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Dr. Charles E. Gavin  
Namesake of Lodge #143  
Chicago Heights



**The Origins of  
MEMORIAL DAY**



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the Eastern Star**



**2019 List of Bogus  
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The cutoff for the next edition of the  
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**September 1, 2019**

Forward all submissions and related  
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Send your Lodge ROSTER to  
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## FEEDBACK

**Commentary from the last edition of the Prince Hall Masonic Journal:**

- *"The content of the last edition was good but I did not like the small size. Recommend returning to the larger sized publication."*
- *"I appreciate the focus on Black History. I use the info in classes."*
- *"Our Lodge is looking to adopt the Monthly Teacher Recognition that is being done by Southern Cross. That was a great idea."*
- *"You never hear much about Ferdinand Barnett. It seems like his wife, Ida B. Wells, overshadows him. Never knew he was our Past Grand Senior Warden."*
- *"Best wishes to the retiring Elected Grand Lodge Officers. Keep them around."*
- *"Where are the sisters?...? Would like to see more info on the Eastern Stars."*
- *"Nice touch on the father-son piece. We have gotten away from the bloodline. So many issues could be avoided. It's time to go back."*
- *"Freemasonry and politics apparently do mix. The Masonic Mayors and Barnett were a surprise. I know you are just scratching the surface. Would love to hear directly from those who are living. Can you work on that?"*
- *"I actually tried Sister Womack's Smoothie. It was better than I thought."*
- *"The historical articles are good. I knew about Juneteenth and Barnett but not about the black samurai. What else don't we know about African peoples?"*
- *"Let's keep track of all scholarship recipients. The Pickering Fellowship is highly coveted and it was great to see one of our recipients gain that one."*
- *"Continue the mix of history and news. This formula works."*

## EDITORIAL

*In this edition of the Prince Hall Masonic Journal we are continuing the focus on families in Freemasonry. The Friersons, Owens, Tharpes (Wisconsin), Johnsons and Andrews were spotlighted in prior editions. We have more in this edition. Hopefully, these examples will drive more families into the fold.*

*Based on the commentary, we have returned back to the larger size and are working to showcase our sisters a bit more. Many of the articles that we receive source from Lodges. Articles are definitely welcome from all Appendant and Concordant Bodies. Our hope is to showcase the entire spectrum of Prince Hall Freemasonry in Illinois and it cannot be done without submissions.*

*It is with a sense of great pride that we continue to focus on the topics of "African Influences" and Health. We are showcasing an article submitted by one of our esteemed brethren from Pennsylvania who points out African symbolism in our walk. We are also blessed to engage in a new partnership with the University of Illinois Cancer Center. These Medical Doctors will be providing articles that will help us to focus on our health. Their contributions in conjunction with our columnist, Sister Womack, will help to keep us all in line.*

*We also have a new face for the Namesake Lodge series. Although the Lodge is no longer active, the efforts of the namesake should be emulated. We also received a submission which clarifies the term "Worshipful" and its additions. We will introduce a black English Queen and provide a clear and concise list of all BOGUS Masonic Organizations. We have a new spotlight on someone you really should know and more, more, more. So, please read all of the articles, review all of the work that is being done across the state and prepare to submit more items for the next edition of the Prince Hall Masonic Journal. We are looking forward with great anticipation for the next submissions.*



# OFFICE OF THE GRAND MASTER

## ~ Proclamation ~

Giving honor to God who is the Giver of all good things:

Be it known that I, Aubrey K. Barlow as Grand Master of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge, do hereby summon all Grand Lodge Officers, Past Masters, Worshipful Masters and Representatives of all Subordinate Lodges who hold allegiance to this governing body to the 153rd Annual Communication of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the State of Illinois which, will convene at the Wyndham Springfield City Centre, 700 East Adams Street, Springfield, IL 62701 on Wednesday, July 31, 2019 for the official reception of Grand Lodge Officers and visiting dignitaries and the continuation of the pertinent business of this Grand Lodge. The gavel will be sounded at 7:45 am by Holy City Lodge #150, under the leadership of Worshipful Master Torrence Parker. All annual reports from all officers will be received, the state of the Craft reviewed and all such other business that may regularly and legally come before this Grand Lodge and be transacted.

All Lodges must submit their 4th quarter report and their annual returns report for the period July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019 typed and properly completed, signed by the Worshipful Master and attested by the Lodge Secretary with the Lodge seal affixed thereto. A copy of these reports must be on file in the office of the Grand Secretary and the Annual Returns Office no later than **July 15, 2019**. This will ensure that all eligible members are legally seated at this Grand Lodge Session. All reports of Officers and Committees must be typed, a copy forwarded to the Grand Master and a copy to the Grand Secretary by **July 10, 2019**.



This Proclamation is issued by the authority invested in me by the By-Laws of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons in the State of Illinois, Article 1, Section 1, issued under my hand and seal on May 1, 2019 and is to be read in all May, June and July meetings of subordinate Lodges. Take due notice and govern yourselves accordingly.

Yours in Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth,

*Aubrey K Barlow*

Most Worshipful Brother Aubrey K. Barlow  
Grand Master

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# MEMORIAL DAY ORIGINS

Many Americans trace Memorial Day to the mid-20th Century when it was officially made a national holiday in 1971 and designated as a day to remember soldiers who died in service of the country. Its roots, however, go far deeper.

The year was 1865. The location was Charleston, South Carolina. Shortly after the conclusion of the American Civil War, a group of freed slaves organized to memorialize those who lost their lives in the war that secured their freedom. The emancipated who remained in the town were so impressed and thankful for the efforts that freed them, that they banded together to secure the remains of soldiers who were slain as Confederate Prisoners at the prison camp situated on the grounds of the Charleston's Washington Race Course and Jockey Club, removed fallen Union soldiers from mass graves, re-interred each of them in individual graves and erected the cemetery grounds around them. With efforts completed, the fallen were deemed "Martyrs of the Race Course". This phrase was affixed upon a sign at the entrance of the cemetery.

On May 1, 1865, the emancipated remembered the fallen by caring for the graves. In doing so, they decorated them in honor of their sacrifices after journeying to the ground via a parade. Graves were adorned with flowers and other decorations to memorialize the dead. This marked the first memorialization of fallen American Soldiers as it is the earliest recorded occurrence of a pre-cursor to the modern Memorial Day Celebration.

*Sources: Blight, David W., "Race and Reunion", The Belknap Press of Harvard University, 2001, pp.66-70*

## WORSHIPFUL BROTHER EUGENE DANIEL

### *Newly Appointed Statewide Coordinator for Deputies*

Worshipful Brother Eugene is a family-man, dedicated husband and father and one of Illinois' most trustworthy Masons. By the hands of Most Worshipful Brother Aubrey K. Barlow, Grand Master of Illinois Prince Hall Masons, Daniel was appointed as the new Statewide Coordinator for District Deputy Grand Masters and Lecturers for the Illinois Jurisdiction. A man of many hats, he will fill the shoes left by Worshipful Brother Fred Williams III and other prior holders of this office in coordinating the functions of the Deputies across the great State of Illinois.



## SOLEMN NOTES

The Illinois Jurisdiction mourns the loss of all brethren who have made their transitions to the bosom of our heavenly father. Among them are Most Worshipful Brother Angelo W. Jones and Dr. Arthur Parrott.

- *Most Worshipful Brother Angelo W. Jones (left) was the 42nd Grand Master of Illinois Prince Hall Masons serving from 2005 to 2008. It was under his leadership that the Grand Lodge completed the renovation of the Grand East.*
- *Dr. Arthur Parrott (right) was a Past Master of Garden City Lodge #59. A renowned Martial Artist, he was recognized as one of the highest ranking Black Belts in America and honored as a Supreme Grand Master on the worldwide Scroll of Masters in 2010.*

May peace be unto the ashes of all fallen brethren.





# SPECIAL CONGRATULATIONS

## *New Officers of the United Supreme Council Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, PHA, NJ*



**Illustrious Melvin J. Bazemore, 33<sup>o</sup>**  
*from the Orient of Michigan is the Sovereign Grand Commander of the United Supreme Council, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry, Prince Hall Affiliation, Northern Jurisdiction, USA Inc.*



*Ill. Sidney Broadnax, 33<sup>o</sup>*  
*Lt. Grand Commander*



*Ill. William Stark, 33<sup>o</sup>*  
*Grand Minister of State*



*Ill. Roland K. Lee, 33<sup>o</sup>*  
*Grand Treasurer*



*Ill. Edward M. Brooks, 33<sup>o</sup>*  
*Secretary General*



*Ill. Daniel R. Poole, 33<sup>o</sup>*  
*Grand Recording Secretary*



*Ill. Raynard W. Hughes, 33<sup>o</sup>*  
*Cathedral Secretary*

## *New United Supreme Council Elevations and Appointments from Illinois*



*Sovereign Grand Inspectors General Millard Driskell, Milton Jackson and Elijah Owens elevated to Emeriti.*



*Grand Inspector General Daryl Andrews appointed Editor of the USC Bulletin.*



*8 Fraters Elevated to the 33rd Degree*

## JUDGE BRANDON RETIRES

The Prince Hall Masonic Journal salutes Judge Walter Brandon Jr. on his recent retirement.

Brandon grew up in East St. Louis. Many of his friends went to college or the military while others ended up in prison. The son of a former East St. Louis police lieutenant, he worked in the trenches of city politics early on. This drove him to pursue civic and political interests at Illinois State University.

