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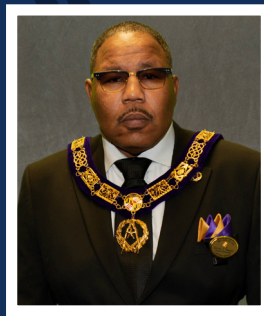
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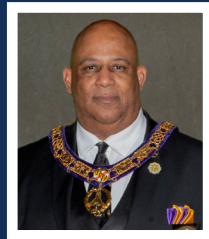
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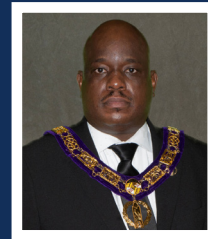
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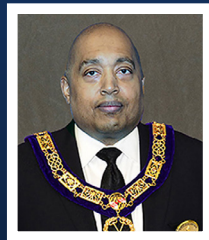
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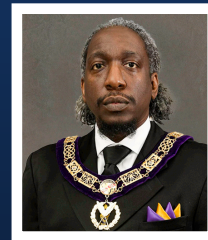
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Office of the Junior Grand Warden
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Junior Grand Warden

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

JUNIOR GRAND WARDEN
MASONIC YEAR 2023 - 2024 ANNUAL REPORT
MOST WORSHIPFUL PRINCE HALL GRAND LODGE F&AM OF MARYLAND
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To: The Honorable Noel C. Osborne Sr., Most Worshipful Grand Master, Right Worshipful Kevin L. Barney, Jr., Deputy Grand Master, Right Worshipful William Davison III, Senior Grand Warden, Elected Grand Lodge Officers, MW 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.

Fraternal Greetings,

First, I would like to give thanks to my Lord and Savior for his grace, mercy, and countless blessings throughout this Masonic year.

To The Honorable Noel C. Osborne Sr., Most Worshipful Grand Master, I extend my heartfelt gratitude for your unwavering support and guidance, which were instrumental in this year's successes.

To the membership of this esteemed jurisdiction, thank you for the overwhelming support you have shown to the Office of the Junior Grand Warden. Your encouragement and contributions were deeply appreciated.

A special note of recognition and thanks to RWDGM Kevin L. Barney, Jr., MWPGM Emanuel J. Stanley (26), MWPGM Melvin M. Thorpe (24), PGM Andrew Pryor, PGM Daryl X. Wise, RW Bishop Orlando Wilson, RW Darryl Jefferson, Sr., RW David Beatty, RW Keith Butler, RW Charles Hobson, Jr., RW Stephen J. Register, RW Roland Selby, RW Willie Miller, and WM Rory Fisher for their selfless support and dedication to the Office of the Junior Grand Warden. Your efforts did not go unnoticed, and I am truly grateful.

MASONIC TRIALS

This Masonic year I performed the following Masonic Trials:

1. P.M. Bernetta Scott-Caldwell (46), charged with Un-masonic Conduct and Misappropriation of Chapter Funds. During the 1st Occasional Grand Lodge Meeting, the body, after hearing the report on the masonic trial of P.M. Bernetta Scott-Caldwell (46) voted to suspend P.M. Scott-Caldwell for 30 days.
2. PM Medford J. Campbell (18), charged with Un-masonic Conduct and Disrespect to the Office of Deputy Grand Master and Grand Master. During the 1st Occasional Grand Lodge Meeting, the body, after hearing the report on the masonic trial of PM Medford J. Campbell voted to Suspend PM Campbell from Masonry for a period of 180 days.
3. PM Arthur Cage (57) Un-masonic Conduct and Disrespect to the Office of Grand Master. During the 1st Occasional Grand Lodge Meeting, the body, after hearing the report on the masonic trial of PM Arthur Cage voted to expel PM Arthur Cage from Masonry.
4. Brother Gregory Williams (14) was charged with Un-Masonic Conduct and Misappropriation of Lodges funds. During the 1st Occasional Grand Lodge Meeting, the body, after hearing the report on the masonic trial of Brother Gregory Williams (14) found Brother Williams innocent of all charges and recommended that Brother Williams be reinstated as a Master Mason in good standings with no loss of time.
5. Brother James Collier Spearman Jr., (14) was charged with Un-Masonic Conduct and Misappropriation of Lodges funds. During the 1st Occasional Grand Lodge Meeting, the body, after hearing the report on the masonic trial of Brother James Collier Spearman Jr., (14) found Brother Spearman Jr. innocent of all charges and recommended that Brother Williams be reinstated as a Master Mason in good standings with no loss of time.

GRAND LODGE EVENTS AND VISITATIONS

- 13 December 2023 Annual Communication for the District of Columbia.
- 6 January 2024 MWPHGL of DC Inaugural Dinner
- 15 January 2024 Beehive #66 Prayer Breakfast
- 3 February 2024, Annual Gold Collar Luncheon
- 24 February 2024, Annual Black History Program
- 3 March 2024, Edmund Pettus Bridge March
- 9 March 2024, Presided During, 1st Occasional Grand Lodge Meeting
- 22-24 March 2024, Mid Atlantic Conference of Grand Master, Grand Matron & Patron.
- 5 -7 April 2024, Samuel T. Daniels, Sr. Council of Deliberation
- 5 May 2024, EDNA's Love 3rd Annual Charity Banquet
- 15-19 May 2024, Conference of Grand Masters
- 22 June 2024, 2nd Occasional Grand Lodge Meeting
- 29 June 2024, Grand Worthy Matron & Grand Worthy Patron Banquet.
- 6 July 2024, Crab Feast MWPHGL MD
- 7 July 2024, Joint Church Service, Church Without Walls
- 13 July 2024, PGM Breakfast
- 14 July 2024, Marjorie T. Lancaster Chapter #84 Gospel Jamboree
- 26 July 2024, Acacia Lodge #25 Crab Feast
- 27 July 2024, Grand Masters Ball AF&AM
- 28 July 2024, Magdalene Chapter Crab Feast
- 4 August 2024, Columbine Chapter #46 96th Chapter Anniversary
- 10 August 2024, Slavery Remembrance Day Program
- 10 August 2024, The Desert of Maryland Family and Friends
- 8 September 2024, Marjorie T. Lancaster Chapter #84 Chili Cook-off
- 13 September 2024, Congressman Al Green Dinner
- 14 September 2024, Prince Hall Children's Cookout Hosted by The Northern Region.
- 14 September 2024, EWS Peck 100th Lodge Anniversary
- 15 September 2024, Prince Hall Day Service
- 21 September 2024, Beehive #66 Old School Cabaret
- 28 September 2024, 3rd Occasional Grand Lodge Meeting
- 5 October 2024, Beehive Crab Feast

- 11- 15 October 2024, United Supreme Council, 33° of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry, Prince Hall Affiliation, Southern Jurisdiction of the USA 138th Annual Session
- 20 October 2024, King David Consistory #284 Awards Banquet
- 26 October 2024, Cancer Awareness Banquet
- 26 October 2023, Shatter the Silence Purple Night
- 2 November 2024, Master Mason Ball
- 10 November 2024, William F. Taylor #57 Bull & Oyster Roast
- 15 November 2024, Grand Master's Banquet AF&AM
- 16 November 2024, AF&AM Grand Lodge Session
- 16 November 2024, Let Mount Zion Rejoice Gospel Concert
- 23 November 2024, Grand Lodge Transition Meeting

MASONIC LAST RITES & FUNERAL SERVICES

During this Masonic Year I attended the Funeral/Memorial Services for the following Brothers and Sisters:

- 23rd December 2023 – Funeral Services for Ms. K'ahia Tallie, Daughter of WM Jeff Tallie of John A. Holmes Lodge #89
- 23rd December 2023 – Funeral Services for Mrs. Gwendolyn Leona Joyner, Mother of R.W. Kevin L. Barney Jr., Deputy Grand Master
- 13th April 2024 – Funeral Services for RW Herbert Stevenson
- 30th April 2024 – Funeral Services for MWPGM J. Raymond Murray MWPHGL of D.C.
- 5th October 2024 – Funeral Services for Glen Tyre Dyer Barney, Brother of R.W. Kevin L. Barney, Jr., Deputy Grand Master
- 27th September 2024 – Funeral Services for MWPGM Lee A. Taylor
- 27th November 2024 – Funeral Services for RW Patrick C. Smith, Sr. (Performed Masonic Rites)

Let us continue to keep the family of those that have lost loved ones during Masonic Year 2023-2024 uplifted in prayer!

COMMITTEES AND ACTIVITIES

1. Black History Program

The 5th Annual Thurgood Marshall Black History Celebration took place on February 24, 2024, at The Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Maryland in the Samuel T. Daniels Sanctuary, located at 1307 Eutaw Place, Baltimore, Maryland 21217.

This year's theme, "The Youth Can Walk Faster, But the Elder Knows the Road," beautifully highlighted the importance of intergenerational wisdom and collaboration. Our keynote speaker, Brother Jeff Menzise, Ph.D., delivered a powerful and inspiring address that resonated deeply with all in attendance.

