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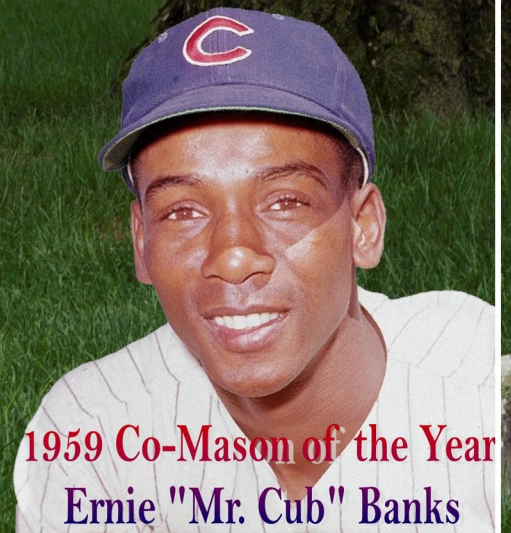
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Masonry



Past Grand Master
Archie C. Senter



1959 Co-Mason of the Year
Ernie "Mr. Cub" Banks

EDITORIAL

This edition of the Prince Hall Masonic Journal is dedicated to the memories of Most Worshipful Brother John Jones, Past Grand Master of Ohio and first black elected official in Illinois; Most Worshipful Brother Archie C. Senter, Past Grand Master of Illinois; “Mr. Cub” Ernest Banks, 1959 Co-Mason of the Year; Rev. Davis C. James, Grand Chaplain; PM Theodore Greene, Grand Attorney and to all those who have passed. Peace be unto your ashes.

Clandestine Freemasonry is running rampant and we must stand a bit stronger in dealing with this scourge. This issue is dealt with in part 2 of Brother Charles Harper’s Article. A theory on why Clandestine Freemasonry continues to spread is in this edition as well. Let’s turn up the heat on both fronts so that we secure our future and end the scourge.



*Right Worshipful Brother
Daryl L. Andrews, 33°*

In Memory of PM Davis C. James

It was always a familiar tone at Grand Lodge Sessions to hear words of prayer offered by the late Past Master Davis C. James. In March of 2015, our Heavenly Father called Rev. James home to be with the Lord. James was nearing 70 years in Freemasonry upon his demise. He served as Worshipful Master of Wisdom Lodge #102 in 1962. After serving as a District Deputy Grand Master for the Grand Lodge for multiple terms he was appointed Grand Chaplain in the early 1990s and served in the role ever since. The 2013 Recipient of the Grand Master’s Humanitarian Award was the long time Pastor of Salem Gospel Center in Chicago.

In Memory of PM Ted Greene

Behind-the-scenes work on behalf of the Grand Lodge often goes un-lauded as the general membership does not see the great works that are done. The efforts of PM Greene who served as Grand Attorney for the Grand Lodge from 1990 to 2008 have helped to protect and secure the rights of the Grand Lodge in multiple cases. The efforts of the 1985 and 1986 Worshipful Master of Mt. Hebron Lodge #29 will not be forgotten. He was called home in March of 2015.

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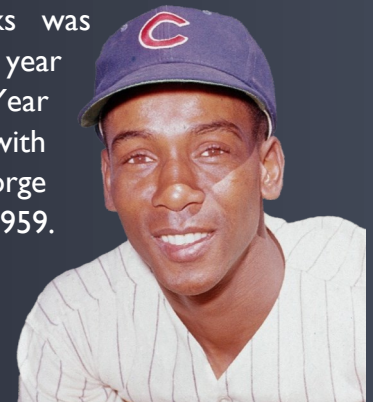
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In Memory of Bro. Ernest Banks

Known worldwide as “Mr. Cub,” Ernie Banks became the Cubs’ first African-American player on Sept. 17, 1953. He went on to become an 11-time All-Star and two-time National League Most Valuable Player (1958-59) while working through the turbulent racial issues of the day. He was often exposed to unfair treatment but remained strong through all of the trials which made him a hero in the eyes of all Americans. It was his character that drew the attention of Most Worshipful Brother Obed Vanderburg who was serving as Grand Master of Illinois Prince Hall Masons in 1959. With assistance from Worshipful Brother Tecola Granberry of Fidelity Lodge #103, Banks was raised a Master Mason that same year and selected Co-Mason of the Year by the Grand Lodge along with Right Worshipful Brother George Cross at the annual session of 1959. On January 23, 2015, Brother Banks was called home from labor to reward. May peace be unto his ashes.



