chapter Phoenix Chapter #94.

The Lodge participated in the Bowie Feast, National Night Out and Annual Shatter the Silence 5K Domestic Violence Run/Walk and Fundraising Dance. Donated toys to the Maryland Family Resource Center for the Children Participated in the annual Wreaths Across America The Lodge is currently financially strong.

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Knights of Pythagoras Peter Hassell Council #6

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| Total Number of Member | 17 |
| Awaiting Investiture | 3 |

The Peter Hassell Council #6 Knights of Pythagoras under the leadership of Brother Joshau Jones (Knights of Pythagoras Coordinator) and Brother Johnny Curtis (Asst. Knights of Pythagoras Coordinator) has consistently demonstrated a commitment to fostering personal growth, community engagement, and the principles of the Order throughout 2024. By consistently engaging in a variety of activities, the Peter Hassell Council #6 Knights of Pythagoras has successfully balanced tradition, education, and community service, making a positive impact on its members and the surrounding community. Key activities and accomplishments include:

- Ritualistic Opening and Closing Practice
- St. John's Day Activity
- 1st Annual Summer Assemblage
- Time Management Class
- Financial Literacy Class
- Health and Fitness Class
- Science Lesson
- Bowie State University Tour
- Basketball Game: Attendance at a Bowie State University
- Sky Zone Activity:
- Go-Kart Activity
- Dave and Buster's
- End-of-School-Year Fun Day
- Bowie Bay Sox Baseball Game
- Family Meet and Greet
- Bowling Activity

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DISTRICT ACTIVITIES

- St. John's Day Ceremony
- Prince Hall Day Children's Cookout
- Districts National Night Out
- Annual Shatter the Silence 5K Domestic Violence Run/Walk
- Shatter the Silence Fundraising Dance
- Trunk or Treat
- Trunk Party (MIKIO University)
- Support of Simmon Cunningham Youth Fraternity
- Fourth District Recognition Ceremony
- Fourth District Joint Installations

"The single biggest way to impact an organization is to focus on leadership development. There is almost no limit to the potential of an organization that recruits good people, raises them up as leaders and continually develops them."

In closing I would like to thank all the elected and appointed officers and members of the Fourth Masonic District for their hard work, and dedication during this 2023/2024 Masonic year.

Teamwork equals success

Finally In closing, I want to thank the Most Worshipful Grand Master Noel C. Osborne, Sr. for the opportunity to serve under his leadership, GOD bless us all and continue to keep us safe.

Fraternally Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R.W. Harold E. Robinson'.

District Deputy Grand Master
The Fourth Masonic District of Maryland



FIFTH MASONIC DISTRICT



RW Gerald L. Battle
District Deputy Grand Master

RW Francis Harris
Assist. District Deputy Grand Master

RW Robert A. Parker
District Lecture

RW Charles Brewer
District Secretary

RW Calvin P. Whitfield
District Secretary/KOP

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District Inspector

RW Jason Luter
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To: The Honorable Noel C. Osborne Sr., Present and Past Elected and Appointed Grand Lodge Officers, Present and Past Worshipful Masters, Wardens, and Brethren.

First giving honor to the Great Architect of the Universe who has blessed me to see another year and has allowed me to be part of the great Furious Fifth Masonic District and this amazing M.W.P.H.G.L. of MD. I first wish to congratulate you Sir once again on all your accomplishments this year and wish you a very successful 176th Annual Grand Lodge Communication.

Most Worshipful Grand Master, I would like to thank you for your continued commitment to this great Time-Honored Institution and beloved Maryland Jurisdiction. Your zeal and drive to continue paving the way for all Prince Hall Masons to uphold the principles of Free Masonry go unmatched. Your attention to every detail and every individual shows your dedication and love for the institution and has indeed raised the bar in every avenue of Maryland Prince Hall Masonry. Your vision and foresight have inspired every man to be better and indeed look to secure a brighter future. You have brought forth good change in our processes and principles, utilized new technology to help us in this ever-changing world, not breaking from the principal tenets that govern our existence. You have been a Pillar and outstanding servant of Men Assembled Standing On Noble Standards. It is indeed an honor and a pleasure to have serve under you and the jurisdiction of MD as one of your District Deputy Grand Masters. In these unsettling times Great Leaders, make Great decisions and Great Men make great opportunities for their constituents, thank you for your Great Leadership.

My continued plan for the 5th district is to continue to build on our gains from this year and learn from our losses. We will continue to work on Ritualistic work, Retention, Recruitment, the engagement of the brothers and sister lodges as well as the understanding of our obligations. The Goal for all lodges



is to be ritualistically strong with the understanding of what it means to be a Maryland Prince Hall Master Mason and upright Man.

Retention, community engagement, and brotherly fellowship are crucial for our existence, and we must utilize all our masonic studies, joint lodge events, and principals to keep brothers engaged in Grand Lodge, District goals and Lodge activities. Charge lodge leaders to use establish criteria to engage and evaluate brothers for success and growth through the masonic year. Award for above and beyond not just for doing one's job. I have provided each District officer with instructions on their individual positions so they can move forward as well as to be mentors to newly raised brothers and their lodge peers. The leadership should help navigate the members with their masonic careers. The continued need for building up and strengthening the lodges officer's roles are much needed and the members. As a leader we must present ways to seek out good men to make them better, communicate with those who express interest and show them the beauty of this time-honored institution we all love.

The District and I feel the Jurisdiction is struggling with a generational identity crisis which the old want to remain the old way and the young want to upgrade and we must find a common ground. Prince Hall Masonry is structured on old principles and tenet from centuries ago which continue to exist today but just in different manners and we as men must adapt these values to today's existence. Tolerance of new ideas and not how it was done in the past as an example play a role in understanding how to continue to survive as a freemason in today world. That will be the charge I place in the hands of the new Worshipful Masters this year. The focus from last year will be to get back to the basics within the lodges will be the focus and commitment and is a must as well as everyone's obligation to support. We continued to be challenge as the old ways of doing things bump up against new mentalities and technology. Communication and Obligation has been lost. I am proud to say



each lodge has relentlessly continued to work through the challenges and changes as they come, never wavering. The Fifth District continues to grow and has established its place of recognition in the jurisdiction, and we are not finished yet.

We will continue to travel, support and be a force in the M.W.P.H.G.L.M.D. and its Jurisdiction INC. We have a saying “Anybody can get it” come see us, in the fifth and get it! The lodges also continue to work in their communities doing endless community service whenever and wherever it was needed.

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The 5th Masonic District is composed of four lodges: Victoria Lodge #71 (Prince Frederick County Md.), Dunkirk Lodge # 77 (Calvert County Md.) Joseph A. Egans Lodge # 104 (St. Mary’s County Md.) S.T Kendall Lodge #153, (Charles County Md.) We currently have a membership of one hundred and sixty-two members.

All financial obligations owed to the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Maryland have been met and in on time. I must express my



gratitude to the outgoing Worshipful Masters of the District WM Julian Grant of Joseph A Egans #104, and WM Myles Rogers “STK #153” and WM Jarcares Washington Dunkirk Lodge #77 for their service as Worshipful Masters and WM Jarcares Washington Dunkirk Lodge #77 for his dedicated 5 years of service. I also praise for his commitment, WM Jermaine Commodore who will continue to serve, Victoria Lodge #71 for another year.

The 5th Masonic District Congratulates the following brothers Bro. Selwyn Roberts Dunkirk Lodge #77, Bro. Charles McKnight S.T. Kendall Lodge #153, Bro Damion Parker, and Bro. Howard Scayles both of Victoria Lodge #71 for passing the WSOI 2024.

Congratulations to Brothers’s Charles McKnight St Kendall #153, Alex Rice Joseph A Egans #104 and Selwyn Roberts Dunkirk #77 elected as WM. To their perspective lodges. Continued success and congratulations to WM Jermaine Commodore for being elected for another year as WM for Victoria Lodge #71

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VICTORIA LODGE No. 71



Victoria Lodge #71: Accomplishments

Masonic Year 2023/2024

Brothers on Roll:54

Beginning of Year: 53

End of Year: 54

Demitted in: 0

Demitted Out: 0

Dropped: 0

Widows: 13

Grand Lodge Exempt:6

Raised: 0

Deceased:

Current Status: Victoria Lodge has 54 brothers on roll. The lodge is in good standing with the Fifth Masonic District and the Grand Lodge. All financial obligations have been met.

Accomplishment and Highlights:

- Attended the Master Mason Ball on November 4th, 2023.
- Attend 5th District meeting Nov 17th
- Conducted the annual Thanksgiving luncheon for the seniors of Calvert County on Saturday November 18th, 2023, at Mount Olive UMC. Over 120 sit down and carryout meals were served, and 30 meals were delivered to the homeless shelter, Project Echo.
- Continued to support the homeless shelter, Project Echo. Essential items and meals are provided every third Friday of the month.
- Visited and provide Christmas cards and monetary donations to the widows of Victoria Lodge. December 23rd
- Attended the 175th Annual Grand Lodge session in Ocean City, MD Nov 31st -Dec 3rd.



Attended ST Kendall Lodge #153 5th Anniversary December 8th

- **Nine brothers from Prince Frederick Lodge # 142 AFAM visited Victoria Lodge on December 14, 2023.**
- **Brothers from Victoria Lodge #71 visited Prince Frederick Lodge #142 AFAM on January 10, 2024.**
- **Supported M Cory Darby's son, CJ, at the Martin Luther King Imaging the Dream event.**
- **Lodge Beautification Day (Internal Renovation) January 6th**
- **Provided various items for the Fifth District Coat Drive. January 8th**
- **Five brothers from E. Jerry Williams Lodge #141 visited Victoria Lodge #71 on January 25th, 2024.**
- **Attended Posthumous Ceremony elevating Dr. Ronald E. McNair to Past Master January 28th**
- **Supported a fundraiser event for RW Timothy Harrod following the loss of his son. January 27th**
- **Masonic Burial for Brother Chester Smith RW Otis Wilson commenced the service February 8th**
- **Attended King Solomons Lodge #7 Valentine's Day Event February 10th**
- **Attended the Black History Month program at the Grand Lodge February 28th**
- **Attended William F Taylor Day Party March 2nd**
- **Attended the First Occasional Grand Lodge Meeting on March 9th, 2024.**
- **Recognized PM Everard Johnson and PM Josephus Harris for 52 years of dedicated service on March 23rd at Mount Olive UMC.**
- **Brothers from Victoria Lodge # 71 visited S T Kendall #153 on March 25, 2024.**
- **SGW Bill Davidson, RDGM Willard Beach, ARDGM David Pollard, DDGM Gerald Battle and ADDGM Francis Harris paid an official visit to Victoria Lodge 71 on April 11th, 2024.**
- **Attended Fifth Masonic District Staff meetings on April 12th**



Columbine Chapter # 46 & Fairmount Lodge #92 Joint Spring Fling

Day Party April 21st

- **Conducted a successful Spring Fling fund raiser event on May 4, 2024.**
- **Supported Rev. PM Dana Jones Men's Day Event May 5th**
- ***PM Tart Dickerson became an official member of Victoria Lodge #71 May 9th**
- **Attend ST Kendall Lodge #153 Smoke & Fellowship Community Fundraisers May 18th**
- **Supported RW Timothy Harrod for His First sermon for Father's Day June 16th**
- **Juneteenth Support Black Business Mr. C's Cigar Lounge June 19th**
- **Hosted the Second Occasional Grand Lodge Meeting which WM Commodore Received the King Solomons Leadership Award on June 22, 2024**
- **Attended the 2nd Degree Exemplification May 25th**
- **Dunkirk Lodge #77 Fish Fry June 29th**
- **Welcome Home and Fellowship w/ PM Kevin Jackson July 3rd**
- **Attended the Grand Lodge Crab Feast on July 6th.**
- **Participated in the LEAP Forward Awards Ceremony on July 14th at Mount Olive UMC. MS Taylor Webster received a \$1000.00 scholarship and will be attending Hampton University majoring in Biology.**
- **Marjorie T. Lancaster Gospel Jamboree July 14th**
- **Attended Prince Frederick Lodge #142 Family and Friends Day July 27th**
- **Attended Joseph A. Egan's Lodge #104 All White Party July 27th**
- **Magdalene Chapter # 45 Crab Feast July 28th**
- **Attended PM Everard & Sis Loujeania Johnsons Trail Ride August 1st – 4th**
- **Attended Columbine Chapter No.46 96th Chapter Anniversary August 4th**
- **Attended John and Crystal Peace 9th Annual Cookout August 10th**



- Supported Beehive Lodge #66 August BBQ August 11th
- Attend E. Jerry Williams Lodge #141 Family and Friends Day August 20th
- Attended St John's Lodge #5 Heatwave Day Party August 20th
- Attended 5th District Family and Friends Day at the Johnson's Farm on Saturday August 24, 2024.
- Provided food and supplies for the fourth annual back to school event held at Renaissance Tonsorium on Sunday August 25th, 2024.
- Marjorie T. Lancaster Annual Chili Cook off September 8th
- Attended the 3rd 5th Masonic District Meeting September 13th
- Sheldon D Redden #139 3rd degree raising September 14th
- Attended M.W.P.H.G.L. of VA Annual Communication September 14th
- SW Damian Parker and Brother Howard Scayles graduated from LOI and received their certificates at a ceremony held at the Grand Lodge on September 21st, 2024.
- Attended Roscoe C. Cartwright #129 Crab Feast, September 21st
- Attended Beehive #66 Old School Cabaret, September 21st
- Attended funeral services for MWPGM Lee A. Taylor
- Attended the Third Occasional Grand Lodge meeting on September 28, 2024.
- Attended Maceo Boston Jr, #145 Jersey Party September 28th
- Attended William F Taylor's Award Banquet which WM Commodore Received the Certificate of Peer Recognition October 6th
- Attending Fidelity Chapter #60 Western Day Party October 26th
- Supporting and attending Shatter the Silence October 26th

Various Brothers were recognized for their hard work and leadership during this Masonic year and presented trinkets for their dedication

Master Mason of the Month:

WB Stewart Weems



JS DeFon West

SS Wilson Hawkins

Chap Marlin Griffith



Masonic Pens for Secretary and Treasure:

Treasure RW Darrel Jackson Sr

Secretary PM Conrad White

Other Recognitions:

PM Tart Dickerson

RW Anthony Parker

PM Mark Watts

SW Damian Parker

Asst Sec Dauda Sannoh

SD Felix Tony Johnson

WB Lawrence Bryant Sr

M Cory Darby

Fraternally Submitted:

WM Jermaine Commodore Victoria Lodge 71

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DUNKIRK LODGE No. 77

Masonic Year 2023/2024

Brothers on Roll: 29

Beginning of Year: 32

End of Year: 29

Demitted in: 0

Demitted Out: 0

Dropped: 2

Widows: 7

Grand Lodge Exempt: 1

Raised: 0

Deceased: 0

Dunkirk lodge #77 Accomplishments

Dunkirk lodge #77 started the masonic year off coat donations to Suitland elementary school for students that may be in need.

Attended the MWGM Ball. We traveled to ocean city for the grand session and gathered as much information as possible to return to the craft and inform them of updates and any changes.

First of the year 2024 we traveled to Camden N.J oriental lodge #1 for their annual 3rd degree raising. We participated in the 1st ,2nd and plans to attend the 3rd occasional grand Lodge meeting. We were also able to attend 1 lodge in the district unlike previous years we made it a priority to attend all the lodges in our district. The lodge was able to have 1 fundraiser, as a team effort it was a success, and they continue to show what good brothers in the craft can do when we pull together.

During the summer break The PM Committee did a great job with donating uniforms for Suitland elementary school per request from the staff due to some students being in need. The PM Committee has



already made plans to coordinate with the brothers to donate book bags and school supplies prior to the winter break.

All the members of Dunkirk are great brothers, and very supportive of our small lodge but hold some of the best PM of all time. When I call for help, I am assured someone will come to my aid, we had the pleasure of having PM David L. Crawford bestowed MWPGM Honors to him. I know that he loves this lodge and he like many others remain cornerstones in our masonic journey.

PM Preston McGilvery has been one the best A-gunners I know, as he past the true word to me he made me a promise to not disappear and or fade away too far and that I could count on him for back up. I have served as WM for 5 years consecutive, and he has been there with me and supported Dunkirk unselfishly. And for that I would like to nominate him as Master mason of the year.

I am very proud to be a member of Dunkirk Lodge# 77, and I am humble that they believed in me to serve as there Worshipful Master again this year.

Fraternally Submitted:

WM Jarcares L. Washington Dunkirk Lodge 77

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JOSEPH A. EGANS LODGE No. 104



Joseph A. Egans Lodge #104: Accomplishments

Masonic Year 2023/2024

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| Brothers on Roll: 42 | Beginning of Year: 43 | End of Year: 42 |
| Demitted in: 0 | Demitted Out: 0 | Dropped: 1 |
| Widows: 6 | Grand Lodge Exempt: 3 | Raised: 0 |
| Deceased: 2 | | |

November 2023

- Supported the Prince Hall Master Mason's Ball
- Handed out over 25 Thanksgiving Baskets

December 2023

- Supported Maryland Jurisdiction 175th Grand Lodge Session
- Provided Christmas Dinner and gifts for 75 to 100 Assistant Living Residents and their Guest
- Provided over 100 coats to Three Oaks Men's Shelter for the winter
- Family visitation with Bro. Tyrone Harris' family

January 2024

- Celebrated the 20th MLK Prayer Celebration at St. Mary's College
- Visitation to Victoria Lodge #71
- Oyster Scold for Fraternal gathering
- Attended the Home going Service for Brother Marcus Tyrone Harris

February 2024

- Supported Prince Hall Masonic Night in Annapolis, MD
- Meeting location change from Valley Lee to Lexington Park, MD

March 2024

- Supported the 1st Occasional Grand Lodge Meeting
- Participated in the annual Read Across America in support of Building Bridges Corp, an afterschool tutoring/mentorship program of



- **Lexington Park, Maryland. The Lodge donated over \$350 in new books and educational material.**

April 2024

- **Nothing to report**

May 2024

- **Supported Victoria #71 for their Spring Fling**
- **Supported S.T. Kendall #153 for their Smoke & Fellowship Community Fundraiser**

June 2024

- **Pegg Road Assistant Living Cookout**
- **We were asked to assist Unity Church because they were unable to use their stove had no ventilation running outside the building, we were able to contract a local installer who completed the job of installing 16 feet of vent ducting the interior room kitchen and through a concrete wall for \$450.00. A special thanks to PM Jason Luter who rewired the power in the kitchen to get the stove vent working.**
- **On June 14th Lodge assisted the Unified Committee of Afro-American Contributions (UCAC) in setting up for the Annual Juneteenth Celebration at Lancaster Park, Lexington Park, Md. A total of 8-man hours.**
- **On June 15th the Lodge attended the Juneteenth Celebrations and performed in several needed areas from 8am to 7:30pm. A total of 30-man-hour were given collectively.**
- **The Lodge received a request from Building Bridges 46940 S. Shangri-La Drive, Lexington Park, MD, Maryland to assist in paying the rent so they could provide a summer school program to 55 kids in the Lexington Park Community. Building**



Bridges is a 501c3 that is committed to building the community by offering youth support. I am delighted to report that Joseph A. Egans Lodge #104 contributed \$10,000 an extended willingness to work with them in the future. Two Past Master attended Building Bridges annual gala event on June 29 where this was announced to the 150+ attendees.

- **Supported the 2nd Occasional Grand Lodge Meeting**

July 2024

- **Supported the Grand Lodge Crab Feast**
- **Held an All-White Party**

August 2024

- **Supported National Night Out/ Back to School Drive at Nicolette Park; gave out approximately 100 book bags with hotdogs and chips.**
- **Supplied Hotdogs and Chips for the Book Bag Giveaway at Carver Community in South Hampton**
- **Supported Back to School Night at St, Mary's Caring; Handed out over 200 book bags and over 150 hotdogs and hamburgers.**
- **Visited PM Frank Travers at Chesapeake Shores Nursing Center**
- **Visited the family of PM Frank Travers after his passing**
- **Supported 5th District Annual Cookout**
- **Gave out 2 \$500 scholarships to local high school students**

September 2024

- **Supported the Children's Cookout**
- **Supported Prince Hall Day Ceremony**
- **Supported Grand Lodge Visitation to Virginia Jurisdiction**
- **Attended Burial Services for PM Frank Travers**
- **Supported Marjorie T. Lancaster Annual Chili Cook Off**
- **Collected Socks and Skivvies for Elementary School children**
- **Supported Maceo Boston Jr #145 for their Jersey Party**



October 2024

- We look to end the year by participating in the local trunk or treat where we will be giving out candy as well as giving away hotdogs and hamburgers and supporting Shatter the Silence Purple Night. We look forward to the next Masonic Year 2024 /2025.

