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### “SCOTTISH RITE REFLECTIONS” PROJECT

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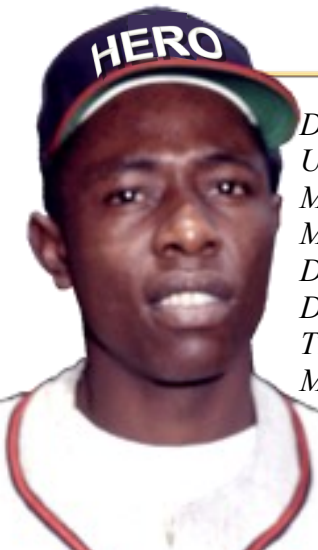
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**Rest in Peace Hammerin' Hank**

**Hank Aaron**

**February 5, 1934 - January 22, 2021**





### From the Desk of the Sovereign Grand Commander

It is with great honor, I acknowledge 100 years of excellence in our United Supreme Council Bulletin. For a century we have been privileged to highlight all of our accomplishments and keep our membership informed on not only Masonic information, but critical issues from civil rights to public policy that impact our people and the country as a whole.

As we enter into our next 100 years we commit ourselves on continuing to provide the type of journalistic information you are accustom to. We will enhance our outreach by expanding on the scope of subjects to include information on the Order of the Golden Circle. We are excited by the enthusiasm exhibited by the recently established Order of the Golden Circle Working Group. It is one of our primary objectives to Enhance the Scottish Rite experience for our women’s auxiliary. As this strategic objective materializes more information will be shared. Thank you for your continuing support and we look forward to our virtual annual session in May.

Fraternally,

Yours in the Rite

*Illustrious Melvin Bazemore, 33°*

Sovereign Grand Commander





Sovereign Grand Inspector General  
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Secretary General



Sovereign Grand Inspector General  
Daniel R. Poole, 33<sup>o</sup>  
Grand Recording Secretary

## Office of the Lieutenant Grand Commander

As we continue travelling on - Flight 2021 of the USC, AASR, PHA, NJ, Inc. – “Securing the Future while Enhancing the Scottish Rite Experience through Service, Commitment, Actions, Accountability, while obtaining Sustainable Results”. We must focus on opportunities that are **INSPIRATIONAL, ENJOYABLE** and sometimes **CONVENIENT**. Be flexible of new ideas and advanced technology.

“Retaining, Reclaiming, and Atracting Members” are important for our Organization. As ideas roll out from your Membership Committee, Remember; don’t go through life with a catcher’s mitt on both hands. You need to be able to throw something back sometime. All ideas are good.

*“If yesterday did not turn out the way you planned, the LORD created today for you to start a new one or finish the one you did not complete”.*

## Office of the Grand Minister of State

Happy moments—praise God, difficult moments—see God, quiet moments—worship God, every moment—think God. I greet you with the joy of Jesus. It is my wish that the good Lord will continue to bless this great fraternity. The progress that’s occurring in the United Supreme Council is almost unreal. We look forward to this virtual session which will be outstanding. In addition, please support the Annual Raffle. God is Good!

**UNITED IN SERVICE & COMMITMENT: ACTION, ACCOUNTABILITY, SUSTAINABLE RESULTS**

## Office of the Secretary General of the Holy Empire

First giving honor to the G.A.O.T.U. for his many blessings. In these unprecedented times due to the Pandemic, we still continue to conduct the business of the United Supreme Council through the leadership of Sovereign Grand Commander Melvin J. Bazemore. The Office of the Secretary General is open on a daily basis, Monday thru Friday, for all of the services that you have become accustomed to receiving.

On January 16, 2021 we conducted the Annual Mid-Year conference with the Deputies, Assistance and essential personnel, via ZOOM platform. This conference went very well. We reviewed all fiscal reports and status reports from Deputies across the several Orients. We have been forced to cancel our 140th Annual Session, which was scheduled to be held in Detroit, MI., on May 26 thru June 2, 2021. This decision was made for the safety and well-being of our membership. Plans are in the works for a more enhanced Virtual Session where we will be conducting all constitutionally required activities and much more. This will also include for the first time in the history of the United Supreme Council, a Virtual Elevation of the Classes of 2020 and 2021. I hope to see you in this virtual audience. Please consider getting your COVID-19 vaccine when it becomes available to you, and continue to follow all CDC guidelines, and be safe. We will be back together again in the near future. May God Bless you all.

## Office of the Grand Recording Secretary

Greetings to All wheresoever dispersed across our nation and globe. As we prepare to meet virtually again this year, I am encouraged by the many virtual meetings that I have been invited to, to see our community support activities, educational forums and business being conducted in a highly professional, efficient and effective manner. Please continue to mentor our members that are in need of assistance with our virtual platforms. It is important that we ALL stay connected. We will be back together soon. Please continue to wear your mask, wash your hands and keep your distance and get vaccinated when it is your turn. Keep Making a Difference!

*May Peace be unto the ashes of*  
**Ill. Dr. Deary Vaughn, 33°**  
*Sovereign Grand Commander*  
*United Supreme Council, AASR, SJ, PHA, USA Inc.*

*Sunset: December 15, 2020*

Illustrious Dr. Deary Vaughn, 33° served the United Supreme Council of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry, Prince Hall Affiliation, Southern Jurisdiction of the United States of America faithfully as Sovereign Grand Commander from 2003 until his demise. A most accomplished Mason who not only served as the Conservator of Prince Hall Freemasonry in the Jurisdiction of Oklahoma as Most Worshipful Grand Master for more than thirty (30) years, he served in leadership positions in virtually every house at the local, statewide and national levels associated with Prince Hall Freemasonry. The recipient of multiple awards for outstanding acts, his legacy in leadership and legacy in service is second to none.



**Ill. Charles W. Hales, 33°**  
*USC-NJ Convention Director Emeritus*  
*United Supreme Council, AASR, NJ, PHA, USA Inc.*

*Sunset: December 1, 2020*

Considered one of the hardest working men in the Northern Jurisdiction, Illustrious Charles W. Hales of the Orient of Ohio served the organization as convention director for multiple terms. Born January 25, 1922, SGIG Hales lived a full life. He received numerous awards for his accomplishments and services in all Masonic Houses. A member of Bezaleel Consistory #15 for over fifty (50) years, he was elevated to the 33rd Degree in 1978 and reclassified to the Active Grade of the United Supreme Council in 1993. The Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Ohio honored him as an Honorary Past Grand Master in 2001. He will forever be remembered as a true soldier for the Rite. May his example be forever remembered and replicated.



**Ill. Daniel L. Lunsford, 33°**  
*Past Deputy for the Orient of Washington & Oregon*  
*United Supreme Council, AASR, NJ, PHA, USA Inc.*

*Sunset: February 5, 2021*

Sovereign Grand Inspector General Daniel Lunsford served as Deputy for the Orient of Washington and Oregon for more than fifteen (15) years. A Vietnam veteran, he was a member of Cascadian Consistory #75, crowned in 1984 and made active in 2001 when starting his term as Deputy. His service as Deputy extended from May 27, 2001 through May 30, 2017. He was laid to eternal rest on February 16, 2021.

*Peace be unto the ashes of our brethren and sisters who are now with the Lord.*

**Sovereign Grand Inspector General Donald W. Austin, 33° (Iowa)**  
**Mrs. Eleanor Logan, Past Loyal Lady Ruler, wife of SGIG George Logan**  
**Mrs. Jacqueline Tucker, wife of SGIG Carlton Tucker, 33°**



## 2021 Mid Year Deputies Conference

Photos by SGIG Daniel R. Poole, 33°, GRS

On Saturday, January 16, 2021, Sovereign Grand Commander Melvin J. Bazemore along with the Elected Officers of the USC NJ PHA joined the Deputies and their Assistants for the 2021 Mid Year Deputy's Conference. This virtual Zoom session was hosted by Ill. Daniel R. Poole, Grand Recording Secretary. After opening with prayer by Ill. William R. Stark, Grand Minister of State, the Orients and essential personnel provided updates on their activities confirming that the work of the Rite is being performed at a high level across the Holy Empire. The Cabinet affirmed that the activities are achieving the missions that have been set forth via the Strategic Plan. Based on the reports, 2021 is on track to do the same. Great work!



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## Desk of the Grand Prior

Submitted by S.G.I.G. Dr. Wilton E. Blake, I, 33°, Grand Prior



Last year 2020 and 2021 we have seen a lot of incidents that have troubled our hearts. We are told the over 500.000 of our U.S. citizens have died from Covid19. Still there were deaths by other reasons, persons with food challenges, facing evictions, homelessness, abnormal weather, racism and much more. We MUST NOT lose

our faith in God. We have the assurance that we are in good hands. Our Sacred Writings tell us God will NEVER leave us or forsake us.

When I am felling low I find the needed strength in the words of this hymn.

*Sweet hour of prayer  
that calls me from a world of care  
And bide me at my Father's throne  
Make ALL my wants and wishes known  
In seasons of distress and grief  
My soul has often found relief  
And oft escaped the tempter's snare  
By thy return sweet hour of prayer*

Whatever you are facing, please remember that your God is there with you all the way through your crisis.

BLESSINGS!

## Desk of the Editor

Submitted by G.I.G. Daryl L. Andrews, 33°, Editor



This Bulletin is 100 years old. Praise God! The Marketing and Communications mission of the USC Strategic Plan is also on full display. Praise God! It is my hope that the Strategic Plan series has informed and activated you and that the anniversary of the Bulletin inspires you to become more active in the Rite.

Our hearts go to those who have experienced loss during this pandemic. The Southern Jurisdiction mourns the loss of Ill. Deary Vaughn. The Northern mourns the losses of Ill. Charles Hales and other giants. Their examples of leadership and service are worthy of emulation. So, as we remember them in spirit, let us emulate their examples through service.

Lastly, let me also offer my sincerest thanks to all who participated in the Scottish Rite Reflections Project. Insightful submissions were received and our team has enjoyed reviewing them. **Special thanks to team members SGIG Reginald B. Stewart, SGIG James Mitchell, GIG Ernest Young, III, GIG Brett Frierson, SP Reiss Byrd and SP Tony Scott.** Volume One will be available by Summer 2021. Contribute your essay, poem or interview today to Bulletin@AndrewsPress.com for **Volume Two.**

# USC LIFETIME MEMBERSHIP

## *A LIFETIME OF GOOD...A LEGACY OF GIVING*

The legacy of Scottish Rite Masonry is founded in its traditions, but the future will be in our ability to financially sustain ourselves. The University of Freemasonry is supported by its members, in their thoughts, words, deeds, and endowments; tithing using their time, talents and treasures.

Lifetime membership is more than just the financial bequest to the United Supreme Council, it is about the legacy you leave behind, and ensuring that the organization you love is around for generations to come.



Thank you to our 2021 Lifetime Membership Chartering Class. Together, we have established an endowment of more than **\$300,000.00**. Members shall receive a Metal Card, a Charter Pin, a Numbered Certificate and VIP Status at USC Events. We will continue to ensure the future by enhancing the Scottish Rite experience.



*Sov. Grand Inspector General  
Wayne E. Phillips, 33° (MI)  
Chairman*

## 2021 LIFETIME MEMBERSHIP CHARTER CLASS

- |                                 |                                   |                                 |                                    |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| 1. Melvin J. Bazemore (MI)      | 33. Robert J. Meekins (MI)        | 65. Milton Jackson (IL)         | 97. Leo Wimberly (IL)              |
| 2. Sidney D. Broadnax (OH)      | 34. Jimmy F. Moore (MI)           | 66. Wayne O. Tompkins (PA)      | 98. James Gilbert (FE)             |
| 3. William R. Stark (WI)        | 35. Ronald U. Muse (FE)           | 67. Alexander Perry, Jr. (NJ)   | 99. Lomax Elder (NY)               |
| 4. Roland K. Lee (PA)           | 36. Loran Smith (CO)              | 68. Richard D. Scott Jr. (NJ)   | 100. Stuart A. Lee, II (FE)        |
| 5. Edward M. Brooks II (PA)     | 37. James Rivers Thompson (IL)    | 69. Keith L. Weston (CO)        | 101. James Womack (MI)             |
| 6. Daniel R. Poole (FE)         | 38. Steven O. Wells (PA)          | 70. Warren P. Moore (NJ)        | 102. Virgil R. Brown (MN)          |
| 7. Raynard W. Hughes (PA)       | 39. Michael S. Preaster (FE)      | 71. James Gatling (CT)          | 103. Fred Williams, Jr. (IL)       |
| 8. Charles J. Stewart (IL)      | 40. Stanley H. Brooks, Jr. (CO)   | 72. Nathaniel Cromartie (NJ)    | 104. Ian G. Wilson (MA)            |
| 9. Roscow A.L. Davies (BAH)     | 41. Charles A. Cooper, Sr. (IL)   | 73. Henry D. Atkinson (NE)      | 105. Clyde H. Horton, Jr. (NJ)     |
| 10. Melvin Frierson (IL)        | 42. Raymond Jeter (OH)            | 74. Glenn Pickett (IL)          | 106. Terance Jackson (CO)          |
| 11. James S. Webb (KS)          | 43. Joseph Brooks (MI)            | 75. Lacy M. Johnson (IN)        | 107. Kinzer M. Pointer (NY)        |
| 12. Marshall E. Tharpe (WI)     | 44. Adrian Desroe (NJ)            | 76. Micah E. Tharpe (WI)        | 108. Harry L. Young (NJ)           |
| 13. Lafayette Gatling (IL)      | 45. Harry Weaver, III (MI)        | 77. John L. Richardson (IL)     | 109. William M. Moore (NJ)         |
| 14. Christopher Buck (MI)       | 46. Irvin C. Oglesby (PA)         | 78. Justin J. Johnson (IL)      | 110. Darryl R. Smith (OH)          |
| 15. Homer Walton (IL)           | 47. Charles Burns, Jr (IL)        | 79. John M. Bettis (NJ)         | 111. Gerald Friason (OH)           |
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| 17. Robert D.L. Sands (BAH)     | 49. Brian Starks (MI)             | 81. Demetrius Williams (WI)     | 113. Eugene W. Greenfield (OH)     |
| 18. James A. Scott (DE)         | 50. Howard Martin (EU)            | 82. Stephen M. Copher, Jr. (MI) | 114. Ricardo V. Haynes (OH)        |
| 19. Jerry D. Springer (OH)      | 51. Eugene Anderson, Jr. (IN)     | 83. Louis C. Benton (NY)        | 115. Malcolm Harris (PA)           |
| 20. Carl A. Williams (OH)       | 52. Jerald L. Prince (IL)         | 84. Colin Mitchell (PA)         | 116. Berhane Tadesse (CO)          |
| 21. Charles Bush (FE)           | 53. Tony D. Stafford, Sr. (IL)    | 85. Daryl Andrews (IL)          | 117. Frederick Oforu (CAN)         |
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| 26. Daniel Brightwell (MA)      | 58. Luke D. Davis, Sr (OH)        | 90. John Bostic (MI)            | 122. David A Grear (MI)            |
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| 32. Harry Jernigan (FE)         | 64. Carl L. Drummer (IN)          | 96. Charles M. Paris (CT)       |                                    |

**Special thanks to the committee members for their tireless work in helping to get this program established and implemented:**

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# Marketing &

**Synergy** is defined as the interaction or cooperation of two or more organizations, substances, or other agents to produce a **combined** effect greater than the sum of their separate effects. Synergistic relationships are typically defined as relationships that have shared goals and all parties involved are empowered to achieved those goals although interdependencies may exist. Many external corporations place a strong focus on charitable works that help communities across the land. As charity and community improvement remain as two goals of the Scottish Rite, it is natural to seek relationships with like-minded individuals, organizations and corporations that share the same goals to expand the reach of the Rite.

Corporate sponsorship is a viable method through which individuals, organizations, corporations and the Scottish Rite can work together on shared causes. Corporate sponsorship exists when a business supports an event, individual or other business, either financially or by providing a service or product. This arrangement serves as a source of income for the beneficiary and a unique **marketing** opportunity for the sponsor.

Sponsorship exists in many forms. Sports arenas, for example, have the names of sponsors posted on external walls and throughout the property. Local baseball fields are often plastered with signs from sponsors who not only want to sell a product or service but also have an interest in ensuring that the community is alive and thriving. After all, it is most difficult to sell a product in an area that is not vibrant. A beverage company donating bottles of water to a health fair or a clothing manufacturer donating shirts for a community event are also great examples where product donations match the events' objectives while marketing a product. Donating business-related services for a large event would fit the bill. A port-a-potty company, for example, donations units for a small concert could benefit the company in the long run while

satisfying the immediate needs of concert goers. In these cases, the synergy between partners is clear. Products and services are being marketed for corporations while satisfying the immediate needs of the beneficiaries. In doing so, companies gain brand recognition that will, hopefully translate into sales.