PROCLAMATION

Be it known that I, Millard V. Driskell, Grand Master of Prince Hall Masons of the State of Illinois and Its Jurisdiction, by virtue of the authority in me vested, and in accordance with the Constitution, By-Laws and Ceremonies of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, State of Illinois, Article XIV, Sections 2, 3, 4, & 5, p 10, do hereby summons All Past and Present Grand Lodge Officers, All Past Masters, All Worshipful Masters, Wardens and Brethren who hold allegiance to this Grand Lodge, to assemble on Wednesday, August 5, 2015 at 8:00 am, in the Springfield Hilton Hotel, located at 700 East Adams Street, Springfield, Illinois, to convene for our 149th Annual Communication and other fraternal and legal matters that come before the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, State of Illinois and Its Jurisdictions.

This Proclamation shall be read in every lodge, during every open lodge meeting, until the convening of the Annual Communication on August 5, 2015.

Given under my hand, attested to, and given the Seal of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, State of Illinois and Its Jurisdictions, on this, the first day of May, 2015.

*Fraternally Yours,
Millard V. Driskell
Grand Master*



In Memory of P.G.M. Archie C. Senter



Most Worshipful Brother Archie C. Senter was a Mason's Mason who worked hard to ensure the strength and integrity of the Craft. An over 50 year member of the Order, he joined Sliver Crown #26 Metropolis, IL in 1949. Demitted to Rufus Mitchell #107 in 1952 where he served as Worshipful Master of the Lodge in 1962 and 1963. He was also a Past Patron of Emblem Chapter #140, Past Potentate of Shawall Temple #165, member of the Stanley J Harris Chapter #60, Holy Royal Arch Masons, member of Prince Hall Council #8, Royal and Select Masters, member of the Godfrey Commandery #5 Knight Templar, Past Imperial Deputy of Oasis and Imperial Advisor of Oasis of Waukegan. Additionally, he was a member of Western Consistory #28 Chicago, a member of the United Supreme Council Northern Jurisdiction P.H.A., a 33° Mason and a member of the Past Master Council 1st District. For his effort in

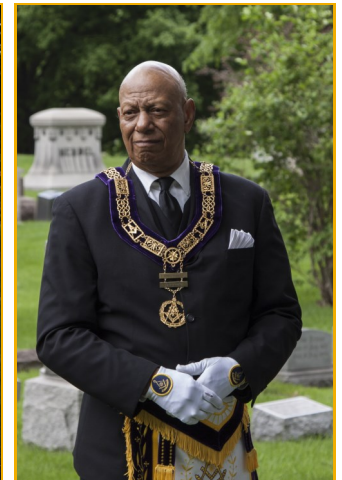
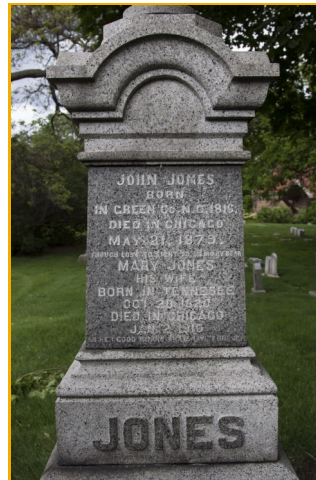
Freemasonry, he was elected the 35th Grand Master of the State of Illinois and Jurisdictions in 1987. It was under his term of office that Chicago Mayor Harold Washington and Jesse Jackson Sr. became members of the Masonic Order. In addition, he was also made an Honorary Past Grand Master of the Prince Hall Grand Lodge of New Mexico. On February 17, 2015, Most Worshipful Brother Senter was called home from labor to reward. May peace be unto his ashes.



