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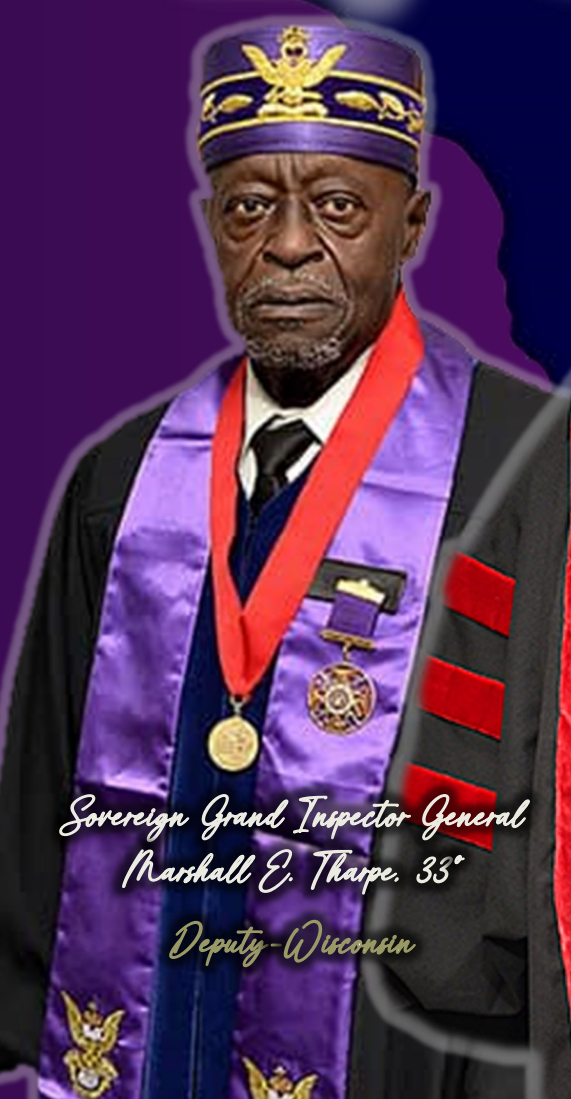
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From the Desk of the Deputy

Dear Sovereign Grand Inspector Generals, Grand Inspector General, Commanders of the Rite, Illustrious Commander in Chiefs and Consistory Secretaries:

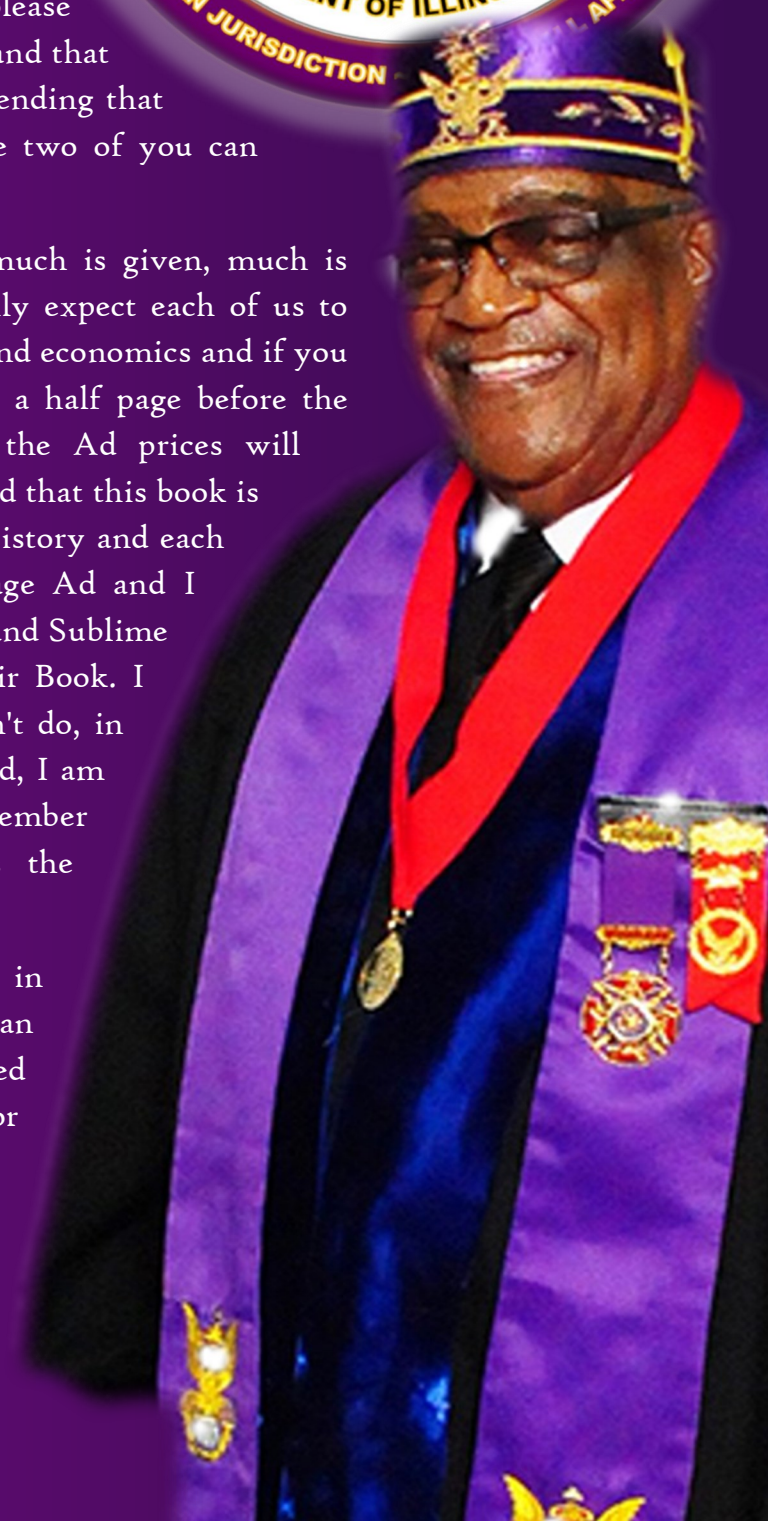
Greetings,

I am writing to you regarding the Annual Souvenir Book for the upcoming United Supreme Council Session, we are lagging behind in our Orient participation. I am writing to encourage you to please place an Ad in the Souvenir Book. I fully understand that many of you may not be able or just can't see spending that kind of money for an Ad, I suggest that maybe two of you can purchase an Ad together.

SGIGs, you have heard the saying "Where much is given, much is required", the Sovereign Grand Commander really expect each of us to purchase a full-page Ad, however again I understand economics and if you can't purchase a full-page Ad try to at least get a half page before the deadline stated above, after February 1, 2024, the Ad prices will increase. The Sovereign Grand Commander stated that this book is printed only once a year. I believe that each Consistory and each Commanders of the Rite can purchase a full-page Ad and I hope that many of our Grand Inspector Generals and Sublime Princes will represent themselves in the Souvenir Book. I never ask any of you to do something that I don't do, in addition to the Illinois Council of Deliberation Ad, I am placing my personal Ad in the book. Please remember also that our own SGIG Daryl Andrews is the chairman, let us support him.

Please contact the Golden Circle Assembly in your Valley and ask if they would like to place an Ad also. To those of you who have already placed an Ad in the book, thank you so very much for your participation.

Fraternally
Just Another Brother
Melvin Frierson
Deputy for the Orient of Illinois



EDITORIAL

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



The year 2023 represented the 110th year of fealty of the Prince Hall Scottish Rite in the Orient of Illinois to the United Supreme Council, Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry of the Northern Jurisdiction. This milestone marks more than a century of service under a unified banner of the Scottish Rite in the State of Illinois and beyond. Salutations!!!

In this edition, current activities and history are our primary focal points. Photos from the 2023 Illinois Council of Deliberation annual session adorn the pages of this edition in which we welcome a new Class of Fraters into the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry. Mentorship is a major focus. Successful programs not only breed success in the current era but also in the future especially if they are perpetuated generation by generation. The history of the City of East St. Louis is also revealed in this edition. Norman's Nook also provides a RICHARD PRYOR citing along with a writeup on the Cathedral. The present and the past will eventually lead to a bright future. Let's all keep up the fantastic work around the Orient of Illinois.

As 2024 is now in effect it is important that we, as men, take care of our health. Mental health is one of the top areas of focus and the partnership of the Illinois Council of Deliberation with the Alzheimer's Association is helping many to gain insight into the disease. Heart health is also of the utmost importance. I can personally attest to this as a member of the Cardiac Club. Cancer, High Blood Pressure and Hypertension remain high on the list. Yet, we serve a God who is able and provides guidance in the form of medical professionals. Take a moment TODAY, make an appointment with your Doctor, and take control of YOUR health.

NEW C.O.R. HEAD

Sovereign Grand Inspector General John L. Richardson, 33^o



At the 2023 annual meeting of the Illinois Commanders of the Rite at the 2023 Illinois Council of Deliberation session, Grand Inspector General Floyd Woods Sr. of the Valley of Joliet was saluted for his terms as President of the Commanders of the Rite for the Orient. Known in Illinois and abroad, he has helped to ensure that all 33rd Degree Masons in Illinois are active and informed. Efforts relative to



hospitality under his leadership have always been tremendous. He leaves big shoes to fill to his successor in office, Sovereign Grand Inspector General John L. Richardson. Salutations to Illustrious Woods and best wishes to Illustrious Richardson!!!

DIVINE INSPIRATIONS

Sublime Prince Tara G. DeRamus, 32^o



"A man who makes mistakes in his life and can learn from them can make his own destiny."

A FRATER YOU SHOULD KNOW

GRAND INSPECTOR GENERAL RONALD M. RICHARDSON, 33° OF THE VALLEY OF JOLIET

Grand Inspector General Ronald M. Richardson, 33° was born in the Bronx, New York and raised in East Harlem. He attended the New York City School System from elementary through high school. He joined the United States Army in 1965 and was stationed in The Republic of Korea from 1966 to 1967. He was honorably discharged in 1967.

