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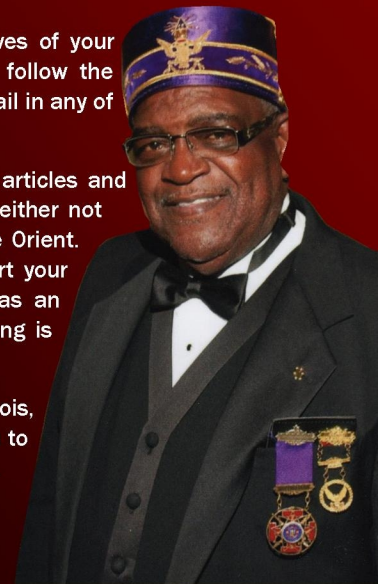
Dear Fraters and Loyal Ladies — Congratulations and Best Wishes to all of you who were elected to leadership positions in your respective Scottish Rite Bodies. The theme of the United Supreme Council of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry Prince Hall Affiliation Northern Jurisdiction, USA, Inc. is "*A New Day Is Dawning*" which means innovations, new initiatives and a new sense of direction and mission.

You have a very special and unique opportunity to make a positive difference in the lives of your members, your community, the lives of others and Freemasonry in general. If you first follow the teachings of God and secondly the teachings of this great organization, you cannot, will not fail in any of your laudable undertakings.

I find it appalling that only three or four of the Consistories/Assemblies are submitting articles and announcements of your activities. That indicates to me that your Consistory/Assembly is either not doing anything or is negligent about sharing your activities and events with the rest of the Orient. This newsletter has been offered to you as an open media for you to highlight and report your activities and the accomplishments of your members and any other articles that you as an individual member may think is worthy to be printed and publicized. The fact that nothing is being submitted from your Valley should be unacceptable to you.

The feedback on the newsletter has been overwhelming. As a member of the Orient of Illinois, you should want to partake in all and everything the Orient have to offer. Again, we urge you to use this newsletter as an informational tool. Submit your articles to the Editor for publication.

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



IN MEMORY OF PAST SOVEREIGN GRAND COMMANDER EMERITUS ALGIE S. OLDHAM, 33^o



**Sovereign Grand Inspector General
Algie S. Oldham, 33^o**
Past Sovereign Grand Commander
Sunrise: 1927 Sunset: 2011

Born in Dyersburg, Tennessee, on May 18, 1927, Algie S. Oldham of Indianapolis, Indiana, Past Sovereign Grand Commander of

the United Supreme Council, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry, Prince Hall Affiliated, Northern Jurisdiction, passed on January 13, 2011 after an extended illness.

A renown educator and Masonic leader, SGIG Oldham was a teacher of the highest caliber. He received a Bachelor of Science Degree in Education from Tennessee State University in 1949. After serving in the United States Army from 1950 to 1952, Sergeant Oldham resumed his educational pursuits and obtained a Master of Arts Degree from the Notre Dame University in 1954. A life member of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, he taught at multiple levels in Indiana's South Bend School System. His teaching career spanned nearly 40 years and his success in guiding the minds of the youth translated into elevation to the office of Principal of James Whitcomb Riley High School,

leadership of multiple national educational organizations, and selection as the recipient of the Rotary Club's Paul Harris Fellow Award. He received many other civic honors from his labors and these successes in his professional field mirrored those he achieved in the Masonic ranks.

A member of St. Peters Lodge #31 of South Bend, SGIG Oldham served as Worshipful Master of the Lodge from 1965 to 1966. His continued service after passing the chair to the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Indiana gained him recognition and respect which led to his election to the offices of Right Worshipful Grand Secretary, Grand Treasurer and Grand Junior Warden of the Grand Lodge in 1975. He eventually became a Past Grand Master of the Jurisdiction. During this period, he also became active in the Scottish Rite. Having served in various offices of the Indiana Council of

Deliberation, he gained prominence at the national level within the United Supreme Council, Northern Jurisdiction. He became an Active member of the United Supreme Council in 1980, gained election as Grand Minister of State in 1992, Lieutenant Grand Commander in 1998 and Sovereign Grand Commander in 2005. The result of his leadership and labors to the fraternity earned him the status of Sovereign Grand Commander Emeritus after passing the leadership of the national organization to Sovereign Grand Commander Solomon Wallace.

