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*The “Real” Roots of the
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LIFTING OF UNIVERSAL PROHIBITION ON IN-PERSON MEETINGS

This is to notify all members of the United Supreme Council, A.A.S.R., N.J., (PHA), that effective August 1, 2021, I am rescinding the universal prohibition against in-person meetings. In place of this prohibition, I am directing all Deputies of the Orient to follow the state laws and protocols in your individual states relating to in person meetings.

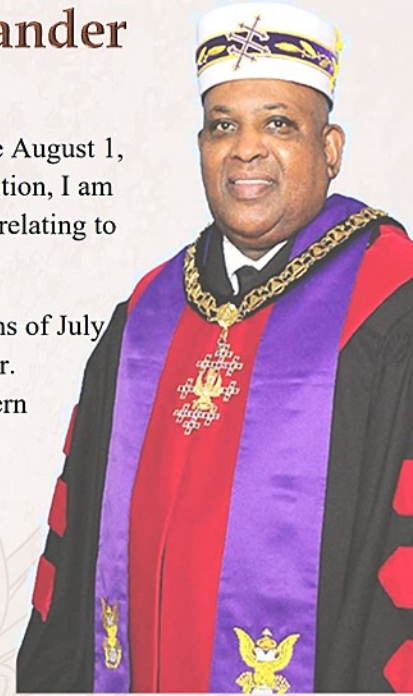
While most if not all Orients owing allegiance to the Northern Jurisdiction will close for the months of July and August, it is expected that all will be reopened for business as usual in the month of September. However, the health and safety of our members will remain our top priority and I direct all to govern themselves accordingly.

Fraternally, yours in the Rite,

Melvin J. Bazemore

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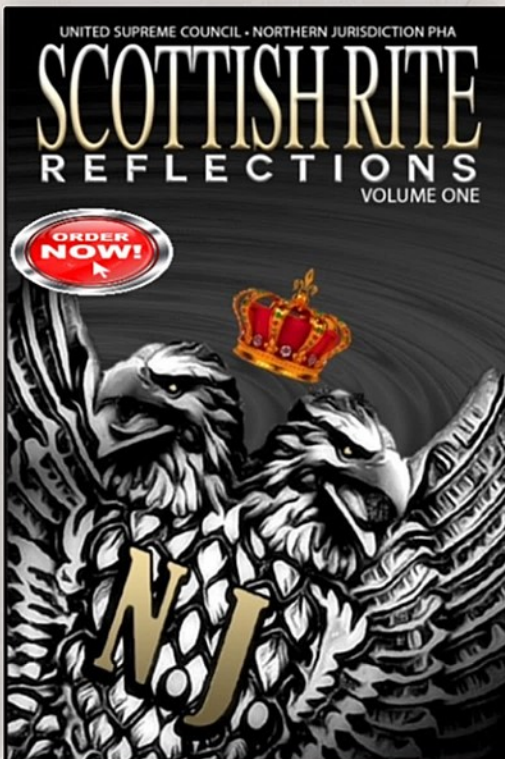
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Scottish Rite Reflections—Volume One

Scottish Rite Reflections is a stimulating way of looking at Scottish Rite Masonry in particular and Freemasonry in general. This book examines the history, legacies, traditions, philosophies, and experiences through the eyes of Masonic practitioners. The book uniquely addresses the question "what Scottish Rite Masonry means to me". The answer to the question is qualitatively described in articles, essays, poems, and interviews. The aforementioned sources are rich in historical and contemporary Scottish Rite discussions. In addition, the book tells stories about the various positive impacts of the Scottish Rite on the lives of individuals. Brotherhood, friends, leaders, and mentors are integral parts of the stories told. This impressive document will surely capture your attention and hopefully inspire you to raise questions about the Scottish Rite's mission and doctrine. **\$24.95 Softcover—\$37.95 Hardcover**

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Deputy for the Orient of Illinois

GREETINGS TO MY DEAR FRATERS AND LOYAL LADIES:

My continuous prayer is that all of you are well, safe and following the guidelines set for us to conquer this coronavirus in it's various forms. We are arranging and putting into place everything needed to have our normal in person meeting this October, by now each of you should have received information and materials relevant to an in person Illinois Council of Deliberation.