Illustrious Richardson joined Citibank, N.A. in 1968. He started as a clerk and advanced over the years to Regional Vice President of Information Systems, for Citibank Global Information Network. While employed at Citibank, he attended Bronx Community College, New York University, Herbert F. Lehman College and attended many professional and management courses through the years. Part of his responsibilities included traveling throughout the United States and Canada. He sat on the board of The Greater Chicago Depository and participated in an Illinois Governor's Task Force on Technology. He has been married to his wife Patricia for 47 years and they have 2 children. He also has 4 other children from a previous marriage.

Illustrious Richardson has held many leadership positions within the Masonic Fraternity. Those positions include:

- Past Commander In Chief, Marquette-Joliet Consistory #104
- Past Master of Jephtha Lodge #90
- Past Excellent High Priest, Harold Washington #63 HRAM
- Past Thrice Illustrious Master, Levi H. Morris #9 RSM



- Past Eminent Commander, Levi H. Morris #68 KT
- Past Most Worthy Joshua, Royal Eagle Court #44 HOJ
- Past Worthy Patron, Dorcas Chapter #92 OES

He Currently holds the title of District Deputy Grand Master of the MWP HGLIL, Deputy of the Oasis of Joliet for the Ancient Egyptian Arabic Order Of The Mystic Shrine. (A.E.A.O.N.M.S.,Inc.) and a member of Knights York Cross of Honor (KYCH). He is also a Past Post Commander of Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post 7539 in Bloomingdale, Illinois. G.I.G. Richardson enjoys boating, fishing, golfing, bowling and enjoys the fellowship with members of his wonderful fraternity.

MENTORSHIP:



Mentorship is the encouragement, influence, guidance, or direction given by a mentor. A mentor is a teaches or gives help and advice to those who have less experience. While this is often directed towards younger people, the application of mentorship is done at multiple levels. In business, for example, a mentor influences the personal and professional growth of a mentee. Senior employees typically mentor junior employees to aid in the improvement of a company and prepare leaders of the future. Age is not the most critical factor in these instances. It is experience which is something that others can learn from and be utilized to benefit the whole organization.

The focus on the future is the key objective with mentorship opportunities. Particularly for the youth, a good mentor can help to steer youths away from negative influences. A good mentor can also provide methods and tools that youths can utilize to build solid foundations for future growth. A good mentor promote the concepts of discipline, determination and perseverance to not only stand through the trials that come their way but to move through them to a brighter tomorrow. A good mentor, in essence, can light the way to success.

While experience can be a great teacher, organized training can help mentors to provide guidance and structure to mentees in a formal manner and build consistency in practices that can aid in the promotion and development of discipline. Building discipline is not only a factor for the mentee but also for the mentor. Inconsistency can be detrimental because it can contribute to a lack of trust. Also, attempting to provide guidance in a manner that is unproven can also drive a mentor to engage in methods that do not meet the intended aims of mentor-mentee sessions. So, while life experiences may be bountiful, training on how to transform those experiences into meaningful and practical opportunities for mentees may be beneficial in ensuring the overall effectiveness of mentor-mentee relationships.

LIGHTING THE WAYS OF LEADERSHIP & SERVICE FOR THE NEXT GENERATION

Training has proven to be a source of great consistency for Mentorship Programs that have experienced long track records of success. They have consistently achieved the goal of accelerating the personal and professional development of mentees. A lauded guide that has helped many in the Scottish Rite to implement and achieve successful programs is *A Guide to Light the Way to Mentorship* by Illustrious Charles Burns Jr.

A Guide to Light the Way to Mentorship provides a step by step approach on establishing a mentoring program and a well-rounded methodology for creating successful mentoring experiences. Tips and techniques range from the program design and planning tools to the program marketing and tips for recruitment and retention. The outcomes of successful programs have led to increased self-confidence and self-awareness in mentees because the mentors guided mentees through goal development and created practical opportunities for mentees to succeed. By doing so, mentees not only became more aware of their capabilities but also created personal and practical success stories of their own.

Consider the reciprocal impacts if mentorship cycles are recycled by successive generations. Mentees are, in effect, being trained on how to become mentors themselves. The most effective programs place a high focus on building a strong sense of purpose in mentees that they can apply in the present and the future. As such, the nature of mentorship is influential and meant to be transformative. If applied generation to generation perennially, the positive global impacts could be enormous. So, the ripple effects of successful programs can yield benefits for years to come.



CRADLE TO COLLEGE IN ILLINOIS



Members of Tyree #64 met with youth at the hall of Southern Cross Lodge #112 led by SGIG Brett Frierson to discuss the future. Students from the 4th to the 7th grades introduced themselves and gave insight into what they would like to become in the future. Members of Tyree were asked to introduce themselves and share their vocations and give details on the work they performed.

with them for the duration of their lives, so they could be able to take care of their families and enjoy a rewarding life. Teron Mister, who is a member of Joppa #79 and an East St. Louis Police Officer, spoke to them about making good decisions and choices to keep them from visiting him for making bad decisions. - Submitted by GIG Kevin Johnson, 33^o



The students were encouraged to pursue college to obtain degrees that will take them further in life financially, or get a trade and skill that will stay



TYREE DONATES 50 BICYCLES



Under the leadership of GIG Dimitreus Gilmore 33°, Ill. Commander In Chief, Committee Chair and Co- Chair GIG Delbert Marion 33°, and GIG Lovell Fennoy 33°, Tyree #64 purchase fifty-one bicycles to donate to youths in several school districts, in the East St. Louis, and Madison area. Avant Elementary School received twenty 20" bicycles, 10 girls, and 10 boys. Lincoln Middle School received fifteen 24" bicycles 7 girls, 8 boys, and Madison Middle School received fifteen 24" bicycles 8 girls, 7 boys.

