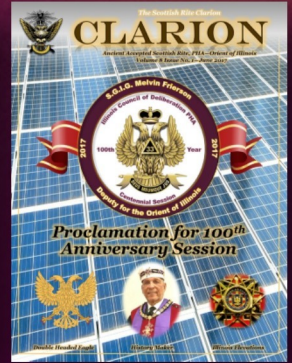
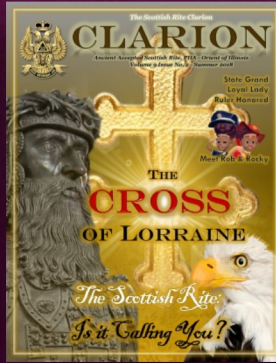
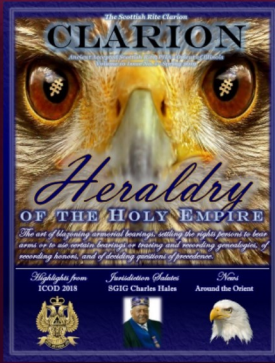


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10 Years



Desk of the Deputy for the Orient of Illinois

According to the Constitution and General Regulations of the United Supreme Council, the Deputy “shall have the power, in addition to presiding over the Council of Deliberation as the Most Illustrious Commander-In-Chief, to discharge all executive, legislative and judicial powers during the recess of the Council of Deliberation, subject to the authority of the Sovereign Grand Commander.” This says to me that my tenure of office **should be reflective of me, my character and my system of administration.** It also states that the Sovereign Grand Inspectors General in an Orient are to assist the Deputy in the performance of his duties. The Grand Inspectors General are to assist in matters for the good of the Order and the officers are to perform their duties efficiently as prescribed by law.

In relation to the first part of the first paragraph, it also says to me that the things you do regarding Scottish Rite Masonry in the Orient of Illinois should also be reflective of my administrative style. Of course, if you disagree with me you can always grieve to the Sovereign Grand Commander, who has assured all of the Deputies that he will support them and their actions as long as they are not in violation of the United Supreme Council laws or his directives or acting in a manner contrary to his administrative style.

Let me apprise each of you of my leadership style by beginning with what I don't like, believe in, practice or care to condone. I do not believe in micro-management, a style where a manager, or person of authority becomes over involved in the details of the work of subordinates resulting in the manager making

every decision in an organization no matter how trivial. I believe that leadership is the capacity to establish direction and to influence and align others toward a common goal (the key words here are “**common goal**”, not individual goal), motivating and committing them to action and making them responsible for their performance.

In doing this we have to allow Consistories, Commanders-In-Chief and other Scottish Rite Bodies the right to conduct their meetings and to manage and control their own affairs without interference from us whether we agree or not, except in cases where they are violating the law or where they may be confused and don't understand, especially when the issue is an initiative emanating from the United Supreme Council, the Sovereign Grand Commander, Deputy or the Council of Deliberation. Even then, my Blue House training tells me that it should be done in the most tender manner. When possible, get the brother alone, give him the proper instructions, give him the opportunity to correct the situation and then encourage him. In essence, don't take over the presiding officer's meeting. In most instances, if they need your assistance they will ask for it unless you have created a sense of resentment or he feels that you will speak in such ways as to overshadow him to the extent that you give the appearance that you are in charge of his meeting with or without his approval.

I do not believe in dictatorship, again, during my tenure of office. I view us as servants and not individual tyrants with absolute supreme authority while, in some

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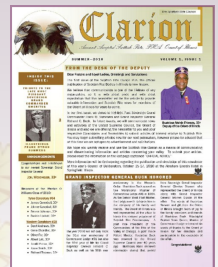
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situations that may very well be the case, I don't want us to flaunt it. Even in the midst of a storm, let us humble ourselves and not become obtrusive or overbearing. I believe that the use of too much power is bad and there are several uses of power that I am pleading with you not to use:

- ◆ **The Power of Intimidation** - *Instilling fear;*
- ◆ **Power of Rank or Peer** - *The big "I" and the little "You" - I prefer you gain and/or earn that respect;*
- ◆ **Power of Humiliation** - *Where we cause another person his or her loss of pride whereby they are reduced to a state of lowness or submission. He or she has the basic human rights to which all humans are entitled - freedom of expression and the right to be treated with respect and dignity;*
- ◆ **Power of Harassment** - *Threatening;*
- ◆ **Power of Bullying** - *A perceived and, sometimes, a real imbalance of power with the more powerful individual or group attacking or unjustly trying to control those who are less powerful;*
- ◆ **Power of Ad Homineum** - *Personal abuse or personal attacks that involve insulting or belittling another in order to invalidate an argument. It can also involve pointing out the flaws or actions of a person which are irrelevant to the person's remarks.*

Above all, Sovereign Grand Inspectors General, Grand Inspectors General, Sublime Princes, let us be just, fair, respectful, compassionate, kind and supportive of each other and let us treat each and all others as we ourselves would want others to treat us.

