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# Happy Holidays



Illinois Council of Deliberation



Celebrates its 95th Session

## From the Illinois Council of Deliberation



From the Deputy's Desk



New SGLLR Elected



50 Year Consistory Secretary



Sublime Prince - Top Scout



Cradle to College Illinois

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# Orient of Illinois Centennial

## ORIENT REACHING 100TH YEAR

After taking the Oath of Fealty by the hands of Illustrious Richard E. Moore in 1913 to the United Supreme Council, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry, Prince Hall Affiliated, Northern Jurisdiction, Occidental Consistory which encompassed the legitimate Scottish Rite of Freemasonry in the State of Illinois became the first Consistory in the Orient of Illinois for the Northern Jurisdiction. Under the guidance and direction of Sovereign Grand Inspector General Egbert Dickerson—the first Deputy, the Orient of Illinois grew at a tremendous rate. By 1930, the Prince Hall Affiliated Scottish Rite had a presence in the Northern, Central and Southern Sections of the State of Illinois in the Cities of Chicago, Springfield and Cairo respectively. By 1950, a fourth Consistory had been added in the City of East St. Louis. By 1970, three more Consistories were added in the Northern and Western Chicago Suburbs and just off of the Mississippi River in the Northwest Corner of the state. In December of 1973, the Illinois State Assembly Order of the Golden Circle, auxiliary to the Illinois Council of Deliberation, was formed from Auxiliaries in the existing Valleys of the Orient. The expansion concluded in 1983 with the addition of the eighth Consistory in the City of Joliet. With the continued support of the Order of the Gold Circle Auxiliaries, it is from these sources that the Orient of Illinois stands on strong footings today.



*Congratulations to the Orient of Illinois on this milestone anniversary.*

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# Elected and Appointed Officers of the Illinois Council of Deliberation



Sov. Grand Inspector General  
Willie Lawler Jr., 33°  
1st Lieutenant Commander

Grand Inspector General  
Reinaldo Walker, 33°  
2nd Lieutenant Commander

Grand Inspector General  
Glenn Pickett, 33°  
Grand Minister of State

Grand Inspector General  
James Levy, 33°  
Grand Minister of State (Emer)

Grand Inspector General  
Armand T. Harris, 33°  
Grand Master of Ceremonies





# From the Desk of the Deputy for the Orient of Illinois

**GREETINGS TO ALL,**

I take these means to thank all of you who attended the Council of Deliberation in October. Because of you, we had a banner year. Seemingly everyone enjoyed themselves beginning with the Golf Tournament, the Gospel Fest, Memorial Service, Banquet and Session. All of the credit and accolades goes to you. Please keep up the good participation, after all, this Council of Deliberation belongs to you.

I hope you had a joyous and festive holiday season, as we enter into this New Year, let us not forget that JESUS is truly the reason for the season and that there is no gift at Christmas as precious as his presence. I encourage you to read Isaiah 9:6.

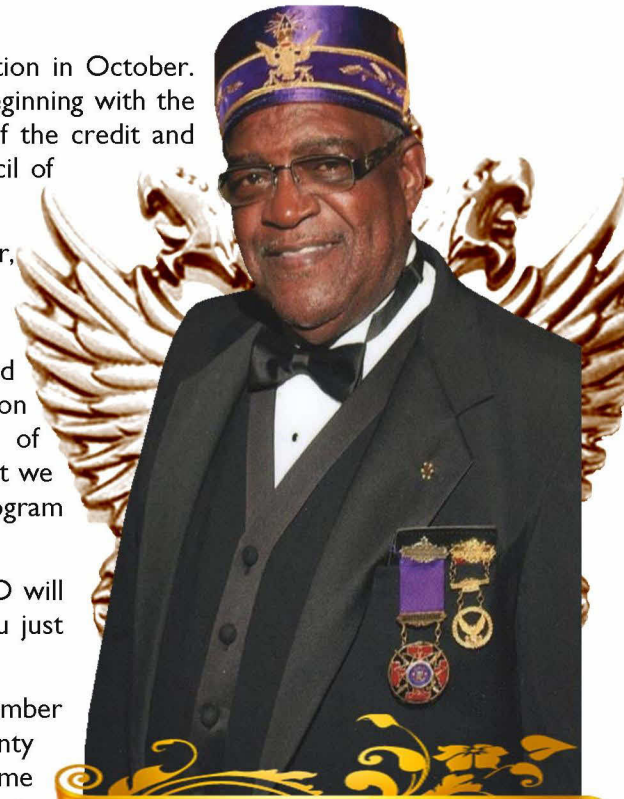
In this New Year, my prayer and my plea is that we will recommit ourselves and do even greater things, that we will continue to support our Council of Deliberation in all of it's programs. I especially solicit your support to the Illinois Council of Deliberation Benevolent Fund (ICODBF). It is through this wonderful program that we are able to dispense all of our charity, i.e., Student financial aid, the Mentoring program and the many other qualifying community and worthwhile causes we assist.

The more we give to help others who are in need of our help, the more GOD will bless us individually and as a Scottish Rite Body of Masons and Loyal Ladies. You just can't beat GOD giving, no matter how hard you try.

This year we have established the ALMS CLUB in our Orient. To become a member of this unique and elite club, you must make a donation to the club of at least twenty Five (\$25.00) dollars) or more. The names of those who donate and have become members of the Alms Club will be published in the Clarion as recognition of their membership and to bear witness of their willingness to help the less fortunate members of our society. Since every penny collected for ICODBF is earmarked and used exclusively to enhance our missions of charity, I hope you will consider making a large donation or donating more than just one time. To do so, make your check payable to the "ICODBF", write in the memo section "Alms Club" and mail to:

James A. Mitchell  
4800 S. Chicago Beach, Dr. Unit 609S  
Chicago, IL 60615

God Bless, wishing all of you a healthy and prosperous New Year.



Sovereign Grand Inspector General  
Melvin Frierson, 33°  
Deputy for the Orient of Illinois  
Most Illustrious Commander in Chief  
Illinois Council of Deliberation

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## Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, Prince Hall Affiliated for 2012-2013



Grand Inspector General  
Davis C. James, 33°  
Grand Prior

Grand Inspector General  
Michael Fordson, 33°  
Grand Captain of the Guard

Grand Inspector General  
Tecumseh Henry, 33°  
Grand Sentinel

Grand Inspector General  
Warren Gipson, 33°  
Grand Treasurer

Grand Inspector General  
James A. Mitchell, 33°  
Grand Secretary





## From the Desk of the Grand Secretary

Under the auspices of Melvin Frierson, Deputy for the Orient of Illinois (PHA) the 95th Annual Session of the Illinois Council of Deliberation (PHA) was a great success. Many thanks to you, the membership, for making said Session successful.

