



# Clarion



★★★ Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry — Prince Hall Affiliated — Orient of Illinois ★★★

MARSHALL FAULK JOINS THE RITE

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# Mentorship

NEW STATE GRAND LOYAL LADY RULER

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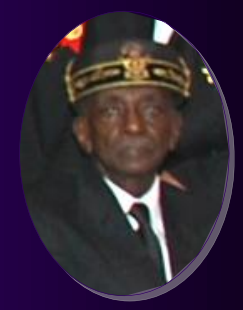


**MENTORSHIP IN THE ORIENT OF ILLINOIS**  
**Helping Our Youth to Sketch Their Next Moves in the Game of Life**

## Peace Be Unto the Ashes

The solemn notes that betoken the dissolution of this Earthly tabernacle have again alarmed our outer door and another spirit has been summoned to that land which our fathers have gone before us. Again we are called to assemble among the habitation of the dead to behold that narrow house appointed for all the living. Here in that peace which the world cannot give or take away lie the unnumbered dead. The gentle breeze fans their verdant covering. yet, they heed it not. Stones and lettered monuments signify the affections of surviving friends and loved ones. Yet, no sound proceeds from them save that silent but thrilling admonition—"seek ye the narrow path and the straight gate that leads to eternal life."

*May peace be unto the ashes of our fallen Fraters.*



*Grand Inspector General Robert DeCuir, 33°*



## From the Desk of the Deputy for the Orient

**SOVEREIGN GRAND INSPECTOR GENERAL MELVIN FRIERSON, 33<sup>o</sup>**

Greetings,

God is truly blessing our Orient, at this years Council of Deliberation we had a grand and productive session. The attendance was really good and I thank each of you who took the time to come, share and be a part of our 96th Annual Session.

At this session we again added on some new initiatives and continued with those of the past that you embraced so well. I want to thank GIG Dr. Ernest Jackson for conducting a free dental clinic and dental examinations, GIG Oscar Pickett for spearheading and conducting the golf tournament, The Assistant to the Deputy GIG Charles Burns and GIG Floyd Woods II for conducting a CPR training course and establishing a First Aid Medical Department in our Council and last but not least the Christland Singers for their superb performance at the annual Gospel Fest.

Congratulations to the new elevated Sublime Princes and new Loyal Ladies, WELCOME TO OUR RITE. I am pleased to announce to you that National Football League Hall of Fame member Marshall Faulk is now a member of the Orient, specifically Tyree Consistory No. 64. (see picture in the inside of this edition).

Brothers and Sisters, we are so grateful and thankful to those of you who find it in your heart to contribute to the needy and less fortunate members of our several communities, who contribute to the education of our young people and to the many other charitable acts we do to enhance the quality of life for others. As you know in the year of 2013 we established the ALMS CLUB as a way of supplementing our Benevolent Fund. The names of those who join the club will be published in the next issue of the Clarion. Additional information pertaining to the ALMS CLUB can be found inside this edition. Ladies please feel free to pledge and becomes a member also.

Finally, I pray that in this new year, we will commit, recommit, dedicate, rededicate ourselves to being a blessing to someone who may be in need of our help and to Charity, the mission of our great institution. I thank God for each of you and for your continuous support of Freemasonry and for letting me be just another brother in your midst.

*May God bless and keep you and yours throughout the year.*



## From the Grand Secretary for the Orient

**SOVEREIGN GRAND INSPECTOR GENERAL JAMES A. MITCHELL, 33<sup>o</sup>, GRAND SECRETARY**

The 96th Illinois Council of Deliberation under the auspice of the MICIC Melvin Frierson, was exciting, fruitful, well attended, and successful. We congratulate the seven 2013 MSA recipients namely Ernest Jackson, John L. Richardson, Aubrey Barlow, Milton Jackson, Daryl Andrews, Charles Holiday, and Gordon Brewer, all 33rd degree masons. Other award recipients were SGIG Lafayette Gatling (Frank Summer's Stellar Award), SGIG Charles Carter (Alms Club Award), GIG W.W. Jackson (Alms Club Award), GIG Charles Burns (Distinguish Scottish Rite Award), GIG Oscar Pickett (Scottish Rite Mason of the Year), GIG Davis C. James (Peer of the Year Award), and GIG John Foreman (Scottish Rite Masonic Award).