Another form in which corporate sponsorship is exhibited is through matching gifts or donations. Many companies match donations given by their employees to registered charities all over the United States. Some will match gifts completely while others will match a specified percentage. None-the-less, these options are available and can be leveraged to extend the efforts of non-profit organizations like the United Supreme Council Benevolent Fund. Supporting the causes of employees through this format not only helps the beneficiary but may also produce a more engaged employee who will also benefit the corporation.

Marketing for corporations is only one side of the synergistic relationship. Beneficiaries are also able to market their capabilities and their stories at sponsored events. A branding strategy for the beneficiary is just as critical as it is for a corporation. After all, what corporation would want to be associated with a brand that radiates negativity? If the sight of a logo generates a negative response, why would an external partner want to be involved? Brand equity is key and maintaining a solid brand is the key to longevity.

The value of a brand can be determined quickly by considering the energy associated with the sight of the logo. What type of energy do individuals in the public radiate when they see the Masonic Square and Compass logo? Do they see maliciousness and secrecy or do they see benevolence, loyalty and service? Is there a reaction at all? What type of energy does the public radiate when they see the double-headed eagle of the Scottish Rite? Do they see leadership and service or do they equate it with the negative concepts associated with the "Illuminati"?



# Communications

Consider that no reaction to a logo is almost equivalent to a negative view. Therefore, it is of the utmost importance that a marketing strategy be engaged to ensure that the equity of the brand remains high and strong.

A strong media presence is a key factor in maintaining and building brand equity. Social media and articles on events in publications help to create brand awareness and provide evidence that work is being performed to achieve the stated missions of the organization. Platforms like Facebook, Twitter and printed publication can be leveraged for that purpose. Internally focused media is designed to provide evidence to members of organizations and employees of companies the efforts that were actually engaged. In doing so, the integrity of the brand is maintained with the members and employees in the respective organizations and corporations. External expansion of the media pool expands the reach of the organization or the business. As such, a marketing strategy is critical in efforts to building and maintaining brand equity.

The bones of a solid marketing strategy is a solid framework that aligns with the strategy or **vision** that has been adopted. The **strategic plan** is typically derived with input from intelligence gathering efforts that are supported by metrics from analytical research. Once developed, the vision or strategic plan becomes the source from which the operational plans or **missions** are defined. The lack of a clear vision will lead to poor brand equity because executables will not properly align with the intended vision. As echoed in Proverbs 29:18 in the Holy Bible, “where there is no vision, the people perish.”

For the United Supreme Council, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry, PHA, Northern Jurisdiction, USA Inc., the Bulletin, the website and other social media channels provide internal and external points of communication on the activities of the Scottish Rite. The forms of media display the events and activities of all



Orients under its umbrella capturing tens of thousands of hours of community service efforts that aid all walks of society. The **Cradle to College** program, the enduring legacy of Past Sovereign Grand Commander Solomon Wallace, continues to aid youth who are seeking higher education and mentorship for life skills. The health fairs driven by the **Medical Foundation Initiative** engaged at annual sessions of the United Supreme Council provide citizens which much needed counsel from medical professional and supplies to remain healthy during these trying times. These and other efforts are the cornerstone of the brand of the Scottish Rite and they radiate positive energy around the double-headed eagle logo. To borrow a phrase from Sovereign Grand Inspector General Millard V. Driskell of the Orient of Illinois, “in order to avoid going the way of the ‘Dodo Bird’, we must remain relevant”. As such, we must remain vigilant in our efforts to extend benevolence so that the logo of the Northern Jurisdiction will forever be renown as a positive force. In doing so, it will draw like-minded individuals, organizations and corporations into our circle of influence so that we may work together to make this world, our world, a better place.



## OUR HISTORY SHOULD NOT BE A MYSTERY

### Do You Know Where Your Consistories Originated?

*Submitted by S.G.I.G. Reginald B. Stewart 33°, Grand Historian*

*“Do you know where you're going to? Do you like the things that life is showing you? Where are you going to, do you know?”—Diana Ross*

*As time marches on during this COVID-19 pandemic, so does the chronicling and publishing of the history of the United Supreme Council, Northern Jurisdiction. This issue marks 100 years since the first issue of the Bulletin was printed and history is still being made and I am glad to be a part of it. The Editor, G.I.G. Daryl L. Andrews 33°; the Cathedral office team of Ms. Renee Isaac and Ms. Debbie Miles; and our Sovereign Grand Commander Melvin J. Bazemore 33° are all integral cogs in the machine that allows me the opportunity to share my findings with everyone. Thank you.*



**LABRADOR (Members at Large)**  
**Consistory No. 76**  
*Valley of Goose Bay (Labrador)*  
*Orient of Canada (Newfoundland)*  
*Constituted August 1962 (Defunct)*

This Consistory was formed due to the United States Air Force military being deployed in the area. Its origins stem from a St. Luke Lodge No. 111 that was chartered there by the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Kansas. A commission composed of Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Kansas, P.G. Porter; Sec. General, A. Clarence Monroe 33°; and S.P. Ralph Loncke 32°. Over the course of 2 days the degrees were conferred; elections were held; and impressive inauguration activities took place to include a fellowship breakfast and formal banquet.

Due to the changing global climate of conflict and the necessity of maintaining military readiness elsewhere, membership attrition occurred (death, demit, suspension, etc.) leading to the sunset of the Consistory. Eventually it was decided to close the Consistory as a regular operating body and rename it “Members at Large”. It is, in effect, a United Supreme Council, Northern Jurisdiction holding Consistory for those that did belong.

After all these years those members are still quite

the active Fraters they had been in the past. One can tell by their continuing donations to the Benevolent Foundation as printed in the fall issue of every Bulletin. G.I.G. Howard L. Shelf 33°, Alfred J. Worsham Class of 1964 (pictured far right standing) is one of the last original members remaining.

**LEO CALVIN NEWTON**  
**Consistory No. 83**  
*Valley of Freeport (Grand Bahama)*  
*Orient of the Bahamas*  
*Chartered May 1970*



This Consistory is the second of five Prince Hall Scottish Rite bodies established in the Commonwealth of the Bahamas. It began life as “Grand Bahamas Consistory No. 83” and was so named principally due to its geographic location on the island of Grand Bahama in the Northern Bahamas. The Consistory’s name was changed in May 2009 to honor Leo Calvin Newton who passed in June 2006.

Illustrious Newton served as the 12<sup>th</sup> Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge, Commonwealth of the Bahamas, PHA from 1999 to 2003. He served as Illustrious Commander-in-Chief from 2004 to 2006. He was Elevated to the 33<sup>rd</sup> and Last Degree of Scottish Rite Freemasonry as a member of the Centennial Class of 1981 held in the Holy See of Philadelphia. Also a member of this jurisdiction is the 7<sup>th</sup> Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge, Commonwealth of the Bahamas and current Most Ill. Commander-in-Chief and Deputy for the Orient of the Bahamas, SGIG Roscow A.L Davies, 33°.

Thanks to Most Ill. Commander-in-Chief and Deputy for the Orient of the Bahamas, SGIG Roscow A.L Davies 33°, James E. Morley Consistory No. 73, Valley of Nassau (New Providence), Orient of the Bahamas for his assistance.

## LOYAL LADY SALUTE

*GIG Daryl L. Andrews, 33°, Bulletin Editor*



The Loyal Ladies across the Northern Jurisdiction are some of the most accomplished women in the United States of America. In this edition, we are spotlighting an Illinoisan whose leadership is second to none. Allow me to introduce to some and present to others, Past State Grand Loyal Lady Ruler of the Illinois State Grand Assembly, Loyal Lady Paulette Brown.

An active member in all of the female houses associated with Freemasonry, Loyal Lady Brown of Chicago Assembly #4, Order of the Golden Circle, has held leadership positions by virtue of her superior skills and ability. She is not only a Past State Grand

Loyal Lady Ruler but also a Past Worthy Grand Matron of Eureka Grand Chapter Order of the Eastern Star, State of Illinois and its Jurisdiction. She has served on the Imperial Divan of the Imperial Court, Auxiliary of the Ancient Egyptian Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine and is now the Deputy Imperial Commandress of the organization.

She is the wife of Sovereign Grand Inspector General R.C. Brown of the Orient of Illinois whose leadership is also renown. Together they are the quintessential power-couple in Freemasonry. We salute you Loyal Lady Paulette Brown!!!



## BOOKS YOU SHOULD KNOW

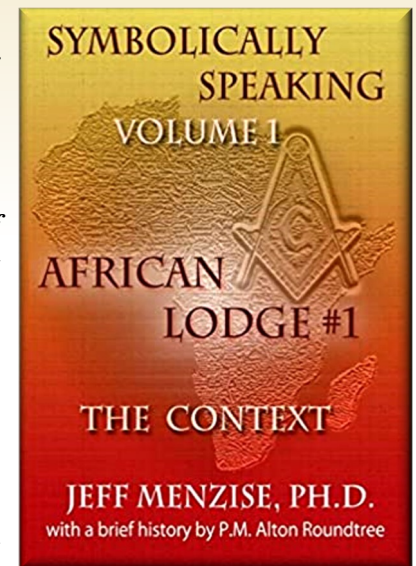
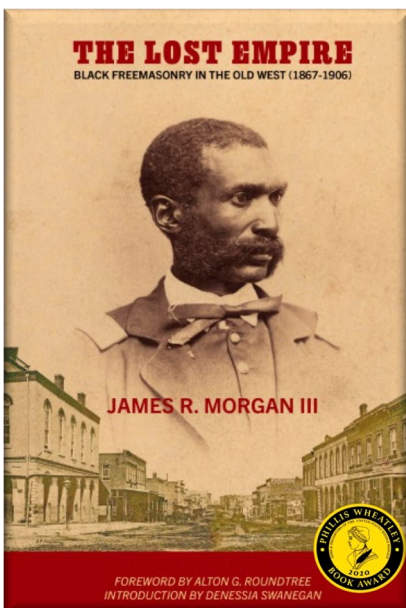
*GIG Daryl L. Andrews, 33°, Bulletin Editor*

From a conversation I had with Sister Aisha Ato some years ago, came the phrase “there is no PHamily dedication without PHamily education.” No truer words could have been spoken and it is our duty to provide opportunities for all to gain more light in our endeavors to enhance the Scottish Rite experience. From this humble beginning, the *Books You Should Know* column was born.

*Symbolically Speaking Vol. 1: African Lodge #1, The Context* by Dr. Jeff Menzise is an exploration of the relationship between Prince Hall Freemasonry and African Spirituality. Based on the original name given to Prince Hall

Freemasonry, African Lodge, the author asks the question: “What if the original name was an embedded sign for African Lodge descendants to follow when seeking Light?” This book is filled with deep insight regarding African initiation, secret societies, and spiritual tools. Filled-with personal experiences, this book is sure to inspire and shed more Light to the reader.

*The Lost Empire: Black Freemasonry in the Old West (1867-1906)* by James R. Morgan III transports readers to the period when western outlaws ruled the territories and brings them face to face with the black men who brought enlightenment, guidance and protection to the formerly enslaved through organization. Many of these gentlemen have strong ties to the Northern Jurisdiction particularly those from Kansas, Ohio and Western states. The book has won both the Dr. Charles H. Wesley Medal of History from the Phylaxis Society and the Phillis Wheatley Book Award for Non-Fiction Biography.



# We Still Strive For a More Perfect Union

*Submitted by GIG Dr. James H. Gatling, New Haven Consistory # 7*

The United States Constitution was created by men who recognized freedom as mankind's common inheritance. Our nation's evolution from Plymouth Rock to Barack Obama proves America continues to strive for a more perfect union. Black History is one chapter in a national history that clearly demonstrates mankind's kinship. The national solidarity that followed George Floyd's tragic death last year clearly demonstrated America's revulsion against racial bias. Since then, the line separating the anarchists from the appalled has been blurred to the detriment of those who truly seek racial equality. Those claiming bias rules the nation's cultural relationships ignore American history and Barack Obama's Presidency, that was fueled by a melting-pot of multi-cultural voters.

Anarchists angry declarations have not erased a national will that produced the Civil War, The Great Society, School Desegregation, Fair Housing legislation, HUD Housing initiatives and Equal Opportunity directives, (to name a few) that were backed with over \$17 Trillion worth of expenditures since 1960. Exceptions don't rule America. Those making that claim defame a massive majority of unheralded, civic-minded Americans, who work side by side, advancing a more perfect union without rancor, fanfare or sound bite. I have had the opportunity to travel the globe as an Ambassador for Community Action Agencies (federally designated anti-poverty agencies) and have been able to observe how other cultures and communities supported and acknowledged their leaders. I would bring back mementos celebrating and acknowledging these contributions to the various Countries and Communities I visited. I remembered was the local connection to the leaders' home town, what they had accomplished at the local level which helped elevate them to become recognized leaders.

Returning to Waterbury Connecticut, I observed that the city of Waterbury had the Leaders and Trailblazers, but as a community, we didn't salute and honor them. We can do better in honoring and celebrating our local African American history, leaders and provide inspiration to our youth. I am honored to share that we are doing better.

On November 11, 2017, Kellogg Lodge No. 5, F & A M (Prince Hall Affiliated) held their first Leadership and Trailblazer Awards Luncheon. The Lodge identified local individuals making a difference in the community and lifted them up for recognition. Individuals were given a plaque and salutations/citations from governmental officials. More important,

they were acknowledged by the brothers of Kellogg Lodge, who pledged their personal support and the support of the local lodge.

On May 12, 2018, Kellogg Lodge held its first Unsung Community Heroes Luncheon. The Lodge identified individuals who live and work in the community for the community, whose work goes unacknowledged. The Lodge wanted this changed, and saw a way to hold up and honor the work of the unsung heroes and provide for role models for our young African American youth. In the Spring and Fall of 2020, the Luncheons were not held. They will be return in the Fall of 2021.

Through various connections and networking, I found myself in conversation with Moises Surriel, a local artist and commissioned Mr. Surriel to draw several African American portraits of Waterbury leaders. An idea of a project was being formulated. What started as personal collection of 12 drawings, has grown to a collection of 74 local African American man and woman who are Trailblazers and Un-Sung Heroes of the State of Connecticut. 19 of the men in the collection are Masonic Brothers. What was a collection for an individual has grown into a collection sponsored by Kellogg Lodge, Lambda Rho Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity and New Opportunities, Inc. This collection of artwork has been exhibited for over 2 months at the Mattatuck Museum, located in Waterbury, Connecticut. A second exhibit was held on February 25, 2021 at New Opportunities, Inc.

Accompanying the Exhibit is a Journal, containing a sketch and biography of each individual being honored in the Exhibit. During both viewings, multi-generational families came and gathered around their loved ones picture, sharing oral histories and contributions of their loved ones. Young people were able to see people who looked like them, lived in the same neighborhoods that they lived in, and raised themselves up in their professions to be successful. The looks in their eyes cannot be described. This ongoing and expandable presentation commemorates the lives and memorializes the achievements of 74 local luminaries who heeded the Constitution's color-blind call for equality. This is how a number of leaders have grown. Being respectful of one's past, and encouraging multi generational conversations are positive outgrowths of this exhibit. We are proud that the three organizations, Kellogg Lodge, Lambda Rho Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity and New Opportunities, Inc. partnered together to tell our story in the Community.



# SPRING MENTORING COMMITTEE REPORT

SGIG Horace J. Jackson, 33<sup>rd</sup>, Chairman, SGIG Charles Burns, Jr., 33<sup>rd</sup>, Asst. Chairman

Our participating Orients are **Connecticut** – Illustrious Deputy Edward E. Cherry, **Illinois** – Illustrious Deputy Melvin Frierson, **Michigan** – Illustrious Deputy Christopher Buck, **Ohio** – Illustrious Deputy Carl A. Williams, **New Jersey** – Illustrious Deputy Robert L. Oglesby, and **Washington/Oregon** - Illustrious Overseer Gregory Wraggs Sr.