He earned a Bachelors Degree in Political Science in 1982 from the Univeristy. He also gained a Masters Degree in Criminal Justice in 1985. He pursued a law degree at Southern University which eventually led to his service as a prosecutor for the St. Clair County States Attorney Office.

He was also active in private practice. He was an attorney for the Cueto Law firm and started his own private practice shortly thereafter. His service led to his appointment as an Associate Judge. Since 2008, he has served as the main juvenile court judge for St Clair County.

Congratulations and Best Wishes to Judge Brandon on his recent retirement.





# EUREKA GRAND CHAPTER



## Healthier Eating

In my research, I, found eating too many carbs can lead to high blood glucose levels and that high-fat foods can also affect your blood glucose hours later. Have you ever wondered why eating pizza or Chinese food causes your blood glucose to spike several hours afterward? If you have diabetes that happens because a high-fat intake makes it harder for your insulin to do its job. High-fat foods usually require more insulin. Being carb smart and fat smart are equally important. The point is not to stop eating fat, but to be mindful of your intake, just as you are of your carbohydrate intake. Here are a "few" options to decrease the amount of fat calories, sugar and salt in your diet:

### In Place of

- **Margarine/butter**
- **Full-fat cheese**
- **Regular salad**
- **Dressing**
- **Whole milk**
- **Mayonnaise**
- **Yogurt**
- **Fried foods**
- **Whole egg**
- **Oils**
- **Soups**
- **Tartar sauce**
- **White semolina**
- **Pasta**

### Try this instead

*Low-fat, low-sodium broth; wine; light tubmargarine; applesauce; apple butter; pureed fruit*  
*Reduced-fat, low-fat or fat-free varieties*  
*Balsamic vinegar; low-fat or fat-free salad dressing; lemon juice; vinegar*  
*Low-fat 1% or fat-free, plain yogurt*  
*Mustard; salsa; fat-free dressing; light/fat-free mayonnaise; light Miracle Whip (regular or Greek style)*  
*Bake, broil, roast, steam grill, microwave, poach*  
*Two egg whites or egg substitute*  
*Nonstick spray or use a reduced-sodium meat stock*  
*Chill soups, gravies and stews in refrigerator. Skim off hardened fat before reheating to serve*  
*Lemon juice or low-fat tartar sauce*  
*Whole wheat pasta; reduced-carbohydrate*  
*Pasta to add fiber or to reduce carbohydrates*

So, now you have, "Healthier Eating", To Stay Healthy and Happy".



# ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR

Immanuel Lodge #153 PHA, Prince Hall GL of Illinois Like Page

January 6 ·

Eureka Grand Chapter Order of the Eastern Star, State of Illinois Prince Hall Affiliate 2019 Installation Bar



## Book Review—Words of Life

Brother Markell Mooney member active member of New Yerusalem Lodge #158 says “that a poet is someone who can pour lite into a cup to nourish your soul and parch your spirit”. Ease your mind and take a journey into a personal euphoria with pain, loss and joy embedded into a tree of encouragement. Brother Markell Mooney exposes the most personal and difficult times of his life, despair, struggle, and healing-- In poems that move, comfort and console. Give yourself a gift, each time you close this book, he wants you to want more.

Mooney, 43, said it took him 11 years to write the book, which is a compilation of poems he has written since 1997. Words of Life is split into three parts: The Words, Words of Love and Words of Life. "I write about love, family, social and economic issues. I took my entire collection and categorized each poem to fit in their own sections," Mooney said.



He first became interested in writing in his late teens, inspired by Jim Morrison, Maya Angelou and Stevie Wonder. "I would take words from Stevie Wonder's albums and put them into my own poetry to smooth talk the girls." Since then, his writing process has become more complex and includes using poetry as a therapy to get him through difficult times.

Many of the poems in his book are based on his own experiences, including growing up in Austin. On page 39, readers will find Welcome to the Westside of the Chi, a tribute to his fond memories of summer season in the





# 2019 LIST OF BOGUS MASONS

SUBMITTED BY THE BRIAN L. ABRAMS SR. CHAPTER OF



There are ONLY two legitimate Grand Lodges in Illinois:

- Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Illinois
- Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Illinois (AF&AM).

Both recognize one another and both are recognized by the

- ◆ Abraham Grand Lodge
- ◆ Algeria Imperial Grand Shrine
- ◆ Auset Grand Chapter AKMSM
- ◆ Black Masonic Network
- ◆ First St. Johns Grand Lodge
- ◆ Genesis Grand Lodge
- ◆ Illinois Association of Grand Lodges
- ◆ Illinois United Grand Council of Deliberation
- ◆ Imperial Grand Council of AAONMS of the United States
- ◆ Institute of Christian and Masonic Studies
- ◆ Job Grand Lodge
- ◆ King Josiah Grand Lodge
- ◆ King Solomon Grand Lodge MFAM
- ◆ Kingdom Grand Lodge #1
- ◆ Lazarus Grand Lodge
- ◆ Masonic University
- ◆ Mecca Grand Lodge
- ◆ MW Aaron Grand Lodge
- ◆ MW Celestial Grand Lodge
- ◆ MW Eagle Claw Grand Lodge AFAM
- ◆ MW Ecclesiastes Grand Lodge
- ◆ MW Elite Grand Lodge
- ◆ MW Enoch Grand Lodge
- ◆ MW Foster Edney Williams Grand Lodge
- ◆ MW Galatians Grand Lodge AFAM
- ◆ MW Grand Lodge of Amon Ra
- ◆ MW Holy Trinity Grand Lodge
- ◆ MW John A. Bell Grand Lodge
- ◆ MW King Cyrus Grand Lodge
- ◆ MW King David Grand Lodge
- ◆ MW King Menelik Grand Lodge
- ◆ MW King Solomon #1 Grand Lodge
- ◆ MW Lee Cross Grand Council AASRFM
- ◆ MW Moses Grand Lodge
- ◆ MW Mt. Calvary Grand Lodge
- ◆ MW Mt. Olive Grand Lodge
- ◆ MW New Jerusalem Grand Lodge
- ◆ MW Rabboni Grand Lodge AFAM
- ◆ MW St. Ezra Grand Lodge
- ◆ MW St. James Grand Lodge
- ◆ MW St. John Evangelist Grand Lodge
- ◆ MW St. John Grand Lodge
- ◆ MW St. Luke Grand Lodge
- ◆ MW St. Mark Grand Lodge FAAYM
- ◆ MW True Light Grand Lodge
- ◆ MW Tuscan Grand Lodge
- ◆ MW United Grand Lodge AAF
- ◆ MW United Grand Lodge AFAM
- ◆ MW Universe Grand Lodge
- ◆ Nehemiah Grand Lodge



# BOGUS MASONIC ORGANIZATIONS IN ILLINOIS

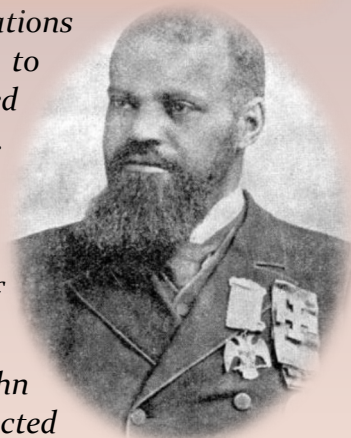
THE PHYLAXIS SOCIETY—CHICAGO, ILLINOIS—HON. CARLTON SMITH, PRESIDENT

United Grand Lodge of England (UGLE), the Mother Grand Lodge of Freemasonry. This listing identifies BOGUS Masonic organizations that CANNOT be traced to “legitimate” sources. Some source from expelled Prince Hall Masons. Feel free to share this list publicly and privately. It may help someone to avoid an incorrect choice.

- ◆ New MW St. John Grand Lodge
- ◆ Order of David Hebrew Grand Lodge #1
- ◆ Progressive Supreme Grand Lodge Inc.
- ◆ Regular Grand Lodge of Illinois AARF
- ◆ Seth Lodge of Research #7
- ◆ Sovereign Supreme Council of Ancient Accepted Freemasons Inc.
- ◆ St. John Grand Lodge of the National Grand Lodge of FAASR
- ◆ St. Matthew Grand Lodge
- ◆ St. Paul Grand Lodge
- ◆ St. Titus Grand Lodge
- ◆ Supreme General Council of Sovereign Grand Inspectors General Knight Commanders of the Holy Temple of King Solomon of the 33rd and Last Degree
- ◆ Supreme General Grand Masonic Congress of Grandmaster of the High East AFAM
- ◆ The Original MW St. Johns Grand Lodge
- ◆ Unity Conference of African American Masons
- ◆ Universal General Grand Masonic Congress of Sovereign Grand Lodge USA Inc.
- ◆ Universal Supreme Council of Sovereign Grand Inspector General of AASRFM
- ◆ William V. Banks Grand Lodge IFAMM

**FEEL FREE TO SHARE THIS LIST**

Several bogus organizations trace their lineage directly to John G. Jones, an expelled Prince Hall Mason (right). He was a prominent Chicago attorney. He is considered by many sources to be the Father of Bogus Masonry.



Jones was a member of John Jones Lodge #7. He was elected Master of the Lodge in 1875 but served the Grand Lodge as Grand Secretary (1873-1875) and Deputy Grand Master (1875-1876) while in office. He was **suspended** and reinstated by the Grand Lodge in 1887. He was **expelled** along with William Gray in 1903.

Expulsion deprives a man of **ALL** rights and privileges of Freemasonry. Any acts performed in the name of Freemasonry by one who has been expelled, are NULL and VOID. Those who purport Masonic acts while expelled are knowingly duping innocents. Hence, their subsequent actions relative to Freemasonry are illegitimate and despicable to the ignorant.