Fraternally submitted,

WM Julian J. Grant, Sr. Joseph A. Egan Lodge 104

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S.T Kendall Lodge #153: Accomplishments

Masonic Year 2023/2024

Brothers on Roll: 40 Beginning of Year: 47 End of Year: 39

Demitted in: 0 Demitted Out: 0 Dropped: 7

Widows: 0 Grand Lodge Exempt: 1 Raised: 3

Deceased: 0

S.T. Kendall Lodge No.153

2023-2024 Masonic Year Review / WM of The Year Results and actions

November 2023

- **17th - 5th Masonic District Staff Meeting (hosted at the Zoo)**
- **18th - Thanksgiving Turkey Distribution @ BRSC Community Outreach Center**
- **27th - 5th Masonic District Unity Coat Drive commenced**

December 2023

- **2nd - CCNAACP Annual Holiday Party (Angela Alsobrooks)**



- **8th - S.T. Kendall Lodge No.153 5th Anniversary Party (Fundraiser/Recognition of Past Masters)**
- **11th - Charlotte Hall Veterans Home (Christmas List Donation of gift items and \$575 check presented so Veterans at the home can receive Christmas treats)**
- **16th - Santa's Workshop Toy Drive @ BRSC Community Outreach Center (STK 153 donated toys and Coats)**
- **16th - Wreaths Across America @ Cheltenham Veterans Cemetery (Lead the co-ordination for the entire 5th district to represent PHA)**
- **17th - Adopt-A-Highway**
- **18th - 5th Masonic District Unity Coat Drive ended. Donated over 100 coats to @BRSC Community Outreach Center**
- **23rd - Christmas Turkey Distribution @ BRSC Community Outreach Center**
- **28th - Published S.T. Kendall Newsletter Vol. 3 January 2024**

January 2024

- **13th - Fellowship: Bad Axe Throwing**
- **15th - CCNAACP "Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Prayer Breakfast" February 2024. Co-ordinated and sold more than 24 tickets to MWP HGLMD and MWP HGLDC who were in attendance.**
- **3rd - "3rd Annual MWPGM Gold Collar Banquet" in attendance**
- **5th - Masons in Annapolis in attendance (Presented Governor Wes Moore and MWP HGLMD GM an STK 153 challenge coin at event)**



- 12th - Roscoe C. Cartwright Lodge #129 visitation
- 15th - Roscoe C. Cartwright Lodge #129 1st Degree Ritual (In Attendance)
- 16th - Phoenix International School of the Arts “Community Day” leadership presentation by STK 153 Brother (Bro Lott)
- 25th - Adopt-A-Highway

February 2024

- 1st - DoubleGood Popcorn Fundraiser commenced
- 2nd - Adopt-A-Highway
- 5th - DoubleGood Popcorn Fundraiser ended
- 24th – STK 153 bought 100 boxes of cookies to support Girl Scout (Scout Troop #12151) and distributed the Cookies to Waldorf Volunteer Fire Department Station 3 & 12
- 30th - Easter Fun and Easter Egg Hunt @ BRSC Community Outreach Center
- 25th - S.T. Kendall Lodge No. 153 1st Degree
- 26th - Published S.T. Kendall Newsletter Vol. 4

April 2024

- 6th - Nathaniel M. Adams Jr. Lodge No. 29 1st Degree Ritual (In Attendance)
- 8th - John F. Cook Lodge No.10 visitation
- 9th - Voices for Change (Angela Alsobrooks)



- **9th - Innovation in Education (Dyotha Sweat, CCNAACP)**
- **13th - 5th Masonic District Quarterly meeting**
- **16th - Legislative Debrief (Dyotha Sweat, CCNAACP & National Council of Negro Women)**
- **20th - Sons of Solomon 12th Annual Fish Fry (In Attendance)**
- **25th/28th - African Lodge 459 Biennial Symbolic Reopening in Boston MA (In Attendance) May 2024**

May 2024

- **7th - S.T. Kendall Lodge No. 153 Chipotle Fundraiser**
- **18th - S.T. Kendall Lodge No. 153 “Smoke & Fellowship Community Fundraiser”**
- **21st - Robert A. Glover Memorial Scholarship Award \$1000 to Korrin Lewis (Thomas Stone High School)**
- **22nd - Robert A. Glover Memorial Scholarship Award \$1000 to Neveah Leftwich (St. Charles High School)**
- **23rd - Robert A. Glover Memorial Scholarship Award \$1000 to Mason Wheeler (Westlake High School)**
- **29th - Robert A. Glover Memorial Scholarship Award \$1000 to Kincade**



Burroughs (North Point High School)

- **31st - Phoenix Internal School of the Arts “BBQ Party” June 2024. Bought food and prepared it for over 100 students and teachers.**

June 2024

- **1st - John F. Cook Lodge No. 10 (M.W.P.H.G.L.D.C) Raising (In Attendance)**
- **8th - Queen of Sheba Chapter No. 2 (OES-PHA, M.W.P.H.G.L.D.C) Fish Fry (In Attendance)**
- **8th – Assisted in planning and contributed donation to hold a Birthday party for sick child @ BRSC Community Outreach Center**
- **10th - Dyotha Sweat (CCNAACP) certificate presentation for Outstanding Community service**
- **15th - Charles County Juneteenth Celebration (In Attendance)**
- **19th - Sawsan Madhi (Cigar Palace of Alexandria, VA) certificate presentation for Donation to STK 153**
- **22nd - 2nd Occasional Grand Lodge Meeting (In Attendance and assisted with breakfast)**
- **24th - S.T. Kendall Lodge No. 153 2nd Degree July 2024**

July 2024

- **6th - M.W.P.H.G.L.M.D Annual Crab Feast (In Attendance) – Sold all ten tickets to support M.W.P.H.G.L.M.D**
- **8th - John F. Cook Lodge No. 10 visitation. PM Pat Smith named Honorary**



member

- 12th - Charlotte Hall Veterans Home provided “Catered Dinner” for 100 Veterans. Invited local politicians to attend event also. Each veteran got a personalize goodie bag with treats when leaving. Donated \$500 to assist in the purchasing of Bingo games for Veterans.
- 13th - Phoenix Cigars & Stilettos Event OES (In Attendance)
- 18th - Published S.T. Kendall Newsletter Vol. 5
- 20th - Adopt-A-Highway

August 2024

- 3rd - Ionic Lodge No. 17 (MWP HGLDC) 3rd Degree (In Attendance)
- 7th - Gloria Jolly (BRSC Community Outreach Center) certificate presentation for outstanding community service organizer and \$500 donation for local food drive and back-to-school supplies
- 8th/12th - Alpha Lodge No. 20 Trinidad and Tobago (MWP HGLMA) visitation as part of MWP HGLMD delegation. Contributed \$200 to Trinidad School for Deaf (In Attendance)
- 17th - School Drive-Up Resource Giveaway @ BRSC Community Outreach Center
- 24th - Joint 3rd Degree performed. Three STK 153 Brothers duly raised as Master Masons first time in lodge history that we performed our own degree work for all degrees.
- 29th – Attended Charles County NAACP voter engagement event. Co-ordinating efforts for a get out the vote Charles County campaign.



- 31st – Conducted lodge’s quarterly Highway clean of Charles County roads.

September 2024

- 7th – Held our Lodge Family and Friends Day. Presented medals to all elected and appointed officers of MY 2023 – 2024. Also presented a MY 2023 – 2024 Mason of The Year trophy to our very own deserving Brother Carlton Whiting. Event had lots of food, fun and Brotherly love.
- 14th – Attended MWP HGLVA session as part of the MWP HGLMD delegation. One of five Worshipful Masters in attendance to support the Grand Master’s visitation of visiting different jurisdictions.
- 15th – Attended MWP HGLMD Prince Hall Day Program held at Coppin State university.
- 21st – Selected as one of only two WM in the entire Maryland jurisdiction to give keynote address to 2024 Lodge of Instruction Graduates.
- 21st – Attended Beehive 66 Cabaret in support of their lodge fundraiser.
- 28th – Attended MWP HGLMD 3rd Occasional Session. Awarded The King Solomon Leadership award by GM Hon Noel C. Osborne Sr. Presented a check on behalf of S.T. Kendall 153 in the amount of \$2,100 for the African American Diabetes Association to GM Hon Noel C. Osborne Sr.

WORK HARD STAY HUMBLE

ONE TEAM, ONE MISSION, ONE GOAL, ONE DISTRICT



Additional Activities to foster Lodge growth and Brotherly Love during MY 2023 - 2024:



- **Developed a new logo for the lodge (as seen at top of each page on this report). This fostered renewed excitement amongst the brothers. We made our lodge shirts/hats with the new logo and wear it with pride. Created a sense of pride and belonging for the Lodge Brothers.**
- **Designed a Lodge coin. It became the badge of excellence, and presentation was for outstanding achievements of any member that contributed or advanced Maryland Prince Hall Masonry.**
- **Started a Master Mason of the Month award program. Prize was a medal and one month of dues paid for the member (funds were from top three elected officers). Program kept friendly competition between the brothers, great work effort and high spirits.**
- **Had a key chain made with the square and compass and lodge name on it. The Brothers received this for participation in meetings. Another incentive to come to lodge meetings.**
- **For each degree work conducted we awarded medals for Outstanding performer and MVP award to member of degree team. Brothers were elated to compete.**
- **Whenever fundraisers were conducted some of the money went to a direct purpose always for a particular cause in the community. Raised \$4,000 for High School scholarships, \$1,000 for Charlotte Hall Veterans home, \$500 for BRSC Community Center, and \$2,100 to African American Diabetes Association. Donations are not all inclusive of the other costs to feed the Veterans at Charlotte Hall and school children in supporting the end of school year BBQ event.**



- **Developed and presented a lodge certificate to outstanding community supporters.**
- **Developed strong relationship with Charles County Commissioners and local NACCP President. This will allow for the Lodge to be seen more active in the community, and can get assistance, when necessary, from those local leaders.**
- **Enacted a robust social media presents. Facebook and Instagram to display the work of the lodge to the entire universe and promote Prince Hall Masonry work in Southern Maryland.**
- **Started the first in house lodge's newsletter called the "Light of Waldorf MD" by any lodge in M.W.P.H.G.L.M.D. Highlighted the lodge's many accomplishments in the community. Completed four newsletter editions, and some of the articles were incorporated into the Grand Lodge's newsletter.**

Fraternally Submitted:

WM Myles Rogers ST Kendall Lodge 153

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Most Worshipful Grand Master, if it is your will and pleasure that I remain District Deputy Grand Master for the 5th Masonic District, I will continue support the M.W.P.H.G.L. of MD. I will forge ahead on the path of leading these Great Men of the Furious Fifth, strengthening the several goals and initiatives set forth, committing to relationships between the lodges of the District, Southern Region, and Jurisdiction. Continue to promote ritualistic instructions, retention, brotherly engagement, community relations, obligations, support and communication within each lodge.

To the membership of the 5th Masonic District, we (the 5th Masonic District Staff) would like to thank you for your continuous support and dedication since our appointment. This continues to be a challenge as we embark on the new normal of AI, New Technology, Generational differences and retainment of our time-honored customs. We will not be swayed from our masonic path of Truth, Relief, Brotherly Love, and dedication to our sacred obligations. The 5th Masonic District will continue to Work Hard and Stay Humble and if we all continue to believe in the District's Creed there is nothing we can't accomplish.

“One Team, One Mission, One Goal, One District”

“There is nothing that we cannot accomplish together”

“I love you all and there's nothing you can do about it”

“WORK HARD STAY HUMBLE”

**Respectfully & Fraternaly Submitted
RW Gerald L Battle °33
District Deputy Grand Master
5th Masonic District**

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

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M.W. Noel C. Osborne Sr., 33°
Grand Master

John 3:16

“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him shall not perish, but have everlasting life.

Sixth Masonic District
Annual District Deputy Grand Master’s Report
176th Annual Communication

The Honorable Noel C. Osborne, Sr., Most Worshipful Grand Master, Elected Grand Lodge Officers, Most Worshipful Past Grand Masters, Emeritus and Appointed Grand Lodge Officers, Worshipful Masters, Past Masters, Wardens, and Brothers of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge, F. & A. M., of Maryland and Jurisdiction, Inc.

Greetings and Salutations:

MWGM Noel C. Osborne, Sr., it is the prayers of the 6th Masonic District that you, the elected, emeritus and appointed officers, as well as the Brethren of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Maryland, are well and enjoying God’s blessings. It is our prayers that this 176th Annual Grand Lodge Communication will be successful and we have achieved your goals and objectives for the jurisdiction. I will at this time reaffirm my commitment to support the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Maryland new leadership and all it strives to accomplish.

Grand Master Osborne, Sir, I sincerely appreciate the continued trust and confidence that you have in my Masonic Knowledge, Skills and Ability to lead the 6th Masonic District for the past two years. The District Staff and I thank you for the confidence you have had in the District Officers and the Brothers of the District Lodges throughout the MY 2023-2024. Our efforts will continue to be soundly aligned in the new MY 2024-2025 with the Mission, Vision, Goals and Objectives Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Maryland.

Membership MY 2023-2024 Cumulative Status

| 6th Masonic District Membership Status MY 2022- 2023 | Brothers On Roll | Exemptions | Deaths | Suspensions/Dropped for None Payment of Dues | Reinstated | Raised | Demits In | Demits Out | Current Membership for 2023-2024 |
|--|------------------|------------|----------|--|------------|----------|-----------|------------|-------------------------------------|
| Chesapeake Lodge No. 48 | 29 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 26 |
| Andrew J Evans Lodge No. 102 | 22 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 22 |
| Deer Creek Lodge No. 103 | 11 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 11 |
| Jessie J. Shanks Lodge No. 137 | 37 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 37 |
| Aggregate Total | 99 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 96 |

During this Masonic Year our membership status has slightly increased. During the year we raised a total of three Master Masons. The 6th Masonic District remains focused on the issues at hand and remains 100% supportive of the Policies and Procedures of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Maryland.



31 August 2024 Jessie J Shanks Lodge #137 - Bro Cheefus of Jessie J Shanks Lodge #137 was Raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason during the 3rd Degree Exemplification held at the MWPHGL of Maryland Accompanied by WM David Love and SW Bryant Johnson



31 August 2024 Chesapeake Lodge #48 - Bro Monte Jeter and Bro Aylsworth Johnson of Chesapeake Lodge #48 were Raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason during the 3rd Degree Exemplification held at the MWPHGL of Maryland They were accompanied by SW Bryant Cason and Secretary Matthew Byrd.

Appointed District Staff Members

The staff of the 6th Masonic District succeed themselves in an effort to maintain continuity of responsibility and accountability. Fifty (50%) percent of our staff members have served the District for ten (10) consecutive years. These brothers have been instrumental supporting the efforts to transform our District into its current State. They

have all embraced an internal pledge program to finance and support our District requirements. I am truly honored for the opportunity to conduct Masonic Business alongside these very special brothers.

| Name | Position | Lodge |
|----------------------------------|---|-------|
| RW Mac C. McClarin | District Deputy Grand Master | 137 |
| RW Reverend Joshua J. Slack, Sr. | Assistant, District Deputy Grand Master | 137 |
| RW Reverend Cordell E. Hunter. | District Chaplain | 137 |
| RW Clyde L. Page | District Secretary | 137 |
| RW Charles D. Corum | District Treasurer | 137 |
| RW Cliff R. Coulter | District Asst. Treasurer | 48 |

Community Participation



23 November 2023 Jessie J Shanks Lodge #137 - Co-hosted with Bro Terell Booth owner of TB3 restaurant "Feed those In Need" holiday food program for disadvantage families. In Aberdeen MD.



10 January 2024 Jessie J Shanks Lodge #137 - Fellowship with Susquehanna Lodge #130(Havre de Grace) in keeping with our commitment to continue relations with our AF&AM Brothers.



30 March 2024 Chesapeake Lodge #48 - The Brothers of Chesapeake Lodge #48 gathered for a fundraiser of a fish fry. The event was held at the Carlton-Miller VFW Post #6054 in Aberdeen, MD. PM Cliff Coulter, Bro Ronnie Gibbs, Bro Monte Jeter, Bro Matthew Byrd, Bro Alonzo Parker, Bro Stephen Kelly, and WM Roger Hughes.



4 May 2024 Chesapeake Lodge #48 - JW Carlos Davis and Brother Secretary Matthew Byrd of Chesapeake Lodge #48 were part of the monthly Food Kitchen Giveaway at Bel Air UMC. The congregation supplies foods to hundreds of families in the Harford County area the first Saturday of each month



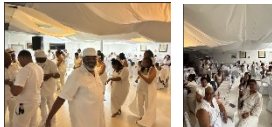
4 May Jessie J Shanks Lodge #137 - Host the Jessie J Shanks Scholarship breakfast to support local high school students



9 May 2024 Jessie J Shanks Lodge #137 - WM Love, PM Christmas and Bro Clark of Jessie J Shanks Lodge #137 award the Jessie J Shanks Scholarship to John Brooks Jr. of Aberdeen High School and Kime Omo Omode of Havre de Grace High School



23 June 2024 Jessie J Shanks Lodge #137 - Host St Johns Day at St James AME Church 617 Green St, HDG, MD



29 June 2024 Chesapeake Lodge #48 - The Brothers of Chesapeake Lodge holding their Inaugural White Party 29 June 24. The event was held at the Carlton-Miller VFW Post 6054 in Aberdeen, MD. The event was a fundraiser for the Lodge.



17 August 2024 The Brothers of Jessie J Shanks #137 - Gathered for a community cookout. The event was held at Shore Park APG in Aberdeen, MD.



31 August 2024 Chesapeake Lodge #48 - The Brothers and Family of Chesapeake Lodge #48 prepare for their Back-to-School Giveaway held at Carlton-Miller VFW Post 6054 in Aberdeen, MD.



21 September 2024 Chesapeake Lodge #48 - Bro Secretary Matthew Byrd of Chesapeake Lodge #48 assisted Bro James Clark (JJS #137) and members of the congregation with their food kitchen giveaway. The event was held at St James AME Church 617 Green St, HDG, MD

Events the Sixth Masonic District was present and accounted for:

- MWPHGL 175TH Annual Session
- MWPGM Gold Collar Luncheon
- Prince Hall Masonic Night
- Annual Buffalo Soldiers Banquet
- Black History Month
- 1st Occasional Grand Lodge Workshop
- Comedy Show
- Mid Conf. Grand Masters/Grand Matrons/Grand Patrons
- 2nd Occasional Grand Lodge Workshop
- St. John's Day Service
- GWM/GWP Joint Banquet
- Crab Feast
- National Night Out
- Children's Cookout
- Prince Hall Day Ceremony
- 3rd Occasional Grand Lodge Workshop
- Masters Mason Banquet

Respectfully and Fraternally Submitted,

Mac C. McClarin

R.W.D.D.G.M. Mac C. McClarin 33°

District Deputy Grand Master

Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Maryland

6th Masonic District

Attested To

Clyde L. Page

Clyde L. Page 33°

District Secretary

6th Masonic District



CC:

The Honorable Noel C. Osborne Sr., 33°, Most Worshipful Grand Master

Right Worshipful Kevin L. Barney Jr., 33°, Deputy Grand Master

Right Worshipful William Davidson III 33°, Senior Grand Warden

Right Worshipful Randolph S. Smith Sr., 33°, Junior Grand Warden

Right Worshipful Stewart V. Redfield 33°, Grand Treasurer

Right Worshipful Rodney M. James 33°, Grand Secretary

Right Worshipful Andrew Pryor 33°, Chief of Grand Staff

6th Masonic District Staff Membership

6th Masonic District Worshipful Masters

6th Masonic District Wardens

6th Masonic District Membership

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District Deputy Grand Master's Annual Report

Seventh Masonic District Annual Report

To: The Honorable Noel C Osborne Sr., Most Worshipful Grand Master, Elected Grand Lodge Officers, MW Past Grand Masters Emeritus, Appointed Grand Lodge Officers, Worshipful Masters, Past Masters, Wardens and Brothers of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge and Jurisdiction.

Greetings:

Giving Praise and Honor to the Great Architect of The Universe, I Present my 2024 Annual Report.



To The Honorable Noel C Osborne, I would like to start by Humbly Thanking you for the opportunity to serve as District Deputy Grand Master for the Seventh District. On behalf of my District, I will take this opportunity to thank you and Congratulate you on your successful term as MWGM your transparency and decision making has made this jurisdiction the best and we thank you for that. As Deputy of this district my goal is Better cooperation with the Grand Lodge and to work to increase the district membership. I am very pleased to announce that with the results of the 2024 elections we have elected one new Worshipful master, with three worshipful masters taking another term. Cooperation with the grand lodge remains a top priority, we have also maintained a passion for community relations. All lodges have recruitment plans in place and leap at the opportunity to bring in new members.

Most Worshipful, This has been a difficult Year with low attendance at regular meetings, however moral is growing and the future looks promising.

Necrology

We should always remember those who paved the way for us whether in the distant past or present. With a heavy heart I submit the names of those brave souls that were called from their labor This past Masonic year.

Bro Wilbert Normand
Bro William Cephas

District Officers

RW James E. Thompson.....DDGM
RW Calvin Leak.....ADDGM
RW Walter Pauls.....District Secretary
RW Howard Williams.....District Treasurer
RW Lester Harmon.....District Photographer
RW Derick Brummell.....Special project

State of District:

MW, the Seventh District is moving in a positive direction, and membership is one of my main goals as we move forward .We continue to provide public assistance whenever the opportunities arrive.

Pride of Cambridge #50

This lodge has 14 members on roll with 3 being exempt. JW Ronnie Youmens has been elected WM. This lodge has several members dealing with health issues including MWPGM Leotha Hull. Members of The lodge have also donated food boxes to those under need or didn't have the means to travel. Pride of Cambridge's goals for this upcoming year is to build membership, comply with the Grand Lodge and work to improve attendance at regular meetings. Pride of Cambridge has the components to be a great lodge with its young membership.

Olive Branch Lodge # 93

This lodge has 19 members on roll with 4 being exempt. SW ken Bailey is the Worshipful master for this lodge. Olive Branch Lodge shares a lodge building with Prospect lodge # 50 in Preston. This lodge has regular fund raisers and appear to be moving in the right direction with dedicated members. This lodge also assist other lodges in the district in any way they can.

Prospect Lodge #95

Prospect lodge has 20 members on roll with 4 of whom are exempt. SW Wayne Outlaw was elected Worshipful master. Prospect lodge #95 had been meeting at Pride of Cambridge lodge #50 while upgrades were performed at their lodge, they are now meeting back in their own building. This lodge host several fundraisers thru the year and also have the largest presentation of brothers available for all district functions.

Thomas H Kiah lodge #101

My lodge has 12 members on roll. Worshipful master Wardell Harding was reelected as worshipful master. Thomas H Kiah lodge has held public open houses as a part of their ongoing recruitment program. The lodge participates wherever they can be of public assistance. This lodge has grown a passion for public relations and worked hard to increase voting and voter registration in Kent County. This lodge assist a local church with their food giveaway weekly and also donated school supplies and assisted in a major school supply giveaway.