I have been in communication with the Illustrious Deputies of our participating Orients. Of course, during the pandemic, they are following the guidelines set down by our Sovereign Grand Command, Melvin J. Bazemore. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, we have had to curtail our Mentoring Sessions. Our participating Orients have conducted session virtually or by telephone in an effort to keep our mentees engaged in our programs. During this pandemic we must tell our mentees to adhere to the health guidelines established in their communities. As a consequence of COVID-19, you may need to lower your program’s expectations until we fully restart.

Some may ask what does mentoring accomplish? Actually, what do we offer our mentees? As upstanding men and masons, we can be role models for young people. We can show them how to gain the respect of their peers and their entire community. We encourage and/or recommend viable career choices. (I am surprised by the number of young people who have a limited prospective when it comes to the various careers that are available). If they do not have family and community support, we can provide the emotional and psychological support and the guidance they need. Mentors can impact the lives of many young people.

There are several factors that make good mentors:

- **A mentor is honest.** Sharing life experiences (success and failures). Talk about what has been learned from those experiences. By listening to you your mentee may begin to make important career choices.
- **Engage your mentee in conversation.** Ask questions. What interests them? What concerns do they have? Make sure you really listen - this will give insight into what direction you should try to guide your mentee.
- **Mentors should teach their mentees perseverance.** Obstacles may be encountered while the mentees are trying to achieve their goals but encourage them to never give up, keep going and they will be rewarded in the end.
- **Your mentees should set goals.** Help mentees set specific goals and track their progress in achieving them. Let the mentees know that career choices will be limited unless they get education or training beyond high school. Unfortunately, some mentees will not really be interested in the program. We cannot help them all. Just try to motivate both interested and the uninterested ones and convince them to get involved.

Provide any connections to resources you have which may be beneficial. Mentees need all the support they can get. Above all, it is imperative that we generate trust.

## How Well Do You Know Your Rite? “Missions of the Strategic Plan”

**DOWN**

1. The \_\_\_\_\_ to College Program is a form of Community Outreach.
2. Creation of an internal \_\_\_\_\_ network will help to identify our abilities.
4. The \_\_\_\_\_ Mission places a focus on the Scottish Rite Education program.

**ACROSS**

3. \_\_\_\_\_ and Fundraisers are our primary sources of income.
5. Through the \_\_\_\_\_ Mission, online improvements have advanced capabilities.
6. Corporate \_\_\_\_\_ will help to enhance the brand of the Scottish Rite.
7. \_\_\_\_\_ and Retention are goals of the Membership Mission.

**ANSWERS FROM LAST EDITION:**

1. SYRACUSE
2. GRAY
3. SOLOMON
4. TRIANGLE
5. BIDDLE
6. INLAND
7. BOSTON
8. MASSACHUSETTS



## The History of My Active Jewel

*Sovereign Grand Inspector General  
Edward B. Darnell, 33<sup>o</sup>*



The Active Jewel of Office which I wear with pride, is a “Hand me Down” in possession from my Uncle Homer E. Gaines, who served the Orient of Michigan as its Deputy with the utmost pride, honor and distinction for 28 years, during which time he enjoyed the distinction of serving the Prince Hall Jurisdiction as its Most Worshipful Grand Master for two years, within his same period of service as Deputy.


My Uncle was not a “Lettered Man,” but one would not have known it by his carriage or demeanor, which included his speech, diction, manner of dress, place of residence, being the proprietor of a thriving black business, and all else that made him an immediate standout as a man among men in any gathering. He had grown up as a Chauffeur in service for a well-known Physician within the Detroit circle by the last name of Fenton, and I can only assume that he must have been a “quick study,” learning much from his employer. Owing to his likeable and effusive personality, I suspect that his employer by some means or assistance, was probably instrumental in my Uncle’s entry into the Gasoline Service Station business. He was successful, and for a short period of time, even owned two stations, and I can recall my Grandmother once saying that “he had his shirts made by the same tailor as his employer.”

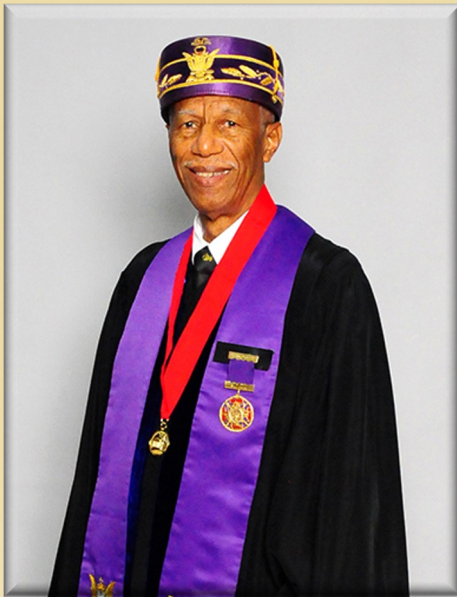
Somewhere in life, his path must have crossed with George Bushnell, who not only became the Chief Justice on the Michigan Supreme Court, but also Sovereign Grand Commander of the Mainstream Body of Scottish Rite Masons in the Northern Jurisdiction, and when my Uncle became Deputy of the Orient in 1949, somehow due to that mysterious relationship, Commander Bushnell surrendered his Breast Jewel to my Uncle for him to have a duplicate made from it. I cannot recall the name of the Jeweler that made the reproduction, but I do recall accompanying my Uncle to the same shop when he, in turn, loaned his Jewel for the reproduction of one for

Booker T. Alexander when Booker became Active, and to my knowledge, they are the only two such Jewels in existence at this date within the Prince Hall Family, Northern Jurisdiction. I have been told by current Vendors, that the expense to reproduce a jewel of the same caliber at the cost of Gold today would be cost prohibitive, and that Brothers would simply balk at the price. Subsequently, the Active Jewels on the market today, although not cheap, simply pale in comparison to the rare Gaines and Alexander Jewels.

When I was Coronated Active in 1976, there was a Masonic Regalia House in Philadelphia, not far from the Cathedral that serviced the needs of the Mainstream Masonic community, and they too had in their possession, the die for the Thirty-third Degree Jewel, comparable to the Jewel held by my Uncle. Learning that it was not uncommon for Masonic Jewelry to be sold and recirculated, and with the news of the death of former Grand Master of Ceremonies, Homer Collins of Ohio, I frantically tried to locate and purchase his Jewel. However, with all of my best efforts being unsuccessful, I turned to the Lehmburg Masonic Regalia House there in Philadelphia and ordered my Jewel. I recall giving them a deposit, but I don’t recall the final cost of the item because, they could not tell me the final cost at the time of order, due to the continued fluctuating price of Gold.

I do however remember that some forty-five or so days later receiving a letter from them stating that my Jewel was ready and to send them “X” amount of dollars for the final payment and they would ship me the Jewel. I immediately sent them a check, along with one of my letters emphatically stating that had they shipped me the Jewel, which I was so anxiously awaiting, I would have sent them a check, and closed by stating that “I was a Brother.” They shipped me the Jewel and enclosed a note stating “How many times that they had been stiffed by a Brother.”

When Dr. Shack was made Emeritus and was in search for an Active Jewel, my Uncle had recently died and his Jewel was “up for grabs.” I immediately took possession of his Jewel, and allowed my Aunt to send my Jewel to Dr. Shack. When Dr. Shack died, I interceded on Billy Hunter’s behalf with Dr. Shack’s widow and Hunter actually purchased my Jewel, which is now in the possession of his widow, Johnny. I think, but I am not certain that when Marion Cheatham became Emeritus, he fell heir to the Booker T. Alexander Jewel, which if is the case, became the possession of his widow Helen upon his demise. I am told she no longer resides in Michigan which means in short, the Alexander Jewel may be forever lost. 



### Orient of the Bahamas

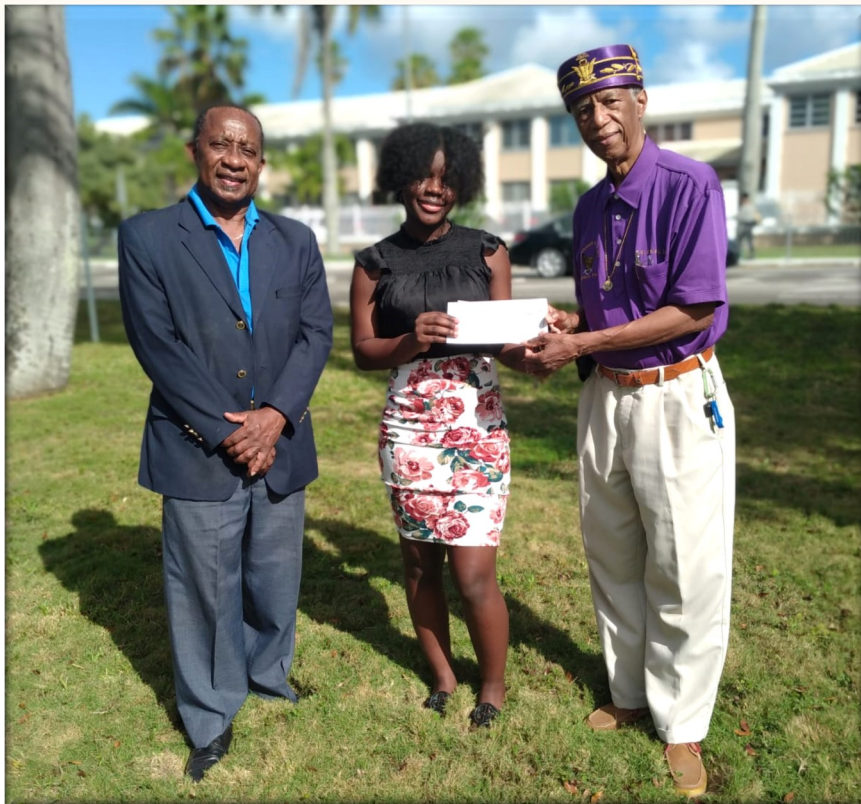
*Sovereign Grand Inspector General  
Roscow A.L. Davies, 33<sup>o</sup>  
Deputy*

Fraters in the Orient of the Bahamas responded to the challenges presented by the COVID-19 Pandemic by observing the many protocols put in place to ensure the safety of citizens and residents in the country. Although

in person meetings were severely limited, fraternal members were kept informed about important communications and actions by the officers on their behalf. Zoom meetings were organized where necessary. The temporary closure of the Bahamian and United States of America country borders resulted in the interruption of postal mail service. Thankfully, normal service was restored by mid-February 2021.

We were pleased to receive the USC Student Aid for 2020. Ms. Rolissa Geletta Maycock, a student nurse at the University of the Bahamas was pleased to receive the generous donation. She is looking forward to being able to give back to the community once she starts her nursing career.

Fraternal members in Grand Bahama and Abaco continue their recoveries from damages suffered during Hurricane Dorian. The support from our local and international Scottish Rite organizations was helpful and appreciated by all. The USC Annual Raffle is receiving full support from the Bahamian Community.



### Orient of Colorado, Wyoming & Utah

*Sovereign Grand Inspector General  
Lionell Cummings, 33<sup>o</sup>  
Deputy*

**Get your vaccine shot TODAY!!!**



Leading by example during times like these is a critical component to improving communities and promoting the replication of tasks that can go towards the benefit of all. The key issue today is the COVID-19 virus. The example that should be replicated by all who are able is to obtain the vaccine in order to protect oneself and help to stop the pandemic. Per the Center for Disease Control (CDC), vaccination will help to:

- *Keep you from getting COVID*
- *Build protection*
- *Stop the pandemic*

Follow the example of SGIG Cummings and get your shot today.



## Orient of Connecticut

*Sovereign Grand Inspector General  
Edward E. Cherry Sr., 33°  
Deputy*

The 127<sup>th</sup> Annual Session of the Orient of Connecticut met in virtual form on November 21, 2020 so as to protect its member and guests from the COVID 19 Corona Virus which has cast its spell over Connecticut and the world with a vengeance not seen in recent times. This alternative allows for meeting and fellowship by visual contact as well as the conducting of routine organizational business while safely protecting all of us and our families from COVID-19. One of the highlights of this historic 127<sup>th</sup> Session was Most Illustrious Commander-in-Chief Edward Cherry's pleasure to virtually receive our Sovereign Grand Commander, SGIG Melvin J. Bazemore, 33° who was virtually accompanied by the Secretary General of the United Supreme Council, SGIG Edward M. Brooks, 33°; SGIG Wayne Phillips, 33°, Chairman of the Lifetime Membership Program; and SGIG Roy J. Mays, 33°, Assistant to the Sovereign Grand Commander. All brought gracious welcomes and

inspiring messages before they had to later bid farewell to virtually visit other Council Sessions. MICIC Cherry then welcomed and thanked other virtual guests from Massachusetts for taking the time from their very busy schedules to visit us by Zoom and said that he looked forward to all of our in-person visits in the future. The Most Illustrious Commander-in-Chief also welcomed, and thanked the members of the Council for their going through the process of learning the use of Zoom, the new electronic means of communication which, due to its practicality, will probably last well beyond this pandemic as its use solves many problems of participation in the future due to inclement weather, emergencies, etc. which may occur on meeting days; as well as distance issues usually named as reasons for non-participation.

The Ill. Prior offered a prayer for the passing Ill. James Hodge, Jr., 33° and Ill. Dr. Louis Davis, 33°. Both were well known in their communities as leaders in the education systems of their particular communities as well as being strong supporters of Ancient Craft and Scottish Rite Masonry. They will be sorely missed.

Annual Reports were made by various committees of the Council in addition to acknowledgements for outstanding service to the Rite. Commander-in-Chief of the Year was awarded to Ill. Alex Miller the outgoing Commander-in-Chief of New Haven Consistory #7. The Consistory of the Year Award went to New Haven Consistory. The award to Ill. Miller was based on his demonstrated high level of competence ritualistically, his communication skills, friendliness, commitment to the goals of the Order and overall leadership qualities one looks for in a Masonic leader, more especially, a Commander-in-Chief. The second award was made to Ill. Harold

Williams, Sr., the retiring Ill. Grand Hospitaler who was made Ill. Grand Hospitaler Emeritus for his sensitive and outstanding charitable service to the bereaved, sick and shut-in Fraters of New Haven Consistory. Congratulations to both "Men and Masons".

This year the Council was more than pleased to award the Benevolent Fund Educational Grant of \$1,000.00 to Ms. Coree Bellamy, a 3.8 Grade Point Average New Haven's James Hillhouse High School graduate who entered Morgan State University in Baltimore as a Sociology Major. At the end of her first Semester, she continued her academic prowess like in high school by amassing a 3.8 Grade Point Average in her First Semester at Morgan State. She keeps in touch with Deputy Cherry to share her academic progress and to let us know that she pledges to make every effort to live up to her potential to earn good grades and to complete her educational goals.

After full review by the Commanders of the Rite in the Valleys of New Haven and Hartford, the Council approved the following Nominees for the United Supreme Council's Class of 2022: Sublime Princes Larrow Garrett, Patrick Giddings and Brian Harrell, three Sublime Princes who are well known for their Ancient Craft as well as their Scottish Rite contributions and services to their communities.

At the same time of our virtual Council meeting the Loyal Ladies of the Golden Circle was conducting their virtual Annual Meeting with the election of Loyal Lady Ora Ware as the State Grand Loyal Lady Ruler and Loyal Lady Nancy Sims as the Associate Grand Loyal Lady Ruler. We are pleased and proud to congratulate our outgoing State Grand Loyal Lady Ruler Isabella Windley who was appointed to the newly formed



Golden Circle Working Group. We wish her and the Working Group great success in carrying out its noble goals.



In a January virtual meeting, New Haven Assembly #42 held its annual election with Loyal Lady Lavern Jenkins (above) being elected as the Loyal Lady Ruler; Loyal Lady Naomi Campbell the new Loyal Lady Associate Ruler; Loyal Lady Tomi Veale as Loyal Lady Priestess; Loyal Lady Kaprice Miller as the Loyal Lady Guide. Loyal Lady Ruler Jenkins promised that New Haven Assembly will continue its goals to increase membership and to continue to support the senior citizens at the St. Luke Senior Citizens' Apartment located just across the street from the historic Goffe Street Special School which, since 1929 has served as the Prince Hall Masonic Temple and home of New Haven Assembly #42. In addition to service to our senior neighbors several of the Ladies have been very active in community health services, for example PSGLLR Linda McLaughlin (below) makes her community contributions by working with the Sickle Cell Blood Drive at Beulah Heights Church in New Haven. New installed Associate Loyal Lady Ruler Naomi Campbell of New Haven Assembly #45 provides her community service work at the Bethel A.M.E Church with the COVID-19 Vaccine Clinic.