During this historical Session twelve (12) Sublime Princes were nominated for the 33rd and Last Degree, and be placed in the 2014 class. They are Sublime Princes Maurice Willis, Henry Barton, Fred Williamson, Charles Alexander, Leo Wimberley, Lelon Seaberry, Norville Carter, Anthony Flowers, Joseph Vincent, Samuel Mallard, Andrew Griffin, and Devinn Jones. Sublime Prince Kevin Booker will be placed in the 2013 class. An unprecedented number of master masons received their 31st and 32nd degrees during the Session. Congratulations to all the brethren.

The National Election is history, the fight for and by us must go on.

Continue to support the Deputy and the Illinois Council of Deliberation (PHA). Happy Holidays and best wishes to all.

*James A. Mitchell, 33°*

## From the Valley of Chicago



### FRATER RECEIVES TOP SCOUTING AWARD

The Daniel Carter Beard Masonic Scouter Award is an honor due to members of the Masonic Lodge who act as role models and provide dedicated service to the young men in the Boy Scouts of America. This award not only supports the Masonic relationship through the man who brought Scouting to America but also proclaims the integrity of the recipient. It is, indeed with great pride that this award was bestowed on Sublime Prince Norville Carter of Western Consistory #28, Assistant District Commissioner of the Greater Southside District, Chicago Area Council, Boy Scouts of America and nominee for the 33rd Degree United Supreme Council Class of 2014.



### PICKETTS & WASHINGTONS—FATHERS & SONS IN WESTERN #28

The sons of Grand Inspector General Oscar Pickett and Sublime Prince Phillip Washington stand proudly together as Illinois Scottish Rite Masons. Scottish Rite Masons, where are your sons? More to come in future editions...



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## Actives of the United Supreme Council, Northern Jurisdiction, Ancient



**Sovereign Grand Inspector General, Melvin Frierson, 33°**  
 Deputy for the Orient of Illinois  
 Member of Tyree Consistory No. 64, Valley of East St. Louis  
 Past Grand Master of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Illinois  
 Past Master Southern Cross Lodge No. 112 East St. Louis



**Sovereign Grand Inspector General, Charles Stewart, 33°**  
 Past Deputy for the Orient  
 Member of Western Consistory No. 28, Valley of Chicago  
 1965 Mason of the Year of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Illinois  
 Past Master King David Lodge No. 100 Chicago





# From the Valley of Joliet ★ ★ ★ From the Valley of East St. Louis



## MARQUETTE-JOLIET CONSISTORY TO REACH 30<sup>th</sup> YEAR

By the hands of the late Illustrious Vernon B. Williams, Marquette-Joliet Consistory was formed in 1983 in the City of Joliet with Illustrious Neal Carson elected to serve as its first Commander-In-Chief. The turn of the new year will not only bring with her new opportunities but also a milestone marker to celebrate the 30th Year Anniversary of her existence.

Marquette-Joliet Consistory has born many sons who stand tall and proud today including her first Commander-In-Chief who has been elevated to the Emeritus Ranks of the United Supreme Council, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry, Northern Jurisdiction. Congratulations to Sovereign Grand Inspector General Carson and the Fraters of Marquette-Joliet Consistory on this achievement.

On Thursday December 20, 2012, members of Tyree Consistory No. 64 prepared and distributed eighty (80) Christmas baskets to needy families in the East St. Louis, Madison and Venice School Districts.

Five families from sixteen (16) schools were selected and recommended by their school to receive the baskets.

The Christmas Baskets chairperson for the past three (3) years, Sublime Prince Dimitreus Gilmore (Thirty-Third Degree Elect), expressed his gratitude and appreciation to the Fraters of Tyree Consistory No. 64 for their monetary contributions, their support and assistance on the day the baskets were given out.

## From the Valley of Waukegan

Congratulations to the Fraters in the Valley of Waukegan in their effort to rename the street where North Shore Consistory #91 meets to "Prince Hall Drive" this past November.



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Sovereign Grand Inspector General, Charles B. Taylor, 33°

Member of Western Consistory No. 28, Valley of Chicago

Honorary Past Grand Master of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Illinois

Past Master Hiram Lodge No. 14 Chicago

Owner of Taylor Funeral Home



Sovereign Grand Inspector General, Lafayette Gatling, 33°

Member of Western Consistory No. 28, Valley of Chicago

Member Universal Lodge No. 65 Chicago

Owner of Gatling Funeral Home and Gatling Community Development, Inc.





ICOD  
2012  
BANQUET



The Deputy for the Orient of Illinois and the State Grand Loyal Lady Ruler salute the Orient of Illinois along with the Fraters and Loyal Ladies in attendance at the annual banquet for the Benevolent Fund.



Congratulations to the members of the Sovereign Grand Inspector General Ernest L. Johnson Elevation Class of 2012 (below). As a show of honor and respect to Sovereign Grand Inspector General Johnson, the officers and members of the Elevation Class presented his widow with flowers of respect.



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**Emeriti of the United Supreme Council, Northern Jurisdiction, Ancient**