Claiming to be Masons, Jones and Gray organized the MW St. John Grand Lodge after their expulsion. This act was done with full awareness of its illegitimacy. While their effort was shunned nationally, it was embraced locally and set a precedent that is used today.

While some of the organizations listed knowingly purport illegitimate Freemasonry, others do so unwittingly. This list is a tool for internal and external use to help ALL to identify legitimate Masonic bodies in Illinois. One must be able to trace their roots to a legitimate source to be removed.



# SALUTATIONS ARE

In Freemasonry, some titles and salutations are earned and, unfortunately, cannot even be given on an honorary basis. However, there is some confusion. So let's start with the basics and work our way upward.

A salutation is a method by which an individual is saluted or introduced. Married women are saluted as "Mrs." Single women are saluted as "Ms." or "Miss". Gentlemen are saluted as "Mr." These are natural salutations. However, "Dr." is an earned salutation as it identifies individuals who have completed strenuous requirements. "Esquire" is an earned salutation as it identifies individuals who have passed the strenuous examination to become an attorney. While the former salutations are basically "unearned" because they are natural, the latter are "earned" as labor has been expended to receive the designation. The latter represents the case in Freemasonry.

Before moving forward, it is important to clarify an important fact. The highest salutation that one Mason may give is, quite simply, "Brother". This salutation is also a title. Essentially, every Mason in good standing is a Brother and holds the title of Brother. It signifies a deeper bond in which trust prevails. All good Masons stand by their obligations. The title could not be earned without having taken an obligation and without providing evidence of proficiency. This means that one Brother should be able to trust another Brother in his home when he is **NOT** present. So, this title, this salutation, is earned and should be revered.

Additional levels of salutation are added to "Brother" based on achievements. "Worshipful" can ONLY be added to the salutation of "Brother" if a Brother has been elected and served as Worshipful Master of a subordinate Lodge under the existing jurisdiction. At his **installation** and **NOT at his election** does this salutation shift from "Brother" to "Worshipful Brother". Once he has passed the chair after his term of leadership, he has become a "Past Master" which is a title. Yet, he will always retain the salutation of "Worshipful Brother" because it identifies that he has, at one point in time, served as a Master of a Lodge.

To have been elected Master of a Lodge is not necessarily a trophy but a duty. It is servitude because the Master is responsible for a great deal. Good service brings honor to one's name and to the Lodge. The initial election of the Brother to the office was obtained, most likely, as a result of strenuous work endured during prior stations and/or places in the Lodge. The salutation of "Worshipful" cannot be granted without service and cannot be bestowed in an honorary fashion. As such, this salutation is an earned one.

The history of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Illinois has several precedents that reaffirm this assertion. One, in particular, is the case of Dr. Walter N. Thomas of Garden City Lodge #59. Dr. Thomas was a highly active member of the Lodge and in the Scottish Rite in the 1920s which drove the brethren of the Lodge to name him an honorary Past Master of the Lodge in 1923. Styled as "Brother" on the records, he earned the salutation of "Worshipful Brother" in 1926 when the Lodge elected him as Worshipful Master of the Lodge. Worshipful Brother Dr. Walter N. Thomas served three terms as Master of the Lodge from 1926 to 1928. He was appointed as Scottish Rite Deputy for the Orient of Illinois in 1929.

Certain rights and privileges come with earning the title of "Past Master" and salutation of "Worshipful Brother". Those Past Masters who have earned the salutation hold membership in the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Illinois in addition to their subordinate Lodges. This grants them the voting rights at both levels. Members of the Grand Lodge are also eligible to hold office at the Grand Lodge level. Those who do not have this designation only have voting rights at the subordinate Lodge level with the exception of the Master and Wardens of the Lodge. They are not Members of the Grand Lodge but Representatives of their subordinate Lodges who can vote on the Lodge's behalf in the Grand Lodge.



# EARNED FROM SERVICE

Salutations for Members of the Grand Lodge or Past Masters are controlled at the Grand Lodge level. While “Appointed Grand Lodge Officers” retain the same salutation of “Worshipful Brother” as Members of the Grand Lodge, “Elected Grand Lodge Officers” prefix the salutation with either the word “Right” producing “Right Worshipful Brother” or “Most” producing “Most Worshipful Brother”. The word “Most” replaces the word “Right” in the Illinois jurisdiction ONLY in the case where a brother has been elected as Grand Master. Actual Grand Masters and Past Grand Masters from Illinois and other recognized jurisdictions who have been elected Grand Master are also saluted in the same fashion.

For clarity it must be stated that once a Member has earned a salutation, it remains his permanent salutation even after he has passed the office. This is the case because the Members and Representatives of the Grand Lodge saw fit to elect that Member of the Grand Lodge as a “Right Worshipful Brother” or “Most Worshipful Brother”. It became effective when the Member was installed and was, subsequently, earned with service. As such, the salutation will always remain in effect.

Historically, there have been exceptions many of which were followed by changes to the Constitution and Bylaws of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Illinois:

- **Honorary Past Grand Masters:** “Honorary Past Grand Masters” who had not served as Actual Grand Masters were previously saluted as “Most Worshipful Brother”. They are now saluted with the salutation that aligns with the highest office that was served - “Right Worshipful Brother” or “Worshipful Brother”.
- **Brother to Right Brother to Right Worshipful Brother:** At the formation of the Grand Lodge in 1867, Harrison D. King of North Star Lodge was elected Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge while serving as Senior Warden of North Star. He wasn’t elected Worshipful Master until 1869. William L. Darrow was elected Grand Junior Warden (1867-May), Grand Senior Warden (1867-June) and Deputy Grand Master (1868) while serving as Worshipful Master of North Star (1867-68). John G. Jones was elected Grand Secretary (1873-75) before serving as Worshipful Master of John Jones Lodge #7 in 1875. Article VIII Sections 2 & 3 of the Constitution was updated to incorporate a provision to prevent election to Grand Lodge offices for those who have not served or are currently serving as Worshipful Master.
- **Worshipful to Most Worshipful:** The highest office served by Austin Perry prior to being elected Grand Master in 1883 was Worshipful Master of Eureka Lodge #13 of Mattoon, Illinois. Article VIII Section 4 of the Constitution was updated to incorporate a provision to limit eligibility for election to the Offices of Grand Master or Deputy Grand Master ONLY to the Grand Wardens.

The science behind the construction of salutations is simple. The salutation is built from the offices to which a brother has been elected and served. In accordance with the Constitution and Bylaws of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Illinois, a brother cannot become a “Right Worshipful Brother” without having first become a “Worshipful Brother” nor can he become a “Most Worshipful Brother” without first becoming a “Right Worshipful Brother”. This is the law.

In circumstances where no precedents have been set, the question of eligibility falls upon the Grand Lodge to make an ad-hoc determination. These determinations may or may not be fully accepted by all of the Members or Representatives. As such, discussion on this scenario may be required to prevent situations that could become uncomfortable. None-the-less, clarity relative to salutations is clear—**BROTHER to WORSHIPFUL BROTHER to RIGHT WORSHIPFUL BROTHER to MOST WORSHIPFUL BROTHER**. In these instances, each variation of the “Worshipful” salutation is clearly earned.

## NAMESAKE LODGE SERIES: Charles E. Gavin Lodge #143

The 143<sup>rd</sup> Lodge chartered by the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Illinois was Charles E. Gavin Lodge of Chicago Heights, Illinois. It was organized in 1976 as the namesake of Dr. Charles E. Gavin. He was considered a civic giant and humanitarian in the South Suburban Chicago area and was a man who exhibited traits that are certainly worthy of emulation.

Dr. Charles E. Gavin (left), affectionately known as “Buddy”, grew up and lived in Chicago Heights, Illinois. He attended Bloom High School and was recognized for outstanding, academic achievement. He was admitted into the National Scholastic Honor Society which marked the first time an African-American student at the school had gained admission. He was called to serve in World War Two after graduation. After completing his service in World War Two, he returned to Illinois to complete collegiate studies that would help him to achieve his goal of becoming a medical doctor. He enrolled at the University of Illinois and received his Bachelor of Science degree in Chemistry with high honors in three years. He received an academic scholarship and attended the University of Chicago obtaining a Master’s degree in inorganic chemistry. He earned his medical degree from the University of Illinois, becoming one of the first African Americans to be certified and admitted after only one year of practice into the National College of orthopedic surgeons. Dr. Gavin earned employment at St. James Hospital in Chicago Heights, Illinois after post-collegiate studies. He gained renown as a surgeon and a strong manager. His high degree of skill and intelligence elevated him to the head of the orthopedic staff requiring him to develop that department at the hospital.

While his educational and leadership accomplishments were extraordinary, he was known within the Chicago Heights Community as being one of its most outstanding community servants. He was known for providing free

health care to many who could not afford it. His activism in multiple social and fraternal circles were of the highest quality and served as additional outlets for his humanitarian service. All people regardless of their socio-economic status, ethnicity, or creed received outstanding quality medical care with respect and dignity from Dr. Gavin.

The untimely death of Dr. Gavin on January 9, 1971 at 44 years of age struck a blow to the Chicago Heights community at large. The amount of free services that Dr. Gavin provided the community were so enormous that the citizens of the city took steps to ensure that he would be remembered. Shortly thereafter, the Dr. Charles E. Gavin Memorial Foundation was organized to extend the benefits granted by Dr. Gavin. The Foundation's endeavors remain in tact and include the granting of financial aid, assistance and guidance to men and women enrolled in colleges and universities, the granting of aid and assistance for the furtherance of sound and effective health care and the granting of aid and assistance for furtherance of human love and understanding among races and creeds in our society. The City of Chicago Heights also worked to ensure that this giant would not be forgotten. In doing so, Dr. Charles E. Gavin Elementary School was erected. The school closed its doors in 2010 due to lack of enrollment. However, the resurgence of citizens in the communities shortly thereafter saw a need for the school to re-open. It re-opened as Lincoln-Gavin Elementary in 2012 and remains a part of the Chicago Heights School District 170.