We furthermore congratulate the thirteen (13) Sublime Princes who were nominated for 33rd and last degree. They are Reginald Johnson, Keith Roach, Lewis Maxwell, Tony Stafford, Hewitt Douglass, Melvin Jordon, Michael Maura, Clarence Pinkney, Major Lacy, Justin Johnson, Kevin Ellis, Ernest Young, and Kermit Young. These Sublime Princes will be placed in the 2015 Class. We thank those of you who participated in the successful "In House Raffle"!

Don't forget to support the Illinois Council (PHA) in its efforts to help the less fortunate, provide educational assistance, and participate in social service activities. By supporting the ICD Projects, Alms Club, In House Raffles, et cetera will allow us to continue to do the things that help others.

The MICIC Melvin Frierson ask that we continue to prepare for the United Supreme Council's Annual Session which will be held in Chicago, IL in 2015.



*A well prepared man never trembles – African Proverb*







**ISGA News**  
**NEW STATE GRAND**  
**LOYAL LADY RULER**

As State Grand Loyal Lady Ruler, I bring you greetings and wishes for a season of peace and unity throughout this Holiday Season and the ensuing year. It is indeed an honor and a privilege to have been elected to preside over the Illinois

State Grand Assembly, Order of the Golden Circle, Prince Hall Affiliated.

As we enter the new year, let us remember to keep in touch with our elder members who paved the way for us and open our arms to ladies that display an earnest interest in becoming a Loyal Lady.

As the 37th State Grand Loyal Lady Ruler, one of my goals is to advance the interest of this Grand Assembly and the order in general with the approval of our Deputy in compliance with our rules and regulations and the support of the subordinate Assemblies.

Phone calls, a card in the mail or occasional visits to those home bound for various reasons makes for a brighter day. I am looking forward to a banner year.

*Fraternally Yours in Peace and Unity,*  
 Loyal Lady Barbara J. Washington  
 State Grand Loyal Lady Ruler

**Divine Inspirations**

**SUBLIME PRINCE T.F.G. DERAMUS, 32<sup>o</sup>**

To have faith is to understand how life works. If you have a building that stands on weak foundation it will fall, so be sure the building you build is on a strong foundation so it will not fall. In life your faith should be just as strong so your soul will not fall.



**Feedback from Prior Editions**

**GRAND INSPECTOR GENERAL DARYL ANDREWS, 33<sup>o</sup>, EDITOR**

“The timeline for the Orient of Illinois was good ammo for clearing up questions that came to me via Facebook.”

- *Online communications engines are the source for a lot of rumors and confusion. There are many online Generals who are armed with duds. To get fully loaded, purchase Legatos: Deputies for the Orient of Illinois from 1913-2008.*

“I received a copy of your Clarion Newsletter and was very impressed. I would certainly like to see some of your future editions.”

- *Thank you for the feedback. We are working very hard to provide quality and improve with each edition.*

“DeRamus has a lot on his mind and it is all good. I like the sayings and affirmations. Maybe it’s time for a book...”

- *He deserves his just due for his original compositions. DeRamus—It may be time for a book...*

“You should make the Father-Son spotlight a column.”

- *Great initial idea by GIG Pickett. Sounds like a plan.*

“Good stuff with the ‘Interview with a Sovereign’ article. I didn’t know Emmanuel ‘Webster’ Lewis was a Phylaxis member. Do these types of connections normally occur there?”

- *The Phylaxis Society Conventions provide great opportunities to meet members at all levels and from all walks of life without placing a major focus on titles or celebrity. I joined after talking to the late SGIG Brian L. Abrams Sr. and Past Grand Master Jerry Butler. From there, we got a local Chapter started in Chicago. Visit [www.ThePhylaxis.org](http://www.ThePhylaxis.org) to join.*



“Keep up the good work on the editions.”

- *Special thanks to Grand Inspector General James Rivers Thompson who will be joining the editorial team. His input will improve future publications.*

**Submissions Timeline**

The submissions Cutoff for the next edition of the Scottish Rite Clarion Newsletter is **MARCH 15, 2014.**

Please feel free to forward submissions including articles, photos, suggestions and feedback for consideration to be included in an upcoming edition to:

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# Illinois Council of Deliberation



The 96th Annual Session of the Illinois Council of Deliberation, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry, Northern Jurisdiction, PHA was held on October 18-20, 2013 at the Abraham Lincoln Hotel in Springfield, Illinois. The weekend session began with the Commanders of the Rite meeting under the leadership of Grand Inspector General Floyd Woods Sr. At this session, 13 Sublime Princes were nominated to receive the 33rd and last degree of Freemasonry. Following the session, the festivities began with musical praise to our Heavenly Father in the form of a Gospel Concert presented by the band led by Sovereign Grand Inspector General Lafayette Gatling Sr.—The Christland Singers. The Group lifted the spirits of those in attendance and prepared the hearts and minds of the Fraters and Loyal Ladies for the sessions which were slated to begin on the following day.

