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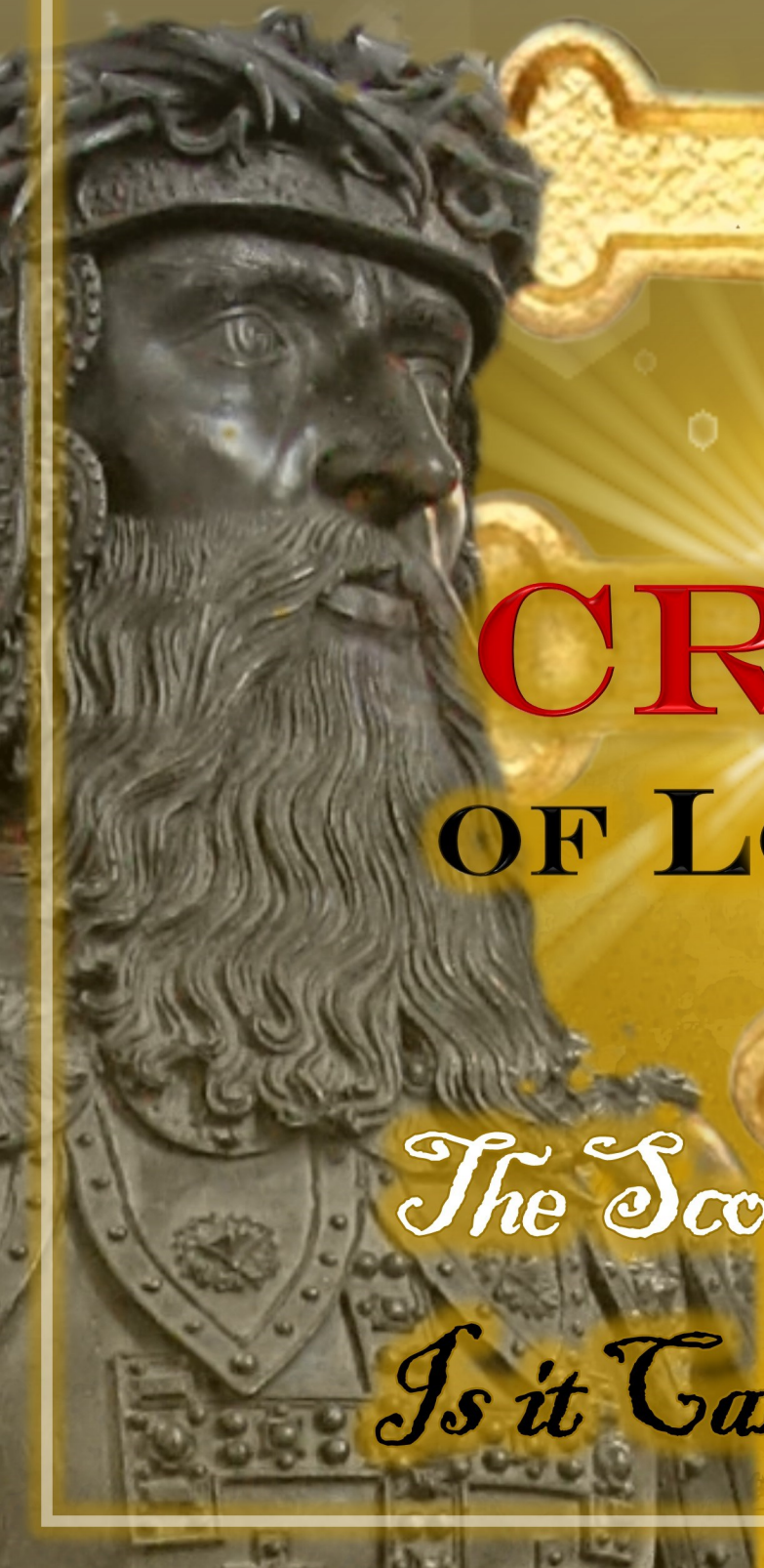
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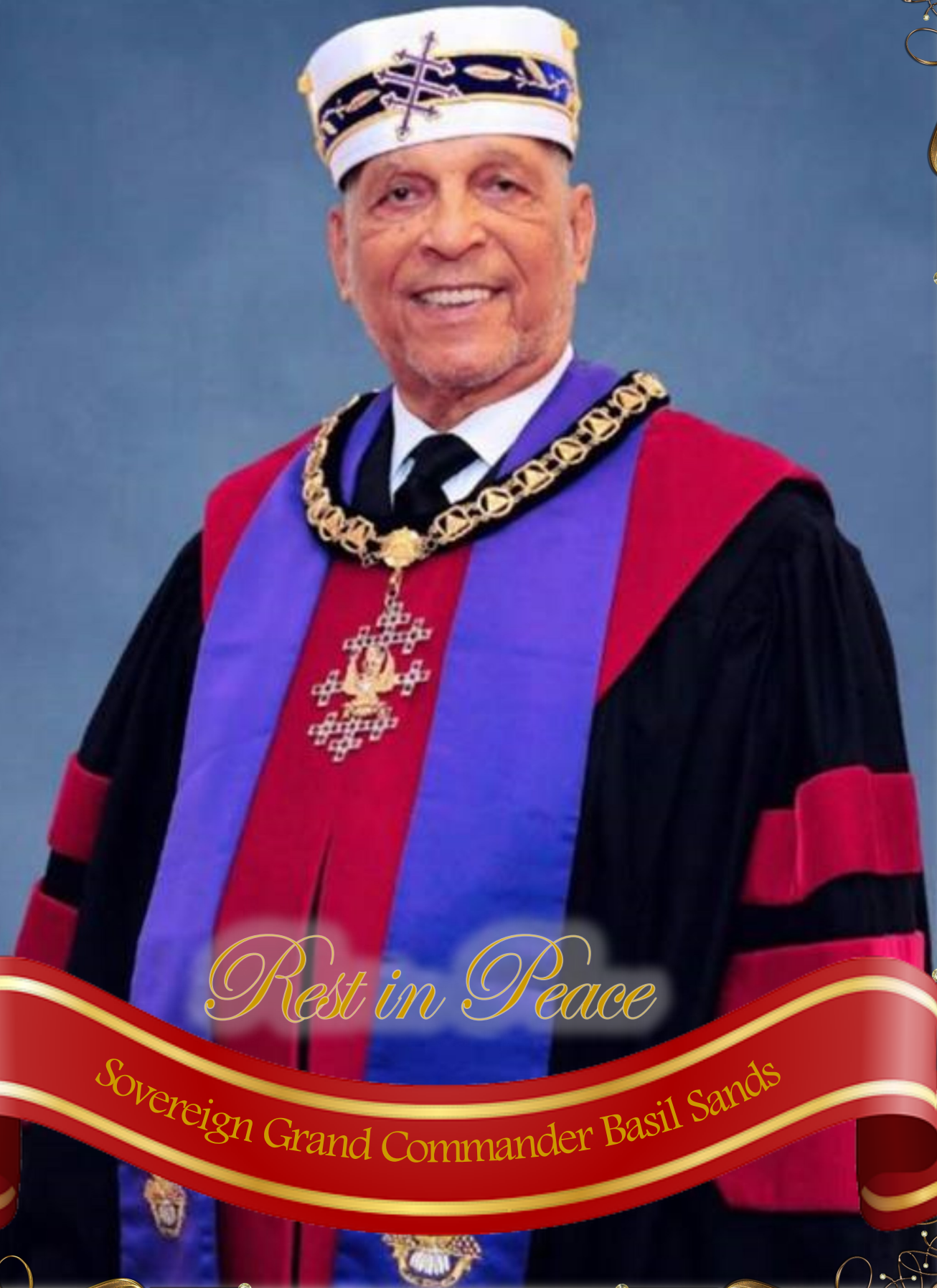