Charles E. Gavin Lodge #143 was chartered in 1976 by the hands of Most Worshipful Brother James H. Black Sr. The Charter Worshipful Master of the Lodge was Tommie L. Thompson and the Lodge remained active through the 1990s. However, the migration of many to Chicago was the primary factor for the loss of membership. The Lodge surrendered its charter in the year 2000.





# Someone You Should Know

## Biography

**Right Worshipful Brother Samuel E. Hurd**  
**Grand Auditor**

**Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Illinois**  
**Age: 66**

### ~ Resume ~

Joined the State of Missouri in 1998, Employment Counselor, Retired May 2014; was Inventory Manager with UNILVER, St. Louis Mo., Shipping and Receiving Manager (1997-98); was Production Line Supervisor with Capital Distribution, Sparta, IL. (1994-97) member of US Armed Forces, Air Force (1971- 1994); and promoted to Top Enlisted Rank "Chief Master Sergeant" (E-9) where he served in the Most Prestigious Position "Chief Enlisted Manager" Tague Air Base Korea assuming responsibility for enlisted personal actions for 700 enlisted personnel.

### ~ Education ~

- ◆ Master degree, Public Administration from Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville (2002);
- ◆ Bachelor's degrees Management (1996), Human Resource Management (1999) from Park University;
- ◆ Associate degree in Logistics Management from Community College of the Air Force (1985),

### ~ Job Related Training ~

- ◆ Certified Missouri Workforce Development Professional, University of Missouri-Columbia (2005)
- ◆ Missouri Counselor Academy, Missouri Department of Higher Education (2004)
- ◆ Labor Employment Specialist, University of Colorado at Denver (1999)
- ◆ US Air Force Senior Non Commission Academy (1989), Leadership Schools (1979 & 1981)

### ~ Other Notables ~

Served in Vietnam and Gulf War Campaigns. A highly decorated member of US Armed Forces; his many awards and decorations to include Four (4) Air Force Meritorious Service Medals (non-combat related), Five (5) Air Force Commendation Medals, and Presidential Unit Citation Award.



### ~ Affiliation ~

- ◆ P.G. Porter Lodge No. 142 (1985 – present)
- ◆ Tyree Consistory #64, (33<sup>rd</sup>)
- ◆ Aahmes Temple #132
- ◆ Disabled American Veterans
- ◆ Veterans of Foreign War
- ◆ American Veterans (AMVET).

### ~ Key Offices Held ~

- ◆ Grand Auditor Prince Hall Mason (2018 – present)
- ◆ District Deputy Grand Master/Area Coordinator, Prince Hall Masons State of Illinois 4th Masonic District (2007 - 2018);
- ◆ District Deputy Grand Lecturer (2006)
- ◆ Worshipful Master (2005-2006)
- ◆ Vice President of Worshipful Masters Club (2005)
- ◆ Thrice Potent Master, Tyree Consistory No. 64,
- ◆ Vice President, Commanders of the Rite, Valley of East St. Louis (2012-2013)
- ◆ Past Assistant Recorder, Aahmes Temple No. 132, East Saint Louis, Illinois





# Advancing Partnerships to Improve

*Karriem S. Watson, James Stinson and Robert A. Winn*

It is widely known that African American men carry some of the greatest burden of health disparities. In the United States, cardiovascular/heart disease and cancer are known to be the top causes of death and illness (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention-CDC, 2019). According to the American Heart Association (AHA), cardiovascular/heart disease is not just one condition, but multiple conditions that include diseases associated with the heart and blood vessels (AHA, 2019). Compared to white men, black men are almost two times more likely to suffer poorer outcomes from cardiovascular/heart disease (ACS, 2019). For cancers such as lung, prostate and colorectal, black men are more likely to be diagnosed with a more aggressive cancer and die at younger ages (American Cancer Society-ACS, 2019). There are many reasons that point to why African American men suffer a greater burden of disease, including: the associated stress with being a black man in America, diet and lifestyle factors, family history, and ease of access to health care professionals. Other important factors often overlooked when analyzing this burden of disease may include: men's understanding of their own health, masculinity, and the cultural awareness of health care providers who understand the multiple factors impacting the health of African American men.

The University of Illinois Cancer Center (UI Cancer Center) is committed to addressing the health needs of individuals, communities and families by forming partnerships that increase access and awareness to prevention, education, screening, early detection, treatment and research. Robert A. Winn, M.D., serves as the Director of the UI Cancer Center and is currently the only African American male in this role in the United States. We are committed to ensuring that communities and individuals such as African American men have access to innovative care, cutting edge research and comprehensive support for those living with cancer. Our "Bench to Community" model of the UI Cancer Center means as an institution we are committed to understanding how cancer research at the smallest cellular level directly influences health outcomes at the level of communities and zip codes in which we live. It is by working with community partners such as The Most Worshipful Grand Lodge State of Illinois Family that the UI Cancer Center is able to achieve its vision and mission to improve health outcomes of individuals, families and communities. Below, we provide five important steps that African American men can take to improve their health outcomes for cardiovascular/heart disease and cancer.

## **1. DEVELOP A RELATIONSHIP WITH A PRIMARY CARE PROVIDER**

The UI Cancer Center and its affiliation with the University of Illinois Hospital and Health Science System - known as UI Health - is one of only a handful of academic medical centers that has a direct affiliation with a Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC). Since the *War on Poverty* in the 1960s, FQHCs executed a federal mandate to ensure medically underserved communities have access to primary care. The UI Cancer Center keenly advocates for primary health care because of the importance it places on prevention and early detection of cancer and disease. We often get asked, "*What cancers should black men get screened for?*" A consistent relationship with a primary care provider (PCP) ensures one has a health care professional who is addressing all their health needs on a regular basis. A PCP can determine one's heart health by using evidence-based risk assessment tools informed by lifestyle, blood work, and family history. The PCP will also know which cancer screenings are appropriate for the African American man. Most, if not all, health insurances cover an annual checkup with a primary care provider for preventative health.

## **2. UNDERSTAND YOUR FAMILY HISTORY**

As a culture, family has always been a central part of the African American community. However, when it comes to health histories, African American families do not always engage in open conversations about what conditions, diseases and illnesses impact one's family. For example, many cancer screenings are recommended based on what age a first degree relative such as a father, brother or son was diagnosed with an illness. Currently, we know that only about five percent to 10 percent of cancers are associated with a defect in the DNA that can be passed on from parent to child. In some cases, getting screened five to 10 years before a first-degree family member was initially diagnosed with cancer or heart disease can improve the health outcomes of African American men.



# the Health of African American Men

*University of Illinois Cancer Center*

## **3. ENGAGE IN PHYSICAL ACTIVITY AND MAINTAIN A HEALTHY DIET**

In studying community health, there are two types of risk factors that increase your chances of getting a disease or condition: modifiable risks and non-modifiable risks. Modifiable risk factors are lifestyle decisions one has the ability to change or improve. Examples of modifiable risk factors include: diet, exercise, tobacco, alcohol, recreational drugs, and exposures to certain environments. Non-modifiable risk factors are innate or fixed circumstances one cannot alter. Examples of non-modifiable risk factors include family history and genetic ancestry. African American men have no control over the health issues that our fathers, brothers and other family members battled. Nevertheless, we do have more control over what we do and what we eat to ensure better health outcomes. Engaging in daily physical activity for at least 20 to 30 minutes of consistent movement is known to improve health outcomes of African American men. Types of exercise can involve exercising in a gym, playing a pick-up basketball game, or even speed-walking with the brothers of the Masonic Family. Additionally, a diet low in fat and processed foods and rich in fruits, vegetables and healthy grains has been scientifically proven to improve heart disease and cancer outcomes in African American men.

## **4. LIMIT THE AMOUNT OF STRESS AND FOCUS ON HEALTHY MENTAL HEALTH**

The UI Cancer Center is fully aware that black men in America face mental and behavioral health exposures such as stress, racism and social isolation that negatively impact the health of African American men. We also understand that discussions on topics such as depression, anxiety and Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) are often taboo in African American households. There is growing evidence that screening for anxiety and depression among African American men can provide insight to help men cope with the daily stress that can accompany being black in America.

In addition to the biological elements associated with cancer, we are learning more about the impact of the environment, diet, stress and lifestyle on cancer cells. The evidence suggests one's zip code may have similar influence as one's genetic code on health outcomes. The study of the environment impacting the genetic code is termed *epigenetics* in medicine. In other words, where you live and how you live can change how your genes respond.