Fraternally Yours,
DDGM 7TH DISTRICT

RW James E. Thompson

RW James E. Thompson, 32°

They that trust in the Lord shall be as mount Zion, which cannot be removed, but, abideth forever. Psalms: 125-1

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

From the Desk of R.W. Jabbar D. Mills, 32°
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TO: The Honorable Noel C. Osborne Sr, 33rd Most Worshipful Grand Master
Elected Grand Lodge Officers, Most Worshipful Past Grand Masters, Appointed Grand Lodge Officers, Worshipful Master, Past Master, Wardens and Brothers of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge F&AM Of Maryland and Its Jurisdiction, Inc.

SUBJECT: **District Deputy Grand Master's Report**

“The steps of a good man are ordered by the Lord: and he delighted in his way.” Psalm 37:23

First giving honor to the name of Almighty God, the Great “I AM”, the one and only true God; to whom all blessings and praises flow, I would like to express my genuine appreciation and gratefulness to the Honorable Noel C. Osborne, Sr Most Worshipful Grand Master.

Greetings Most Worshipful Grand Master, it is with a sincere prayer that the brothers of the 8th Masonic District that you, the elected, emeritus, and appointed officers and Brothers of Maryland Jurisdiction are well and blessed receiving God's favor. I pray that your 177th Grand Lodge Communication is successful.

As I conclude another year as District Deputy Grand Master of the 8th Masonic District; I would like to say thank you for putting your trust in me to serve as one of your Representatives and may God continue to bless you and your family. Congratulations and job well done serving us as our Most Worshipful Grand Master during the Masonic years. The district is still growing with two raised to master masons and three candidates waiting. All lodges are meeting and doing very well in supporting all Grand Lodge events and goals. We continue to pray for this great State and all brothers, Sisters, concordant bodies, and their families throughout this jurisdiction.

Necrology

During the 2023-2024 Masonic Year, the district had one of our brothers called from Labor to Reward.

Lincoln 53 PM Anthony Bowen

State of the DDGM

During the year, God saw fit for me to attend and do the following:

- Attend the first, second and third occasional Grand Lodge meeting.
- Past Grandmaster's Brunch
- MWPHGL Crab feast.
- Prince Hall Day Children's cookout.
- Prince Hall Day Celebration.
- Lincoln # 53 Masonic Ball
- Held District meetings.
- Attend MWPHGLVA Communication visitation
- MWPHGLMD 176 Communication

State of the Lodges

The three Lodges in the District have done an outstanding job this year.

Lamech # 30

- WM Walt Stevens Elected this masonic year 2024-2025
- Held several Fish Fry's.
- Feed the homeless cookout
- TV raffles, church visitation, church outreach programs, meetings with OES and has attend all grand lodge events.

Lincoln #53

- WM Zsavelle Smack, Elected this masonic year 2024-2025 (OUTSTANDING WARDEN OF THE YEAR)
- Donations to families in need.
- Dinner fundraisers.
- Fish Frys.
- Masonic Ball.
- Food Boxes.
- Widows support and attend all grand lodge events.

Unity # 73

- The brothers of Unity had an outstanding year and have met all GL assessments. However, the brothers of the lodge have decided on election night that they are not increasing membership. Due to age, they will be voluntarily surrendering their charter. May God continue to bless these brothers, as they merge with Lamech #30.

All 8th Masonic District lodges have made Grand Lodge assessments and are continuing to do the best they can.

8th District Staff3

RW DDGM Jabbar Mills 32^o

RW ADDGM Joseph Marshall

I would like to express my gratitude and appreciation to the MWPHGL elected officers, also like to give a special thank you to District 8 staff, RWRDGM Victor Smack, Worshipful Masters, Brothers, and Sisters.

Fraternally

Jabbar D. Mills

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Honorable Noel C. Osborne, Sr., 33°
Most Worshipful Grand Master

To: *The Honorable Noel C. Osborne, Sr., Most Worshipful Grand Master, Elected Grand Lodge Officers, Most Worshipful Past Grand Masters, Appointed Grand Lodge Officers, Worshipful Masters, Past Masters, Wardens, and Brothers of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons of Maryland & Its Jurisdictions, Inc.*

Thru: *Right Worshipful Willard N. Beach, Southern Masonic Region, Deputy Grand Master*

From: *Right Worshipful Rodney D. Ayth, District Deputy Grand Master, 9th Masonic District*

Subject: MY 2023 -2024 Annual Report of the District Deputy Grand Master, 9th Masonic District

Greetings,

" I sought the LORD, and He answered me and delivered me from all my fears. Those who look to Him are radiant, and their faces shall never be ashamed. Oh, taste and see that the LORD is good! Blessed is the man who takes refuge in Him." Psalm 34:4–5, 8

I would like to express my sincere gratitude and appreciation to the Honorable Noel C. Osborne, Sr., MWGM, for his continued confidence in affording me the opportunity to serve as the District Deputy Grand Master for the 9th Masonic District of Maryland. It has been my privilege to serve this Grand Body in this capacity, as well as assisting the lodges so that our constitution, protocols, and uses and customs remain observant during your term as the Most Worshipful Grand Master.

9th MASONIC DISTRICT STAFF

This staff consisted of R.W. Rodney D. Ayth (DDGM), R.W. Antonio C. Sturgis (ADDGM), R.W. Eric A. Jones (District Secretary), R.W. William Davis III (District Treasurer), R.W. Stephen J. Register (District Protocol Officer), R.W. Jermain J. Inge (District Inspector), R.W. Ebony Cullens (Chaplin/KOP Representative). These District Officers were steadfast committed to duty and supported me in supporting the mission and vision of the Most Worshipful Grand Master, and I'd like to thank each of them for their support and wise counsel during this masonic year. It is my pleasure to serve with these Men Assembled Serving On Noble Standards.

Honorable Acknowledgement:

R.W. Antonio C. Sturgis (ADDGM) for his outstanding support, my righthand man, and friend for his wise counsel over the past year.

R.W. Eric A. Jones (District Secretary) for his tireless efforts supporting the financial efforts and ensuring the lodges adhered to the timely request of the district for compliance with the Constitution and

Grand Lodge.

R.W. Jermain J. Inge (District Inspector) for his tireless efforts in reviewing 100% of the district audits for comments and recommendations back to the lodges before submitting the audits to the Grand Lodge.



NECROLOGY

During the 2023- 2024 Masonic Year, the 9th Masonic District had the following Brothers transitioned from Labor to Reward:

Roscoe C. Cartwright Lodge No. 129

- Eric W. Dinkins

E. Jerry Williams Lodge No. 141

- Rochester Bunn (PM)

Ronald E. McNair Lodge No. 146

- Curtis Hodge

The 9th Masonic District would like to extend warm expressions of Love and its Deepest Condolences to those members and their families, also other families of the Most Worshipful Prince Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Maryland and Its Jurisdiction, Inc.

STATUS OF THE 9th DISTRICT

The 9th Masonic District has worked diligently to strength our bonds as Brothers and men representing change within our communities in the 9th Masonic District. Any accomplishments this Masonic Year wouldn't have been achievable without the exceptional and talented 339 Brothers of the 9th Masonic District.

The 9th Masonic District is comprised of four (4) constituent lodges: Beehive Lodge No. 66, Roscoe C. Cartwright Lodge No. 129, E. Jerry Williams Lodge No. 141, and Ronald E. McNair Lodge No. 146.

Honorable Acknowledgement for Worshipful Masters (WM)

Beehive Lodge No. 66: WM John Countryman
Roscoe C. Cartwright Lodge No. 129: WM Chandler Wilson
E. Jerry Williams Lodge No. 141: WM Lewis Woodard III
Ronald E. McNair Lodge No. 146: WM Kevin Johnson

Note: Beehive Lodge No. 66 is the 9th District's Lodge of Masonic Year 2023-2024 and Worshipful Master John Countryman is the 9th District WM of the Masonic Year 2023-2024.

Without all the WMs dedication and willingness to serve, we would not have had a successful Masonic Year 2023-2024 and for that I'm forever humbled and grateful.

Beehive Lodge No. 66

Under the leadership of Worshipful Master John Countryman, Beehive organized a Joint Clothing and Toy Drive with Truth Chapter No. 19 at 3410 Livingston Rd., Indian Head, MD.



Oldest Prince Hall Lodge in Southern Maryland Counties. Beehive Lodge No. 66 holds the unique distinction of being the 1st and oldest Prince Hall Lodge established in the Southern Maryland Counties and has continuously upheld this title of distinction as a tribute to our founding members and the dedication and love they gave for their Fraternity.



Roscoe C. Cartwright Lodge No. 129

Under the leadership of Worshipful Master Chandler Wilson, Roscoe C. Cartwright Lodge No. 129 participated in its annual Wreaths Across America Event at Cheltenham Veterans Cemetery. Each December on National Wreaths Across America Day, people around the country seek to “Remember, Honor and Teach,” as we commemorate our lost veterans.





E. Jerry Williams Lodge No. 141

Under the leadership of Worshipful Master Claymon Strong, E. Jerry Williams Lodge No. 141 participated in its annual Christmas Charity Baskets Giveaway, at Aldi's parking lot located at 6301 Livingston Road, Oxon Hill, MD 20745. WM Lewis Woodard III took the lead with this initiative and worked extremely hard to get everything in place.



Ronald E. McNair Lodge No. 146

Under the leadership of Worshipful Master Kevin Johnson, Ronald E. McNair Lodge No. 146 participated in its annual Adopt A Road cleanup with nine members and one volunteer to remove 12 bags of trash from Forestville Road (between Pennsylvania Ave and Suitland Parkway).

On January 28th, 2024, the 38th Anniversary of the Space Shuttle Challenger. This day also marks the day of the death of Dr. Ronald E McNair the Afro American astronaut aboard the shuttle. Please recognize that Dr. McNair was made a Master Mason, a Past Master in July 2023 posthumously, and made a member of Ronald E McNair Lodge #146 of the MWPHGL of MD by the authority of the Most Worshipful Grand Master, Noel C. Osborne, Sr. This is considered 1st in Maryland Masonic history.

Organized by Worshipful Master (WM) Kevin Johnson of Ronald E. McNair Lodge No. 146, several brothers (30 approximately) traveled by bus from Maryland to Lake City, S.C. with permission from the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of South Carolina to perform the Prince Hall Masonic Memorial Ceremony on January 28th, 2024.



KNIGHT OF PYTHAGORAS (KOP) John E. Wallace Council No. 5



WHEREAS, on the **28th day of September 2024 A.D.** authority was given to the **9th Masonic District** recognized Masonic Body Chartered by the **MOST WORSHIPFUL PRINCE HALL GRAND LODGE OF MARYLAND AND JURISDICTION** to organize under the **MARYLAND GRAND COUNCIL KNIGHTS OF PYTHAGORAS, Inc.** and establish a youth council for Boys in the city of Accokeek, MD.

WHEREAS, this Sponsoring Body has returned to the Most Venerable Grand Council such Letters Temporary, this Grand Council of the Order of the Knights of Pythagoras for boys between the ages of six through eighteen in consideration of their request and of the trust reposed by us in the skill, ability, and zeal of the Sponsoring Brethren, do hereby grant and expedite this **PATENT OF PERPETUAL CONSTITUTION** to take effect from the 28th day of September, 2024; thereby constituting the Brethren named as the Local Board of Regents on behalf of the Masonic Body which has agreed to sponsor the re-warrant of this Council of Pythagoreans known as the **John E. Wallace Council No. 5**.

Newly Elected and Installed Officers of the 9th Masonic District



My sincerest thanks and appreciation to the Honorable Noel C. Osborne, Sr., Most Worshipful Grand Master for your confidence and support. Without which it would not have been possible for the 9th Masonic District to recognize its true potential and make a difference.

Most Worshipful Sir, I would like to also congratulate you on your successful tenure as the 27th Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge, Free & Accepted Masons of Maryland & Its Jurisdiction, Inc.

May the Great Architect of the Universe continue to bestow his blessing upon you sir, your family, and this great fraternity of ours.

Fraternally Submitted,

Rodney D. Aytch

RW Rodney D. Aytch, 33^o
District Deputy Grand Master
9th Masonic District



“Divided We Fall, United We Stand, the 9th District Always Stands Tall!!”



10th Masoinic District Annual Report



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

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Noel C. Osborne
Most Worshipful Grand Master

District Deputy Grand Master's Annual Report for the 177th Annual Communication

To the Honorable Noel C. Osborne, Most Worshipful Grand Master, Elected Grand Lodge Officers, Most Worshipful Past Grand Masters, Emeritus and Appointed Grand Lodge Officers, Worshipful Masters, Past Masters, Wardens, and Brethren of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge, F. & A. M., of Maryland and its Jurisdiction, Inc.

Greetings:

“Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!” **Psalm 133:1**

First giving all honor to most High and all praises to Him, thank you for the strength and many blessings you have bestowed up me and my family over the past year.

To the Honorable Noel C. Osborne Grand Master, I thank you for allowing me to serve the Officers and Members of the greatest Masonic District in the Jurisdiction. The Brethren of the 10th Masonic District would like to wish you and the Members of this Grand Lodge a successful 177th Annual Communication.

Next, I would like to express my sincere gratitude and appreciation to the hard work of the Worshipful Masters, Past Masters, Wardens and Brethren of the 10th District.

“Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see GOD.” **Matthew 5:8**

Necrology

The 10th Masonic District extends warm expressions of Love and Deepest Sympathy to the Widows and families of the brothers throughout the Jurisdiction that have answered that call from Labor to Reward to that Celestial Lodge. This year the district had the following brothers who went from Labor to Reward this Masonic year:

1. Bro Lee A. Taylor
2. Bro. Harold Simms
3. Bro. Darrell Jerald



10th Masonic District Annual Report **State of the District**



The 2023-2024 Masonic year began with all Lodges prepared to make a difference within their respected community areas within Ann Arundel County. The Officers and members have worked extremely hard to challenge themselves and have accepted the challenges I have put forth to them. We began the year with two Lodges electing a new Worshipful Master and two Lodges current WMs remaining in the East. I have Extreme confidence that this year's administration will continue to push the district forward. The Lodges within the district were active with coming up with opportunities to service the communities within the district. Throughout this year myself or a member of the district staff worked together to ensure that we had representation whenever a lodge conducted community engagement throughout this Masonic year.

Respectfully & Fraternally,

Roderic R. Mauldin

R.W. Roderic R. Mauldin

District Deputy Grand

Master 10th Masonic District

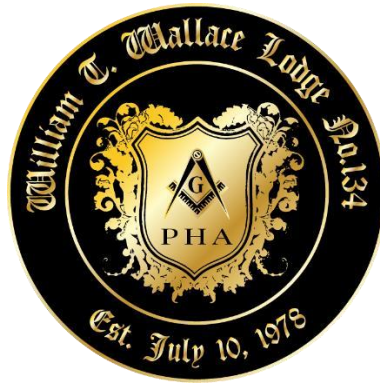
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**Masonic Year 2023 – 2024
Annual Report**



William T. Wallace Lodge No.134
Fort Meade, Maryland

Annual Report for Masonic Year 2023-2024



The Honorable Noel C. Osborne, Sr. 33°, Most Worshipful Grand Master
RW Roderic R. Mauldin, District Deputy Grand Master – 10th Masonic District
H. E. Smith, Jr. 33°, Worshipful Master

Brothers,

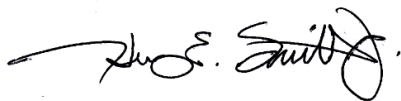
As Worshipful Master, it has been an honor for me to preside over this lodge and also to present the following reflection of William T. Wallace Lodge # 134's activities for Masonic Year 2023-2024.

During this year, the lodge continued to focus our community service efforts in the Fort Meade area community by volunteering at St. Marks United Methodist Church, Van Bokkelen Elementary, MacArthur Middle School, Corkran Middle School, local area events, and also making donations to local families in need. One particular instance I will highlight is on the afternoon of December 24, 2023, when it came to the attention of our lodge that a local family with 11 children was in need. The lodge brothers immediately united to assist this family, and in just a few short hours we were able to make a substantial donation of food and money to them.

We added three new Master Masons to our number and also saw three brothers graduate from the Lodge of Instruction. Together we endured the anguish that accompanied the loss of a brother. We also strengthened our bond with our sister Eastern Star Chapter, Amulet Chapter #85.

We worked together to accomplish many things this year. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the brothers of this lodge for their efforts, both collective and individual, over the course of the year.

Respectfully,



H. E. Smith, Jr. 33°
38th Worshipful Master
William T. Wallace Lodge #134

William T. Wallace Lodge #134 Lodge Activities for Masonic Year 2023-2024

(does not reflect regularly scheduled lodge meetings, which are the first and third Mondays of each month)

November 2023

- 2 Most Worshipful Grand Master's Testimonial
- 6 Third Degree (Two Brothers)
- 16 Visit to Sincerity Lodge #181 (MWGLMD)
- 18 Food Baskets for Lodge Widows and local community

December 2023

1-3 175th Annual Grand Lodge Session
14 St Marks UMC Food Truck
16 Food Baskets for Lodge Widows and local community
16 St Marks UMC Food Distribution
16 Wreaths Across America
24 Food and Money donation to Severn family with 11 children

January 2024

15 Press Conference and Call to action event at Annapolis Police Department
25 St Marks UMC Food Truck
27 St Marks UMC Food Distribution
29 Double Good Fundraiser Begin

February 2024

2 Double Good Fundraiser End
10 MWPHGLMD Town Hall Meeting
22 St Marks UMC Food Truck
24 St Marks UMC Food Distribution
24 MWPHGLMD Black History Program

March 2024

9 Welcome to Mac Arthur Middle School event
9 1st Occasional Grand Lodge Meeting
10 MWPHGLMD Joint Church Service
21 St Marks UMC Food Truck
23 St Marks UMC Food Distribution

April 2024

3 Visit to Odenton Lodge #209 (MWGLMD) (RW Conyer presentation)
13 Visit to Maceo Boston Lodge #145
20 Highway Cleanup
25 St Marks UMC Food Truck
25 Visit to Charles Wesley Lodge #147
27 St Marks Food UMC Distribution

May 2024

1 Visit to Odenton Lodge #209 (MWGLMD) Degree work
7 Corkran Middle School teacher Appreciation (Joint with Amulet Chapter #85)
7 Annual visit to Amulet Chapter #85
23 St Marks UMC Food Truck
25 St Marks UMC Food Distribution

June 2024

3 Visit from Charles Wesley #147
5 MacArthur Middle School Cookout
9 Visit with Bro Schoonmaker
15 Highway Cleanup
20 St Marks UMC Food Truck
22 St Marks UMC Food Distribution
22 2nd Occasional Grand Lodge Meeting

July 2024

6 MWPHGLMD Crab Feast
7 MWPHGLMD Annual Church Service
15 Third Degree (One Brother)
25 St Marks UMC Food Truck
27 St Marks UMC Food Distribution

August 2024

6 Backpack Stuffing Prep (for Aug 17 Event) 10
Amulet Chapter #85 Back to 80's Party
17 4th Annual Meade & North County Back to School Backpack Appreciation Block Party (WTW134 donated 50 backpacks and materials)
22 St Marks UMC Food Truck
24 St Marks UMC Food Distribution
28 Visit to Rising Sun Lodge #46

September 2024

14 Meeting and fellowship with Brother Taylor's Family
15 MWPHGLMD Prince Hall Day Program
16 Lodge of Sorrow Called On
21 LOI Graduation (3 graduates from WTW134)
26 Wake for Brother Taylor
27 Funeral for Brother Taylor
28 3rd Occasional Grand Lodge Meeting
30 Interment for Brother Taylor
30 Lodge of Sorrow Called Off

October 2024

7 Annual Elections
21 Installation of Officers for Masonic Year 2024-2025

2023-2024 Lodge Officers:

Worshipful Master – Henry E. Smith, Jr. 33°

Senior Warden – Diarra Brown

Junior Warden – Tirene Crowell

Secretary – Devin Hill

Treasurer - Jason Morgan Senior

Deacon – Rick Harrington

Junior Deacon – Novell Washington, Jr.

Senior Steward – Francis Weiss

Junior Steward – Regis Squire

Tyler – Lawrence Diggs

Marshal – Andre McGuire

Chaplain - Bro. Jeremiah Brantley

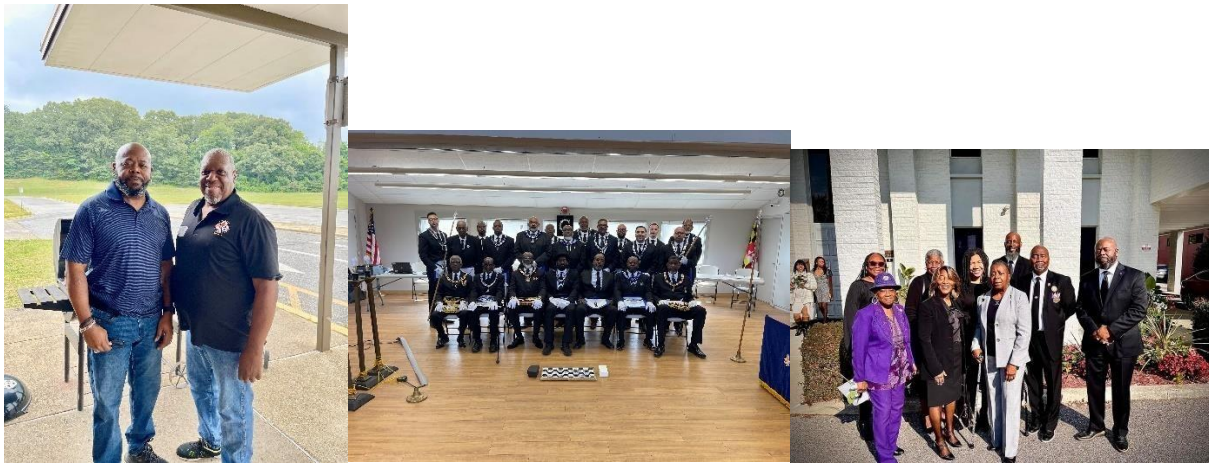
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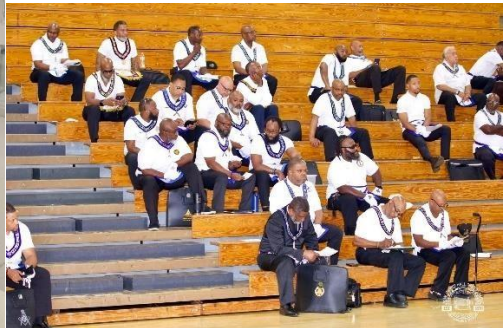














In memory of our brothers who have
gone from labor to reward:



Donald A. Beasley, Jr.