Our 2024 UJIMA Awardees were:

Mayor Darlene M. Taylor

"So many took from our community, but very few gave back." These words, heard many years ago from her Aunt, have remained the inspiration for Darlene Taylor's passion to work with the youth in her community. Ms. Taylor, the recently elected Mayor of Crisfield, Md. is the founder and has been Executive Director for *It Takes A Village To Help Our Children, Inc.* for more than 17 years. A 1981 graduate of Crisfield, high school, and a 1985 graduate of Old Dominion University, Darlene returned home in 2005 after 20 years working in Washington D.C.

as a Program Manager for Raytheon on government contracts. After moving back to Crisfield she discovered that her two school aged children, Jasmine and Jason, had no recreational activities available to them, either after school or on weekends.

In 2006, Darlene, along with six other friends and family, formed *It Takes A Village...* as a summer youth program. In 2009, merging with *Help Our Children Foundation*, to become - *It Takes A Village to Help Our Children, Inc.* which now serves approximately 200 children in both the community and local school settings, providing after school, summer, and college access programs for our 'at risk' youth. Realizing that her community was in major decline and needed even more support, Ms. Taylor ran for Mayor in April of 2022.

On June 22, 2022, Ms. Taylor was sworn in as the first African American and first female elected Mayor of Crisfield, Md., Her vision for economic development and message of "For the People". All the People resonated with her community. No stranger to service, Ms. Taylor has served on numerous boards and committees, including, co-founder of the Greater Crisfield Action Coalition, the Democratic Central Committee, the Somerset County Local Management Board, the Minority Achievement Committee, the Somerset County 4H

Board of Directors, Somerset Early Learning Advisory Council, the Crisfield Community Prevention Works Drug Free Coalition, the Somerset County Long Term Recovery Committee, and most recently appointed to the Governor's Coast Smart Council. Ms. Taylor is also a member of the Eastern Stars Starlight Chapter #44, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., the American Business Women's Association.

Ms. Taylor credits who she is to a mother and family who taught her to believe in herself, but most of all, to believe all things are possible through Jesus Christ who strengthens us; her faith is her Rock - Ms. Taylor is also a faithful member of Shiloh United Methodist Church in Crisfield, Md., the church she grew up in. She assists with the church's youth ministry and is the Chaplain for the Shiloh Unity Gospel Choir.

Community Awards and Professional Recognition include,

- 2023 Tri-County MLK Coalition Certificate of Appreciation
- 2022 Social Justice Award, Caucus of African American Leaders of the Eastern Shore of Maryland
- Maryland's 2020 Most Admired CEO, the Daily Record
- 2020 Role Model Hall of Fame Merit Award, Marion United Methodist Church
- 2013 Somerset County NAACP Commitment to Academic Achievement Award
- 2012 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Achievement Award, Tri-County Organizations' Coalition, Inc.
- 2009, Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. Pi Alpha Chapter Outstanding Contribution Award
- 2009, Eastern Shore Past Grand Daughters' Circle I.B.P.O.E. of W Invaluable Service Award

EDNA'S LOVE, INC.

Established May 30, 2021, as a 501c3 organization supporting higher education, blood cancer awareness, and veteran affairs, EDNA'S Love, Inc., was created in tribute to the legacy of the late Edna G. Neal, whose extraordinary life touched so many.

Edna G. Neal was a dynamic woman that believed in cultivating the very best in all people. An avid supporter of professional development and continued education, especially for young ladies between the ages of 15-25, she was an encouraging soul that believed in the village approach. A giver and nourisher, her love enriched everyone she touched, and in extending her legacy and memory, EDNA'S Love, Inc. was founded.

The organization plays a pivotal role in bringing social action and awareness to issues concerning higher education, blood cancer, and veteran affairs. Cancer, Sickle Cell Anemia, and Lupus patients often rely on blood transfusions to sustain or even save their lives, and these diseases disproportionately ravage communities of color; yet these are the communities that are often the last to donate blood, which leads to critical shortages in blood reserves and contributes to increased difficulties in locating blood matches, which are essential to saving lives. As such, we have formed partnerships with several organizations to assist these communities with being better prepared to answer that call.

We honor the love and legacy of Edna G. Neal by continuing the work that mattered so much to her! What better way to honor one who gave so much to so many others? By nourishing the seeds, they planted and then planting more!

One Teach One

Ronald Butts is a U.S. Army retired disable veteran, Mr. Butts work as a Logistics Management Specialist for the Joint Program Executive Office (JPEO) for Chemical Biological Radiological Nuclear Defense (CBRND), Headquarters, Chief Logistics Office, Aberdeen (Edgewood) Proving Ground, Maryland. Mr. Butts is the Founder and President of the Gauchos Corporation/Each One Teach One Program, a non-profit 501-c (3) charitable youth organization. Coach Ronald Butts serves as the Head Coach of a Youth Travel Basketball team. This team "Each One Teach One," is based in Frederick, MD.

Mr. Butts with his partner Mr. Jason Gardner is building an opportunity for our Youth to develop into well-rounded citizens by honing their competitive athletic skills, life and career skills, competency, confidence, character, and caring for self and the community. Mr. Butts and Mr. Gardner consider these critical components to be essential elements for positive youth development. Through sport the Gauchos Corporation can provide strong mentorship, while displaying integrity, good sportsmanship, and a scholarly attitude while protecting are children from suicide risk, bullying, and cultural diversity challenges.

Each One Teach One will provide the Community of Interests along with the surrounding areas the opportunity to develop growing minds and bodies while improving physical health for our youth. The coaches are dedicated and committed to providing a positive drug free environment that will primarily provide a positive atmosphere in youth development, including improved academic achievement, higher self-esteem, fewer behavioral problems, and better psychosocial.

Our mission is to provide young men an opportunity to develop into well-rounded citizens by honing their competitive athletic skills, displaying integrity, good sportsmanship, and a scholarly attitude. As an organization, we progress knowing that the tools instilled into our youth along with members of Each One Teach One family go far beyond basketball. Each practice, every tournament and game, and every team outing are designed to educate, motivate, and elevate our young men in every aspect of their life.

Our vision is to provide our youth, parents, and the Fredrick Community an opportunity to improve our diversity and inclusion of our youth by motivation, self-awareness, dedication, and commitment, while helping our youth stay focused on what and how to accomplish their dreams, goals, and desires.



The organizational focus on public policy stems from the unique experience many of its founders had with the rigorous academic activity of policy debate. The founders of LBS ignited their passion for debate as high school students of the local urban debate league; however, it was their collegiate debate experience at Towson University that catapulted them into the world of activism and advocacy. In a community which has traditionally favored a dispassionate C-SPAN style of debate, LBS founders proliferated a style that was rooted in the cultural and intellectual resources of people of African descent.

Antecedents to the style of debate LBS founders practiced were the Black students of the University of Louisville's debate program, directed by Ede Warner and Daryl Burch. Their unique policy debate arguments challenged the norms and procedures of collegiate debate, which was usually mired in structural racism. The success of Louisville debaters, Elizabeth Jones and Tonia Greene – a quarterfinalist in two prominent national debate competitions, set a path for challenging white supremacy by utilizing the pedagogical practices and research methodologies that policy debate required.

Deven Cooper and Dayvon Love, both from Baltimore City, transformed the college debate community as Towson University students when in 2008 they won the CEDA National Debate Championship. This was the first time a team of Black college debaters had accomplished such as feat in the history of policy debate. As Towson University student debaters, LBS founders consistently defeated teams from powerhouse debate schools such as Dartmouth, Harvard, and Northwestern University. Their unique racial justice lens and analysis of issues ranging from Supreme Court Statutory Law to Federal Agricultural Policy has led to successful experiences both as debaters and coaches.

2. MWPHGL of Maryland Annual Crab Feast

On July 6, 2024, the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge Free & Accepted Masons of Maryland and Its Jurisdiction, Inc., hosted its Annual Grand Lodge Crab Feast at Martin's Crosswinds in Greenbelt, Maryland. The event was a tremendous success, with a fantastic

turnout and a wonderful time enjoyed by all who attended. I extend my heartfelt gratitude to each Brother and Sister who supported this event and contributed to its success.

This year's Crab Feast welcomed over 900 attendees, an incredible testament to the enthusiasm and support of our membership. A special thanks goes to the members of the committee and the Brothers and Sisters who provided invaluable assistance. I would like to especially recognize the following individuals for their dedication and contributions:

PGM Daryl X. Wise
Brother Rory Fisher

RWJGS Charles Hobson, Jr.
AM Cassandra Townsend
Sis. Tiffany Jolly
Sis. Nina Johnson

RW Stephen J. Regester

RW Willie Miller

Grand Conductress Juanita Brinkley-Hall

WM Marionese Forderingham

Sis. Yvette Minzie

The Total Income for this event is as follows:

1. Income from tickets sold = \$78,480.00
2. 50/50 Raffle =\$2,788.00
3. Vendor Total (7 Vendors) \$1,050.00
 - a. Vanessa Smith/ Classique Jewelry - \$150.00
 - b. Reggie Pete/ Etap Creations - \$150.00
 - c. Charles Brewer/ Black Lamb - \$150.00
 - d. Andre Keels/Keels Mobile Photo - \$150.00
 - e. Tamar Osbourne/Beyoutiful Creations - \$150.00
 - f. Chauncey Jackson/Ring Creator - \$150.00
 - g. Murrlyn Bond/ TJ Korner - \$150.00

Total Income = \$82,318.00

The Total Expenditure's for this event is as follows:

1. Deposit for the event = \$3,000.00
2. Cost of venue = \$ 58,352.00
3. D.J. = \$500.00
4. 50/50 Winner = \$1,394.00

Total Expenditures = \$63,246.00

Profit: \$19,072.00

Once again, Thank You to all that supported this year's Annual Crab Feast. This event would not have been a success without your support. **THANK YOU!!**

Fraternally,

R.W. Randolph S. Smith, Sr. 33°, Junior Grand Warden

3. MWPHGL of Maryland Prince Hall Children's Cookout

On September 14, 2024, from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., the Northern Region hosted the Annual Prince Hall Children's Cookout at Eastern Regional Park, located at 11723 Eastern Avenue, Middle River, Maryland 21220. The event officially kicked off at 12:00 p.m. and provided a fun-filled afternoon for the children.