SGIG Oldham leaves to cherish his memory a loving wife, two children, grand children, family and multitudes of friends. His life and legacy of service set a prime example of how Scottish Rite Masons should carry themselves going forward.

May peace be unto his ashes.



Hiram Consistory - Rose Croix



A father, leader and prominent Mason, Professor John Calhoun Lewis was a teacher of the highest caliber who cared deeply for the education of African American students. He taught all over Southern Illinois until his death at the age of 95 exhibiting a degree on behalf of his race. His example in service and honor in achievements make him one of the most prominent Masons of all-time—one whose example we should all follow.

Professor Lewis became initiated into the Masonic Order in the 1890s in the City of Duquoin, Illinois in Eastern Star Lodge #27. During this period, he was a prominent teacher who taught all levels in Duquoin and her surrounding locales. As it was common for black teachers to travel between towns, he also taught in nearby cities where populations of African Americans existed. Many of these towns either had a past or existing presence of Prince Hall Masons and, while teaching in these areas, he became affiliated with the local Lodges through which he performed the typical acts of Masonic benevolence. In the 1890s, he demitted to Ionic Lodge #46 in conjunction with a teaching assignment in Cairo where his strength in teaching and administration rose to the forefront in multiple ranks:

- Principal, colored high school of Shawneetown in 1891
- Worthy Grand Patron, Eureka Grand Chapter OES in 1896
- Worshipful Master, Ionic Lodge #46 in 1904 & 1947-1950
- Excellent High Priest of Keystone Chapter #18, HRAM
- Grand Sentinel, MEPHGC HRAM in the early 1900s
- Eminent Commander, Moore Commandery #17, KT
- Principal of Sumner High School of Cairo in 1910
- Commander-In-Chief, Hiram Consistory #51
- Potentate, Bagdad Temple #104, AEAONMS
- District Deputy Grand Master, MWPGL of Illinois
- Principal, Carmi Township (colored) in 1921

While serving in these roles, Professor Lewis also helped to establish the following Lodges:

- Harmony Lodge #57 (Unity) in 1898
- Pride of Egypt Lodge #73 (Pulaski) in 1906
- Caladonia Lodge #74 (Olmstead) in 1906
- Delta City Lodge #78 (Cairo) in 1907
- St. Joseph Lodge #95 (Future City) in 1920

The leadership trend was clearly intrinsic to the Lewis Family. His wife, Cordelia O. Lewis, was elected as Worthy Grand Matron of Eureka Grand Chapter in 1912-13. Their son, Dr. Julian H. Lewis, member of Ionic Lodge #46 in 1915 and early member of the Theta Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, became the First Black Professor of Pathology at the University of Chicago. Their successes clearly show that their roots were firmly planted in the solid ground of service.

The example of Professor Lewis and his family show that the key to good leadership is rooted in superior service to others. He exhibited this key Masonic principle by serving in key support roles following his terms of leadership. By serving as Secretary and Treasurer of Ionic Lodge, Hiram Consistory and Bagdad Temple on multiple occasions, he worked with the respective leaders to improve the state of each of the bodies. In recognition of his stellar service in these areas, Hiram Consistory No. 51 made him the namesake of their Rose Croix Chapter and he was selected to be crowned him to the 33rd Degree. Though he declined the honor on several occasions, it was bestowed upon him prior to his death in the late 1940s while in his 90s. May peace be unto his ashes.