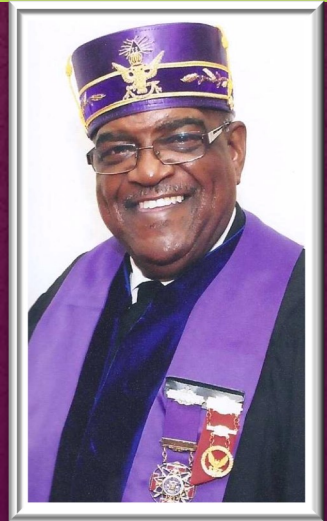
To those of you who have a sense of false power, I would remind you of a portion of the installation

charge of a Worshipful Master. This charge should be employed in all of our dealings with our fellow brothers regardless of the level or degree of Masonry we have attained:

"The very consciousness of the possession of a great power will ever make a generous mind cautious and gentle in its exercise. To rule has been the lot of many and requires neither strength nor intellect nor soundness of judgment; to rule well has been the fortune of but a few and may well be the object of an honorable ambition. It is not by the strong arm or the iron hand that obedience and order - the chief requisites of good government - are secured but by holding the key to the hearts of men."

Brethren, I submit to you that until we start respecting each brother as a man, freeborn and of lawful age with as much to offer to this organization as we believe we do, we will continue to experience the down spiraling of this ancient and honorable institution. Please remember that it doesn't matter what grade, rank or office you hold, **NO MAN IS AN ISLAND**. It is not about you or I, it is all about the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry.

Just Another Brother
SGIG Melvin Frierson, 33^o
Deputy for the Orient of Illinois



**Sovereign Grand
Inspector General
Melvin Frierson, 33^o**

SECRETARY FOR THE ORIENT OF ILLINOIS

The 102nd Annual Session of Illinois Council of Deliberation (ICOD) was one of the most memorable Sessions of all time. ICOD was visited by the Sovereign Grand Commander of the United Supreme Council, SGIG Melvin Bazemore and SGIG Edward Brooks, Secretary-General. Other notable luminaries included SGIG Carl Williams, Deputy for Ohio; SGIG Robert Meekins representing the Deputy for Michigan; SGIG Gregory Clark, Deputy for Illinois (NMJ); SGIG Roy Mays "aide de camp" to SGC Melvin Bazemore, and Most Worshipful Brother Aubrey Barlow, Grand Master of Illinois Prince Hall Masons.

Several activities took place at the Session including a Health Forum led by a noted cardiologist, Dr. Mark Chen, from St. John's Hospital; a presentation by the ICOD Degree Team, a donation of a walker and wheel chair by ICOD to St. John's Hospital (Ms. Brandy Grove accepted the donation on their behalf); individual awards were presented; and an annual in-house raffle were held just to name a few.

Special thanks to SGIGs, GIGs, SPs, Loyal Ladies and Friends for making the 102nd Annual Session a success. Please continue to support the Deputy and the ICOD programs and initiatives.



**Sovereign Grand
Inspector General
James A. Mitchell, 33^o**

**"A well prepared man
never trembles"**

DEPUTIES FOR THE ORIENT OF ILLINOIS



Sov. Grand Inspector General
Dr. Egbert S. Dickerson
Deputy: 1913-1914
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Sov. Grand Inspector General
Richard E. Moore
Deputy: 1914-1922
Clarion, Volume 3 No. 1



Sov. Grand Inspector General
Robert James Beverly Ellington
Deputy: 1923-1928
Clarion, Volume 2 No. 2



Sov. Grand Inspector General
Dr. Walter N. Thomas
Deputy: 1929-1939
Legatos



Sov. Grand Inspector General
Hannibal Maceo Cox
Deputy: 1940-1942
Clarion, Volume 3 No. 2



Sov. Grand Inspector General
Frank Myron Summers
Deputy: 1942-1968
Clarion, Volume 1 No. 1



Sov. Grand Inspector General
Vernon Bernard Williams Jr.
Deputy: 1968-1974, 1978-1986
Clarion, Volume 2 No. 1



Sov. Grand Inspector General
Levi H. Morris
Deputy: 1974-1977
Clarion, Volume 3 No. 2



Sov. Grand Inspector General
E. Winifred Doc Helm
Deputy: 1987-1992
Clarion, Volume 1 No. 2



Sov. Grand Inspector General
Charles J. Stewart
Deputy: 1992-1994
Legatos



Sov. Grand Inspector General
James Gayles
Deputy: 1995-1999
Clarion, Volume 2 No. 3



Sov. Grand Inspector General
Brian L. Abrams Sr.
Deputy: 2000-2008
Clarion, Volume 2 No. 3



Sov. Grand Inspector General
Melvin Frierson
Deputy: 2008-
Legatos

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2. Click on "Jewels" and choose:
 - Click on "Scottish Rite Clarion Newsletter" to see back issues
 - Click on "Bookstore" to buy "Legatos"

DESK OF THE EDITOR



Grand Inspector General
Daryl L. Andrews, 33°

We begin year number eleven (11) of the Clarion Newsletter with great optimism for the future of the Orient of Illinois. The Orient remains a proud fixture of the United Supreme Council, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry, Northern Jurisdiction, Prince Hall Affiliation, USA, Inc. It is poised to continue along these lines.

Feedback on leadership, publications and activities show that the Orient is held in high regard. Fraters and Loyal Ladies continue to make greater strides for the betterment of the Rite which was showcased a great deal in the last edition particularly in Joliet and Chicago. In order to ensure that all Valleys are covered, we ask each **COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF to appoint REPORTERS** to forward information from the Valley for future editions.

We have added a new column titled "Territories You Should Know". In the last edition, we showcased the Tri-Cities and Rockford. We are looking to do more. Keep an eye out. Your area just may be next.