Sov. Grand Inspector General  
James B. Blanton, III, 33°  
Western No. 28

Sov. Grand Inspector General  
Magnus Burney, 33°  
Western No. 28

Sov. Grand Inspector General  
Neal Carson, 33°  
Marquette-Joliet No. 104

Sov. Grand Inspector General  
Charles Carter, 33°  
Western No. 28

Sov. Grand Inspector General  
DePlessie Drew, 33°  
Western No. 28

Sov. Grand Inspector General  
Clarence Hayes, 33°  
Western No. 28



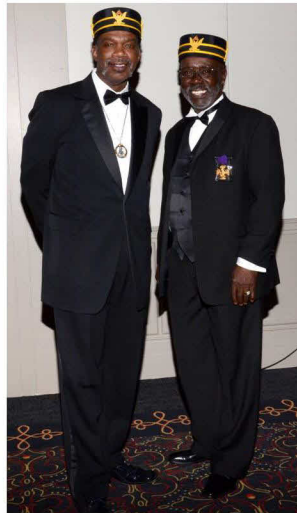




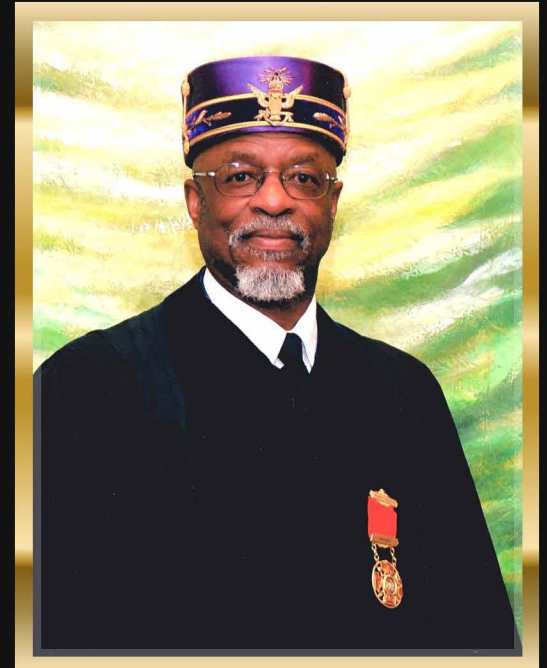
A multitude of awards were given at the banquet. Congratulations to Sublime Prince Demetrious Gilmore, Scottish Rite Mason of the Year and Grand Inspector General William W. Jackson, Peer of the Year.



The Fraters, Loyal Ladies and Head of Houses honored the Deputy for the Orient of Illinois with gifts of appreciation and welcomed the new State Grand Loyal Lady Ruler of the Illinois State Grand Assembly.



## New Honorary Member



The Orient of Illinois congratulates its newest Honorary Member, Sovereign Grand Inspector General Robert Meekins, 33°, President of the Michigan Commanders of the Rite. An Emeritus Member of the United Supreme Council, Sovereign Grand Inspector General Meekins has been a frequent visitor to the Illinois Council of Deliberation for countless years. For his strong sense of dedication and brotherhood, Sovereign Grand Inspector General Melvin Frierson bestowed upon him Honorary Membership to the Illinois Council of Deliberation. Congratulations and welcome aboard!!!

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## Accepted Scottish Rite, Prince Hall Affiliated from the Orient of Illinois



Sov. Grand Inspector General  
Willie Lawler, Jr., 33°  
Western No. 28



Sov. Grand Inspector General  
Arvonn Prentiss, 33°  
Western No. 28



Sov. Grand Inspector General  
Homer Walton, 33°  
Western No. 28



Sov. Grand Inspector General  
Oliver Washington, 33°  
North Shore No. 91



Sov. Grand Inspector General  
Joel Woodhouse, 33°  
Western No. 28





# Illinois Council of Deliberation State Elevation Class of Sublime Princes Namesake of Sovereign Grand Inspector General Ernest L. Johnson



We the members of Western Consistory #28 have many predecessors that have persevered with a tremendous determination to succeed. Sovereign Grand Inspector General Ernest L. Johnson, 33° is one of these predecessors. Sovereign Grand Inspector General Johnson was and always will be a model of high standards and his spirit will continue to influence and inspire us all. We are humbled and honored to have the name Ernest L. Johnson bestowed upon our 32nd Degree Elevation Class. In May of

2012, twenty brothers along with myself began a spiritual journey in Western Consistory No. 28 along a path that each individual must seek for himself. Along with Fraters from other Valleys in the Orient of Illinois, we have reached a mark but understand that there is still more work to do. We must consistently honor those who have paved the way for us. Let us continue to Read, Reflect, and Grow daily. The journey continues.....

*S.P. Anthony Atwood, 32° — President, #28*

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## Congratulations to the 2012 Recognition Award and Meritorious



**GIG Warren Gipson, 33°**  
Frank Summer  
Stellar Award



**SGIG Lafayette Gatling, 33°**  
Distinguished  
Member Award



**GIG Wm. W. Jackson, 33°**  
Illinois Council of Deliberation  
Peer of the Year



**SP Demetrious Gilmore, 32°**  
Scottish Rite  
Mason of the Year



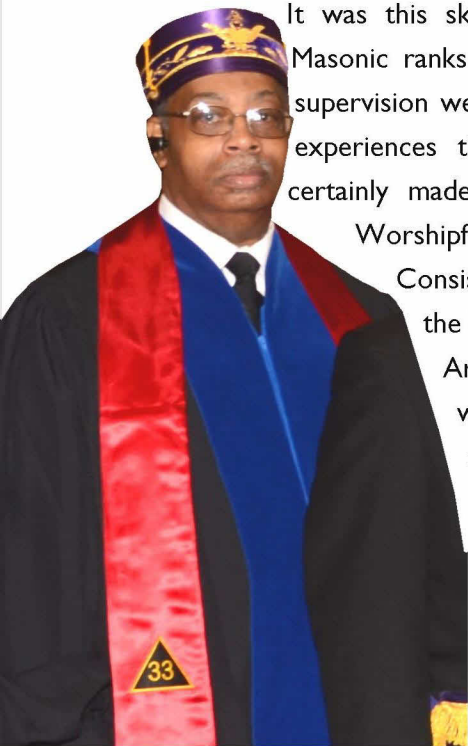
**SP Ernest Young, III, 32°**  
Commander In Chief  
of the Year



# Sovereign Grand Inspector General James "Tiny" Blanton ~ Rest in Peace

The winter chill during the month of January has extended itself not only to the City of Chicago but deep within the Orient of Illinois. It was during this month that the Orient lost one of its most prolific members in the person of Sovereign Grand Inspector General James "Tiny" Blanton III. Known in many circles as a true fraternity man, he was set aside by his Black Greek Letter Organization, namely, Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Inc., as its first Alpha Legend. Having served as the National Executive Secretary of the organization, his efforts and knowledge in financial matters was superior and second to none.

It was this skill set that was easily transferable into the Masonic ranks as he made sure that all records under his supervision were on the level and squared properly. These experiences tied together with natural leadership ability certainly made him a man among men within the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Illinois, Western Consistory #28, the Illinois Council of Deliberation, the United Supreme Council, the Ancient Egyptian Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine as well as all other organizations in which he held membership. If leadership had a picture, it would be of his face. It was his words that inspired this author and several others to become more active in the Masonic ranks. It can only be our hope that we who survive him can live up to the high standard that he set. May peace be unto his ashes.