Benjamin Brown Wayne C. Busch

Bruce Hassell

Peter Hassell Lionel

A. Hilton, Sr.

James F. Johnson, Sr.

Willie Kendrick

James McAphee

Terrance McMillan

Abraham Mitchell

George R. Price

Joseph Robinson

Lee A. Taylor

Ronald E. Thompson

Donald R. Thompson, Sr.

Rising Sun Lodge No. 46 Annual Report

DDGM Roderic Mauldin and all Right Worshipful Sirs,

Rising Sun continues to be a blessed part of the Anne Arundel County community. With increasing new membership and several new members demitting in from out of state lodges, Rising Sun continues to move forward with positivity and eagerly looks forward to celebrating 110 years being Chartered in the year 2024.

Rising Sun was blessed with two newly elected Officers. Brother Louis Cannon Jr. was elected to the office of Senior Warden and Brother Clifford Hopkins was elected to the office of Secretary. Both Brothers jumped into their newly elected seats and hit the ground running. Rising Sun was truly blessed to have them in our ranks.

The 2023-2024 Masonic year started off with Rising Sun participating in the 10th Annual Rev. Callie Matthews scholarship cancer walk in Annapolis, MD on October 21st, 2023. This was the 7th consecutive year that Rising Sun participated in this annual event. The event is dedicated to the late Rev. Callie Matthews a member of our Sister Chapter, Miriam Chapter #24 OES and mother of Brother Derek Matthews(134). The event was a huge success and displayed true Brotherly love in the community.

On November 9th, Rising Sun Lodge was contacted by “The Severna Park Voice”, newspaper to do an interview about the history of Rising Sun in the community. WM McDowney along with several other lodge members met with Mr. Johnathan Singleton, reporter for The Severna Park Voice newspaper on November 9th, 2023. Mr. Singleton was eager to learn about the history of Prince Hall and the lineage of Prince Hall Masonry in the Anne Arundel County community. Members in attendance included, newly elected SW, Louis Cannon, Sec. Clifford Hopkins, RW Gregory Daniels, RW Ralph Thomas Sr. and Brother Leon Porter. Mr. Singleton was informed about the history of Rising Sun in Severna Park and the regular community service activities that we have spearheaded. The article was published in the December 12, 2023 edition.

In December of 2023, Rising Sun had representation at the 1st Annual Joint Grand Session with Myra Grand Chapter and the MWPHGLMD. An awesome time was had in Ocean City, Maryland and Masonic business was properly conducted.

On Wednesday December 13th, Rising Sun conducted its regular Holiday “Table Lodge”. The communication was held in the “round” with food and fanfare. Attendees were treated to a meal by our own Brother Raymond Hill and Masonic discussion filled the night air. Rising Sun looks forward to making this a regular event.

On February 5th, Rising Sun was blessed to participate in the “Masons in Annapolis” Event, held by the Maryland State Senate. WM McDowney and RW Ralph Thomas Sr. were in attendance to represent the lodge. WM McDowney was given the opportunity to stand on the senate floor with other Maryland dignitaries and represent Rising Sun Lodge #46. Photo opportunities were held with Governor Bro. Wes Moore as well.

On Saturday, February 24th, Rising Sun completed our “Widows Appreciation Brunch”, in years past Rising Sun has been unable to celebrate our widows with an annual event. This year was our first appreciation banquet at a local Anne Arundel County restaurant in 3 years, due to the ongoing COVID concerns. This year Rising Sun was again able to host our lodge widows at the Seafood Palace Buffett in Annapolis, MD.

The widows were greatly appreciative. Tokens and gifts were given and a good time was had by all. We look forward to reconvening our in-person celebratory luncheon in February of 2025!

On April 3rd Rising Sun traveled to Odenton Lodge #209, AF and AM, to support RW Stanley Conyer(134) as he presented a history on Prine Hall. RW Conyer, dressed in mid-century garb, discussed the Raising of Prince Hall and the significance of his path in Masonry. Several members of RS46 were in attendance including 3 newly initiated Entered Apprentice.

On March 24th, Rising Sun made an official visitation with our Sister Chapter, Mirim Chapter No.24 OES. The Sisters of Miriam were delighted to have the Brothers of Rising Sun present to fellowship and meet. A good time was had by all and the members look forward to next year.

Rising Sun Hosted a family and friends cookout on July 13th of this year. This was a casual event to allow our members to fellowship and socialize. Our Sister Chapter Miriam #24 OES also attended the event, along with members of the local community. The BBQ was top notch and fellowship was also flowing.

On August 28th, Rising Sun was blessed with a presentation from PM Andrew Martinez of Annapolis Lodge #89, AF and AM. PM Martinez, presented the history of Freemasonry and Pirates. He discussed how pirates and Freemasons worked hand in hand throughout history. Rising Sun was blessed with visitation from various lodges within District 10 and local AF and AM Lodges in Anne Arundel County. A good time was had by all.

On Saturday August 31st, at the Grand Lodge 3rd Degree Exemplification, Rising Sun was blessed to have 3 new FellowCrafts Raised to the Degree of Master Mason. Brothers Louis Cannon III, Dejuan Allen and Timothy Cannon were Raised to the Degree of Master Mason at the GL of Maryland. Brothers Louis and Timothy Cannon are the son and brother of Senior Warden Louis Cannon Jr. respectively. Rising Sun is blessed to have these 3 new Brothers in our ranks.

Finally, I want personally congratulate our Senior Warden, Bro. Louis Cannon Jr. and our Secretary Brother Clifford Hopkins for completing and passing this years Grand Lodge School of Instruction. Both Brothers received their certificates of completion on Saturday Sept. 21st. The Officers and members of Rising Sun Lodge appreciate all of your hard work and dedication

Rising Sun is looking forward to a productive and prosperous 2024, 110 Charter Year Celebration. This year will be filled with milestone achievements celebrating 110 years of service in the Anne Arundel County Community!

Fraternally Submitted,

Cleveland H. McDowney III, P. M

Worshipful Master

Rising Sun Lodge No.46

Severna Park, MD.

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October 10, 2024

District Deputy Grand Master's Report

To: The Honorable Noel C. Osborne, Sr, Most Worshipful Grand Master, Elected Grand Lodge Officers, Most Worshipful Past Grand Masters, Emeritus, Past and Appointed Grand Lodge Officers, Worshipful Masters, Past Masters, Wardens, and Brothers of the Craft

Greetings:

First giving honor to God, who is the giver of all good gifts and graces. I pray this communication finds you, your families and the entire Maryland Masonic Family enjoying His many blessings, for without him, we would not be able to inculcate and practice those truly commendable virtues of Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth amongst each other and within our communities.

Necrology

The 12th District report that this period the Angel of death spread its wings over this family, taking Brother Jozef Rantong of Benjamin.F. Luke Lodge 127, and family members of the district. We suffered the loss of loved ones and family members. On behalf of the district, I would like to extend warm expressions of Love and Deepest Sympathy to those members and their families, also families of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge that lost loved ones during the 2024 Masonic Year. Keeping those we have dealing with Cancer, and other illnesses in our prayers as there has been an increase within the district.

State of the District

The 12th Masonic District consists of nine Lodges: We continue to face the challenging task of keeping our Lodges operating with the ongoing deployment, reassignment of our members and now the support of Ukraine War/NATO. As most of our Craft consists of Brothers who are affiliated with the Armed Forces, we constantly battle the ebbs and flows of membership and their ability to attend meetings, especially when duty calls. We continue to face challenges, our faith has not withered, and I am proud to report that from the fruits of our labor we are seeing some growth in membership in several of our lodges for this past year.

We continue to have Quarterly District Conferences and Zoom meetings, which provides an excellent opportunity to share and discuss problems or concerns of the Lodges, OES, and York Rite Bodies. We keep the craft abreast of Grand Lodge, District, Constituent

Lodges, and other Cordiant bodies programs.

As the District Deputy Grand Master, I represented the Grand Lodge and 12th District at the Grand Visitation of Oklahoma Jurisdictions in February and Washington Jurisdictions in September. We joined together with the Districts in St, John's Day, and Prince Hall Day celebrations this year. With the conflicts going on in the area the Military members are in and out for duty and this helps to keep the events going.

Worshipful Master of the Year:

Brother Frederick Gantt is the Worshipful Master of Samuel T. Daniels Lodge 109, This brother does not stop making his members feel like they are his family, His ability to lead, assist, and conform members and family members sets him above the other Worshipful Masters. His members as well as those of the other lodges constantly speak of his care and respect. I can write a book on his accomplishments, but I will just say to him thank you.

Special Members:

I must comment on the performance of District Deputy Grand Master at Large, RW Jeremiah McMiller, RW Brian Didlake, RW David Williams, RW Harold Henderson, PM Metheus Miller and other of this district that support the Grand Master and the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Maryland. These brothers are not here in Maryland, but they are in other states living and there to travel with the Grand Master and ensure this Grand Lodge is held up in the highest of respect. **Note:** All my brother and sister are special, these just stand out in front.

I would like to thank all the Assistance District Deputies and Worshipful Masters who have served faithfully with me this Masonic Year. They performed admirably under very difficult conditions and circumstances. They have been unflagging in their dedication and support of our programs. I am extremely appreciative of their unwavering commitment to our endeavors and Masonic causes in general. I would add special thanks for always being there when I called for last-minute assistance for the Lodges. For those RWs and Past Masters that are state side, thank you for your continued commitment to your Lodges and the members of 12th Masonic District. THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

Finally, I would like to thank the Most Worshipful Grand Master, Noel C. Osborne Sr, for his continued confidence in my staff and me. We continue to do those things necessary to get the job done. In this respect, we hope to continue improving on our accomplishments – God Willing! We pledge our unequivocal support to the Grand Master and to the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Maryland.

Fraternally and Respectfully Submitted,



MWPGM. EDDIE L. HARRIS, 33°
District Deputy Grand
Master 12th Masonic
District

13th DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTER REPORT 2023-2024

1) INTRODUCTION

“Strength is not physical, but spiritual and with it you can destroy many things”. “Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go”.

Since the end of the UK government-enforced lockdown in March 2022, the lodges in the 13th District have encountered a myriad of problems with the US Military on the bases where they are located. The principal problem has been getting re-registered as private organizations on the military establishments without which the lodges had to confront some vexatious, aggravating and frustrating issues.

2) HISTORICAL ASPECT

From the inception in 1968, the lodges in the 13th District have been reliant on the US military establishments on which they are located for rent-free accommodation, opportunities for fund-raising, avenues to publicize the fraternal institution and the like. As such, the lodges’ income including the annual subscriptions has always been linked to receiving the aforementioned ‘support’ from the military establishments.

However, the above is on the premise that the lodges are officially registered private organizations on the military facilities, which they have been unable to accomplish since the end of the Covid-19 lockdown. Despite these setbacks, the lodge members, whether resident in the UK or elsewhere, have worked assiduously to ensure the survival of their individual lodges. I can report that the lodges were able to meet all of their financial obligations to this Grand Lodge and the two-year impasse the lodges have been experiencing with the US military establishments is about to end.

3) SCHOLARSHIPS

The 13th District lodges, despite their trials and tribulations, have cooperated with the local United Supreme Council, Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, Prince Hall Affiliation, Southern Jurisdiction Consistories in England to award three scholarships totalling nearly £5,500 to three exceptional young people presently attending reputable higher education institutions.

Emilian Bowry, is a 20 year old student in the second of a four year Masters degree course in Engineering at the incomparable Trinity College of Cambridge University. He is credited with creating a ‘novel electrochemical and material mechanism for detecting the spiking agents in beverages’ and ‘an open source resource for quantitative analysis’. Beyond the Masters degrees, Emilian has his eyes set on completing a doctorate degree at the above-mentioned education institution before embarking on an academic teaching career.

Young Yaw Antwi-Boasiako is now in the final year of a Bachelor of Science degree in Finance and Management at the University of Loughborough. He recently completed a placement year with Forvis Mazars where he gained 'experience in Corporate Restructuring, Wealth/Investment Management and Insolvency'. He intends pursuing a career in Corporate Restructuring.

Taryn McPherson is an 18 year old now attending the University of Guyana in pursuit of a Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery (MBBS) degree which is a five-year long program, on the journey to becoming a pediatrician. She candidly states: 'I am eager to immerse myself in the extensive training and education that the MBBS degree offers which will equip me with the expertise required to excel in the medical field and make a tangible difference in the lives of young patients.'

4) MEETINGS

Being unable to meet on their located US military facilities, the members of the lodges journeyed to the Chapel Annex at RAF Alconbury once a month to attend their individual lodge meetings. All lodge meetings held at one location on the same day engendered occasions for Masonic education. Members were given the opportunity to participate in all of the meetings and thus listen to the many Masonic lectures provided.

5) COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

The inability to actively participate in the US military establishment activities as Masonic bodies did not stop the membership from contributing to their local communities. Some members work assiduously with their churches, the local schools, care homes and food banks to provide for the needy, ever mindful of the saying, 'Where there is a will, there is a way'. I do salute the members for their assiduity.

6) CONCLUSION

Despite the obstacles in the path of the members of the 13th District, especially during the last 12 months, they found a way to meet as lodges, contribute to the needy collectively and individually, assist aspiring young people to achieve their educational and vocational goals with scholarship awards, and most importantly, improve in Masonry.

Over the last 12 months, the members of the 13th District have been adhering to the various restrictions placed on non-registered private organizations on US military facilities, but have still managed to survive. The resilience of the members must be commended.

MWPGM LONSDALE SKINNER

DDGM, District 13

MOST WORSHIPFUL PRINCE HALL GRAND LODGE F & AM MARYLAND

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*To The Most Worshipful Grand Master, Elected and Appointed Officers of the MWPHGL of
Maryland, and Members of this Great Jurisdiction*

6 November 2024

Annual Report

Greetings:

First, allow me to personally thank the entire membership of the 14th Masonic District for the help and cooperation given to me and MWGM Noel C Osborne collectively during this year in office as District Deputy Grand Master. I am deeply honored and extremely grateful for the privilege of serving the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand of Maryland and the members of the 14th Masonic District. I am well aware of the trust you have bestowed in me and I will do my utmost to make you proud. Even with all of the obstacles that are thrown in our path with “FAITH” in our Father we shall prevail.

State of the Nation

Following the 2024 U.S. presidential election, Donald Trump has returned to the White House after defeating Kamala Harris. This victory marks a significant political comeback and a pivotal shift in American politics. Trump not only secured a clear electoral victory, surpassing 270 electoral votes with wins in key battleground states like Pennsylvania, Georgia, and Wisconsin, but is also expected to claim the popular vote—a rare feat for a Republican since 2004.

Harris's defeat has underscored deep challenges within the Democratic Party, which struggled to counter Trump's enduring appeal and faced criticism over its association with the Biden-Harris administration. Factors contributing to their loss include perceptions of economic mismanagement and diminished public support following key policy decisions during Biden's tenure.

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This election has cemented Trump's influence, bolstering right-wing movements both domestically and globally. Observers anticipate a shift towards more protectionist and assertive policies under his administration. The Democratic Party, meanwhile, faces introspection as it repositions itself in a transformed political landscape

Necrology

The District has been blessed not to have any Craftsmen retire their working tools during this Masonic year. We, not knowing the moment they shall be spent and exhausted, it is for us to make valuable use of the remaining previous moments and make our contribution to life and humanity in general worthwhile and memorable of our existence.

May God through his Grace, Mercy and Truth, grant rest to all of our Brother's soul who have passed on before us.

State of the Craft

The lodges of this District have continued to be tasked hard with Deployments, Temporary Duty assignments, Inspections, and long hours as they continue to answer the call to go in harm's way for all of us. The Brothers of this great District have been deployed and war ready status even during the Pandemic. We were hoping that with the close down would allow us to unite even more.

Our challenge today is not more men in masonry but more masonry in men. By overcoming this challenge, the membership of the District has taken a big hit. However, one cannot help but be impressed with the dedication shown and the hard work done by the Maryland Prince Hall family in Italy that do remain on the Peninsula. We are indeed turning the corner concerning our membership and rebuilding the lodges administratively and Ritualistically. Our future is bright and in good hands. We cannot look backward but move forward with the coming years ahead.

We have begun the rebuilding process in Aviano, Vicenza, and Camp Darby with the assistance of the following Past Masters:

Robert B Croxton Lodge #128 (Aviano, Italy) - PM Ricky Lucas, PM David Tann

George V Lottier Lodge #130 (Livorno, Italy) -PM Kendrick Hagwood

Howard Z Plummer Lodge #131 (Vicenza, Italy) - PM Mike McKnight, PM Thomas Fonder, PM Anthony James, PM Shelton Macon, PM Davisen Poorcelan, PDDGM Al Myers, PDDGM at Large Jonathan Williams

These nine Past Masters have been paramount in collecting petitions from all three locations in which we are in process of conferring degrees on deserving Men ready to join our ranks and cause. All three lodges of the District will have newly raised Master Masons with retainability by the second quarter of Masonic Year 2024-2025.

MOST WORSHIPFUL PRINCE HALL GRAND LODGE F & AM MARYLAND

I would also like to make the following recognitions:

Master Mason of the Year - RW Anthony James
Worshipful Master of the Year - Bro Ricky Lucas
Lodge of the Year - Robert B Croxton Lodge #128

RECCOMENDATIONS

- Request that the following District appointments be approved:
RW Michael McKnight Special District Deputy Grand Master
ADDGM of Robert B Croxton #128 - PM Ricky Lucas
ADDGM of Howard Z Plummer #131 - PM Davisen Poorcelan
Director of Operations - PM Anthony James
Chief of Protocol - PM Thomas Fonder
RW Jonathan Williams - Advisor to the District Deputy
- That District propose a one-year plan to bring the lodges of the 14th District administratively sound by 31 October 2025
- Request guidance and membership training for re-establishing the Order of the Eastern Star in Italy

CONCLUSION

My wish is to improve, to advance, and make progress, so with your continued support and the support of our Brethren, and their families we shall press on ever searching for future light in Masonry. Our faith being in God, I hope that whatever we touch in the future we will leave it better than we found it.

Fraternally yours,
MWPGM Carlos Johnson 33°
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Re: District Deputy Grand Master Fifteen Masonic District Annual Report

To The Honorable Noel C. Osborne Sr., Most Worshipful Grand Master, Elected Grand Lodge Officers, MW Past Grand Masters, Emeritus and Appointed Grand Lodge Officers, Worshipful Masters, Past Masters, Wardens and Brethren of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge F&AM of Maryland and its Jurisdiction Inc.

In the Name of the Great Architect of the Universe, The One God to whom all praises and thanks are due, I pray this communication finds you all in the best of Health and Under the Watchful Eye of God. Greetings to all seeking His wisdom of becoming better Men spiritually, mentally, and physically in the building of that house not made with hands eternal in the heavens. By the grace of Almighty God and this Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Maryland, I am deeply honored to be afforded the opportunity of leadership as District Deputy Grand Master of the 15th Masonic District. If it be the will and pleasure of the Grand Lodge, I plan to continue my efforts in being an avid supporter for the MWPHGLMD Jurisdiction and its constituent lodges within the 15th Masonic District under my current administration and also Lodges throughout our jurisdiction.

To The Honorable Noel C. Osborne Sr., Most Worshipful Grand Master, I thank you first and foremost for being a friend and brother, for being a voucher into the Temple of Al Nas #255 A.E.A.O.N.M.S, for demonstrating and setting the example of what a true Mason is and should be and for affording me the opportunity to serve our benevolent Fraternity. Being a

student of this time-honored institution, I hope that my efforts have been satisfactory to your approval. It has been my honor, privilege, and pleasure to serve this Grand Body as District Deputy Grand Master of the 15th Masonic District, as well as assisting you in bringing your vision for this Grand body into a more perfect union.

NECROLOGY

During the Masonic Year 2023-2024, three Brothers in the 15th District went from labor to reward.

1st Prentiss Moore II of Morning Star Lodge #44 Date: 15 Jun 24

2nd Thomas Bailey of Prince Hall Lodge #38 Date: 23 Mar 23

3rd Shawn Settles of EWS Peck Lodge #82 Date: 11 May 24

THE DISTRICT

The Officers of the Fifteen Masonic District are: Right Worshipful Jafaru Kwame Ali Muhammad 32° and Assistant District Deputy Grand Master, Right Worshipful Brandon Edney 32°.

We are continuing our efforts and driving forward to promote reclamation and retention and to increase the membership within the 15th District. Also, we are urging and encouraging the importance of maintaining and satisfying our financial obligations and responsibilities to the Grand Lodge before due date along with strengthening ritualistic work and Masonic education across the board.

Effective 29 Nov 24, the Fifteenth Masonic District currently has one hundred (100) members on roll, and eighteen (18) members administratively out of bounds. District meetings are held every second Monday of the month. All are encouraged to attend.

District Recognition Program: I have created for the 15th Masonic District a Spot Award Program for any brother who is recognized and nominated by his constituent lodge for his efforts that go above and beyond. I have also created for the 15th Masonic District a Referral program that would provide monetary compensation to a brother who refers new brothers into lodges within the 15th Masonic District. To the date of this communication, I have not received any nominations for spot awards from any lodge within the 15th Masonic District recommending a brother who has gone above and beyond as it pertains to Masonic activities in the 15th district. Under the referral program, PM Brent Jones and PM Steve Lamar will receive a \$50.00 Spot award each in February 2025 for bringing into EWS Peck a total of 6 Brothers. I have also established a Bank checking account at PNC Bank for the 15th Masonic District.