In Memory of P.G.M. John Jones

Photos by Past Master Carl Richardson

On May 26, 2015, John Jones Lodge #7 convened at Graceland Cemetery on Chicago's North Side to pay tribute the Past Grand Master John Jones. An abolitionist and civic leader, Jones' leadership of the Convention Movement in the mid 19th Century was pivotal in gaining African Americans power in civic and political arenas. He performed his civic duties hand in hand with his Masonic efforts. He was a founding member of Illinois' first black Masonic Lodge (North Star) when under the Jurisdiction of Ohio. After leading the Lodge in the 1850s and 1860s, he rose succeeded another North Starion, Edward Fulton, to become Grand Master of Ohio in 1865. While serving as Grand Master, he maintained the fight for civil rights for blacks through the Convention Movement. He placed so much pressure on Illinois politicians, that they were among the firsts to sign the 13th Amendment to end Slavery in 1865. In 1867, he aided in the formation of the Grand Lodge for Illinois and, for his efforts, the Grand Lodge formed and named Lodge #7 in his namesake in 1868. His civic efforts earned him election as the first black elected official in the State of Illinois in the year 1871 as Cook County Commissioner. His nomination of John W.E. Thomas, earned Thomas the first black elected State Representative in 1875. Jones went on to glory in May of 1879 which prompted DDGM Henry Barton and the brethren of the Lodge to pay him tribute in May of 2015. May peace be unto his ashes.



The brethren of John Jones Lodge #7 assembled in procession to salute the Honorable John Jones with memorial rites at Graceland Cemetery on Chicago's North Side.

FEEDBACK FOR THE PRINCE HALL MASONIC JOURNAL

- "You guys have done an outstanding job on dealing with the topic of BOGUS MASONRY. The Abrams Chapter and the Grand Lodge Bogus Masonry Committee deserve more than just minor accolades!"
- "S.O.U.L. Patrol—It was good to see something in the Journal about the Shrine. Thanks for remembering us."
- "Kudos to the Prince Hall Masonic Journal!! Finally a strong statement on BOGUS Masonry!!"
- "Thank you for publishing the list of Bogus Grand Lodges was the best thing that you could have done. I wish I had this information 10 years ago. It would have saved me a lot of time and a lot of money."
- "Congratulations to the editor on 10 years of great work. Keep up the good work Bro. Andrews."
- "I saw the ad for the Christland Singers in the last edition. Didn't know Gatling sang gospel. Wow!"

Keystone Lodge #15

Donates Diabetic Socks

By Bro. Hanif Morris



Diabetes is a chronic illness that can require lifelong treatment and care. Compared to the general population, African Americans are disproportionately affected by diabetes. 13.2% of all African Americans aged 20 years or older have diagnosed diabetes. African Americans are almost twice more likely to have diabetes as non-Hispanic whites. Many complications can occur, some of which affect the feet. If you have diabetes, you're at risk of developing serious complications like foot infections. Not attending to diabetic foot care carefully and consistently can lead to amputation of the toes, feet, or even the entire leg below the knee.

Practicing good foot care, such as choosing appropriate socks, is essential for preventing possible complications. Diabetic socks are designed without seams in order to reduce the chance of blistering. Their general design aids in controlling moisture, reducing the risk of fungal infections, providing cushioning and preventing ulcers. Finally, they are also designed as non-binding with a loose top fit to improve circulation.



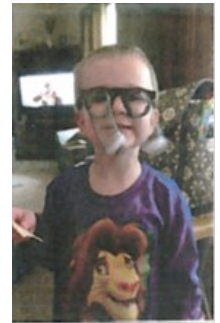
Charity begins at home. As a few Brothers of Keystone Lodge #15 are dealing with the ills of diabetes, the craft decided to simultaneously support ourselves and our community by donating 120 diabetic socks to the patients at the Fox Valley Dialysis Location in Aurora, IL. Dialysis can be challenging for both patient and family. To meet their needs, Fox Valley Dialysis offers friendly and individualized care which includes nutrition counseling, assistance with financial concerns and assistance with transportation arrangements. In concert with the care provided patients at the center, it is the hope of Keystone Lodge #15 that our diabetic sock donation will help to shed some Light in their lives.

Enjoys Wings for Ryan

By Bro. Hanif Morris

Ryan is a fun, energetic and loving three year old boy who was diagnosed with Type-1 diabetes at 20 months. The auto-immune disease developed as a result of his body attempting to fight off an infection. In the process, his body attacked insulin producing pancreatic beta cells and he is no longer able to self-produce insulin. As a result, he must wear an insulin pump to do so 24/7.

Although there is no cure for type-1 diabetes, it is manageable. Often in the case of toddlers like Ryan, they are unable to interpret and or feel when blood sugars are outside of functional parameters. However, Diabetic Alert Dogs (DAD's) are trained to assist in detecting threatening blood sugar levels via smell. When these levels are too low or too high, the body produces an odor that a dog can smell. The scent trained canines detect the associated odors then alert the person or guardian.