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Is it Calling You?*





Rest in Peace

Sovereign Grand Commander Basil Sands

From the Desk of the Deputy for the Orient of Illinois

SOVEREIGN GRAND INSPECTOR GENERAL MELVIN FRIERSON, 33°

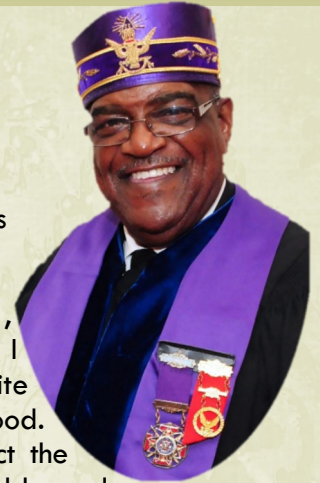
Greetings:

I hope this writing finds you and yours doing well. The old saying "Time waits on no one" is very true. It doesn't seem like it has been almost a year since we last met.

The 101st Annual Session of the Illinois Council of Deliberation will convene October 19-21, 2018 at the Abraham Lincoln Double Tree Hotel, Springfield, IL. With great anticipation, I wait to see and fellowship with each of you. Through it all God has been good to us despite the ups and down, times of despair, hopelessness and the storms of life. God is just good. Always remember that you are the Illinois Council of Deliberation and we try to conduct the business and affairs of this Orient of Illinois with that in mind and also in the most humble and democratic ways possible. We need, solicit and encourage your attendance and participation and we value your input. I look forward to seeing you in October.

I do hope that your Consistory/Assembly have submitted article(s) for print in this edition of the Clarion Newsletter.

May God continue to Bless and Keep you safe in his arms.



From the Desk of the Secretary

SOVEREIGN GRAND INSPECTOR GENERAL JAMES A. MITCHELL, 33°

"A well prepared man never trembles."

We mourn the lost of our beloved SGC Basil L. Sands.

Congratulations to the newly crowned thirty-third degree Masons from the Orient of Illinois (PHA) namely GIGs Melvin Brooks, Clifford Brown, Steve Coleman, Jessie Davies, Nathaniel Hansard, Jason Jackson, Marion Matlock, Wrophas Meeks, Raymond Smith, and Lawrence Wood.

With your help and support the Educational Assistance and Community Service Programs are improving throughout the Orient of Illinois (PHA). We must continue to help and support so we will be able to serve others. Don't forget to submit your article(s) of interest to the Clarion's Editor, GIG Daryl Andrews.

Plan to attend the Illinois Council of Deliberation's (PHA) 101st Annual Session on October 19-21, 2018 at the Abraham Lincoln - Double Tree Hotel located 701 Adam St., Springfield, Illinois



From the Desk of the Editor

GRAND INSPECTOR GENERAL DARYL L. ANDREWS, 33°

In order to potentially increase the publication schedule, it is recommended that each Commander-In-Chief of each Consistory appoint a reporter to convey articles and photos of events to this office on a quarterly basis to ensure that the works done in each Valley are captured in this publication. Please send the names of the Consistory Reporter as well as Consistory Rosters to Clarion@AndrewsPress.com.



Peace Be Unto His Ashes

ILLINOIS COUNCIL OF DELIBERATION

Rest in peace to Grand Inspector General Dr. Sterling Blackmon, formerly of Balthasar Consistory #92, in the Valley of Rockford, who made his transition from this world on February 8, 2018.

May peace be unto his ashes on unto all those who are now welcomed in the arms of our Heavenly Father.



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Illinois State Grand Assembly Honors State Grand Loyal Lady Ruler

SUBMITTED BY LOYAL LADY CLAIRE WALKER

On Saturday June 23, 2018, the Illinois State Grand Assembly honored its leader with a luncheon at the Hawthorne Suites in Champaign, Illinois. The purpose of the event was to honor and recognize State Grand Loyal Lady Ruler Janet Lily for her efforts and accomplishments. Her labors of love in leadership over the Order of the Golden Circle and within her community have been grand and extraordinary making her a well deserving recipient. The event was attended by all Assemblies and several of the Consistories in the Orient of Illinois. The luncheon was also attended by the honoree's family as well as varies Church members and other Organizations. All were present to extend best wishes and congratulations to State Grand Loyal Lady Ruler Lilly.



Left to right GIG Dimitreus Gilmore, Aubrey Barlow, Deputy Grand Master, the honoree, State Grand Loyal Lady Ruler Janet H. Lilly, GIG Reinaldo A. Walker, SGIG Melvin Frierson, Deputy of the Orient of Illinois, SGIG Homer Walton.



SGLLR Janet H. Lilly and Leatreasa Lilly-Madison



Josh Lilly, Trish, Loyal Lady Janet H. Lilly, and Deran Lilly

The Brooks—A Family You Should Know

SUBMITTED BY NORTH SHORE CONSISTORY #91

DR. WADELL BROOKS SR., 33^o

Illustrious Sir Wadell Brooks Sr., 33^o, was born in Lexington, Mississippi to Willie and Canary Brooks. At the age of 13, he accepted Christ as his personal savior at Southern Missionary Baptist Church in East St. Louis, Illinois. In June 1950, Dr. Brooks was the first black student to graduate from East St. Louis Senior High School. He went on to become a Centennial graduate of Illinois State University, Normal, Illinois. He earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in Business Administration with a minor in Physical Education. He later earned two honorary Doctorate Degrees from Faith Grant College in Birmingham, Alabama.