Lodge Status:

Prince Hall Lodge #38- WM Johnny Carter has served his year governing the Lodge and planning fundraisers. The Lodge has Initiated, Passed and Raised Brother Desean Rabb and Brother Dwight Mouzon. Prince Hall Lodge #38 is completely financial. The Senior and Junior warden past WSOI.

Morning Star Lodge #44 -WM Walter Gunn has done an Excellent job in keeping his lodge together and also rebuilding, sparking the interest among the membership in his lodge to get more participation. The Lodge has Initiated, Passed and Raised Brother Enrico McCleary II and Brother Joseph Gethers II and currently have one EA that has not progress forward due to his own personal issues. The Lodge is completely financial. The Senior and Junior warden did not past WSOI.

EWS Peck Lodge #82 –.WM Steve Lamar has done a good job in his year of governing. The Lodge has Initiated, Passed and Raised Brothers Stephone Davis, Larry Duncan, Flenoy Christopher, Tyrone MNM Simmons, Charles Justin Simms, and Larry Andre Wallace. The Lodge is completely financial. The Senior and Junior warden past WSOI.

I give my sincere thanks to the Lodges of the Fifteen Masonic District for their cooperation and support during this past Masonic Year.

Fraternally Submitted,
RW. Jafaru Kwame Ali Muhammad 32°

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Jafaru K. Ali Muhammad". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping flourish at the end.

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District Deputy Grand Master's Annual Report- Masonic Year 2023-2024

To the Honorable Noel C. Osborne, Sr., Most Worshipful Grand Master, Elected Grand Lodge Officers, Most Worshipful Past Grand Masters, Emeritus and Appointed Grand Lodge Officers, Worshipful Masters, Wardens and Brethren of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge, F. & A. M. of Maryland and its Jurisdiction, Inc.

Greetings:

First giving Honor and Praise to the Great Architect of the Universe, the giver of all good gifts and graces that have blessed me and my family over the years.

To the Honorable Most Worshipful Grand Master Noel C. Osborne, Sr., I thank you for having faith and allowing me to serve as your representative for the Sixteenth Masonic District. It has been a pleasure to serve you and the Sixteenth Masonic District.

I would like to thank the District staff for their support, and the implementation of plans that could be done. Thank you.

RW Everett Smith.....ADDGM
RW Marc Rollins.....ADDGM
RW Wendell M. France, Sr.....District Secretary
RW Clarence Traynham.....District Treasurer/Auditor
RW Howard V. Owens.....District Director of Masonic Education
RW John J. Murray.....District Director of Social Actions

I would also like to express my sincere thanks and appreciation to the Worshipful Masters, Wardens and Brethren of the Sixteenth Masonic District. A special thanks to RW Wendell M. France, Sr., RW John J. Murray, RW Howard V. Owens, RW Everett Smith, RW Marc Rollins and RW Sidney Disch for their exemplary performance and support in spite of the difficult situations that they encountered.

Necrology:

The Sixteenth Masonic District offers our deepest sympathy to the Brothers, Widows and families to those who have lost loved ones. They will be forever remembered.

There was no deaths in the Lodges of the Sixteenth Masonic District this Masonic Year.

Mt. Lebanon No. 22

None

Corinthian No. 62

None

District Status:

The Sixteenth Masonic District has 58 members.

The Transition to close Tuscan Lodge was completed due to the lack of membership.

Elections and installations took place for the lodges during the month of October 2023.

In-house meetings are now being held.

The appointed officers of the Sixteenth Masonic District were approved and are eager to implement our plans and support the Grand Lodge.

Most Worshipful Grand Master Noel C. Osborne Sr. , I have the following goals for this Masonic year 2024-2025.

- ! Increase the membership
- ! Increase the attendance of Wardens and Brethren at the WSOI.
- ! Implement more charity programs per lodge
- ! District/Lodges- Support all of the Grand Lodge Endeavors

Lodges Status:

All Lodges of the Sixteenth Masonic District have exceeded or meet their financial obligations.

The Lodges of the Sixteenth Masonic had a very a very successful year.

The Sixteenth Masonic District, Mt. Lebanon Lodge #22 and Corinthian Lodge #62 continues to provide support and school supplies.

Mt. Lebanon No. 22- Worshipful Master Sindey Disch is doing a great job. He continues to be the front runner in the increase of membership and charity work.

Mt. Lebanon Lodge No. 22 provided school supplies to Mars Elementary School and also provided food and clothing to individuals of East Fayette street.

In closing I would like to thank the District for their support. I am looking forward to a very enjoyable and successful 2022-2023 Masonic year.

Grand Master Noel C. Osborne Sr., I personally thank you for allowing me to lead the Sixteenth Masonic District. I thank you for your wise counsel and leadership. May God bless you, your family and this great Jurisdiction.

Fraternally,

Johnny R. Credle, Sr. 33°

**District Deputy Grand Master
Sixteenth Masonic District**



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District #17 Middle East Kuwait

District Deputy Grandmaster's Annual Report for the 17th Annual Communication

To the Honorable Noel C. Osbourne Sr., Most Worshipful Grand Master, Elected Grand Lodge Officers, Most Worshipful Past Grand Masters, Appointed Grand Lodge Officers, Worshipful Masters, Past Masters, Wardens, and Brethren of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge F.&A.M. of Maryland and its Jurisdiction, Inc.

Greetings,

Giving all honor to God for the strength, wisdom, and all the blessing he has bestowed upon this District, the members, and our supporting families. We the 17th Masonic District "The Middle East" bring our humble greetings. MWGM Noel C. Osbourne Sr., It is an honor to be a member of the 17th Masonic District. I would like to give all the members of Tigris Military Lodge #151 and their families my heart felt love for being resilient, dedicated, and understanding this past year. We have endured back-to-back deployments as Soldiers and DoD Civilians all over the world. Freedom is never free. The sacrifices that these brothers of this district and their families make makes me proud to lead the 17th Masonic District. The little thing makes this District and jurisdiction great, taking pride in the being a Prince Hall Mason and letting the Community know that we support all over the United States and oversea. This year RW Chance McCree while deployed in Poland set of a flag Football league for the Soldiers, Airman, Seamen and Marines to have of some fun and show brotherhood to the community in which they are protect and serving. Trophies were provided on behalf of Tigris Military Lodge, 17th Masonic District. RW McCree volunteered with the USO to prepare food for personnel deployed in the area in which he was deployed. The district provided jackets to the group home in Detroit Michigan for the winter season and sponsored the rehabilitation center for Christmas. 17 Masonic District sponsored two families for Christmas by providing the Christmas meal items, toys for the children and gift cards for the adults in the family. We are not the biggest district, but these brothers have the biggest hearts when it comes to supporting the communities and the MWPHGLMD.

Constituent Lodge:

Tigris Military Lodge #151 WM Kendrick Turner

Cross Sword Military Lodge #150 WM Chance McCree

Euphrates Military Lodge# 152 Dormant

State of the District:

District Staff

DDGM RW Johnny Rogers



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District #17 Middle East Kuwait

ADDGM RW Michael James

ADDGM RW Darin Williams Sr.

District Recorder RW Jermaine Sullivan

District Treasurer RW Emmanuel Jackson

District Lectors RW Darin Williams Sr.

District Historian RW Lloyd Mitchell

At this time TML 151 has Initiated, Passed or Raised 2 Master Mason during this Masonic Year. They held an election on 16 October 2024 where a new administration was elected for 2024-2025. The district purchased wreaths for graves of our fallen Comrades. District 17 donated to Zeta Phi Beta Sorority Inc. and Phi Beta Sigma Inc. in support of the Black Student Union at Wayne State University and surrounding community. This year RW Chance McCree while deployed in Poland set of a flag Football league for the Soldiers, Airman, Seamen and Marines to have of some fun and show brotherhood to the community in which they are protect and serving. Trophies were provided on behalf of Tigris Military Lodge, 17th Masonic District. RW McCree volunteered with the USO to prepare food for personnel deployed in the area in which he was deployed. The district provided jackets to the group home in Detroit Michigan for the winter season and sponsored the rehabilitation center for Christmas. 17 Masonic District sponsored two families for Christmas by providing the Christmas meal items, toys for the children and gift cards for the adults in the family. We are not the biggest district, but these brothers have the biggest hearts when it comes to supporting the communities and the MWPHGLMD. This year we donated candy for Truck or Treats and donated supplies for back-to-school drive. District 17 participated in the Wreath Across America. For Thanksgiving we donated 6 baskets with turkeys to families in need. For the Christmas Holiday we provided gifts and toiletries for the group home in Michigan.

CONCLUSION

District 17 will continue to support and serve the communities as called upon. We are small in numbers but dedicated to the cause. I'm proud of the brothers and families in this District, because whenever they are call upon, they do not hesitate to answer the call. We continued to look for more ways to increase our footprint in Prince Hall Masonry and increase our membership across the Jurisdiction. The dedication of the 17th Masonic District "The Middle East" remains strong and resilient. We will continue to carry the vision of the MWPHGLMD and its Jurisdiction. I'm blessed to have these brother in this District ADDGM RW Michael James, ADDGM RW Darwin Williams, PDDGM Ivey Cherry, DDGM At-Large



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District #17 Middle East Kuwait

Rouse Payne, RW Emanuel Jackson, WM Kendrick Turner, SW Brett Burroughs, JW Sebastin Guillory, Secretary Andre Johnson, Treasure Johnny Rogers Jr., PM William Anderson, PM Jermaine Jenkins Bro Tommy Pinkard, Bro Johnnie Bragg, Bro Harmon for keeping Prince Hall legacy alive in the Middle East. We are a district overseas in the Middle East, but we continue to serve here and abroad.

RW Johnny Rogers
District Deputy Grand Master
17th Masonic District
“THE Middle East”

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District 18 EOY Report

And now these three remain: faith, hope, and love. But the greatest of these is love." - 1 Corinthians 13:13

Mission

Our mission is to cultivate a community of individuals dedicated to personal and moral growth. Guided by the principles of brotherhood, integrity, and charity, we aim to create a supportive environment for lifelong learning, virtue, and positive contributions to society, fostering a legacy of compassion and mutual respect."

Motto

"Mighty 18 – We're all we've got - We're all we need - Get It Done"

Most Worshipful Grand Master Noel C. Osborn Sr.,,

The brothers of the 18th Masonic District extend heartfelt gratitude to the Grand Architect of the Universe for the many blessings bestowed upon us, our families, and this jurisdiction. We are especially thankful for your steadfast leadership, which continues to inspire and guide us as we strive to uphold the principles of our fraternity and contribute positively to our communities.

We are proud to report that the 18th Masonic District has had a very successful year, with all lodges making significant strides administratively, ritualistically, and financially. Through the dedication of our officers and members, we have maintained a strong focus on the Grand Lodge Constitution, Masonic Protocol Manuals, GL SOPs, and lodge by-laws. This commitment has ensured that our lodges continue to thrive and set an example of excellence.

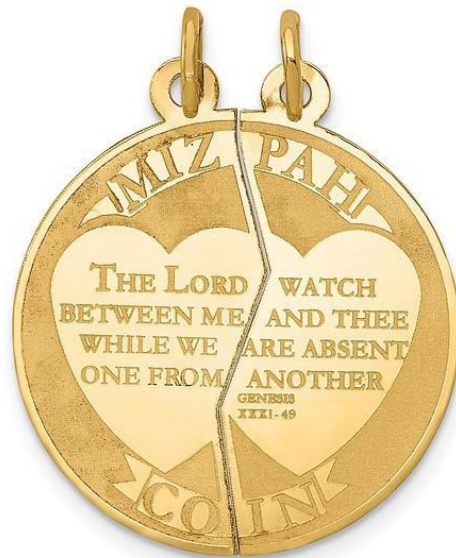
The lodges of Mt Olive #25, John A. Holmes #89, and Maceo Boston Jr. #145 have actively engaged in charitable efforts, strengthened our membership with quality candidates, and remained a visible and positive presence in the Baltimore City, Baltimore County, and Howard County communities. These achievements reflect the hard work and dedication of the Mighty 18th Masonic District staff and brothers.

Thank you for your continued trust and confidence in me to serve as your District Deputy Grand Master. I am grateful for the unwavering support of the district staff, whose leadership and commitment have been instrumental in our collective success.

Looking ahead, we are excited to build upon this year's accomplishments and continue advancing the mission of Masonry in service to our brothers, our jurisdiction, and our communities.

The Mighty 18th Masonic District
Together, we persist, progress, and serve.

Fraternally,
R.W. Leonard Smith
District Deputy Grand Master



Mizpah (מיצפה, mišpāh, mitspah) is Hebrew for "watchtower". As mentioned in the biblical story of Jacob and Laban, (Genesis 31:44–54) making a pile of stones marked an agreement between two people, with God as their watching witness.[1]

Biblical narrative

Jacob had secretly fled the house of Laban, his father-in-law, in the middle of the night, taking flocks of animals, all his other assets, and his two wives and their children (the daughters and grandchildren of Laban) with him, intending never to return. Laban discovered this and pursued Jacob. After discussion, the two decided to formalize the separation.

Laban admitted that his daughters had voluntarily left, saying, "Yet what can I do today about these daughters of mine, or about the children they have borne?" (Genesis 31:43 (NIVUK)). He agreed to let Jacob go in peace, but exacted a promise from Jacob to never abuse his daughters or take additional wives (Genesis 31:50).

The two men then determined to erect a pile of stones, a figurative watchtower, called a mizpah, to commemorate this promise, even though no person was present other than the two men when it was made, for "God is witness between you and me". Both of the men also agreed that they would consider the mizpah a border between their respective territories, and that they would not pass the watchtower to visit one another "to do evil".[2]

Usage

Since that time, the mizpah has come to connote an emotional bond between people who are separated (either physically or by death). **Mizpah jewelry is often made in the form of a coin-shaped pendant cut in two with a zig-zag line bearing the words** "The LORD watch between me and thee, when we are absent one from another".[3] This is worn to signify the bond. Additionally, the word "mizpah" is often used as the name for a cemetery[4][5] and can often be found on headstones in cemeteries and on other memorials:

And [it was called] Mizpah (Watchtower); for he said, The Lord watch between me and thee, when we are absent one from another.[6]

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SUBJECT: **District Deputy Grand Masters Annual Report**

“In the beginning God created heaven and the earth. And the earth was without form and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters. And God said, “Let there be light: and there was light.”

Greetings,

First, as always giving honor to God, who is the head of my life and from whom all blessings flow. I wish to take this opportunity to thank The Honorable Noel C. Osborne, Sr. 33^o, Most Worshipful Grandmaster for his appointment entrusting me for another year to serve as D.D.G.M., and your personal representative of The Nineteenth Masonic District. To the officers and members of the Nineteenth Masonic District, my sincere appreciation and gratitude for your hard work contributing to the success of our District.

Necrology

During 2023-2024 Masonic Year the Masonic District was blessed to say that we didn't sustain any losses in our Lodges. “To God be the Glory”

State of the District

The Nineteenth Masonic District counts its many blessings and truly appreciates the labors of the District Staff. The work of a capable staff cannot be overstated, and the Lodges throughout the District have overcome many hardships. Financially operating on low budgets, there is definitely a need to improve recruitment throughout the district.

The District Staff includes:

RW Anthony Mumford 32°, DDGM (45)
RW Steven Mills, ADDGM (45)
RW Tim Revel, Treasure (45)

RW Larry Jackson, Secretary (65)
RW Michael Bowen, Protocol Officer (65)
RW Howard Ward, Asst. Protocol Officer (65)
PW Andrew Collins, Chaplain (33)

During this Masonic year the district was able to bring in several new candidates.

Throughout the district there is still more work to be done in the area of community engagement, and recruitment. Throughout the year the lodges have continued to meet and conduct charity work, wherever applicable.

During the Masonic year all lodges participated in charity work with the schools in the respective areas.

Unionville Lodge #45 handed out three scholarships to deserving seniors. (Yearly)

Eastgate Lodge #65 worked hand and hand with Washington High School in Princess Anne, Maryland conducting cookouts for the students. The community involvement didn't stop there; they assisted the elderly in their area with food and clothing drives. (Yearly)

Union Lodge #33 worked with the community providing them with mentoring and after school activities. The lodge also worked with churches in the community. All Lodges of the 19th District participated in the Juneteenth Celebration this Masonic year in their respective areas as well as National Night Out.

All Lodges of the Nineteenth District have satisfied their financial obligations to the Grand Lodge.

I would also like to take this time to thank the members of the 19th District for their support of the Grand Lodge and their fundraising events.

The three Lodges in the district and the Worshipful Masters for the ensuing year are as follows:

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|----------------------|---------------------|
| Union Lodge #33 | WM Andrew Collins |
| Unionville Lodge #45 | WM Anthony Tull |
| East Gate Lodge #65 | WM Marshall Beacoat |

Lodge Improvements

Union Lodge #33- Still working toward locating their own lodge to hold meetings and fundraising events.

Unionville Lodge #45- Repairs to tiles in the lodge and minor repairs throughout the lodge.

Eastgate Lodge #65- General cleaning and organizing of items in the lodge.

Lastly, increase recruitment throughout the entire district. Both Union Lodge and Unionville Lodge brought in new candidates, who thus far obtained their entered apprentice degree and are now preparing for their fellowcraft degree.

As DDGM, I want again to offer my appreciation, gratitude, and my continued support to the Grand Lodge and the constituent Lodges of my District. I would take this time to thank the MWPHGL Elected line, the District

Regional Deputy Grand Master RW Victor Smack 33°, Asst. Dist. Deputy Grand Master RW Steven Mills , and RW Howard Price 32° Grand Lecture office for their support of District endeavors. Going into a new Masonic year, my wish is to continue the improvement of ritualistic work, taking countless strides toward additional progress in this “Great District” and in every lodge under my watch and care.

“FOR GOD SO LOVED THE WORLD that he gave his only begotten son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.” John 3:16.

Fraternally,

Anthony Mumford

RW Anthony A. Mumford, 32°

District Deputy Grand Master

19th Masonic District

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The Honorable Noel C. Osborne, Sr.
27th Most Worshipful Grand Master

October 24, 2024

To: The Honorable Noel C. Osborne Sr., Most Worshipful Grand Master

Subject: Year End report from the Board of Trustees

Most Worshipful Grand Master Osborne Sr.,

What a difference 16 months makes! The Board of Trustees has been moving at top-notch speed and it has been showing consistently. While we did not check off all our 2024 items, we have made a dent, and we will continue to push until we reach our goal. The BOT has reached a point where we can shift to “preventive mode”. We are only focusing on making sure that we keep the building running at a high efficiency without costing us a lot of money but making sure we are using licensed, reputable companies to work in our space. One of the biggest completions the BOT had in 2024 was after almost 13 years, almost 250 bricks from our brick program were laid in front of our Grand Lodge to include the ones that were sitting in the BOT office for 5 years. While we did not finish all of the bricks, we do have a serious plan in place that will ensure that it will not be another 13 years before a brick is laid. Another item we were able to focus on was replacing the fire alarm system inside of the Grand Lodge and Sanctuary. I was pleased when we were able to use the Grant money that we had to pay for the system saving the Grand Lodge almost **\$190,000**. As of this date we are still working with the company so that the plans can be approved by Baltimore City so that they can start the work. The fire alarm project will be completed in 2025. One of my personal goals for next masonic year is to assess our real estate assets and determine where we are with them. Our other buildings need to match the look and feel of our Grand Lodge.

More of the items completed on that list were:

- Converting to LED lighting inside of the Samuel T. Daniels Sanctuary
- Security cameras in various places inside of the GL
- Repair and repainting of stations inside of the blue lodge rooms and Red Room on 3rd floor.
- Hosting an event to raise funds (Pre-Father’s Day Comedy Show)

Some of our upcoming plans for 2025 are:

- Adding a key fob system to the front door of the GL for security of our members
- Convert the GL’s HVAC system to heat pumps to cut cost on Gas & Electric bill
- Continuing Phase 1 of the repair of our Sanctuary.
- Complete Phase 2 digital infrastructure (wireless access points throughout GL)
- Visiting all properties that are owned by the Grand Lodge and assess them for repairs
- Build relationships so that we can apply and receive Grant Funds to help our organization

I would like to thank RW Kip Hall who came on board late and has been getting his hands dirty every single day, WM David Linder, RW Brent Jones, PM Courtney Gardner, WM Marionese Forderingham, WM Cassandra Townsend and the youngest member who is unofficially on our team but has been hands on and helping with whatever we need JW Montez Rollins who have consistently supported me and have been all in since the beginning.

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27th Most Worshipful Grand Master

I want to send a special thank you to Deputy Grand Master Kevin L. Barney Jr., Senior Grand Warden William Davidson III, Junior Grand Warden Randolph S. Smith Sr., MWPGM's, Stewart V. Redfield, Christopher Mack, Andrew Pryor and Kevin Cosby.

To you MWGM Osborne Sr., it has been an honor and a privilege to serve under you in multiple capacities throughout your tenure as Grand Master. I appreciate all your advice, support and appreciation for me, my family and my team. It is my hope that I have served you well. Thank you for being a brother and a friend "DEEBO"!

Fraternally,

Marc V. Rollins

R.W. Marc V. Rollins
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Report of the Chief of Staff

To: The Honorable Noel C. Osborne, Sr., Most Worshipful Grand Master, Elected Grand Lodge Officers, Most Worshipful Past Grand Masters, Appointed Grand Lodge Officers, Worshipful Masters, Past Masters, Wardens, and Brothers

Greetings,

Giving honor and praise to the Great Architect for the blessings he has bestowed upon me.

I would like to express my sincere appreciation and gratitude to Most Worshipful Grand Master Osborne for allowing me to serve this Jurisdiction as the Chief of Staff.

During the year, I prepared correspondence covering a multitude of actions including Suspensions, Expulsions, Authorization for individuals to serve in dual Elected positions, Special Dispensations for Lodges to meet while their Charter is being digitized, notices for Occasional Grand Lodge Meetings and participated in weekly virtual staff meetings.

Completed the arrangements for the Grand Lodge's trip to Trinidad Tobago August 8-12, 2024, for thirty-nine travelers.