In conclusion, I look forward to your continued support. I humbly request that all articles for the next edition be sent to CLARION@ANDREWSPRESS.COM no later than **JUNE 1, 2020**. Thank you in advance.

TESTIMONIAL FOR SGC BAZEMORE



The Northern Jurisdiction descended upon the Valley of Detroit of the Orient of Michigan to honor Sovereign Grand Commander Melvin J. Bazemore, 33^o at the Michigan Council of Deliberation Testimonial Dinner on Saturday, January 11, 2020. The event was well attended and served as a culmination to the happenings for the weekend. The Sovereign Grand Commander met with the Deputies for the Orients on Friday, January 10th who reported that efforts in all of the Orients are positive. The vision of the Sovereign Grand Commander was re-iterated and the missions to achieve it are moving forward well. The full vision can be downloaded from the United Supreme Council's website or reviewed in the pages of the most recent Fall Bulletin. With the Holy Empire aligned and the direction set, the Friday leadership session ended successfully in a spirit of joy and cooperation that carried over



into the Friday evening event. The Friday night shows were entertaining and brought all Fraters and Loyal Ladies for an evening of fun. The Comedians brought great laughs and the Youth Choir put on a grand display. The reunion of classmates and conversations between new friends carried through the evening into the next morning. A tour of some of General Motors finest vehicles including a series of Corvettes were also a sight to see. Saturday morning found many touring the grounds while others attended Masonic services. The Saturday evening testimonial banquet was one for the ages. As the attendees received challenge coins as gifts and ate a scrumptious meal, tributes poured in from leaders at all levels. Surrounded by family and friends, this special occasion was grand and well deserved.

LAMP IN THE WEST



The passings of SGIG Herbert Barker and several others during the second half 2019 month have been numerous as our Heavenly Father called a few of His faithful servants home. Blessings be to the families of SGIG Barker; SGIG Gregory Boyd, 33^o; Most Worshipful Brother Angelo W. Jones, 33^o; Dr. Arthur Parrott, 33^o; Paul Jelks, 33^o; Sis. Teresa D. Abner and Sis. Anna M. Cooper. January of 2020 found the call also presented to GIG Stephen A. Taylor and GIG John Harris. May peace be unto the ashes of all who have passed.

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SGIG Arthur Barker Class of 2019



Norman's Nook

Many photos exist in the private collections of brethren and sisters across Illinois. Self-portraits of photographers are very rare because many typically focus only on providing the best photos for their clients. For "One Shot Doc", Sovereign Grand Inspector General Eddie Winifred "Doc" Helm, photos taken of himself are extremely rare.



A resident of Springfield, Illinois, Helm was a man of many talents. For years he was responsible for raising the flag atop the Capitol for the State of Illinois among other tasks required of his day-to-day work. During his off hours, he delved into photography and eventually converted his part-time passion into his full-time joy.

His photos of others have been on display at the Illinois State History Museum. Several have been showcased in multiple Masonic publications. However, his personal photos and self portraits were always kept private as they were also utilized as attempts to perfect his skills. Three cheers for the memory of "One Shot Doc".

2019 Meritorious Service Award Recipients



Miss Golden Apple 2019



Congratulations to Loyal Lady Mildred Lloyd of Chicago Assembly #4, Order of the Golden Circle who is now the new Miss Golden Apple for the Illinois State Grand Assembly.

Divine Inspirations



The moment you allow change to come into your life for the good, you must let God step in and you must step out of the way. Amen!

Sublime Prince Tara DeRamus, 32^o



The Scottish Rite Clarion

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10 Years of the SCOTTISH RITE CLARION NEWSLETTER

by Grand Inspector General Daryl L. Andrews, 33°

The concept for the Clarion Newsletter was the brainchild of Sovereign Grand Inspector General Melvin Frierson, 33°, Deputy for the Orient of Illinois. Communication was a major part of his initial vision after his selection as Deputy for the Orient of Illinois. His solution was to create a vehicle to showcase the activities of Fraters and Loyal Ladies across the entire Orient. This vehicle was the Scottish Rite Clarion Newsletter.



The first issue of the Clarion was produced in July of 2010 with Grand Inspector General Daryl Andrews, 33° selected as the first editor of the publication. This premier edition was edited and proofread by, then, Grand Inspector General James A. Mitchell, 33° and approved by Sovereign Grand Inspector General Frierson. With input from Sublime Prince Kasey Fortenberry, 32°, the first edition was released in the Summer of 2010.



The focal point of the first edition was a tribute to Illustrious Frank M. Summers, 33°, the very first individual from the Orient of Illinois to serve as Sovereign Grand Commander of the United Supreme Council, Northern Jurisdiction. His influence in Freemasonry and other fraternal organizations were highlighted. A Past Grand Polemarch for Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity Incorporated, Summers experience in the Greek Fraternity at Indiana University is the reason for the name change of the fraternity from Kappa Alpha Nu to Kappa Alpha Psi. The edition also noted newly crowned Grand Inspectors General of the Winston O. Williams Class of 2010 and covered an event which recognized Grand Inspector General Richard C. Buck, 33°.