Dr. Brooks served two years in the US Army, sixteen months in Korea and received the Korean Service Medal. He worked for thirty five years in Federal Civil Service. In his first position at the Veterans Administration, he was an Educational Therapist, where he remained for eleven years. Then he went to the Great Lakes Naval Training Center where he served as Educational Specialist; Director of Housing Assignment and Referral Service; and Deputy Equal Employment Officer for eleven years before retiring in 1990. After his retirement from civil service, he went on to work with his wife Daisy to fulfill the dream of a daycare, infant and group home for girls in North Chicago, Illinois.

Community activities have always played a role in Dr. Brooks' life. He initiated and hosts the NAACP Focus, a weekly radio talk show on WKRS-AM 1220 which airs every Saturday morning. He also "Community Forum", a weekly Community Access Talk show on channel 17. In 1994, he was awarded the "Best of Lake County First Production by a Producer" award for community focus. His community leadership has extended to many organizations including Lake County Fair Housing Task Force; Lake County Minority Board Recruitment Committee; Executive Council, Illinois State University Associates; Life Member



NAACP; Lake County Urban League Board of Directors; North Chicago Rotary Club; Past Master of Rufus Mitchel Lodge #107; member of North Shore Consistory #91; Lake County City Council, Navy League; and many more. He has also been active in faith communities and has served as a Deacon at Shiloh Baptist Church and as a Trustee at Mt. Sinai Institutional Baptist Church.

Dr. Brooks counts Dr. Benjamin Mays, former President of Morehouse College and Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. as his heroes. He finds his inspiration in Jesus Christ, "Our Mediator".

Dr. Brooks' pride in his family shines through. His wife, Dr. Daisy M. Brooks received the 2010 Presidential Award from President Barack Obama. His three children are also accomplished. His daughter, Casandra, received a Presidential Award from President Barack Obama when she was Principal at Forrestal School in North Chicago and she holds a Masters Degree in Education from National College of Education in Evanston, Illinois; a Masters Degree in Educational Administration from Northern Illinois University and a Doctorate in Education from Faith Grant College in Birmingham, Alabama. Eldest daughter, Yolanda, has a Bachelors Degree in Accounting from Michigan State University. Wadell Jr. has a Bachelor of Science Degree in Electrical Engineering from the University of Illinois at Champaign.

DR. DAISY M. BROOKS

Loyal Lady Daisy m. Brooks is a native of Natchez, Mississippi but she considers North Chicago, Illinois her hometown. Dr. Brooks graduated from Sadie B. Thompson High School in Natchez. She went on to earn her LPN from National Institute for Practical Nursing in Chicago, a Bachelor of Science in Human Resource Development and a Master of Science in Community Service from Pacific Western University in Los Angeles, California. She earned a Doctorate of Education, a Doctorate of Human Letters, a Doctorate of Laws and a Doctorate of Literature from Faith Grand College in Birmingham, Alabama. Though her degrees are many, she is perhaps best known for her work founding Daisy's Nursery and Daisy's Resource and Developmental Center, North Chicago, Illinois.

Dr. Brooks founded the nursery after she was unable to locate good care for her own children. Dr. Brooks Resource and Developmental Center grew out of community needs and provided residential services to homeless women to help them become independent and financially self-sufficient. Services included academic schooling, vocational training, counseling and independent living skills. Dr. Brooks retired as President and CEO of the Resource and Developmental Center (more on p. 16)



The Scottish Rite

Often we are led to believe that once you obtain the Master Mason's Degree, you are on a par with any Brother Mason, anywhere across the globe. And while that may be entirely correct, for those who do not take the advantage to seek more light in Masonry, you might just be denying yourself the opportunity to open up a whole new world of information.

The Scottish Rite of Freemasonry is often referred to as the University of Freemasonry. The degrees associated with this branch of Masonic education delve into the ethical and philosophical tenets of the Rite and are illustrated in the presentation of the several degrees, each having its own meaning and understanding.

The Scottish Rite is divided into three "houses", with each house exploring particular points of philosophy, history, ethics and fundamental truths that freemasons strive to pattern their lives. The first house, known as the Lodge of Perfection, covers the 4th thru the 14th degrees. These are known as the Ineffable Degrees and assist brethren to investigate and contemplate the ineffable name of deity. Upon completion of the lessons in the fourteenth degree, one is in possession of the title of Grand Elect, Perfect and Sublime Mason. This is an important step in the journey, as you are now prepared to further expound upon your spiritual travails. The house is governed by the Thrice Potent Master.

The 15th thru 18th Degrees constitute the Chapter of Rose Croix. These Degrees expound upon the philosophical and religious aspects of an intellectual nature. Upon completion of the eighteenth degree, a Brother is known as a Knight Rose Croix. The Chapter of Rose Croix is undoubtedly the most public house of Scottish Rite Masonry, as it is charged with performing funeral services for the deceased membership. The head of this house, known as the Most Wise and Perfect Master, is responsible for ensuring that a



Submitted By SGIG Homer Walton, 33°

fallen member is afforded the final rights and benefits due to a Scottish Rite Mason.

Finally, the Degrees from nineteen thru thirty-two are grouped into the Consistory. These degrees constitute the traditional and chivalric degrees of Freemasonry, the traditional degrees being from the 19th thru the 29th and the chivalric degrees from the 30th to the 32nd. A brother receiving this degree becomes a Sublime Prince of the Royal Secret and is invested with an understanding that, if one truly embraces the teachings, will govern his life for all the days to come. The head of this house is known as the Commander-in-Chief and although each house is sovereign unto itself, the three houses operate under the leadership of the Consistory as a "Valley" in the Orient or geographical state of its existence. The various orients are grouped together as a Supreme Council and are presided over by a Sovereign Grand Commander.

After obtaining the 32nd Degree, a worthy Sublime Prince, upon recommendation, may be elevated to the 33rd and last Degree of Freemasonry, or Grand Inspector General. This honor is provided to those who show a prolific desire to embody the tenets of the preceding degrees and cannot be requested or applied for. One must work hard and be selected by virtue of the example that he sets in both his everyday life and his Masonic career.

If you really want to immerse yourself in the inner workings of Masonry and gain a deeper understanding of what it means to belong to this Order, answer that call and seek out a Scottish Rite Mason to request a petition to become a member. You'll be glad you did, for it will truly change your life. And if you are a Scottish Rite Mason and you know of a worthy Master Mason who can benefit from the education that this "University" can provide, by all means, invite him to become a member and expand his horizons.