We are still under this catastrophe pandemic called COVID. Just as we thought we were about to be triumphant in our battle with this virus another version of the virus have surfaced. On several occasions, over and over again the Medical Professionals, Scientists and Researchers have told us that the key to winning this battle is to get vaccinated. The vaccine not only helps to protect us but it also helps to protect our loved ones and friends whom we come into frequent contact with, if not on a daily basis. Don't let politicians and fools get your mind twisted and don't sit around waiting for herd immunity, be a part of it and speed up the process. We know now that the vaccine and wearing of masks is not the killer, they are the savior of illness and life. The virus is the killer, look at the math, the death among those who have been vaccinated vs those who have not been vaccinated (hundreds vs millions). This vaccine was not developed too fast, believe it or not my brothers and sisters GOD is still in the Miracle Making Business. The bible says that the "prayers of the righteous availeth much". The Prayer Warriors put this pandemic in the hands of the LORD and through man he worked it out. If we do our part and follow the protocols and guidelines given us to combat this virus we will win, if we do not we are sure to lose.



I close with this poem for your edification and thoughts—"THE MAN IN THE GLASS".

*When you get what you want in your struggle for self,
And the world makes you king for a day;
Just go to the mirror and look at yourself,
And see what that man has to say.*

*For it isn't your father or mother or wife
Whose judgement you must pass,
The fellow whose verdict counts most in your life
Is staring back from the glass.*

*Some people may think you a straight shooter chum,
And call you a wonderful guy.
But the man in the glass says you are only a bum
If you can't look him straight in the eye.*

*He's the fellow to please, never mind all the rest,
For he's with you clear up to the end;
And you've passed your most difficult dangerous test,
If the man in the glass is your friend.*

*You may fool the whole world down the pathway of life,
And get pats on the back as you pass;
But your final reward will be heartaches and tears,
If you've cheated THE Man In The Glass.*

I truly thank all of you who have made contributions to the ALMS Club and the Benevolent Fund. Because of your desire and wiliness to help the less fortunate among us, it appears that we will be able to continue our usual charitable endeavors. Special thanks to GIG Tony Stafford, 33° for his steadfast dedication to the success of the ALMS Club.

Hope to see all of you soon, GOD BLESS!

Fraternally,
just another brother
Melvin Frierson, 33°

Secretary of the Illinois Council of Deliberation

Sovereign Grand Inspector General James A. Mitchell, 33°

When the challenges of COVID Pandemic surfaced, it created havoc in our communities. In spite of those early days and trying times, ICOD remained steadfast and strong to its commitment to the communities at large. ICOD provide a number of community services i.e., food to the needy, mask, transportation, and site(s) for the public to be vaccinated. Our hats off to the brethren who made the aforementioned activities possible.



The past year was interesting, to say the least. Much business and communications was done virtually. It appears the pandemic is subsiding; however, we are not out of the woods. If you, your friends, or family members are not vaccinated, you should get vaccinated, wear mask and follow both the state and CDC guidelines. We, the members of ICOD must continue to "push" Deputy Frierson's initiatives, more especially, the Alms Club, community service, education and health care.

Looking to see you at the 104th ICOD Annual Session, which will be held October 14-17 at the Abraham Lincoln-Double Tree Hotel in Springfield, Illinois.

Editor of the Scottish Rite Clarion

Sovereign Grand Inspector General Daryl L. Andrews, 33°

The search for truth continues to be a prime factor to Scottish Rite Masons across the Northern Jurisdiction and beyond. As we dig deeper into our own history, it becomes evident that there are many facts that have been left out. As such, it is of the utmost importance that we share our findings and our revelations to ensure that truth prevails. History should be OUR-story and we must do our part to make it so in order to ensure that future generations are able to discern fact from fiction.



