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SOVEREIGN GRAND INSPECTOR GENERAL MELVIN FRIERSON, 33^o

P R O C L A M A T I O N

To the Sovereign Grand Inspectors General, Grand Inspectors General, Past and Present Commander-In-Chiefs, Elected Officers, Sublime Princes, State Grand Loyal Lady Ruler, Past State Grand Loyal Lady Rulers, and Ladies of the Golden Circle, All of the Orient of Illinois, Northern Jurisdiction, U.S.A., Inc.:

Pursuant to the constitution and general regulations of the United Supreme Council, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry, Prince Hall Affiliation, Northern Jurisdiction, U.S.A., Inc., Article XXIX, Section 202 requires all councils of deliberation to convene annually.

Be it known that the 99th Annual Council of Deliberation for the Orient of Illinois (PHA) will convene on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, October 14th, 15th and 16th, 2016. Opening session will commence at 8:00AM CST on Saturday, October 15th, 2016 at the Abraham Lincoln / Doubletree Hotel located at 701 East Adams Street, Springfield, Illinois. For hotel reservations call (217) 544-8800 no later than September 21, 2016. Mention Illinois Council of Deliberation (PHA). Room rates are \$94.00. This proclamation is to be read at each monthly meeting until which time the 99th session will commence.

Given under my hand and seal on the 1st day of July in the Year of our lord 2016.



From the Desk of the Secretary for the Orient of Illinois

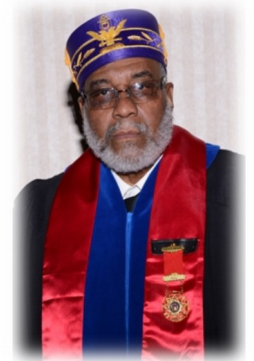
SOVEREIGN GRAND INSPECTOR GENERAL JAMES A. MITCHELL, 33^o—“A well prepared man never trembles.”

Congratulations and best wishes to our newly elected Grand Inspectors General of Illinois (PHA) namely Robert Taylor, Preston Cooper, Michael Jackson, Michael Johnson, Jermaine Nesbitt, Phillip Washington Sr., Darryl White, Marshall Coe, George Barmore, Ira S. Whitaker, Kevin T. Young, and Carl L. Smith.

The Illinois Council of Deliberation (PHA)'s 99th Annual Session will be held in the historical city and state of Springfield, Illinois on October 13-16, 2016. Please make plans to attend. **See page 12.**

Continue to support the activities and efforts of the Illinois Council of Deliberation (PHA). The Orient of Illinois (PHA) is well and organizationally strong; because and do to the leadership of our Deputy, Melvin Frierson, 33^o. **The Deputy is encouraging you to get articles of worth to the “Clarion’s” editor.**

On a sadder note, we mourn the deaths of all our departed. More especially, SGC Dr. Solomon Wallace, SGIG Joel Woodhouse and SGIG Oliver Washington.



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DATE:**

FREE PRE-DENTAL EXAMINATIONS

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From the Desk of the Editor

GRAND INSPECTOR GENERAL DARYL L. ANDREWS, 33^o

The Scottish Rite Clarion has surpassed the six (6) year mark. This publication was the brain child of Sovereign Grand Inspector General Melvin Frierson, Deputy for the Orient of Illinois. Its purpose is to showcase the activities and events that occur in each of the Valleys of the Orient of Illinois. In each edition, we have endeavored to cover these events as well as provide historical insight into the Orient and into the United Supreme Council. However, none of this would be possible without the support and the articles that are submitted from across the state. In order to continue the trend and, possibly, increase the publication schedule, it is recommended that **each Commander-In-Chief of each Consistory appoint a reporter** to convey articles and photos of events to this office on a quarterly basis to ensure that the works done in each Valley are captured in this publication. This will help us to meet the goals outlined by the Deputy for the Orient of Illinois and let our light shine to all subscribers to this publication. **Please send the names of the Consistory Reporter to Clarion@AndrewsPress.com.** Thank you in advance for your support.