Valley of Rock Island

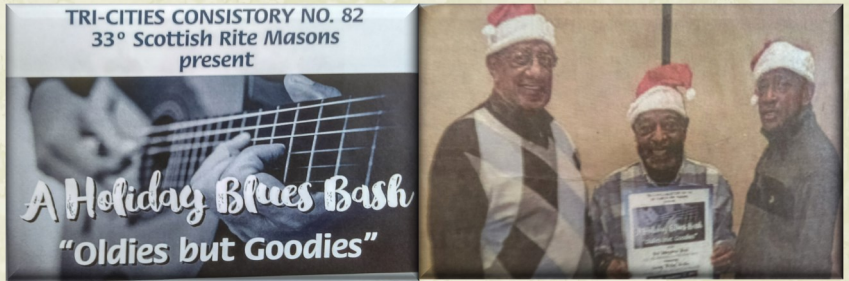
SUBMITTED BY GRAND INSPECTOR GENERAL MOSES ROBINSON

Tri-Cities Consistory #82 has been extremely active in the Rock Island, Illinois and Davenport, Iowa community since the Holiday Season. The efforts of the Fraters also continued well through the Spring. Their season of giving and service kicked off in grand style in December of last year and continued well through the summer.

Tri-Cities Consistory #92 hosted "Oldies but Goodies", a holiday blues bash in Davenport, Iowa in order to generate funds to aid citizens in the vicinity through charitable works. The event featured the famed sounds of Hal "Blues Man" Reed and the Mississippi Journey Blues Band along with George "Po Boy" Rankin. Driven by Illustrious Moses Robinson, Ira Whitaker and Donald Crowley (pictured top-right), the event was a blast. It helped to generate revenue for the community and to the Consistory. In doing so, funds were allocated to uplift the youth. Over 200 bicycles were delivered to youth in the community as a result during the King Center Annual Bike Giveaway for Kids.

The additional revenue generated from all efforts of the Consistory went into aiding and assisting with other community endeavors for other Masonic Bodies. In March, Tri-Cities teamed up with King Solomon Lodge #20 and Adah Chapter #10, OES during their annual Fish Fry in March of this year. The Commanders of the Rite also held their annual Meat Bundle Raffle with three meat bundles from Cattlemen's Meat Market. Three gift baskets were also donated as alternate raffle drawings. Meat bundle winners were Mr. Robert Anderson of Davenport, Iowa; Mr. Carl Williams, Rock Island, Illinois; and Mr. Milton Porch, Davenport, Iowa. Loyal Lady Claire Walker of Lockport, Illinois won a gift basket along with Mr. James Morney of East Moline, Illinois and Mr. Tony Lumpkin of Davenport, Iowa.

All in all, these efforts set forth a common theme. They helped to generate funds for the Consistory but also for the community as well. Even though Iowa is just across the Mississippi River, it did not stop the Fraters from contributing locally and abroad. Keep up the great work.



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Valley of Joliet

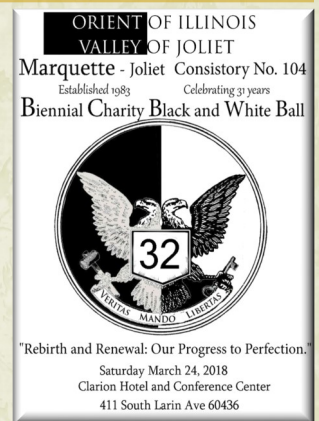
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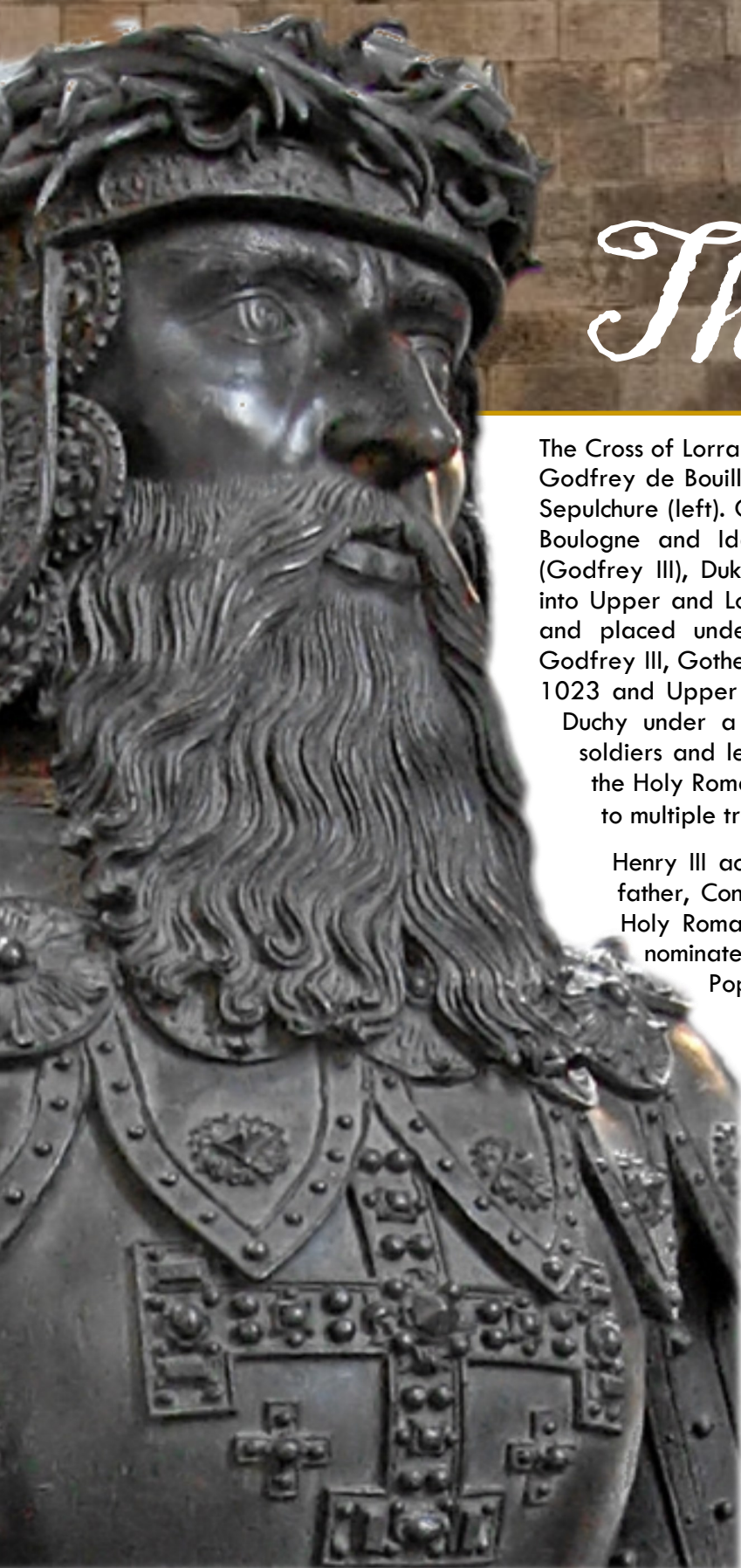
Marquette-Joliet Consistory #104 held its biennial Black & White Ball on Saturday evening March 24, 2018. As defined, the event is held every two years and as such, it invariably garners intense anticipatory excitement. The 2018 edition would be well worth the advanced enthusiasm.