## **5. LEARN MORE ABOUT THE IMPORTANCE OF RESEARCH**

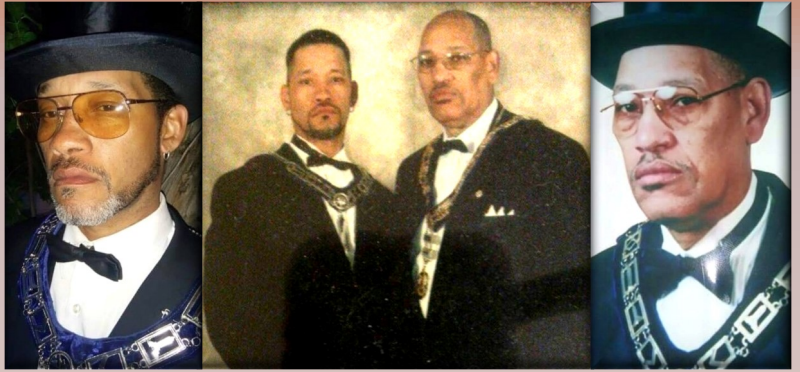
It is no secret that the African American community has not always had a good experience with health related research and clinical trials. The memory and methods of studying syphilis in African American men conducted by the U.S. Public Health Service at Tuskegee in the 1930s to 1970s and the legacy of Henrietta Lacks are just two painful examples of how research has been done "on us" as opposed to "with us" or "for us." Now, more than 40 years later with comprehensive federal laws protecting all research participants, the UI Cancer Center has partnered with African American men to form a group called the *Citizen Scientists*. These are everyday men, one of which is even a member of the Prince Hall Masonic Lodge, who are committed to ensuring that research is done "with" African American men instead of "on or to" African American men. It is important that African American men and other diverse communities encourage research that specifically relates to communities of color to promote innovative drug discovery, state of the art surgical procedures and holistic support from screening to cancer survivorship. Citizen Scientists are "grass-roots" researchers who help shepherd medical research within communities of color to be "for us and by us."

The UI Cancer Center is committed to addressing the cancer needs of African American men in Illinois and the U.S. Under the leadership of Dr. Winn, the UI Cancer Center is able to engage in comprehensive discussions about cancer, stress, food insecurity, heart disease and diabetes. We are grateful for the opportunity of partnering with The Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge State of Illinois to ensure African American men and their families and communities across the State become aware of and gain access to evidence-based health information and comprehensive health care services that will improve their health outcomes.



# FREEMASONRY & FAMILY

In the upcoming editions of the Prince Hall Masonic Journal, we will continue to place a heavy focus on families in Freemasonry. In prior editions, you met the Friersons, the Tharpes, the Owens and others. Well, meet the Past Masters Zackery (right).



Past Master Lattermore Zackery Jr. became a member of Rufus Mitchell Lodge #107 of Waukegan over 25 years ago. He served as Worshipful Master of the Lodge in 2002 and worked to uphold his duties as Master of the Lodge. Nearly 15 years after leading Rufus Mitchell, did his son, Steve Zackery attain the same office in Keystone Lodge #15 of Aurora. This father-son combination now serve as District Deputy Grand Masters for the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Illinois in its 2nd District.

Sons who follow in the Masonic footsteps of their fathers, grandfathers and other ancestors extend the tradition of Freemasonry through the bloodline. Jerrail Johnson of Jericho Lodge #120 became the recipient of a very special gift from his father, Past Master Reginald Johnson in September of 2018. Past Master Johnson presented him with the Masonic Ring of his Great-Great-Grandfather, Sam Johnson (left & center) after raising him to the Master Mason Degree. This event made Brother Jerrail the fifth generation of Masons in the Johnson family.



Past Master Richard Andrews of Henry Brown Lodge #22 RAISED his own 19 year old son in November of 2018. A District Deputy Grand Lecturer and staunch ritualist, Andrews conducted the ceremonies himself and stands proudly with his son (right) on this remarkable achievement.

The Coopers represent a strong family within the ranks of Freemasonry. Their familial bonds have translated well in the Masonic ranks. Rev. Clyde W. Cooper Sr. holds nearly half of century in Prince Hall Freemasonry. His service earned him the style of Deputy Grand Master Emeritus of the Grand Lodge.



He and his wife, Sister Anna M. Cooper, are also Past Worthy Grand Patron and Past Worthy Grand Patron of Eureka Grand Chapter Order of the Eastern Star. Rev. Cooper served as Worshipful Master of Wayfarers Lodge #128 in 1978. Charles Cooper Sr. served as Master of the same Lodge in 2001 and 2002. Sister Julia Cooper has held leadership roles in the Order of the Eastern Star as well as multiple Appendant Bodies. Right Worshipful Brother Jim Brown, Grand Trustee, also is a part of this family through marriage. When considering all accomplishments, they clearly qualify as a high profile Masonic family and collectively account for a century of Freemasonry.

Like other Masonic Families, the familial bonds are extended through the Order. Fathers bring sons into the Masonic ranks. Brothers bring other brothers into the fold. Members marry and extend the familial bonds as well. None-the-less, many tend to learn new characteristics about their relatives when working together to achieve Masonic goals. This can also strengthen familial bonds.

In addition, inter-family linkages that were previously undiscovered have been revealed when members are aware of familial ties and are able to navigate between the 6 degrees of separation to identify solid linkages. This linkage is



definitely the case for the Chicago Andrews who familial linkages align with multiple Lodges across the State of Illinois. In this case, North Star Lodge #1, Cornerstone Lodge #91, Elijah S. Betts Lodge #23, Henry Brown Lodge #22, Princess Syene Chapter #114 OES and Sarah C. Brown Chapter #126 are linked.



The Senior-most member in the chain is Right Worshipful Brother Kenneth R. Ingram, #1 (top-right corner). Ingram served as Worshipful master of North Star Lodge #1 in 1984 and was selected as the Grand Lodge Mason of the Year during the same term. His niece, Shaneka (Ingram) Andrews, #114 OES is the wife of Past Master Troy Andrews, #91 (second row-middle). Troy Andrews is the brother of Right Worshipful Brother Daryl Andrews, #91 and Kyle Andrews, #91 (top-center). All three are Past Masters of Cornerstone Lodge #91. Daryl served as worshipful Master of the Lodge in 2005 and 2006, was selected as the Grand Lodge Mason of the Year in 2008 and was an Elected Grand Lodge Officer. Kyle served as Worshipful Master in 2013 and 2014. Troy served as Worshipful Master in 2015 and 2016. Sister Dana Andrews, #114 OES (second row-left) is the blood sister of the Brothers Andrews (family photo) who are the children of Clyde and Darlene Andrews. Sister Theresa Nikki Young, #126 OES (second row-right) is also the niece of Ingram and blood cousin to Sister Shaneka Andrews. Sister Gwendolyn Howell Andrews, #114 OES is the wife of Past Master Kyle Andrews (top-left). Sisters Shaneka, Nikki and Gwen are all Past Matrons. For Clarity, the Andrews siblings pictured above from oldest to youngest are Kyle, Troy, Daryl and Dana.

Familial bonds that were identified after research extended the bonds from the Chicago area to Central Illinois. As verified through Ancestry.com, Past Master Richard Andrews, #22 is the blood relative of the Chicago Andrews. Past Master Ronald Bell II, #23 is the blood cousin of Richard. Richard is the blood cousin of Brother Tyrone Andrews, #91 (not pictured) who was raised a member of the Lodge one year before Daryl Andrews over twenty years ago.

The familial recognition between Daryl Andrews and Kenneth Ingram came at a family Christmas gathering with the Ingrams in 1998. It was discovered that one of the sons dated the daughter of Past Master David Johnson, #91 which is the Past Master that brought Daryl into Cornerstone Lodge. Through this connection and subsequent conversations, Kyle and Troy joined Cornerstone Lodge #91. Their wives joined Princess Syene Chapter #114 along with their sister, Dana. There are more Andrews in the Masonic ranks of the Illinois, Louisiana, Mississippi and California jurisdictions. With the advancement of the Richard's son and potential for future members, the roots run deep and the potential is very high.

There are other families in the Illinois Masonic ranks that have similar linkages like the Coopers and the Andrews. Many are father-son combinations that were on display at the Father-Son luncheon at the Grand East earlier this year (below). Sponsored by the Membership Committee under the direction of Past Master Larry Burnett, fathers and sons under the Masonic umbrella were invited to share lunch and discuss their bonds. These families are only scratching the surface of all of the familial ties in the Illinois Jurisdiction. We look forward to more family ties in the future.

# KEYSTONE #15 TAKES A GENERATIONAL STEP

*Submitted By Bro. Hanif Morris*

**Proverbs 22:6** *“Train up a child in the way he should go, And when he is old he will not depart from it.”*

“Do as I say not as I do!” has been uttered by parents all over the world in some form or another as we subconsciously admit our imperfections to our progeny. We concede our failures, but also model the vital behaviors of recovery. The steps we take are the footprints that our kids emulate. With that in mind, we aim to perfect our steps so that those behind are more apt to succeed.

Undoubtedly, parenthood is one of the hardest jobs ever. Mothers and fathers alike stress over the details that consume child rearing from pre-birth ideals to college application essays. Anyone that earnestly takes on the responsibility of guiding the life of another human being eventually comes to the realization that the experience is a mutual one. We’ve heard many young fathers admit the birth of a newborn increases his rate of maturation exponentially. They are forever changed from that point forward.

The absence of a whole generation of fathers is an especially present phenomenon in our communities. Incarceration, heart disease and drug abuse are but a few of the causes of sons being commonly raised without their dads. So much so that a singular functional appearance of a father in the life of his son is akin to a unicorn sighting at the end of a skittle colored rainbow. It simply doesn’t happen. However, when it does occur, it should be appropriately exclaimed and encouraged.

Keystone #15 offers our current version of the aforementioned anomaly in the form of the Robinsons. Past Master William “Sonny” Robinson and his son, Reinaldo “Coach” Robinson were blessed to share the experience of the former delivering the Worshipful Master’s charge to the latter during the 2<sup>nd</sup> district public installation for the ensuing 2019 Masonic year. It is not every day that a father is afforded the opportunity to see his son masonically stand where he once he did. Keystone Lodge #15 proudly congratulates the hard work, effort and sacrifice that it took for the Robinsons to arrive at such a moment. May GOD continue to shine HIS Light upon the generational steps of Fathers & Sons everywhere!!!