The flow of information in the first edition was presented in a fashion that was palatable for all and set the model for the editions that followed. Subsequent editions of the newsletter showcased events and leaders from across the

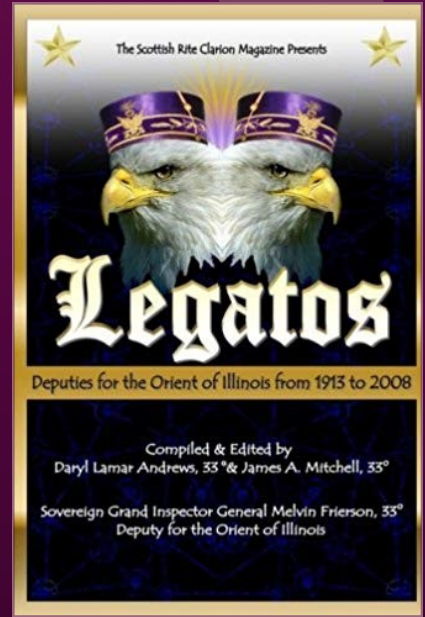
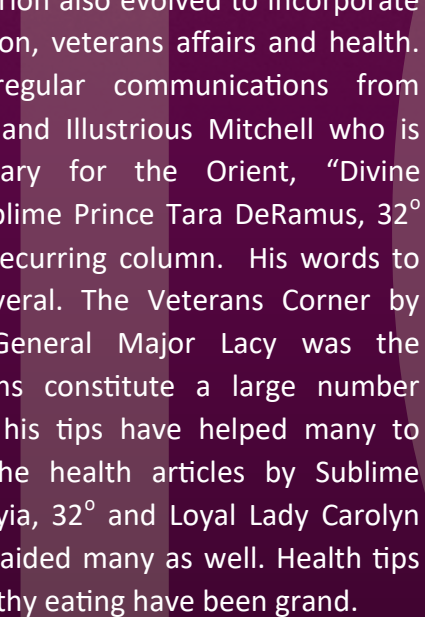
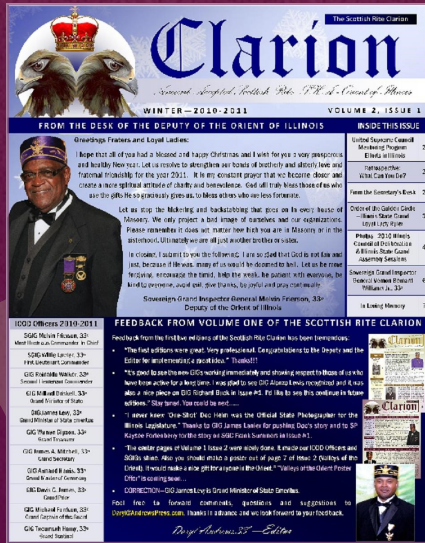
entire Orient including the Illinois State Grand Assembly, Order of the Golden Circle. As done in the first edition, they also spotlighted Deputies for the Orient of Illinois. They also evolved to incorporate a focus on inspiration, veterans affairs and health.

Editions of the Clarion also evolved to incorporate a focus on inspiration, veterans affairs and health. Outside of the regular communications from Illustrious Frierson and Illustrious Mitchell who is the Grand Secretary for the Orient, "Divine Inspirations" by Sublime Prince Tara DeRamus, 32° was the very first recurring column. His words to inspire uplifted several. The Veterans Corner by Grand Inspector General Major Lacy was the second. As veterans constitute a large number within the Orient, his tips have helped many to move forward. The health articles by Sublime Prince Dr. Okey Enyia, 32° and Loyal Lady Carolyn Womack have also aided many as well. Health tips and recipes for healthy eating have been grand.

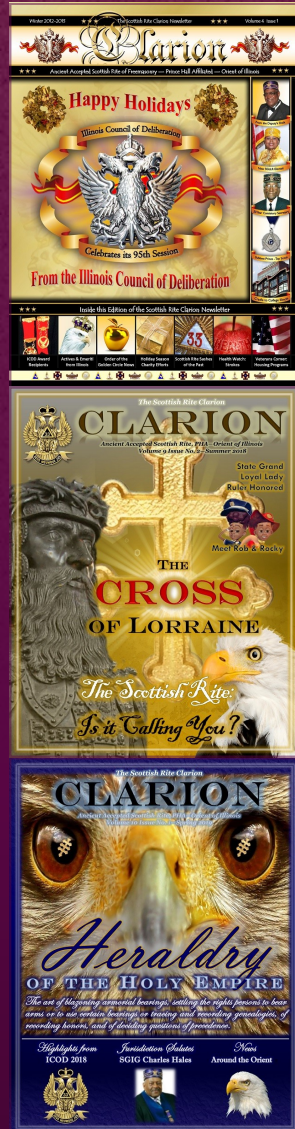
Esoteric articles were also submitted along with historical photographs to help bring more light to the historical contributions of the Rite by Illinoians. Articles by Sovereign Grand Inspectors General Homer Walton, 33° and DePlessie Drew, 33° and

others are still discussed today. They have forced many to place their "thinking caps" on and consider the purpose of the Rite. Historical photos provided by Grand Inspector General William L. Norman, 33° for "Norman's Nook" have helped all to relieve days of old through photos. Working with Illustrious Andrews, they have provided insight and placed names to faces that were previously unknown.