In preparation for the occasion, patrons shined black shoes with military precision, flawlessly prepared elegant formal gowns and detailed modern chariots to showroom vigor. As the day of the affair finally arrived and evening shadows grew longer, Fraters, Ladies and their guests slowly began to fill the baroque banquet hall with the aura of love and conviviality. Tender embraces and affectionate conversations leaped and bounded amongst new and familiar friends alike. The event allowed for one and all to put aside our individual burdens and sincerely share time, space and spirit dwelling together in unity.

The highlight of the program arrived at the keynote address delivered by Pastor Stefan Morgan, 32°. The subject of his talk expounded upon the theme of the evening... Rebirth & Renewal: A Progress to Perfection. Frater Morgan reminded us to bear witness that we all have YOD given gifts and it is our inalienable privilege to hone that specific aptitude in order to effectively share it with the world. "...Light not be put out or placed under a bushel; rather it shine that its rays may penetrate and enlighten." He urged the audience to persevere past the inevitable stumbling blocks of life in continuous attempts of accomplishing progressive honorable projects. "...endure hardness as a good soldier". Finally, we were inspired to take responsibility of pushing humanity forward through intellectual and charitable labor which naturally leads to achieving concept mastery via comprehensive teaching. "...lifting as we climb."

Generally speaking, progress is often described as "onward movement toward a destination" and perfection as the "state of being free from defect". Thusly, the summation of Progress to Perfection can be simply arrived as "movement toward a state free from defect". Philosophers and theologians alike, agree that progress to perfection is a concise characterization of a complete human existence. In *Morals and Dogma*, Albert Pike, 33° relates the sentiment: "The Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, teaches by its instruction, that the noblest purpose of life and the highest duty of a man are to strive incessantly and vigorously to win the mastery of everything, of that which in him is spiritual and divine, over that which is material and sensual; so that in him also, as in the Universe which God governs, Harmony and Beauty may be the result of a just equilibrium." Marquette-Joliet #104 wholeheartedly agrees. *Fiat Lux!!!*





The Cross

The Cross of Lorraine is known in many circles as the Cross of the Army of Godfrey de Bouillon, Duke of Lower Lorraine and Defender of the Holy Sepulchre (left). Godfrey de Bouillon was the son of Count Eustace II of Boulogne and Ida of Lorraine, daughter of Godfrey the Bearded (Godfrey III), Duke of Lower Lorraine. Lorraine had been segregated into Upper and Lower sections under the Holy Roman Empire long ago and placed under the direction of separate Dukes. The father of Godfrey III, Gothelo I, had been granted the Duchy of Lower Lorraine in 1023 and Upper Lorraine in 1033 which, effectively, consolidated the Duchy under a single leader. A powerful Duchy with experienced soldiers and leadership, its consolidation was viewed as a threat to the Holy Roman Empire which set into action several events that lead to multiple transitions of leadership in the domain.

Henry III actually came to power in 1039 after the death of his father, Conrad II of Germany. He was crowned emperor of the Holy Roman Empire by Pope Clement II who had, himself, been nominated by Henry to the papal crown. After the death of Pope Clement II, in 1047, Henry nominated Pope Benedict IX in 1048, and after his death during the same year, nominated Pope Damasus II who died within a month of elevation. As such, Henry selected Pope Leo IX in 1049 and leveraged the papacy as a tool to control the Holy Roman Empire.

After the death of Gothelo in 1044, control over both Duchies were to be segregated to Godfrey III and Gothelo II by order of the Emperor, Henry III. According to scholars, this was due to fear of a united Lorraine. Outraged by the decision, Godfrey III started a twelve year rebellion in 1044. This drove the emperor to appoint Frederick of Luxembourg as Duke of Lower Lorraine in 1046 and Adalbert as Duke of Upper Lorraine in 1047. Eustace took on the cause of his father-in-law's rebellion in 1048. As a result of his

of Lorraine



participation in the rebellion and from claims that his marriage to Ida was within a prohibited degree of kinship as both were descendants of King Louis II of France, Eustace was excommunicated from the Holy Roman Church within months of his declaration by Pope Leo IX in 1049.

Although the rebellion devastated Lower Lorraine, it had outlasted Pope Leo IX and the Emperor. Pope Leo died in 1054 and was succeeded by Pope Victor II. The new Pope was at the side of Emperor Henry III when he died in October of 1056. As the guardian of and advisor to the new emperor Henry IV, who was only six years old at the time, Pope Victor II worked through the youth to restore peace throughout the Holy Roman Empire. In doing so, Godfrey was exiled to Tuscany to serve as Margrave and, after the death of Pope Victor II in 1057, he was appointed Duke of Spoleto through the work of his brother, Pope Stephen IX, who succeeded Pope Victor II.



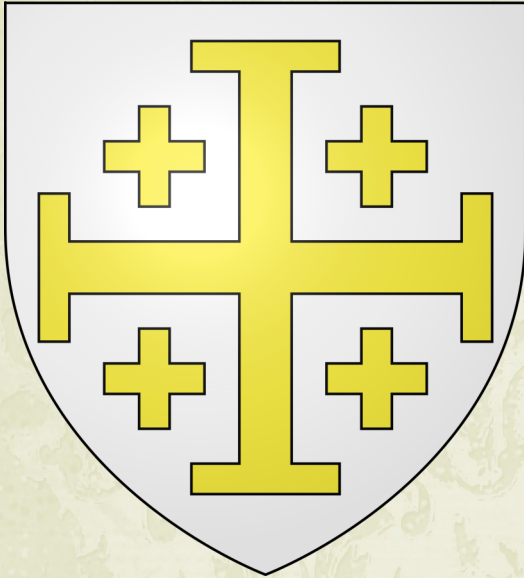
As Duke of Spoleto, Godfrey became very powerful politically and utilized his relationships to become a political cornerstone in Northern Italy. His success in expelling antipope Benedict X during the term of his brother and political intervention in regional conflicts under succeeding Popes had gained him control of Loguordo and Pisa and prominence in Rome. His service through this period found him being recalled as Duke of Lower Lorraine by Emperor Henry IV after the death of Frederick in 1065 and Margrave of Antwerp which was under Frederick's control.

As Duke of Lower Lorraine, Godfrey rebuilt his castle at Bouillon and maintained his status as Margrave of Tuscany until his death in 1069. Godfrey IV, the hunchback, succeeded his father as Duke of Lower Lorraine and Margrave of Tuscany and Antwerp. After his death in 1076, Lower Lorraine was transferred to Conrad II, Tuscany to Matilda and Antwerp to Godfrey de Bouillon. After Conrad's ascension to King of Germany in 1087, Godfrey de Bouillon became Duke of Lower Lorraine. It is through this line of succession that Godfrey de Bouillon came to power.