The Illinois Council of Deliberation and Illinois State Grand Assembly Sessions ran harmoniously without a hitch. The finances and operations of the Council and the Grand Assembly are in good order. Special congratulations are due to Loyal Lady Barbara J. Washington, the new State Grand Loyal Lady Ruler and to the newly elected and appointed officers of the Grand Assembly.

The evening banquet was well attended and was a grand success filled with a surprise. The Orient welcomed the Blanton-Burney Class of Sublime Princes under the leadership of Sublime Prince Carlton Smith, #28. Seven Grand Inspectors General were selected to receive the Meritorious Service Award (MSA). Well deserving representatives were selected as Scottish Rite Mason of the Year, Peer of the Year, Franks Summers Stellar Award recipient, Distinguished Member Award recipient, Alms Club Award recipients and other awards. During the presentations to the Deputy for the Orient, Sovereign Grand Inspector General Melvin Frierson, to his great surprise, became the very first recipient of the York Rite Service Award as he is the ONLY Prince Hall Mason within the history of Freemasonry in Illinois to have served as Grand High Priest of a Royal Arch Grand Chapter, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge and Deputy for an Orient. This presentation and others concluded a stellar banquet.

The Sunday morning session of the Illinois Council of Deliberation opened after the crack of dawn. Final reports were presented before the Council and the nominees for the 33rd and last degree were introduced to the body. After the business of the Council concluded, a circle for prayer was formed to close the Council in the same way that it opened—giving praise to our Heavenly Father and requesting traveling grace to the various destinations.

## Congratulations to the thirteen (13) Sublime Princes who were nominated for 33rd and last degree:



- Reginald Johnson
- Keith Roach
- Lewis Maxwell
- Tony Stafford

- Hewitt Douglass
- Melvin Jordon
- Michael Maura
- Clarence Pinkney
- Major Lacy

- Justin Johnson
- Kevin Ellis
- Ernest Young
- Kermit Young





Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry, PHA, Northern Jurisdiction  
2013 Annual Session in Springfield, Illinois



Grand Inspector General Oscar Pickett, 33°  
Scottish Rite Mason of the Year



Davis C. James, 33°  
Peer of the Year



John Foreman, 33°  
Scottish Rite Award



Lafayette Gatling, 33°  
Summers Stellar Award



Charles Burns, 33°  
Distinguished Member



Charles Carter, 33°  
Alms Club Award



William Jackson, 33°  
Alms Club Award

**2013 MERITORIOUS SERVICE AWARDS**



Ernest Jackson, 33°



John Richardson, 33°



Aubrey Barlow, 33°



Milton Jackson, 33°



Daryl Andrews, 33°



Charles Holiday, 33°



Gordon Brewer, 33°



## Illinoisans Travel to Canadian Council of Deliberation

SUBMITTED BY GRAND INSPECTOR GENERAL MILTON JACKSON, 33°



Members from the Orient of Illinois are known to travel across the country in support of initiatives sponsored by other Orients within the United States of America. Several hold honorary memberships in other Orients as a result. This time, visitation was made across the border to Canada to extend the same spirit of brotherhood in a foreign country. Shown here is Western Consistory #28 doing it across the border at Canada's Council of Deliberation on September 21, 2013 where Sovereign Grand Commander Solomon Wallace was honored.

Pictured (l to r): GIG Milton Jackson 33°, GIG John Richardson 33°, Sovereign Grand Commander Solomon Wallace 33°, SGIG Carlisle Blackett 33°—Deputy for the Orient of Canada, GIG Millard V. Driskell 33°—Grand Master of Illinois and SGIG Lafayette Gatling 33°—  
*Photo by Sovereign Grand Inspector General Robert Meekins, 33°, Michigan*

## NFL Hall of Famer Faulk Receives Scottish Rite Degrees

SUBMITTED BY GRAND INSPECTOR GENERAL CARL PICKETT, 33°

In early August of 2013, NFL Hall of Famer, Marshall Faulk earned the salutation of "Brother" by the hands of Most Worshipful



Brother Millard V. Driskell, Grand Master and the brethren of the Fourth District. As a result of his zeal for knowledge in Freemasonry, he has earned his wings. Congratulations to Sublime Prince Marshall Faulk of Tyree Consistory #64 and the Degree Team of Western Consistory #28 on a job well done.