It was indeed an honor to work with the United Supreme Council to produce "**Scottish Rite Reflections – Volume 1**". Thank you to the members of the Illinois Council of Deliberation in making this project a success. It has helped to provide clear insight into the mindsets of Sublime Princes, Grand Inspectors General and Sovereign Grand Inspectors General from across the Northern Jurisdiction. Consider purchasing today at www.USCNJPHA.org.

Moving forward, **a special request to all Commanders-In-Chief is being presented**. Please appoint a **REPORTER** for your Consistory to submit articles of current events from your respective Valleys. Help us to showcase the Orient of Illinois by sharing your accomplishments and efforts in your respective locales. Please forward all articles and photos **AS THEY OCCUR** to CLARION@ICODPHA.ORG.



Alms Club Donations

Grand Inspector General Tony D. Stafford Sr., 33°

It is that time of year again to get your Alms Club pledges in and make our Illustrious Deputy's vision a reality. Pledges and donations have come in from all over the state. We have not reached our goal but I am confident we will. I would also like to thank those from **other Orients** who participated and the members of the PHAfamily. Thanks to SPs Andrew L. Harbison Sr and Melvin Crawford, and LL Krystle T. Owens- Stafford. Let's continue the vision and remember, we can't impart what we don't possess. Send donations to:



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47th Grand Master of Prince Hall Masons & New Worthy Grand Matron

Sovereign Grand Inspector General Daryl L. Andrews, 33°



The Scottish Rite Clarion salutes the 47th Grand Master of Illinois Prince Hall Masons who is also a Grand Inspector General of the United Supreme Council, Most Worshipful Brother Roland G. Simon, and the newly elected and appointed officers of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, State of Illinois and Its Jurisdiction. Illustrious Simon is a member of Western Consistory No. 28, Valley of Chicago, Orient of Illinois and becomes the first Past Grand Secretary to serve as Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Illinois



Jurisdiction. The 2021 Annual Session of Eureka Grand Chapter Order of the Eastern was a successful session in which a Loyal Lady of the Illinois State Grand Assembly was elected Worthy Grand Matron and a Grand Inspector General of the Orient of Illinois was elected Worthy Grand Patron. We salute Sister Priscilla R. Jackson and Brother Lawrence Wood in their new posts in the Order of the Eastern Star.

Sovereign Grand Inspectors General Roscow Davies & Samuel Shook



Our Heavenly Father has called home two faithful soldiers – Sovereign Grand Inspectors General Roscow A.L. Davies and Samuel J.D. Shook. Illustrious Davies served as Deputy for the Orient of the Bahamas from 2004 to 2021 and has been a driving force in efforts to restore Bahamian communities from the trials experienced from multiple hurricanes. Illustrious Shook has served as dean over countless coronation classes for the United Supreme Council. There is not a Grand Inspector General in the Holy Empire who does not know what “Shook Time” means. Illustrious Davies and Illustrious Shook will surely be missed.

Norman's Nook

“Twenty Years Ago”

*Grand Inspector General
William L. Norman, 33°*

In honor of the late Grand Inspector General James E. Gavin and Sovereign Grand Inspector General Brian L. Abrams Sr., this photo presents the 2001 Heads of Houses of the Illinois Jurisdiction.