I was involved in the following:

- a. Sending out invoices for Insurance payments for those entities meeting in the Masonic Temple.
- b. Request Certificate of Liability for various activities being held by Entities meeting in the Masonic Temple to include the Grand Lodge activities.
- c. Made arrangements for MWGM Osborne and other Grand Lodge Officers

traveling to the following Jurisdiction's to attend their Annual Grand Lodge Communication.

- Jurisdiction of Alabama
- Jurisdiction of Tennessee
- Jurisdiction of Florida
- Jurisdiction of Texas
- Jurisdiction of Georgia
- Jurisdiction of Virginia
- Jurisdiction of District of Columbia
- Testimonial Banquet for MWGM Bernt Walker, Jurisdiction of Michigan
- Jurisdiction of Mississippi
- Preparation of the Inaugural Joint Proclamation for the 176th Annual Grand Lodge Communication and the 128th Annual Grand Session for Myra Grand Chapter•
- Preparation of Correspondence inviting Foreign Jurisdictions to attend our 176th Annual Grand Lodge Session.

Participated in the following Events and Visits:

- 16 November 2023 AF &AM Annual Communication
- 8 December 2023 Annual Grand Lodge Session District of Columbia.
- 6 January 2024 MWPHGLDC Inaugural Dinner
- 3 February 2024 MWPGMs Gold Collar Luncheon
- 5 February 2024 Prince Hall Masons in Annapolis Ceremony
- 17 February 2024 Buffalo Soldiers Memorial Banquet, Morgan State University
- 24 February 2024 Black History Program
- 9 March 2024 1st Occasional Grand Lodge Meeting
- 10 March 2024 Grand Lodge Joint Church Service
- 12 March 2024 Mid Atlantic Conference of Grand Masters Planning Meeting
- 22-24 March 2024 Mid Atlantic Conference of Grand Masters, Grand Worthy Matrons/Grand Worthy Patrons
- 27 April Prince Hall Family Leadership Meeting
- 4 May 2024 Grand Lodge Town Hall Meeting (Virtual)
- 15-19 May 2024 Conference of Grand Masters/Grand Worthy Matrons/Grand Worthy Patrons
- 8 June 2024 2nd Occasional Grand Lodge Meeting
- 8 June 2024 BOT Comedy Show
- 29 June 2024 GWM/GWP Banquet
- 6 July 2024 Grand Lodge Crab Feast
- 13 July 2024 MWPGMs Breakfast
- 14 July 2024 M.T. Lancaster #84 Gospel Jamboree
- 26 July 2024 Acadia Lodge's Crab Feast
- 4 August 2024 Calvary Chapter #32 OES Crab Feast

- 4 August 2024 Columbine Chapter #46 96th Anniversary Celebration
- 8-12 August 2024 Trip to Trinidad/Tobago
- 8 September 2024 MWPHGLDC Prince Hall Day Celebration
- 14 September 2024 Children's Cookout
- 16 September 2024 Prince Hall Day Church Service
- 11 November 2024 W.F. Taylor Bull & Oyster Roast

I want to thank RW Duane Levy, Deputy Chief of Staff for his outstanding support during the pass MY.

My prayer is that each of you have a Happy and Prosperous Holiday Season,

Fraternally,

Andrew Pryor

MWPGM Andrew Pryor
Chief of Staff

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OFFICE OF THE GRAND LECTURER ANNUAL REPORT MOST WORSHIPFUL PRINCE HALL GRAND LODGE OF MARYLAND & ITS JURISDICTION, INC. 176th ANNUAL GRAND LODGE COMMUNICATION “Uniformity, Consistency and Professionalism”

To: The Honorable Noel C. Osborne, Most Worshipful Grand Master; Elected Grand Lodge Officers, Most Worshipful Past Grand Masters, Emeritus and Appointed Grand Lodge Officers, Past Masters, Worshipful Masters, Wardens and Brothers of The Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Maryland.

P.E.A.C.E. & Blessings my Brothers:

First and always foremost, I would like to thank the Grand Architect of the Universe for sustaining me and my family throughout this Masonic Year. Secondly, I am tremendously grateful to The Honorable Noel C. Osborne, Most Worshipful Grand Master for allowing me to serve this great jurisdiction again as The Grand Lecturer. I am extremely appreciative for this opportunity and would like to thank you for your continued support, trust and guidance for this office.

To the brothers of this great jurisdiction, I am immensely humbled by the outpouring of love and support you have shown me and this office. As we continue to make sure that this jurisdiction progresses in the direction of “Uniformity, Consistency and Professionalism”, it will be imperative that we continue to establish strong working relationships and open lines of effective communication with each other. As I have always stated, The Office of The Grand Lecturer is here to help, aid and assist you in your Masonic endeavors. Many of you have taken me at my word and have reached out to this office for information and assistance throughout the Masonic Year, and to you I say thank you. With the continued blessings of the Most High and the great visions of our leadership, I foresee this wonderful jurisdiction continuing to be one of the premier Masonic Jurisdictions in the United States.

The Office of The Grand Lecturer is the conservator of our Masonic Ritual, Rites, Ceremonies, Protocol and Etiquette throughout our Jurisdiction. We are also tasked with assisting the constituent lodges in educating and grooming brothers for leadership, primarily through the Lodges of Instruction. These two primary functions of The Office of the Grand Lecturer are broad in their nature, however it is the keen mind focused on the smallest of details that enables the above broader goals to be accomplished and there is still more work to be done. It would be virtually impossible for me to outline in this report each and every behind the scenes laborious task and the vast one-on-one conversations each and every

member of this team has had over the last year, or the multiple meetings we have had to address issues or discuss how we move forward. However, I am exceedingly glad to say that throughout the Masonic Year the members of this office traveled to individual lodges to ensure that we are uniform, consistent, and professional in the way we practice our time-honored craft in this jurisdiction. The OGL has made countless visitations to constituent lodges this year and I would like to thank all the members who took time out of their busy schedules to travel to multiple lodges and make report. I must also give a huge thank you to the entire team for pulling together during the month of October to ensure the installation of the constituent lodge officers was completed. We have also increased our Lectures-in-Training as well as our Instructors-in-Training. This has led us to a point of increased help, aid and assistance throughout the Jurisdiction.

Unfortunately, we have had many of our fellow brethren go from labor to reward last Masonic Year. Each and every passing should be constant reminder for us to "...postpone no longer that preparation which is wisdom to provide and madness to defer." To each and every brother that is certified in the Masonic Burial who has given a brother his last Masonic Rites this year, this office as well as the family members "deeply, sincerely, and most affectionately" thank and appreciate you.

I would like to take this opportunity to express my heartfelt gratitude to each and every member on this team. As I try to constantly remind all of you, your hard work, time, efforts, skill sets, knowledge, sacrifices, and love for this order as well as this office does not go unnoticed or under appreciated. Without you there is no Office of The Grand Lecturer. I would also like to AGAIN give great thanks and acknowledge all of the Lecturers-in-training and Instructors-in training. Most have stepped up to the task when asked to do so by this office. I hope that they continue to work with their Regional Grand Lectures and Senior Grand Instructors as we move forward. The participation from our "in training" brothers was phenomenal last Masonic Year and I would be remised if I did not recognize their time, effort, work, dedication and sacrifice. These brothers truly made a difference on the team last Masonic Year. I hope that they keep the course and are recommended to be official members of The Office of the Grand Lecturer.

To the Emeritus, Past members and Past Grand Masters of this Jurisdiction/office who continue to support The Office of the Grand Lecturer, I pour out my most heart-felt and sincere gratitude to you. I must give special thanks to R.W. Stanley R. Conyer , head of Masonic Education, for his continued support and love of this office. Not only did he continue to have Masonic education meetings every Tuesday, at my request he agreed and took on the job of educating the brothers overseas as a part of the LOI curriculum. His love of Freemasonry and steadfastness in teaching from his vast wealth of knowledge is indispensable. I would also like to give a special thank you to R.W. Otis D. Wilson. He continues to show up and support this office and at the "drop of a dime" is ready to assist, whether it be ritualistic work or performing the last Masonic rites for a deceased brother. To Past Grand Masters Roosevelt "Skip" Jordan Jr. and Maurice Wood I thank you both from the bottom of my heart for your continued support of this office. Whether performing last Masonic rites or wise council, your continued dedication to this office is irreplaceable. To Past Grand Master Kenneth Cloud, I thank you for your continued wise council and dedication to this office. After serving 15 years as Grand Lecturer your love, knowledge and zeal for this office and the institution Freemasonry has not waivered. All of these individuals have served their time in this office prior to my ascension as Grand Lecturer and their

continued leadership and wise counsel remains an invaluable asset to this office, truly embody the phrase "Once OGL...Always OGL."

Last but definitely not least, I need to publicly give a special thank you to R.W. Charles E. Hobson, Sr., Deputy Grand Lecturer, and R.W. Bernard F. Dent, III, Director of Lodges of Instruction. These two brothers have effectively executed any task given to them and are the vital pulse of this office, helping to maintain uniformity, consistency, and professionalism on a jurisdictional level. I am blessed to have these individuals work intimately with me as we progressively work to carry out our Grand Master's vision and the goals of this office throughout the Jurisdiction. Their unwavering zeal and love for Freemasonry and The Office of the Grand Lecturer continues to fuel my love and zeal as well. I will always remain in a perpetual state of gratitude for their tireless work in this office and their continued support of me as Grand Lecturer of this Jurisdiction.

May the blessings of heaven continue to rest upon our leadership and our membership!

LECTURER STAFF

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| PGM Darryl Jefferson, Sr. | Grand Lecturer |
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| R.W. Oliver L. Willis | Deputy Grand Lecturer-at-Large |
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| R.W. Craig Stewart | Regional Grand Lecturer, Southern Region |
| R.W. Ron'Nel Owens | Assistant Grand Lecturer |
| R.W. Alvin J. Pinkney | Assistant Grand Lecturer |
| R.W. James Lyons | Regional Grand Lecturer, Western Region |
| R.W. Charles Hobson, Jr. | Assistant Grand Lecturer |
| R.W. Howard Price | Regional Grand Lecturer, Eastern Region |
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| R.W. Randolph S. Smith, Sr. | Past Grand Lecturer |
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| R.W. Otis D. Wilson | Deputy Grand Lecturer Emeritus |
| P.G.M. Jessie J. Shanks | Regional Grand Lecturer Emeritus |
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Advisor to the Grand Lecturer

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RECOMMENDATIONS

- Continue to work with the Grand Lodge to procure our original ritual (since the Nizzardini company is out of business) while simultaneously looking at all our options for creating our own ritual fully owned and profited by this jurisdiction.
- Continue to operate the Lodges of Instruction on the same dates in Masonic dress.
- Create a proposed budget for the Lodges of Instruction to be approved by the Grand Master for supplies needed during the LOI/Masonic Year.

Fraternally Submitted,

Darryl Jefferson, Sr.

R.W. Darryl Jefferson, Sr.

“None of you will have faith until you love for brother what you love for yourself” Hadith 13

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

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The Honorable Noel C. Osborne, Sr.,
Most Worshipful Grand Master**

“I CAN DO ALL THINGS THROUGH CHRIST WHO STRENGTHEN ME”

PHILIPPIANS 4:13

To: The Honorable Noel C. Osborne, Sr., Most Worshipful Grand Master, Elected Grand Lodge Officers, Most Worshipful Past Grand Masters, Appointed Grand Lodge officers, Worshipful Masters, Past Masters, Wardens and Brothers of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge F. & A.M. of Maryland and its Jurisdiction, Inc.

Subject: Annual Report for Masonic Year 2023-2024 from the Office of the Grand Inspector.

This report is submitted as required under Article VII, Section 9d, of the Constitution the MWPHGLMD.

First, I would like to once again thank MWGM Noel C. Osborne, Sr., for his continued faith and trust that I could do this task.

Second, I would like to thank the following brothers who accepted their positions on the Grand Inspectors Staff: Deputy Grand Inspector RW Roosevelt Rogers and Assistant Grand Inspectors RW Ebony Cullens, RW Eric Joyner, RW Thomas D. McBride and RW Theo Moton. The work we encountered was challenging, but with this staff we were successful.

Third, I am pleased to report for the First Quarter of this Masonic Year we had one hundred (100) percent of all audits submitted. Probably the first for this Grand Lodge. The second quarter ended with ninety-four (94) percent and the third quarter ending with ninety-six (96) percent.

The Grand Inspectors office was tasked with administratively checking Lodges, OES Chapters and some of our concordant bodies for compliance with the Constitution and Policy Manual of the MWPHGLMD.

The Grand Inspectors Office used the following preferred forms to conduct audits during this Masonic Year.

- District and Lodge Inspection Forms**
- Quarterly Audit Questionnaire Reports**

- Quarterly Audit Report Template
- Quarterly Audit Treasurers Recap Reports
- Grand Inspectors Office Quarterly Audit Report Inspection

The Grand Inspectors Office was able to conduct Audit Training on the Eastern Shore along with the CCFC RW Gilbert Davidson.

Audit recommendations and findings were sent to the Regional Deputy Grand Masters, with these reports being filtered back to each Worshipful Master for Lodge compliance.

The Grand Inspections Office supported MWGM Osborne's Activities/Events and attended or participated in the following:

- ELT Zoom Meetings
- Grand Master's Testimonial
- Grand Lodge visitation to A.F.&A.M., 237th Annual Communication
- MWPHGL & Myra Grand Chapter (1st Inaugural Session.)
- MWPHGL visitation to MWPHGL of Washington, D.C.
- MWPGM's Gold Collar Banquet
- MWPHGL 5th Annual Black History Celebration
- MWPHGL First Occasional Grand Lodge Meeting
- Mid-Atlantic Conference of Grand Master's, Grand Matron's and Grand Patron's
- MWPHGL Annual Crab Feast
- MWPGM's Breakfast
- MWPHGL visitation to MWPHGL of Virginia
- MWPHGL Prince Hall Day Service
- MWPHGL 3rd Occasional Grand Lodge Meeting
- Shatter the Silence on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault

The Grand Inspectors Office was task with reviewing the financial records for the following:

- Olive Branch Lodge #93
- Annie S. Banks OES Chapter #42
- Universal Lodge #14
- Electa OES Chapter #1

Finally, thanks to the Regional Deputy Grand Masters, their staff, and the Worshipful Masters for their understanding and support of the Grand Inspector's Office.

May the Great Architect of Universal continue to bless The Honorable Noel C. Osborne, Sr., MWGM, the elected and appointed Grand Lodge Officers and the Lodges of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of F. & A.M. of Maryland and its Jurisdiction.

Fraternally submitted,

/s/ David L. Crawford

**MWPGM David L. Crawford
Grand Inspector**

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Ref: 176th Annual Grand Lodge Communication
Office of the Grand Parliamentarian Year End Report

Greetings, Honorable Noel C. Osborne, Sr., Most Worshipful Grand Master,

I would like to express my heartfelt gratitude for your exceptional leadership of our Grand Lodge and your unwavering dedication to its progress. Your contributions to the State of Maryland during your tenure have been commendable. My prayers are with you, your family, and all the Brothers within our jurisdiction, that they may remain under the loving care of the Great Architect of the Universe. Additionally, I extend my best wishes for a harmonious and productive 176th Annual Grand Lodge Communication.

It has been a great honor to serve as the inaugural Grand Parliamentarian of this esteemed body. From the outset, I recognized the significant work required to establish this position as not only officially constituted but also fully functional and effective within our Grand Lodge. Since my appointment in December 2021, the Office of the Grand Parliamentarian (OGP) has remained actively engaged. Some key accomplishments from this Masonic Year include:

- Recommending officers for the Office of the Grand Parliamentarian (OGP), including R.W. Otis D. Wilson, Sr. (Deputy Grand Parliamentarian), R.W. Alvin J. Gwynn, Jr. (Deputy Grand Parliamentarian), and M.W. Philip S. Lewis, Sr., Past Grand Master (Special Advisor).
- Maintaining Constitutional compliance within the jurisdiction.
- Collaborating with the Elected Line and the Committee on Jurisprudence to develop proposed constitutional amendments, presented at the 174th, 175th Annual Grand Lodge Sessions and several Occasional Grand Lodge Meeting.
- Establishing the Office of the Grand Parliamentarian as a fully operational entity within the Grand Lodge.
- The establishment of the appropriate emblem for the Grand Parliamentarian and its office, specifically the *mace*, symbolizes the authority and significance of the role within our Grand Lodge. This emblem will serve as a formal representation of the Office of the Grand Parliamentarian in all official capacities.
- Continuing the review, revision and updates of constituent lodge bylaws to identify opportunities for further refinement and unification.
- Composing, drafting and launching our inaugural Grand Lodge Policy Manual on June 5, 2023.
- Updating the Social Network and Website Policy for improved clarity and relevance.
- Establishing the Office of the Grand Parliamentarian as a fully operational entity within the Grand Lodge focusing on constitutional compliance and adherence.
- Worked and assisted the Office of the Grand Lecturer with Masonic Burial Ceremonies (7) and two Burial certifications, 3rd Degree Exemplification, Induction Ceremony and other activities deemed necessary to assist the Most Worshipful Grand Master as well as promoting Uniformity, Consistency and Professionalism.

These are just a few highlights of the chief accomplishments of this office over the past year and since its inception. None of this progress would have been possible without the assistance and hard work of the Brothers in the Office of the Grand Parliamentarian: R.W. Otis D. Wilson, Sr., and R.W. Alvin J. Gwynn, Jr. Their dedication has been invaluable, and they have truly embodied the spirit of Brotherhood.

I extend my sincere appreciation to you, Most Worshipful Sir, for your unwavering support and trust in me and this office. I also wish to thank R.W. Kevin L. Barney, Jr., Deputy Grand Master, for his continued confidence and encouragement. To all the Brothers who have supported this office, I am deeply grateful. We look forward to the new Masonic Year and the continued development of this office.

In conclusion, our thoughts and prayers remain with the family, friends, and my Brothers of William T. Wallace Lodge No. 134, as well as the entire jurisdiction, as we continue to mourn the loss of our beloved Honorable Lee A. Taylor, Jr., the 25th Most Worshipful Grand Master, who departed this earthly life on September 2, 2024, and his wife, our former First Lady, Mrs. Bethenia Taylor, who departed this earthly life on October 20, 2024. May his soul rest in the loving care of the Great Architect of the Universe. The Will of God is Accomplished. So Mote It Be.

Most Worshipful Sir, it has been a GREAT RIDE!!! God Speed.

Remember, *1 John 4:20-21: If someone says, "I love God," and hates his brother, he is a liar; for the one who does not love his brother whom he has seen, cannot love God whom he has not seen. And this commandment we have from Him, that the one who loves God should love his brother also.*

Fraternally always,



R.W. Purnell J. Carter, Sr., Grand Lecturer Emeritus
Grand Parliamentarian

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Fidelis Et Verus (Faithful and True)

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The Honorable Noel C. Osborne, Sr.
27th Most Worshipful Grand Master

December 6, 2024

To: The Honorable Noel C. Osborne, Sr., Most Worshipful Grand Master, Most Worshipful Past Grand Masters, Elected, Emeritus and Appointed Grand Lodge Officers, Worshipful Masters, Past Masters, Wardens, and Members of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge, F. & A.M., Jurisdiction of Maryland, Inc.

Ref: Report of the Committee on Rules

Greetings:

The Committee on Rules recommends that the procedures for the 176th Annual Grand Lodge Communication of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons, Jurisdiction of Maryland, Incorporated, be conducted in accordance with the regulations outlined in the Constitution, specifically Articles I through XI (inclusive), as well as Articles XVI, XVII, XXI, and XXXVII.

Thanks in advance for your time, consideration, and cooperation.

Fraternally always,

R.W. Purnell J. Carter, Sr., Grand Lecturer (Emeritus)
Grand Parliamentarian

R.W. Otis D. Wilson, Sr., Deputy Grand Lecturer (Emeritus)
Deputy Grand Parliamentarian

R.W. Alvin J. Gwynn, Jr.
Deputy Grand Parliamentarian

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Cc: Honorable Noel C. Osborne, Sr., Most Worshipful Grand Master
R.W. Kevin L. Barney, Jr., Deputy Grand Master

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The Honorable Noel C. Osborne Sr., 33°
Most Worshipful Grand Master

October 26, 2024
Office of Safety and Security
Annual Report

Presented to
The Honorable Noel C. Osborne Sr., 33°
Most Worshipful Grand Master

Most Worshipful Past Grand Masters, Deputy Grand Master, Elected Grand Lodge Officers, Regional & District Deputy Grand Masters, Emeritus & Appointed Grand Lodge Officers, Worshipful Masters, Wardens, and Brothers of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Maryland and its Jurisdiction, Inc.,

Greetings All,

I begin this report with a deep sense of gratitude to God for His unwavering protection and blessings upon our Masonic family. While we have faced our share of losses, we remain thankful for the gift of life and the cherished moments we share together, united in our purpose. It brings me great honor to present this year-end report on behalf of the **Office of Safety and Security (OSS)**, where I will be highlighting our key achievements and priorities. Most importantly, I am relieved to share that our Masonic year ended without any security-related casualties during our events and activities.

This year, the **OSS** team has been deeply committed to providing safety and security services that protect our valued members and property, ensuring peace of mind for over 2,000 individuals during all Grand Lodge functions. Our emphasis on **safety-first principles** has been made possible thanks to the steadfast support of our Most Worshipful Grand Master, the Honorable **Noel C. Osborne Sr.** His compassionate leadership has truly nurtured a culture of security awareness throughout the Grand Lodge, making us all feel more secure and cared for.

Key Accomplishments for 2024:

- **Grand Lodge Events Coverage:**

Provided security oversight for all major Grand Lodge events, including:

- Grand Lodge Annual Session
- Grand Lodge Joint Christmas Party
- Bowie State Basketball Game
- 1st- 2nd- and 3rd Occasional Lodge Meetings
- Grand Lodge Crab Feast
- Prince Hall Day Ceremony

- **Concealed Carry Policy Implementation:**

This year, the **OSS successfully continued the Concealed Carry Policy, which is** aligned with Maryland's firearm regulations. With the **approval of the Grand Master, 96 members** have been granted permission to carry concealed weapons for the protection of our community. We encourage all brothers and sisters with concealed carry licenses to **register their permits with the Grand Lodge** to maintain a secure environment for all members.