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REST IN PEACE

The Northern Jurisdiction and the Orient of Illinois have lost Masonic giants during the course of 2016. It is with heartfelt condolences that we mourn the loss of all fraters here and beyond and humbly request that peace be unto their ashes.

LAMP IN THE WEST

By Ella Higginson

Venus has lit her silver lamp low in the purple west casting a soft and mellow light upon the sea's full breast in one clear path as if to guide some pale, wayfaring guest.

Far out, far out the restless bar starts from a troubled sleep where roaring through the narrow straights the meeting waters leap but still that shining pathway leads across the lonely deep.

When I sail out those narrow straights where unknown dangers be and cross the troubled moaning bar beyond the mysterious sea, dear God, wilt thou not set a lamp low in the west for me?



SGIG Dr. Solomon Wallace, 33°
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Past Imp. Potentate AEAONMS

Dr. Solomon Wallace, Sovereign Grand Commander, Passes Away

GRAND INSPECTOR GENERAL DARYL L. ANDREWS, 33^o



Illustrious Dr. Solomon Wallace, 33^o, Sovereign Grand Commander of the United Supreme Council of the Ancient & Accepted Scottish Rite - PHA, Northern Jurisdiction, passed

to the Celestial Lodge on March 30, 2016 at the age of 87. He leaves behind a fraternal legacy which marks him as one of the most prominent Prince Hall Freemasons of the century.

Born on October 8, 1928, in Raleigh, North Carolina, Wallace had seven brothers and sisters. After his grammar and high school studies, he attended Shaw University, in Raleigh. After moving to New York, he continued studying at City College of New York where he met and married the love of his life, Gloria M. Brown. Together they were the proud parents of one daughter, Winnie.

After serving his country as a member of the United States Army during the Korean War, Wallace received an honorable

Discharge and then went to work as an engineer for the Mayer Malbin Company of Long Island, New York. He retired after 28 years of distinguished service.

His Masonic career began in 1964 where he joined Samson Lodge #65 of the New York Jurisdiction. He served as Worshipful Master for the Lodge in 1968. His early efforts in Freemasonry were filled with examples of leadership and charity. By the time of his election to the Office of

Grand Master to the Grand Lodge of New York in 1983, Wallace had already been one of the seven who founded the Prince Hall Day Care Center for Pre-Kindergarten children. While serving as Grand Master, he established a camp for youth in upstate New York—Camp Eureka. This focus on providing opportunities for the youth and the focus on their development were staples in his plans at the Grand Lodge level. Other actions performed during his service as Grand Master were equally impressive. In 1993, he established the Grand Lodge for the Caribbean Jurisdiction. He built a 97 unit Senior Citizens residence—Solomon Wallace Building Prince Hall Plaza—in New York City. All in all, these programs helped thousands along their pathways in this life.

Though his service at the Grand Lodge level did not conclude after passing the chair, he escalated his efforts in the Scottish Rite as an Active member of the United Supreme Council. He was elevated through the elective ranks of the Council to the Office of Sovereign Grand Commander in 2006. During his term, he introduced the Cradle to College program through which thousands of youth have been mentored by Fraters from across the country. It is from this effort and many others that Wallace received accolades within the Masonic ranks as well as from the public at large.

For multiple editions, he was selected as Ebony Magazine's Top 150 Most Influential Citizens; selected Man Among Men by Western Consistory #28 of

Chicago, Illinois in 2010; received the Man of the Year Award from the New York City Chamber of Commerce;

received the Humanitarian Award by the American Red Cross; The Gold Medal Award, Top Honor of the United Supreme Council (Prince Hall Affiliation); and the Distinguished Achievement Award from the Grand Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, State of New York (highest honor the Grand Lodge confers); received the Life Membership Award by the Improved Benevolent Protective Order of Elks of the World; and the Citizen Service Award by the Jamaica Service Program for Older Adults. He was also made an Honorary Fellow of the Phylaxis Society as well as selected as Man of the Year for the organization. Finally, in 2014, he received the honor of being the namesake of a new Lodge of the New York Jurisdiction—Solomon Wallace Lodge #125 chartered by Grand Master Dorian Glover (pictured above).