To date, the columns remain as standard hallmarks of the publication. Each are insightful and help many along the way. Photography contributions by Grand Inspectors General David Bonds, 33°, Herman Gray, 33°, Bernard Brown, 33° and a host of others have provided visuals for the current events splendidly. All of the contributions go to show that the Clarion effort is a team production that benefits the Rite as a whole. Released after volume 3 of the Clarion, "Legatos: Deputies for the Orient of Illinois from 1913 to 2008" was written. The project initiated from the spotlights of the Deputies from the editions providing details on their challenges and accomplishments during their eras of leadership. Authored by Grand Inspector General Andrews, and Sovereign Grand Inspector General Mitchell, it also chronicles the history of the Orient of Illinois. This book remains available for purchase through multiple channels including www.Amazon.com. Posters showcasing the history of the Orient were also presented. The book and posters are the intellectual property of the Illinois Council of Deliberation Benevolent Fund, a 501c3 organization, and all proceeds from sales go to benefit the needs of the charitable organization.



Volumes 4 through 10 provide excellent overviews of the happenings across the Orient and the United Supreme Council. The 2015 United Supreme Council Session in Chicago which was covered splendidly in volume 6. The transitions in leadership at the United Supreme Council level in volumes 7 and 8 kept the Orient abreast of all developments. Volumes 9 and 10 incorporated current events while increasing the esoteric focus. The Heraldic emblems of the Rite were covered in these editions to provide more insight into their heritage. The crosses of Lorraine and Salem were presented in detail along with an overview of the majesty and mastery of the



eagle. These editions have set the stage for the future.

Volume 11 is a continuation of the tradition that has developed from the first decade of publication. Although the look and feel has evolved, the content is set to remain consistent so that the publication continues to satisfy its communications mission. Doing so in a cost-effective manner will ensure that the publication remains a vital part of the Orient of Illinois and that the vision of the Deputy, as it relates to showcasing the entire Orient, will continue to be achieved.



So as the publication moves to year 11 and beyond, we look forward with great anticipation for that which is to come. Your support and articles are earnestly solicited to ensure coverage of the entire Orient of Illinois. You may continue to send submissions to CLARION@ANDREWSPRESS.com.

Submitted by GIG Daryl Andrews, 33^o, Editor

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Veterans Corner

“VetSuccess on Campus (VSOC)”

Submitted by Grand Inspector General Major Lacy, 33^o

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) is developing innovative ways to help Veterans make the transition to college life. The VetSuccess on Campus (VSOC) program aims to help Veterans, Servicemembers, and their qualified dependents succeed and thrive through a coordinated delivery of on-campus benefits assistance and counseling, leading to completion of their education and preparing them to enter the labor market in viable careers.

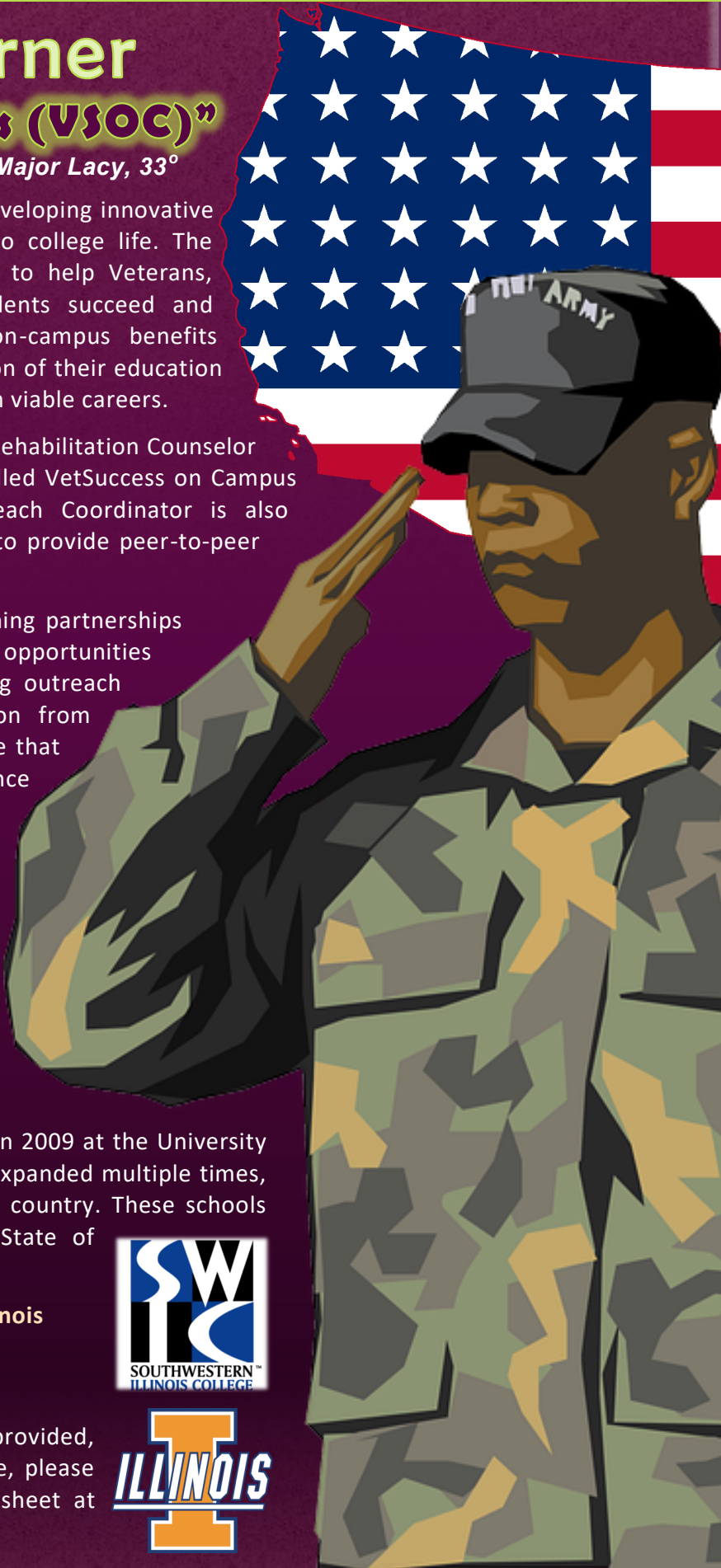
The VSOC program provides a VA Vocational Rehabilitation Counselor (VRC) to each VSOC school. These VRCs are called VetSuccess on Campus (VSOC) Counselors. A VA Vet Center Outreach Coordinator is also provided, and co-located on many campuses, to provide peer-to-peer counseling and referral services.