Seated: MEGHP C. Jenkins (HRAM); MWGJ L. Gary & MAGM J. Gary (HOJ); DGM J. Butler (MWPHGL); MWGM James Gavin (MWPHGL); WGM. M. Crook & WGP C. Wright (OES); SGIG B. Abrams (AASR); LL Bradley (OGC) - Standing: SK R. Tucker (KYCH); Pr. Y. German (PYCH); SK D. Anderson (KT); Pr. E. Blanton & SK L. Berry (HTC); Dt. R. Carter (DOI); IC J. Abner & RGPM T. Abner (LOCOP); MIC J. Mitchell (RSM)



2021 United Supreme Council Virtual Session

Sovereign Grand Inspector General Daryl L. Andrews, 33^o



Frederick O. Dobson

The Annual Session of the United Supreme Council was held virtually in 2021 due to restrictions from the COVID-19 Pandemic. Under the leadership of Sovereign Grand Commander Melvin J. Bazemore, the virtual session revealed that the United Supreme Council is operating at peak levels despite the impacts of the pandemic in communities across the Holy Empire. Fraters continue to showcase the best of the Scottish Rite through their various forms of charity.



Charles W. Hales

The work in all Orients has been stellar as confirmed by each Deputy and members of the United Supreme Council. The Lifetime Membership effort, in particular, has generated funds that can be utilized to benefit society at large. In addition, it has also helped many to provide a legacy donation in alignment with the Financial Stability mission notated in the Strategic Plan of the organization. Other projects are underway to generate additional funds for these purposes including the Scottish Rite Reflections project and the many efforts of the Fundraising Committee. Their collective efforts are also working the enhance the Scottish Rite experience.



John L. Richardson

As a part of the 2021 Virtual Session, new honorary members were coronated in the Class of 2020 and Class of 2021. The classes were named after Sovereign Grand Inspectors General Frederick O. Dobson (2020) and Charles W. Hales (2021). Illustrious Dobson was the long-time Treasurer General of the Holy Empire who passed in 2019. Illustrious Hales was the long-time Convention Director for the Holy Empire who passed in 2020. May Peace be unto their ashes.



Daryl L. Andrews

Two new members from the Orient of Illinois were added to the membership rolls of the United Supreme Council—Sovereign Grand Inspectors General John L. Richardson, Esq and Daryl L. Andrews. Special congratulations to Sovereign Grand Inspector General Neal Carson (right) who was elevated from the Emeritus to the Active Grade.



Congratulations to all members of the Orient on their elevations.

NEW Illinois Council of Deliberation Website

The website of the Illinois Council of Deliberation has been redesigned to provide a more user-friendly feel and better accessibility through mobile devices. Visit the site at

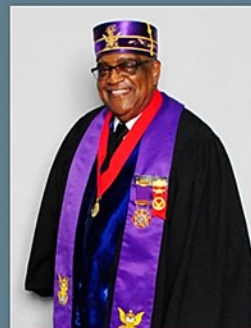
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Illinois Council of Deliberation PHA



Welcome to the Official website of the Illinois Council of Deliberation (PHA), Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry. The Illinois Council of Deliberation is a Council under the jurisdiction of the United Supreme Council, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry, PHA, Northern Jurisdiction, USA, Inc. We have been in existence for over 100 years in the State of Illinois.



The Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite is considered the University of Freemasonry. It is a system of progressive degrees that delve deeper into the mysteries of Freemasonry. Filled with men of high caliber, the Scottish Rite provides educational and practical opportunities to make good men better.

Sovereign Grand Inspector General
Melvin Frierson, 33^o
Deputy for the Orient of Illinois

A Veteran's Salute

Meet Walter Morris A Triple Nickle

Walter Morris, a retired 1st sergeant, was an original member of the Triple Nickles and the first enlisted black man accepted for airborne duty in the United States Army on February 14, 1944. He's shown with his family at Fort Leavenworth, where a statue was dedicated honoring members of Morris' 555th Parachute Infantry Battalion.



Contact Ill. Charles Cooper at (773) 613-3719 for more information on the Triple Nickles.

Meet Hannibal Cox Jr., A Tuskegee Airman



Born from the union of Hannibal M. Cox Sr. and Naomi Johnson in 1923, Colonel Hannibal M. Cox Jr. is one of the most renown members of the famed Tuskegee Airmen. Known as Hannibal "Killer" Cox, his skills in the air were unmatched during World War Two. His oath to his country was so strong that he remained

in service fighting in the Korean and Vietnam Wars. After serving his country, he joined leadership at Eastern Airlines where he retired as Vice President.