In closing out the 127<sup>th</sup> Session, Most Illustrious Commander-in-Chief Edward Cherry presented his Allocation where he gave solemn notice and condolences to our departed Illustrious Sirs James Hodge and Louis Davis; he also gave tribute to our late Frater, and Deputy for Massachusetts, SGIG Henry Owens who also passed into the Great Unknown. In his remarks on the State of the Union he gave glowing tribute to our new President Joseph Biden and new Vice President Kamala Harris who bring a new sense of honesty and respect back to those hallowed offices. God Speed to our new President and Vice President. In addressing the State of the Rite, he was pleased with the State of the Rite in New Haven with noted that work is needed in Hartford to get over the problems caused by the pandemic, as well as other issues which felt positive changes will be made. He was pleased with the SGIGs who are meeting Quarterly as well as providing support in their Valleys. He also noted the work that is being done with the Strategic Planning Committee with the hope that the sub committees will move forward is meeting their scheduled laudable Goals.

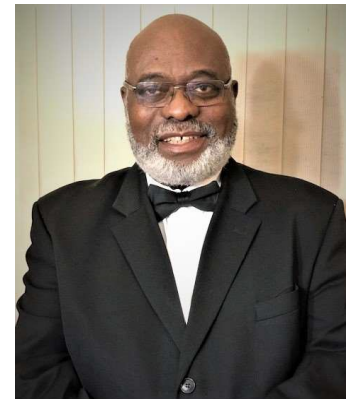
He closed his Annual Address by concluding that the past year has been different and challenging, but hoped that we will use that difference as a challenge to improve the future of Scottish Rite Masonry. He ended by stating the "there must be change if we are going to survive in these challenging times".

On January 17, 2021, Consistory #7, New Haven, CT had its annual election and a new administration is now in place. As the new Commander in Chief, I am proud to follow in the footsteps of Illustrious Alex Miller who laid a solid foundation for our Consistory. This was especially challenging due to the onset of

COVID 19 and speaks to Illustrious Millers leadership. Since becoming Commander in Chief, discussions continue on how to become relevant and supportive to our Communities?. It is our vision to strengthen our Committees, the Consistory and the image of Masonry through our efforts. This is consistent and a backbone of our Strategic Plan.

Fundraising for Consistory #7 has taken on a new look due to the COVID 19 pandemic. Our annual raffle will continue to be held and funds will be used to help replenish our Scholarship Fund. In addition, the proceeds will be used to support two community projects. In 2020, the Consistory had one community project, so we are increasing our community support by 100%. The projects will be used to support programs that provide services and/or goods to the homeless and less fortunate in our communities. We will work with the community projects to see how the Consistory #7 can incorporate a component of service for the Fraters. Additional fundraisers and projects will be dependent on COVID 19.

As Commander in Chief, I will be reflecting and seeking in collaboration feedback from fellow Fraters on how to best build and retain community among the New Haven Consistory #7 Fraters in a COVID19 environment. It is my expectation that I will be able to put this process and thoughts in an article to be shared.





## PANDEMIC PRODUCES SPIRITUAL BOND

March of 2020 saw the influx of a pandemic in the United States known as COVID-19. COVID-19 created a new norm for our society making it impossible for Fraters to meet in person. It has impacted all aspects of our lives producing a plethora of fears, frustrations and anxieties. The Samuel C. Hunter Jr. Class of 2014, found strength, hope, and encouragement in the Word of God as found in II Chronicles 7:14; "If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land." Thus, the solution, The Power of Prayer; therefore, it was decided to implement a "*Prayer Call-in Ministry*."

The Prayer Call-in Meetings were initiated by GIG Tony O. Dennis, GIG Rev. Dr. Ronnie B. Tucker, Sr., and the President of the Samuel C. Hunter Jr. Class, GIG Lonnie Jones II, as a response to COVID-19. Many of the Fraters and their families were experiencing anxiety, depression, uncertainty and fear of the unknown. The one thing we knew that could help everyone is the power of prayer, meditation and building a stronger relationship with God.

Upon approval of the class, the first "Prayer Call-in" meeting was held on March 22, 2020 at 8:00 PM. It has been nearly a year since we began this spiritual journey and, as of the writing of this article, we have not missed a single Sunday night of engaging in prayer and meditation. Class members have conducted prayer even during holiday weekends, the NBA Championships, the Superbowl, and Valentine's day. The minutes from each of our meetings are being placed in the "Members Area" on our class website. This is a secured area that only the members of the "Samuel C. Hunter Jr. Class of 2014" have access. The class website is <http://SamuelCHunterJr2014.com> which we invite all to visit. We thank SGIG Reginald B. Stewart, our class Amanuensis for taking minutes of our meetings and others so these great works can be archived properly.

The Prayer Call-in Meeting experience has helped our class get to know each other on a different level. Our class has developed a genuine and authentic fraternal bond—

trust, compassion, caring, encouragement, and ready to pray for a frater in a moment. The bonding and openness of our peers has taken our friendship to another level. Those Fraters who have participated in the prayer meetings have become closer to God, and now, have been moved by the Holy Spirit to pray for others. A visible result from our "Class Prayer Call-in" is that others (in and outside the order) have noticed the change in our Fraters as they are asked to pray with others. It has become evident that members of the Class of 2014 have grown in their confidence of the power of prayer. The class is excited to share the results of our prayers with each other and those outside of the class. We have seen the healing power of God, families getting closer and stronger, employment conditions being met, sharing in the bereavement of Fraters and their family members. The Class of 2014 has truly realized the truth, "there is power in prayer."

During our time of Prayer Call-in Meetings, we have adopted the slogan "*My Frater's Keeper*". The implementation of this slogan has yielded a development of support, consolation, encouragement, that has kept us strong throughout the pandemic. The Prayer Call-in Meetings have helped all of us to see beyond ourselves, thus making us capable of reaching beyond ourselves.

G.I.G John Williams noted this testament regarding the impact of the Prayer Call-in Meetings:

- *Fraters are learning scripture.*
- *Fraters are asking for prayer.*

Thank God for making this happen! Thank God for GIG Reverend Dr. Ronnie B. Tucker, Sr., Tony O. Dennis, and Class President Lonnie Jones II. The class is blessed that God sent us Reverend Dr. Ronnie B. Tucker, Sr.! Truly, the class of 2014 has come to fully realize the importance of prayer, the assurance that God is a prayer hearing and prayer answering God. Through prayer, we have seen the reduction of anxiety, frustrations, fear, and depression among the Frater's of the Samuel C. Hunter, Jr. Class.

*Article submitted on behalf of the Class of 2014 by G.I.G Reverend Dr. Ronnie B. Tucker, Nimrod #9*



## The United Supreme Council

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Northern Jurisdiction USA, Inc.

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Please reach out to your membership and organize your donations

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Please reach out to your President or send your payment directly to the Cathedral

**Make all checks payable to:** Supreme Council Benevolent Foundation, Inc.

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# Honoring a Century



*"At the last session of the Supreme Council it was decided to have published a quarterly Bulletin for gracious distribution in the Jurisdiction. It has been felt for sometime that there was need for such a publication. The Supreme Council desires to bring the various Consistories in closer contact with each other and to disseminate items of interest to all." - Ill. Sumner A. Furniss, 1921*

A century has elapsed since the publication of the very first Bulletin, the Official Publication of the United Supreme Council, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry, PHA, Northern Jurisdiction, USA, Inc. Introduced in 1921 at the 40<sup>th</sup> Annual Session, the Bulletin was formed to serve as a method of communication to share items of general interest as well as specific organizational objectives and initiatives across the Holy Empire.

The first Bulletin was published in Indianapolis, Indiana after the death of Sovereign Grand Commander James Francis Rickards under the editorial control of the Lieutenant Grand Commander, Ill. Sumner A. Furniss. The publication lamented Rickards' demise on October 9, 1921 after the 40<sup>th</sup> Annual Session at his home in Detroit, Michigan. The portrait of Ill. Rickards adorned the cover. The minutes from the 40<sup>th</sup> Annual Session, which was held in Cleveland, Ohio, were also posted. The second issue followed suit with a photograph of Ill. Furniss adorned the cover. Background information on him was also provided to affirm the transition of leadership and to announce his credentials to the audience at large. He was, in fact, a successful physician in Indianapolis and had served as the city's first black Councilman from 1917 to 1921. An active citizen in the city and surrounding areas, he was a trailblazer in more ways than one. As the new Sovereign Grand Commander, he maintained editorial control over the publication during his tenure.

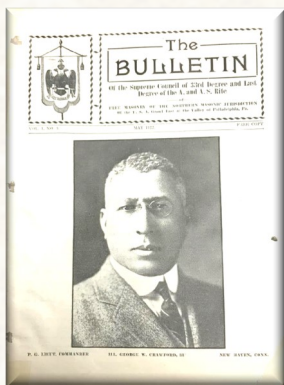
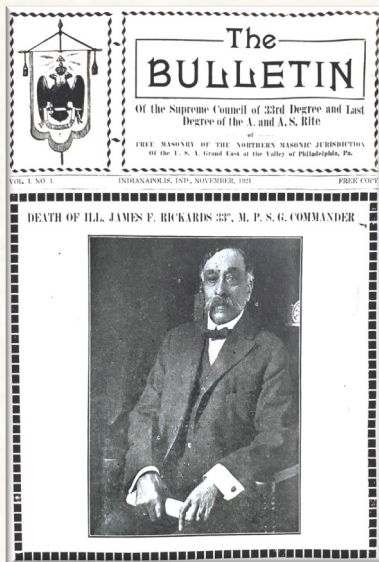
The third issue found the cover adorned with the new Lieutenant Grand Commander, Illustrious George W. Crawford. Following suit with the prior edition, it provided background information on Ill. Crawford who also had a laudable career in the legal arena

prior to his forward movement within the Scottish Rite. An author on Prince Hall History and co-founder of the Niagara Movement, pre-cursor to the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) with W.E.B. DuBois and other civic minded citizens, he aided many locally and nationally. His efforts as the leader of the Greater New Haven Branch are renown. While fighting social issues, he authored "The A.B.C.'s of Scottish Rite Masonry". This pamphlet served as a guide for Scottish Rite Masons. The work also exhibited his knowledge of Scottish Rite Masonry. Pieces of this work were showcased in the third issue for membership development.

The first three issues set the tone for those that followed. As the publication had become a key tool for communications, its relevance as a means for also communicating the vision of leadership had gained prominence. The Annual Sessions of 1921 in Cleveland, Ohio and 1922 in St. Paul Minnesota a committee had been authorized to consider obtaining a permanent headquarters for the Northern Jurisdiction and to consider doing so in co-partnership respectively. Although the latter regarding co-partnership was rejected, the committee, named the Committee on a Permanent Headquarters, moved for the adoption of an assessment to erect a sanctuary for the Scottish Rite on its own. This recommendation was adopted and the 1923 November issue of the Bulletin showcased sketches of the proposed headquarters.

The Bulletin was heavily utilized to communicate the status of the effort. In fact, the Prince Hall Scottish Rite Cathedral project was covered from concept in 1923 to consecration in 1928 to its completion. The October 1928 issue was even extended to Sublime Princes to solicit their support. Considering the coverage, the Bulletin clearly influenced that massive amount of support received for the project. The Great Depression and World War Two prevented frequent publications of the Bulletin during the 1930s and early 1940s. Economic times had hit hard for all but the support generated from the Cathedral effort provided resources that sustained the Rite. After World War Two, the Bulletin activity resumed.

In 1949, Ill. Furniss resigned from his duties as Sovereign Grand Commander by letter due to his health at the 68<sup>th</sup> Annual Session in Chicago, Illinois and left a final gift—the burning of the mortgage for the



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the Cathedral. In honor of his service, he was styled Sovereign Grand Commander Emeritus and, in compliance with the General Regulations of the United Supreme Council, Lt. Grand Commander Crawford was elevated to Sovereign Grand Commander.

Ill. Crawford used the Bulletin to promote education and combat racial ignorance and spurious Freemasonry. He stated in the February 1950 issue:

*“Race prejudice is a communicable disease. While it is not possible entirely to immunize people after they arrive at a certain age, it is possible to limit the ailment to a mild form. Usually the most effective measure against its spread is exposure to the truth. It also becomes necessary on occasion to asepticize public opinion against infection from a particularly vicious falsehood.”*

Crawford combatted spurious Freemasonry in the same way. His editorial in the August 1960 issue titled “Recognition and Legacy” stated:

*“...social attitudes towards a man do not determine his legitimacy. That is determined by his origin..... Masonic legitimacy is exactly like that. Prince Hall Masonry is the off-spring of that same parentage as practically all Masonic bodies in America, namely, the Grand Lodge of England.”*

Although this was accepted by the Scottish Rite Northern Jurisdiction (white) in 1943, it had not been accepted by the Southern Jurisdiction (white) which caused discord. Crawford fought this battle using his wit, editorialized the statuses in the Bulletin and eventually won the moral high-ground.

Ill. Crawford’s ability to deal effectively with racially motivated situations undoubtedly sourced from his experiences in the NAACP. A member of the NAACP’s Legal Defense Unit since 1935, he generated Masonic support for landmark cases including *Brown vs. Board of Education*. He had a long relationship with Thurgood Marshall (who later served as Grand Minister of State of the Southern Jurisdiction, Prince Hall Affiliated). Public support of the effort and private contributions by Crawford helped to secure support for that victory.

In the 1960s, Ill. Crawford, opened the door for editors to play a larger role in the Bulletin with oversight by the USC Cabinet. The Sovereign Grand Commanders who succeeded him also followed suit.

The editors include:

1960-64—Alfred J. Worsham  
& Vernon B. Williams Jr.  
1964-66—Williams Jr. & Ralph Jones  
1966-74—Williams Jr., A. Clarence  
Monroe & Booker T. Alexander  
1974-85—Winston O. Williams Sr.,  
Alexander & John W. Edghill  
1985-96—Williams Sr. & Edghill  
1996-99—Robert J. Hunter  
1999-2002—Hunter & Brian L. Abrams Sr.  
2002-08—Brian L. Abrams Sr.  
2008-11—Theodore Mosley  
2011-19—Edward M. Brooks II  
2019—Daryl L. Andrews

While the content of the Bulletin has been consistent over the years in some areas, it has grown in others. Annual Sessions still receive great coverage. Visions of leadership remain on display. However, increased reporting from the Orients as well as articles of a historic and esoteric nature have contributed to the larger sizes. The vision of Sovereign Grand Commander Melvin J. Bazemore, for example, has been on display in the most recent editions and, like his predecessors, has prompted many into action. This confirms that the original purpose of the publication, “to bring the various Consistories in closer contact with each other and to disseminate items of interest to all”, continues to meet its original aim.

As this edition concludes a centennial of publications, the Fall 2021 Bulletin will actually mark the start to the next 100 years. What will it display? What great works will it showcase? Only time will tell. Yet, if we let our lights shine like the sun at its meridian height, only great things will come. In so shining, it just may draw more men into our ranks.

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## Orient of Delaware

**Sovereign Grand Inspector General  
James A. Scott, 33<sup>o</sup>  
Deputy**

Greetings to all from the Orient of Delaware. It has been a trying time this past year due to the COVID-19 virus. Businesses have ceased to operate, therefore, increasing unemployment throughout the country. It has also put a strain on the Consistories and its members. But with the ongoing leadership and encouragement, we, here in Delaware have managed to carry on with the most important work of the Masonic families, reaching out to those who need our assistance. COVID-19 threw the operations of the Consistories, as well as all of Masonry, into a whirlwind. The introduction of Zoom virtual communication is “a life saver”. The Consistories and Assemblies are conducting the required meetings virtually. More members have become familiar with Zoom but the underlying problem is that we do not have that contact and fellowship we have all come to enjoy so much.

A joint effort between Courtney P. Houston #119 and Prudence Lodge #6 presented the widows of the brothers and fraters of the two organizations gifts. The widows

were presented canvas bags with their name and the name of their deceased spouse, certificates, widows pins, corsages, cards and Visa gift cards. The committee included SP Leon Battle, GIG Gary Carter, GIG Wilber Justice, GIG Nathaniel Williams and SP Bernard Pratt (WM #6) and GIG Edward Swiggett.



### NEW LEADERSHIP

Congratulations to the new Ill. Commanders-In-Chiefs and their cabinets—Corinthian #5, CIC Larry Marin, 32<sup>o</sup>, G. Oscar Carrington #93, CIC Bruce K. Duffy, 32<sup>o</sup> and C.P. Houston, #119, CIC Johnnie Burton, 33<sup>o</sup>.