We the members of Tyree #64 hope these gifts bring joy to the boys and girls who will receive them. We understand around this time of the year food, shelter and clothing take priority in many households.



Toys and gifts may be put off until next year. We are grateful to be able to share what God has given us with you. - Submitted by GIG Kevin Johnson, 33°

WAUKEGAN ALZHEIMERS EFFORTS



Greetings from the beautiful community of Park City, IL. On this hot and sunny Saturday afternoon, September 2, 2023, we had over 40 vendors, resource agencies, food and refreshment courts, a carnival and horse-back rides, that served an estimated crowd of over 3,000 residents from the surrounding communities of Waukegan, Zion, Beach Park and North Chicago, at this all day event. When I say it was a good time had by all, you can believe it.



Representing North Shore Consistory #91, GIG Raymond Smith, Jr. 33° and I teamed with Mrs. Julie Oseguera, a community educator with the Alzheimer's Association to participate in this

event. We manned a table that provided handouts, charts, resource listings and other valuable information and services with the intent of raising awareness of this chronic disease known as dementia.

As you are aware, the mission of the Alzheimer's Association is to eliminate this disease through the advancement of research; to provide and enhance care and support for all affected, and to reduce the risk of dementia through the promotion of brain health. Since 2020, Illinois has had 230,000 people affected with this disease. It is estimated that in 2025 that number will increase by 13% to 260,000 people.

Contrary to popular opinion, though the greatest known risk factors are age and the majority of people with Alzheimer's are 65 and older, everyone is at risk for this disease. Approximately 200,000 Americans under the age of 65 have younger-onset Alzheimer's disease.

In 2022, the Illinois Council of Deliberation entered into a partnership with the Alzheimer's Association. Throughout the Orient of Illinois your SGIG's, GIG's and Sublime Princes have volunteered to better inform black and brown communities of the resources available in your local area.

- Submitted by SGIG Donnie Merritt, 33°
VP, COR, North Shore Consistory #91

FIRST TEE OF GREATER N.O. HONORS PICKETT

Grand Inspector General Carl Pickett, 33°

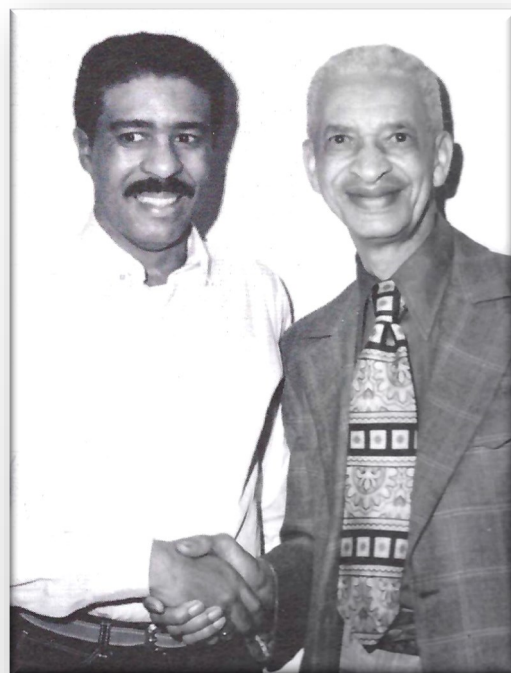


In Jan. 2024 Grand Inspector General Oscar Pickett of Richard E. Moore Lodge #109 and Western Consistory #28 of Chicago, was given a Lifetime Achievement Award by First Tee Golf program of Greater New Orleans. First Tee is a youth development organization that enables kids to build the strength of character that empowers them through a lifetime of new challenges. By seamlessly integrating the game of golf with a life skills curriculum, it creates active learning experiences that build inner strength, self-confidence, and resilience that kids can carry to everything they do. Pickett has taught the game of Golf to both boys and girls of all ages in the First Tee program. He is still playing a few holes here and there when he can. He just turned 90 yrs young this past July. Congratulations.

NORMAN'S NOOK: RICHARD PRYOR & ONE SHOT DOC

Grand Inspector General William L. Norman, 33°

Sovereign Grand Inspector General E. Winifred "Doc" Helm, Past Deputy for the Orient of Illinois is renown as a first-class photographer in the State of Illinois and beyond. Often referred to as "One Shot Doc", his professionalism was at a high degree and his photographs ranged from photos of groups and individuals to landscapes and other natural scenery in their natural states. Doc is pictured here with the world famous Richard Pryor who was reared in Peoria, Illinois. Sublime Prince Pryor was elevated by Menelik Consistory #49 of Springfield, Illinois and is pictured with Doc around the time of his elevation during Doc's term as Deputy for the Orient of Illinois in the late 1980s during the height of Pryor's career. Also a member of Henry Brown Lodge #22 of Peoria, Pryor's elevation into the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry was his step into receiving more light in the higher degrees of Freemasonry. May both rest in peace.