While there are many other accolades and efforts achieved by Wallace that are not noted, his life was clearly a life that was lead a driven by a need to serve. It was this spirit of service that became pervasive in the Northern Jurisdiction and served as the driving force behind the Cradle to College program and many others. These efforts and the perpetuation of the programs and services that he introduced serve as his Masonic legacy. It is this legacy that all Fraters should strive to maintain as they benefit mankind as a whole. Hence, the reason for the naming of the 2016 Class of Grand Inspectors General of the United Supreme Council, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite (PHA), Northern Jurisdiction as the Solomon Wallace Class of 2016 (pictured left).

It is with this in mind that the Scottish Rite Clarion mourns that death of Sovereign Grand Commander Solomon Wallace. May he rest in peace and may peace be upon his ashes.



Illinois Council of Deliberation Contributes to Student's Success

SOVEREIGN GRAND INSPECTOR GENERAL JAMES A. MITCHELL 33^o

In the case of Ryan Clark, accomplishments do not take place without assistance, patience, perseverance, and focus.

Ryan Clark was born and raised on the South Side of Chicago by a single parent. Ryan attended and graduated from Morgan Park High School located in the community from which he resided. According to Ryan's mother, while Ryan was in high school the family faced a number of physical and monetary challenges. In spite of the challenges depicted, mom insisted on Ryan staying in school and being the best student he could be.

After graduating from high school, Ryan was accepted at Hampton University, a Historical Black University located in Hampton, Virginia. While at Hampton, Ryan majored in Biology. He graduated 2005 with honors.

During the four years at Hampton, the Illinois Council of Deliberation (PHA) provided educational assistance and words of encouragement to Ryan. Ryan reported and I quote "The monetary support that the Masonic organization provided was a tremendous help. It aided in the purchase of books, technology, and course materials. Moreover, words of encouragement were also a driving force that kept me focus and grounded".

After graduating from Hampton, Ryan enrolled in Tennessee State University, he graduated with a Master's degree in Biological Science in August 2009. Ryan

did not stop there. He continued to seek additional Biological Science Modalities; thus, he enrolled in Meharry Medical College and received a PhD in Pharmacology (Bio-medical Science) in May 2015.

Dr. Ryan Clark has a number of publications in the bio-medical field. He has co-authored several books, most notably an "Exposome Framework: Exposure to benzo(a)pyrene confers enhanced susceptibility to bacterial infection. Environmental Research". He also presented a number of abstracts on toxicology. According to Dr. Clark's vita, he is proficient in microbiological investigation and techniques. Dr. Clark earned numerous honors and awards in his field of study and research.

Dr. Clark's experiences and accomplishments have carried him around the world. He is presently researching and working in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates. According to a recent communique, "Vanderbilt University considers proposal to assist in establishing a school of education in Abu Dhabi...the school model in question will differ from other schools in Abu Dhabi". Dr. Clark has been "tapped" to head the school.

Dr. Clark also reported "I can never thank Illinois Council of Deliberation enough for the trust and faith you placed in me by assisting me on this journey. Thank you. Thank you. Thank you".

In this writer's opinion, this is an example



of success stories that need to be told. The Illinois Council of Deliberation (PHA) should be proud in having input in the success of the aforementioned Dr., as well as others they have invested in for the past nineteen years. Dr. Clark epitomizes the type of role model we want for our children. Many of our children will not become doctors; however, through hard work and persistence they too can become successful in their own fields of study. There are more success stories to come. I am certain the Illinois Council of Deliberation (PHA) will continue to play a significant role in these stories. In summary, helping and assisting students and others is what this organization is about. Thanks to SGIG Charles Carter for providing information and keeping in touch with Dr. Clark and family.