A devout Christian and accomplished warrior, Godfrey de Bouillon was a prominent figure in the First Crusade. He took out loans on his castle at Bouillon and on his other lands to finance the Crusade called on by Pope Urban II (right) in 1095. In doing so, he gathered Knights from across Europe to liberate Jerusalem, the Holy Land, from Muslim control and aid the Byzantine Empire which was under Muslim attack. By 1097, multiple armies had arrived at Constantinople which was the capitol of the Byzantine Empire along with Godfrey's Crusaders. Together, they marched into battle. After three years of war, the Crusaders captured Jerusalem and established Crusaders states.



The Army of Godfrey of Bouillon adopted the heraldic, two-barred cross to denote its fealty to



CROSS OF JERUSALEM

The Jerusalem Cross was typically borne on the flags and shields of Knights Templar in Jerusalem. It symbolizes the five wounds of Christ and his sacrifice over the four quarters of the world.

The Cross of Lorraine is the double-barred cross, also known as the Patriarchal Cross, represents redemption for Jews (top bar) and gentiles (middle bar). Worn colored red by Knights Templar, it represented their willingness to shed blood in defense of Christ and the Church.



CROSS OF LORRAINE

the Holy Roman Church of the Holy Roman Empire as the three-barred cross had been adopted by the Pope, the representative of the Holy Roman Church. When engaging in battle, the Cross of Lorraine was worn in red to represent the willingness of the Knights under Godfrey's command to shed their blood in defense of Christ and the Church. As a result of the efforts of the Army of Godfrey, Godfrey de Bouillon (right) was heralded as the Defender of the Holy Sepulchre and was installed as King of Jerusalem in 1099. He had a short reign as king controlling the Crusader states of Acre, Ascalon, Arsuf, Jaffa and Caesarea. He died on July 18, 1100 in Jerusalem and was buried at the Church of the Holy Sepulchre.

The symbols that were utilized by the Army of Godfrey de Bouillon and the Knights of the First Crusades have remained stable throughout the centuries across the Holy Roman Empire and remain active within the ranks of the church and Rites of Freemasonry. The Cross of Salem and Cross of Lorraine are used today as hierarchical symbols within the Roman Catholic Church. The Cross of Jerusalem is a permanent fixture on the garments of the church as well. The Red Cross of Jerusalem remains as a clear and present sign of the Knights Templar of the York Rite of Freemasonry. The slanted versions of the Crosses of Salem and Lorraine are used as hierarchical symbols within the Scottish Rite. In addition, the double-headed eagle remains as an emblem of the Scottish Rite of Freemasonry.

The triple-barred cross or Cross of Salem, is still in use today to identify leaders of organizations. It is used by the Pope, the Vicker of Christ, who presides over the empire of the Roman Catholic Church. It is also used by Grand Commanders of Knights Templar to signify leadership over Grand Commanderies of Templars in the York Rite of Freemasonry. The slanted version is adorned by the Sovereign Grand Commanders of the Scottish Rite of Freemasonry to signify hierarchical authority of the Holy Empires of the Rite within respective jurisdictions.

The double-barred cross, the Cross of Lorraine, is utilized by Cardinals or officers of the Roman Catholic Church to represent their fealty and willingness to push forth in the name of the church. It is also used to identify officers of Knights Templar Commanderies in the York Rite of Freemasonry. The slanted version is adorned by Sovereign Grand Inspectors General of the Scottish Rite of Freemasonry to signify their fealty to the Rite as active or emeritus members under the direct leadership of the Sovereign Grand Commander.



**Godfrey de Bouillon
Defender of the Holy Sepulchre**



**Sovereign Grand Commander
Basil Sands (PHA-NJ)**



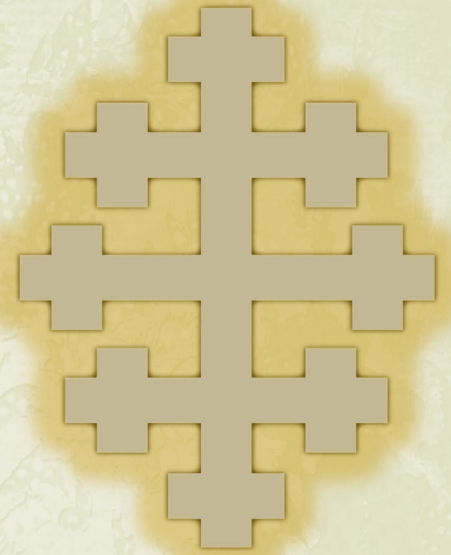
**Sovereign Grand Commander
Deary Vaughn (PHA-SJ)**



**CREST OF THE
HOUSE OF LORRAINE**

On the Crest of the House of Lorraine, the double-headed eagle under the crown and red banner represent fealty to the Holy Roman Empire. The upper right corner of the shield hosts the Jerusalem Cross. The crown atop the shield affirms the fealty of Lorraine to the Holy Roman Church.

The Cross of Salem is the triple-barred cross which represents the nameplate of Christ (top bar), the bar to which his hands were nailed (middle bar) and the bar to which his feet were nailed.



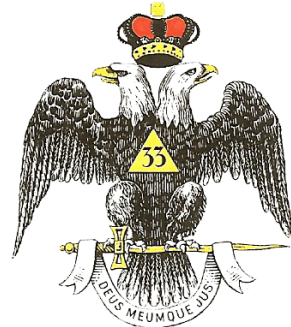
**CROSS OF
SALEM**

As the double-headed eagle signified the Holy Roman Empire, it is also used to represent the Empire of the Scottish Rite of Freemasonry. Within Prince Hall Affiliated jurisdictions, the versions of the double-headed eagles identify specific empires. Eagles with wings-up represent the Holy Empire of the Northern Jurisdiction while versions with wings-down represent the Empire of the Southern Jurisdiction. Hence, these ancient emblems still have significance in the church and the York and Scottish Rites of Freemasonry today.

In addition to the emblems, heraldic references between the church and the Scottish Rite are similar as well. As the Pope oversees a consortium of Cardinals for consultation and decision making for the Holy See or the ecclesiastical jurisdiction of the Roman Catholic Church, the Sovereign Grand Commander oversees a consortium of Sovereign Grand Inspector Generals, active and emeritus members of a Supreme Council, to execute the affairs of the Rite. Honorary members of the Supreme Council or Grand Inspector Generals are crowned based on degrees of service but do not have the same rights as active or emeritus members. Their privileges are extended at local levels or Valleys via Consistories in Orients which fall under the supervision of a Sovereign Grand Inspector General who serves as Deputy for the Sovereign Grand Commander. Likewise, bishops, priests and other church officers have limited ability at the Holy See but full authority at the local levels to which they have been assigned.