- **External Collaboration:**

We established critical partnerships, such as collaborating with local law enforcement and EMS services. This included:

- Joint efforts with **Baltimore EMS** to ensure readiness for emergencies.
- Attendance and participation in Maryland's **National Night Out** to strengthen relationships with law enforcement agencies.
- Submission of the **OSS Security White Paper** to Grand Lodge leadership, setting new guidelines and frameworks for security procedures.

Priorities for the New Masonic Year:

1. **Develop an Action Plan for Background Investigations**

- Collaborate with the OSS team to enhance pre-clearance processes for all PH Masonic members.

2. **Update Records for Concealed Carry Applications**

- Ensure that new applications and approvals align with evolving legal standards and lodge requirements.
- Streamlining the application process for application requests and approvals.

Key Open Items:

- **Office of Safety and Security Constitutional Entry**

- Worked with leadership to formalize the **inclusion of the OSS in the Grand Lodge Constitution** to solidify our mandate and operational scope.
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Acknowledgements:

I want to extend my deepest gratitude to the **OSS team** for their hard work and dedication. Their service and vigilance throughout this Masonic year have been exemplary. Special recognition is due to the following officers for their efforts:

- **R.W. Christopher Strambler, Deputy Chief**
- **Bro. Marc Tyler, Secretary**

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| R.W. Damon Roberts | PM Roosevelt Roberts | W.M. Henry Smith | Bro. Eric Jones |
| R.W. Chalvin Truesdale | PM Brian Parson | S.W. Wayne Martin | Bro. Hugh Johnson |
| R.W. Brian Hance | PM William Wildy | Bro. Derek Deloatch | Bro. Jeff Scruggs |

Your dedication has been essential to the OSS mission, and your contributions are deeply appreciated.

Conclusion:

As we move forward, let us remain committed to fostering an environment where **safety and security are paramount**. With continued collaboration and teamwork, we are confident that the coming year will be even more successful in safeguarding the interests of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Maryland. Thank you for your support and cooperation throughout the year. May we continue to work together in **brotherhood, safety, and service**.

Respectfully Submitted,

Reginald H. Baker

MWPGM, Reginald H. Baker

Director of Safety and Security

Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Maryland

THE OFFICE OF THE GRAND CHAPLAIN

ANNUAL REPORT 2023-2024

RW Bishop Dr. Orlando A. Wilson-Grand Chaplain, RW Walter J. Harvey, III-Deputy Grand Chaplain, and Assistant Grand Chaplains: RW Darryl Bates Sr., RW Joshua J. Slack Sr., RW Richard Mosley, and RW Bryan Walker

To The Honorable Noel C. Osborne, Most Worshipful Grandmaster; RW Deputy Grandmaster Kevin Barney; RW Grand Wardens; Past Grand Masters; Grand Lodge Officers and Brothers

Greetings in the name of Him who is the Creator, Sustainer, and Father of us all, I pray that you are blessed, prosperous, and in good health. God is Awesome and with Him our future looks bright. It has been a pleasure serving as Grand Chaplain this Masonic year 2023-24. The following report is an accounting of the stewardship of the Office of the Grand Chaplain.

Vision

We aim to assist the Brothers and their family members of MPHGL of Maryland and its jurisdictions to cultivate and effectively live a deepened relationship with the Great Architect of the Universe.

Mission

The Chaplain is to perform those solemn services which we should constantly render to our Infinite Creator, to point to Heaven and lead the way” by assisting Brothers and their families to refine their souls, strengthen their virtues and purify their minds. The Chaplain will represent spirituality, be the moral conscience, and provide ministry to and for the Brothers in the Lodge, in Maryland and its Jurisdictions. The Chaplain will care for and encourage the Brothers and their families through guidance, continued prayer, and support through a caring heart, an attentive ear, a commitment to confidentiality, and a

truthful tongue. The Chaplain is a constant reminder to all Masons of our dedication to the Architect of the Universe, for without Him, who has been called by many names, we are nothing!

The Work of the Chaplain

As a candidate enters his journey in Masonry, the person who generally proclaims the first words of Holy Scripture is none other than the Chaplain. It is the Chaplain whose duty to the Masonic Brother extends far beyond the Lodge as he becomes the bridge between the mundane and the Divine. The Chaplain is equipped and burdened to answer the question, "Is there a Word from the Lord"? As belief in God is essential to becoming a Master Mason, the Chaplain becomes essential in unpacking the mysteries of the Great Architect of the Universe. As a Brother deals with the challenges and superfluities of his journey in life in general and his Masonic path in particular, the Chaplain becomes a sort of Guide to help his Brother and honor his Creator.

The presence of the Chaplain is ministry in and of itself. The Chaplain's presence is a constant reminder to reverence, honor, and be mindful of the Great Architect of the Universe. Consequently, the presence of the Chaplain simultaneously shows that, The Giver of all Good and Perfect Gifts is mindful to fulfill the need of the Brethren and their families. The Chaplain is one way that the Creator shows His great concern. In the scriptures, Almighty God who is our Shepherd instructs His people, "I will give you Pastors after my own heart..."

In masonry, the Chaplain has existed since the earliest days of Freemasonry, operative Masons building the cathedrals and castles turned to ordained clergy in their devotions to God. Historically within Prince Hall Masonry there has always

been a closeness of Prince Hall to Christianity. There was a time where Black

people were only allowed to assemble in large numbers in the Black Church.

"From the Black Church flowed everything...Consequently 99% of all Black Masons

came from the church.” The Black church on certain nights became the Black Lodge building and in many cases the Pastor at some point was either the Worshipful Master or the Chaplain. It is not by chance but by design that the Chaplain sits at the Worshipful Master’s left in order to speak wise counsel in his ear in the course of a communication.

The Chaplain’s duty is to “perform those solemn services which we should constantly render to our Infinite Creator and which, when offered by one whose profession is to point to heaven and lead the way, by refining our souls, strengthening our virtues, and purifying our minds prepare us for admission into the society of those above, with whom our happiness will be endless and perfect”. This means that a Chaplain in many ways brings God and His Word to the Brethren and in some cases their families. The Chaplain leads the way in helping Brothers and their families not only forge a relationship with the Creator but to also nurture, deepen and strengthen that relationship. The Chaplain is tasked with not only ministering and serving at Lodge meetings, and official events but also to personally minister to Brothers and their families outside of the Lodge. The Chaplain bears the burden of providing himself as a moral compass and barometer for the Brethren. He is responsible for the spiritual, emotional, and pastoral care of the Lodge and its family members, particularly during times of challenge, affliction, and despair.

My office continues to encourage this jurisdiction with a weekly prayer call to keep us grounded in our hope which is in the Great Architect of the Universe. We continue to minister to this jurisdiction through funerals and counseling as well as jurisdictional services, celebrations, and fraternal meetings and gatherings. It is a blessing to have forged relations and collaborations that benefit the totality of the craft which include: A relationship with the African American Diabetes Association (this includes a MOU). This office continues to share in collaborative efforts and planning in order to facilitate a stronger relationship with the community. The Office of the Grand Chaplain has supported the Grandmaster in representation of the jurisdiction locally and across

the country and also internationally. We look forward to furthering all of these efforts in the coming year as well as the full utilization of the sanctuary in an effort to minister to the needs of this jurisdiction and also of the community.

Necrology Report:

“For we know that if our earthly house of this tabernacle were dissolved, we have a building of God, a house not made with hands eternal in the heavens”

2Corinthians 5:1

We are encouraged by the words of the Apostle John in Revelation 14:13, “And I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me, Write, Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord henceforth: Yea, says the Spirit, that they may rest from their labors, and their works do follow them.” This past Masonic year has brought empty seats within our Lodge of fellowship and brotherly love. The loss of some of our brethren, who have been snatched by the Angel of Death, has brought us grief and sorrow. While we believe that death is the gateway to reward, their absence

has created a void which cannot be replaced. Once again, we encourage our great brotherhood to redeem the time, show love one to another and never forget, “Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity...” (Psalm 133; 1) Once again we are comforted by the words of the Apostle John in Revelation 21:4, “And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes, and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain for the former things are passed away”. The following brothers are etched not only in the archives of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Maryland and its Jurisdictions but also in our hearts and memories of this great Masonic brotherhood:

FRIENDSHIP LODGE NO. 1

BROTHER RAYMOND MOORE (2/28/2024)

BROTHER AMERICUS MCIVER (4/8/2024)

KING SOLOMON LODGE NO. 7

BROTHER KENNETH H. WASHINGTON (12/04/2023)

BROTHER JAMES TATE (10/05/2024)

FEDERAL LODGE NO. 9

BROTHER ELIJAH THOMAS (6/28/2024)

UNIVERSAL LODGE NO. 14

BROTHER KARL RICHARDSON (3/8/2024)

KING DAVID LODGE NO. 18

BROTHER KEVIN E. TIMMONS (9/16/2024)

LAMECH LODGE NO. 30

BROTHER RUDOLPH C. CANE (1/20/2024)

LANDMARK LODGE NO. 40

BROTHER HERBERT STEVENSON (4/3/2024)

MORNING STAR LODGE NO. 44

BROTHER PRENTISS MOORE, II (6/15/2024)

JAMES E. STEWART LODGE NO. 49

BROTHER ROBERT AMBUSH, SR. (6/28/2024)

LINCOLN LODGE NO. 53

BROTHER WILLIAM WRIGHT (4/18/2024)

BROTHER ANTHONY BOWEN (5/18/2024)

WILLIAM F. TAYLOR NO. 57

BROTHER DONALD GAITHER (2/5/2024)

PYTHAGORAS LODGE NO. 74

BROTHER CLARENCE BLAKE (3/9/2024)

BROTHER CHARLES E. FRAZIER (10/09/2024)

THOMAS H. KIAH LODGE NO. 101

BROTHER WILBERT NORMAND (3/27/2024)

FAIRMOUNT LODGE NO. 92

BROTHER WAYMOND F. BLASSENGALE, JR. (10/30/2024)

OLIVE BRANCH LODGE NO. 93

BROTHER WILLIAM RAYMOND CEPHUS (10/16/2024)

JOSEPH A. EGANS LODGE NO. 104

BROTHER MARCUS T. HARRIS (12/27/2023)

BROTHER FRANK D. TRAVERS (08/25/2024)

SAMUEL J. ENNIS LODGE NO. 106

BROTHER BILLY HAYES (07/02/2024)

MARYLAND MILITARY HOLDING LODGE NO. 122

BROTHER FLEMING D. MITCHELL (8/9/2024)

BENJAMIN F. LUKE LODGE NO. 127

*BROTHER JOZEF RANTONG (3/19/2024)

ROSCOE C. CARTWRIGHT LODGE NO. 129

BROTHER ERIC W. DINKINS (03/31/2024)

BROTHER FREDRIC J. KEA (08/13/2024)

BROTHER KING E. STATON (9/11/2024)

WILLIAM T. WALLACE LODGE NO. 134

BROTHER LEE A. TAYLOR (09/02/2024)

JESSIE J. SHANKS LODGE NO.137

BROTHER ALEXANDER FRANCIS

SHELTON D. REDDEN LODGE NO. 139

BROTHER ROBERT MARK ODOM (12/05/2023)

E. JERRY WILLIAMS LODGE NO. 141

BROTHER ROCHESTER BUNN (1/29/2024)

RONALD E. MCNAIR LODGE NO. 146

BROTHER CURTIS HODGE (12/05/2023)

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REPORT OF THE GRAND HISTORIAN FOR THE 176th ANNUAL GRAND LODGE COMMUNICATION

TO: The Honorable Noel C. Osborne, Sr., Most Worshipful Grand Master, Elected Grand Lodge Officers, Most Worshipful Past Grand Masters, Appointed and Emeritus Grand Lodge Officers, Past Masters, Worshipful Masters, Wardens and Brothers of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge, F. & A. M. of Maryland and Its Jurisdictions, Inc.

"No individual has any right to come into the world and go out of it without leaving behind him distinct and legitimate reasons for having passed through it."

--George W. Carver

During the 2023-2024 Masonic Year we continued to build on the momentum and achievements from the previous year. The staff in the Office of the Grand Historian worked well together, realized many of our goals and objectives, and delved into historical research to enlighten the craft. However, to better gage the accomplishments of this Office, and to place them in the proper perspective, we must first review the Goals and Outcomes.

GOALS

In fulfilling the duties of this the Office will:

1. Review records, books, medals and other artifacts collected and/or received by the Archives Committee or discovered by independent research. We will then draft a narrative of the history and importance of said item(s) for maintenance in the Grand Lodge's archives.
2. Conduct research on past Grand Lodge officers, events, documents, and artifacts, while providing a written narrative of those findings.
3. Work with constituent lodges to chronicle their history, and note significant accomplishments of individual lodges and Brothers, that contribute to the improvement of Prince Hall Freemasonry, and the community.
4. Promote the accurate communication of the history of this Jurisdiction and Prince Hall Freemasonry.

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OUTCOMES

The following are activities will be necessary as we conduct the work of the Office:

1. Provide for review and inspection at the Grand Lodge artifacts and documents that tells the story of Prince Hall Freemasonry and its members.
2. Provide workshops for lodges and members on how to chronicle their history.
3. Present at quarterly Occasional Lodge meetings and Grand Lodge Sessions our findings.
4. Present historical lectures and invite experts in the field of Masonic history to present.
5. Identify the Grand Lodge's role with local and state landmarks, buildings, institutions and events that have had an impact on the community.
6. Identify and highlight famous local, state and national Maryland Prince Hall Freemasons.
7. Visit Jurisdictional lodges and establish working relationships with other PHA lodges to learn from their experiences and gather history.
8. Securely display and share artifacts, documents and narrations of our findings.

Now that we have established the basis for our work, let us report on the activities of the Office for the 2023-2024 Masonic Year:

Research/Publications (Goal #4)

During this reporting period the Grand Historian submitted a research article for publication in the Jurisdiction's magazine, *The Light*. The article covered the lives of William Ashbie Hawkins and George W. F. McMechen, who were among the first Black lawyers in the state of Maryland, and their efforts to fight against housing segregation in the early 1900's. Both of whom were members of Enterprise Lodge No. 3, and served as legal counsel for the Most Worshipful United Grand Lodge.

The Office of the Grand Historian has conducted an in-depth search, as best we could, of the recorded Most Worshipful Past Grand Masters of the Jurisdiction. Our concentration has been on the MWPGMs of the Most Worshipful First Colored Grand Lodge of Maryland. Through our research, we have discovered that our current record of MWPGMs does not include six (6) MWPGMs we have found. We have also found who we believe is the first MWGM of the MW First Colored Grand Lodge of Maryland, who is James Johnson who served 1848-1850. The other MWPGMs are as follows:

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- Frederick Harris 1864-1866
- Samuel W. Chase, Jr. 1875-1876
- James Morris (Dates of Service Unknown)
- Charles R. Matthews (Dates of Service Unknown)
- James W. Pinkney (Dates of Service Unknown)

It is our recommendation that these names be added to the Grand Lodge's website and included in the history of the Grand Lodge.

Lodge History Project (Goal #3)

On January 21, 2022, a memorandum was sent to Regional and District Deputy Grand Masters asking for their assistance to collect the history of their constituent lodges. The primary purpose of this is not only to have the histories on file, but to review and have them prepared to be included into the bicentennial record/book for 2025. We are happy to report that all state side lodges have submitted their lodge's history.

Education/Presentations (Outcome #4)

- The Office presented the history of the MWPHGL of MD at the first meeting of Lodge of Instruction for the Northern and Western regions on January 6, 2024. On January 13, R.W.s Sean Wright of Fairmount Lodge No. 92 and Shannon Vance-Corbett of Dunkirk Lodge No. 77, presented to the LOI for the Southern Region and R.W. Carlos Fields of St. James Lodge No. 2, presented to the LOI for the Eastern Shore.
- On May 23, 2024, the Grand Historian presented a historical lecture to the members of William F. Taylor Lodge No. 57, entitled "Why We March." The lecture gave the masonic influence on the march across the Edmund Pettus Bridge in Selma, Alabama, which led to the bloody Sunday march.
- On October 8, 2024, the Grand Historian participated in the Baltimore City Office of Equity and Civil Rights, Annual Civil Rights Week. This event was coordinated with R.W. Roland Selby of King David Lodge No. 18. The Grand Historian presented at Morgan State University on the topic **From Protest to Progress: A Historical Perspective of the Morgan-Masonic Struggle for Education, Liberation and Self-Determination.**
- During this masonic year, each month the Office submitted historical dates regarding Prince Hall masonry that have been posted on the Grand Lodges social media sites.

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Research/Service (Goals #2, #4/Outcomes # 3, #7)

- The Grand Historian was asked to review and make a recommendation on the recognition of the Grand Lodge of Lebanon after its recognition had been revoked by the MWPHGLDC. Additionally, the Grand Historian was asked to review and make a recommendation on the request from the M.W. Grand Lodge F.& A.M. of Utah's request for fraternal recognition.
- On April 3, 2024, R.W. Sean Wright (92), and Bro. Tavaris Burke (145) along with the Grand Historian visited Odenton Lodge No. 209 of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Maryland A.F. & A.M. to support R.W. Stanley Conyer's (134) Prince Hall presentation.
- The Office assisted the Office of the Junior Grand Warden in planning the Black History Month program. The Grand Historian served as the Master of Ceremony.
- The Grand Historian visited St. Johns Lodge No. 5, and William F. Taylor Lodge No. 57, on Feb. 22, 2024.
- The Grand Historian served as the co-chair for the Prince Hall Americanism Day Observance on September 16, 2024, and delivered the occasion.
- On September 16, 2024, the Grand Historian sat for an interview by the Baltimore Legacy Project, and Dr. Rasheem to discuss the role that Maryland Prince Hall masons played in Baltimore during the Civil Rights Movement, and its current activities in community. The link to the organization is: <https://srasheem.com/the-baltimore-legacy-project/>
- On September 19, 2024, the Grand Historian participated in a meeting with the Grand Lecturer, the Grand Parliamentarian, the RDGM for the Northern Region, and the WM of Federal Lodge No. 9, to discuss the operation of Federal No. 9 and its efforts to establish a masonic education committee at Morgan State University. It was decided that all activities at the University would be stayed until a review of the proposal and plans was conducted by the Offices of the Grand Lecturer and Grand Historian.
- The Grand Historian attended the 1st Occasional Grand Lodge meeting on March 9, 2024, and the third Occasional Grand Lodge meeting on September 28, 2024.
- The Office was contacted by an author who is conducting research on Louis C. Tiffany, famed artisan and creator of the Tiffany lamps and glass. The author requested to come to the Grand Lodge to look at ornaments and windows that were constructed by Tiffany.

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Bicentennial Planning Committee

The D.G.M. has asked that the Office of the Grand Historian head-up the committee to plan the Bicentennial activities for the Grand Lodge. The Planning Committee has been active working on the celebration of the Jurisdiction's 200th anniversary, and that of Friendship Lodge No. 1. To date, the calendar for 2025 is complete and ready to go to the printer for production. The commemorative coin has been created. We are currently looking to re-brand the annual Grand Lodge's events for next year under the umbrella of the Bicentennial, to include the Black History Month program, Prince Hall Day and the Annual Crab Feast, and the Master Mason's Ball. We will start the year with a church service at the Sharpe Street Methodist Church on February 2, 2025. We have also spoken with the Laurel Cemetery Project to plan for a memorial service on Juneteenth of 2025, to honor Past Grand Lodge officers and members buried at the site. The MWPHGL of PA has been contacted to re-present the warrant for African Friendship Lodge No. 6, (now Friendship Lodge No. 1). We are planning to design a banner, commemorative aprons, a trowel, and banners to place on light poles in Baltimore City for the celebration. R.W. Mike Hanie has also been instrumental in the planning.

Appointments

R.W. Sean Wright of Fairmount Lodge No. 92 was appointed to the position of Deputy Grand Historian upon the recommendation of the Grand Historian, which was approved by the Grand Master.

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Historical Events

Lecture: Why Kemet Matters- The African Origin of Civilization and Masonry (Outcome #4)

On Saturday, October 19, 2024, the Office of the Grand Historian held its second annual lecture series with author, teacher, historian and Kemetologist Anthony Browder at the Grand Lodge. Several students from Morgan State University attended the event. An article on the last two lectures is being prepared for the Jurisdiction's magazine.

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Anthony Browder

Event Name: Why Kemet Matters: The African Origins of Masonry and Civilization


Date: October 19, 2024

Event Hours: 3:00 PM until 6:00 PM

**Event Location: Prince Hall Grand Lodge
1307 Eutaw Place, Baltimore, MD 21217**

Tickets can be purchased via the Grand Lodge store or scan the QR code. Payment will be accepted at the door.