Ryan and his family happen to be neighbors of Worshipful Brother Steven Zackery of Keystone Lodge #15 in Aurora, IL. Upon receiving the news of a Buffalo Wild Wings fundraiser in support of welcoming a Diabetic Alert Dog for Ryan, W.M. Zackery immediately committed

Keystone Lodge #15's support to the charity. The craft was charged to dine at the Oswego Buffalo Wild Wings January 26, 2015 where 10% of all pre-taxed sales were donated to the purchase of Ryan's Diabetic Assistance Dog.

By doing so, Freemasonry has once again demonstrated Charity is a not only a theoretical ideal, but a functional verb born out of love for all mankind.

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31st Annual Installation & Charity Scholarship Banquet

Southwestern Illinois

By MW Bro. Earl D. Scott, (HPGM)

The 31st Annual Installation & Charity Scholarship Banquet of the Southwestern Illinois Prince Hall Masonic Family was held on Saturday, January 31, 2015 at Fischer's, 2100 West Main Street in Belleville Illinois. The Theme for the past 31 years has been "Reach Out and Touch Someone" by presenting students scholarships annually in the amount of five hundred (\$500.00) dollars each. This year we presented scholarships to 7 students, at a cost of \$3,500.00. The presentations of Scholarship Awards were made by HPGM Earl D. Scott, #142 and Sis. Rachel A. Carter, # 85. The students were:

- Ashley N. Collins is attending St. Louis College of Pharmacy, St. Louis, MO.;
- Anna Rose Brown is attending University of Missouri, Columbia, MO.;
- Milan J. Gipson is attending Lewis and Clark Community College;
- Ebony Douglas is attending Madison Accelerated Senior High School. She has been accepted at Jackson State University, Jackson Mississippi.;
- Alexis Zenon has been accepted at Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville;
- Chiara Nicole Johns has been accepted at Murray State University.;
- Tierra Fennoy has been accepted at Howard University, Washington, DC.



Recognition and Presentation of Certificates to all the 4th District heads of Lodges, Chapters, Courts and Councils were made by all Grand Heads of Houses and Appendant and Concordant Bodies of the Illinois Jurisdiction.

- Grand Master Millard Driskell presented certificates to all 2015 Masters.
- Sis Sandra D. Smith & Bro. Anthony Atwood, Worthy Grand Matron & Patron did the honors for all 2015 Matrons & Patrons.
- E.C. Ron Wilson, Deputy Grand High Priest, presented a certificate to Comp. Theodes Kemp, Excellent High Priest of East St. Louis Chapter #20 HRAM. R.E. Leroy R. Berry, Right Eminent Grand Commander, presented a certificate to Reginald Johnson, Eminent Commander of Crusaders Military Commandery #38, KT. DuWayne Portis, representing M.I.C. Comp. Gordon L. Brewer, Jr. Grand Thrice Illustrious Master presented a certificate to Alfredric Cathion, Thrice Illustrious Master of Ellis T. Moore Council # 3, RSM.
- Her. Johnnie M. Wilson & Comp. Leroy Brown, Most Ancient Grand Matron & Grand Joshua presented certificates to the Most Ancient Matron & Joshua. RM Joyce L. Clarke & ICG Louis E. Greene, Jr., Royal Grand Perfect Matron & Chief Advisor made the presentations to the Royal Matron & Chief Advisor.
- The Scottish Rite certificates were presented by SGIG Melvin Frierson, Deputy for the Orient of Illinois to Kevin Young, Commander-In-Chief; Alan F. Johnson, Most Wise and Perfect Master, and Reginald T. Johnson, Thrice Potent Master.
- Noble Armand Harris and Dt. Sandra Mosley, Imp. Deputy of the Oasis, presented certificates to Potentate Alfredric Cathion and to the Commandress.



We the Special Effort Committee wish to express our sincere appreciation for your support in making this our 30th Annual Installation Scholarship and Charity Banquet a success. Thanks to each and everyone who have supported us in this endeavor during the past 31 years. We have awarded eight two (82) education awards during this period and contributed to numerous charity and benevolent organizations and events.

We give special thanks and gratitude to the **OFFICER FUNERAL HOME** for their continued support. The programs these 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.