Through the VSOC program, VA is strengthening partnerships with institutions of higher learning and creating opportunities to help Veterans achieve success by providing outreach and transition services during their transition from military to college life. VSOC Counselors ensure that Veterans receive the support and assistance needed to pursue their educational and employment goals. VSOC Counselors are easily accessible on campuses, which helps to quickly resolve any problems that could potentially interfere with a Veteran's educational program, to include assisting with disability accommodations. If needed, they can also provide referrals for health services through VA Medical Centers, Community-Based Outpatient Clinics, or Vet Centers.

The VSOC program began as a pilot program in 2009 at the University of South Florida. Since then, the program has expanded multiple times, and currently supports 104 schools across the country. These schools are served by 87 VSOC Counselors. In the State of Illinois, the following schools have VSOC offices:

- **Southwestern Illinois College, Belleville, Illinois**
- **University of Illinois—Urbana Champaign, Champaign, Illinois**

For more information regarding the services provided, who is eligible, or how to become a VSOC site, please download the “VetSuccess on Campus” Fact sheet at benefits.va.gov.



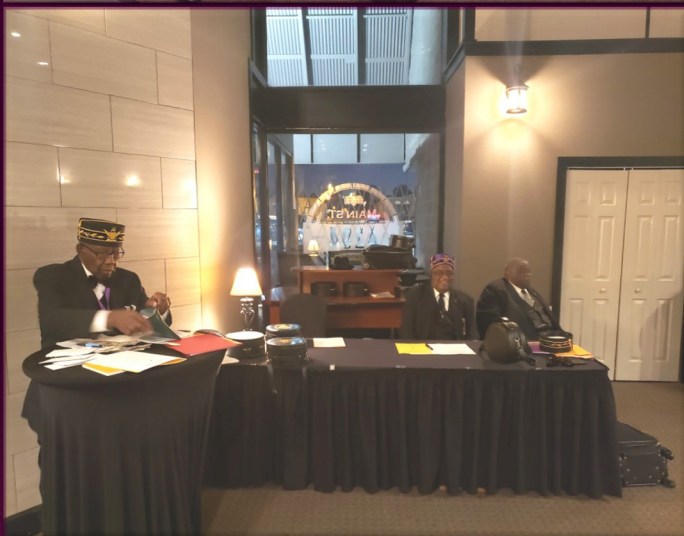
VALLEY OF EAST ST. LOUIS

Tyree Consistory #64 & Tyree Assembly #55

The months of November and December found the Fraters of Tyree Consistory #64 and the Loyal Ladies of Tyree Assembly #55 immersed in community service activities. They provided sustenance for the citizens of the East St. Louis community and surrounding areas during the Holiday Season as a part of their annual Holiday Basket Community Relief event. Boxes of turkeys and perishable items were packed and delivered to several families in need. In recognition of the successful endeavors that the Consistory



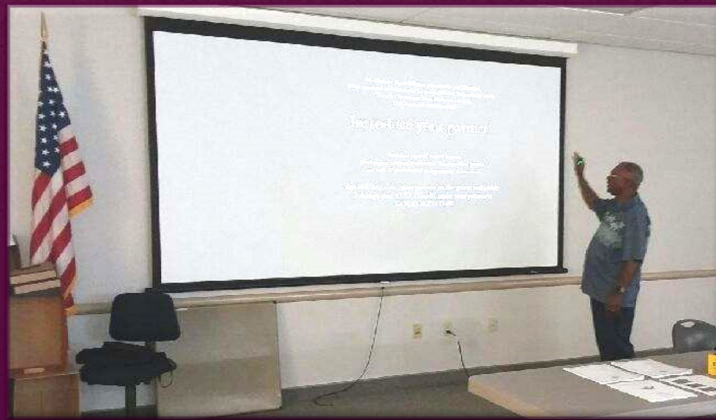
and Assembly engaged, they congratulated the leaders and membership for jobs well done on November 24, 2019 at the Main Street Brewing Company and Banquet Center of Belleville, Illinois. The event, under the direction of Illustrious Harry Barnett and Illustrious James Rivers Thompson, 33^o was a success. May God continue to bless Tyree Consistory and Tyree Assembly in all of their future endeavors.



VALLEY OF CARBONDALE

Hiram Consistory #51 & Hiram Assembly #54

In the Fall of 2019, Hiram Consistory #51 Mentoring program hosted a mentor training session in Carbondale, Illinois at the Carbondale Township Hall. Sovereign



Grand Inspector General Charles Burns 33°, Assistant to the Deputy, was in charge of the training session. This year was our best training session to date as there were 14 people in attendance including six (6) Sublime Princes and six (6) Loyal Ladies. SGIG

Charles Burns, Jr. also delivered a Train-the-Trainer at this training session on two (2) Grand Inspectors General. The Sublime Princes and Loyal Ladies in attendance came from a variety backgrounds representing secondary education, university maintenance, healthcare, clergy, law enforcement and public service.