**Seated (l to r):** SGIG Charles Stewart, SP MWPM, SP Marshall Faulk, SP Devin Jones-CIC and GIG Carl Pickett-TPM; **Standing (l to r):** GIGs Charles Burns, Glenn Pickett, Milton Jackson and Gordon Brewer —*Photo submitted by Grand Inspector General William L. Norman, 33°*



## The First Deputy

**SGIG EGBERT S. DICKERSON, 33<sup>o</sup>**

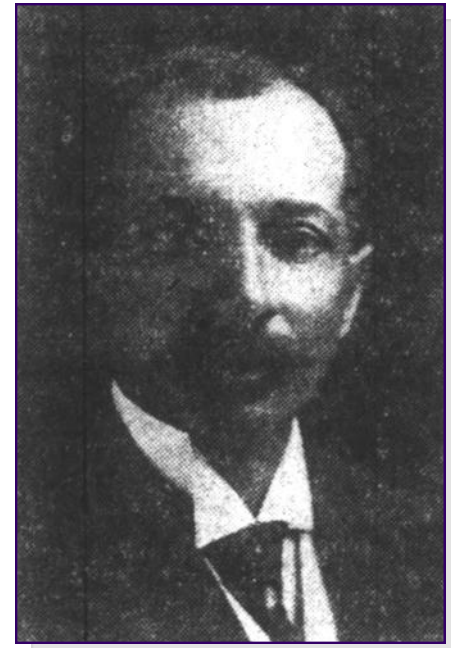
After performing a great deal of digging through multiple archives across the country, we finally found a photo of the very first Deputy for the Orient of Illinois. It gives the Scottish Rite Clarion great pride to introduce to some and to present to others none other than Sovereign Grand Inspector General Egbert S. Dickerson, 33<sup>o</sup>, Deputy for the Orient of Illinois, 1913.

Sovereign Grand Inspector General Dickerson was a prominent physician, by profession, in Cairo at the turn of the 20th Century. Married to the daughter of Past Grand Master Austin Perry, he was a renown surgeon who owned his own practice. and worked to secure top-notch medical service for African American in Southern Illinois.

In 1913, he was appointed the Very first Deputy for the Orient of Illinois after the Supreme Council Northwest

Jurisdiction took the Oath of Fealty to the United Supreme Council. This appointment was given to him while he was serving as Right Eminent Grand Commander of the Prince Hall Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Illinois and President of the International Conference of Knights Templar (ICKT). He was preceded as President of the ICKT by none other than the Sovereign Grand Commander of the Northern Jurisdiction of 1913, namely, Sovereign Grand Inspector General J. Francis Rickards. His secretary in the ICKT was none other than Sovereign Grand Inspector General Richard E. Moore of Chicago.

Sovereign Grand Inspector General Dickerson moved to Indianapolis, Indiana in 1914 to extend his medical practice but continued to serve as Deputy for the Orient, Right Eminent Grand Commander and President of the ICKT. Serving in these roles not only made him the first Deputy for the



Orient but also the first Illinoisan to lead a York Rite and Scottish Rite body at the state level in the History of Prince Hall Freemasonry in Illinois.

Later in 1914, Sovereign Grand Commander Rickards appointed Sovereign Grand Inspector General Moore to succeed him as Deputy.

## The First African American Secret Service Agent

A native of East St. Louis, Illinois, America's first African American Secret Service Agent was none other than Mr. Abraham Bolden. Now a resident of Chicago, his story is one to behold and will be told in the next edition of the Clarion. Stay tuned for the next edition or meet him in person at the Grand East.

### The Echo from Dealey Plaza

The true story of the first African American on the White House Secret Service detail and his quest for justice after the assassination of JFK



### Meet Mr. Abraham Bolden, author of **The Echo from Dealey Plaza**

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# Mentorship

Since being introduced by the Sovereign Grand Commander, Illustrious Dr. Solomon Wallace, 33°, the Cradle to College Program has served as a beacon of light to young men on their ways to adulthood. With mentorship training and activities taking place in the Orient of Illinois under the direction of Grand Inspector General Charles Burns, 33°, Sovereign Grand Inspector General Homer Walton, 33°, and others, mentoring efforts in the Orient of Illinois are in full swing.