Territories You Should Know:

The Treaty of Paris of 1783 signaled the end of the American Revolutionary War and drew territorial lines within North America between lands under Great Britain, Spain and the new American nation. Although not officially ratified by the Congress of Confederation until January 14, 1784, the focus on expansion had already taken hold. The claims of the original thirteen Colonies for lands to their west had been established. Virginia had already claimed the lands that comprise the current states of Ohio, Michigan, Indiana, Illinois, Kentucky and Wisconsin. The land that would become Tennessee was claimed by North Carolina. Georgia claimed the majority of the lands which comprise the current states of Alabama, and Mississippi. The minority portions were split between South Carolina and Spain. Their top portions were claimed by South Carolina while the coastal portions were claimed by Spain who also owned Florida and lands west of the Mississippi River.

The Land Ordinance of 1784 was introduced to Congress to define a process for the surveyance and sale of lands between the Mississippi River and the Appalachian Mountains. Although the ordinance did not become law, the lands claimed by Virginia were ceded to Congress. By the way, the charter for African Lodge was granted months. A revised ordinance was submitted in 1785 with the caveat that the promotion of education, morality and religion be encouraged along with the practice of removing Indians from their native lands. The Land Ordinance of 1785 was enacted on May 18, 1785. The Northwest Ordinance of 1787 defined the Northwest Territory. Enacted on July 13, 1787, two months after Prince Hall received the charter for African Lodge, the ordinance created a path for statehood from the settled areas with support from Congress. Collectively, these ordinances became hallmark policies for expansion across the continent.

The ratification of the Constitution of the United States of America which was adopted by Congress in 1787 was not a swift process. All thirteen of the original colonies had not ratified it until 1790. The inauguration of George Washington as the first President occurred on April 30, 1789 after only eleven of the thirteen colonies completed ratification. North Carolina and Rhode Island did so by 1790. After ratification, each original colony attained statehood. All others were “admitted” into the union like Vermont (1791), Kentucky (1792) and Tennessee (1796). Kentucky and the Mississippi River became the southern and western boundaries of the Northwest Territory which would eventually become the Indiana Territory in 1800. Many Revolutionary War veterans and expansionists settled there in the late 18th Century. The establishment of Illinoistown in the Northwest Territory was a direct product of this expansion.

Spain controlled the City of St. Louis at the end of the 18th Century. In 1795, Revolutionary War veteran Captain James Piggott obtained one hundred acres of land across the Mississippi River from St. Louis in the Indiana Territory. After receiving permission from the Spanish Commandant of St. Louis, he established a ferry service from St. Louis to commercial prospects in Cahokia for which he had already built the infrastructure. From 1797 to 1799, he ferried many to and from a growing population in St. Louis. After his death on February 20, 1799, his wife leased the service to multiple parties.

On May 7, 1800 President John Adams carved out the Indiana Territory from the Northwest Territory by an Act of Congress due to the rapid growth of the County of Ohio. On October 1, 1800, Spain sold lands west of the Mississippi River to France, namely, the Louisiana Territory, via the Treaty of San Ildefonso with Napoleon. The sale lifted Spanish restrictions at the southern mouth of the Mississippi River. In 1803, President Thomas Jefferson purchased the Louisiana Territory which immediately doubled the size of the United States of America. Commercial traffic near the convergence of the Mississippi, Missouri and Illinois Rivers increased significantly as a result. The new avenue for commerce quickly extended across the Indiana Territory through the Ohio and Wabash Rivers which also connected to the Mississippi River.

Ohio was admitted to statehood in 1803 as supplemental commerce via Lake Erie and the St. Lawrence River and trading in the Indiana Territory made it viable. The Michigan Territory was established in 1805 from northern Ohio lands between Lake Michigan and Lake Erie. On February 3, 1809, Congress carved out the Illinois Territory from the lands between the Mississippi and Wabash Rivers. The results drove population booms in both territories.

ILLINOISTOWN & EAST ST. LOUIS

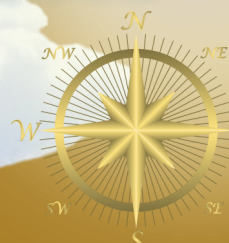
The War of 1812 complicated matters along the Mississippi River. While the British attacked the East Coast, British-Native American forces attacked American settlements in the north through the Mississippi River. Fort Belle Fontaine, a former fur trading post, served as a regional headquarters for combatting the Sauk and Fox while supplementing northern forces at Fort Shelby further up the Mississippi River. British-Native American forces did capture Fort Shelby but failed to take the East Coast in 1814 via its other campaign so British forces withdrew from the north and the east but proceeded to attack the Orleans Territory at the southern mouth of the Mississippi River. They were defeated at the Battle of New Orleans of 1815 by Andrew Jackson's defense concluding the last major engagement of the war. Piggott's ferry operation was leased to John Campbell during this period until the acreage was sold to Etienne Pinconeau in 1815. In 1816 McKnight-Brady of St. Louis., who owned a landing on the St. Louis side of the river, obtained the lands and developed a town from the land drawing plats for sales. The first sale of a lot in the Village of Illinoistown occurred on November 3, 1817. From these roots, Illinoistown was born.