Submitted by Daryl L. Andrews, 33°; Photo Courtesy of William L. Norman, 33°; Many of the details were provided by Mr. Robert Branch, Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. and the Historical Committee of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Illinois

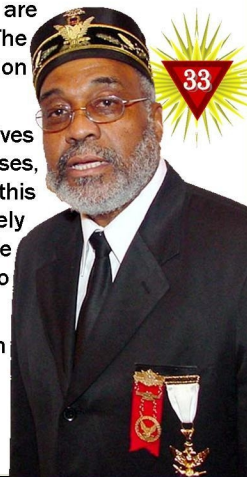
From the Secretary's Desk

The One Hundred Thirtieth Annual United Supreme Council Session (PHA) will be held in Denver, Colorado from May 27 through May 31, 2011. At this Session, thirteen Sublime Princes from the Orient of Illinois are scheduled to receive their 33rd and last degrees. The Deputy and Officers of the Illinois Council of Deliberation (PHA) encourage you to attend this historical Session.

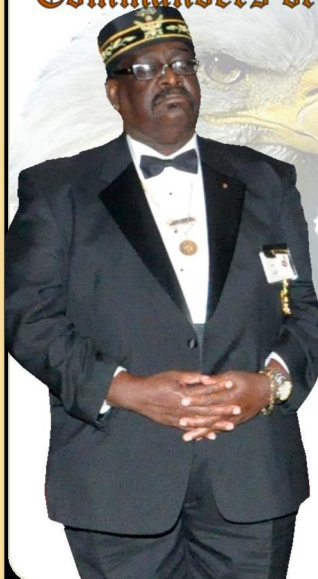
Commanders-In-Chiefs, please see that this office receives a current list of your Consistories' officers, their addresses, and telephone numbers. In addition, make sure that this office receives the names of demised brethren in a timely manner. Past Sovereign Grand Commander, Algie Oldham, 33°, demised on 23 January 2011. Peace is to his ashes.

Please don't forget to support your Council both in attendance and financially.

*Grand Secretary of the Illinois Council of Deliberation
James A. Mitchell, 33°*



Congratulations to the 2011 Leaders of the Commanders of the Rite - Orient of Illinois



Grand Inspector General
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*President - Illinois
Commanders of the Rite*

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*Vice President
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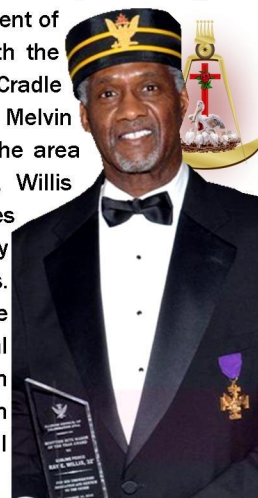
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Grand Inspector General
Reinaldo Walker, 33°, #104
*Vice President
-Valley of Joliet*

2010 Scottish Rite Mason of the Year

Having served as Most Wise & Perfect Master of Hiram Chapter #28 Rose Croix while serving as Worshipful Master of Plumbline Lodge #116 in 2010, Sublime Prince Ray Willis, 32° represents a true model of efficiency. In leading two bodies he promoted the ideals of his Lodge and the Orient of Illinois aggressively by establishing a relationship with the Chicago Public School (CPS) System to introduce the Cradle to College initiative. Chicago was targeted by the SGIG Melvin Frierson, 33°, SGIG Homer Walton, 33° and Willis as the area that would have the greatest impact. In doing so, Willis coordinated the implementation strategy and resources with the Chicago Board of Education to successfully gain clearance for the initiative for CPS High Schools. The efforts of the team were tremendous and have drawn a multitude of volunteers. As the individual efforts of Willis represented the ideals of the Scottish Rite to the highest degree, he was a natural selection for Scottish Rite Mason of the Year and a model that all Scottish Rite Masons can follow. Congratulations!!!