To date this was the best training session yet and Hiram #51 Cradle to College mentor training thanks Sovereign Grand Inspector General Melvin Frierson, 33° for allowing Hiram #51 to represent the Orient of Illinois, Valley of Cairo in this endeavor. Special thanks also go to Sovereign Grand Inspector General Charles Burns, Jr., 33° for volunteering his time and delivering this

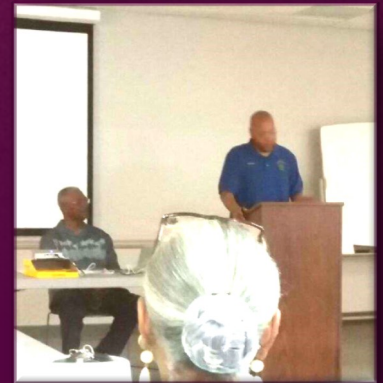
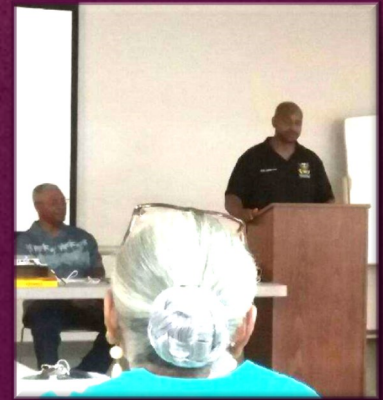
superb training. Everyone in attendance commented on how organized the training session was and appreciated the information that was provided.

The Cradle to College members have identified a few schools in the Carbondale area to work with. Once approval from the school district has been received, the team



will make their next steps. With the stellar training received, the Valley of Carbondale is prepared to move forward with the program.

Submitted by Grand Inspector General LaRue Love, 33°



VALLEY OF CHICAGO

Western Consistory #28 & Chicago Assembly #4

Western Consistory #28 provided sustenance for families in need during the Annual Sovereign Grand Inspector General Ernest Johnson Christmas Basket Effort. The annual effort became the namesake of SGIG Johnson (right) after his demise in 2012. His efforts in generating funds and satisfying the community needs were legendary.

The efforts to extend this legacy has transitioned to the capable hand of Grand Inspector General Frank Jarvis (right) who is moving forward with great pace in maintaining the standard set before him. The program under his hands meets with the approval of the Johnson family who attend the event each year. The work undoubtedly gives them great pride to know that the legacy continues onward.



On December 21, 2019, Fraters and Loyal Ladies came together at the Grand East to prepare baskets for the public, to deliver baskets to individuals and to serve the public with a meal. Over one hundred were served from the effort by the hands of Western Consistory #28, Chicago Assembly #4 and other volunteers. Their efforts ranged from unloading the delivery trucks, organizing the donations and packing the bags with turkeys, vegetables, side dishes and other products for distribution.



Working with Past Master Tommie Harris (left) of Alexandria Lodge #148, others were fed while waiting to obtain the packages. This effort covered all of the bases and helped hundreds to move forward during the season. Congratulations to Sublime Prince Jonathon Austin, Commander-In-Chief; Loyal Lady Mildred Lloyd, Loyal Lady Ruler and Grand Inspector General Jarvis and team on a job well done.



Happy Belated 103RD Birthday Chicago Assembly

In the month of August, Chicago Assembly #4 celebrated one hundred three years of existence as an Assembly of the Order of the Golden Circle. The Assembly pre-dates the establishment of the Illinois State Grand Assembly which was organized in 1973 (see Volume 2 Issue 2 of the Clarion for the details). Special congratulations to Loyal Lady Mildred A. Lloyd, Loyal Lady Ruler and the Chicago Assembly on this special occasion.



Chicago Assembly Spreading Christmas Cheer

On December 8, 2019, the Chicago Assembly held its Annual Christmas Party at the Beverly Woods Restaurant for the purpose of sharing the Christmas spirit. As the Assembly looks forward to years of success, occasions such as this help to bond sisters together to better perform the work of the Order. spirit. With a great meal and great fellowship in place, the Assembly had a grand time and is positioned for a grand future of symmetry and success.



The spirit of unity carried into the efforts of the Assembly in delivering gifts to boys and girls as Aunt Martha's Health and Wellness Center and to Family Focus Center. Delivered by Loyal Lady Ruler Lloyd, Past Loyal Lady Ruler Floretta Daniels, Loyal Lady Kelly Dorsey and Loyal Lady Dr. Michelle Stewart, these gifts helped to place smiles on the faces of all boys and girls that received them. Great job Loyal Ladies!!!



VALLEY OF JOLIET

Marquette-Joliet Consistory #104 & Marquette Assembly #87

As we perform our usual vocations, there is often some form of service involved. Whether accommodating the needs of customers directly or working through the logistics of project, process and product management, we attend to needs of others via performance in exchange for compensation.



Comparatively, Masonry admonishes us to walk uprightly in our several stations before GOD and man. In other words, our Creator divinely places us in positions where we have the opportunity to righteously submit to the needs of others. From paying for a cup of coffee for a stranger behind you in the drive-thru to providing a listening ear to the newly widowed, we are constantly afforded space & time to faithfully bring light to dark.