# Divine Inspirations by DeRamus

*Dear Brother and Sister,*

*Love your brother and sister and love them well but to your brother and sister no secrets tell because when your brother and sister becomes your foe the secrets you told, the whole Northern Jurisdiction will know.*

*By Sublime Prince  
J. F. G. DeRamus*



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## Service Award Recipients of the Illinois Council of Deliberation



GIG Charles Burns, 33°  
MSA Award  
Recipient



GIG Paul Harris, 33°  
MSA Award  
Recipient



GIG Carl Pickett, 33°  
MSA Award  
Recipient



GIG Oscar Pickett, 33°  
MSA Award  
Recipient



GIG J.R. Thompson, 33°  
MSA Award  
Recipient



GIG John Gray, 33°  
MSA Award  
Recipient







# From the Loyal Ladies of the Illinois State Grand Assembly

## GRAND ASSEMBLY HOSTS STATEWIDE INITIATION

The Illinois State Grand Assembly is growing leaps and bounds; on Friday October 19, 2012 ten initiates arrived at the Abraham Lincoln Hotel prepared to be initiated into the Order of the Golden Circle. The ten ladies appeared a bit nerves but after a short time they became very relaxed with the initiation; they came into the room as member of the Prince Hall Family they let as PHF members but also as Golden Apples. Congratulations to all of the new members.



Pictured from left to right are Ravinia Smith Verona Portis, Henrietta England, Trina Robinson, Priscilla Jackson, Katherine McKinnor, Frances Clenna Miller, and Lisa Sykes.



## ISGA CROWNS NEW MISS GOLDEN APPLE

Chicago Assembly #4's Loyal Lady Ruler Joyce Clark was crowned Ms Golden Apple at the State Grand Assembly Session on Saturday, October 20, 2012. This is the second year that Chicago Assembly #4 has crowned the Ms Golden Apple. Congratulations to Loyal Lady Joyce Clark.

*Congratulations!!!*

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# From the Illinois Commanders of the Rite

We congratulate the Most Illustrious Commander in chief Sovereign Grand Inspector General Melvin Frierson on an enjoyable and harmonious Council of Deliberation. As always we welcome the Thirty Second Degree Class of 2012 to the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry. We continue to thank our valley vice presidents for their support.

*G.F.G. Floyd Woods, 33°  
President*

Valley	Vice President
Chicago	GIG Bill Harlan, 33°
Springfield	GIG Aubrey Barlow, 33°
Cairo	GIG John Foreman, 33°
East St. Louis	GIG Delbert Marion, 33°
Rock Island	GIG Moses Robinson, 33°
Waukegan	GIG Donnie Merritt, 33°
Joliet	GIG Reinaldo Walker, 33°





# Order of the Golden Circle



## NEW LEADERSHIP ELECTED AT THE 39TH ANNUAL ISGA SESSION



On Saturday, October 20, 2012 the Illinois State Grand Assembly held its yearly election and elect Loyal Lady Linda Robinsons has their State Grand Loyal Lady Ruler

for the ensuing year 2012-2013. Loyal Lady Robinson was presented with her gavel of authority by SGIG Charles Stewart. The State Grand Loyal Lady elect is a member of Marquette-Joliet Assembly#87 in the Valley of Joliet, IL. Other elected and appointed officers were:

- ♦ Loyal Lady Barbara Washington, State Grand Associate Ruler
- ♦ Loyal Lady Roxanne Lampkin, State Grand Loyal Lady Priestess
- ♦ Loyal Lady Sandra Mosley, State Grand Loyal Lady Guide
- ♦ Loyal Lady Claire Walker, State Grand Loyal Lady Secretary
- ♦ Loyal Lady Ida M. Robinson, State Grand Loyal Lady Treasurer
- ♦ Loyal Lady Wattine Hampton, State Grand Loyal Lady Herald
- ♦ Loyal Lady Pauline Brown, State Grand Loyal Lady Standard Bearer
- ♦ Loyal Lady Janet Lilly, Loyal Lady Inner Guard
- ♦ Loyal Lady Marcella Green, State Grand Loyal Lady Outer Guard
- ♦ Loyal Lady Dianna Caston, State Grand Loyal Lady Photography
- ♦ Loyal Lady Cecilee Griffin, State Grand Assistant Secretary

***Congratulations to the new Officers of the ISGA!!!***



**Loyal Lady Linda Robinson  
State Grand Loyal Lady Ruler  
Illinois State Grand Assembly  
Order of the Golden Circle**

## What is the Mission of the Commanders of the Rite?

The Commanders of the Rite is composed of learned grand inspectors general of all grades. They exist to provide guidance and wise counsel to consistories and the council of deliberation in the state. The Commanders of the Rite must function to assist the consistories in the application and implementation of the true meaning of the ancient and accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry.

Other functions are to maintain a broad avenue of charitable programs and to produce workshops for sublime princes in order that they may better understand Scottish

Rite Masonry. Another very important function is to offer their assistance to the consistory in fund raising projects and programs for the purpose of charity. The commanders of the rite must be active in their communities by volunteering to perform various civic services thereby demonstrating to the citizenry that Scottish Rite Masons are civic minded men of honor and good moral character.

- Source: GIG III. Leonard W. Larue, Dean of Instruction  
Pentecost Consistory No. 98 A.A.S.R., S.J. ([www.ncodpha.com](http://www.ncodpha.com))

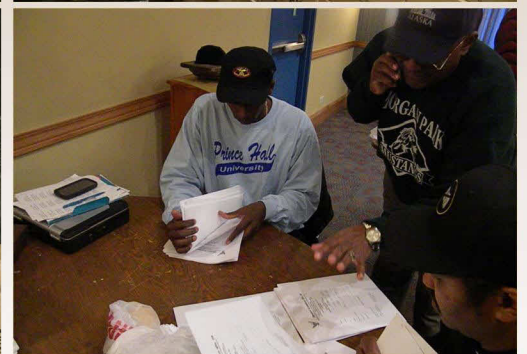




# Holiday Season Charity



The Annual Christmas Basket Program sponsored by Western Consistory #28 was renamed in honor of the late chairman of the event,



With items donated by Project Happiness and Dominics, each bag was stuffed with a turkey, Jiffy Cornbread mix, celery and other items.







# Across the Orient of Illinois



Sovereign Grand Inspector General Ernest L. Johnson. This year, over 1,500 baskets were delivered to those in need during the Holidays.