Illinois was admitted as a state on December 3, 1818. Now a village in Illinois, Illinoistown grew steadily. By 1821, it had nearly thirty houses and a hundred residents due, in part, to the success of the McKnight-Brady operation. Politician and businessman Samuel Wiggins eventually purchased the McKnight-Brady operation and leveraged its location near the convergence of the Mississippi, Missouri and Illinois Rivers to grow the town. Although the Flood of 1826, slowed progress, it did not halt the town's advancement. Wiggins converted his ferries to steampower to increase capacity. By 1841, the town included hotels, taverns, businesses, railyards and other amenities.

The Great Flood of 1844 had a devastating impact as the discharge from the overflow of the Missouri and Mississippi Rivers fully submerged the village in June of 1844. The subsequent Flood of 1851 marked the fourth flood in the region since 1785. Congress pass the Swamp Act in 1849 to provide resources for swamp and overflow lands in Louisiana. It was expanded in 1850 to include more states along the Mississippi River. The resources were leveraged to slowly rebuild Illinoistown. By 1857, railroad traffic returned. By 1859, Illinoistown was rebuilt and incorporated. On April 1, 1861, the residents voted to change its name to East St. Louis and it was re-chartered in 1865.

By 1875, significant growth had been realized. More than five railroads terminated in the city. The National Stock Yards Company had been established in 1873 and the Eads Bridge between Illinois and St. Louis was opened in 1874. Although the 1877 Great Railroad Strike stifled progress to a degree, East St. Louis rebounded, notwithstanding racial challenges. The 1917 Race Riots found more than 6,000 black residents displaced forcing many to relocate. However, the industrial growth lasted well through the 1930s making the city a prominent hub. In 1959, East St. Louis was awarded the designation as an "All-American City" by Look Magazine.

Industrial shifts reduced the population but the city remains a pre-dominantly African American city with a strong, regional Masonic presence in Alton, Belleville, East St. Louis, Madison, and other areas through the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Illinois since the 1860s. Tyree Consistory #64 was organized in 1931 under the leadership of Illustrious B.B. Hayden from these Lodges. Its continued existence affirms a strong Masonic legacy for the territory. As such, East St. Louis is a territory you should know.



Post Traumatic Stress Disorder

WHAT ARE THE SYSTEMS OF PTSD?

PTSD symptoms usually start soon after the traumatic event, but they may not appear until months or years later. They also may come and go over many years. If the symptoms last longer than 4 weeks, cause you great distress, or interfere with your work or home life, you might have PTSD. There are 4 types of PTSD symptoms.

◆ **Reliving the event (also called re-experiencing symptoms).**

Reliving the event (also called re-experiencing symptoms). Memories of the traumatic event can come back at any time. They can feel very real and scary. For example:

- ◆ *You may have nightmares.*
- ◆ *You may feel like you are going through the event again. This is called a flashback.*
- ◆ *You may see, hear or smell something that causes you to relive the event. This is called a trauma reminder, cue or trigger. News reports, seeing an accident, or hearing fireworks are examples of trauma reminders.*

◆ **Avoiding things that remind you of the event.**

You may try to avoid situations or people remind you of the trauma event. You may even avoid talking or thinking about the event. For example:

- ◆ *You may avoid crowds because they feel dangerous.*
- ◆ *You may avoid driving if you were in a car accident or if your military convoy was bombed.*
- ◆ *If you were in an earthquake, you may avoid watching movies about earthquakes.*
- ◆ *You may keep very busy or avoid getting help so you don't have to think or talk about the event.*

◆ **Having more negative thoughts and feelings than before the event.**

The way you think about yourself and others may become more negative because of the trauma. For example:

- ◆ *You may feel numb—unable to have positive or loving feelings toward other people—and lose interest in things you used to enjoy.*
- ◆ *You may forget about parts of the traumatic event or not be able to talk about them.*
- ◆ *You may think the world is completely dangerous, and no one can be trusted.*
- ◆ *You may feel guilt or shame about the event, wishing you had done more to keep it from happening.*

◆ **Feeling on edge or keyed up (also called hyperarousal).**

You may be jittery, or always alert and on the lookout for danger. You might suddenly become angry or irritable. For example:

- ◆ *You may have a hard time sleeping.*
- ◆ *You may find it hard to concentrate.*
- ◆ *You may be startled by a loud noise or surprise.*
- ◆ *You might act in unhealthy ways, like smoking, abusing drugs or alcohol, or driving aggressively.*

Source: National Center for PTSD, www.ptsd.va.gov/understand/what/ptsd_basics.asp

EAGLES CLUB 5TH FISHING EVENT



The Fishing event had good attendance by individuals from various communities and members of Western Consistory #28, family, and friends. This year we also had a group of adults that deal with mental and physical disabilities from Habilitative Services, Inc. located on the Westside of Chicago. The group drove an hour and a half just to come and fish and enjoy the activities. This event is and has been having an impact on the community, providing opportunities to those who normally do not get the opportunity to experience outdoor activities such as fishing. Individuals were on hand to assist those who wanted to learn to fish or fishing for the first time. We received donations from Cabela's that we used to raffle off 15 prizes like (adult and kid fishing poles, tackle box, hat, etc.)