Activities included a game truck, ball fields, basketball courts, swings, slides, and other exciting options for the youth to enjoy. The cookout featured a delicious assortment of meats, side dishes, chips, and beverages, all prepared and served by dedicated volunteers from the Northern Masonic Region.

I extend my heartfelt thanks to all the brothers from the Northern Region for their incredible help and support. A special shoutout goes to John A. Holmes Lodge #89, RDGM James Booker, ARDGM Frank Wright, and SW John Rudasill for your exceptional hard work and contributions. My Brothers, JOB WELL DONE!

4. MWPHGL of Maryland Annual Prince Hall Day Service

On September 15th, we gathered to honor and celebrate our namesake, Prince Hall. This year, we were privileged to have Most Worshipful Grand Master Glenn N. Ruffin as our guest speaker for this special service. Each year, this occasion serves as a time to not only reflect on the legacy of Prince Hall but also to realign and recommit ourselves to the principles of Prince Hall Freemasonry.

Right Worshipful Seymour E. Chambers, Grand Historian, delivered the occasion for this year's program. His words were both powerful and timely, leaving a lasting impact on all in attendance. I have included a copy of R.W. Chambers' remarks to share his inspiring message.

R.W. Seymour E. Chambers, Grand Historian
Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Maryland
The Occasion for Prince Hall Americanism Day 2024
9/15/2024

Hands that Once Picked Cotton Can Now Pick the President: The Revolutionary Mission of Prince Hall Masonry

O, yes,
I say it plain,
America never was America to me,
And yet I swear this oath—
America will be!
Langston Hughes -Let American Be America Again, 1935

Today, we as Prince Hall masons and Eastern Stars take time to reflect on the life and legacy of our noble and honorable founder. History tells us that Prince Hall was born either 1735 or 1738, exactly where we are unsure. We do know from documentary evidence that Prince Hall was enslaved by William Hall, who was a tanner in Boston. Prince Hall was literate and learned the art of leather dressing and tanning. By 1770, Hall was emancipated and would eventually become a leader of the Black citizens in Boston, and on March 6, 1775, Hall along with 14 other free Black men were initiated into the mysteries of ancient craft masonry. During a time when Black men and women had no legal rights, and were considered property, Prince Hall became an ardent abolitionist, petitioning the Massachusetts legislature to abolish slavery and create schools to educate Black children. When the legislature refused his petition, Prince Hall established a school in his home. We also know from records that Prince Hall owned property, and there are even records of him voting. During the revolutionary war, Hall helped to enlist Black men to fight for the liberation of the colonies, in the hopes that the new nation would return the favor and liberate his people. Though the Declaration of Independence stated that all men were created equal and condemned the institution of slavery in the original draft, the 2nd Continental Congress removed any language referring to slavery from the final draft of the Declaration. At its inception, America defaulted on its promissory note of equality and justice for all to its citizens of African descent.

Langston Hughes wrote in 1935, O, yes, I say it plain, America never was America to me, and yet I swear this oath, America will be. One hundred and fifty-nine years earlier, Prince Hall said those same words, America will be! Prince Hall masons have taken up the revolutionary mantle to make America live up to its highest ideals. Prince Hall masons have been on the front lines fighting for the liberation, education and self-determination of African Americans since 1775. It was in the lodge rooms that Black men engaged in civic discourse and learned the art of public speaking. It was in the lodge room that Black men first understood the power and purpose of voting. Prince Hall lodge rooms and Eastern Star chapter rooms were the training grounds for Black men and women to realize that civic engagement and voting was but one tool for self-determination and liberation. This is why we must pay homage to Prince Hall, because he was one of, if not the first civil rights activist for our people. Which brings me to our theme for today's Prince Hall Americanism Day Observance, "A Voteless People is A Voiceless People." Brothers and Sisters, this is an election year, and we have been told that one of the pathways to justice, and empowerment would be gained through the ballot.

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. eloquently said in 1957:

"Give us the ballot and we will no longer have to worry the federal government about our basic rights..."

"Give us the ballot and we will no longer plead to the federal government for passage of an anti-lynching law ..."

"Give us the ballot and we will fill our legislative halls with men of good will ..."

"Give us the ballot and we will place judges on the benches of the South who will do justly and love mercy ..."

Well in 1965, Congress passed the Voting Rights Act, ensuring that African Americans could enjoy the franchise free from acts of terror and state laws impeding their access to the polls. Since that time, states and politicians have been trying day and night to take the vote away from us, because they know A Voteless People is a Voiceless People. But I say unto you, as Prince Hall masons and Eastern Stars it is our obligation to challenge those powers trying to undermine our rights. We cannot sit on the side lines content with our rank, titles, and collars and not engage in the fight for social, economic, political and environmental justice. Our history is the very opposite of retreating from these causes. We must reclaim our post as the defenders and educators of our communities when it comes to our political power. And to those within our community that doubt our political power, ask yourself this question, why are they hellbent of taking our right to vote away?

They know that in our hands, we have the ability to reshape and create communities of wealth and dignity. They know that the very hands that once picked tobacco, if given the opportunity, can now pick mayors and governors. Hands that once cut sugarcane can by virtue of our vote, elect judges that will dispense justice from the bench. Hands that once cultivated fields, can through their vote, craft legislation to improve the conditions of our communities, and yes, hands that once picked cotton can now pick presidents to lead our nation. Brothers and Sisters, we are the living hopes and aspirations of what Prince Hall envisioned for his people some 250 years ago. On this Prince Hall Day, we remember the foundation that was laid for us by our founder. We must commit ourselves to live up to his example, and get in the trenches with our communities, and stand with them to boldly proclaim our fundamental rights as contributors to this republic. In this, we are not unrealistic in our expectations. For this country still owes a debt to the descendants of the enslaved. Prince Hall and many of our ancestors have called on America to make whole her citizens of African descent. There will come a day when all payments will come due. As Dr. King said in his final speech, "all we say to America is, be true to what you said on paper." We must realize that our vote is our voice, and we cannot let it be silenced. That is why we must take up the battle cry of the poet, "O, yes, I say it plain, America never was America to me, and yet I swear this oath—America will be!"

CLOSING

I want to take a moment to simply say THANK YOU! Thank you to the Jurisdiction of Maryland for your steadfast support and for placing your trust in me. I am deeply grateful for the opportunity to serve as your Junior Grand Warden. My heartfelt appreciation goes to our Grand Master, Noel C. Osborne, Sr., and this dedicated Elected Line. I remain fully committed to the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Maryland and to each of its members.

I also offer my sincere apologies for the limitations of this report, which provides only a brief overview of my activities during the Masonic Year 2023-2024. It does not adequately reflect the countless hours spent in meetings, on phone calls, in personal interactions, or traveling many miles in service to this great organization.

The planning, coordination, and execution of our major activities demand meticulous effort and heartfelt dedication—a labor of love I freely and joyfully offer to this cherished Craft. My hope is that my work has instilled pride in you, and I trust that the results of my efforts speak volumes about my commitment and affection for the Jurisdiction of Maryland.

To my incredible wife of 26 years, Anita, with whom I've been blessed to raise five wonderful sons—Sean, Randy Jr., Bryan, Daniel, and Isaiah—I express my deepest gratitude. Your unwavering love, boundless patience, and unmatched support mean everything to me. Your understanding and encouragement are a source of strength, and I am especially thankful for the daily shield of your prayers.

Finally, with profound humility, I give my deepest thanks to Almighty God. In Him, I live, move, and have my being. His faithfulness, guidance, and constant presence have sustained me, and I am forever grateful for His influence in my life as I strive to nurture a close relationship with Him.

Fraternally,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Randy S. Smith, Sr.", written in dark ink on a light background.