## Valley of East St. Louis

• The first mentoring program

established in the Orient at Lovejoy High School in Lovejoy, Illinois is moving well. Nine (9) young men are being mentored.

- In April 2013, a get acquainted reception was held with the mentees, their parents, school administrators and school board members at Lovejoy High School.
- In the program, the mentees try to expose the youth to positive role models, help them to line up their futures by helping them to set academic and career goals, encourage emotional and social growth and provide them with attention.
- These efforts help to foster an increased confidence in the youth and improve self-esteem. Bullying and Anger Management are also being covered.



# Mentorship Efforts in the Orient of Illinois are Helping Our Youth Sketch Their Next Moves in the Game of Life



## Valley of Chicago

- Twelve (12) young men at Simeon High School in Chicago are now being mentored. The mentors spend 1.5 hours per week with their mentees. As of October 2013, this amounted to 414 hours of service during the school year.

## Valley of Springfield

- A mentoring training workshop was held in August in the City of Springfield where twenty (20) mentors went through mentoring training. They are now prepared to push forward with mentoring efforts in the State Capitol.

## PSGC Frank M. Summers

### **BRIEF PROFILE OF A SUPERIOR MENTOR**



A star Track and Field athlete at the Indiana University, Sovereign Grand Inspector General Frank Summers was one of fifteen to earn the highly coveted "I" for his efforts. He endured racial slurs during athletic contests which denigrated him and the fraternity to which he pledged – Kappa Alpha Nu. This resulted in the name change to

Kappa Alpha Psi (KAPΨ) to avoid the Kappa Alpha Nig connection. He was admitted to the Illinois BAR in the 1920s, opened a law firm in East St. Louis with Right Worshipful Brother Louie Orr and utilized his past experiences of discrimination as fuel to promote advocacy and mentorship to many African American athletes from the 1940s until his death. For example, he mentored and represented:

1. **Oscar Johnson and the United States Lawn Tennis Association (USLTA)**—Denied participation in a Missouri SLTA tournament in 1948, Summers sued the national organization to gain Johnson readmission to the tournament in which he advanced to the quarterfinals and semifinals in individual and doubles play respectively.
2. **Dr. Harry Thomas Edwards**—In the 1960s, Summers mentored Harry Thomas Edwards, a multi-sport athlete from East St. Louis, to a successful collegiate career at San Jose State University and Graduation with distinction in 1964.
3. **Arthur Ashe**—Summers provided legal and financial support to Arthur Ashe (KAPΨ) early in his tennis career.



As a result of the influence of Past Sovereign Grand Commander Summers and others, the aforementioned men reached the highest heights in both the athletic and educational arenas. This provides evidence to the fact that a mentor can help to change lives to a large degree.

**Have you considered participating in the Cradle to College Program in the Orient of Illinois?**



# Valley of Rock Island Feeds Hundreds During Holidays

SUBMITTED BY GRAND INSPECTOR GENERAL MOSES ROBINSON, 33<sup>o</sup> & PSGLLR LOYAL LADY IDA ROBINSON



**THANKSGIVING:** On Sunday, November 24, 2013, the Fraters and Loyal Ladies in the Valley of Rock Island participated in the 24th Annual Thanksgiving Dinner at Martin Luther King Jr. Community Center in Rock Island. Dinners were served free to the public as a method to socialize with the public and provide support to those families in need. More than 200 volunteers participate annually in the event by providing goods and services. Of the volunteers, members of Tri-Cities Consistory #82 and Tri-Cities Assmebly stood tall and provided service from 6:00AM through the end of the day on Sunday. Their efforts in the preparation of the meals which began on Thursday, November 21st also did not go unnoticed. Donations for

food and services were abundant. The end result on November 24th was well worth the efforts.

This year more than 1,800 people were served through multiple channels. Several were present at the MLK Center and enjoyed a meal with other citizens in the community while delivery services were implemented to provide meals to many families in Rock Island and Milan who are home bound.

Loyal Lady Roxanne Lampkin, of Rock Island, has been coming for the meal for more than 20 years, mainly with friends, to socialize. "There are a lot of people I haven't seen for a while. The food is always good," she said, noting she has no children of her own and previously worked as a King Center Thanksgiving volunteer for six years. "It's for people to get to know each other. There are a lot of people in need," Ms.