Illinois State Grand Assembly



Loyal Lady Helen R. Sanders
State Grand Loyal Lady Ruler

Marquette-Joliet Assembly was presented with a rare occurrence at the Illinois State Grand Assembly Session — the State Grand Loyal Lady Ruler named a Class after Minnie Johnson as an expression of her appreciation for the increased membership of the Assembly. Marquette-Joliet Assembly increased its membership by five during Loyal Lady Ruler Minnie Johnson's administration:

- Loyal Lady Anna Brothers
- Loyal Lady Devon Branch
- Loyal Lady Esther Ramsey
- Loyal Lady Constance Sowell
- Loyal Lady Carmillita Clemons

Loyal Lady Minnie Johnson also received a trophy for placing second in the Golden Apple contest.

Submitted by GIG Reinaldo & LL Claire Walker



Loyal Lady Minnie Johnson



L.L. A. Brothers



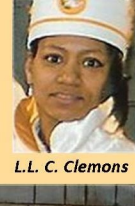
L.L. D. Branch



L.L. E. Ramsey



L.L. C. Sowell



L.L. C. Clemons



Illinois Origins

In 1907, the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry, Southern Jurisdiction conceived the idea of forming a Ladies' Auxiliary to the Jonathan Davis Consistory of Washington, D.C. They felt that as in other branches of Masonry, their wives, mothers, sisters and daughters could be of great assistance and partake in such courtesies as the Sublime Princes could offer to blood relatives. Illustrious Andrew Laster, 33°, was given the task of organizing the Auxiliary. Furnished with the names of certain ladies in Eastern Star Chapters, he proceeded to organize the Auxiliary to be known as the Ladies' Auxiliary to Jonathan Davis Consistory.

The growth was initially slow but Illustrious Laster refused to be discouraged. He visited ladies in every area and sought out new members successfully. In 1907, Sovereign Grand Commander Robert Pendleton, 33°, Southern Jurisdiction conceived the idea of conferring degrees upon the Ladies Auxiliary to bring them into closer relationship with the brethren of the Scottish Rite. The title, "Order of the Golden Circle, Auxiliary to Scottish Rite Freemasonry" having been selected and the ritual prepared by Illustrious Pendleton, the matter was presented to the Supreme Council for the Southern Jurisdiction and adopted by that body. The proposition was, then, submitted to the ladies who voted to receive the degrees. All the ladies who at that time were members of the Auxiliary were to be eligible, but thereafter, membership was to be limited to those only possessing the Scottish Rite relationship.

In 1908, the ritual, form of application, Constitution and the Burial Service were all written by Illustrious Pendleton and copyrighted under the laws of the United States. On May 6, 1908, Illustrious Pendleton assisted by other Illustrious Sirs conferred the degrees upon the ladies after the first

induction which occurred a few months prior for Queen Esther Assembly of Baltimore, Maryland. The obligations, signs and mottoes were given and the ladies named their Assembly, Richard Howell Gleaves Assembly No. 2, Order of Golden Circle, after Gleaves who was one of the most prominent Masons in the United States at that time. Born in the earlier part of the nineteenth century in Pennsylvania, Gleaves moved to South Carolina and became a prominent figure during Reconstruction. He was elected Lieutenant Governor of the State. A typical courtly gentleman, he was the fifth Grand Master of the Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Ohio and played a prominent role in the history of Black Masonry. As the very prosperous condition of Black Masons were largely due to his tireless efforts, the ladies felt that no better or fitting memorial could be given him than to have his name on their banner under the motto "Peace and Unity."