R.W. Randolph S. Smith, Sr., 33°
Junior Grand Warden

“But those who wait on the Lord, Shall renew their strength; They shall mount up with wings like eagles, They shall run and not be weary, They shall walk and not faint.”
Isaiah 40:31

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

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MWPGM Stewart V. Redfield, Jr.
Grand Treasurer
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The Honorable Noel C. Osborne, Sr.
27th Most Worshipful Grand Master

November 23, 2024

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

Subj: GRAND TREASURER'S ANNUAL REPORT MY-2024

1. Most Worshipful Sir, I hope that you and your family are doing well and that you continue to be blessed by the Great Architect of the Universe. I would like to thank you yet again for the opportunity to serve in the capacity of the Grand Treasurer for the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Maryland. Thank you for your continued faith in me. We have made significant progress in moving this jurisdiction forward financially from the Office of the Grand Treasurer. We continue to reconcile each month and maintain strict accountability of all funds. There have been zero discrepancies this year.

2. After a successful Grand Lodge Session in December 2023, the Treasurer's Office began the work to further mature the registration process of the Annual Joint Grand Session. We were able to have members of the Grand Lodge, and the Grand Chapter pay for the annual session and be registered automatically. This process has proven to be very successful. Additionally, we were able to accomplish the following in Masonic Year 2024:

- Matured the Grand Lodge store by creating floating PayPal buttons to allow for temporary ad-hoc sales.
- Updated the Annual Joint Grand Session payment process on the Grand Lodge Store. This process allowed all members of the jurisdiction that paid for the 2024 Annual Session through the Grand Lodge Store to be automatically registered.
- Successfully started a new investment account with Fidelity Investments. This investment account has had a lifetime interest rate of return of approximately 20% annually. We started the new investment account in March 2024 with a total investment of \$121,274 and have seen a gross gain of over \$20K year-to-date (*see monthly Treasurer's Reconciliation Report*).
- We were able to move into commercial banking with M&T Bank. In July 2024, we created two Sweep Account for the Grand Lodge (Operating Account – Small Sweep, Special Projects Account – Large Sweep). These Sweep accounts allow for the Grand Lodge to gain interest daily as the bank uses the Grand Lodges funds nightly and pays it back in the morning. As of the date of this report, we have realized approximately \$4,900 in interest (*see monthly Treasurer's Reconciliation Report*).
- Our efforts in instituting the Paperwork Reduction Act to the Grand Lodge have proven mostly successful. We have had a significant reduction in checks written to the Grand Lodge. The reduced number of checks

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written to the Grand Lodge and processed in the bank has significantly reduced the amount of fees charged by the bank.

- Continued to provide reconciliation reports to the Craft monthly. These reports provided insight into the flow of income and expenditures from the Grand Lodge and hopefully helped provide assurance to the Craft that the Grand Treasurer's Office was, and still is, continuing to maintain cast-iron coverage over the Grand Lodge Funds.
- We successfully set up the new Most Worshipful Prince Hall Charitable Foundation of Maryland with a version of QuickBooks in order that they could maintain their finances independently and in keeping with the Generally Accepted Accounting Principle.

3. **Annual Charity.** Most Worshipful Sir, I am pleased to report that for Masonic Year 2024, the Grand Lodge has provided a total of \$70,724.61 in scholarships and charitable donations, up from \$52,582.66 in the previous year. Sir, we are doing God's work as delineated in the following:

- Scholarships: Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge provided \$12K more in scholarships than from last year, totaling \$46K in scholarships to 31 students.
- Donations: The Grand Lodge gave \$20,832.81 in donations to 20 different organizations, up from \$16,780 last year.
- Fraternal Assistance: The Grand Lodges has provided fraternal assistance to members of the craft in the amount of \$3,891.80 this year.

4. Lastly, in support of your administration and agenda, I attended/participated in the following:

- Annual Gold Collar Banquet
- NABVET Annual Banquet, Morgan State University
- Truth Chapter 105th Anniversary
- Annual Black History Event
- Walking of the Edmund Pettis Bridge in Selma, AL
- First Occasional Grand Lodge Meeting
- Mid-Atlantic Conference of Grand Masters
- Samuel T. Daniels Council of Deliberation
- Roscoe C. Cartwright Ladies Night Affair
- Conference Of Grand Masters, Charlotte, NC
- BOT Comedy Fundraiser
- Past Matron/Past Patrons Banquet

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- Second Occasional Grand Lodge Meeting
- Grand Lodge Crab Feast
- Annual Grand Lodge Session for Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Alabama
- Annual Grand Lodge Session for Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Tennessee
- Congressional Black Caucus – Congressman Al Green Dinner
- Calvary Chapter event
- Columbine Chapter Scholarship Banquet
- National Night Out
- E. Jerry Williams Friends and Family Cookout
- Third Occasional Grand Lodge Meeting
- King David Lodge #18 Wives and Widows Dinner
- Gethsemane Chapter No. 34 100 Year Anniversary
- United Supreme Council, AASR, Southern Jurisdiction, PHA, Huntsville, AL
- Maceo Boston Jr. Bull Roast
- Master Mason's Ball
- Stringer Grand Lodge of Mississippi Grand Session

4. Most Worshipful Sir, again, I thank you for the opportunity to serve and pray that the Great Architect of the Universe continues to bless you in your last Grand Lodge Session as the 27th Most Worshipful Grand Master. Even more, as you come out of the seat as the 27th Most Worshipful Grand Master may the Great Architect of the Universe continue to bless you, your family and this Most Worshipful Grand Lodge.

Respectfully submitted,

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November 23, 2024

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

Subj: ANNUAL REPORT ON CHARITY MY-2024

1. Most Worshipful Sir, here with the Annual Report on Charity. I am pleased to report that for Masonic Year 2024, the Grand Lodge has provided a total of \$70,724.61 in scholarships and charitable donations, up from \$52,582.66 in the previous year. Sir, we are doing God's work!

2. **Scholarships.** This year, the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand gave \$12K more in scholarships than from last year, totaling \$46K in scholarships to the following 31 students:

| Name | School | Name | School |
|------------------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------------------|
| Skylar Daniels | Penn State University | Kalayah Beasley | Stevenson University |
| Arianna Osborne | Morgan State University | Medford Campbell IV | Harrisburg University |
| Alyssa Holt | Fisk University | Kimberley Hernandez | Anne Arundel Community College |
| Jabari Pinkney | Norwich University | Aleecia Osborne | Morgan State University |
| Charles E. Townsend II | University of Miami | Audrey Owens | Mount St. Mary's College |
| Ajani Cole | Patrick Henry Community College | Ahmad Taylor | Ithaca College |
| Nyah Fisher | Towson University | Ajani M. Cole | Patrick Henry Community College |
| Simone K. A. Gray | University of Maryland | Tyler Phillips | Delaware State University |
| Christopher Mack | Towson University | Sanai Knox | Direct to Student |
| MiAsia Timmons | Goucher College | Jourdain Algarin | Direct to Student |
| Khalea Turner | University of North Carolina | Raelin Adams | Direct to Student |
| Denay Hawkins | University of Maryland Eastern Shore | Khayla Mack | Direct to Student |
| Kayla Stanton | University of Maryland | Micah Hoover | Direct to Student |
| Makayla Liverpool | Towson University | Shania Williams | Direct to Student |
| Jacelyn Curtis | Winston Salem State University | Kalen Wright | Direct to Student |
| Tyler Phillips | Delaware State University | | |

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3. **Donations.** The below chart represents \$20,832.81 in donations made by this Grand Lodge to the various organizations, up from \$16,780 last year.

| Organization | Amount | Organization | Amount |
|--|----------|--|--------|
| Salisbury High School Association | \$200 | A Church Without Walls | \$500 |
| Bethel AME Church | \$100 | Utopian Institute Family Living | \$250 |
| EDNA's Love, Inc. | \$2000 | Veteran Gift Cards | \$519 |
| Bolton Hill - Neighborhood Flowers | \$411.81 | Conference of Grand Masters for Hurricane Beryl Relief | \$1000 |
| Leaders of a Beautiful Struggle | \$1000 | Desert of Maryland – Children's Initiative | \$1000 |
| The Gauchos Corporation | \$1000 | Marjorie T. Lancaster Chapter #84 | \$200 |
| Alzheimer's Association | \$1000 | Simon-Cunningham Youth Fraternity | \$500 |
| Queen Esther Chapter #2 for American Heart Association | \$1000 | Betty Shaw – Veteran's Christmas Gift Drive | \$300 |
| Maggie C. Upshur Charity Auction | \$910 | UM Capital Region Medical Center – Shatter the Silence | \$2500 |
| KELEF Inc | \$125 | Dwayne S. Belcon – Trinidad School for the Deaf | \$4117 |
| Gethsemane Chapter #34 | \$2000 | Bolton Hill Community Association | \$200 |

4. **Fraternal Assistance.** We have provided Fraternal Assistance to members in the craft in the amount of \$3,891.80.

5. **Organizational Support.** Finally, the Grand Lodge provided support to many of the constituent lodges and chapters, as well as the concordant and appendant organizations within the jurisdiction by purchasing tickets to their fundraising events as well as supplementing their charitable endeavors by providing increased funds for the charitable recipients.

Respectfully submitted,



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Dec 06, 2024

From: R.W. Rodney M. James
To: The Honorable Noel C. Osborne, Sr., Most Worshipful Grand Master

Subj: Annual Report of the Office of the Grand Secretary

Greetings,

I want to begin this report by thanking those who enabled me to find a measure of success over the past 12 months. The members of the Office of the Grand Secretary perform the duties necessary so that I can focus on those things that I am required to devote my time and attention to. Any failures of the office are mine and mine alone but all success is due to their efforts.