Lampkin said. "I know when I used to volunteer, there were people who needed the meal. It's very nice." (Source: "King Center Meal Offers Much to be Thankful For", Quad City Times, November 24, 2013)



**CHRISTMAS:** The Tri-Cities in the Valley of Rock Island along with other fraternal bodies in the vicinity banded together to prepare and provide Christmas Baskets for the community on Saturday, December 21, 2013. Tri-Cities Consistory, Tri-Cities Assembly #83, King Solomon Lodge #20, Adah Chapter #10 OES, Masqat temple #141 and Masqat Court #167 have been participating in this effort for more than 25 years. By banding together, their collaborative efforts have aided thousands in over a quarter of a century of efforts touching the lives of those who need it the most. (Source: "Six Rock Island area fraternal organizations have been providing Christmas holiday food baskets for the needy for over 25 years", Quad City Times, December 21, 2013)





# Valley of Chicago: Ernest L. Johnson Christmas Basket

## WESTERN CONSISTORY NO. 28, AASR SPONSORS ANNUAL CHRISTMAS BASKET PROGRAM AT THE GRAND EAST

The Valley of Chicago showed up in grand style to provide Christmas Baskets to hundreds at the Grand East on Saturday, December 21, 2013. Their efforts not only provided much needed sustenance for those who lined up outside of the Grand East but also for those who were homebound. Each year teams are assigned to deliver Christmas Baskets containing multiple food items to the widows of Western Consistory #28 and to Fraters who are home bound. The efforts this year were tremendous as they impacted thousands. Congratulations to Western Consistory #28 on a job well done.







# Photographic History: Portraits of the Rite

Historic Photographs of the Orient of Illinois are displayed in celebration of 100 Years of Fealty to the United Supreme



Sovereign Grand Inspectors General Henry G. Fort, F. Summers (Lt. Grand Commander), V.B. Williams and O.E. Vanderburg pose for a photo at the United Supreme Council Triennium. Sovereign Grand Inspector General Levi H. Morris (Deputy) who was also the Imperial Legal Advisor for the AEAONMS (seated) joins Nobles O.E. Vanderburg, B.E. Gore (standing) and C. Young (seated) from Arabic Temple #44 AEAONMS.



Illustrious Charles A. Bowlar (left) and Illustrious Dr. J.C. Lewis (below) of the Valley of Cairo were two of the most prominent Prince Hall Masons in Southern Illinois.



Illustrious Bowlar is the namesake of the Lodge of Perfection and Illustrious Lewis is the namesake for the Chapter of the House of Rose Croix for Hiram Consistory #51 of the Valley of Cairo.



Sovereign Grand Inspector General Levi H. Morris (Deputy) poses with the elevation classes of Menelik Consistory #49 of the Valley of Springfield, Illinois (above) and poses with the 1951 Elevation Class of Western Consistory #28 of the Valley of Chicago (left).

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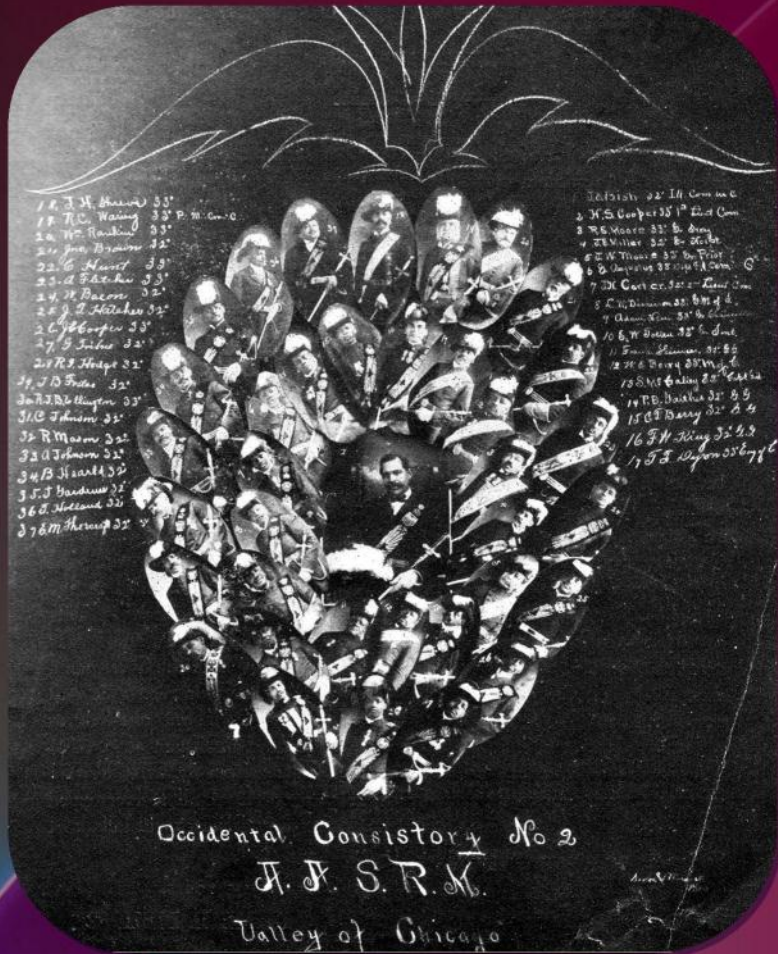
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# in the Orient of Illinois