### COMMUNITY CHARITY

The Consistories, Corinthian #5, G. Oscar Carrington #93, and C.P. Houston #119 and Assemblies #43 and #96 continue to perform charity work throughout the communities. Collectively they have donated food baskets, clothing and, in some cases, financial assistance.

### SCHOLARSHIPS

The Corinthian Consistory #5 JAMES A. SCOTT Education award was established in 2020. The scholarship, committee awarded the first scholarship to Kenneth Edelin, III in the amount of \$500.00. The committee also awarded Tyzhir B. Morris a \$500.00 scholarship. He was sponsored by GIG William B. Duffy of G.O. Carrington #93. When the education awards were established, all consistories in the Orient came together to provide

scholarship funds for well deserving students in our community. It is their desire to continue to award scholarships as we move forward and to increase the numbers of awards given in the future. The committee consists of GIG Lawrence Carter (Chairman), GIG Kenneth B. Robinson, SP Ron Vann and SP Lloyd Staats.

### COUNCIL OF DELIBERATION

The DCOD was held 16 & 17 of OCT 2020 virtually. On the 16<sup>th</sup>, a joint Memorial service was and performed by Corinthian #5 and Delaware Assembly #43 from the Valley of Wilmington Delaware. On the 17<sup>th</sup> of October 2020 the host, Order of the Golden Circle hosted by Assembly #43, opened a separate session. The Consistories are holding the required meetings, including committee meetings. The elections were held virtually, within the guidelines set forth by the USC and the SGC.

### RECOGNITION & AWARDS

During the COD the Commanders of the Rite, honored four deserving Grand Inspector Generals (GIG). The plaque reads:

*“FOR YOUR YEARS OF LOYAL AND DEDICATED SERVICE AS A MEMBER OF THE UNITED SUPREME COUNCIL.”*



*George G. Winston III  
Treasurer COD*



*George T. Bennett  
President COR*



*William A. Stansbury*



*Samuel R. Harbison Jr.  
GM of Ceremonies*



### A MASON'S MASON

John W. Clark, (Jack) was born July 17, 1938 in Milford, Delaware, the eighth and last child of the late John W. Clark, Jr. and Lulu R. Clark. Jack is the last surviving sibling. He received his early education at the Milton #196-C two room school and his high school education at William C. Jason Comprehensive High School in Georgetown graduating in June 1956. Within two weeks, he enlisted into the U.S. Navy. After basic training, he completed Tech School in Norman, OK. He then entered his chosen field, Parachute Riggers School in Lakehurst, NJ, graduating after his successful jump with his own packed parachute. Clark was deployed to active duty to US Naval Air Station, Pensacola, FL. He was proud of the fact that during his career as a parachute rigger, the life of a Marine Major pilot was saved using a parachute that he packed when he had to eject from his disabled F-11 jet.

Honorably discharged with the rank of E-5 in 1959, Jack returned to Milton and began work in the construction industry. He remained with the active Naval Air Reserves reporting to Willow Grove Naval Air Station, PA, flying as a Load Master in the R-5D Transport Squadron. Later, he worked in the trucking business for 10 years driving tankers and then was employed by Delmarva Power for 24 years retiring April 1, 1998. He just couldn't sit around doing little of nothing so, after a few months, he returned to the work force driving big rig dump trucks for M.L. Joseph Sand & Gravel until he again retired.

In 1961, Jack and Barbara A. Wright were united in Holy matrimony. This union produced three children, son Bryan, (now a 33° Mason), and two daughters, Latrina and Karen, and seven Grand children and one Great Grandson. John is a member of Friendship Methodist Church, Millsboro, DE. He is past trustee of the church, co-chairperson of the dining hall, and organizer of the men's singing group, *The Boyz*. He is also an associate member of the Lewes Methodist Charge and a member of the *Unity Male Choir*, many who are Masonic Brothers. John is the Administrator and caretaker of 1st Congregational Church Cemetery, his family Home Church.

He became a Master Mason in May 1970. He is a third generation Mason followed by Bryan. He often relates that as a child, he was exposed to the Masonic order by PM John Jr.; John Sr., uncle; MWPGM Herschel Drain, 33° and Arlie Clark who were members of Rising Sun Lodge# 4. His mother, Lulu Clark and aunt, Minnie Drain were members of the OES. An uncle was a member in Asbury Park, NJ and extended relatives, John and Henry Sockum of Milton were Past Masters of RSL #4.

Among his Masonic accomplishments, he is a Past Master of RSL #4 and for many years, and still, Secretary of the Lodge, Lodge Historian; a past member of Corinthian Consistory #5 (March 1972); Past Commander-in-Chief of G. Oscar Carrington Consistory #93; past Member of Suakim Temple #60 (July 1973), Sussex County Shrine Club and crowned Grand Inspector General of the United Supreme Council in May of 1989. As Commander-in-Chief of # 93, John revived the "Annual Gospel Plus" Scholarship Program to award financial aid to deserving students. In the past eleven years, \$18,000 has been awarded to Sussex County students.

### NEW STATE GRAND LOYAL LADY RULER

The State Grand Assembly of Delaware held its 26<sup>th</sup> Annual session on October 16-17, 2020 virtually. The Grand Assembly was very thankful to still have the resources to connect with members on a virtual platform. During the session, PLLR Sandra Floyd was appointed the State Grand Loyal Lady Ruler by SGIG James A. Scott, Deputy for the Orient of Delaware. It is now her mission to carry on the good works of those who preceded her. The State Grand Assembly of Delaware will focus on maintaining a good report with our communities aiding those in need. It has taken on several charities for the year including assisting educators in the schools and purchasing needed supplies to assist students with virtual learning. Continuing to donate services to local food banks and being role models to youth will sustain an integral part of our mission.

Dover Assembly #96 is supporting various shelters, and agencies in our community. Members supplied headphones, school supplies, books, clothes and house items to the Kent County Community Action Center to assist students with their virtual learning and their parents. We donated socks to Interfaith Mission men's shelter and Shepherd's Place homeless shelters for women and children. School supplies were also given to Fairview Elementary School and Academy of Dover.

For the Christmas cards and candy canes were delivered to both Cadia Healthcare and Brookdale two local nursing homes. In preparation for the cold weather, clothes, coats, gloves, school supplies and food items were donated to Code Purple



Homeless Women and Children's Shelter. Members also assisted with food distribution at the Dover Whatcoat United Methodist Church and continue to support the outdoor homeless food pantry of Christ Church supplying water, non-perishable food items, utensils, toiletries and other needed items. For the Academy of Dover, we supplied hand sanitizer, wipes, and tissues.

Although this has been a very turbulent year, Milton Assembly #81 continued to show peace and love throughout this COVID-19 year added by impact of social unrest. We were unable to visit people as we would have but we frequently checked on seniors who lived alone and delivered prepared meals. One of our members did minor yard work for a 94-year-old widow of the Prince Hall Family until her death. We contacted other single seniors who lived in our community by phone to check on their mental, emotional, and physical health. Hot meals were delivered as much as possible. The elderly continues to be our focus of support for the future. Milton Assembly provided two \$100 donations to help a youth continue their educations in October and December 2020. We pray that our country and Milton Assembly #81 OGC will continue to grow more with peace, love and unity.

### QUEENS CONTEST 2021

The Orient of Delaware will highlight it's Order of the Golden Circle this year with the Queens contest chaired by PLLR Artis B. Baker. Scheduled for October 16, 2021, the event is open to all and is expected to be a paramount event.

### DCOD ACTIVITY SCHEDULE

- *Council of Deliberation—  
October 15-16, 2021 (Dover)*
- *Special Veterans Day Program -  
November 11, 2021 (Dover)*
- *Estate Planning Seminar,  
December 11, 2021 (Dover)*



## Orient of Illinois

*Sovereign Grand Inspector General  
Melvin Frierson, 33<sup>o</sup>  
Deputy*

The Illinois Council of Deliberation (PHA) held its 103rd Annual Session via Zoom on October 17 2020 from 9:00AM to 2:04PM CST. MICIC Melvin Frierson, 33<sup>o</sup>, Deputy, presided. The Session began with prayer by SGIG Charles Stewart. After the prayer, the minutes from the previous meeting held on October 18, 2019 were read by the Secretary, SGIG James A. Mitchell. It was moved by Ill. Stewart and second by SGIG Homer Walton that the minutes read be accepted. Motion carried.

MICIC Frierson called for the financial reports which were presented by the Secretary, Ill. Mitchell and the Treasurer, SGIG Warren Gipson Sr. They covered the financial activities for the period covering September 1, 2019 through August 31, 2020. The Audit Report found no discrepancies. The Educational Assistance Committee reported and read the letter from one of its graduates who thanked the ICOD for its support over the past four years. The secretary also reported that there were nine (9) recipients for the fiscal year 2020-2021 who would receive \$600.00 each.

The session was blessed with a visit by Sovereign Grand Commander Melvin J. Bazemore. He thanked the MICIC for the invitation and thanked the ICOD for its efforts and support. SGIG Wayne Phillips also provided an overview of the Lifetime Membership Program. All visitors were welcomed graciously. MICIC Frierson, then, gave an overview of activities for the year citing community involvement, charity work and fundraising as the primary activities. After prayer, the session was closed.

### VALLEY OF WAUKEGAN

On December 22, 2020, with assistance from the ICOD, the Commanders of the Rite donated caps and gloves for the youth (below). Mayor Leon Rockingham and members of the North Chicago





Fire and Police departments graciously accepted these gifts in their continued effort to improve community relations.



**VALLEY OF EAST ST. LOUIS**

The Valley of East St. Louis held a voter registration drive to register voters for the 2020 election cycle. The members of Tyree #64 not only registered voters but also helped citizens complete the 2020 Census. These efforts were done at the Sav-A-Lot Grocery Store in East St. Louis. Joined by the Robert Eastern, Mayor of East St. Louis, the team registered Henry Bernard, 82 years old. He had never voted in his life.



**VALLEY OF JOLIET**

Marquette-Joliet Consistory #104 seized the opportunity to do their part by hosting its Annual MJ#104 Holiday Basket Giveaway Saturday December 19th. Over 100 turkey dinners were distributed to appreciative local neighbors within the CDC/IDPH guidelines.

**VALLEY OF ROCKFORD**

Balthasar #92 partnered with the Northern Illinois Food Bank to continue their 5 year mission when they ordered, prepared, packaged and distributed food to the less fortunate of the City of Rockford and its surrounding areas. In November and December over 300 families were served for the Holidays through this collaboration.



**VALLEY OF SPRINGFIELD**

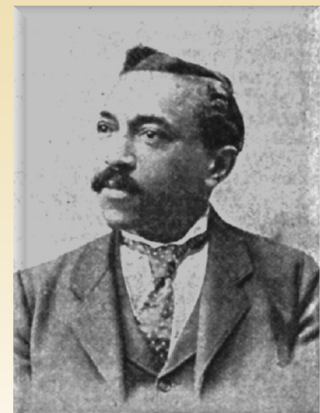
The Springfield Boys & Girls Club has been the blessed with the donations of hats and gloves by Menelik #49 and Menelik Assembly #58. Gloves and caps were also distributed in Decatur by GIG U L Newbon, Bro. Steve Moore and PM Willie Lee, Jr. Items were also and in Danville, Champaign, Decatur, Springfield and Peoria.



**VALLEY OF CHICAGO**

In memory of a stalwart Scottish Rite soldier, the members of Western Consistory #28 proceeded with the annual

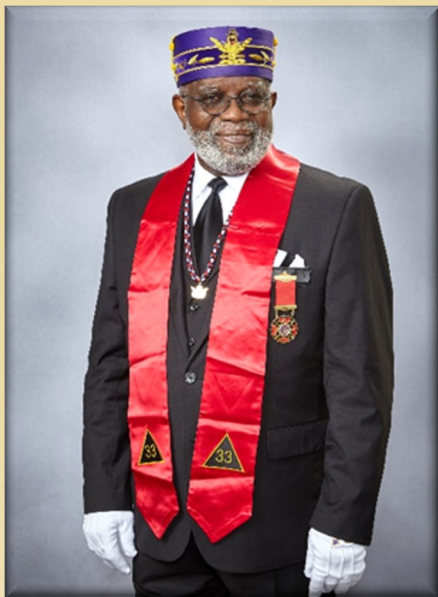
Sovereign Grand Inspector General Ernest Johnson Christmas Basket program under the direction of Grand Inspector General Franks Jarvis. The Chicago Commanders of the Rite and Western provided donations to Chicagoland families including turkeys and non-perishable items. Winter supplies were also provided in addition to hot meals to those who were able to make the visit onsite. Nearly 1,000 citizens were impacted as witnessed by the daughter of the late SGIG Johnson—LL Cilicia Johnson.



**Fraters Honor the Memory of SGIG Richard E. Moore**

Fraters from the Orient of Illinois sought to honor the memory of SGIG Richard E. Moore in December. On December 3rd, the Master of Richard E. Moore Lodge #109, Alexander Miles along with Junior Warden John McInnis and GIG William L. Norman visited Oakwoods Cemetery to find the grave of Ill. Moore. After three hours of searching, they found the graves of Moore and his wife, Rosa and prepared for a special recognition the following week.

SGIG Moore was the first Illinoisan to be elected to the United Supreme Council Northern Jurisdiction. He served as Lieutenant Grand Commander in the 1920s and was instrumental in the transition of Illinois Consistories to the Northern



## Orient of Iowa

**Sovereign Grand Inspector General  
Osumana V. Cassell, 33°  
Overseer**

The Orient of Iowa is pleased to introduce SGIG Osumana V. Cassell, MBA, 33° as its new Overseer, replacing SGIG Owen

T. Sloan, 33°, long time Deputy for the Orient of Iowa, due to health reasons. SGIG Cassell, MBA, 33°, who is a native of Liberia, West Africa; resides in Cedar Rapids, Iowa; and served as Assistant to the Deputy for many years. The Orient is delighted with his immediate and expert command of our remarkably fraternal Orient.



SGIG Cassell, MBA, 33°, has served as: Master of his Lodge; Grand Senior Warden; Grand Auditor and Grand Secretary – MWPGL of Iowa; Grand Worthy Patron of Electa Grand Chapter, and Worthy Patron of his Chapter; Illustrious Potentate of his Temple, currently Imperial Advisor for the Desert. In the York Rite he has served as: High Priest; Illustrious Master;

Eminent Commander; Grand Marshal, Grand Sentinel, and Grand Chaplain – Grand Council Royal & Select Masters of Iowa; Grand Warder and Grand Sword Bearer – Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Iowa. Other Masonic affiliations and memberships: Allied Masonic Degrees – Sovereign Master; Knight Masons, The Masonic Order of Athelstan – Junior Deacon; Yeoman of York; KYCH; Iowa York Rite College; Stone City Quarry Assemblage – Steward; High Twelve International – Vice President; Last Supper Tabernacle; Holy Royal Arch Knights Templar Priests; and Knights of The Red Cross of Constantine and Appendant Orders. In addition to his Masonic Services, he is a U.S. Navy Veteran – Seabees (Retired), also serves as Commander of The American Legion, Post 727, and a retiree of the Linn County Sheriff’s Office, Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

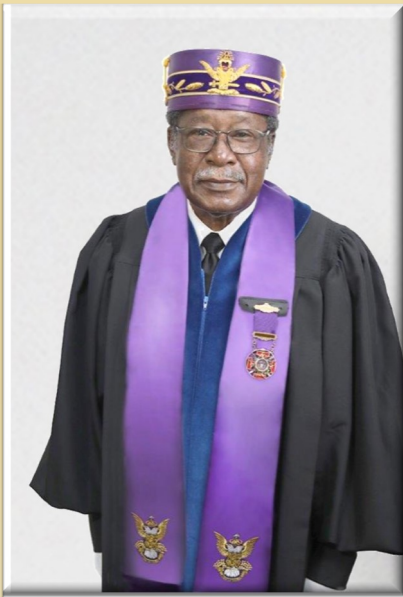


Jurisdiction. He held multiple positions of leadership in all bodies of Freemasonry. His efforts on behalf of the Scottish Rite helped to secure the orient of Illinois in its early years.

On December 20, 2020, Fraters from Western Consistory No. 28

and members of the namesake Lodge gathered at the gravesite of Moore at Oakwoods Cemetery to pay tribute. Due to COVID-19 regulations, only ten members at a time could visit together. During the visitation for each group, Illustrious William L.