Congratulations on a job well done!







# Mentorship Training in Central Illinois

## NEARLY 30 TRAINED SCOTTISH RITE MASONS READY TO MENTOR YOUTH



Grand Inspector General Charles Burns and Sovereign Grand Inspector General Homer Walton conduct the mentorship training sessions.



Upon completion of the sessions and words from the Illustrious Deputy, participants were awarded with certificates of completion.

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## Cradle to College: Mentorship Benefits



Mentoring programs provide benefits not only to the youth but also to the mentors themselves as well as the organizations which the mentors serve.

### BENEFITS TO THE MENTORS

- ◆ Mentors gain personal and professional satisfaction in helping a youth.
- ◆ Mentors gain recognition from their peers.
- ◆ Mentors gain improved interpersonal skills.
- ◆ Mentoring focuses the mentor outside of himself or herself.
- ◆ Mentoring promotes deeper understanding of teen and societal problems.

### BENEFITS TO THE YOUTH

- ◆ Exposes youth to a positive role model;





# Grand Inspector General John Foreman

## OVER 50 YEARS AS SECRETARY OF HIRAM CONSISTORY #51

How many Scottish Rite Masons have served in a single elective office for more than twenty years in the Orient of Illinois? This author imagines that count to be very low—maybe 5 or 10 individuals??? Well, how many Scottish Rite Masons have served in a single elective office for more than fifty years in the Orient of Illinois? At this time, the count stands at one. He is none other than Grand Inspector General John Foreman of Hiram Consistory #51.

For those who have had the privilege to lead organizations, it is a known fact that life can be very difficult relative to running an effective the organization with an incompetent Secretary. This office typically serves as the front line for communications, the brain center for scheduling, the vacuum for receipt of income, the order placer for disbursements and the primary focal point for organizational, administrative labors. Although they are often tried by various individuals, the persons selected to serve in this capacity are typically well organized, great people-persons and highly patient. In the case of Grand Inspector General Foreman, he has all of these qualities and more.

Grand Inspector General Foreman has served as Secretary for Hiram Consistory for more years than this author has been alive. He was first elected Secretary nearly 54 years ago in 1958 and has continually served in this role since that period. What Mason can boast this record? He has endured through the ups and downs of activities in the Valley of Cairo and the Orient of Illinois. However, staying focused on the goal of administrative excellence has allowed him to remain a solid, dependable rock upon which the Valley can lean.

A 2010 Meritorious Service Award Recipient, Grand Inspector General Foreman has personally worked with several Past Deputies of the Orient of Illinois including Sovereign Grand Inspectors General Frank Summers, Vernon Williams, Doc Helm, Charles Stewart, James Gayles and Brian Abrams. He worked effectively during these transitions satisfying all of the requirements expected of him. These experiences make him one of the most treasured sources of administrative excellence in the Orient of Illinois and one that deserves all honors received. Congratulations!!!



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- ◆ Helps youth on their future and on setting academic career goals;
- ◆ Exposes youth to new experiences and people from diverse cultural, socio-economic and professional backgrounds;
- ◆ Provides youth with attention and a concerned friend;
- ◆ Encourages emotional and social growth;
- ◆ Fosters increased confidence and self-esteem.

### BENEFITS TO THE ORGANIZATION

- ◆ Mentoring builds youth, hence, organizational morale.
- ◆ Mentoring develops the same skill sets needed for successful and effective organizational managers.

- ◆ Mentoring enhances the image of the organization.
- ◆ Mentoring allows for participation of organizations in the total educational process.
- ◆ Mentoring recognizes the competence of our youth.
- ◆ Mentoring prepares youth to take on greater responsibilities in the organization.
- ◆ Mentoring helps the organization revitalize the community.
- ◆ Mentoring assists in the development of a competent future workforce.

**GET INVOLVED WITH THE CRADLE TO COLLEGE PROGRAM TODAY!!!**





In past photos from various Scottish Rite archives, it was common for Grand Inspectors General and Sublime Princes to be regaled with either a white or a black sash. While the sashes appears to have been a common piece of regalia in years past, they do not seem to be as heavily utilized today.

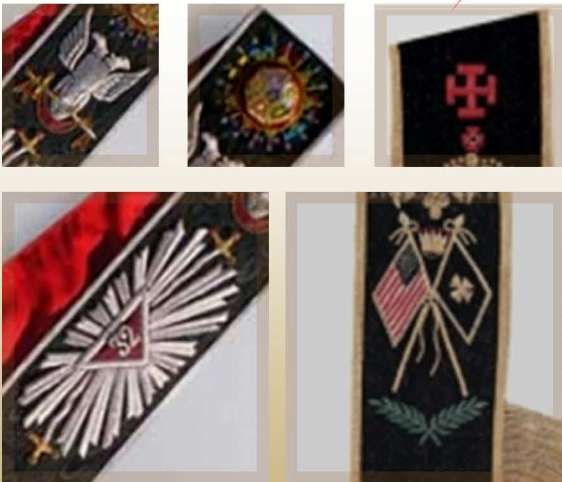
Their relevance of the sashes are noted in the Educational System of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite. A well informed Frater can surely identify the origins in his readings. But, have you ever taken a closer look at these sashes? Have you ever had the chance to appreciate their ornate nature? Have you ever had the chance to admire their intricate details?

Would you believe that many of them were hand-made? Imagine the number of hours it could take to construct just one of them? Clearly, similar care was taken to create these masterpieces like that taken by Solomon when

# A Closer Look at the Scot



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A Closer look at the Embroidery and details of the sash worn by a Sublime Prince of the Royal Secret

33rd Degree Sash with the Crown atop the head of the Eagle of Lagash



# Scottish Rite Sash of the Past



when constructing his Temple to honor God. As the end product of the Temple was extraordinary as described in the pages of the Holy Bible, so these sashes are extraordinary and are, therefore, classified as true works of art.

A review of these works should pose reflective questions. Do we take great care in our own presentations? Do we, first, honor God to receive the proper plans for the designs that we have in mind? For, if the latter is answered in the affirmative, then the product will be beautiful and emanate a light which should draw men unto it like Solomon's Temple did. As beauty is evident within these sashes, the lessons behind them undoubtedly point to our Heavenly Father up above whose light shines ever so brightly, eternal in the Heavens. For if we follow that light by remaining worshipful, then we will inherit something more beautiful than that which we see on these pages—eternal and everlasting life.