Council Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite—Northern Jurisdiction



Occidental Consistory #2 with Sublime Prince James E. Bish as Commander-In-Chief in 1905 prior to the 1913 Oath of Fealty to the Northern Jurisdiction (above). Sovereign Grand Commander Summers congratulates a newly elevated Frater and presents him with his patent (below).



# Know Your RITE

The Scottish Rite Clarion Magazine Presents



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# Health Benefits: Family Members of Vets

## UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Under certain circumstances, family members of Veterans are eligible for health benefits. Some of the programs offered include the Civilian Health and Medical Program of the Department of Veterans Affairs (CHAMPVA), Spina Bifida (SB), Children of Women Vietnam Veterans (CWVV), Foreign Medical Program (FMP) and Caregiver. Using these programs may reduce or eliminate your cost for medical supplies, office visits or prescriptions.

**CHAMPVA:** A health care benefits program that provides coverage to the spouse or widow(er) and to the dependent children of a qualifying sponsor who is rated permanently and totally disabled due to a service-connected disability; or was rated permanently and totally disabled due to a service-connected condition at the time of death; or died of a service-connected disability; or died on active duty and the dependents are not otherwise eligible for Department of Defense TRICARE benefits. Under CHAMPVA, VA shares the cost of covered health care services and supplies with eligible beneficiaries.

**SPINA BIFIDA HEALTHCARE PROGRAM:** The Spina Bifida Health Care Program is a health benefit program administered by the Department of Veterans Affairs for Vietnam and certain Korean Veterans' birth children who have been diagnosed with spina bifida (except spina bifida occulta). The program provides reimbursement for medical services and supplies.

**CHILDREN OF WOMEN VIETNAM VETERANS (CWVV) PROGRAM:** The CWVV Health Care Program is a Federal health benefits program administered by the Department of Veterans Affairs, for children with certain birth defects born to women Vietnam Veterans. The CWVV Program is a Fee for Service (indemnity plan) program. The CWVV Program provides reimbursement for medical care-related conditions associated with certain birth defects except spina bifida, which is covered under the VA's Spina Bifida Program. Children whose biological mother is a Vietnam Veteran, who were conceived after the date on which the Veteran entered the Republic of Vietnam, during the period beginning on February 28, 1961, and ending May 7, 1975, and who have one of the covered birth defects, as determined by the Veterans Benefits Administration (VBA) are eligible for the program.

**CAREGIVER PROGRAM:** Primary caregivers of OEF/OIF Veterans may be eligible to receive a stipend and access to healthcare coverage if they are not already entitled to care or services under a health plan contract, including Medicare, Medicaid or worker's compensation. Mental health counseling, including marriage and family counseling, will also be provided. Caregivers may also be eligible for travel, lodging and per diem when they accompany the Veteran for care or attend training. Caregivers need to complete "VA Form 10-10CG, Application for Comprehensive Assistance for Family Caregivers Program" to apply for VA's Comprehensive Assistance Family Caregivers Program. VA will use the information on this form to determine your eligibility for this program.

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# The Eagle

BY JAMES GATES PERCIVAL

Bird of the broad and sweeping wing thy home is high in heaven, where wide the storms their banners fling, and the tempest clouds are driven. Thy throne is on the mountain top; thy fields--the boundless air; and hoary peaks that proudly prop the skies, thy dwellings are.

And where was then thy fearless flight? O'er the dark, mysterious sea, to lands that caught the setting light, the cradle of liberty. There o'er the silent and lonely shore, for ages I watched alone, and the world, in its darkness, asked no more where the glorious bird had flown.

But then came a bold and hardy few, and they breasted the unknown wave; I caught afar the wandering crew, and I knew they were high and brave. I wheeled around the welcome bark, as it sought the desolate shore; and up to heaven, like a joyous lark, my quivering pinions bore.