Norman, 33°, gave a dissertation on the history and accomplishments of Richard E. Moore. He concluded with a prayer each time asking special blessings upon his ashes and prosperity for his namesake Lodge.—GIG William L. Norman



## Orient of Massachusetts

*Sovereign Grand Inspector General  
Daniel C. Brightwell Jr., 33°  
Deputy*

The Orient of Massachusetts is pleased to share the story of one young student who recently completed her higher education studies with scholarship assistance provided by the Orient. We are equally pleased to report on our newly founded Mentoring Program.

We know that Prince Hall tirelessly fought for the education of black children beginning immediately after his emancipation from slavery and the onset of his masonic career. On October 17, 1787 Prince Hall petitioned the legislature for education of black children. In 1796 Prince Hall petitioned the selectmen of Boston to provide a school for black children. Although this petition was approved, there was no school provided. After repeated attempts with no success, Prince Hall began educating black children in his home and in 1796 opened a school in the home of Primus Hall on Beacon Hill, arguably this Nation's first true "public school". The school was called "African

School". On May 1, 1799 Prince Hall petitioned the selectmen to license a teacher for black children. The license was granted to Nester Pendleton, a black man. The license was conditioned that Mr. Pendleton was to be paid by the petitioners. Once more in 1800 Prince Hall petitioned the school committee for a school for black children, as Primus Hall's home could not accommodate all of the children. There was no school building provided. After Prince Hall's death, the school grew to such an extent that it was moved to the basement of the African Baptist Church, today the African Meeting House on Beacon Hill in Boston, Massachusetts.



*SGIG Sidney D Broadnax, Jr. 33°, Lt. Grand Commander; Erin Washington; Jacquelyn-Lee Washington; SGIG Daniel Brightwell, Jr. 33°*

In the true spirit of our Founding Father, Prince Hall, the Orient of Massachusetts proudly shares the story of Erin Washington, a recent graduate of Parson School of Design where she received a Bachelor of Fine Arts Degree this past year. With the support of our scholarship over the past four years Erin was able continue her studies uninterrupted. She was able to study abroad in Berlin and showcase her artistic talent at her first exhibition in Rundgang, Germany. She completed her thesis, graduating with departmental honors from the Fine Arts program. Erin's current art

practice is centered around mindfulness and healing. She is currently preparing for graduate studies in Art Therapy.

Erin Washington's story is one that serves to remind us why we in the Scottish Rite family do what we do. Our wages are earned in the gratefulness expressed for the support and belief the Scottish Rite family extended to Erin and other worthy students. Erin's success is our success. We must strive to trod in Prince Hall's footsteps.

The Orient of Massachusetts spearheaded a Mentoring Program under the direction of Grand Inspector General Roscoe O. Thomas. The program targets inner city high school youth of all walks of life with promising futures like Erin Washington as well as those at risk. This program became a rapid success. The students quickly established trust and began productive discussions with Grand Inspector General Thomas and his committee members. Although the program was challenged and nearly halted as a result of the Pandemic, it had a great first year and is projected to resume as schools reopen and high school students are fully back in class.

As is the case with all organizations and businesses, the ability to carry out our objectives in the year 2020 were severely hindered by the global COVID-19 pandemic. Despite the hindrances caused by the pandemic, the Orient of Massachusetts pressed on to the extent possible in fulfilling our mission. In the process we were taught more humility, patience and steadfastness. We are reminded in scripture that "this too shall pass" and that after suffering there is joy, for it is written: "Behold, blessed is the one who God reproves, therefore despise not the discipline of the Almighty. For he wounds, but he binds, he shatters, but his hands heal." Job 5:17-18



## Orient of Michigan

*Sovereign Grand Inspector General  
Christopher Buck, 33<sup>o</sup>  
Deputy*

Like every other Orient in our United Supreme Council the Michigan Council of Deliberation struggles to maintain itself thru the adversity. Everything is almost dormant while the COVID-19 continues. I will this issue report on what activity has occurred since my last reporting.

### Project Warm Spirit

This program is a multiple organization of the members of the Commanders of the Rite, Homer Gaines #112, the two Blue Houses of Central Lodge #10 and North Star #5. This program included 165 members and spent \$2600.00 to provide coats to elementary school children. A focus this year went to Muskegon Michigan as in previous years it focused on Grand Rapids and Kalamazoo. Needed to say with the weather in January and February being extremely colder, the coats were

well received at the right time. Congratulations to all in the Valley of Kalama for their effort.

### Essential Workers Activity

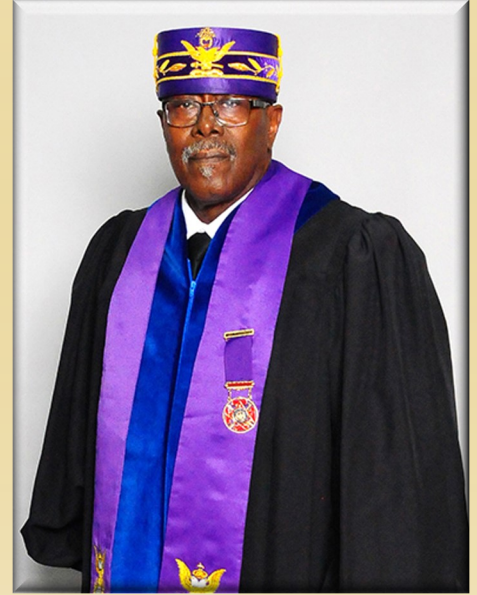
During this COVID-19 fight we want to highlight the efforts of US Army Major Michelle Hill of the Michigan National Guard. Major Hill is a Flint Michigan resident and a member of the OES Royal Star Chapter #27 and Hope Assembly Flint Michigan. Major Hill is a member of the COVID-19 Vaccination Team and administers the vaccines in her hometown of Flint. More than 4000 eligible residents so far have been vaccinated. This has occurred since starting December 13, 2020. The job is only half done so the work continues.

In the Valley of Flint/Saginaw also we have report of GIG Bryant Nolden who was involved in community music events for Christmas and holiday street lighting. We commend GIG Nolden for his efforts.

### Scholarship Committee MCOD

Omitted from Scholarship Committee report for last bulletin issue was and award of \$1000.00 to Arron Dickinson II of Kalamazoo. Arron has a 3.5 GPA and is attending Michigan State University.

Essential Worker Activity continues around the Orient with fraters doing activities with the Family Health Center in Kalamazoo, the Greater Lansing Food Bank in Lansing Michigan, Henry Ford Hospital in Detroit, Michigan, and the Muskegon Heights Fire Department in Muskegon Michigan. We continue to salute our essential worker heroes and will report addition activity in the next issue.



## Orient of Minnesota

*Sovereign Grand Inspector General  
John W. Hardeman III, 33<sup>o</sup>  
Deputy*

Bringing Greetings from the Orient of Minnesota and thanking the G.A.O.T.U. for his many blessings. As we acknowledge the old saying “**necessity** is the mother of invention”, Minnesota, following the example of the United Supreme Council, began holding meetings via Zoom, which helped to keep the members active, enlightened and in good spirits during this coronavirus pandemic.

First, the Orient of Minnesota would like to thank everyone for the abundance of prayers our jurisdiction has received due to the civil unrest caused by the murder of Mr. George Floyd. With that said, we wanted to recognize the act of a person who is not a member of the order, yet displayed the tenets of Masonry when he walked 1,000 miles as a peaceful protest across state lines from Huntsville, Alabama to Minneapolis, Minnesota for change, justice and equality. Mr. Terry K. Willis, a carpenter by trade, took up the call to walk to 38<sup>th</sup> and Chicago, the location

where Mr. Floyd lost his life. Upon his arrival, the Deputy, along with members of the Consistory were on hand to welcome him and recognize his devotion to community and fellow man and this great accomplishment.

Although the way of doing things had to be altered due to pandemic, that did not slow us down. The Commander in Chief, Marc Young rallied the members to continue with the school drive and was able to collect and deliver over 1,000 backpacks with not only school supplies but also, Clorox wipes and hand sanitizer and face masks.

Continuing on the path of supporting the youth of the community,

The Minnesota Council of Deliberation, along with North Star Consistory #14,

recognized a young man named Ahmad McGruder, whose a first generation college student. He was awarded the educational grant coming from the USC. He and his mother were extremely grateful and proud as this will assist him in furthering his educational goals while attending Augsburg University in Minneapolis. On behalf of the United Supreme Council, MICIC Hardeman noted the accomplishments of past recipients of the educational grant from the USC and stated "We stand proud on the accomplishments these young men and women going forward in pursuing their life goals".

Seeing that this was an election year, members of the Consistory along with the Order of The Golden Circle not only challenged ourselves to have 100%



participation of exercising our voting power but also extended that challenge to the African-American community by participating in a voter registration drive.

The way families spent the holidays had to change in 2020 drastically, our members still found a way bring much-needed smiles to the seniors of our community. Taking the lead this year was Sublime Prince Clarence Castile, uncle of the late Philando Castile whose life was tragically taken in 2016 by a police officer shooting during a traffic stop. SP Castile along with the Philando Castile Relief Foundation generously donated 170 turkeys to be passed out to families in need within Minnesota. With their donation, along with the members of the Orient of Minnesota, a substantial number of meals were distributed to seniors within the community.

The Council of Deliberations meeting was held via Zoom and it was very well attended. The Most Illustrious Commander In Chief, John W. Hardeman, III, 33° was able to greet all in attendance. We were honored with a virtual visitation from the Sovereign Grand Commander, Melvin J. Bazemore, 33° who laid out the state of The United Supreme Council AASR, PHA, Northern Jurisdiction, INC. followed by an outstanding presentation by Ill. Wayne Phillips on the Lifetime Membership Program and it's benefits. During the Council of Deliberations, Ill Japhus Dent, Jr. 33° was recognized, he was born November 22, 1948 to the union of Japhus Dent Sr. and Alice M. Jinks. First attending Madisonville Elementary School, then Lyons Junior High School, graduating



from Withrow High School. Japhus' higher learning credits include attending the Electronic Computer Programming Institute before attending the University of Cincinnati for 2 years, receiving an Associates Degree in Science Technology; furthering his education in science and math by taking courses at Roosevelt University in Chicago, Illinois.

Japhus met and married the late Annie B. Dent-Watkins in Chicago in 1972 and were blessed with a 44 loving years. From this glorious union came a daughter, Husniyah L. Dent-Bradley and a son Japhus Dent, III. We would like to note that Sis. Annie Dent was a Past Worthy Matron, Illustrious Commandress and Loyal Lady Ruler.



Illustrious Dent had many notable jobs over the years concluding with the U.S. Postal Service Minneapolis Data Center where he retired from a 41 plus year career on January 1, 2021. Japhus began his Masonic journey in 1999 when he petitioned Palestine Lodge #7 and was initiated, passed and raised as one of the last Master Masons of the millennium. Continuing his journey, he held the positions of Worshipful Master (Palestine Lodge), Commander in Chief (North Star Consistory) for 7 years and elevated to the 33° in the Brian L. Abrams Class of 2009. In 2011 Illustrious Dent was elected as RW Grand Junior Warden and in 2016, elected as Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Jurisdiction of Minnesota. With that along with his numerous awards and accomplishments, the Commanders of the Rite are pleased to induct and present Illustrious Japhus Dent, Jr. 33°, with the Gentleman of Distinction Award for the year 2020.



## Orient of Nebraska

**Sovereign Grand Inspector General  
Johnny L. Cummings, 33<sup>o</sup>  
Deputy**

### Minutes of Virtual NCOD Meeting Held via GoToMeeting

Most Illustrious Commander in Chief (MICIC), Orient of Nebraska, Sovereign Grand Inspectors General Johnny L. Cummings, 33<sup>o</sup> initiated the opening of the 107th Nebraska Council of Deliberation. He welcomed all on the virtual meeting call. Prayer given by Illustrious Grand Prior, Grand Inspector General Lycurgus C. Curry, Jr. MICIC Cummings welcomed the visitors, including – S.G.I.G. Wayne E. Phillips, 33<sup>o</sup> and S.G.I.G. Robert J. Meekins, 33<sup>o</sup> Orient of Michigan, Most Worshipful Grand Master – Hon. Freddie L. Clopton, Jr., 33<sup>o</sup>, and the Reception of Sovereign Grand Inspector General Melvin J. Bazemore, Sovereign Grand Commander of the AASR of Freemasonry, Prince Hall Affiliation, Northern Jurisdiction, U.S.A., Incorporated.

MICIC Cummings welcomed SGC Bazemore, who made the following remarks:

*“Good afternoon—All, it is indeed an honor and privilege to be a part of your Council of Deliberation for the Orient of Nebraska. I consider it an honor to be invited to participate in this important meeting; this is my first time actually being able to participate in person via GoToMeeting, never the less, I’m here and I’m looking forward to a very harmonious, successful, and productive meeting.”*

A roll call of officers and members were conducted, and the MICIC declared the 107<sup>th</sup> Annual NCOD opened after a quorum was established. The MICIC presented his Allocution where he discussed and reported on numerous issues facing the country, world, and the Rite, including the upcoming Presidential Election, lawlessness conducted by law enforcement officers and racist groups and organizations, natural disasters around the world, the positive things being performed by members of the Rite, including the Loyal Ladies of the Assembly, guidance and focus for upcoming projects and programs, just to name a few.

The required officers presented their reports, and afterwards, SGIG Phillips presented the USC Lifetime Membership Initiative to the NCOD, and it was well explained, including responses to numerous questions. The initiative is doing very well, including four participants from the Orient of Nebraska. Following that presentation, MICIC Cummings presented the USC Annual Fundraising Raffle project to the members present. The raffle project is doing good, and should be a huge success. MICIC

Cummings then discussed the introduction of a website for the Orient, which is designed for posting positive things Scottish Rite Masons are doing in the community. In order to promote and market ourselves, we have to let the general public know what we are doing. The electronic payment for dues will also be available on the website.

The election of officers was conducted, which resulting in all officers succeeding themselves, with the exception of the Illustrious Grand Secretary, who was replaced with another Peer. The Allotment program was introduced, and SP Fitzroy Mitchell was nominated and elected to receive the 33<sup>rd</sup> and final degree of masonry, as a member of the Class of 2022.

MICIC Cummings discussed the USC Benevolent Fund and stated that members will be receiving a letter from the United Supreme Council regarding contributing to the fund. The funds goes back out to communities and organizations to support benevolent activities. The Nebraska Orient was able to present five scholarships to deserving high school students seeking higher education.

Closing remarks were given by SGIG Doysa Whitaker, SGIG Henry D. Atkinson, SGIG Wayne Phillips (Michigan), MICIC Johnny Cummings, SGIG Melvin J. Bazemore, (SGC), and GIG Freddie Clopton Jr., (MWGM). The remarks from the Sovereign Grand Commander were outstanding, as many, if not all, that heard him speak, can attest Closing prayer was provided by acting Illustrious Grand Pryor G. I. G. Lycurgus C. Curry, Jr., 33<sup>o</sup>. MICIC Johnny L. Cummings declared the 107th Nebraska Council of Deliberation closed at 5:30 p.m.

### Joshua David Kelley Consistory Members Participating in the Salvation Army Bell Ringing Fundraiser

Members of Joshua David Kelley Consistory #27, along with a Loyal Lady, participated in the Salvation Army Bell Ringing Fundraising Project on December 23<sup>rd</sup>. It had to be the coldest day of the year in Omaha. In fact, it was so cold, that the 3<sup>rd</sup> wave of bell ringers was cancelled. Those that braved the harsh conditions were SP Floyd Williams (CIC), SP Percy Newton (MW), SP Russell Matthews, SP Jerome McCowin and Loyal Lady LaTasha Newton. The Order of the Golden Circle Assembly #41 supported the Open-Door Mission with donations for Thanksgiving Day along with donations from the MWPHGL Christmas Basket program.



The Orient will also support the Open-Door Mission for the Homeless through the generating of food, toiletries, socks, and tissue, the Salvation Army with other programs and projects, and partnering with the MWPHGL of Nebraska and others to implement food drives to feed those in need of meals, to name a few.

**Together**, "We Conquer",  
**Divided**, "We Fall".



## Orient of New Jersey

*Sovereign Grand Inspector General  
Robert L. Oglesby Sr., 33°  
Deputy*

Our annual virtual (Zoom) session of the New Jersey of Council Deliberation (NJCOD) was held on November 21, 2020 at 9AM. Our session began with the NJ Commanders of the Rite (NJCOTR) meeting, under the leadership and direction of GIG Jeffrey M. Perry, 33°, President. The NJCOTR continues to promote and support the programs and endeavors of the a United Supreme Council and NJ Council of Deliberation. The Orient of New Jersey continues to develop its quarterly NJCOTR Bulletin Newsletter to highlight the achievements of our members, showcase our statewide activities and dispense Scottish Rite Enlightenment to our members.