His father, Hannibal Sr. (left), was also renown within Masonic circles in the Illinois Jurisdiction and beyond. In fact, he served as Deputy for the Orient of Illinois from 1940 to 1942 as appointed by Sovereign Grand Commander Dr. Sumner A. Furniss. Leadership and service is definitely in the blood.



Divine Inspirations by DeRamus

SP Tara DeRamus, 32°

*"Once you learn to stop letting
people control your heart
and let your heart control your inner peace,
then you will feel your inner beauty."*



Post Your 32° Class Photo

Calling ALL Consistory Classes!!!!

In order to capture the history of the Orient of Illinois pictorially, the Clarion is requesting that ALL CLASSES post their 32nd Degree Elevation Class photos on the Facebook Page of the Illinois Council of Deliberation. The ICOD PHA Facebook Page can be accessed from our website:

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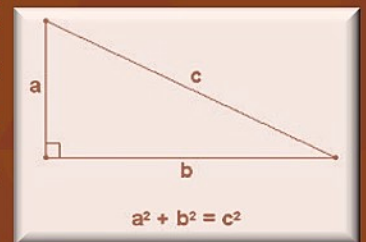
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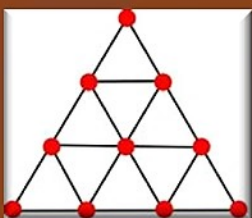
Pythagoras was an ancient Greek philosopher and mathematician who was born in Samos, Greece in 570 BC. His philosophy centered around the concept of metempsychosis which focused on the immortality of the soul and its transmigration at death into a new body or species. His mystical teachings were also supplemented with mathematical equations which primarily helped to corroborate that the stars and planets moved together in harmony.¹ These teachings were incorporated in the movement known as Pythagoreanism which has been noted by Plato and other philosophers and historians as a new way of life.

The sources of the equations and philosophical teachings of associated to Pythagoras are vast as many scholars have attempted to provide evidence for his revelations. He was a traveler and a leader of an organization which was filled with devotees to his movement. His travels, however, provide clues to the true sources of his revelations including the theorem which remains known today as the Pythagorean Theorem.

In mathematics, the Pythagorean Theorem is a theory that identifies the fundamental relation among three sides of a right triangle. The area of the square whose side is the hypotenuse is equal to the sum of the areas of the squares on the other two sides. This theorem can be written as an equation: $a^2 + b^2 = c^2$, where "c" is the length of the hypotenuse and "a" and "b" the lengths of the triangle's other two sides. If the variable "a" is substituted with the number 3 and the variable "b" is substituted with the number 4, the hypotenuse or product as represented by the variable "c" is 5. The result produces a perfect right triangle where angle ab = 90°, angle ac=60° and angle bc=30°.² This case is unique to the 3-4-5 combination.

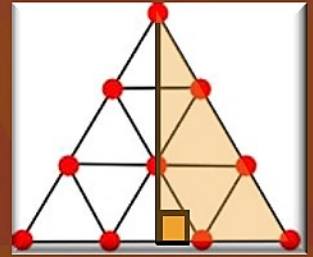


A common symbol associated with Pythagoreanism is the tetractys (below-left). This triangular symbol consists of ten points spread across four rows. Each of the three sides has four points. When inter-connected, a total of ten equilateral triangles are produced with six facing upward, three downward and one encompassing the whole. Each angle in each triangle within the tetractys measures 60°. So, when combined with the other two angles in the triangle, a complete 180° triangle is obtained.