Divine Inspirations

SUBLIME PRINCE TARA F.G. DERAMUS, 32^o

COMMENTARY ON FAITH AND FOCUS ON THE FUTURE

- *To have faith is to understand how life works. If you have a building that stands on weak foundation it will fall, so be sure the building you build is on a strong foundation so it will not fall. In life your faith should be just as strong so your soul will not fall.*
- *Being part of a brother hood that that are godly men and that seek knowledge and wisdom from the all might god to better ourselves as men as we help others. To teach faith, hope, and charity to those who believe and to those who don't.*
- *Brothers and sisters it is important to live for the future and not live in your past because If you live a negative life you will destroy your future but if you live a positive life you will live prosperous.*



Dr. James E. Lanier Receives Prestigious NAACP Webster Plaque

CHARLENE HAMPTON LANIER

The Webster Plaque was instituted in 1936 by the late Dr. D. E. Webster, a local dentist, and his wife, Alma L. Webster, to recognize a Black citizen of Springfield who has contributed toward the uplifting of the Black race in any field of honest endeavor. Dr. Lanier was a natural selection for this award earlier this year as he has lived his life with two passions – education and bettering the lives of young people.

Dr. Lanier earned his Ph.D. degree in Counselor Education with minors in Psychology and Vocational Rehabilitation Counseling from the University of Florida in Gainesville in 1975. He received the Wiles Memorial Award for the most outstanding Doctoral Dissertation in the College Of Education for the year 1975-76. It dealt with the over-representation of African American students in special needs classes. He came to Springfield, Illinois in 1978 after being hired as a faculty member at the University of Illinois at Springfield (UIS) then Sangamon State University.

A counselor for the Minority Services Center, his extensive background in guidance counseling has helped many at all levels. He worked as an elementary/middle school counselor and with alcoholism and vocational rehabilitation programs, correctional officers and offenders, special needs and disenfranchised students, the handicapped, and the hardcore unemployed. He has also worked with inmates and co-conducted race & human relation workshops for prison guards and administrators. He served as a Vice President and Co-chair of the Youth Committee of the NAACP and did several youth workshops for the Springfield Urban League. Through these efforts he has made a difference.

Dr. Lanier has also used his love for boxing to teach discipline and life skills for success. He served as manager and head coach of the Springfield Housing boxing team and provided invaluable athletic and social experiences for young men who had never ventured out of Springfield. His efforts helped them to



learn to care about something bigger than themselves – each other. Because of his involvement in organized boxing, he served as United States of America Boxing Team Manager USA vs. Poland, 1989. He was a timekeeper, referee, and judge of amateur boxing for Illinois and the USA. He was also President of the Illinois Amateur Boxing Association from 1985-1989.

Dr. Lanier is also a member of the American Association for Counseling and Development, Past President of the Springfield Chapter of the Illinois Association for Counseling and Development. He has also served as a member of Phi Beta Kappa Educational Fraternity and the Association for Humanistic Education & Development. He has also published several articles in professional journals. *Essentials of Intentional Interviewing: Counseling in A Multicultural World, 3rd Edition (2015)* Allen E. Ivey and others, was dedicated to Dr. James E. Lanier. They state "A model of love and listening, James Lanier has a significant influence in this book. He taught boxing to African-American youth and through his relationship and listening abilities, they started coming to him for help with their troubles. Very shortly, he became aware that the word *problem* was a problem for the youth. "I don't have a

problem," they said. He found they responded much better to words such as *concerns*, *issues*, and, perhaps most of all *challenges*. You will find his influence on us specifically in our use of language, but also he was important in our movement toward positive psychology, wellness, and Therapeutic Lifestyle Changes (TLC)".

Dr. Lanier is a Charter member, platinum life member, and first President of Eta Psi Sigma Chapter of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity and Past Vice-Regional Director of the Great Lakes Region of the Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc. He is a man of substance and character whose membership in the masonic and fraternal organizations has allowed him to touch lives through a plethora of charitable works in the community. Because of his work with youth and education, Central Lodge#3, Free & Accepted Masons - Prince Hall Affiliation and Eta Psi Sigma Chapter of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc. have each established a Dr. James E. Lanier Scholarship Fund.

Dr. Lanier is also a Vietnam veteran, a life member of the American Legion and AMVETS, and has served as Commander of AMVETS Post #256 and Commander of Division III, Illinois AMVETS. As a Commander, he was an advocate for veterans rights. For his work and dedication, he received the Post AMVET of the Year Award.