- M.W. Jack L. Jones, Deputy Grand Secretary
- R.W. Stephen B. Bush, Assistant Grand Secretary
- R.W. Charles E. Hobson, Jr., Assistant Grand Secretary
- R.W. James A. Stokes, Chairman of the Registration Committee
- R.W. Aaron Smoaks, Vice Chairman, Registration Committee
- R.W. William L. Davis II, Registration Committee
- R.W. Kevin Carpenter, Registration Committee
- W.M. Rory Fisher, Registration Committee

The Constitution of The Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge Free and Accepted Masons Maryland and Its Jurisdiction, Inc. enumerates the duties and responsibilities of the Grand Secretary. Specifically, there are 18 duties and responsibilities that need to be accomplished. Additionally, the Grand Master has outlined 12 priorities for the Office of the Grand Secretary. This annual report serves as my recapitulation of how those 30 respective duties, responsibilities, and priorities were accomplished. We begin with the 18 duties and responsibilities from the Constitution.

Constitution

The Grand Secretary shall give a written notice of each regular Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge, at least 30 days prior to the said communication, to all officers and Constituent Lodges of the Grand Lodge;

As is tradition, a proclamation was issued from the Grand Lodge to the constituent Lodges, and to the elected and appointed Grand Lodge and Lodge officers. This proclamation was issued in

August 2024 through a collaboration between the Office of the Grand Secretary, the Junior Grand Warden, and the Chief of Staff.

He shall notify the above named officers in such manner and at such time of Special Communications of the Grand Lodge as any emergency may require;

For the purposes of this report, and because the Occasional Grand Lodge meetings are not currently listed in the Constitution, I am treating those meetings as Special Communications of the Grand Lodge. The craft is duly notified of these special communications via the Secretary's Tool.

He shall make a correct record of all communications and transactions of the Grand Lodge;

The Office of the Grand Secretary publishes minutes from each meeting. Additionally, the Office of the Grand Secretary is present in all summons, trials, and other such meetings where the records and transactions of the same are required.

He shall deliver to the Grand Treasurer immediately upon the receipt thereof, any and all funds and monies of the Grand Lodge;

In the capacity of the Grand Secretary receiving all monies, I processed a total of 1,807 transactions over the last 12 months, with a monetary amount of \$1,028,616.51. This includes funds due to the Grand Lodge as well as pass-through funds that were collected by the Grand Lodge and paid to someone else, for example the travel cost for the flights to Europe. Although this is but one duty is the one that takes the most time.

He shall sign all checks and drafts duly countersigned by the Grand Treasurer;

Having switched to an electronic system for the processing of checks paid by the Grand Lodge, the Grand Secretary does not sign the checks. Our checks and balances occur when we reconcile our records on a weekly basis through the use of Income Vouchers and Orders on the Grand Treasure.

He shall receive petitions, applications and appeals, and transmit them to the Grand Master;

The Grand Secretary has received all petitions, applications, and request for appeal that have been submitted directly to his office. Any such document not submitted directly to his office is not guaranteed to be received by the Grand Secretary however, once received they are turned in to the office of the Grand Master for further action. For this Masonic Year there were a total of 2 appeals submitted to the Office of the Grand Secretary. Neither of them was found to be valid cases for appeal as they both involved expulsion for violation of Edict No. 1.

He shall by order of the Grand Master attest and affix the seal of the Grand Lodge to all warrants, charters, commissions, certificates, and diplomas;

All such documents are submitted to the craft via the Secretary's Tool, as such accomplishment of this task is visible to all.

He shall keep a list of all Constituent Lodges working under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge;

As the system of record for the Grand Lodge, the Secretary's Tool is the repository for the Office of the Grand Secretary and contains a list of every constituent Lodge actively working in this jurisdiction. When new Lodges are added and when Lodges are removed the Secretary's Tool is updated.

He shall present to the chairman of every committee a copy of his appointment;

As this is an election year, presumably, there will be new committee chairs and other Grand Lodge officers. It is the goal of this office to ensure that all patents are prepared and presented after installation of Officers.

He shall, when required, attend with such necessary documents as are in his possession;

Ever forward thinking, each document prepared by the Office of the Grand Secretary is stored in the cloud through One Drive. The Grand Secretary can access documents that he has prepared electronically from the cloud. With very few exceptions this is the standard. Exceptions of note are when documents are presented the Office of the Grand Secretary and have yet to be scanned for ready access.

He shall record all reports of every committee accepted by the Grand Lodge;

As identified in the proclamation for this annual session, the Grand Secretary has received and is continuing to receive the reports from each committee, along with those from the required elected and appointed Grand Lodge officers.

He shall forward annually in the month of January to each member of the Grand Lodge one copy of the edicts and regulations of the Grand Lodge which have been passed at the preceding Annual Communication, and to each of the District Deputy Grand Masters a number of such copies which the Grand Master shall direct and a record of all other such transactions, including a correct list of the Grand Lodge officers and the District Deputy Grand Masters for the current Masonic Year, which may be necessary for the information and the regulations of the Constituent Lodges;

As identified during the transition townhall on November 23, 2024, within the first 100 days it is the intent of the incoming Grand Master to present to the Craft updated edicts and standard operating procedures of this jurisdiction, where appropriate. Some will remain as written and will remain in effect. Additionally, the staff within the Office of the Grand Secretary has properly recorded the names of the current appointed Grand Lodge officers and the committees on which they serve. Upon conclusion of the installation the new roster of elected and appointed

Grand Lodge Officers will be collected by the Office of the Grand Secretary and stored for the performance of our duties.

In the event of the disability or the absence of the Grand Master or the Grand Master pro tempore from the jurisdiction, he shall make a notation thereof upon the records and he shall notify the ranking officer of the Grand Lodge then within the State of Maryland who shall act as Grand Master pro tempore until a senior ranking officer shall be within the State of Maryland as herein provided. The term "RANKING OFFICER" herein shall not apply to a District Deputy Grand Master.

As is tradition within this jurisdiction, the Grand Secretary has made the appropriate notification of the Grand Master's out of office identifying who oversees the jurisdiction in his absence. This is also done in coordination with the director of strategic communications. This communication is important; should the unfortunate happen a succession plan has therefore been identified.

The Grand Secretary shall make a transcript of the records of the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge held in the month of December each year;

As this is the first Annual Grand Lodge Session for myself as the Grand Secretary this duty has yet to be performed. However, minutes will be prepared and presented to the craft for voting at the First Occasional Grand Lodge Session.

After the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge, he shall deliver to his successor in office all funds, monies and properties of the Grand Lodge entrusted to his care, custody, control and possession, and he shall take from such successor in office a duplicate receipt therefore, one of which he shall leave with said successor in office.

Should there be a newly elected Grand Secretary at this year's Annual Grand Lodge Session I pledge to follow the Constitution to the letter and provide to my successor all records, repositories, properties, and knowledge through a diligent turnover.

He shall keep an accurate record of the Grand Lodge Charity Fund. Upon receipt of an application and recommendation from the Committee on Charity, he shall draw a draft upon the Grand Treasury.

This constitutional item is now obsolete as the Grand Lodge does not maintain the Charity Fund anymore. Members are no longer assessed dues for the Charity Fund nor are payments made. However, as noted in the Charity Report produced by the Grand Treasurer, the Grand Lodge continues to dispense charity. See the Annual Report on Charity MY 2024.

He shall cause to be printed in substance the proceedings of the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge in such form as approved by the Grand Master, he will transmit and receive all intra-jurisdictional and foreign correspondence of the Grand Lodge if required by the Grand Master;

This annual Grand Lodge session is the first for myself as the Grand Secretary. As such it will be the first time that I must prepare proceedings of an Annual Communication. Consisting of more than just minutes it is my personal goal to ensure that the proceedings are prepared for submission by the Chairman Committee on Foreign Correspondence to each Grand Lodge that we share amity with.

He shall be bonded in such sum(s) with such surety or sureties as the Grand Lodge may require.

It is worth noting that only the Grand Secretary is bonded, and not the staff within the Office of the Grand Secretary, therefore he is the only one who processes money. Recall that 1,807 transactions for a total of \$1,028,616.51. This is a significant portion of the time spent executing the duties of the Office.

He shall receive compensation for his services rendered as Grand Secretary.

This question has been asked of me before and the answer is yes, the Grand Secretary is compensated for services rendered. However, in no such way is this equivalent to a paycheck for the work that is done. Serving in this office is a labor of love for the Craft and for the institution.

Grand Master's Priorities

Semi Annual Taxes and Annual Taxes

Semi Annual Return Due Dates and Annual Return Due Dates

I have combined these four priorities of the Grand Master as this should be talked about holistically. Having observed a full cycle of the Masonic year there are a number of observations that are worth sharing with the body. But, in order to keep this a report and not have it become a dissertation I will simply state that training needs to be done with the body in regard to the taxes of this Grand Lodge, how they are applied and how and when they are to be paid. I intend to prepare such training so that it can be presented to the Lodges.