The Prince Hall Masonic Family—4th District—Southwestern Illinois

Worshipful Masters/ Wardens' Leadership Training Retreat

By MW Bro. Earl D. Scott, (HPGM)

“For the man who thinks that because he has been made a Mason, and is called so, and at the same time will willfully neglect to attend his Lodge, he may be assured he will never make a good Mason, nor ought he to be looked upon as a good member of the craft. For if his example was followed, where would be the Lodge...”—*A Charge Delivered to the Brethren of African Lodge—1792, Prince Hall.*

The Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge District 4 conducted its 6th Annual Worshipful Masters/Warden Leadership Training Retreat on January 10, 2015 at Aahmes temple # 132, 787 53rd & Summit Avenue, East St. Louis, Illinois. The Retreat started at 9:30 a.m. and ending at 3:20 p. The Retreat was designed for Worshipful Masters/Wardens and Brethren of the 4th District to enhance awareness of Masonic Leadership topics, develop and refine their management and leadership skills.

Congratulations to all elected and appointed officers for the year of 2015. The members of your Lodges have honored you by electing you to the prestigious stations within your respective Lodges. By doing so, they have expressed their confidence in your leadership ability. Through ability and desire, we as the Masonic Education Team for the 4th District want you all to be the best you can be in performing your duties. We also, agree that **NOW IS THE TIME** to finalize your preparation for 2015.

To assist you in this quest for an outstanding year as representatives of your Lodges, The Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge Area Coordinator for the 4th District and his Masonic Educational Committee have developed this Retreat to help you fulfill this requirement. The future success of our fraternity is a direct result of enthusiastic and well organized leaders. This year's session was mandatory for all Masters and Wardens.

The presentations presented were very intensive designed to assist Worshipful Masters in developing and refining their management skills and to help them plan a year which will create positive interest and participation of the membership. All Lodges within the 4th District participated. This year visiting Brothers from District 3 were also in attendance. Masonic Lodge leaders included:

- WM DeAunty Dupree, I.H. Kelly #11, Belleville
- WM Speed Allen, Jr. St. Paul #42, East St. Louis
- WM David L. Penny, Tuscan #44, Carbondale
- WM Anthony A. Elliott, Lilly of the Valley #56, Mounds
- WM Jesse Gurley, Joppa #79, East St. Louis
- WM Andy Hightower, Dunbar #97, Alton
- WM Samuel Millard, Southern Cross #112, E. St. Louis
- WM Montez Miller, Jericho #120, Madison
- WM Anthony Wills, P.G. Porter #142, Scott AFB
- WM Willie E. Wiley, Jr. Central # 3, Springfield
- Bro. Michael Johnson, Elijah Betts #23, Bloomington

Topics discussed by the 60 plus in attendance were:

1. Powers of Grand Master
2. Powers of Grand Lodge
3. Duties and Responsibilities of Worshipful Masters
4. District Deputy Grand Masters
5. Annual Returns and Quarterly Reports
6. Masonic Law
7. Masonic Protocol
8. Landmarks of Free Masonry

We strongly recommend any member of the Lodge who may be assuming a leadership role to attend future sessions.

Special thanks to DDGM Steven Sumler, DDGM Harry Barnett, DDGM Delbert Marion, PM Avery Ware, members of the 4th District Educational Committee for their support and participation making this Retreat another great success.



SPURIOUS FREEMASONRY

Is it Reaching Epidemic Proportions? (Part 2 of 2)

A Closer Examination by Charles M. Harper Sr.

Many more spurious Grand Lodges, originally warranted by the Regular Grand Lodge of England, have surfaced in recent years, most notably the Regular Grand Lodge of Illinois, who are affiliated with, and received their warrant from the Masonic High Council, and the Regular Grand Lodge of England. As of 2014, these grand lodges exist in Illinois, Florida, North Carolina, Indiana, Virginia, Georgia, and now Missouri. Unfortunately, the majority of spurious Grand Lodges in the United States are predominately African-American in membership. This is due to America's dark past of slavery and fight for civil rights. Though Black men have been made regular Freemasons since before 1717, as with Brother John Pine in England, and in the United States with Prince Hall in 1775, the golden age of fraternalism brought with it the manipulation of grand lodges lack of amity with Prince Hall Grand Lodges and mainstream Grand Lodges for centuries, a problem continually resolved with amity being established between mainstream and Prince Hall Grand Lodges. Again, good examples of spurious grand lodges with large memberships in the United States would be the International Free and Accepted Modern Masons, organized in 1950 by William V. Banks, who being made a Mason in any Lodge has yet to be proven with any records, and the too many numerous Grand Lodges spurned into existence by John G. Jones and his General Grand Masonic Congress, which is what led to his expulsion for contumacy from the Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Illinois in

the early 1900's. Rui Gabirro has mobilized his members to take advantage of the seemingly epidemic outbreak of spurious grand lodges in the United States, which has had exponential growth in the last 10 years, due to information of freemasonry now readily given on the internet.