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33rd Degree Sash with the Crown hovering above the head of the Eagle



A Closer look at the Embroidery of the 33rd Degree triangle on the sash



A Closer look at the Embroidery of the Eagle of Lagash on the sash

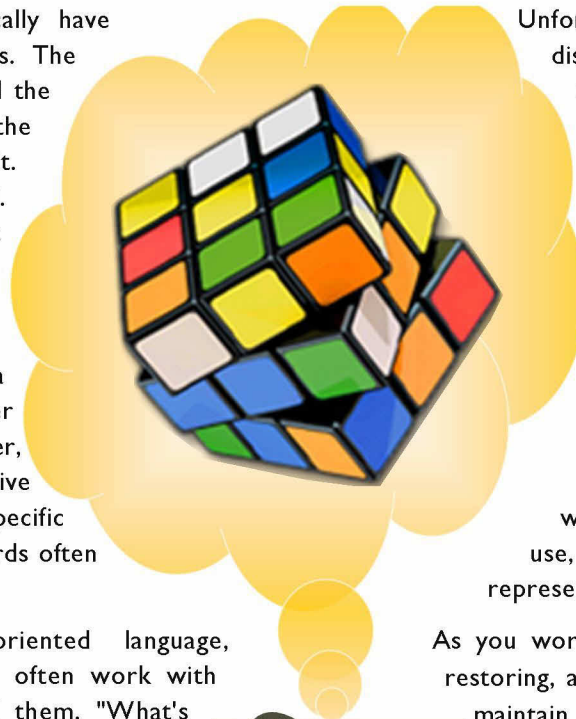


# Problems, Concerns, Issues and Challenges

## HOW SHALL WE TALK ABOUT THE STORY?

Counseling and therapy historically have tended to focus on client problems. The word "problem" implies difficulty and the necessity of eliminating or solving the problem. Problem may imply deficit. Not all problems can be solved. Traditional diagnosis such as that found in the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders-TR (American Psychiatric Association, 2000) carries the idea of problem a bit further, using the word disorder with such terms as panic disorder, conduct disorder, obsessive compulsive disorder, and many other highly specific disorders. The way we use these words often defines how clients see themselves.

I'm not fond of problem-oriented language, particularly that word "disorder." I often work with African American youth. If I asked them, "What's your problem?" they likely would reply, "I don't have a problem, but I do have a concern." I've found that considering client issues as "problems" can get in the way of a positive relationship. The words "concern" or "issue" suggest something we all experience constantly. These words also suggest that we can deal with it often from a more positive standpoint. Defining concerns as problems or disorders leads to placing the blame and responsibility for resolution almost solely on the individual.



Unfortunately, you'll often find that a problem/disorder language predominates in your textbooks and in many interviewing and counseling settings. Finding a more positive way to reframe and discuss stories is relevant to all your clients, regardless of their background. Carrying this idea further, terming a "problem" a challenge is a call to our strengths and an opening for change. We all have to struggle through pain and complex issues at times and, as we overcome these challenges to our being, we become stronger and more in touch with what we can do, rather than what we can't do. And, whatever language you use, problem, concern, or challenge, they all represent opportunities for change!

As you work with clients, please consider that change, restoring, and action is more possible if we help clients maintain awareness of already existing personal strengths and external resources. Help clients define their goals clearly and the positive assets they already have to resolve their issues. Then you can help them restore with a can do self-image. Out of this will come action and generalization of new ideas and new behaviors to the real world.



*Submitted by Grand Inspector General Dr. James E. Lanier, 33°, initially published in "Intentional Interviewing & Counseling, 7th Edition" by Allen E. Ivey, Mary Ivey, Carlos Zalaquett (2010), page 18*

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## Housing Programs for Veterans

### GI LOAN FOR HEROES:

The G-I Loan for Heroes is the new Illinois Homeownership Program for Veterans and Active Service Personnel. The G-I Loan offers significantly below market homeownership financing and counseling. There are two program packages, one for Veterans and one for active duty personnel.

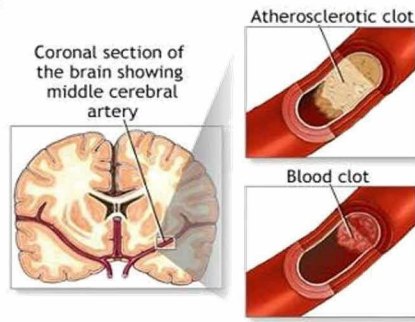
### VETERANS' PROGRAM:

◆ The Veterans' Program is designed for honorably discharged





# Methods to Help You Recognize a Stroke



A stroke or "brain attack" occurs when a blood clot blocks an artery (a blood vessel that carries blood from the heart to the body) or a blood vessel (a tube through which the blood moves through the body) breaks, interrupting blood flow to an area of the brain. When either of these things happen, brain cells begin to die and brain damage occurs.

## STROKE RECOGNITION METHODS

**S.T.R.**—There are three quick steps that can help you to recognize a stroke. The 3 steps are S.T.R. - Read and Learn! Sometimes symptoms of a stroke are difficult to identify. Unfortunately, the lack of awareness spells disaster. The stroke victim may suffer severe brain damage when people nearby fail to recognize the symptoms of a stroke. Now doctors say a bystander can recognize a stroke by asking three simple questions:

- ♦ **S is SMILE:** Ask them to SMILE.
- ♦ **T is TALK:** Ask the person to TALK: to SPEAK A SIMPLE SENTENCE such as (Coherently) (i.e. . . It is sunny out today)
- ♦ **R is for RAISE:** Ask him or her to RAISE BOTH ARMS.

**TOUONGUE CHECK:** Another 'sign' is:

- ♦ Ask the person to 'stick' out their tongue. If the tongue is 'crooked', if it goes to one side or the other that is also an indication of a stroke.

**F.A.S.T.**—Another method is labeled F.A.S.T.

- ♦ **F is for FACE:** Check their fact. Has their mouth dropped?
- ♦ **A is for ARMS:** Can they lift both arms?
- ♦ **S is for SPEECH:** Is their speech slurred? Do they understand you?
- ♦ **T is for TIME:** Time is critical. If you see any of these signs contact emergency personnel immediately.

**Stroke – there's treatment if you act FAST.**



If anyone has trouble with any of these tasks, call 911 immediately. A quick call could save a life.