# A MESSAGE OF EDUCATION TO NEWLY RAISED BROTHERS

*By: Worshipful Brother Lloyd Womack, Grand Historian*

The average Mason, after taking his degrees in Masonry should immediately ask himself, what does this all mean? I know I did. Nevertheless, I do not want to be selfish, therefore, let's give the benefit of the doubt because if you have a desire to be well informed you will find a way. Very few Masons have or will take the time to make an exhaustive study of Masonry. It is to this class of Masons this writing will make an especial appeal.

No Mason can acquire in a few days or months or even years, all there is to know about Masonry. Everything in Masonry has a beautiful meaning if rightly understood and everything in the ritual work is meant to teach a distinct moral lesson.

Twenty years ago, I, was initiated into Prince Hall Masonry (Alpha Omega Lodge No. 121), thanks to the late Most Worshipful Brother Henry Short, Sr., Past Grand Master. Past Grand Master Short was the 37<sup>th</sup> Grand Master of Illinois Prince Hall Masons. His years of service were 1992-1995.

Past Grand Master Short encouraged me to learn the basic of Free Masonry and to build on that. Free Masonry is a beautiful system of morality, veiled in allegory and illustrated by symbols. You also learn this through attending your Lodge Meetings, reading, being attentive in your Leadership Class and School of Instructions. Intelligent study will give you the groundwork for a real knowledge of Masonry. If Prince Hall Masonry is worth joining, it is worth knowing something about. Dedicate yourself to the task.

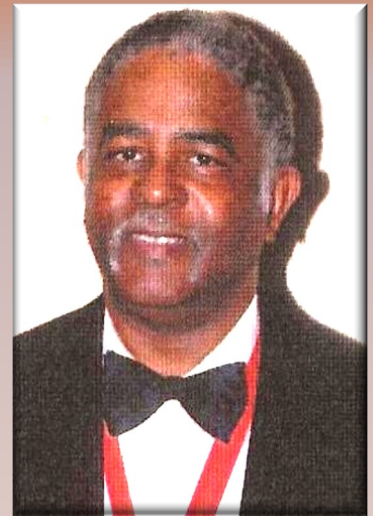
My Brethren, Prince Hall Masonry has been around for a very long time. Most Worshipful Brother Prince Hall was the first African American to be made a Mason in

America on March 6, 1775 in Boston, Massachusetts. He is our first Grand Master (per Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Massachusetts). We are talking about a man who was a slave who rose from slavery to become one of



the most respected men in American History.

It is because of his dedication, his labor, his numerous sacrifices, and his vast contribution to society that we exist today. It is because of



Most Worshipful Brother Prince Hall, that today, there are over 5,000 Prince Hall Lodges with Forty Seven (47) Grand Lodges. In each of those organizations, there are at least 3,000 Master Masons. There are also Adoptive, Appendant and Affiliated Bodies including all House in Scottish Rite, The York Rite, The Order of the Eastern Star, The Heroines of Jericho and the Shriners. We, the Prince Hall Masonic Family of Brothers and Sisters, Nation Wide, are the fruits of Prince Hall, labor, dedicated services and sacrifices.

So, to my Brothers who are coming into Prince Hall Masonry, take advantage of the knowledge in your surroundings, namely, your "Past Masters". Ask your Past Masters questions, read, study, and attend the School of Instructions. Right Worshipful Brother Glenn Pickett, Grand Lecturer, is in charge of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge School of Instructions. The Office of the Grand Lecturer is one of great importance. The Grand Lecturer is the recognized teacher of the Masonic System and it is by his faithful instructions "alone" that unity can be maintained in the methods of communicating our ritual.

Right Worshipful Brother Glenn Pickett is a fantastic lecturer, a dedicated brother, my friend, and my Western Consistory No. 28, 2002-2003 "Bowie/Clark" classmate. He will teach you well. You will be amazed in the knowledge you gain.

Brethren, a question, "not asked", is a question, "unanswered". Remember, if Prince Hall Masonry is worth joining, it is worth knowing something about. What you put into Masonry is what you get out of Masonry.

***Fraternally Yours, The Grand Historian.***



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# INSTALLATION & CHARITY SCHOLARSHIP BANQUET

Submitted By HPGM Earl D. Scott



The 35<sup>th</sup> Annual Installation & Charity Scholarship Banquet of the Southwestern Illinois Prince Hall Masonic Family was held on Saturday, January 26, 2019, at the Main Street Brewing Co. 4204—Banquet Catering, 6435 West Man Street, Belleville, Illinois. The Theme for the past 35 years has been “Reach Out and Touch Someone” by presenting students scholarships annually in the amount of \$500.00 dollars each. This year we presented scholarships to 9 students at a cost of \$4,500.00. Over the past 35 years, we have presented 129 scholarships to needy students throughout the Metro East and Scott Air Force Base communities. The presentations of Scholarship Awards were made by HPGM Earl D. Scott, #142 and PM Rachel A. Carter, #85 O.E.S. P.H.A. The students were:

- *Bryce C. Pittsford, Maryville University, St. Louis, MO., Major: Health Science;*
- *Kiara Chapman, McKendree College, Lebanon, IL., Major: Elementary Special Education;*
- *Chelsea Harris, Harding College, Searcy, AR; Major: Nursing;*
- *Frederick Hurt, II, Northern Illinois University, DeKalb, IL, Major: Chemistry;*
- *Ashlyn Green has been accepted to the University of Missouri, Major: Journalism;*
- *Janay McWilliams has been accepted to Stephens College, Columbia, MO, Major: Music;*
- *Sh’Vohonne M. Blackburn, University of Missouri at Kansas City, MO, Major: Accounting;*
- *Alexis Zenon, Saint Louis College of Pharmacy, St. Louis MO;*
- *Alazia Smith has been accepted to Lincoln University, Jefferson City, MO, Major: Social Work.*

Presentation of Certificates to all the Southwestern Illinois Prince Hall Masonic Family Heads of Lodges, Chapters, Courts and Councils were made by all Grand Heads of Houses and Appendant and Concordant Bodies of the Illinois Jurisdiction. Most Worshipful Brother Aubrey K. Barlow, Grand Master of Prince Hall Masons presented certificates to all Worshipful Masters elected and Installed for the year of 2019. Sister Lena D. Roberts, Worthy Grand Matron and Worshipful Brother Antonio Terry, Worthy Grand Patron did the honors for all 2019 Worthy Matrons and Worthy Patrons for the Masonic Family. Heroine Arnita L. Harris, Grand Senior Matron,







presented certificates to the Most Ancient Matrons and Most Worthy Joshua's. Royal Matron Julia Cooper, Royal Grand Perfect Matron, and Illustrious Companion Guardian Cordale Brown. Royal Grand Chief Advisor, of Levi H. Morris Grand Court, LOCOP, made the presentations to Royal Matron and Royal Chief Advisor.

Most Excellent Companion David Fields, Most Excellent Grand High Priest presented a certificate to Companion Hernando L. Brown, Excellent High Priest of East St. Louis Chapter #20 Holy Royal Arch Mason. Right Eminent Robert Q. Gary, Right Eminent Grand Commander presented certificates to Sir Knight Reginald Johnson, Eminent Commander of Crusaders Military Commandery #38, and Knights Templar and to Companion Theodes Kemp, Thrice Illustrious Master of Ellis T. Moore Council #3, Royal and Select Masters. The Scottish Rite and Order of the Golden Circle certificates were presented by Sovereign Grand Inspector General Melvin Frierson, Deputy of the Orient of Illinois to Loyal Lady Ruler, Tyree Assembly #55, Rochelle Reed and Commander-In-Chief, Illustrious Harry Barnett, Most Wise and Perfect Master, SP Britt Frierson, and Illustrious Robert Miner, Thrice Potent Master. Noble Armand Harris, Imperial Deputy of the Oasis of East St. Louis, Illinois presented certificate to Ill Potentate Michael Thomas. Dt. Rochelle Reed, Imperial Deputy for the Dt. East St. Louis, Illinois presented certificate to the Illustrious Commandress Andrea Bean.



We the Special Effort Committee wish to express our sincere appreciation for your support in making this our 35th Annual Installation Scholarship and Charity Banquet a success. Thanks to each and everyone who have supported us in this endeavor during the past 35 years.

We give special thanks and gratitude to the OFFICER FUNERAL HOME for their continued support. The programs this years as in all other past years were donated by Officer Funeral Home. We give all praises to God for what he has done and for what he is doing. May God continue to bless each of you!





## ST. ELIZABETH PANTRY

The brethren in the City of Chicago banded together to support the St. Elizabeth Church Food Pantry located at 50 E. 41st. Even the cold didn't stop volunteers from showing up and helping out. They unloaded the trucks, packed boxes and prepared them for distribution to those in need. No proof of residency was required due to the frigid weather conditions. When there is extreme cold, there is an extreme need and all worked together to lend a hand in helping others. - Photos by PM Tommy Harris



The Illinois Jurisdiction set aside the date of Monday, January 21st to honor Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. by implementing a practical plan for youth activity.

Bowling is an understated activity that incorporates physical activity as well as social connectivity with peers and opponents alike. It was a favorite past-time of Past Grand Master Henry Short who used it as a means to help develop youth in the sport. When considering the amount of time it takes to complete a game, youth are engaged with one another verbally. Instead of communicating using emoji's, they speak directly with one another while having fun.