The Illustrious James Francis Rickards, 33°, established the Order of the Golden Circle in the Northern Jurisdiction when he became Sovereign Grand Commander. Since the ritual was copyrighted by the Southern Jurisdiction, he gained the permission of Illustrious Pendleton to establish assemblies in the Northern Jurisdiction. After doing so, he formed multiple Assemblies and, yielding to the wishes of the ladies who were leaders of the Golden Circle, permitted the formation of a Grand Assembly which operated on a national scale for a number of years. The Grand Assembly for the Northern Jurisdiction, however, was abolished in 1920 in favor of locally operated bodies as done within the Southern Jurisdiction where the Order of the Golden Circle originated. The Assemblies operated accordingly through 1969 when the late Illustrious Leland D. French, 33°, Sovereign Grand Commander of the Northern Jurisdiction and Illustrious John G. Lewis, 33°, Sovereign Grand Commander of the Southern Jurisdiction agreed to the organization of the State Grand Assemblies. In compliance with Article VII, enacted at the 1970 Supreme Council, held at Detroit, Michigan, the necessary changes were made in the Constitution and By-Laws.

The Illinois State Grand Assembly was organized in 1973 consisting of Chicago Assembly #4 of Chicago, Tri-Cities Assembly #53 of East Moline, Hiram Assembly #54 of Cairo, Tyree Consistory #55 of East St. Louis, Menelik Assembly #58 of Springfield, North Shore Assembly #59 of Waukegan, Balthasar Assembly #69 of Rockford and Marquette Assembly #87 of Joliet.

*Originally authored by
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Holiday Season Benevolence



Over 2,500 Families Served

Per the Federal Government Fact Sheet for the 2010 U.S. Census, the average American family size is 3.14 persons. Over 2,500 families were served during this Holiday season across the Orient of Illinois. The product of the average and the number of families served identifies that the Orient of Illinois has impacted nearly 8,000 individuals during the 2011 Holiday Season.

- SOUTHERN ILLINOIS:** Wilford Manor, located in Belleville, was the recipient of a multitude of donations from the Fraters and Loyal Ladies of Tyree in the Valley of East St. Louis. Christmas presents were delivered to the residents of the facility in addition to visitations to spread the Holiday Cheer. SGIG Melvin Frierson—Deputy of the Orient, LL Helen Sanders—State Grand Loyal Lady Ruler and Sister Teresa Abner—Associate Grand Matron of Eureka Grand Chapter Order of the Eastern Star led the way. Tyree Consistory also donated Christmas Baskets to five families in each of twenty five schools located in the valley of East St. Louis, IL. A total of 125 Christmas baskets were donated to selected needy families in the area.
- NORTHERN & CENTRAL ILLINOIS:** More than 1500 Christmas Baskets were given to the community and delivered to the widows of fallen Fraters in the Valley of Chicago. Under the direction of SGIG Ernest Johnson, GIG Charles Burns, GIG Glenn Pickett and SP Gordon Brewer, Commander-In-Chief. With special donations of food and supplies from GIG Richard Thomas and cash donations by others, it was a grand success. The Annual Shopping Spree for needy families in the North Shore brought exaltations of cheer to provide necessities for a multitude of families. Their efforts saved Christmas for several families in the Valley of Waukegan.
- WESTERN ILLINOIS:** A bounty of Christmas Baskets were delivered to needy families in the Valley of Joliet. A scholarship, which was also delivered to Mr. Michael Griffin for his studies at Eastern Illinois University, will bode well for his future success as he endures his Freshman year at the university. The Martin Luther King Center was the recipient of cash donations by the Fraters and Loyal Ladies of the Tri-Cities. The donation was a welcome gift to the local, social agency which provides multiple avenues of support to the less fortunate.



"And now abides faith, hope and charity, these three but the greatest of these is charity." —1 Corinthians 13:13

Photos submitted by SGIG Melvin Frierson, 33°, GIG Herman E. Gray, 33°, Loyal Lady Joi Haire, GIG Reinaldo Walker, 33°, Loyal Lady Claire Walker, GIG Daryl Andrews, 33°

Over 2,500 Families Assisted During the Thanksgiving and Christmas

Across the Orient of Illinois

Christmas Giving and Christmas



Members of Tyree Consistory #64 and Tyree Assembly #55 spread holiday cheer at the Wilford Manor Adult Living Facility in the Valley of East St. Louis.