3-4-5 Triangle

This symbol was likely absorbed by Pythagoras while in Babylon. His travel to Babylon was actually done under duress after the Battle of Pelusium in 525 BC during the Persian Conquest of Egypt. He had been studying in Egypt at the time of the conquest for twelve years and became a captive. In Babylon, he was able to extend his studies with the Magi which included exposure to the tetractys and numerology.³ When slicing a tetractys in half, the principles of the 3-4-5 triangle are attributed perfectly. With one angle remaining at 60° and the other cut in half to 30°, the third becomes a right angle or 90° angle. With the vertical line opposite the 30° angle measuring 3, the horizontal line equates to 4 and the hypotenuse to 5 completing a perfect 3-4-5 triangle.



Although the source of the 3-4-5 triangle is attributed to Pythagoras, it is actually a concept that had long since been adopted in Egypt and Babylon where Pythagoras studied.

Ahmose's Mathematical Papyrus Problem 57:

HEIGHT = $\frac{1}{2}$ BASE ÷ SEKED

$\frac{1}{2}$ BASE = 140/2 = 70

1 CUBIT = 7 PALMS

HEIGHT = 70 ÷ 5.25 × 7 = 93.33 CUBITS

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A papyrus from the 18th Dynasty of Egypt presented a problem in which the student had to determine the height of a pyramid (above-right). The angle or slope (SEKED) and the base were known so, utilizing the Egyptian method, the problem was solved in a similar way as the Babylonian rule outlined.⁴ A translation from a tablet circa



1900BC (above) presented the following question:⁵

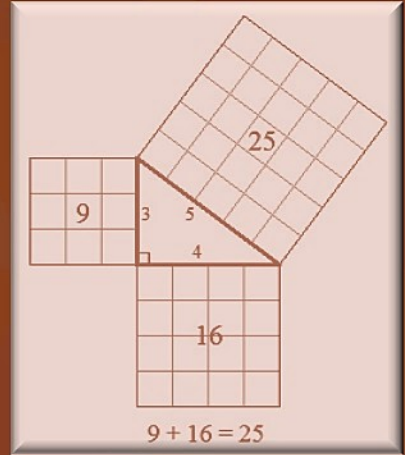
4 is the length and 5 the diagonal. What is the breadth?

The solution below is the theorem attributed to Pythagoras:

- ◆ 4 times 4 is 16.
- ◆ 5 times 5 is 25.
- ◆ You take 16 from 25 and there remains 9.

What times what shall I take in order to get 9?

- ◆ 3 times 3 is 9. 3 is the breadth.



So why is Pythagoras credited with this knowledge? It is most likely due to the spread of the doctrine of Pythagoreanism and the loss of knowledge during the Dark Ages.

In 520 BC, Pythagoras returned to Samos and founded a school, "The Semicircle of Pythagoras", based on the learnings that he absorbed from Egypt and Babylon. He founded another school in Croton in 518 BC. Both promoted the following:⁶

- *reality is mathematical in nature,*
- *philosophy can be used for spiritual purification,*
- *the soul can rise to union with the divine,*
- *certain symbols have a mystical significance, and*
- *all brothers of the order should observe strict loyalty and secrecy.*

Upon this doctrine, Pythagoreanism was forged and spread across the region. Other factions also grew along similar lines until the Dark Ages which ushered in a period of ignorance for nearly 600 years. The intellectual rebirth near 1200 AD expanded civilization and the closest intellectual sources were from the last known. So, the light that **re-entered** the world was credited to men like Pythagoras instead of their teachers.

In the writings of Albert Pike, particularly *Morals and Dogma of the Ancient Accepted*

Scottish Rite, Pythagorean concepts are directly referenced especially in the 2nd (Fellowcraft), 28th (Knight of the Sun) and 32nd (Sublime Prince of the Royal Secret) Degrees. He draws esoteric meanings to the Pythagorean tetractys like many in Western Civilization.⁷ Yet, as seekers of truth, Scottish Rite Masons are called to research and reveal new truths for the ancients like these:⁸⁻¹³

• **20,000 BC—The Ishango Bone**

The bone contains a series of notches



which many scientists believe were used for counting.