**SOURCES:**

- ♦ Information retrieved from [www.Stroke.org](http://www.Stroke.org) on 10/26/2012
- ♦ <http://pjlighthouse.info/2010/07/stroke-remember-the-1st-three-letters/> on 10/31/2012
- ♦ New York State Department of Health

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Veterans who qualify under the income and purchase price limits of the IHDA MRB Program.

- ♦ Participants will receive a substantially below market rate financing package, closing cost assistance and homeownership counseling.
- ♦ In addition, under federal legislation passed in December 2006, Veterans do not have to be first-time homebuyers to qualify.

**ACTIVE DUTY PROGRAM:**

- ♦ The Active Duty program is designed for active duty service personnel in the Armed Services and Reserve Forces.
- ♦ Under this program, they will receive the same package as the Veterans, except they must qualify as a first time homebuyer under the IHDA MRB Program.

**SPECIALLY ADAPTED HOUSING:**

- ♦ Assistance is provided for service-connected disabled veterans for the purpose of acquiring or remodeling suitable dwelling units with special fixtures or moveable facilities made necessary by the veteran's permanent and total service-connected disabilities.



Visit the Illinois Department of Veterans Affairs website for contact information and benefits assistance.

Submitted by Sublime Prince Major Lacy, 32°



# First Aid Team Forming

# Prior Edition Feedback



An ill or injured patient may need immediate medical care to prevent permanent disability or death. Too often those who arrive first at the scene of the emergency are not trained to give proper care. This is why the Emergency Response First Aid Team is being formed!

The team and the First Aid Station will be in service 24/7 from the start of the Illinois Council of Deliberation until it ends Sunday morning. Members of the team will provide emergency First Aid for those who require it and, if the patient is transported to the hospital, a team member will be with him/her to monitor their health and welfare.

We are requesting that people who possess some type of advance medical training and are health care professionals such as doctors, registered nurses, licensed practical nurses, firefighters, paramedics, EMTs and policeman to apply to become members of the Illinois Council of Deliberation Emergency Response First Aid Team. If you are interested in joining the team, please feel free to contact:

Grand Inspector General Charles Burns at (773) 859-0273 or by email at CBN9SHB@aol.com.

Glad to see that the Cradle to College Effort is now active at a school in the Orient...Looking forward to seeing the results.

♦ Brooklyn, Illinois is considered one of the oldest towns incorporated by African Americans in the United States of America. Isn't it fitting that this program makes its first debut in the Orient of Illinois in this city? Congratulations to Sovereign Grand Inspectors General Melvin Frierson (Deputy) and Homer Walton and to Grand Inspectors General Charles Burns and Delbert Marion for getting the program started within the Orient of Illinois.

The Orient of Illinois is home to some powerful people.

♦ The labors of Grand Inspector General Jerry Abner, Grand Inspector General Moses Robinson and, his wife, Past State Grand Loyal Lady Ruler Ida Robinson are tremendous and worthy of recognition. It should be a source of great pride for the Orient to know that we have folks such as these in our midst. Congratulations.

I like that you are making space for the Order of the Golden Circle.

♦ We are certainly working to obtain more information from the Loyal Ladies and I am extremely grateful for the submissions which come from the Offices of the State Grand Loyal Lady Ruler and the Grand Secretary of the Illinois State Grand Assembly. There is always room for more. If you send them, they will be reviewed for future editions.

Scottish Rite Leaders in the Orient are making great strides all over the place—Grand Master, Honorary Past Grand Master and Mason of the Year. There must be something in the water in the Orient of Illinois.

♦ Hard work and dedication go a long way. Congratulations to Most Worshipful Brother Millard Driskell, Sovereign Grand Inspectors General Willie Lawler Jr. and Homer Walton on these honors.

Please forward your comments and suggestions to Clarion@AndrewsPress.com.

*Daryl L. Andrews, 33°, Editor*



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**FROM THE DESK OF THE DEPUTY**  
Dear Friends and Fellow Ladies, Gentlemen and Gentlemen: This issue of the Clarion is dedicated to the 100th anniversary of the founding of the Order of the Scottish Rite in the United States of America. It is a time of great reflection and celebration as we look back on a century of growth and achievement. We are proud to have reached this milestone and look forward to the future with confidence and optimism.

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The Honorable Grand Inspector General Rock is a true leader and a man of great integrity. His dedication to the Order and his commitment to his fellow members are a source of inspiration for all of us. We are proud to have him as our Grand Inspector General and look forward to his continued leadership.

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The Honorable Grand Inspector General Antonio Lewis and his First Secretary are a true team. Their dedication to the Order and their commitment to their fellow members are a source of inspiration for all of us. We are proud to have them as our Grand Inspector General and First Secretary and look forward to their continued leadership.

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**FEEDBACK FROM VOLUME ONE OF THE SCOTTISH RITE CLARION**  
We are grateful for the feedback we received from our readers. It is a testament to our commitment to providing a high-quality newsletter. We will continue to work hard to improve and provide you with the best possible reading experience.

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The Honorable Past Sovereign Grand Commander Emmett S. Ogden was a true leader and a man of great integrity. His dedication to the Order and his commitment to his fellow members are a source of inspiration for all of us. We are proud to have him as our Past Sovereign Grand Commander and look forward to his continued legacy.

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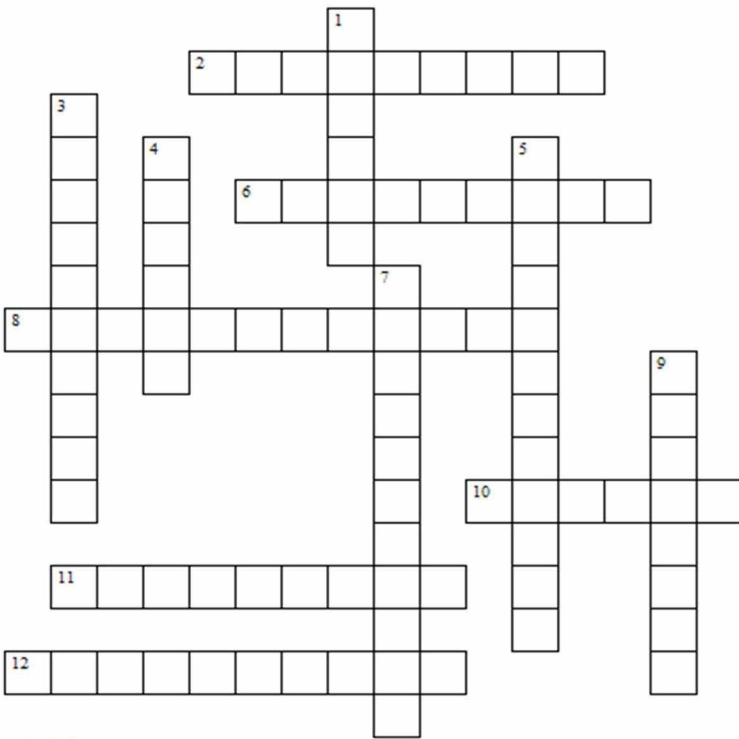
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# Crossword Puzzle