The 2023 Fishing Outing took in total ticket sales and donations of \$1,910, 191 of the 200 tickets printed were sold, an increase in sales and donations of 103% from the start of the program. To date this event continues to be one of the most profitable programs for the Consistory. 2023 Net Sales from the event were \$1,835. We only had to cover \$75 in cash prizes for the tournament, everything else was donated. This fishing event was 96% all profit, beating our last year's profit margin of 95%. With the closing of Henry's bait shop, which previously provided donations for this event, the committee had to incur a one-time purchase of 15 new fishing poles (blue and pink), hooks, bait, and bobbers which initially increased out of pocket costs from last year. The Eagles Club stepped up and provided a donation of \$300 to cover the costs of these items.

We would like to thank all the Fraters who supported this great cause with their generous

donations and ticket purchases. The committee sincerely appreciates your support, and everyone had a fun time. As always, we look forward to increased participation from the members of Western Consistory #28 and other Consistories in the Orient in the coming years.

Fishing Prizes:

- 1st Place, \$50 for the biggest fish went to G.I.G. Donardo Jones.
- 2nd Place, Trophy went to Sean Gibbs from Habilitative Services.
- 1st Place, \$25 for the biggest fish, Kid Division, went to Kadence Brydie, daughter of S.P. Keith Brydie. (right)



Raffle prizes were won by all. Special thanks to the following Businesses, Individuals, Organizations, and Fraters for their generous donations:

\$100.00 plus Business Donations:

- Boaz Carpentry, Inc. (PM Jerry Cotton)
- B Win Management, LLC (S.P. Bobby Winton)
- BGME Enterprises, LLC (G.I.G. Kenny R. Askew)

\$100.00 plus Frater & Organization Donations:

- S.P. Mariano Lopez
- Commanders of the Rite
- North Star Lodge #1



Special Thanks:

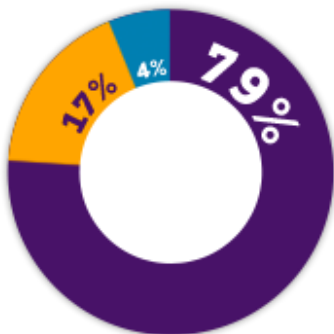
- Laura Askew who provided free Hot Dogs, chips, and drinks to everyone.
- Eagles Club for equipment and supplies.
- S.P. Marvin Randolph for donating the 2nd Place Trophy and Flyer.
- G.I.G. Kenny R. Askew for donating the Ticket Printing and Permit.
- S.P. Keith Brydie for helping with set up.
- Cabela's for donating the raffle prizes.
- S.P. Calvin Bright for consultation.

- Submitted by G.I.G. Kenny R. Askew

CHICAGO C.O.R. ALZHEIMERS WALK

The Commanders of the Rite, Valley of Chicago, under the leadership of GIG Frank Jarvis, participated in the “Walk to End Alzheimer’s” on Saturday, October 7, 2023. Held annually in more than 600 communities nationwide, the Alzheimer’s Association Walk to End Alzheimer’s® is the world’s largest fundraiser for Alzheimer’s care, support and research. This inspiring event calls on participants of all ages and abilities to join the fight against the disease.

The team gathered at Soldier Field in downtown Chicago and prepared to hike the 5K Walk Route. With the sun shining brightly and a cool breeze from Lake Michigan, several Fraters and family members followed the trail from Soldier Field and the Field Museum along the pathway towards Navy Pier. We returned via the pathway along the shoreline of Lake Michigan passing the Shedd Aquarium and concluded at the entry of Soldier Field again.



- Alzheimer's care, support, research, awareness and advocacy
- Fundraising
- Administrative

Hundreds of participants were in attendance at the event with ages ranging from youth to seasoned adults. The team from the Valley of Chicago raised \$1,600 to support the cause. This contribution was a grand contribution to the million dollar goal where 79% of the funds collected go directly to research and education efforts.

In addition to the walkers, the volunteer contributions of Loyal Lady Darcel Lacy and others working on the team of Phillip Bennet of the Alzheimers Association of Illinois based in Chicago were extensive. They provided information to all participants and served as spokespersons for the efforts of the association. Great job team.

- Submitted by SGIG Daryl L. Andrews, 33°

VALLEY OF CHICAGO CLASS BRUNCH



Members of the Cooper-Bonds Class of 2022 from the Valley of Chicago were celebrated on Sunday, December 10, 2023 for completing their elevation journey to the 32nd Degree. The luncheon was set aside to present class members with their patents from the United Supreme Council and certificates of completion from Western Consistory #28.

Commander-In-Chief Timothy R. Davis, the Elevation Team and the Consistory Officers provided a great program and healthy eating options for the affair. All members of the class were saluted.

Patents and certificates were presented by Sovereign Grand Inspector General Sonny Drew and Grand Inspectors General Glenn and Carl Pickett. The President of the Class, Sublime Prince William Alston, was presented with a leadership award from Western Consistory for his services. Closing remarks were presented by Sovereign Grand Inspector General Leroy Barnes who represented Sovereign Grand Inspector General Melvin Frierson, Deputy and Most Worshipful Brother Roland G. Simon, Grand Master. Congratulations!