The Fraters of Marquette-Joliet Consistory #104 and Loyal Ladies of Marquette-Joliet Assembly #87 have recently seized two such opportunities via annual *School Supply Drive & BBQ* and *Holiday Turkey Basket Giveaway*.



The School Supply Drive & BBQ took place Saturday September 21st at Inwood Park in Joliet, IL. Fraters, Loyal Ladies, family and friends took advantage of fellowshipping over a delicious barbecue spread provided by the world famous culinary talents of G.I.G. Alfred Snoddy. As the event is always a party with a purpose, a superabundance of much needed school supplies were collected and delivered to Cowherd Middle School in Aurora, IL.



On the beautiful Saturday that was December 21st, Fraters and Loyal Ladies once again combined efforts to provide fundamental Holiday meal items including large turkeys to the local Joliet community. With holiday music wafting through the air and the gentle buzz of intimate



camaraderie conversations taking place, the offering of holiday turkey baskets sincerely expressed the season's goodwill toward all mankind.

With the calendar turning the page from one decade to another, we are all naturally reminded of our duty to seek light out of the darkness, live the life of the lofty tenets of Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rise Masonry and most importantly, love one another as commanded by the G.A.O.T.U. Lux E Tenebris; Virtus junxit, mors non separabit; Spes mea in Deo est!!!



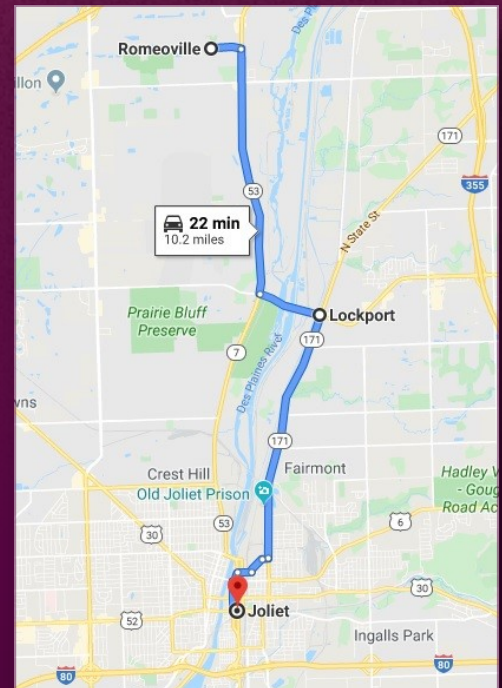
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The Cities of Joliet, Romeoville and Lockport

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The Valley of Joliet was the last to be established in the Orient of Illinois. It was organized in 1983 with the establishment of Marquette-Joliet Consistory #104 under the term of Sovereign Grand Inspector General Vernon B. Williams, III, 33°, Deputy for the Orient of Illinois. The first Commander-In-Chief of the Consistory was Neal Carson. Marquette-Joliet Assembly #87, Order of the Golden Circle, followed in 1989. Since its establishment, the permanent presence for the Rite has been active for more than 36 consecutive years.

The City of Joliet is located in Will county and lies on the Des Plaines River, about 40 miles (65 km) southwest of downtown Chicago. Settled in 1833, it was initially named "Juliet" after the daughter of Ottawa settler and official Board member of the Board of Canal Commissioners. It was renamed in 1845 to "Joliet" for Louis Joliet, the French Canadian explorer who visited the site in 1673. It bears the nickname of the "Stone City" for its limestone which has been used across the Midwest.



Also situated along the Des Plaines River is the Village of Romeoville. Initially settled and named "Romeo" as a counterpart to "Juliet" in 1835, it was settled as land tracts along the Illinois and Michigan Canal which connects to the Des Plaines River. The City of Lockport was established in 1837 as a point for the locks of the canal. The canal, which extended from Alton, Illinois effectively connected the area to the Mississippi River and, subsequently connected the City of Chicago to the town. With the locks in place, the ports and waterways were efficiently controlled.

The opening of the canal in 1848 was the driving force for populating the cities during the 19th Century. Romeo changed its name to Romeoville in 1890. For a time, Romeoville and Joliet were both known as the "Stone City". The quarrying and transportation of limestone through the canal as well as by train through Lockport made the area a major hub for production. The region had also become prominent for agriculture. A limestone derivative was produced in Romeoville and sold to farmers to combat alkali spots. This greatly benefitted Illinois soybean farmers in Central Illinois. The completion of the Chicago Sanitary and Ship Canal in 1900 further contributed to growth in the region. As a result, the region was a major hub for industrial products throughout the 20th Century.

Prince Hall Freemasonry had entered the region in the 1870s and 1880s. St. Marks Lodge #24 had been established in nearby Braidwood in 1878. Stone City Lodge #35 was established in Joliet in 1882. They were filled with men who migrated northward along the path of the Illinois and Michigan Canal for opportunities. Members of the Scottish Rite in the early and middle 20th Century who lived in the Joliet region held membership in multiple Consistories. The Valleys of Chicago, established in 1913 and Springfield, established in 1921 were the two nearest Valleys. The Valley of Rockford, which was established in 1974, provided an even closer venue. As the City of Joliet and surrounding areas were sufficient to sustain a Valley for the city, Marquette-Joliet Consistory #104 was organized and established in 1983 as the Valley of Joliet to extend the Rite.





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