For the Roman Catholic Church, this Ecclesiastical Heraldry is symbolized in the Coat of Arms of the Holy See (bottom right). It symbolizes that the keys to heaven were entrusted to St. Peter. The keys are gold and silver to represent the power of loosing and binding. The gold key alludes to the power in the kingdom of the heavens and the silver key indicates the spiritual authority of the papacy on earth. The cord with the bows that unites the grips alludes to the bond between the two powers. The triple crown represents the pope's functions as supreme pastor, teacher and priest. The gold cross on the triple crown symbolizes the sovereignty of Jesus.

A requirement for any man to join the ranks of Freemasonry is that he must confess a belief in a Supreme Being. The Cross of Jerusalem, Cross of Lorraine and Cross of Salem and their variations have a direct connection to a belief in God through Jesus Christ. They each represent specific facets of Christ's sacrifice and the emblems continue to promote that belief directly and indirectly. As Christ's mission was to save the world by completing his ordained duty via crucifixion, the fundamental duty of believers is to meet the demands of God. Therefore, these emblems, themselves, are meant to reinforce this concept which is the primary premise of the author of the Book of Ecclesiastes in the Holy Bible—"let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God, and keep his commandments: for this is the whole duty of man." As such, it is the whole duty of Freemasonry to serve as Christ served, to yield to the command of God in whom all Freemasons believe and fulfill those duties to the best of their abilities. In doing so, the world will become a better place.



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SUBMITTED BY GRAND INSPECTOR GENERAL GEORGE BARMORE SR., 33^o AND SUBLIME PRINCE ROBERT CHANEY, 32^o

The Adventures of Rob and Rocky Project is a project that was created by Robert “Bo” Chaney, Commander-In-Chief of Balthasar Consistory, to reach out to the community. Adventures of Rob and Rocky is a series of books that exposes children to career options, life choices, and cultural differences. These books are written using “sight words”, words children should know by sight at the end of their grade level. The series starts when Rob and Rocky walk to school and discuss what they want to be when they grow up. Through basic conversation, they open a variety of career options that have been overlooked for years.

The purpose of the book is to create dialogue and expose children to attainable careers. The dialogue created within the book gives adults opportunities to converse with youth about the public service careers that are underrepresented by minorities. Not only is this an attempt to diversify public services but also an attempt to create a community of public servants that mirror the people that they serve. This applies to mindset as much as it does to race.

The careers that are highlighted in the first two books of the series expose children to careers that are attainable but go unnoticed. It’s unclear if these are hidden gems but nevertheless, there are children and young adults that are clueless that these careers exist. Bringing light on these careers through children’s literature not only exposes the youth but also begins a career path at an early age.



Valley of Chicago

SUBMITTED BY GRAND INSPECTOR GENERAL DARYL L. ANDREWS , 33°

Members across the Orient of Illinois have given donations to support the Wrightwood Little League. The donations given have not gone for naught. The focus of the league is on DEVELOPMENT and it has produced players over the past few years who have not only excelled in the sport of baseball but also in the classroom. In fact, those who entered High School as Freshman this year became starters at the Varsity and Junior Varsity levels immediately. Their skills became renown which was evident when viewing the makeup of Chicago's All City Teams. 4 of the 15 selected across the city for the Junior Level team were from the Wrightwood Little League (pictured). 5 more former members of the league were selected to round out the Senior Level team. All participated in the Chicago CUBS/BASE program tournament. Both teams faced the BASE Boston, Pittsburgh and Chicago Teams and went undefeated.



Thank you to the Illinois Council of Deliberation for your prayers and support.

Pictured: Representing Lindblom High School—J.T. Sherman (1st base), Al King Jr. (3rd Base), Jeremiah Hurt (Left Field); Representing Chicago HS for Ag Sciences, Dorian Andrews (Catcher).

DR. DAISY M. BROOKS CONTINUED

in 2010 but stayed on as a consultant.

In 2010, Dr. Brooks was awarded the Presidential Citizens Medal presented by President Barack Obama for her work in the community. She was also awarded the Lake County's Most Influential African American Award; We Do Care Organization Award; YWCA Leadership Award for Services in Business, Lake County Urban League Black Person of the Year Award; Top Ladies of Distinction Humanitarian Award; The Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Illinois Citizen of the Year Award; The Paul Harris Fellows Humanitarian Award sponsored by Rotary International; and the Omni Life Model Award.

Dr. Brooks has been actively involved in many professional and community organizations including American Technology Society; North Shore Assembly No. 59 Order of the Golden Circle; Shawall Court, Daughters Auxiliary; Rotary and Harbor Lites Chapter of the Links Inc.; NAACP; Alpha Kappa Alpha, Lambda Nu Chapter; Mt. Sinai Institutional Baptist Church - Christian Board of Education and Nurses Guild; Day Care Crisis Council, State of Illinois; Great Lakes Chamber of Commerce, Lake County Area; Vocational Center Advisory Committee and International Organization of Women Executives.

Dr. Brooks considers Oprah Winfrey a hero but she finds her inspiration in God. "I ama Christian

Woman that is led by God to do the things that I do." Dr. Brooks has been married to her husband, Dr. Wadell Brooks Sr., for 60 years.



Norman's Nook—From the Archives of William L. Norman

PHOTO BY GRAND INSPECTOR GENERAL WILLIAM L. NORMAN, 33°



Divine Inspirations

SUBLIME PRINCE TARA F.G. DERAMUS, 32°

“GOD IS IN CONTROL”

When you think you have less, you find you really have a lot of the best. When you know you can't go any further, you feel the wind behind you. When you feel like giving up God says no just stay prayed up.

God is in control.



Valley of Waukegan

SUBMITTED BY SUBLIME PRINCE LARRY BURNETT, 32°

The Career Fair was conceptualized in January of 2018 originally with the City of Waukegan. However, with what I believe to be divine intervention we decided to communicate with Mayor Leon Rockingham (pictured) who received the idea of having a Career Fair in the City of North Chicago with open arms. He mentioned that he was pleased that we were discussing and preparing for the Career Fair almost 4 months in advance. After a few follow up conversations and meetings we were able to lock down a location, time, and date.



After making several phone calls months in advance to several employers, our 1st Lieutenant SP Charles Bailey 32° and I began visiting employers in the North Chicago / Waukegan area where we were able to obtain a few verbal commitments. Not satisfied with the quantity of employers committed, a week later I was able to go out again and get in front of decision makers who gave verbal commitments to attend. All together we either called or visited roughly 40 employers.

During that time we gained a corporate partner The Job Center of Lake County. After a few meetings with employees of Lake County Job Center describing our vision for the career fair and the target demographic, I was then introduced to Eve Locke who later became a valuable advocate of North Shore Consistory #91. Eve played an integral role in the success of the Career Fair.