Dr. Lanier retired as a Full Professor, University of Illinois at Springfield (UIS), Springfield, Illinois, Human Development Counseling Department in 2002. It must be noted that he was the first African American to be promoted to the highest rank of Full Professor at the University. He is currently in private practice, incorporated as: Counselors, Ltd. and is on contract (March, 1981 – Present) with the Office of Disability Adjudication And Review, Social Security Administration, State of Illinois, as a Vocational Expert. He resides in Springfield, Illinois with his wife of 42 years, Charlene Hampton Lanier. They are the proud parents of one daughter Sanita (husband Angelo) and a granddaughter Trimeasha.

WRIGHTWOOD LITTLE LEAGUE WINS ILLINOIS DISTRICT 15 TITLE

GRAND INSPECTOR GENERAL DARYL ANDREWS, 33^o, ASST. COACH WRIGHTWOOD LITTLE LEAGUE ALLSTARS

Just prior to the 2015 United Supreme Council Session in the City of Chicago, the Illinois Council of Deliberation Benevolent Fund gave a donation to the Wrightwood Organization to aid in this effort. The contribution aided a league with heart and hungry youth with much needed resources. From this donation and donations from several others, the organization was able to excel and outfit our youth with much needed safety equipment.



It is with great pride that I can now announce that the Wrightwood Little League Majors now reign as District 15 Champions for the State of Illinois. Coaching has allowed us to touch the lives of several youth and mentor them through life's situations that often seem unfair. Several have avoided challenges and pressures presented by elements in the community that mean them no good. Several have gained new skills that they can leverage off and on the baseball field. Several have been introduced to men who volunteer their time and talents for the greater good. Through the coaching, mentoring and listening efforts of the coaches, the team, which contained three members who

never played before, gained success.

Although the team did not pass the regional semi-final round, the success that was achieved through mentorship speaks volumes. The donations and support given by many also provided resources that were not available. This also speaks volumes. It was through the combination of resources and coaching mentorship that success was achieved. As such, on behalf of the Wrightwood Organization, heartfelt thanks are extended to the Illinois Council of Deliberation Benevolent Fund for its support.



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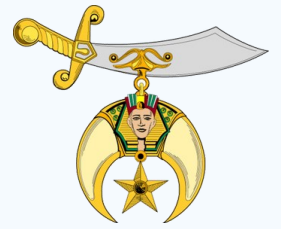
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A Picture Can Say a Thousand Words



Contrary to physical perception, pictures do speak. To historians, they speak volumes and they also get the mind to thinking about their circumstances. To the average eye, this is a photo of a grand body of African Americans standing together in their full regalia and splendor. After researching, this photo is more than that which meets the eye.

This photograph was presented by Brother Marshall Butler at the request of Worshipful Brother Darwin Gordon who visited Brother Butler on behalf of the Hospitalers of Western Consistory #28. Butler's words at the initial showing of the photo to the editor focused on the sea of beautifully dressed brethren and sisters from across the nation. A deacon at Liberty Baptist Church, he has shown this photo to members of the congregation who asked to have it framed for themselves. The display of unity was just so impressive. However, a treasured photo such as this was not meant for the walls of someone's hall. It is meant for the world to see.

A deeper dig on the history of the photo took some time but revealed that the great display of unity was shown after



*Raymond E.
Jackson,
Past Imperial
Potentate
(1939-55)*

**PHOTO SUBMITTED BY MARSHALL BUTLER
RESEARCH BY DARYL L. ANDREWS**

a great trial within the Ancient Egyptian Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. The circumstances pit the organization against Grand Masters from across the country in the early 1950s which threatened the fabric of Prince Hall Freemasonry. Locally, the struggle hit hard in the State of Illinois. It is this struggle and the resulting peace from it that gives this photo great worth.