Secretary Tool Training

Throughout this Masonic Year the Office of the Grand Secretary has conducted Secretary Tool training. We have also recorded this training and provided instruction to Myra Grand Chapter as well. On August 2, 2024 the Secretary's Tool was updated to version 2.0 and as such all training needs to be redone. The first such training will occur at this year's annual session.

Dispensations

This year there were 196 dispensations requested from a total of 42 Lodges. Considering the fact that there are 82 chartered Lodges, 80 of which are active, this begs the question: what are the remaining 50% of our Lodges doing in their communities and to raise funds for the Lodge?

Interjurisdictional transfers

There were 13 requests for interjurisdictional transfer from Lodge to Lodge. As I review these transfer requests, I pay close attention to the Lodge the member is departing as well as the Lodge that the member is joining. This migration tells a story that should not be ignored because it helps understand the health of the Lodges, the Districts, the Regions, and the Jurisdiction as a whole.

Reinstatement

This year there were a total of 29 requested reinstatements. Additionally, there were 25 submissions for the amnesty program, for a total of 54 members brought back into the jurisdiction.

Demits

In direct contrast to those returning there were 21 requests for to demit out of the jurisdiction. However, when combined with the 8 requests to demit into the jurisdiction there is a gain of 41 members.

Necrology Management and accountability

Though the necrology report is presented under separate cover it is worth noting that there were 32 deaths in the jurisdiction this Masonic year. When these numbers are looked at in totality with the reinstatements and demits, we had a net gain of nine members. The organization is not growing. Death, that Grand leveler of human greatness, is winning.

Raffle Ticket Accountability Program

The raffle ticket program falls under the purview of the Junior Grand Warden. However, it is my responsibility to assist him by providing a record of every transaction involving the raffle tickets. Additionally, my office is the collection point for said raffle tickets.

Coordination with the Grand Treasurer and Grand Auditor to conduct quarterly Audits

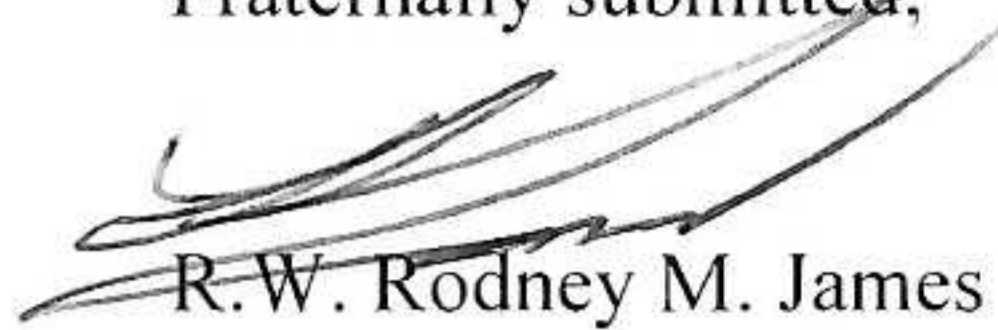
If there's any one section where I have not been personally satisfied it is this. It is my intent to pursue the transition of the fiscal receipt process for both the Lodges and the Grand Lodge to one that is all electronic. There are many benefits to executing this. But planning will require the cooperation of the Grand Treasurer's office as well as that of the Grand Auditor. I am not dissatisfied by a lack of cooperation from these offices, more so in the fact that there was no time in my schedule for the cooperation to occur. I intend to change that in the ensuing year.

Dispensations and Warrants

Although this is not one of the 12 listed priorities of the office, it is one that required a report. However, this is an unusual Masonic Year in that majority of the Lodges in the jurisdiction have operated under a dispensation at some point for the purpose of having their charters scanned and digitized. Those who have not will find their dispensations have been printed and are awaiting

signature and the seal of the jurisdiction, to be issued at this year's Annual Session. Additionally, there has been one Lodge that has been rechartered, Mt. Horeb Lodge No. 24. And though there is one warrant under discussion no warrants have been issued.

Fraternally submitted,



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Masonic Year 2023-2024
Saturday, 22 June 2024**

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GRAND MASTER**

**Senior Grand Warden William Davidson III., (Presiding)
Regional Deputy Grand Master Willard N. Beach, Southern Region (Host Region)
District Deputy Grand Master Gerald Battle, 5th Masonic District (Host District)
Worshipful Master Jermaine O. Commadore, Victoria Lodge No. 71 (Host Lodge)**

Devotional

Grand Chaplain, RW/Bishop Orlando Wilson led devotional.

Opening

On Friday June 21, 2024 the 2nd Occasional Grand Lodge was opened and called from labor to refreshment. The 2nd OGL resumed labor on June 22, 2024 with RWSGW Davidson presiding.

Reception of Appointed Grand Lodge Officers

RWSGW Davidson received and welcomed the Appointed Grand Lodge Officers.

Reception of Most Worshipful Grand Master Noel C. Osborne, Sr. and Elected Grand Lodge Officers:

RW Davidson raised the Craft to receive Most Worshipful Grand Master Noel C. Osborne, Sr. The Most Worshipful Grand Master and Elected Grand Lodge Officers entered and stood west of the altar. The Grand Master was received, welcomed and rendered Grand Honors. Once the Most Worshipful Grand Master was seated in the Grand East the SGW continued with the agenda.

Reception of the Past Grand Masters

The MWGM received the Past Grand Masters. At this time, he presented MW Leon Beard with his PGM apron as it arrived later than anticipated. After the presentation and the rendering of Grand Honors they were escorted to the East.

Reception of the Heads of the Concordant Bodies

The MWGM received the Heads of the Concordant Bodies and welcomed them to a seat in the East.

Roll Call of Grand Lodge Officers and Constituent Lodge Officers

RW Grand Secretary Rodney James called the rolls of our Elected/Appointed Grand Lodge Officers. Roll call of constituent lodges was begun. A motion was placed on the floor, and seconded, to suspend the roll call of constituent lodges due to the registration in place. Motion was carried.

Greetings from Host District and Lodge

The DDGM of the 5th District, RW Battle brought greetings and informed the Craft that there will be lunched served after the OGLS. He then brought forward WM Commadore of Victoria Lodge No. 71 who brought greetings and covered the necessary safety concerns for the body. He also brought forward information about an event the lodge is hosting.

Declaration

The MWGM declared the 2nd OGLS open in Ample Form and the DGM set protocol.

Committee on Rules:

RW Purnell Carter, Grand Parliamentarian, stated the governing documents will be the Constitution of the MWPHGL, Protocol Manual, authorized Ritual, Policy Manual, Robert Rules of Order. This Occasional Grand Lodge Meeting falls under Article II, Powers of the Grand Lodge; Article VII, Powers & Duties of Grand Lodge Officers; and Article XXXVII, Amendments, Alterations and Additions. General Rules adhered to are Article XVI, Rules 1- 19; Article XI, Voting; and Article XXXV, Regalia and Dress.

Hagerstown Oak Spring Property

RW Barry Hackey provided an update on the Hagerstown property. He provided an updated timeline for events that have occurred since April 2024. He informed the body of the remaining steps and the requests for proposals that are being submitted to gain quotes for completion of the work.

Reports on Special Board and Trials:

Deputy Grand Master, RW Kevin L. Barney Jr, covered the following trials held during the 2nd Quarter or held over from the 1st Quarter.

1. P.M. Elijah Bowens (Andrew J. Evans Lodge No. 102) – Unsubstantiated.

MWGM took an opportunity to explain to the Craft how Due Process must be afforded and due to the civil case, that was ongoing it was in the interest of the Grand Lodge to wait until a judgement was rendered. At trial he was found not guilty and as such our own verdict was found to be unsubstantiated. PM Bowens was to be reinstated. A motion was placed on the floor, seconded and carried for PM Bowens to be reinstated.

2. Bro. Paul Johnson, (King David Lodge No. 18) – Trial board recommended expulsion.

Before a vote was held the Grand Parliamentarian explained who within the body was eligible to vote on this matter. After the explanation a motion was placed on the floor, seconded and carried for Bro. Paul Johnson to be expelled.

Minutes from the 175th AGLS

The Grand Secretary was called upon to read the minutes of the 174th AGLS and informed the Craft that he had not received the minutes from the previous Office of the Grand Secretary. He noted that the minutes from the 1st OGLS are posted in the Secretary's Tool.

Prior to continuing the Session, the SGW informed the body that WM Cordell Hall of James E. Stewart Lodge No 49 was involved in an accident while transiting to the OGLS. He sustained injuries and is being treated. The Lodge secretary will provide updates as necessary.

Report on the 175th AGLS

RWJGW Randolph Smith gave his report on the 175th AGLS which was the 1st Joint Session. For the benefit of the Craft the report as read is to be posted into the Secretary's Tool. There were 5 recommendations from the committee: 1) The 2nd Joint Session be held at the Ocean City Convention Center; 2) All Appointed Grand Lodge Officer who work during the session have their registration fee or the hotel waived, one or the other but not both; 3) Registration for the session be conducted online; 4) The GL/GC establish a contract with the host hotel that can accommodate the needs of the body with reasonable room rates; 5) That the planning committee forgo the Saturday Lunch to have more food at the day party and help offset the cost of the session. A question was asked regarding the recommendations in the report. The answer was that they are just recommendations and the JGW will present to the MWGM the direction that he wants to go in and the MWGM will make the decision and inform the body. A motion was placed on the floor, seconded and carried by the Craft to accept the report of the 175th AGLS.