On May 30th the first resume review and mock interviews were given for the 19 – 24 age demographic and another one was given June 1 for the 16 – 18 age demographic. SP Jason Jackson 32° posted flyers on Facebook and SP Arthur Strong 32° sent out robo calls to inform the members. GIG Otis Cromartie 33° was given flyers to hand out to his church which resided in the North Chicago Community. On June 12th I met with the Assistant Superintendent of District 187 and had a final meeting with the Mayor, a Lieutenant from the Fire Department, the Director of Communications and conducted a walk through to discuss how the tables will be organized for



the employers. With assistance from the North Chicago Fire Department, we were able to set up several tables and chairs for this event along with a station for water and table for candidates to fill out applications. We also had a welcome table where members of the Consistory would have employers' sign in and guest would receive a bag with flyers mentioning employers' present and pens.

The day of the Career Fair we had the following employers in attendance:

Lake County JATC/local 130 (IBEW), Kaufman Engineering, We Care Health Systems, Local 130 Plumbers, Sams Club, Lake County Workforce Job Center, Visual Pak, Aerotek, Six Flags, Dollar Tree, Burger King, Safeway Transportation, North Chicago HR Department, North Chicago Fire Department, and North Chicago Fire Department. We were very pleased to receive emails and phone calls from; Coca Cola, Amazon, Uline and a few others that committed to being present at the next fair. Walmart, who originally committed to attend could not but donated 4 cases of water for the fair. Several employers expressed that they would like to see this as an annual event

SP Larry Burnett 32°, SP Charles Bailey 32°, GIG Curtis Dorsey 33°, SGIG Donnie Merritt 33°, SP Derrick Nickerson 32°, GIG Stephen Taylor 33°, GIG Timothy Gause 33°, SP George Payne 32°, SP Brian Beatty 32°, and SP Jason Jackson 32° represented North Shore Consistory at the event. We truly appreciate all the men who showed up to support this and event and those who could not attend but supported in other ways.



Illinois Veterans Home in Quincy Illinois

SPONSORED BY GRAND INSPECTOR GENERAL MAJOR LACY, 33^o



In 1885, the 34th Illinois General Assembly passed legislation to establish a soldiers' and sailors' home for disabled Illinois veterans of the Mexican and Civil Wars. On June 1, 1886, Governor Richard Oglesby decided on Quincy as the site of the new home. On October 19th of that same year, the Illinois Soldiers' and Sailors' Home was formally dedicated. (The name was changed in June, 1973, to the "Illinois Veterans Home at Quincy"). The Home is the largest and oldest veterans home of the four in Illinois and one of the larger and older veterans homes in the country. The peak of membership was reached in 1909, when there were 1,654 members. Today, nearly 450 members call the facility home. Over 70 of the 102 counties in Illinois are represented within the current membership.

The Home has often been labeled as "the city within the city" because of its size and unique set up. The facility is comprised of over 25 buildings totaling just under one million gross square feet and sits upon 210 beautiful acres on the northern edge of Quincy. It is equipped with its own post office, bank, assembly hall, guest house, mini post exchange, chapel, cemetery, lake, animal park, museum, and several military-related historical sites. The Home also has its own publication and television station. All utility systems; water, sewer, gas, electricity, telephone, and data networks are owned and maintained by the Home. Approximately five miles of streets and two bridges serve the grounds.

The Home offers all levels of health care ranging from domiciliary to skilled nursing care and two Alzheimer's units. Members are assigned by medical staff to the unit that best fits their needed level of care. Four full-time physicians and over 330 RNs, LPNs, and VNACs provide 24-hour a day, 7-days a week medical coverage. The Home is also staffed with social services, activities, accounting, dietary, laundry, housekeeping, business office, security, and maintenance departments. A state-of-the-art multi therapy center is the latest addition to the Home. State and local veteran organizations, along with an outstanding volunteer program have a tremendous impact on the Home and the members. The time, talent, and financial contributions of all the veterans organizations should never be underestimated!



Sublime Prince Moses Robinson Jr. Received a veterans blanket from the Social Committee at Second Baptist Church in Rock Island, Illinois.



Grand Inspector General Moses Robinson Sr. and his family traveled from Rock Island to Fort Gordon Army Base in Savannah, Georgia to witness the graduation of his grand son, Jeffery Hickman/Robinson from one part of his military tour of duty.

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Proclamation

101st Annual Illinois Council of Deliberation Session

TO THE SOVEREIGN GRAND INSPECTORS GENERAL, GRAND INSPECTORS GENERAL, PAST AND PRESENT COMMANDERS-IN-CHIEF, ELECTED OFFICERS, SUBLIME PRINCES, STATE GRAND LOYAL LADY RULER, PAST STATE GRAND LOYAL LADY RULERS, AND LADIES OF THE GOLDEN CIRCLE, ALL OF THE ORIENT OF ILLINOIS, NORTHERN JURISDICTION, U.S.A., INC.

PURSUANT TO THE CONSTITUTION AND GENERAL REGULATIONS OF THE UNITED SUPREME COUNCIL, ANCIENT ACCEPTED SCOTTISH RITE OF FREEMASONRY, PRINCE HALL AFFILIATION, NORTHERN JURISDICTION, U.S.A., INC., ARTICLE XXIX, SECTION-202 REQUIRES ALL COUNCILS OF DELIBERATION TO CONVENE ANNUALLY.

THE 101ST ANNIVERSARY OF THE COUNCIL OF DELIBERATION FOR THE ORIENT OF ILLINOIS (PHA) WILL CONVENE ON FRIDAY, SATURDAY, AND SUNDAY, OCTOBER 19TH, 20TH, AND 21ST, 2018. OPENING SESSION WILL COMMENCE AT 8:00AM CST ON SATURDAY, OCTOBER 20TH AT THE ABRAHAM LINCOLIN - DOUBLE TREE HOTEL LOCATED 701 EAST ADAMS STREET, SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS. FOR HOTEL RESERVATIONS, CALL (217) 544-8800 NO LATER THAN SEPTEMBER 29, 2018. MENTION THE ILLINOIS COUNCIL OF DELIBERATION (PHA). ROOM RATES ARE \$103.00.

EARLY REGISTRATION FEE IS \$90.00. ON SITE REGISTRATION FEE IS \$100.00. EXTRA BANQUET TICKETS ARE \$45.00 EACH.

THIS PROCLAMATION IS TO BE READ AT EACH MONTHLY MEETING UNTIL WHICH TIME THE SESSION COMMENCES.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND SEAL ON THIS 13TH DAY OF JULY IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD 2018.

MELVIN FRIERSON, 33^O
DEPUTY FOR THE ORIENT OF ILLINOIS (PHA)



Attest:
James A. Mitchell, 33
Secretary for the Orient of Illinois (PHA)