Tyree Consistory also delivered a total of 125 Christmas Baskets to five families in each of twenty five schools located in the Valley of East St. Louis.



Joliet Commanders of the Rite supplied needy families with turkeys and all of the trimmings to a multitude of families in the Joliet vicinity.

Joy in Serving Others during the Holidays



Western Consistory #28 launched their charitable efforts with a breakfast to support the Christmas Basket giveaway as witnessed by Senator Carole Moseley-Braun.



The buffet breakfast was enjoyed by the fraters, friends and family members in attendance and the food at Captains Hard Times Restaurant was excellent!!!



Under the leadership of SGIG Ernest Johnson and donations by GIG Richard Thomas and others, an abundance of food was procured for distribution to those in need.

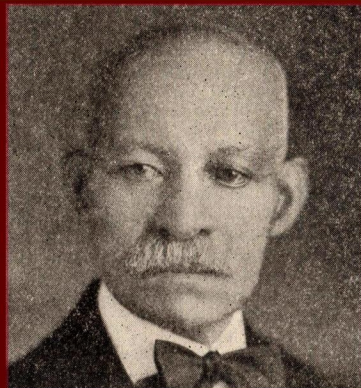


Nearly 1,600 baskets were compiled per the direction of GIGs Glenn Pickett and Charles Burns with the assistance of the fraters, brethren and community volunteers.



Several baskets were delivered to the widows of deceased brethren and over 1,500 were distributed to those in need from the doors of the Grand East. Great Job!!!

Sovereign Grand Inspector General Illustrious Robert James Beverly Ellington, 33^o



**Sovereign Grand Inspector General
Robert James Beverly Ellington, 33^o
SUNRISE: 1848 SUNSET: 1933**

Robert James Beverly Ellington was born in the City of Fredericksburg, Virginia on November 22, 1848. His family migrated to Richmond, Virginia where young Robert learned his trade as a Cooper. However, due to the tension in the city from the hanging of abolitionist John Brown in 1859, his family returned to Fredericksburg where the spirit of responsibility relative to benevolence grew within him to a high degree. It was this spirit that prompted him into the service of his race.

...made his grand stand for freedom

Per Right Worshipful Brother Robert Jackson, 1926 MWPHGL Grand Secretary, "when the great Generals McClellan, Meade and Hooker were dashing on their fiery steeds over the fields of battle trying to free his people and the hard fight of General Burnside with 260 cannons at the second battle of Manassas on December 11, 1863 occurred, it was too much for him." By virtue of his sense of duty for his race, Ellington joined the 4th Vermont Brigade, 2nd Division, 6th Army Corp a short time thereafter to join the fight at the age of fifteen. On July 11, 1864, Fort Stevens was under attack by the Confederate Army by General Jubal Early with his force of 15,000 soldiers. Though outmanned and outgunned, the Union Army repelled the attacks and held until reinforcements from the 6th and 19th Corps had arrived on the following day. It was on July 12, 1864 that Ellington made his grand stand for the freedom of his people defending against the Confederate Army throughout the course of the day. The late afternoon of July 12, brought with her the presence of President Abraham Lincoln who was exposed to Confederate fire while observing this battle in which nearly 900 Union soldiers were killed, wounded, or missing. Their defense proved to

be superior as they eliminated the threat to Washington, D.C. at the Battle of Fort Stevens.

...maintained a focus on being a servant to the community

After the Civil War, Ellington maintained his focus on being a servant to the African American community. In doing so, he undoubtedly felt that this could best be accomplished by working with others who had the same sentiments in mind. After settling in Cincinnati, Ohio in the 1870s, he was, therefore, made a Master Mason in True American Lodge No. 2 on September 12, 1873, arched as a Holy Royal Arch Mason into Prince White Chapter No. 2 on October 8, 1873 and joined Jerusalem Commandery No. 2 Knights Templar the same year where he rose to Eminent Commander of Jerusalem on January 10, 1880. In order to increase his circle of like-minded individuals and pursue new financial opportunities, he moved to the City of Chicago in the 1880s and demitted to Hiram Lodge No. 14, Eureka Chapter No. 3 HRAM, and St. George Commandery No. 4 KT.