Committee on Recognition

RW Gilbert Davidson spoke on the withdrawal of recognition from the Grand Lodge of Lebanon. It was ultimately determined that the Grand Lodge of Lebanon does not conform to the requirements for Amity as established by the constitution.

Grand Parliamentarian

The Grand Parliamentarian addressed a concern from the floor about voting eligibility within the OGLS. He clarified who the voting members of the Grand Lodge are when open in Ample Form, both permanent and annual members. After the explanation given a motion was placed on the floor, seconded and carried by the Craft to accept the report of the CCFC regarding withdrawal of recognition from the Grand Lodge of Lebanon.

Presentation

The MWGM presented the first recipients of the King Solomon Leadership award to the Deputy Grand Master, Senior Grand Warder, Junior Grand Warden, Grand Treasurer, and Grand Secretary. He noted that this award will recognize the efforts of those leaders who make significant impact at the Grand Lodge and within their lodges on behalf of the Grand Lodge.

The MWGM also presented a lifetime achievement award to PM Everett O. Johnson Sr. and to PM Josephus L. Harris, Jr.

Following, presentations of additional recipients of the King Solomon award were made.

The MWGM then appointed RW Herbert Stevenson as a MWPGM (posthumously).

Chairman, Committee on Foreign Correspondence

RW Gilbert Davidson covered the events occurring outside of the jurisdiction that the Grand Lodge will be participating in. He also implored the Craft to continue to reach out for support from the Office of the CCFC.

Director of Safety and Security

RW Reginald Baker spoke on the requirement to meet regulations determining who is authorized to Concealed Carry within the structures. He gave a reminder to Law Enforcement to submit the request if they are not in an official capacity when they carry. RW Baker then proceeded to cover summer safety as the hotter weather is upon us.

Committee on Jurisprudence

The Grand Parliamentarian briefed on behalf of RW Randall Craig. He discussed the bylaws as being in compliance for Fredericktonian Lodge No. 12 and Jessie J. Shanks Lodge No. 137. They are ready for voting by the Craft. He also discussed adding the Director of Safety and Security to the constitution. Upon conclusion of the brief a motion was placed on the floor, seconded and carried by the Craft to approve the bylaws of Fredericktonian Lodge No. 12 and Jessie J. Shanks Lodge No. 137.

Board of Trustees:

RW Marc Rollins covered the pending permit for placing the bricks that were ordered during the fire sale and those originally ordered under the legacy brick program. He then briefed the status of the fire alarm system for the Grand Lodge. The Fire Marshall inspected the buildings and electrical repairs were required to get the buildings to code. Additional corrections were needed to the amount of \$187,000, all paid for by grants. The MWGM came to the podium to thank RW Marc Rollings and the RWSGW Davidson for their efforts in satisfying the requirements levied by the Fire Marshall.

Grand Lecturer:

RW Darryl Jefferson addressed the second degree exemplification and the requirement to show the Office of the Grand Lecturer that the Entered Apprentices have shown proficiency in open lodge. He also addressed the state of the rituals for the jurisdiction.

Grand Worthy Patron

RW Carl Jones presented an appeal to the Craft to join the Order of the Eastern Star as they are in need of Brothers to support their chapters. He also addressed the banquet taking place on June 28, 2024. RWSGW implored the Craft to support the banquet.

Chief of Staff:

MWPGM Pryor covered the upcoming travels of the MWGM over the next quarter.

Committee on Necrology

RWGS James covered the necrology report. To date there were 19 deaths in the jurisdiction, 18 stateside and 1 overseas. RW Jefferson, Grand Lecturer, provided comments. RW Wilson, Grand Chaplain, offered a prayer.

Grand Secretary:

RW James began his comments by discussing the semi-annual returns. He noted that the GL Raffle Tickets are being tracked along with the semi-annual returns. The insurance policies for the lodges residing outside of the Grand Lodge were covered along with the due date of June 30, 2024 to have policies submitted to the office of the Grand Secretary. GL Store purchased were discussed and it was noted that members need to be in the Secretary's Tool in order to have items shipped to them. RWGS discussed the printing services that the office now provides to the lodges. He also discussed use of the Secretary's Tool and the placement of the Administrative Tracker into the Lodge Secretary's Resource Folder. A question was placed on the floor on whether there will be training for the Secretary's Tool. In addition to ad-hoc training there will be training at the Annual Session. Another question was placed on the floor about the Grand Lodge Store and why its fees were different than the constitution. It was stated that once the official request is received it will be reviewed by the Office of the Grand Secretary and the Office of the Grand Parliamentarian and an answer returned to the Craft. An additional question was placed on the floor about the notification chain for background checks results.

Grand Treasurer:

RW Stewart Redfield, Grand Treasurer (GT) began his report by addressing the investments. He covered the totals paid in to the investment as well as the gains and losses of the investment. Next, he addressed the arrival of dividend checks from Harbor Bank, which we had no idea why we were receiving. After thorough research it was discovered that the Grand Lodge was in possession of over 17,000 shares of Harbor Bank stock. The bank admitted that they had not sent dividend checks in over 15 years. The Grand Treasurer requested the Grand Master to allow him to invest the money so that it continues to grow. A question was placed on the floor about the source of the shares purchased, but records do not reflect who purchased the shares. Another question was placed on what is the plan for the money and if there is a plan to spend it. At this time there is not but the MWGM made it plain that it will be brought before the Craft to make the decision. The GT talked about QuickBooks and recommended that Districts purchase the desktop version of QuickBooks before it goes offline. Afterwards the GT revealed his pending plan to generate wealth for the Grand Lodge. It is still in development. There was a question on the floor about the sales charge on the investments. The GT provided an explanation on the charges.

Junior Grand Warden:

RW Smith returned to the podium to make a correction to his previously rendered report on the AGLS. He also thanked the 5th District for their efforts in supporting the hospitality of AGLS. The 21st of June was the deadline for the Crab Feast tickets. The 2023 GL Raffle brought in \$122,692.50. The 2024 Raffle has brought in \$92,348. The JGW also covered the upcoming Prince Hall Day Weekend and its events. Next, he discussed the 176th AGLS, running from Dec 6-8. He is assisted by RW Mike Haynie in the planning for the session.

Senior Grand Warden:

RW William Davidson III brought brief comments. He thanked the brothers and asked for a round of applause for the 5th District and their hospitality.

Deputy Grand Master:

RW Kevin L. Barney informed the craft of the 3rd Occasional GLS on September 28, 2024 hosted by John A. Holmes. Next the DGM addressed the insurance and the requirement to submit the insurance declaration. Failure to do so will mean denial of any event the lodges seek to put on. For those that meet in the Grand Lodge the insurance bill will be submitted soon. The delay was due to efforts to negotiate the insurance premium with the insurance company. But there will be a significant increase in the premium paid by the lodges. The DGM then brought forward the MWGM.

Most Worshipful Grand Master:

MWGM Osborne began by thanking WM Commadore, RW Battle, and the Southern Region in its entirety. He then called RW Willard Beach to the altar as the head of the Southern Region. At the altar the MWGM read the proclamation appointing RW Beach as a MWPGM effective June 22, 2024. The MWGM then brought comments to the craft about his vision for the jurisdiction moving forward. He proceeded to discuss rental income, and the insurance policy increase. After bringing further comments he then closed the 2nd OGLS in abbreviated form

Faternally,

Rodney M. James

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Grand Secretary

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**3RD OCCASIONAL GRAND LODGE MEETING
Masonic Year 2023-2024
Saturday, 28 September 2024**

**WILLARD W. ALLEN MASONIC TEMPLE
1307 Eutaw Place
Baltimore, Maryland 21217**

**MOST WORSHIPFUL NOEL C. OSBORNE, SR., 33°
GRAND MASTER**

**Deputy Grand Master Kevin L. Barney, Jr. (Presiding)
Regional Deputy Grand Master James Booker, Norther Region (Host Region)
District Deputy Grand Master Leonard Smith, 18th Masonic District (Host District)
Worshipful Master Jeffery Tallie, John A. Holmes Lodge No. 89 (Host Lodge)**

Devotional

Grand Chaplain, RW/Bishop Orlando Wilson led devotional.

Opening

On Friday September 27, 2024 the 3rd Occasional Grand Lodge was opened and called from labor to refreshment. The 3rd OGL resumed labor on September 28, 2024 with RWDGM Barney presiding.

Reception of Appointed Grand Lodge Officers

RWDGM Barney received and welcomed the Appointed Grand Lodge Officers.

Reception of Most Worshipful Grand Master Noel C. Osborne, Sr. and Elected Grand Lodge Officers:

RW Barney received the Hon. Noel C. Osborne, Sr., The Most Worshipful Grand Master and the Elected Grand Lodge Officers. After the Grand Master was received, welcomed and rendered Grand Honors. Once the Most Worshipful Grand Master was seated in the Grand East the DGM continued with the agenda.