At 11AM the NJCOD was brought to order, under the leadership of SGIG Robert L. Oglesby, Sr., 33°, Most Illustrious Commander-In-Chief to transact the business of the NJCOD. Roll call was taken and all six Consistories were present. There being a proper quorum, the Ill. Commander-In-Chief declared NJ Council of Deliberation open. Roll Call yielded the following officers

present—SGIG Oglesby, Most Ill. Commander-In-Chief; SGIG William M. Moore, 33°, Asst. to the Deputy; SGIG John M. Bettis, 33°, 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Commander; SGIG Homer O. Justice, 33°, 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Commander; SGIG Garrett L. Winn, 33°, Grand Minister of State; SGIG Ricardo McNeil, 33°, Grand Treasurer and SGIG James G. Allen, 33°, Grand Secretary. The following Consistories responded to the roll call—De Hugo #2 (Camden); Douglass #10 (Plainfield); Mt. Calvary #22 (Atlantic City); Sardonias #41 (Newark); Ophir #48 (Trenton) and Samuel W. Gordon #50 (Asbury Park). The NJCOD was happy to have the following individuals visiting us during our virtual session: Ill. Melvin J. Bazemore, 33°, Sovereign Grand Commander; M.W. Jeffrey Cordell Spann, Grand Master (NJ); Ill. Edward M. Brooks, 33°, Secretary General H.E.; Ill. Leonard Heard, 33°, Deputy for the Orient of Pennsylvania; Ill. Robert J. Meekins, 33°, Asst. to the Deputy for the Orient of Michigan and SGIG Wayne Phillips, 33°.

The NJCOD's C. Morris Cain Scholarship Awards Committee under the leadership of GIG Walter A. Smith, 33°, Chairmen continues to celebrate the accomplishments and educational milestones of eight deserving "2020" graduates from across of the Orient of New Jersey. NJCOD awarded eight \$1,000.00 academic scholarships to the following students: Myles F. Williams of Somerdale; Dania Kamani Wade and Jared Copeland of Piscataway; Daveon Noble of Jersey City; Jayden Ashon Hall of Galloway; Mecca Aniyah Muhammad of Pleasantville; Anthony Jerome Thomas of Newark and Xavier Jamar Williams of Manchester. Each Consistory within the Orient is allotted one scholarship award each and, with the assistance of the United Supreme Council and the NJCOTR, was able to assist these students financially with their academic pursuits.

The Annual virtual Session of the State Assembly Order of the Golden Circle under the leadership of LL Mary A. Hill, SSGLLR, also met on November 21<sup>st</sup>. At 1:00 PM, SGIG Oglesby, Sr., 33°, MICIC; SGIG William M. Moore, 33°, Assistant to the Deputy; and RW Michael A. Wiggins, Deputy Grand Master, MWPHGL-NJ, visited the virtual Session. It was reported that all six Assemblies were present and all of their charitable activities have gone well. All elected Officers succeeded themselves for the ensuing year.

The New Jersey Commanders of the Rite Bulletin continues to feature messages from the Office of the Deputy and items on history, Health Awareness, Scottish Rite Enlightenment, acknowledgements and accomplishments of our Commanders of the Rite members here in the Orient of New Jersey; other Scottish Rite philanthropic charitable endeavors and activities and Scottish Rite Word Search. Issue highlights are listed below:

#### Jan/Apr 2020 Volume 2 / Issue 2

- “Ceremony of Remembrance and Renewal”;
- Photo Collage: NJCOD Appreciation Luncheon–2020;
- “Coronavirus or the Flu” by GIG Dr. Kenneth Walton

#### May/Sep 2020 Volume 2 / Issue 3

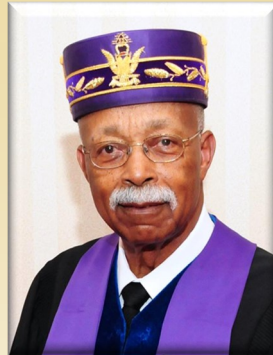
- “The Double-Headed Eagle”;
- C. Morris Cain 2020 Scholarship Award Recipients;
- In Memoriam in honor of the late “SGIG Arthur R. Crawford, Sr.”;
- “COVID-19” by GIG Dr. Walton;
- Around the Orient featuring GIG Judge Rodney Thompson, GIG Oliver H. Jones and the
- Reclassification: SGIG Ronald Clark

Ill. Melvin J. Bazemore, 33°, Sovereign Grand Commander gave remarks of encouragement to the Orient. Most Worshipful Jeffrey Cordell Spann, Grand Master for the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge State of New Jersey, also brought greetings, acknowledged the Grand Officers,

introduced the grand cabinet and gave closing remarks.

In closing as the Deputy for the Orient of New Jersey, I thank “God” for all of the support that has been given to my Office as we continue to serve the New Jersey Council of Deliberation. I pray that our heavenly father will bless each and every one of you, ‘Keep your Hands in God’s Hand’. Remember that God loves you and so do I.

*“To God be the Glory”.*



## Orient of New York & Barbados

*Sovereign Grand Inspector General  
Grady Edge, 33°  
Deputy*

At our recent and the first virtual meeting of the New York State Council of Deliberation, held October 17, 2020, more than 183 members of the orient were in attendance. The host consistory was Utica Consistory No. 45. The State Grand Assembly also met, and a new administration was elected and installed. We were extremely honored that Ill. Melvin J. Bazemore, Sovereign Grand Commander; Ill. Daniel R. Poole, Grand Recording Secretary; MWGM Walter C. King, Jr. attended. SGIG Wayne Phillips also joined us in the meeting and brought information regarding the Lifetime Membership Program. The Commanders of the Rite Meeting was presided over masterfully by the Ill. Assistant to the Deputy. All reports that were due were received. All officers succeeded themselves.

### King David Consistory No. 3

CIC Raul Rodriguez was singled out in the Vice President’s report for only missing one study class during the year but only because he contracted COVID-19. Administrative accomplishments include an update to membership records that are backed up digitally; an online dues payment process; and quarterly newsletters. Timely deposits and improved record-keeping by fiscal officers have also been accomplished. King David continues to create a strong culture of learning under the tutelage of Dean GIG Tchiyuka Cornelius. Virtual Study Classes have had between 10 and 20 Fraters in attendance, and on average 20 Fraters attended meetings. A joint Inaugural Award Ceremony with Manhattan Assembly No. 3 was held on December 19, 2020 which among others, notables SGIG Hermon, Past Assistant to the Deputy, LL Edwina Harris, PSGLLR and LL Wilma J. Johnson, PSGLLR were honored. Aside from support and involvement in many community benevolent programs, King David Consistory No. 3 also donated \$500 to the Grady Edge Reading and Stem Program.

### Bison Consistory No. 29

Bison Consistory continues to be a strong consistory within the orient and is led by brothers of great will. GIG Dr. Adam Sumlin is continuing his research work into finding a cure for prostate cancer affecting African American men. SGIG Stanley Mack was recently recognized by receiving the “Men of Integrity Award” and he consistently promotes and encourages Community Outreach in his consistory.

### Long Island Consistory No. 61

CIC Mark Alexander leads monthly study classes, and he is a strong leader whose zeal for educating about Scottish Rite Masonry is unsurpassed. Long Island Consistory continues have strong and seasoned leaders in place at the helm and its continued success is not in doubt.



## Albany Consistory No. 90

A report on The Grady Edge Reading and Stem Program was made by SGIG El-Wise Noisette. The program seeks to promote literacy and scientific curiosity in our children in disadvantaged communities by instilling the love for reading, a passion for learning, and a zeal to become productive in society. The program has broadened across the entire state and has a representative of each consistory on the team. Since its inception in 2014, more than 5,000 students have benefited from the program. King David Consistory donated \$500 to the program. Recognition of the programs' success has been received from various churches, school districts, daycare centers, and the New York State United Teachers Association. The work is at full speed despite the challenges of the COVID-19 Virus, and the team expects the program to grow in its positive impact in communities of need.

**Donations may be made to the "Grady Edge Reading Program" C/O SGIG El-Wise Noisette 195 Marion Avenue, Albany, NY 12208.**

Under the leadership of CIC JW GAYLE and the involvement of the Commanders of the Rite, there has been water, protective mask distribution and voter registration drives. Each of the fundraising initiatives of the

United Supreme Council are highlighted at each meeting or event, and the Raffle Ticket Drawing Fundraiser has been supported by each Consistory and The State Grand Assembly. Despite the extreme challenges caused by COVID-19, Consistories have already pivoted toward the opportunities in this time of the "new normal". Virtual meetings, virtual study groups, and virtual "meet and greets" have increased both in frequency and the number of attendees.

The Deans of Study classes have leveraged the use of the zoom virtual meeting tool which has forged teaching and learning with Fraters. The collaboration with City Harvest continues to be a reliable source for providing food sustenance to communities in the food deserts in the vicinity of King David Consistory No. 3 in New York City. Currently, nearly 500 families are provided food twice monthly. This includes the 97 seniors in our Prince Hall Senior Apartment Building. During these difficult times, we were still able to hand out a scholarship to a deserving student who will be attending Union College at its next term.



# Grady Edge Reading Program Initiative

The COVID-19 pandemic has introduced uncertainty into major aspects of national and global society, including for schools. For example, there is uncertainty about how school closures last spring impacted student achievement, as well as how the rapid conversion of most instruction to an online platform this academic year will continue to affect achievement.

While the reason for the stability of these achievement results cannot be easily pinned down, possible explanations are that students read more on their own, and parents are better equipped to support learning in reading compared to other subjects that require more formal instruction.

School closures and social isolation have affected all students, but particularly those living in poverty. Adding to the damage to their learning, a mental health crisis is emerging as many students have lost

access to services that were offered by schools.

The Grady Edge Reading Program have been looking at creative ways to encourage our youngsters in making sure their love for reading have not been diminished. As an incentive, we will be providing to one of our local schools protective gears such as masks, sanitizer, book markers and a pencil to students who have shown a love and a desire for reading during the pandemic. Having fun, being patient and a positive attitude will not only make our students feel better, it will help them DO better.

We believe this act of help will lessen the added burden on our students and parents. The Grady Edge Reading Program lay the groundwork for healthy development, wellbeing, and self-determination. Our goal is to keep an open dialogue and continue to foster connections with our schools, communities and places of worship.





## Orient of Ohio

*Sovereign Grand Inspector General  
Carl Williams, 33°  
Deputy*

### The COVID-19 Pandemic May Have us Down, but NOT Out: The Business of the Scottish Rite Moves on

This past year has been very trying. However, we learned early on that freemasonry operates on who best can work and best agree. Therefore, the business of the Ohio Council of Deliberation (OCOD) moved forward virtually.

### God's Servant: Bishop J. Delano Ellis



SGIG Bishop J. Delano Ellis, 33° laid down the working tools of life to don the crown of immortality on Saturday, September 19, 2020, a little more than a week after the street that fronts his church was renamed and dedicated in his honor (*Fall Bulletin, p.35*). Illustrious Ellis served as the Associate Grand Prior of the USC NJ; Grand Prior of the

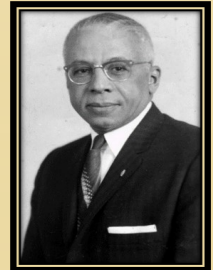
OCOD and a past Prior. He was a fervid Pentecostalist, in-demand preacher and left a legacy that stretches across the United States and three denominations.

### GIG Perry B. Jackson Statue Unveiling

On Friday, October 9, 2020, SGIG Carl A. Williams 33°, Most Illustrious Commander-in-Chief and Deputy for the Orient of Ohio, along with Fraters from the Orient of Ohio attended the private statue unveiling for GIG Judge Perry B. Jackson. Publicly, Judge Jackson, was the first African-American judge in the State of Ohio. Fraternally, he was an active member of Bezaleel Consistory No. 15, Valley of Cleveland, Orient of Ohio. In May 1943, as a member of the *James E. White Victory Class*, he was Elevated to the Thirty-third and Last Degree of Scottish Rite Freemasonry. He was the recipient of the Gold Medal of Achievement in 1971—the highest honor awarded by the United Supreme Council, Northern Jurisdiction. He was also a Past Grand Master of the MWPHGL of Ohio.

Judge Jackson was born in Zanesville, Ohio, to Brooks C. and Ida M. Jackson. He graduated from Adelbert College of Western Reserve University (1919) and

WRU Law School (1922). He was admitted to the bar and began practicing law in Cleveland. From 1923–1927



Jackson worked his way up to editor of the city's black newspaper the *Cleveland Call*. Active in Republican politics he was elected to the Ohio General Assembly in 1928 and was extremely instrumental in the state's adoption of voter registration forms making no reference to race or color. From July 1934–August 1941 he served as assistant police prosecutor. From August 1941–April 1942, he served as secretary to the director of public utilities. In August 1942, he was appointed as a municipal judge. However, in 1943, he lost the election. In 1945, he won a 6-year term on the Municipal Court bench and was re-elected twice. In 1960, he was elected and subsequently re-elected to the new Domestic Relations Division of the Common Pleas Court. In 1964, he was elected and subsequently re-elected to the General Division of the Common Pleas Court until retiring from the bench in 1973. He remained active as a visiting judge and was also a proponent of civil rights. Refused service at a bar



*Photos Left to Right: PGM Charles L. Davis (SGIG); MWPGM Carl A. Williams (SGIG); WM Richard Maxey (GIG); RWJGW Maurio D.*

association meeting at the Hollenden Hotel in 1935, he sued the hotel, receiving \$350 in damages. He was involved with the NAACP, Urban League and other civic organizations. He was also a trustee of St. John's AME Church in Cleveland. He married Fern Josephine Payne in 1933 who preceded him in death in 1983.

### 111<sup>th</sup> Annual Session OCOD / 49<sup>th</sup> Annual Session OGA

The 111<sup>th</sup> Annual Session of the Ohio Council of Deliberation and the 49<sup>th</sup> Annual Session of the Ohio Grand Assembly was held during the October 24–25 weekend and served as the first virtual session for either body. The Fraters met on Saturday and the Loyal Ladies met on Sunday. All business was handled in a professional manner. The OCOD was blessed with the presence of a number of guests to include GIG Aubrey Barlow, 33°, MWGM IL; SGIG Eugene "Gino" Anderson 33°, MWGM IN; SGIG Wayne Phillips 33°, Lifetime Membership Chairman; SGIG Melvin Frierson, 33°, Deputy IL; SGIG Edward Brooks, 33°, Sec. General, USC NJ; our very own SGIG Sidney D. Broadnax Jr., 33°, Lt. Grand Commander, USC NJ, and last but not least SGIG Melvin J. Bazemore 33°, Sovereign Grand Commander, USC NJ.

Commander Bazemore addressed the Fraters and brought greetings on behalf of the USC NJ. The Deputy thanked all guests for their attendance and recognized the service rendered by his members both inside the fraternity and outside in the world at large. SGIG Gerald S. Friason 33° and SGIG Arlin E. Jackson 33°, Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer, respectively, were awarded plaques for their many years of continuous and exemplary service to the Council of Deliberation. GIG Joseph Clark 33° and GIG Harold R. Wilson 33°, chair and co-chair of the Voter Awareness Committee were awarded plaques for their tremendous efforts with spreading

the news of all things pertinent to the political process and adjoining topics for our membership and general public. Due to the ever evolving COVID-19 pandemic restricting us from meeting in large numbers the annual banquet held for the outgoing State Grand Loyal Lady Ruler did not occur. In place of an Allocution, she gave remarks. The highlight of the session was the awarding of four \$1,200 scholarships.

### Rev. Dr. Otis Moss Jr. in the News

Timed to coincide with Election Day, late October saw the release of a short film entitled "Otis' Dream". SGIG Otis Moss Jr. 33° narrates the story of his father, Otis Moss Sr. in the elder's quest to vote in the Jim Crow south in 1946. This is a must-see film which expertly illustrates why we should not take the modern day right of voting lightly. Otis Moss Sr. passed away before he could ever cast a vote. Watch it here at <https://otisdream.com>. Illustrious Moss also appears in the "The Black Church" documentary series produced by Henry Louis Gates airing on PBS. Having preached the gospel for more than 60 years his perspective on the development and reach of the Black Church as far as it concerns social inequality's valuable. He has walked it like he talked it.