...swiftly rose through the leadership ranks

Ellington rose through the leadership ranks of all bodies of the Masonic Order in the Illinois Jurisdiction. He was elected Worshipful Master of Hiram Lodge No. 14 in 1889 and subsequently elected High Priest of Eureka Chapter, Eminent Commander of St. George Commandery and Potentate of Arabic Temple No. 44 AEAONMS. He was elected to the office of Grand High Priest of the Most Excellent Prince Hall Grand Chapter of Holy Royal Arch Masons for the State of Illinois from 1901 to 1903. He was elected Grand Senior Warden of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Illinois in 1904. He was also an active member of Talma Chapter No. 2 OES, Fidelity Court No. 22 HOJ, the Heroines of the Templar Crusades and the Daughters of Isis.

...his excellence in service... led to his appointment as the Deputy

With the formation of the Orient of Illinois in 1903, Ellington became one of the earliest Scottish Rite Masons. He was elevated into Western Consistory No. 28 Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite and, through his innate leadership abilities, was elected Commander-In-Chief. He was crowned a 33rd degree Scottish Rite Mason shortly thereafter and his activity in the Northern Jurisdiction led to his selection as an Active member of the United

Supreme Council. His excellence in service in this capacity led to his appointment as the Deputy for the Orient of Illinois following the death of Sovereign Grand Inspector General Richard Edwin Moore 33^o in 1922.

...a steadfast, civic soldier

In conjunction with his Masonic activities, Sovereign Grand Inspector General Ellington remained a steadfast, civic soldier always on guard to support efforts that were beneficial for the African American community. He served the United States of America as a member of the African American Eighth Illinois Regiment along with several other prominent Freemasons namely John R. Marshall, James Ellis Bish, Charles L. Hunt and others. Promoted to First Lieutenant Quarter Master of 9th Battalion Illinois National Guard on April 27, 1896, he was stationed in Santiago, Cuba in the late 1898 during the Spanish American War. He was the first Honor Guard for the first Y.M.C.A. in the City of Chicago. He helped to form and was one of the incorporators of Grace Presbyterian Church. He also handled much of its financial business related to the Prince Hall Masonic and OES Home which was situated in Rock Island, Illinois. It was he who made the first payment and, from these labors, provided a resting place for many brothers and sisters of the Masonic Order who resided therein. It is also from this domicile that he received his final call from our Heavenly Father above on February 25, 1933 carrying him from labor to rest.

...sense of responsibility to uplift his race

While the labors of Sovereign Grand Inspector General Ellington extend well beyond the space allotted, his efforts were always filled with a sense of responsibility to uplift his race and the communities in which he lived and served. These qualities make him one of the most prominent Masons of the day and age and an example to those who claim the same fraternal heritage. It is with this in mind that we salute Sovereign Grand Inspector General Robert James Beverly Ellington. May peace be unto his ashes.

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Origins of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry in the Orient of Illinois
 Scottish Rite Masonry in the Orient of Illinois became a reality on May 8, 1913 with the elevation of fifty-five Master Masons to the degree of Sublime Prince of the Royal Secret in the City of Chicago. Under the direction of Illustrious Egbert Dickerson, 33°, Deputy of the Orient, and by the permission of Illustrious James Francis Rickards, 33°, Sovereign Grand Commander of the United Supreme Council—Northern Jurisdiction PHA, Scottish Rite Freemasonry was born in the State of Illinois. The Order of the Golden Circle, the official ladies auxiliary to the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, was formed under the direction of Illustrious Richard E. Moore, Lieutenant Grand Commander, three years later in the Valley of Chicago in 1916.

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