Since the early days of Shrinedom, Shrine candidates were required to be Master Masons in good standing of a Prince Hall Masonic Lodge. Due to a conflict in Illinois, this statute was challenged. As a result of the conflict, Grand Master Dr. Frances C. Rogan, who rose to Grand Master following the death of Grand Master Ashby B. Carter while in office, issued an edict to Illinois Prince Hall Masons restraining Master Masons from participating in the activities of the Ancient Egyptian Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine except to collect dues and keep up property on December 23, 1953. This action met with uproar from many Shriners in the state and was eventually challenged in a court of law by Jackson. Jackson's belief was that no other organization held power of the Shrine organization as it was a separate entity and filed suit in federal court to combat the edict which threatened the membership of his organization.

The trial which began in April of 1954 became a public spectacle and lasted months. It also drew in prominent attorneys on both sides to bring the matter to a conclusion. Thurgood Marshall of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) served as the lead attorney on behalf of the Prince Hall Masons while James Ming led the efforts on behalf of the Shrine. Despite the efforts of Marshall's team, Judge Walter J. LaBuy ruled on behalf of the Shrine. His ruling effectively nullified the edict issued by Rogan on the basis that the Shrine is a separate



*Genoa S. Washington,
Imperial Capt.
Of the Guard*

*Booker T. Alexander,
Imperial Potentate*

*Cornel Davis,
Imperial Chief Rabban*

and distinct organization who could change its membership requirements as it saw fit. The injunction was signed by Judge La Buy on July 21, 1954 and each party assigned to pay half of the legal costs.

The ruling served as the source of much controversy over the course of the next year for the Shrine and the Masons particularly because the feud had gone public by the hands of Jackson. Support of Jackson and Rogan within their organizations was split to a great degree. These circumstances played large roles at the 54th AEONMS Annual Session for Jackson and the Grand Lodge Session for Illinois Prince Hall Masons in 1955.

The Illinois Grand Lodge Session ended with the elevation of Obed Vanderburg to the Office of Grand Master over Rogan. The Shrine session ended similarly for Jackson. Prior to the session, papers across the nation published the details of events between the Masons and the Shrine. At the session, three candidates vied for the seat of Imperial Potentate. Along with Jackson were Booker T. Alexander and William Green, both from Detroit, Michigan. With pressure mounting for Jackson to step down in lieu of the controversy between Masons and Shriners, Jackson acquiesced and removed his name for nomination for the Office of Imperial Potentate in an effort to eliminate tensions within the organization. In doing so, Booker T. Alexander of Michigan was elected to the high post that year along with two Illinoisans. Corneal Davis was elected to the third place in line as Imperial Chief Rabban and Genoa S. Washington was elected Imperial Captain of the Guard.

Numerologists give specific meanings for the number five (5). Terms like "change" and "progressive" are associated with this number and placing "fives" together will make sure that action is stirred up. While the 1955 Annual Sessions of



the Shrine and the Grand Lodge provide some credibility to this assertion, the 55th Annual Session of the Imperial Council of 1956 is a testimonial to the progressive efforts of the Imperial Council covering the period of a year.

Despite the course of events of 1954 and 1955, Alexander worked to refocus the efforts of the Shrine organization to civic action. He continued annual donations of \$1,000 to the NAACP Legal Defense Fund. Many viewed this as a means to heal a wound that may have been opened from the court case in 1954. He introduced the "Faith in Negro Enterprise" movement. In doing so, he worked to support the growth and development of Afro-American Businesses across the country by making \$127,000 of the Shrine General Fund available and depositing \$90,000 into 12 different black owned banks. This movement was prominent in emphasizing regional cooperation and support of Afro-American enterprise.

So, this entire photo which spans across four pages is not just a display of pageantry. It is a display of respect and progress after struggle. As such, when you peer at the faces in the photograph on these pages, you should also keep in mind that the faces are peering back at you. They are speaking, whispering these words of admonishment— "T.E.A.M. = Together Everyone Achieves More."

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Melvin Frierson, 33°

Melvin Frierson

Deputy for the Orient of Illinois (PHA)

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TO: All Sovereign Grand Inspectors General, Grand Inspectors General, Sublime Princes, Grand Loyal Lady Ruler, Loyal Lady Rulers, and Loyal Ladies.

The Illinois Council of Deliberation (PHA), Orient of Illinois, will host its 99^h Annual Session in Springfield, Illinois, October 14-16, 2016. We are looking forward to this very special event and we want to properly document the occasion by publishing a Souvenir Journal. Thus, we are soliciting your support and participation by purchasing an AD.