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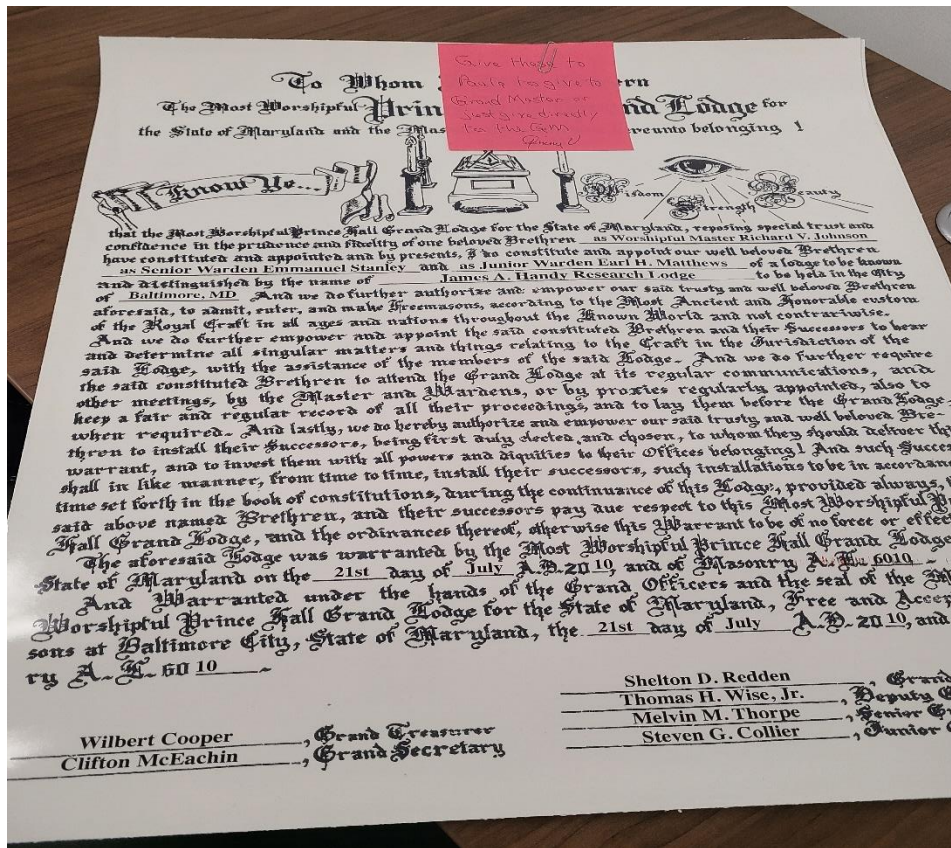
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James A. Handy Research Lodge (Goals #1 and #4 Outcome #8)

The Research Lodge has received a reissued charter with Grand Lodge's seal affixed. The charter was presented to the Research Lodge at the 1st Occasional Lodge meeting in March. Additionally, the bylaws have been revised, submitted to the Office of the Grand Parliamentarian and approved. The Lodge conducted a virtual open house meeting on June 5, 2024. The lodge must still select a meeting room at the Grand Lodge, obtain furniture, a bank account, elect officers, and develop a trestleboard.



Library Book Drive & Charter Scanning Projects (Goals #1 and #3/Outcome #1) Ongoing Project

The Office of the Grand Historian and the Committee on Archives and the Library initiated a masonic book drive to get Brothers and Sisters to donate books to the Library. These books will serve as reference and reading material for Brothers and Sisters who are

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interested in conducting research or leisurely reading. In conjunction with the Committee on Archives and the Library, we are assisting in the collection and scanning of lodge's charters to preserve and archive some of the original documents at Morgan State University.

Future Plans

The year 2026 will mark 150 years of the Grand Lodge's existence in Maryland. To commemorate this historic event, the Office of the Grand Historian plans to have ready for distribution the official history book of the Grand Lodge from 1825 to 2025. All events and activities celebrating the Bicentennial of Friendship Lodge No. 1 will be included. In conjunction with James A. Handy Research Lodge, we will look to create a Toastmaster's chapter at the Grand Lodge for both brothers and sisters to participate in. Additionally, as October of 2025 will mark the 30th anniversary of the Million Man March, several events are being planned by the Office of the Grand Historian and Research Lodge. Additionally, we would like to work with Myra Grand Chapter Order of the Eastern Star, PHA to establish a Grand Historian for the Grand Chapter. Additionally, Tony Browder has expressed an interest in working with the Grand Lodge to facilitate workshops and other events, which would contribute to the Lodge's civic engagement.

Challenges

The Office continues to seek and identify brothers with a thirst for knowledge, and a willingness to research and teach the history of this Grand Lodge and Prince Hall masonry in general. We would like to appoint regional assistant officers to service the entire state and engage lodges. Brothers who desire to learn, share masonic information, and impart wisdom should contact the Grand Historian.

Conclusion

As is evidenced by this report, the Office of the Grand Historian has achieved many of its goals and outcomes during the 2023-2024 Masonic Year. Our quest to reclaim and proclaim our history is what unites us and guides us in our service to this Grand Lodge. The rich legacy of Maryland Prince Hall masonry deserves to be told in a way that is compelling, honest, vetted, and inspiring.

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2024 Annual Report of the Veterans Affairs Committee

TO: The Honorable Noel C. Osborne Sr. Most Worshipful Grand Master, Most Worshipful Past Grand Masters, Elected, Emeritus and Appointed Grand Lodge Officers, Worshipful Masters, Wardens and Members of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge, F&AM of Maryland and its Jurisdiction, Inc.

Greetings:

I present the following report for the Veterans Affairs Committee for the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons Jurisdiction of Maryland, Inc

The committee has worked meticulously this year and dedicated themselves to caring for those who served our country. The committee consists of the following dedicated members: Director PM Y. Michelle Dowleyne, PM Nicole Dunn, PM Thomas Russum, Bro. William Hairston, PM Phyliss Outten, PM Janell White, WM Lashena Shields, PM Melissa Jones, and Sis Lazette Clanton. The members have been dedicated and, throughout the year, supported MCVET with donations of clothes, personal hygiene items, and other Veteran Organizations.

The GL Veterans Committee has had a remarkable year, particularly in our successful local community partnerships. Our collaboration with The Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia has significantly amplified our impact. On May 4th, 2024, our joint efforts were evident as we supported The MWPGHL of the District of Columbia at The ANC Tomb of the Unknown Wreath Laying at Arlington National Cemetery, a testament to the power of our collective efforts.

On July 13th, the Veterans Affairs Committee partnered with the Maryland Center for Veterans Education & Training (MCVET) for a Bingo night for veterans. The MWPHGL purchased \$500 worth of gift cards and donated them as prizes for bingo winners. We enjoyed the game and cherished the opportunity to fellowship with our fellow veterans, fostering a sense of warmth and camaraderie.

On August 6th, the Veterans Committee convened to propose new plans and strategies for the upcoming year. We aim to extend our support to the veterans in the community and our veterans within the MWPGHL and Myra Grand Chapter. We seek to partner with other veteran organizations to broaden our reach and plan future events: Wreaths Across the Jurisdiction, host a Veterans Claim Symposium, and a Veterans Jazz Brunch.

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On November 9th, 2024, MWGM Noel C. Osborne Sr., MWPHGL, and Myra Grand members attended The Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia, "Salute to our Veterans Day Event." In the District of Columbia.

On November 11th, 2024, it was a pleasure to attend the Charlotte Hall Veterans Day program and help serve veterans living in Charlotte Hall Veterans Home. A guest speaker honored the veterans' service, and the residents and spouses fellowshiped afterwards.

On November 25th, at the MWPGL, the committee held our Annual Veterans Day Luncheon, feeding over 75 veterans, including the Veterans at MCVET and members of the Grand Lodge and Myra Grand Chapter, OES. We were grateful to have all Heads of Houses in the Jurisdiction donate funds and, with other members volunteered to serve. Not only did the veterans enjoy a catered meal served from their seats, but we also supplied gifts and door prizes. The door prizes and gifts included hand sanitizer, socks, body wash, shower shoes, and lotion.

We are excited about executing our new plans and partnerships in the coming year.

MWGM Noel C. Osborne, Sr., thank you for the appointment and opportunity to serve. I hope you were pleased with the work we provided to the veterans.

Service to others is the rent you pay for your room here on earth. [Muhammad Ali](#)

Humbly submitted,

Y. Michelle Dowleyne

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October 27th, 2024

Annual Report
Of the
Office of the Social Actions Committee

Presented to

Most Worshipful, Noel C. Osborne Grand Master
Right Worshipful, Deputy Grand Master Keven Barney

Elected Grand Lodge Officers; Past Grand Masters; District Deputy Grand Masters;
Emeritus & Appointed Grand Lodge Officers; Worshipful Masters; Wardens and Brothers
Of this 174th Annual Grand Lodge Communication of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall
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Greeting and fraternal salutations:

First, before entering any great or important undertaking, I first give thanks to my Lord and Savior Jesus Christ for giving me the strength and breath to complete this Masonic year with the Social Actions office, also for the Blessings He has bestowed on this Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Maryland and our Most Worshipful Grand Master.

Next, giving respect and pledging my loyalty to a remarkable man, our Most Worshipful Grand Master Noel C. Osborne Sr. 33° If not for Grand Master Osborne's trust and confidence in appointing this Director and staff to the office of Social Actions, to recognize his vision, mission and task of this Grand Lodge.

As the Masonic year of 2023-2024 began, the Social Actions committee, of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Maryland, recognized a great task was before us; we had planned to do a number of community outreach programs and to work with a number of groups working with the kids in the neighborhoods. We joined with the Red Cross to have a Blood Drive in July 2024; the Blood Drive was a complete success and plan to have another in the future. This Office did take a number of Veterans and Knights of Pythagoras to an Orioles baseball game in July 2024, we worked with the Ruff Riders Car and Truck Club also Mt. Lebanon Lodge #22 in March 2024 giving out food and other Items to the homeless: we will be doing the same in October 2024 in the community. This Office with Brother Glenn Love of St. James Lodge #2, tried to collect old clothing for the Homeless Veterans both Men and Women. We did collect some clothing and delivered to Veteran Outlets. This Office did have a voters registration drive in which we collected approximately 35 signatures for the

registration to vote in the general election. This Office also in conjunction with the Fayette Street Outreach Center collected toys for tots, this Office donated \$100.00 for toys for the Children, we will be donating again for the Christmas Holidays, and we will try to raise donations for more toys.

What can be said of the Social Actions Officers who actually put in long hours of dictated service in helping this Grand Lodge back to being a great as it is always has. I thank these Brothers from the Bottom of Masonic Heart and hope we continue to work together into the next Masonic year and complete the work we have started.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sidney Disch 33°
Director Social Action Office

Thursday, December 5, 2024

TO: The Honorable Noel C. Osborne, Sr.
Most Worshipful Grand Master, MD & Jurisdiction

FROM: RW Stanley R. Conyer
Director Masonic Instruction

Subject: Year-End Report

MW Sir:

It has been our pleasure to this Grand Lodge during the tenure of your administration. We wish you much continued success in your future endeavors. The following is a synopsis of MY 2023-24.

The jurisdiction of Maryland continues to be one of the few jurisdictions with a Lodge of Instructions (LOI) or a Directorate of Masonic Education. This is most distressing to us because we realize that an uneducated Craft leads to disillusionment and a devastating lack of participation. If we are to grow AND prosper, education of the craft must be the focus of EVERY Grand Lodge. We believe that the business of Education will improve the Masonic journey and build our lodges. As always, the Jurisdiction of MARYLAND is the vanguard of Excellence in Education.

This year has been exceptionally fruitful and busy. We attended all of the Degree Exemplifications the Grand Lecturer and his staff conducted. As ever before, the Grand Lecturer's skill and dedication to the Craft and this Jurisdiction are unparalleled. His staff and assistants reflect this skill and professionalism. We are well-served by the Grand Lecturer his Officers. It was our distinct pleasure to travel the Boston this year to attend the Re-enactment of the Issuing of Charters to various Jurisdictions, which was hosted and conducted by the MWPHGL of Massachusetts, and its Grand Master, something that was highly enlightening and spectacular in scope and magnificence!

We continue to use GOTO Meeting (GOTO), as a medium to spread the wealth regarding the world of Freemasonry. Currently, we have members from all over the world, the Far East and Europe most notably, and have enjoyed countless hours both GIVING as well as RECEIVING, instruction.

I have collaborated very closely with the Grand Lecturer to ensure that the information and assistance we provide is in conjunction with his and our Grand Lodge goals: the betterment of our brethren and their knowledge of our importance to the communities we serve.

We have also collaborated closely with the Grand Parliamentarian and his office, increasing, and improving my staff and my knowledge of the Constitution, SOP's, and By-Laws of our jurisdiction. Rounding out our support, my staff members attended meetings of the Lodge of Instruction, ready to render assistance when needed.

I have continued to spread the word regarding Prince Hall Masonry through my portrayal of that August person in lodges throughout the state, and for the first time in the last 6 years of performing this act, I had the opportunity to do so in the Grand Lodge after receiving an invitation from District Deputy Grand Master Micheal Hughes when he and Enterprise Lodge #3 hosted the Jurisdiction of New Jersey and its' Grand Lodge Officers, including the current and many former

Most Worshipful Grand Masters. Comments directed to me and my staff at the conclusion of the talk indicated that the effort was well-received. THANK YOU, DDGM Hughes!

We have continued to spread the Cement of Brotherly Love as we traveled to a few Ancient Craft Lodges and enjoyed sharing Brotherly Love and Fraternal enrichment. Our attendance at these meetings have been warmly received and have generated invitations to attend meetings in the future, something we look forward with great relish.

Working closely with MW Past Grand Master and District Deputy Carlos Johnson, the Grand Lecturer and the Lodges of Instruction, we have provided training for the 17th Masonic District, the results of which have been tremendous and well-received.

Contributions of members of my staff is remarkable and noteworthy, including visits made by them to the various lodges in and throughout Jurisdiction. Most notably, the work and masonic enrichment provided by RW's Jones and White is worthy of emulation as they supported Federal Lodge #9, William F. Taylor and William T. Wallace Lodge #134, to name a few. WM K.D. Claiborne's (Federal Lodge #9) contributions to Masonry and the Knights of Pythagoras are worthy of emulation. I am blessed to have such a magnificent staff.

Continuing to move ever forward, my staff remains as listed below.

RW Keith B. Smith, William T. Wallace Lodge #134
RW Gregory White, E.W.S. Peck Lodge #82
RW Brent K. Jones, E.W.S. Peck Lodge #82
WM K.D. Claiborne, Federal Lodge #9
Brother Jerrimiah Brantley, William T. Wallace Lodge #134

RW Keith Smith is currently residing in Texas, while supporting his daughter and grandson while she attends both Medical and Officer Training moving toward her goal to becoming a Doctor of Medicine. He has already presented himself to the District Deputy Grand Master of the 19th Masonic District RW Sidney Thompson of the Jurisdiction of Texas for work. He also continues to support our here on our Tuesday night sessions.

Monday, November 18, 2024, marked my 46th year of continual service to our Grand Lodge. My 50th Year(2028) will coincide with my lodge's (July 2028) (William T. Wallace #134) 50th, and we plan to celebrate in style. 😊

Attachments to this report provide further insight to our work. We thank you for providing us with the ability to serve our great Jurisdiction. We look forward to 2025.

Fraternally yours,

Stanley R. Conyer

Director, Masonic Instruction

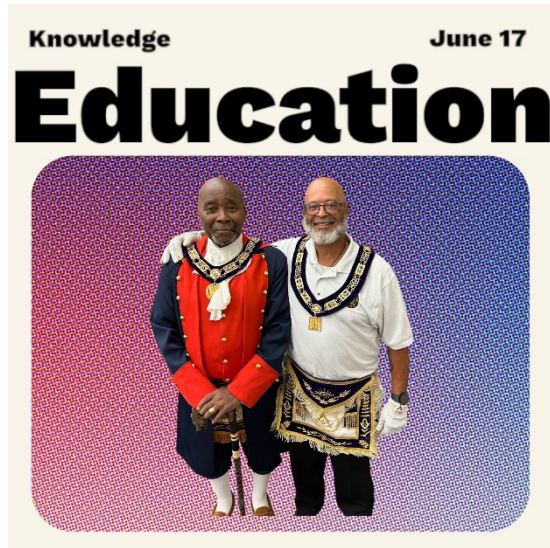
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Enterprise Lodge 3
Visitation

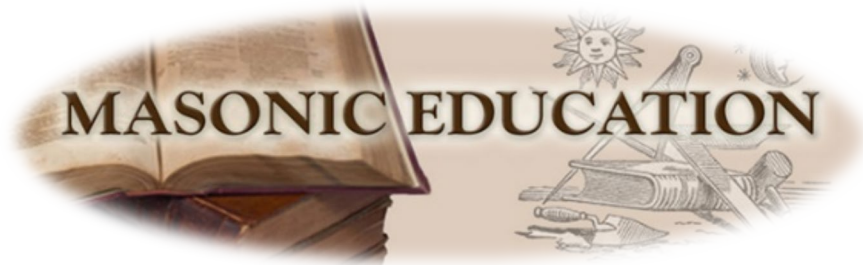


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Education

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Vision

Things that matter most can never be at the mercy of things that matter less. We are taught to use our twenty-four-inch gauge to work collectively with the common gavel to build on our knowledge of God, Self, and Neighbor. We use the trowel to spread the cement of brotherly love. We, as Masonic Educators, envision standing on the creed of making good men better by combining the past and present, and pushing for the future of knowledgeable and ritualistically sound Prince Hall Masons.

Mission

The Maryland Prince Hall Masonic Education Department believes it is our mission to revitalize the working knowledge of all Prince Hall Masons of this jurisdiction. Therefore, let our faith and work be fed with the spirit of the Great Architect of the Universe, and let our knowledge overcome doubt. The end result will be to unify, educate, and cultivate a culture of constant learning throughout the body of this jurisdiction.

“If there is no struggle, there is no progress.” Frederick Douglas

Yearly Report For 2024

In the spirit of Masonic knowledge, which is the power of Prince Hall’s purpose and mental intent, Humanity finds its growth becoming more prevalent within our fraternity.

I have had the honor to Co-chair our weekly WHPHGLMD Masonic Education lecture series every Tuesday. Great topics, strong support from Maryland Masons and those other states that log in. I traveled with the Director of Masonic Education throughout the Jurisdiction and to Boston Ma., as we continued to improve ourselves and spread the word regarding Prince Hall Masonry. In my travels I attended Federal Lodge #9’s regular communication and was very impressed with the good work demonstrated.

I also had the opportunity to attend Prince Hall #38 lodge for a regular communication. This lodge is in a transition that I can say will be a successful one. The Past Master of this lodge are standing in support of this lodge. I was afforded another opportunity to visit Prince Hall #38 as they jointly conducted the Fellowcraft on several Entered Apprentices. The lodges that participated was Zion Lodge #4, EWS Peck Lodge #82, & Enterprise Lodge #3. It was a joyous occasion to see a degree so well put together and in unity.

I also was present when the WHPHGLMD Masonic Education team traveled to A.F.A.M lodge in Odenton. Lodge #209 where R.W. Stanley R. Conyer and members of WHPHGLMD Masonic Education performed a reenactment of the life, contributions and history of Prince Hall. The fellowship, interest and desire to understand our history was breathtaking.

At the WHPHGLMD Grand Lodge, conducted by the WHPHGLMD Grand Lecture team there was an exemplification done, where twenty -nine new brothers were raised to the degree of Master Mason. These brothers came from nine lodges in the state of Maryland under the jurisdiction of the WHPHGLMD. Such a beautiful time to see the currency developed by our founding father Prince Hall being spent for the sole purpose of the purchase and building of humanity.

SMB,

Gregory J. White

Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Maryland F. & A. M.

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The Honorable Noel C. Osborne, Sr., 33°
MOST WORSHIPFUL GRAND MASTER

4 November 2024

Report of the Maryland Grand Council Knights of Pythagoras (K.O.P.), Inc. for the 176th Annual Grand Session.

TO: The Honorable Noel C. Osborne, Sr., Most Worshipful Grand Master, Elected, Appointed, and Emeritus Grand Lodge Officers, Past Masters, Worshipful Masters, Wardens and Brothers of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge, F. & A. M. of Maryland and its' Jurisdictions, Inc.

We are proud to announce our organization is active with five councils, and have maintained our good standing as a non-profit with the state of Maryland and the the Internal Revenue Service Code as a community-based mentoring organization. Sir Knight Terrence R. Tyson is the State Recorder. Sir Knight Claymon Strong, Jr. is the State Treasurer. The organization is currently structured in the following manner:

John E. Wallace Council No. 5 advised by Masonic District No. 9.
Peter Hassell Council No. 6 advised by Masonic District No. 4.
William F. Taylor Council No. 9 advised by Masonic District No. 11.
James D. Singletary Council No. 11 advised by the Western Masonic Region.
Henry U. Ayers Council No. 13 advised by District No. 1.

During the 2023-24 Masonic Year, the Grand Council established our monthly meetings on third Thursdays via zoom, and participated in quarterly meetings with the National Youth Council. In March 2024, our Grand Council hosted our Regional K.O.P. meeting at the Mid-Atlantic Conference of Grand Masters, Grand Worthy Matrons (G.W.Ms), and Grand Worthy Patrons (G.W.Ps) in Owings Mills, MD. In May 2024, we presented our activity report at the Conference of Grand Masters (C.O.G.M.), G.W. Ms, and G. W. Ps in Charlotte, NC where the new National K.O.P. organization was adopted and recognized.

In August 2024, our Grand Council conducted our Inaugural Summer Assemblage and Annual Prayer Breakfast at Coppin State University with Bishop Orlando Wilson as the Guest Speaker. The event was hosted by the Right Worshipful Willie S. Godfrey Masonic Education Committee where additional donations from members reduced our expenditures to \$530. The Assemblage was opened ritualistically by Peter Hassell Council No. 6. Youth Knight Michael Barber was elected as the Most Venerable Grand Master Knight. Youth Knight Christian Richardson was elected as his Deputy.

In October 2024, the undersigned was appointed as the Chairman of the National Youth Council which focuses on affording our young men the opportunity to serve as officers for the C.O.G.M. National Council Order of the Knights of Pythagoras. The inaugural leadership conference is expected to take place July 2025 in Charlotte, NC. Lastly, our relationship with the Simon-Cunningham Grand Youth Fraternity is formidable producing a joint fundraiser, new membership ceremony, and consistent execution of support to each organization. Enclosed to this report are photos from the 2023-24 Masonic Year.



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Peter Hassell Council No. 6
STEM Workshop



Annual KOP Prayer Break 2024 with
Bishop Orlando Wilson as the Keynote
Speaker



KOP and SCGYF Joint Induction Ceremony



Youth Knights at Annual Assemblage 2024



James E. Singletary Council No. 11
Community Service Event



Youth Knight Michael A. Barber being
installed as the Inaugural Most Venerable
Grand Master Knight

Fraternally Submitted,

Dr. Kevin D. Claiborne

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