CHRISTMAS BASKETS IN THE ORIENT



VALLEY OF EAST ST. LOUIS—(PS.8:1) O Lord our God, how excellent is thy name in all the earth! We thank you Lord for using us throughout the year and especially during this time, to help families in need. We dare not take any Glory and or praise due you, for the things you have accomplished. You said in (Act 20:35) I shewed you all things, how that so laboring ye ought to support the weak, and to remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he said, It is more blessed to give than to receive. Tyree Consistory #64 prepared 75 food boxes for needy families in Districts 189, 188, 3, and 12 to ensure those families have on this joyous occasion a meal for the holiday. One box will feed a family of 6, potentially feeding 450 people.—Submitted by Grand Inspector General Kevin Johnson, 33°



Western Consistory #28
Valley of Chicago - Orient of Illinois
A.A.S.R. of Freemasonry - PHA - N.J.

SGIG Ernest L. Johnson Christmas Basket Program

We Will be given away 600 food baskets,
which will contain a Turkey, 2 boxes of
Mac and Cheese, 2 Canned Veggies, box
Dressing and 2 boxes of jiffy Mix

Saturday, December 16
at 809 E. 42nd place, Chicago, IL
Starting at 9am

GIG. Timothy R. Davis, 33° CIC
Western Consistory #28
SGIG. Melvin Frierson 33°
Deputy for the Orient of Illinois



VALLEY OF CHICAGO—Western Consistory extended its long tradition of executing the Sovereign Grand Inspector General Ernest L. Johnson Christmas Basket Program on December 16, 2023 at the Grand East. Bags filled with turkeys, canned vegetables and non-perishable items were given to Chicagoland families at 809 East Cottage Grove and delivered to the homes of families in need and to the homes of widows of deceased Fraters of the Valley of Chicago. Nearly one thousand turkeys were purchased by the committee under the leadership of Grand Inspector General Frank Jarvis and his team. Fraters and volunteers including the youth packed the bags which were delivered to passers-by and to other destinations by the compass of First Lieutenant Commander Carlton Smith. Overflow bags were delivered to shelters and churches across the city to ensure that all were supplied for the holidays.



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This presentation provides a brief overview of Alzheimer's disease, dementia and Alzheimer's Association services. Topics include the impact of Alzheimer's, risk factors, warning signs and how others can join the fight against the disease.

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30 min and 60 min programs available

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For centuries, we've known that the health of the brain and the body are connected. But now, science is able to provide insights into how to optimize our physical and cognitive health as we age. Join us to learn about research in the areas of diet and nutrition, exercise, cognitive activity, and social engagement, and use hands-on tools to help you incorporate these recommendations into a plan for healthy aging.



30 min program available

EN ESPAÑOL

New Advances in Alzheimer's Treatment

This special program created by the Alzheimer's Association is designed for people considering options for future treatment. Learn more about new treatments available to treat Alzheimer's disease.



30 min and 60 min programs available

EN ESPAÑOL

Understanding Alzheimer's and Dementia

Learn basic information on the difference between Alzheimer's and dementia, stages, risk factors, research, and FDA-approved treatments

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Understanding and Responding to Dementia Related Behaviors

Review caregiver tips and strategies to respond to some common behaviors exhibited by individuals living with dementia, such as agitation, confusion, etc.



Our education programs are free of charge, easy to join, and cover a wide variety of important topics for your community. We invite you to collaborate with us to bring an education program (in-person or virtual) to your group, business or community at large.

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The warning signs of Alzheimer's disease are often dismissed as the side effects of normal aging. But how do you know if the changes are simply normal aging or signs of dementia? The Alzheimer's Association has developed a helpful guide which illustrates some of the early signs of the disease, such as:

♦ **Challenges in planning or solving problems:**

Some people may experience changes in their ability to develop and follow a plan or work with numbers. They may have trouble following a familiar recipe or keeping track of monthly bills. They may have difficulty concentrating and take much longer to do things than they did before.

♦ **Difficulty completing familiar tasks at home, work or at leisure:**

People with Alzheimer's often find it hard to complete daily tasks. Sometimes, people may have trouble driving to a familiar location, managing a budget at work or remembering the rules of a favorite game.

♦ **Misplacing things and losing the ability to retrace steps:**

People with Alzheimer's disease may put things in unusual places. They may lose things and be unable to go back over their steps to find them again. Sometimes, they may accuse others of stealing. This may occur more frequently over time.

IS IT NORMAL AGING OR DEMENTIA?

♦ **New problems with words in speaking or writing:**

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♦ **Changes in mood and personality:**

The mood and personalities of people with Alzheimer's can change. They can become confused, suspicious, depressed, fearful or anxious. They may be easily upset at home, at work, with friends or in places where they are out of their comfort zone.

If your loved one exhibits some or all of these behaviors, please don't ignore them. Help them get the attention they need to address their problems. Having this conversation may be difficult, but with proper planning, you can best address the situation. We're here to help. For more information on the 10 Signs of Alzheimer's and communication tips for families and friends, please visit alz.org or call our 24/7 Helpline at 800.272.3900.

*Submitted by Sarah Lovegreen, MPH, MCHES
Vice President of Programs, Alzheimer's Association,
Greater Missouri Chapter*