• **3,000 to 4,000 BC**

Sumerian accounting token to measure effort for work performed and the reciprocal wages to be paid.



• **2,600 BC to 2,700 BC**

Ancient Sumerian multiplication tablet for construction purposes.



*** VALLEY OF EAST ST. LOUIS ***

MEMORIAL BENCH IN MEMORY OF LOYAL LADY KAREN MICHELE BARNETT

Tammy Smith-Williams (retrieved May 7, 2021)

A Precious Organization is an organization in Alton, Illinois which focuses on providing aid to those afflicted with Sickle Cell Anemia. The organization presented a memorial bench to Rock Spring Park in Alton in memory of Karen Johnson Barnett. "She was a big part of A Precious Organization and always supported everything we did. Karen struggled with Sickle Cell herself until she couldn't fight anymore. We will never forget her kindness, countless hours of conversation and encouragement. We have to trust that God makes no mistakes."

Visit www.APreciousOrganization.org

On behalf of Grand Inspector General Harry Barnett, the Illinois Council of Deliberation is most-especially thanks for its contributions to this grand organization that continues to help many.



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In Memory of
KAREN M.
JOHNSON-BARNETT
"When you get the choice to sit or stand or dance,
I hope you dance!"

- **1,600 BC to 1,900 BC**

Babylonian tablets for calculation of area of trapezoids and circles.



- **1,400 BC to 1,600 BC**

The Tomb of Menna shows survey techniques and the Rhind Papyrus (below)



contains 84 high-level mathematical problems.

All in all, there is a significant gap in the documented history of mathematics prior to Pythagoras. As further knowledge is gained, it is imperative to acknowledge those ancestors who actually made the initial discoveries. In doing so, the true trails of history can be preserved and the actual discoverers can receive their just wages.

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*** VALLEY OF ROCKFORD ***

GIG LUTHER PRIMM—NAMESAKE OF WELCOME STAR LODGE SCHOLARSHIP

Grand Inspector General George Barmore, 33^o

The brethren of Welcome Star Lodge #36 of Rockford saw fit to honor the labors of a fallen Scottish Rite soldier by making him the namesake of a scholarship that will aid youth pursuing higher education. Grand Inspector General Luther Primm made his earthly transition in 2010 yet the impacts of his brotherhood, friendship and mentorship still have a lasting effect on the Valley of Rockford to this day. Primm was a devoted and active member of Welcome Star Lodge and Balthasar Consistory #92. He was a past Commander-In-Chief of Balthasar and, after being coronated to Honorary Membership in the United Supreme Council, he served as Vice President of the Commanders of the Rite for the Valley of Rockford.

Princess Zorah Chapter #20 also created a namesake scholarship honoring Sister Lucille Lambert. Together, the scholarships provided four students with \$3,000 in educational grants aiding these four students in their efforts to achieve collegiate degrees. Luther Primm Scholars—Jacoby Robinson, LeTorriss Tate and Lucille Lambert Scholars—Heirreona Streeter and Shayna Patterson.



*** VALLEY OF WAUKEGAN ***

NORTH SHORE CONSISTORY #91 AWARDS THE GRAND INSPECTOR GENERAL STEPHEN A. TAYLOR, 33° MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP *Grand Inspector General Jason Jackson, 33°*

On July 10, 2021, the members of North Shore Consistory #91, Valley of Waukegan, hosted their Inaugural Grand Inspector General Stephen A. Taylor, 33° Memorial Scholarship Program. The event was initially set to be held at the Consistory's annual Black & Gold Ball, but like many of our traditional celebrations, it was forced to a virtual platform due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Despite the trials and short comings experienced, North Shore Consistory continued their efforts in recognizing the graduates and students of the 2020/2021 academic school year.