# Word Search Puzzle



### ACROSS

- 2. Title of a member of an Assembly
- 6. Home for a Most Wise and Perfect Master
- 8. The S.R. in A.A.S.R.
- 10. He is a member of the Scottish Rite
- 11. Last name of the first Deputy for the Orient
- 12. Tyree No. 64 is a \_\_\_\_\_

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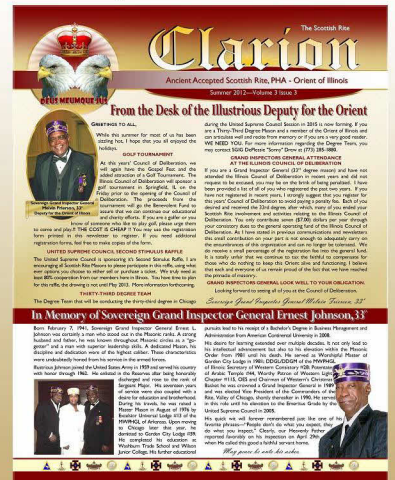
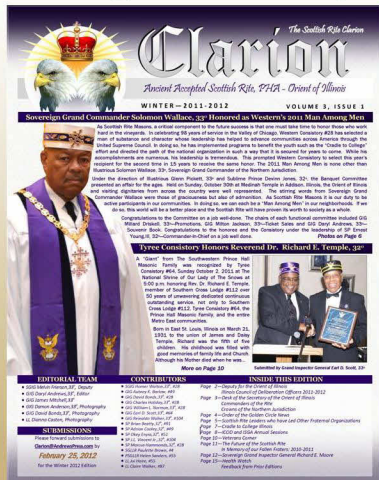
- 1. Hebrew word beginning with "K" that means "holy"
- 3. Thrice Potent Master's goal
- 4. SGIG Frierson is the \_\_\_\_\_ for the Orient
- 5. The G.C. in O.G.C.
- 7. Landmarks of \_\_\_\_\_
- 9. Gathering of Loyal Ladies

Word Search is one of the most known and familiar of all puzzles. In every puzzle the words are hidden in a grid of letters, and you must find those words in the grid. Words will nearly always overlap unless stated otherwise, though of course in a good puzzle no word should ever be fully hidden within another word! Words are normally placed forwards, backwards, up and down. In many puzzles the words are also placed diagonally in any of the four diagonal possibilities.

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|------------|---------------|---------------|
| ASSEMBLY   | FRATER        | LOYAL LADY    |
| CONSISTORY | FREEMASONRY   | PERFECTION    |
| DEPUTY     | GOLDEN CIRCLE | ROSE CROIX    |
| DICKERSON  | KADOSH        | SCOTTISH RITE |

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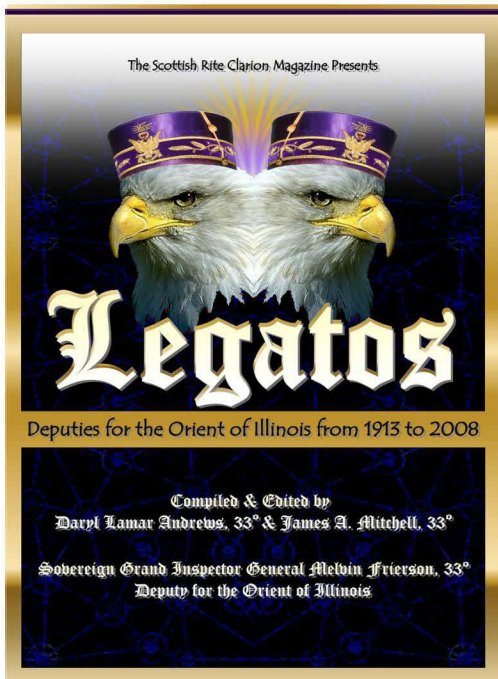
# Tribute to Our Brethren Who Have Traveled Onward



*"To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven: A time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up that which is planted; A time to kill, and a time to heal; a time to break down, and a time to build up; A time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance; A time to cast away stones, and a time to gather stones together; a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing; A time to get, and a time to lose; a time to keep, and a time to cast away; A time to rend, and a time to sew; a time to keep silence, and a time to speak; A time to love, and a time to hate; a time of war, and a time of peace. What profit hath he that worketh in that wherein he laboureth? I have seen the travail, which God hath given to the sons of men to be exercised in it. He hath made every thing beautiful in his time: also he hath set the world in their heart, so that no man can find out the work that God maketh from the beginning to the end. I know that there is no good in them, but for a man to rejoice, and to do good in his life. And also that every man should eat and drink, and enjoy the good of all his labour, it is the gift of God." - Ecclesiastes 3:1-13*

Peace be unto the ashes of the following Fraters and Loyal Ladies who passed during the course of the 2011-12 Masonic Year:

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- ◆ Grand Inspector General John Marlow, 33°
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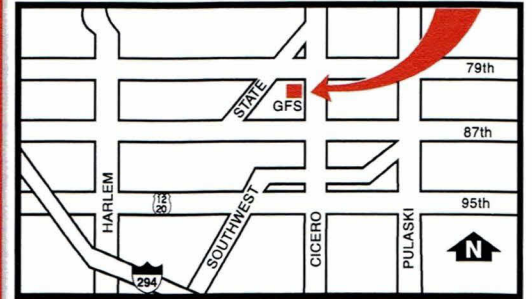


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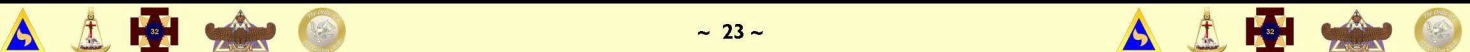
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