### SGIG Charles W. "Charlie" Hales, 33°

The Legend, the Godfather, the Chief—SGIG Charles W. "Charlie" Hales, 33°, completed his earthly probation and was promoted to the heavens above on December 1, 2020, Illustrious Hales was a member of Prince Hall freemasonry for 74 years. He joined the Scottish Rite in 1949. He was best known in Scottish Rite circles



for serving as the USC Convention Director from 1992 through 2018. Ill. Hales was a no-nonsense, tough-as-nails negotiator, but was always available for gentle guidance for all who requested it. It goes without saying we all knew Charlie possessed a prodigious memory and would often wow members with his extremely accurate and detailed recollections of things, people, and places. The Prince Hall family has suffered the loss of true giant.

### First Consistory Virtual Reunion

Following up on the overwhelming success of our first virtual Council of Deliberation in October, the first virtual Reunion in the Orient of Ohio was hosted by Bezaleel Consistory No. 15, Valley of Cleveland under the leadership of Ill. Commander-in-Chief GIG Aaron Jackson, 33° and his degree team. On Wednesday, December 16, 2020, through diligent degree work four Brothers—Michael Goodwin, Monte Brown, Larry Dukes, and Richard Kline—were Advanced to Sublime Princes as a part of the *SGIG Charles W. Hales 33° Novel Virtual Class of 2020*. This Reunion comes of the heels of the loss of a stalwart and a TRUE Mason's Mason. It was Ill. Hales' foresight to use the December meeting night to host a Reunion which allowed those interested Masons to join the Scottish Rite and further add to their masonic experience.

### Loyal Lady Violet Clark

LL Violet Clark, Bezaleel Assembly No. 19, Cleveland, Ohio, who was the subject of a story in the Fall 2020 Bulletin (p.34) joined the ancestors on Saturday, April 23, 2020, after reaching 100 years of age. She was a faithful member of her OES Chapter Mizpah Chapter No. 66 and the oldest member of her church Second Baptist Church of Warren.



### Walk a Mile with a Child Program: Giving Guidance To Young Boys In Cleveland

Although the devastating COVID-19 pandemic has significantly altered many activities we both love and need to do for ourselves and our communities, there are some of us who are not deterred in being a positive force in serving some of the many needs in the community. One such person is GIG Gregory F. Clifford, Esq. 33° of Bezaleel Consistory No. 15 and Ecclesiastes Lodge No. 120.

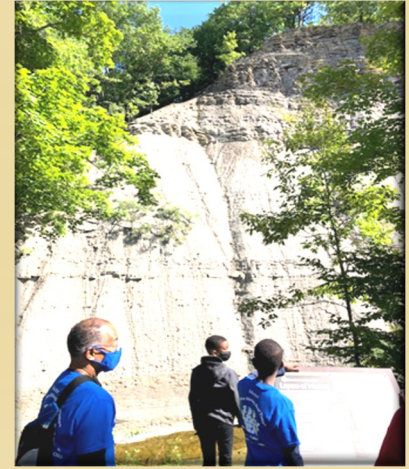


As a founding member and past president of 100 Black Men of Greater Cleveland, Inc., GIG Clifford, Chief Magistrate of Cleveland Municipal Court, developed a novel approach to maintain and develop new mentoring relationships with young men when the organization's school-based mentoring programs came to a sudden halt after schools closed due to the necessary precautions taken to reduce the spread of the

coronavirus. Not being able to offer the mentees a continuing regimen of positive and supporting conversations about life skills and the importance of working hard in school to get a solid education, the 100 Black Men Mentoring Committee regrouped to provide a safe and healthy outdoors mentoring experience exploring the natural beauty of several Northeast Ohio Parks. The initiative became known as the "Walk a Mile with a Child" program.

In addition to playgrounds, basketball and tennis courts, athletic fields and picnic areas, our parks are loaded with lessons about nature and have many miles of hiking trails to enjoy. They are sanctuaries where the noise and pollution of the city streets are at a minimum and native plants and animals in the environment can be the backdrop of fun and educational experiences with positive mentors and role models. The Walk a Mile with a Child Program combines three basic tenets of our 100 Black Men program—mentoring, education, health and wellness. It was not only a good idea because of the pandemic but also because it was a new experience for the youngsters enrolled in the program. Mentoring is vital to the successful growth and development of our children.

With so many African American youth growing up in homes with single mothers and absent or incarcerated fathers, mature adult mentors can be a significant factor



that helps break the chains of generational poverty and despair, and they can be the inspiration for youth to stay in school and out of trouble. We believe in the African Proverb, "It takes a village to raise a child" and we feel a need to do our part to help the youth in our community. Unfortunately, our numbers are limited and we can't get to nearly as many youth, both promising and at-risk as we would like to impact. They need guidance, encouragement and support for doing the right thing. This is our most prominent commitment for the need is so great.

However, as we move into 2021, we are pleased to be able to announce that 100 Black Men of Greater Cleveland will join to collaborate with members of the Cleveland Prince Hall family to extend our reach this spring and summer to engage more youth than either group could do alone. With the support of Most Illustrious Commander-in-Chief and Deputy for the Orient of Ohio, SGIG Carl A. Williams, 33°; Ill. Commander-in-Chief of Bezaleel Consistory No. 15, GIG Aaron Jackson 33°; Worshipful Master of Ecclesiastes Lodge No. 120, GIG Robert I. Jackson 33°; and Ill. Potentate of El Hasa Temple No. 28, GIG Earl Bumgarner 33° the "Walk a Mile with a Child" initiative will expand its outreach and grow to new heights in serving and saving more Cleveland area youths "From the Cradle to College".





## Orient of Washington-Oregon

**Sovereign Grand Inspector General  
Gregory D. Wraggs Sr., 33°  
Overseer**

*“And now abide the faith, hope,  
charity, these three; but the  
greatest of these is charity” 1  
Corinthians 13:13*

Washington / Oregon Council of Deliberation, State Grand Assembly and The Nora Lee Walker Foundation combined their efforts in taking to the communities of Tacoma, Lakewood, Federal Way and Olympia Washington with over 10 boxes of food with Turkeys and a goodie bag with hats, gloves and hand warmers. Illustrious Overseer Sovereign Grand Inspector General Gregory D. Wraggs, State Grand

Loyal Lady Ruler Rose Enoch, State Grand Associate Ruler Martha Davis, Loyal Lady Brenda Wraggs and Loyal Lady Sharon Laing represented the WOCOD and the WOSGA.

The Nora Lee Walker Foundation is the namesake of a matriarch in the Tacoma, Washington community. Her family created the foundation to serve Tacoma’s Hilltop community. The non-profit is a Christian organization that prepares those in need for life’s journey. The foundation provides guidance, support and direction to many in need.

In February of 2021, the United Supreme Council lost another brick in the building of the Holy Empire. SGIG Daniel Lunsford, Past Deputy met his earthly demise of February 5, 2021 at the age of 80 years old. A retired veteran, he fought in the Vietnam War and went from serving the country into the ranks of Freemasonry. He was a member of Cascadian Consistory #75. He was crowned on May 7, 1984 and made Active on May 27, 2001 to serve as Deputy for the Orient. He served in this capacity through May 30, 2017. He went home to be with the Lord on February 5, 2021. Rest in Peace.



## Orient of Wisconsin

**Sovereign Grand Inspector General  
Marshall E. Tharpe, 33°  
Deputy**

The Orient of Wisconsin is growing in membership and working together virtually. The virus is still active. We are still somewhat on lockdown from attending our meetings and being with each other face to face in social gatherings. Wisconsin was high on the list of states reporting a large number of cases of people with the virus and deaths. But there has been a reduction in the totals. Our members are still being blessed. Some of our members have lost family and friends to this deadly disease. But we continue to pray for the safety of all.

On October 17, 2020 we had a virtual Initiation under the direction of the Degree Team, Ionic Consistory #70 and Madison/Beloit Consistory #84. The degrees were conferred upon ten (10) Grand Inspector Inquisitor Commanders. The Class was named “James E. Davis, Class of 2020”. The Advisor for this class is SGIG James E. Martin, 33°, Asst. to the Deputy. Class members are Frederick Rogers, Jr.—President, Ezi Adesi, Alvin Henry, Derek Johnson, Todd



Coleman, Aaron Blathers, Dion Griffin, Michael Mayo, Sr., Aaron Perry, and Robert Gaines. The Class is pictured with Mrs. Mary Davis, widow of Ill. James E. Davis, 33°, at her home, around the memory garden she designed honoring her husband (below).

The 71<sup>st</sup> Wisconsin Council of Deliberation (WCOD) was held virtually, Saturday, October 24, 2020. We were very fortunate and pleased to have the Sovereign Grand Commander Melvin J. Bazemore, 33° as our special guest. I was also happy to have guests from the Orients of IL, IN, MI, OH, and PA. Visitors from Wisconsin were MWGM Anthony J. McGaughy, Sr., 33°, State Grand Loyal Lady Ruler Cheryl Gettridge-Steele, and Grand Worthy Matron Kathleen Crape. Certificates of Appreciation were presented to several SGIG's, GIG's and Loyal Ladies for their outstanding services rendered. Due to illness, Grand Min. of State, Ill. William R. Stark, 33°, SGIG Andrew L. Chesser, 33° and SGIG John O. Bell, 33° were not in attendance.

The Orient of Wisconsin is doing well. This deadly disease has brought this Orient closer to each other. We have monthly virtual meetings. Elections and installations for both Consistories were held in January 2021. During

Black History Month the Ill. Commander-in-Chief Marcel A. Clarke, 33° of Ionic #70 has been sending out emails to the members reflecting stories of African American History. In December 2020, Ionic distributed Food Baskets, masks and toys to families in the Milwaukee area.

SGIG Minor King, II, 33° reported making telephone calls to Ionic #70 members, the sick and to those who are shut-in. He always stays in contact with GIG Charles E. Currie, 33° once a week who is in a memory care facility. He sees him through the window and drops off a card for him.

SGIG Walter E. Ward, 33° and SGIG Jimmie D. Foster, 33° reported that their teaching and mentoring accomplishments of the Madison/Beloit #84 Fraters has been put on hold due to the COVID-19 restrictions. They maintain conversation with Fraters and GIG's by phone calls, texting, GroupMe, checking on their health and families. They also checked on SGIG Frank A. Humphrey, 33° who is in a nursing home and sent him a care package during the Holidays to let him know he is not forgotten. SGIG Thomas D. Steele, 33° is homebound. They both are doing as well as can be expected. SGIG Ward and SGIG Foster continue to work within their

community. On October 10, 2020, they volunteered with a face mask distribution for the prevention of the spread of COVID-19. On December 18, 2020 they assisted Rebecca Chapter #4 and WB Kennedy Lodge #3 with giving families \$50 gift cards, toys and gave Autumn Lake Nursing Home blankets, cookies, puzzle books and fruit. Deputy for the Orient, SGIG Tharpe, 33° and SGIG Micah E. Tharpe, 33°, assisted Badger Chapter #5 with monthly donations of "Thinking of You" cards that are distributed to nursing home residents, to lift their spirits, in the City of Racine.

Last year when COVID-19 hit our communities, several groups started prayer lines. Grand Worthy Matron, Kathleen Crape of Unity Grand Chapter, saw the need to start a conference call prayer line, Thursday nights. As of to date, approximately 50 brothers and sisters faithfully call in every week with prayer requests. The Grand Worthy Matron asks me to participate in the call by praying for the long list of those who are bereaved, sick, and distressed.

Our Golden Circle members enjoy working together in Peace and Unity. They work within various communities by awarding Scholarships to students and making charitable donations. On February 17, 2021, after the regular virtual meeting of Milwaukee Assembly #28, a virtual reception was held for the Fraters who were initiated in October 2020. This is done each year in February with an invite to Ill. Deputy Tharpe and members of Ionic #70. Refreshments follow a short program celebrating the birthday of Milwaukee Assembly (February 1, 1953) and acknowledging African American History. The new Fraters' families are invited to our program and, in learning something about the Golden Circle, we gain new members.



## USC Constitution Quiz #2

*Submitted by SGIG Thomas R. Hughes Sr., 33°, Chairman, Committee on Education*

1. How many elected officers are there in the United Supreme Council?  
 a) 3                                      b) 5                                      c) 7                                      d) 9
2. Elections for the Supreme Council shall be held \_\_\_\_\_ at the Annual meeting at the Orient in the City of Philadelphia and the officer elected shall serve a term of \_\_\_\_\_ years.  
 a) *Triennially / 3*                      b) *In General Session / 3*                      c) *Annually / 1*                      d) *Secretly / 3*
3. All officers shall be installed on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of such \_\_\_\_\_ session and immediately preceding the \_\_\_\_\_.  
 a) *Second / Annual / Second Executive Session*                      b) *Last / Triennial / Chain of Union*  
 c) *Fifth / Triennial / Chain of Fellowship*                      d) *Last / Biannual / Chain of Unity*
4. In the event of death or permanent disability of the Sovereign Grand Commander, the Lieutenant Grand Commander shall \_\_\_\_\_ the office of Sovereign Grand Commander and hold office until the next \_\_\_\_\_ Meeting of the Supreme Council.  
 a) *Represent / Triennial*    b) *Hold / Executive*    c) *Act in / Triennial*    d) *Succeed to / Annual*
5. In the case of the temporary absence or disability preventing the Sovereign Grand Commander from carrying out his duties, which officer shall act for the time being until the Sovereign Grand Commander resumes the discharge of his duties?  
 a) *Deputy Grand Commander*                                      b) *Lieutenant Grand Commander*  
 c) *Emeritus Past Sovereign Grand Commander*                                      d) *Illustrious Grand Minister of State*
6. Regarding vacancies in office, permanent or temporary disability shall be determined by \_\_\_\_\_ of the Active members of the Supreme Council.  
 a) *Majority vote*                      b) *Two-thirds vote*                      c) *The Medical Services Committee*                      d) *Both a & c*
7. As the Supreme Authority of the Supreme Council, it is the Sovereign Grand Commander's inherent right to suspend any elective officer of the Supreme Council at his will and pleasure.  
 a) *True*                                      b) *False*
8. Brother Jones was recently healed by a Prince Hall Grand Lodge. Prior to being healed, he received all the corresponding Scottish Rite degrees (4 – 32) in a duly recognized body of the Scottish Rite. Regarding being healed in all corresponding Scottish Rite degrees of this Supreme Council, what action may be taken?  
 a) *The Deputy of the Orient may heal or cause to be healed Brother Jones*  
 b) *Brother Jones must complete all the corresponding Scottish Rite degrees of this Supreme Council*  
 c) *After diligent investigation, upon petition and at his discretion, the Sovereign Grand Commander may heal or cause to be healed Brother Jones.*  
 d) *The Deputy of the Orient may heal or cause to be healed Brother Jones, with a majority vote of the Consistory.*
9. Sublime Prince Jones also possessed the Thirty-Third Degree from a duly recognized body of the Scottish Rite prior to being healed by a Prince Hall Grand Lodge. The Deputy of the Orient investigates and determines that he is in possession of the Thirty-Third Degree. He then submits with the approval of the Sovereign Grand Commander along with any fees due Sublime Prince Jones' name to the Active Membership of the Supreme Council for admission into the next class of Thirty-Third Degree Candidates. Was this the proper course of action regarding this situation?  
 a) *Yes*                                      b) *No*  
 If "No", explain why: \_\_\_\_\_
10. On or before the 1st day of \_\_\_\_\_ in each year, each Deputy shall make a written report to the Sovereign Grand Commander on the condition of the Rite in his Orient.  
 a) *April*                                      b) *May*                                      c) *January*                                      d) *September*



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## Official Summons

*To All Sovereign Grand Inspectors General and All Grand Inspectors General of the Thirty-Third and Last Degree of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry belonging to the United Supreme Council, Prince Hall Affiliation, Northern Jurisdiction, U.S.A., Inc.*

### *Take Due Notice That*

*The One-Hundred Fortieth Session of The United Supreme Council since the Union will be held Virtually on Friday and Saturday, May 28 & 29, 2021.*

*All Sovereign Grand Inspectors General are required to attend. All Grand Inspectors General who have not attended the last two (2) sessions are required to attend in compliance with Article III, Section 9, Constitution and General Regulations.*

BY ORDER OF



Melvin J. Bazemore, 33°  
Sovereign Grand Commander

Attest:



Edward M. Brooks 33°  
Secretary General H.E.