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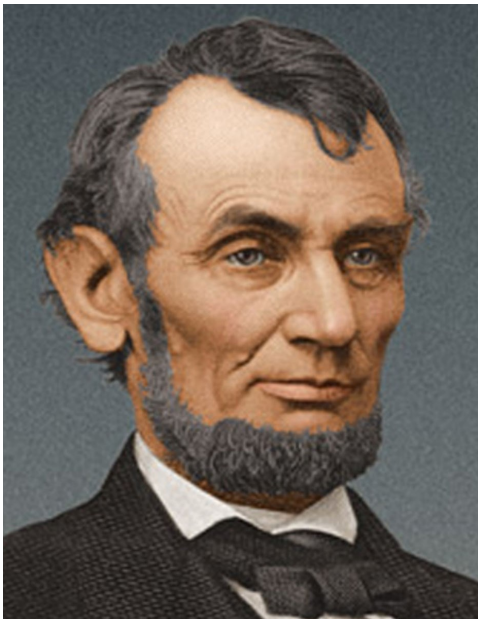


The Origin of the Veterans Administration Motto

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The origins of the motto of the Veterans Administration is sourced from the Second Inaugural Address of President Abraham Lincoln.



As the nation braced itself for the final throes of the Civil War, thousands of spectators gathered on a muddy Pennsylvania Avenue near the U.S. Capitol to hear President Lincoln's

second inaugural address. It was March 4, 1865, a time of great uneasiness. In just over one month, the war would end and the president would be assassinated.

President Lincoln framed his speech on the moral and religious implications of the war; rhetorically questioning how a just God could unleash such a terrible war upon the nation. "If we shall suppose that American slavery is one of those offenses in the providence of God, ... and that He gives to both North and South this terrible war as the woe due to those by whom the offenses came."

With its deep philosophical insights, critics have hailed the speech as one of Lincoln's best.

As the speech progressed, President Lincoln turned from the divisive bitterness at the war's roots to the unifying task of reconciliation and reconstruction. In the speech's final paragraph, the president delivered his prescription for the nation's recovery:

"With malice toward none, with charity for all, with firmness in the right as God gives us to see the right, let us strive on to finish the work we are in, to bind up the nation's wounds, to care for him who shall have borne the battle and for his widow, and his orphan, to do all which may achieve and cherish a just and lasting peace among ourselves and with all nations."

With the words, "To care for him who shall have borne the battle and for his widow, and his orphan," President Lincoln affirmed the government's obligation to care for those injured during the war and to provide for the families of those who perished on the

battlefield.

Today, a pair of metal plaques bearing those words flank the entrance to the Washington, D.C. headquarters of the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA). VA is the federal agency responsible for serving the needs of veterans by providing health care, disability compensation and rehabilitation, education assistance, home loans, burial in a national cemetery, and other benefits and services.

Lincoln's immortal words became the VA motto in 1959, when the plaques were installed, and can be traced to Sumner G. Whittier, administrator of what was then called the Veterans Administration. A document on VA medical history prepared for the congressional Committee on Veterans' Affairs and titled, "To care for him who shall have borne the battle," details how the words became VA's motto. "He (Whittier) worked no employee longer or harder than himself to make his personal credo the mission of the agency. What was that credo? Simply the words of Abraham Lincoln, to care for him who shall have borne the battle and for his widow, and his orphan. To indicate the mission of his agency's employees, Mr. Whittier had plaques installed on either side of the main entrance."

President Lincoln's words have stood the test of time, and stand today as a solemn reminder of VA's commitment to care for those injured in our nation's defense and the families of those killed in its service.