And now that bold and hardy few are a nation wide and strong; and danger and doubt I have led them through, and they worship me in song; and over their bright and glancing arms on field, and lake, and sea, with an eye that fires, and a spell that charms, I guide them to victory.

# President Obama & IL House

## CONGRATULATE SUBLIME PRINCE BRIAN BEATTY, 32<sup>O</sup>

The Orient of Illinois is home to a number of soldiers who have served the country of the United States of America. Many of these heroes have served and retired from long careers in the United States Military where they have volunteered to sacrifice their lives for God and for Country. Those who have survived are truly blessed individuals and deserving of all the honors and accolades that come along with that service. It is with great pride that we join President Barack Obama, the Illinois House of Representatives, the Armed Forces and others in honoring Sublime Prince Brian Beatty, #91 for his service in America and on foreign soil and congratulating him on in his retirement from the Armed Forces after nearly 30 years of service. Congratulations!



### CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION

FOR SERVICE IN THE ARMED FORCES OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

**CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER TWO BRIAN L. BEATTY**

*I extend to you my personal thanks and the sincere appreciation of a grateful nation for your contribution of honorable service to our country. You have helped maintain the security of the nation during a critical time in its history with a devotion to duty and a spirit of sacrifice in keeping with the proud traditions of military service.*

*Your commitment and dedication have been an inspiration for those who will follow in your footsteps, and for all Americans who join me today in saluting you for a job extremely "well done."*

*My best wishes to you for happiness and success in the future.*

*[Signature]*  
Commander in Chief



### DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY



**CHIEF ARMY RESERVE**

**CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION**

TO

**CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER TWO BRIAN L. BEATTY**

On the occasion of the completion of your active Reserve service, I wish to extend to you my personal thanks and the sincere appreciation of the United States Army for your devotion to duty and the many years of outstanding service which you have given to our country.

16 NOVEMBER 2012



*[Signature]*  
CHIEF ARMY RESERVE

### STATE OF ILLINOIS HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 98TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

HOUSE RESOLUTION No. 110  
OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE ROBYN GABEL

**WHEREAS**, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives wish to congratulate United States Army Chief Warrant Officer Brian Beatty on the occasion of his retirement on November 16, 2012; and

**WHEREAS**, Chief Brian Beatty enlisted with the United States Army on November 11, 1985; as a Signal Officer 255A (Information Services Technician), he managed the Army's network for the region at the 416th Theater Engineer Command in Darien; he has also worked as a civilian recruiter for the Army; and

**WHEREAS**, Chief Brian Beatty has worked with the Military Funeral Honors Team since its inception in November of 1996; he began working at military funerals in 1986 while stationed at the Pentagon; he was subsequently attached to the 3rd Infantry Division, which operates Arlington Cemetery, and trained to serve on those details; in 1996, when Congress passed laws regarding military funerals, he was asked to train those who would perform them; in 2000, he was brought over to the 85th Division to perform military funeral honors; and

**WHEREAS**, Chief Brian Beatty earned the Parachutist, Freefall, and Drill Sergeant Badges, as well as the Ranger Tab, for his meritorious service; he was also the recipient of multiple military awards in his many years of military service; and

**WHEREAS**, Chief Brian Beatty is a member of numerous civic organizations; he is a Prince Hall Mason, a Scottish Rite Mason (Sublime Prince 32nd Degree), and a York Rite Mason (Sir Knight); he is a member of the Ancient Egyptian Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine and the Order of the Eastern Star; he is a teacher of Chinese martial arts at the Chicago Wushu Guan Kung Fu Academy and has 7 black belts and 4 black sashes; he is a Past Commander of V.F.W. Post 7186; he is also a member of American Legion Post 42 and Christ Temple Missionary Baptist Church in Evanston; and

**WHEREAS**, Chief Brian Beatty serves as a model of hard work, integrity, and dedication for the people of the State of Illinois; therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we congratulate United States Army Chief Warrant Officer Brian Beatty on the occasion of his retirement and wish him continued success and happiness in the future; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to Chief Brian Beatty as a symbol of our esteem and respect.

Adopted by the House of Representatives on February 28, 2013.

*[Signature]*  
TIMOTHY D. MAPES  
CLERK OF THE HOUSE



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MICHAEL J. MADIGAN  
SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE





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Fraternally,  
Melvin Frierson, 33°  
Deputy