Verbal communication and education were key talents of Dr. King. His verbal communication skills were extraordinary and matched only by his intelligence. As such, in addition to the physical activity, lectures were also given in each District at the events to ensure that the essence of a true, African American hero did not become lost between the pins.

Each Distirct sponsored an event which also became the namesakes of deceased Past Grand Masters of the Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Illinois:

- 1st District—PGM Henry Short Bowling Event coordinated by Right Worshipful Brother Leroy R. Berry
- 2nd District— PGM Henry G. Fort Bowling Event coordinated by Past Master Eugene Houston
- 3rd District—PGM James Gayles Bowling Event coordinated by Past Master Chris Cummings
- 4th District—PGM Rufus Starks Bowling Event corrdinated by Worshipful Master Brett Frierson



## SOUTHERN CROSS #112 TEACHER OF THE MONTH

Join the Brother's of Southern Cross Lodge #112 in congratulating Madison Student Support Center Teacher Konnie Stroud and Student Niya Terrell on being selected as our Southern Cross Lodge #112 December 2018 Educator and Student of the month. Both Ms. Stroud and Niya received a Certificate of Appreciation and a Gift Card to a local restaurant. Pictured below are Junior Warden Kevin Johnson, student Niya Terrell, Teacher Konnie Stroud and Worshipful Master Brett Frierson.



Special thanks to the coorindators for each district as all of the youth had a grand time. Congratulations on a job well done.



# MLK DAY YOUTH BOWLING ACROSS ILLINOIS



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When I was first brought to Masonic light in 1991, my expectation was that there would be African implements adorning the Lodge meeting room – that there would be the spear and shield; the drum and shekere; the red, black and green flag. Yet, there were no African implements and neither was there any evidence of an African influence, other than the lingering notion that ancient Kmt we know as Egypt had something to do with it.

Upon reading the teachings of Dr. Chancellor J. Williams in his seminal work, *THE DESTRUCTION OF BLACK CIVILIZATION* (1971), I was reminded of a fallacy in our ritual text, and the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge soon acknowledged that the Africans taught the Greeks and the Romans the science of architecture and the other sciences that were needed to develop an advanced civilization. To further cement this idea into our consciousness, Dr. Jacob H. Carruthers teaches in his important tome, *MDR NTR* (1995), the essential truth that the mathematics and sciences are divine speech (of God) that helps us to understand and define the mystery of Creation. The term Mdr Ntr represents African deep thought and is taken from the language spoken in ancient Kmt.

The simple idea that the mathematics and sciences are intended to explain the mysteries of Creation is quite settling and could be helpful in opening the door to understanding for many African children in our public schools, today. Moreover, that God explains His or Her Creation in simple terms of arithmetic, geometry, algebra and the higher mathematics, and in terms of chemistry, physics, biology and other physical sciences is no longer fearful and threatening. Our Grand Architect has given us a language through which we communicate our understanding of life, space and time in a manner that transcends opinion and prejudice. This is the African in it.

Deep thought is essential. Consider the point within a circle. This ancient symbol means head and infers intelligence, understanding, comprehension and competence in the language syllabary of the Vai people of Liberia, West Africa. In the Vai language the symbol is called kunj. This is the African in it.

In closing, let me say that the main lesson I learned during my study of the first 3 degrees in



# CAN" IN IT

Masonry is that I must embrace change. African deep thought requires flexibility, strength and change in recognition that we are engaged in intellectual warfare. The fundamentalist Christian must concur, in a sense, that Mr. Devil is constantly challenging our morality and intellect, which becomes clear to us when we witness what is happening in our environment and society today. The Akan people of Ghana, West Africa long ago invented a system of funerary symbols that were intended to express the character and interests of the deceased family or tribal member. Those symbols are called Adinkra symbols and have emerged into popular worldwide usage. The symbol I want to share with you is called Nkyinkyin (below) and is thus described:

*Pronounced, n-chin-chin, this symbol literally means, twistings and refers to a person's ability to adapt and change, according to W. Bruce Willis in his book, THE ADINKRA DICTIONARY (1998). Willis informs us that change is central to our ability to succeed. More simply put, Willis reminds us that changing our attitudes, habits and behaviors may lead us to desired outcomes, where a failure to change only maintains the status quo. This is the African in it.*



The exploration of African languages and writing syllabaries tends to brighten and adorn our minds. Befitting the lessons that are introduced during the Chamber Work of the 2nd degree, where the liberal arts and sciences are subtly recommended to our consideration, I recommend language arts and linguistics as a further means to engage in African deep thought. Dr. Mulana Karenga teaches us that Kawaida philosophy insists that the African engage in constant dialogue with himself and each other as a means to assure Unity – to which I add good health and prosperity. This is the African in it.

*Submitted by*

*PM James M. Dickerson, MSW, MPS*



## GRAND EAST SERVES AS WARMING CENTER

The months of January and February of 2019 have brought extreme cold weather to the City of Chicago and surrounding areas. The call for service



and assistance was answered by the Grand Lodge through the Community Involvement Committee and brothers including Past Master Dontane Farmer. As the end of



January approached, the weather patterns shifted from cold to extreme cold and, by order of Grand Master Aubrey K. Barlow, the Grand Lodge was opened as a

warming center to aid those in need on Wednesday, January 30th and was made available for the same purpose for subsequent days if required. In answering the call, donations of

blankets, food, beverages, toiletries and other necessary items poured into the Grand East to provide for those in need. Under the supervision of the



Temple Manager, Right Worshipful Brother Lester Powell, and the aforementioned soldiers, the needs of the citizens in the immediate area were satisfied in full.



## MASONIC SYMPOSIUM AT THE GRAND EAST

The Membership Committee of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Illinois conducted a symposium on Freemasonry within the State of Illinois and beyond. The event was opened to the public including members of Clandestine Masonic organizations. Its purpose was to provide information, clarify any inconsistencies and educate the general public on the history and purpose of Prince Hall Freemasonry. Under the direction of Worshipful

Brother Larry Burnett (left), the topics covered at the event ranged from the genesis of Freemasonry among Black Men, Bogus Masonic organizations, Lineage of our Grand Lodge to a legitimate source and extension of an olive branch to anyone who wanted further discussion on joining our ranks. The panelists included Worshipful Brothers Carl Pickett and Michael Harper as well as Right Worshipful Brother Glenn



Pickett and Daryl Andrews. A great deal of questions were presented to each of the panelists.

Together, they provided clarity in areas of uncertainty which not only benefitted the public but also existing Prince Hall Masons. As a direct result of the symposium, several new petitioners moved forward to steps for membership and several bogus Masons filed petitions to be healed into Prince Hall Freemasonry.





# YOUTH SHINE AT GRAND EAST ANNUAL BLACK HISTORY PROGRAM



The Black History program efforts under the direction of Right Worshipful Brother Leroy R. Berry (left) have proven to be fruitful and educational to all participants and attendees over the past few years. Working in conjunction with Dr. Verona Portis (below), the program this year focused on youth presentations on black history.

Often times, when the topic of black history is presented, it tends to focus on African American

History. Historically, the roots of black people extend beyond the bounds of the United States of America to other lands. This fact was presented by

the youth in their black history presentations.



The youth of the Velma J. Thames Youth Fraternity created poster boards highlighting certain aspects of black history and articulated their boards to the attendees. They covered connections in England, Cuba, Amsterdam, Colombia and other places across the globe. In each presentation, the influence of African culture were highlighted. Grand Master Aubrey Barlow (lect) lauded the youth and the organizers for their efforts. He congratulated all on a job well done and looks forward to next year's efforts.





## LONE STAR BLOOD DRIVE

Lone Star Lodge #18 of Champaign conducted an In-Center Blood Drive during the third week in February in conjunction with the Mississippi Valley Regional Blood Center (MVRBC) at the Urbana Donor Center. The center is under the direction of the Central Illinois Community Blood Center which merged with MVRBC in 2010. This week long effort extended from February 18th through the 23rd. The blood donations collected during this period will aid more than 90 hospitals in Illinois, Iowa, Missouri and Wisconsin. The MVRBC is a 501c3, not-for-profit, organization.



## J.JONES #7 & PRINCESS HAGAR #7 AID TENT CITY

As the winter months in the City of Chicago have become most unpredictable, the brethren of John Jones Lodge #7 came together to aid Tent City during a period of freezing cold. The brethren assembled, prepared food and gathered clothing to distribute to the residents who are homeless. Many band together in shelters from the cold without food and clothing to keep them strong. Armed with sustenance, the brethren along with other volunteers liberally distributed items to those in need during the freezing cold.



## FEED THE NEED!!!

Global hunger has become an epidemic which requires an “all hands on deck” approach to resolve. Past Master Freddie Morris Jr., Worshipful Master Freddie Morris, III and Peter Dremonas worked together to do their part this winter by collecting and packing food that will be sent to hungry children around the world.







# Knights of Pythagoras



The Knights of Pythagoras Program is the namesake of Pythagoras, a Greek philosopher who lived about 2,500 years ago. He worked in the fields of music and geometry. He formed a religious society and wrote a general account of the world.

Pythagoras was born on the Island of Samos, near Greece. Later, he lived in Crotona, in the Southern part of Italy and formed a religious brotherhood. The members of this brotherhood lived according to rules that Pythagoras laid down. The group believed that after men died their souls went into other bodies, sometimes in the bodies of animals. This concept is known as transmigration of the soul. It is felt that Pythagoras may have obtained some of his ideas during his travels in the East. Pythagoras also believed that the earth was spherical and the sun, moon, and planets have movements of their own. His successors developed the idea that the earth revolved about a central fire. This belief anticipated the Copernican Theory of the universe.