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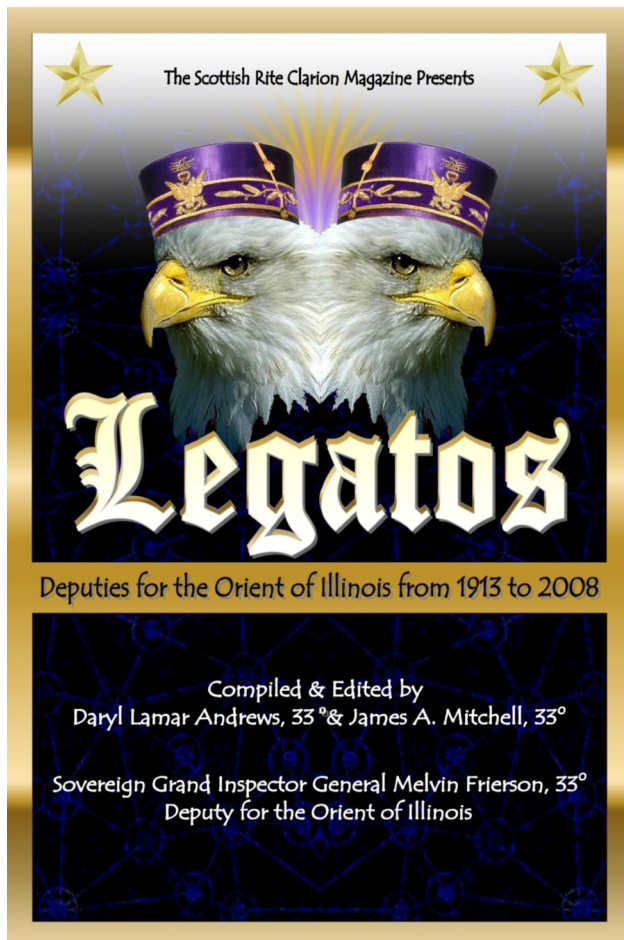
The Orient of Illinois has always been a blessed jurisdiction filled with Fraters who have been active at all levels of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry. 90 years ago in 1921 the Orient of Illinois added two (2) new Valleys to the rolls with the establishment of Consistories within the cities of Springfield and Cairo:

- *Menelik Consistory #49 was established in the City of Springfield with Sublime Prince George Donegan as its first Commander-In-Chief.*
- *Hiram Consistory #51 was established in the City of Cairo with Sublime Prince Charles A. Bowlar (pictured left) as its first Commander-In-Chief.*

Each Consistory was established under the term of Illustrious Richard E. Moore (pictured right) who served as the second Deputy for the Orient of Illinois from 1914 to 1922.



Prior to 1921, the source of the Scottish Rite within the Orient of Illinois was the City of Chicago. Although members of Western Consistory #28 of Chicago had members that did not live in the city, the Scottish Rite did not have a permanent home in other cities across the state. However, as Masonic Lodges existed in each corner of the state, it was only a matter of time for the Orient to extend itself as well. The establishment of Menelik and Hiram Consistories marked the first extension of the Scottish Rite outside of the City of Chicago.



With locations established in the center and the southern-most regions of the state, the year 1921 became the year in which the Orient truly became a state wide Rite. Fraters in Central Illinois from as far west as Quincy and as far east as Champaign held membership in Menelik Consistory. Likewise, Fraters in Southern Illinois from Cairo, Carbondale, east St. Louis and other southern cities held membership in Hiram Consistory. It is from the latter source that Tyree Consistory in East St. Louis would eventually be established.

With the three Consistories established, the Scottish Rite held a presence in Northern, Central and Southern Illinois with membership that extended across the entire state. It is with this in mind that we acknowledge the 90th anniversary of the extension of the Rite in Illinois. Congratulations.

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On a special trip to the general St. Louis area in 1983 to promote a fight for Larry Holmes and Gerry Cooney and to promote a book titled "Prayer and Al-Islam" by Iman Waritthuddin Muhammad, the "CHAMP", Muhammad Ali, held a private audience with dignitaries from the City of East St. Louis, Illinois at a local restaurant. Among the dignitaries was none other than Melvin Frierson, our current Deputy for the Orient of Illinois.

An active politician during this era, Frierson was also serving as Deputy Grand Master for the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Illinois. With Ali being a larger than life figure, the word was distributed to the public of the location of the private meeting resulting in this photograph of Ali and Frierson in a strong handshake of mutual respect.