North Shore Consistory #91 Scholarship was recently renamed to the Grand Inspector General Stephen A. Taylor, 33° Memorial Scholarship after the passing of their long time and faithful member, II Sir Stephen A. Taylor. II Sir Taylor was recognized amongst his Consistory and peers as a MAN AMONG MEN, a man of good morals, a faithful individual, a child of GOD with a non-wavering attitude, absolutely dedicated, always committed, trustworthy and of exceptional confidence. His love and dedication to the youth stemmed from working with the Reserve Officers Training Corp (ROTC) Program in Chicago public school system. He often talked about his experiences as an instructor and believed in investing in our children. He felt by doing so, they could have a chance to partake in a great a future and to be successful in any career. They will be enabled to live well and to do well wherever they may be. He felt they are an important resource for the future of this nation. Their readiness, preparedness and wisdom will eventually lie in our hands and we must never forget to encourage and assist them, and when needed, motivate them contentiously.

Four students were awarded the Grand Inspector General Stephen A. Taylor, 33° Memorial Scholarship. These students were rigorously screened through the Consistory's application process and selected according to their collegian aspirations, recommendations of educational and community leadership and cumulative grade point averages. Recipients for this scholarship were Mr. JaCarl Norman, Zion Benton Township Highschool of Zion, IL, Mr. Patrick Leconte, St. Joseph Catholic High School of Kenosha, WI, Ms. Jordin Stribling, University of Colorado Boulder of Zion, IL and Ms. Alante' Klyce, Lindblom Math and Science Academy of Chicago, IL. Each student received an education donation of \$500 (\$2,000 in total scholarships awarded). The recipients of the scholarship were given an opportunity to express their gratitude to North Shore Consistory #91 and promised to keep them abreast of their achievements throughout their educational endeavors.

There were over thirty participants on the Zoom scholarship program. Joining for the festivities were the widow and son of II Sir Taylor, Mrs. Veronica Taylor and Mr. Malcolm Davis. Mrs. Taylor expressed her appreciation and gratitude to North Shore Consistory for honoring her husband and continuing his legacy be inspiring our youth to continue with their education with the monetary gifts on his behalf. She has pledged that she and the Taylor family will continue to contribute to the Grand Inspector General Stephen A. Taylor, 33° Memorial Scholarship fund in the many years to come.



*** VALLEY OF SPRINGFIELD ***

MEET SUBLIME PRINCE RICHARD PRYOR, 32° OF MENELIK CONSISTORY #49, SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS



The Orient of Illinois is home to many famous Freemasons like the Honorable Jerry "Iceman" Butler, Sovereign Grand Inspector General Gene "Duke of Earl" Chandler, William "Count" Basie and many other well known names in African American History. One more name can be included in the list—Sublime Prince Richard Pryor of Peoria, Illinois. Pryor joined the Masonic Order in the 1970s as a member of Henry Brown Lodge #22 of Peoria. He was later inducted into Menelik Consistory #49 as a Sublime Prince of the Royal Secret and into the Ancient Egyptian Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. A renowned actor and comedian, he was also representing the Illinois Jurisdiction as a Mason, Shriner and a Sublime

Prince as shown above. This is just a bit of Central Illinois History that we thought you should know.

*** VALLEY OF CHICAGO ***

WRIGHTWOOD BASEBALL PLAYERS SIGN ON THE DOTTED LINE

Over the years, the Illinois Council of Deliberation has donated to the Wrightwood Little League through donations turned over through the editor of the Clarion. The donations have provided much needed supplies for many of the youth who did not have the funds to acquire items themselves. The perseverance of all of these young men have paid off. Several players have gone forward to play travel baseball with "The Show" Youth Organization under the direction of Chicago City Coach of the Year Ernest Radcliffe. From experiences through travelling across the country, all of the young men pictured will be playing Division 2 or greater baseball at universities across the country. Five of these players from the core Wrightwood Little League group will be playing baseball at Clark Atlanta University. Others will play at Milliken University, Florida Memorial University, Benedict University and Wright State University. All graduated high school with a GPA of 3.0 or greater. Congratulations.



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