As a philosopher, Pythagoras taught that numbers were the essence of all things. Therefore, he associated numbers with various colors and ideas. This concept in addition to the aforementioned appear to have come from his studies at the great school in Egypt. The Pythagorean theorem which provide a formula for the 3-4-5 triangle appears to align with the pyramids of Africa and several other instances of construction principles utilized by that nation. As such, his beliefs that were based on Egyptian influence were customized and are now renown across the globe.

The Illinois Jurisdiction has had three Lodges that took on the Pythagoras namesake—Pythagoras #63 of Brookport (inactive), Pythagoras Lodge #132 of Prospect (inactive) and Pthagoras Lodge #134 of Chicago (active). These Lodges were named to highlight the importance of striving forward through education and practical application of mathematical principles and skills. In contemplating the name for a new national youth order that would focus on math and education, the Conference of Grand Masters of 1951 entertained multiple options. Under the leadership of Grand Master Amos T. Hall, the name “Order of Pythagoras” was selected over “Chivalric Order of Knight Companions” during their Annual National Conference, May 8 - 10, 1951, in the City of Denver, Colorado. Hence, the name and the focus of the Knights of Pythagoras Youth Fraternity was established.

Grand Master P. G. Porter of Kansas, was elected the Supreme Master Knight of the International Supreme Council of the Order of the Knights of Pythagoras, August 17, 1958, at the National Supreme Councils of the Knights, Chicago, Illinois. A revered Mason, Porter’s contributions were numerous and his advocacy for the order was so tremendous that it was adopted by several Southern Grand Lodges. Within a short period of time, the Grand Masters and representatives of twenty Prince Hall Masonic Jurisdictions implemented the Order in their jurisdictions and worked untiringly in promoting the Order and supplying its needs. This order is the youth organization that has been adopted and remains support by the Prince Hall Conference of Grand Masters today.

The Illinois Jurisdiction recently adopted the order as its premier youth order. The Order of the Junior Craftsmen was the home grown youth Order for Illinois since the 1930s. The same principles of education and leadership that were instilled in thousands of youth in the Order of the Junior Craftsmen are the same principles that are promoted in the Knights of Pythagoras. In order to align with the other jurisdictions and to implement this national program within its borders, the Illinois Jurisdiction approved a recommendation to adopt the new order. By the hands of Worshipful Brother Ron Wilson, Director, the efforts to move forward are now underway.

If you wish to assist with the extension of the Knights of Pythagoras Youth Program, please contact the director:

**Worshipful Brother Ron Wilson, State Director Knights of Pythagoras**

He can be reached by phone at (217) 433-0633 or email at [jew0100@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jew0100@sbcglobal.net). Help us to help our Youth.

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## UNIVERSAL READS

The brethren of Universal Lodge #65 visited Coles Elementary on Chicago's South Side to inspire youth through reading. Coles is the adopted school of the Lodge. In this effort, the brethren spent hours reading to the different classes and answering the questions presented by the youth. Congratulations on a job well done and we look forward to the results of your mentorship on the youth in the near future.



## DUNBAR & TUSCAN FEED

Many see the activity of Masons during the Holiday Seasons but do not realize that the efforts to feed those in need occur on a year-round basis. In March, the brethren of Dunbar Lodge #97 of Alton and Tuscan Lodge #44 of Carbondale united to cook and serve citizens in Southern Illinois. The collaborative efforts of Brothers Daniel Watts, Kennedy Smith, Tanner Brooks, Maurice Patterson and Tyrone Davis sustained many in need.



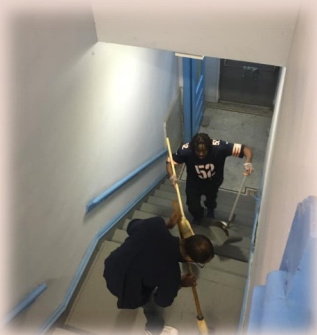
Efforts like the aforementioned are the likely reasons why both Lodge are experiencing growth. Congratulations and welcome to the three new members of Dunbar Lodge #97: Daniel Watts, Roy Williams II and Edward North.





## NEW YERU CLEANS

The brothers of New Jerusalem as well as brethren of other Lodges under the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Illinois conducted their annual clean the temple effort. With the belief that charity begins at home, brethren and future Masons cleaned the Grand East with their own hands and tools. Job Well Done New Yeru.



## CORNERSTONE AUCTIONS

In honor of its Centennial, Cornerstone Lodge #91 has created an ONLINE auction to raise funds for its adopted charities. The Lodge has adopted Washington Irving Elementary of Dolton, the Wrightwood Little League of Chicago and BSITE Tutoring of Dolton. All charities will receive checks at their Centennial Banquet on October 12th.



Items for auction have been donated by members and citizens from the public. The items range from sports memorabilia to Masonic coins (left) and artifacts. Masonic books and personal collectibles

including comic books, baseball cards and other items are also listed for auction. Each donation is designated strictly for auction. Once signed over to the Lodge, it becomes the property of the Lodge and is, subsequently, valued and placed immediately on the auction site that is maintained by EBay for the Lodge:

<https://www.ebay.com/str/Cornerstone91>



Items sold to date include a signed Charles Oakley Chicago Bulls basketball jersey, gold-plated Knights Templar coins and African Masks. The auction site is updated weekly with new items. The audience for the auction is global. Suitors from all over the world have viewed and now follow the auction page. The ultimate

goal of the auction is to give each charity a minimum of \$500 at the Centennial Banquet and to commit to future support through finances and services.

The Lodge placed its focus on charities in the Cities of Dolton and Chicago in areas where there is a hot bed of clandestine Masonic activity. Often times, the public is not able to distinguish between legitimate and illegitimate Masonic organizations. The best way to attack the epidemic in the eyes of the Lodge is to make its presence felt through service and education.

Best Wishes Cornerstone Lodge #91!!!







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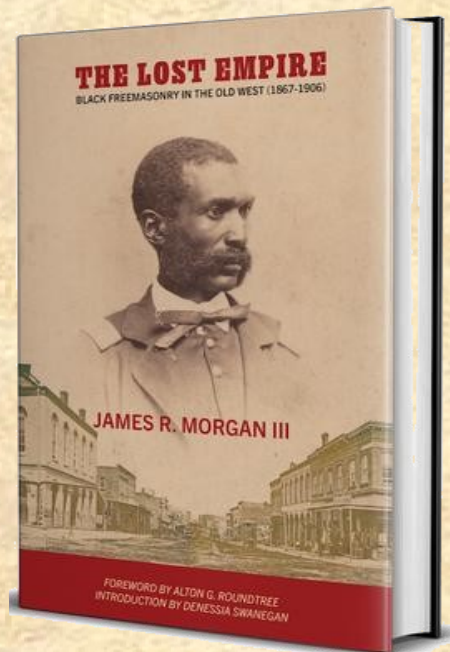


## WHAT'S IN YOUR

*The Lost Empire: Black Freemasonry in the Old West (1867-1906)* follows the



life of Captain William D. Matthews and the first forty years of the Most Worshipful King Solomon Grand Lodge of Kansas as grew from being an obscure western outpost for African American Freemasonry, to regional masonic power and then in later years descended into the forgotten reaches of our collective memory. The author, James Morgan III (pictured), documents how and why this grand lodge has virtually been erased from our history and shows the true relationship that it had with the Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Kansas and other masonic bodies.



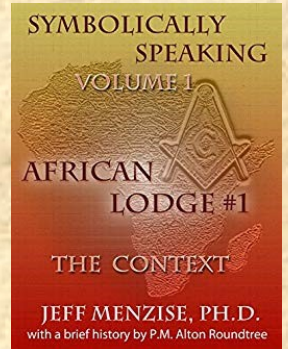


# MASTERS IN THE BAHAMAS

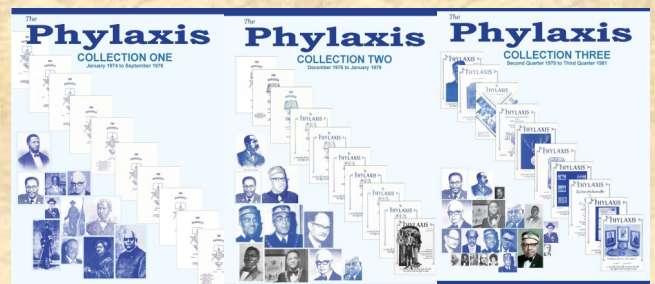


## MASONIC LIBRARY?

*Symbolically Speaking, Vol. 1: African Lodge #1: The Context* by Dr. Jeff Menzise provides an Historical and Esoteric exploration of Prince Hall Freemasonry. Originally named "African Lodge," the 15 founders of African American Freemasonry may have left a clue to assist later generations on their quest for Masonic Light. This clue leads directly to African spirituality, Initiation, and the ancient wisdom traditions. Dr. Jeff Menzise, a 32 degree and Royal Arch Mason, is an expert on African Spirituality and has himself been initiated into several African Spritual traditions. He is also a doctor of clinical psychology, and has used his experiences, expertise, and profound insight to create this masterpiece of Masonic scholarship. This book is designed for both the seasoned Freemason as well as the non-member who has an interest in learning more about the Craft.



*The Phylaxis Collections*—Collection One is a compilation of all magazines produced by the Phylaxis Society from January 1974 to September 1976. Collection Two showcases editions from December 1976 to January 1979. Collection Three covers editions from 1979 to 1981. All collections contain works from some of Prince Hall Freemasonry's most renown authors.





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