Reception of the Past Grand Masters

The MWGM brought brief comments of welcome then received the Past Grand Masters.

Reception of the Heads of the Concordant Bodies

The MWGM received the Heads of the Concordant Bodies and welcomed them to a seat in the East.

Roll Call of Grand Lodge Officers and Constituent Lodge Officers

RW Deputy Grand Secretary Jack Jones called the rolls of our Elected/Appointed Grand Lodge Officers. Roll call of constituent lodges was begun. A motion was placed on the floor, and seconded, to suspend the roll call of constituent lodges due to the registration in place. Motion was carried.

Committee on Rules:

RW Purnell Carter, Grand Parliamentarian, stated the governing documents will be the Constitution of the MWPHGL, Protocol Manual, authorized Ritual, Policy Manual, Robert Rules of Order. This Occasional Grand Lodge Meeting falls under Article II, Powers of the Grand Lodge; Article VII, Powers & Duties of Grand Lodge Officers; and Article XXXVII, Amendments, Alterations and Additions. General Rules adhered to are Article XVI, Rules 1- 19; Article XI, Voting; and Article XXXV, Regalia and Dress. The Grand Parliamentarian then proceeded to poll the room and determine the voting strength of the eligible voting members present. This was based on the determination made at the previous OGLS that the room would be divided by voting members and non-voting members. The total voting strength was 281 and the passing vote is 210. As it is easier to count those who oppose a passing vote will be determined by counting to the 71 required votes to shoot down the item being voted on. Anything less than 71 in opposition will pass.

Reports on Inquiries

The MWGM came to the podium to level set the craft and implore them to focus on the facts and not their emotions. He addressed the due process being afforded to the RWSGW and asked the craft to respect the process. The MWGM then addressed the inquiries to be discussed.

1. Sis. Robbie Chrishon-Skinner (Zorah Chapter No. 36): The trial was to be conducted by the SGW, and the senior trial board member was to be RW Jews. However, per the constitution, Article XIV, Section 2, Twentieth, Sis Skinner was to be expelled based on her bringing suit against the Grand Master before her trial was held.
2. Bro. Mark Brown (King David Lodge No. 18): Misappropriation of Funds. Bro Brown was found guilty of misappropriation of funds and was recommended for expulsion. The Craft voted and approved the recommendation of expulsion.

Committee on Jurisprudence

The Deputy Grand Parliamentarian, RW Otis Wilson briefed on behalf of RW Randall Craig. He discussed the bylaws of Eden Lodge No. 72 as being approved. Per the direction of the MWGM, article XXXVII, section 2 was enacted. He then proceeded to address the constitutional amendments which are as follows:

RECOMMENDATION #1

Article V – ELECTION AND APPOINTMENT OF GRAND LODGE OFFICERS

Recommended Change:

“Any elected officer of the MWPHGL of F&AM of MD and its jurisdiction, Inc., or any concordant body owing allegiance to this Grand Lodge, who has a judgment or lien exceeding \$100,000 for more than five years, shall be ineligible to hold or retain office within this jurisdiction”.

Discussion was held on this amendment, with words brought forth by the MWGM and RW Kip Hall. There was a question from the floor regarding a brother desirous of running for office, how will the craft know if that brother meets those qualifications. The MWGM answered that the information will be provided soon. An additional question was posed on if the judgement was against the individual or their business too. The answer was that it was about the individual. The vote was majority in approval of the amendment.

A question was placed on the floor about whether there would be an answer on the question from the previous OGLS regarding the discrepancy between the constitution and the Grand Lodge store. The Grand Parliamentarian addressed the question on the record and stated that the constitution is the governing document and the store cannot change the governing document.

The Committee then returned to the podium to address the approval of the bylaws for Eden Lodge No. 72. The

craft voted to approve the bylaws. Two additional amendments were addressed but tabled till the AGLS, the first was the regalia of the Office of the Grand Parliamentarian and the second was the inclusion of the Director of Safety and Security in the Constitution.

Presentations

The DGM then called for presentations. A number of Brothers received the King Solomon leadership award. While presenting the awards the MWGM appointed RW Kevin Sanders a Regional Deputy Grand Master Emeritus.

Chairman, Committee on Foreign Correspondence

RW Gilbert Davidson covered the events occurring outside of the jurisdiction that the Grand Lodge will be participating in. He also implored the Craft to continue to reach out for support from the Office of the CCFC. If there is a Grand Lodge Officer attending with your travels let him know so that proper coordination can be made to receive them in that foreign jurisdiction.

Judge Jackson-Stevenson, Anne Arundel Circuit Court Judge

The craft was called from labor to refreshment and Judge Janina Jackson-Stevenson spoke to the body. She provided her background, and her platform. She is running to retain her appointed seat in Anne Arundel County.

Presentations continued

Zion Lodge No. 4 presented the MWGM and DGM with shirts featuring the lodge emblem. S.T. Kendall Lodge No. 153 presented a check to the MWGM in the amount of \$2,100 for the African American Diabetes Association.

Committee on Necrology

RWGS James covered the necrology report. To date there were 28 deaths in the jurisdiction, 27 stateside and 1 overseas. RW Wilson, Grand Chaplain, offered a prayer.

Grand Secretary:

RW James began his comments by promising to have the minutes of the 2nd and 3rd OGLS in the reports at the AGLS. He then addressed the Annual Returns. They have been posted. The deadline is October 16, 2024. There was a question placed on the floor about the returns are due before the dues are due at the end of the year. The response was that dues are due at the beginning of the year, not the end. The registration for the AGLS was discussed and the automation is reported to be working fine. Also, the update to the Secretary's Tool happened on October 2, 2024. A question was placed regarding issues and concerns with the tool, who do we address them to. The answer is to the Office of the Grand Secretary.

Grand Treasurer:

RW Stewart Redfield, Grand Treasurer (GT) began his report by addressing the status of the Grand Lodge accounts. He reviewed each account and covered the accounts receivable. GT then addressed the cost of the OGLS and the increased costs going from \$12 to \$15. A question was asked why the lodges were paying for 6 members and not the elected 5 members. The response was that it was done this way at a time when lodges had 6 elected officers. It hasn't changed since, and it was further asked if it could be established as a policy. The MWGM answered in the affirmative. The GT then addressed the registration for the AGLS and how the cost varies by phase. On 17 October the cost will go from \$225 to \$275. Onsite registration will be \$400. The Grand Lodge store will create the form on behalf of the member. Bulk purchases can be made. The GT then spoke on the current status of the investments. A question was asked on whether the fee was a one-time fee, and it is.

Another question was presented asking if the investment was a mutual fund. It is. A third question was asked about whether the investment report would be sent with the treasurer's report and it is. The GT then addressed how we have our money in a sweep account for the bank to use and how they pay us for this access. The question was placed on whether the bank would pay us if they lose the money, and it is insured.

Junior Grand Warden:

RW Smith presented the Grand Masters Testimonial report. There were no questions on the report. A motion was placed on the floor, seconded and carried by the Craft to accept the report of the 2023 Testimonial. The JGW then addressed the Annual Master Mason Ball occurring on Nov 2, 2024. The JGW then presented the Children's Cookout report. There were no questions. A motion was placed on the floor, seconded and carried by the Craft to accept the report. The next report addressed was for the Prince Hall Day Service. There were no questions. A motion was placed on the floor, seconded and carried by the Craft to accept the report. The final report was for the Crab Feast. There were no questions. A motion was placed on the floor, seconded and carried by the Craft to accept the report. The final comment from the JGW was regarding the AGLS. He brought RW Mike Haynie to the podium to discuss the session.

Deputy Grand Master:

RW Kevin L. Barney addressed the insurance policy. There was one lodge deficient, but six concordant bodies were deficient. For each of them, if not received by the first, the charter will be taken. DGM then called forward the Grand Historian, RW Seymour Chambers to address the Bicentennial. He covered the Grand Lodge 2025 calendar and the coin that has been created for sale. He also noted the next sponsored lecture held at the Grand Lodge, led by Tony Browder.

Most Worshipful Grand Master:

The DGM called up the MWGM. The MWGM announced that while in Trinidad he made Bro. Derek Young a PM and a RW DDGM-at-Large. He presented the apron and jewel to the WM of William F. Taylor Lodge No. 57 on his behalf. The MWGM then presented the following Brothers with MWPGM honors: Jack L. Jones; Daryl Jefferson Sr.; Albert Queen; Dwayne E. Wright, Sr.; Julio A. Martinez; Gilbert Davidson; Reginald Baker; Odell W. Wilson; Kevin E. Cosby, Sr.; Stewart V. Redfield, Jr.

Greetings from Host District and Lodge

The DDGM of the 18th District, RW Smith brought greetings. He then brought forward WM Jeff Tallie of John A. Holmes Lodge No. 89 who brought greetings.

The MWGM called for a moment of silence for the 25th MWGM, Lee A. Taylor. He then proceeded to close the 3rd OGLS in abbreviated form.

Fraternally,

Rodney M. James

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Grand Secretary