I had a conversation via Google Hangout, in which I interviewed the current Grand Master of the Regular Grand Lodge of Maryland, Carlton S. Brigham. To ease the Masons reading this regarding the speaking to a clandestine mason and the masonic obligation I have taken, I am obliged not to converse upon the secrets of the Craft which include the signs, passes, grips, and masonic ritual. I began the conversation explaining such before we proceeded, and I recorded the conversation. I must note that Carlton Brigham was very forthcoming, cordial, and professional during the interview. He presented himself as genuine about his beliefs and pursuits. This is not unusual though. There are thousands of spurious masons who are very good men, and who believe they are legitimate masons in every sense of the word. As my questions were asked though, his answers were the customary response of a person who seemed to be a good man, but also a spurious Mason.

This is the history presented by Mr. Brigham about the origins of his Grand Lodge. He stated he traveled to "France in 2006 and received a warrant from the Regular Grand Lodge of England to become a Grand Lodge, and began working as a Grand Lodge under

the constitution of the Masonic High Council of the United States." He received his warrant in a ceremony located "downtown," at the Grand Lodge of France. The Masonic High Council of the United States, now defunct, included the Regular Grand Lodge of Virginia, Illinois, California, New Jersey, and North Carolina. He was a Past Grand Master of the Regular Grand Lodge of Virginia. As to Rui Gabirro, he heard that he was expelled, but he saw no proof. He was shown by Mr. Gabirro proof of membership with the United Grand Lodge of England, and also a demit from the same Grand Lodge. As shown earlier in the article, Mr. Gabirro was expelled from the United Grand Lodge of England and therefore any demit would have been fraudulent.

Mr. Brigham's Grand Lodge now operates under a council by the name of the United Masonic Assembly of the United States of America. This assembly includes the Regular Grand Lodge of Maryland, Illinois, Texas, New Jersey, and Georgia. He states they are practicing the "Ancient Accepted Rite Freemasonry, not Scottish Rite." When I asked how he felt about invading the territory of the Grand Lodges already existing, he said they are "performing a totally different Rite, and therefore, to his understanding, there is no problem." He stated his Rite practiced is from the "time of the Moderns and Ancients of 1717." It was clear that though Mr. Brigham was passionate about doing the work of Freemasonry, he clearly did not have an understanding of what derives masonic regularity, which determines if a

masonic grand lodge is even eligible for recognition to another regularly established Grand Lodge.

Some may question as to the harm of the existence of these spurious Grand Lodges. Let us look at a recent example. Claims on social media have been made by ever growing confident and outspoken members such as D. Anderson of St. Louis, Missouri, a member of the Regular Grand Lodge of Missouri who received its warrant, as Mr. Anderson states, from the United Masonic Assembly of the United States of America, which all derived from Mr. Brigham's original visit to obtain a warrant from the Regular Grand Lodge of England. He states that Prince Hall Affiliated members, and members of mainstream Freemasonry, are starting to make visitations, and becoming members of this organization as they are impressed with their regularity. Said by D. Anderson on a social networking site February 9, 2014:

"The RGLM had a nice, productive meeting last night. I brought two PH Masons to see our productivity. By the time we were done, they were thanking me for introducing them to something real! (Their words, not mines) They were shown our lineage & was impressed. Please keep in mind that these brothers were traveling since the early 70's. They are great men & it showed through their character!" He went on to say: "Steven Hale, Charles M. Harper Sr., and Everett Allen Sayre Jr. Our Templars are out of the Vatican in Rome! Where do yours come from, the cereal box?! Lmao. 1307 it is now 2014. Just 50 years ago masonry was condemned in most parts of Europe. It is now 2014, & Grand Lodges are being erected once again. Learn something." This is the same gentleman who took advantage of a gracious offer and was

invited to a joint event in Missouri between the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Missouri, and the Grand Lodge of Missouri.

Prince Hall Master Mason Steven Hale in response to him:

"This is the exact type of shady behavior that causes me to believe the negative about out D. Anderson. For a couple of years now you have been throwing MWGM Michael Johnson under the bus for extending to you visitation to a district raising (under the pretense that you and your entire lodge were going to healed under the MWPHGL of Missouri). You have used its occurrence for nothing but your own egotistical gain.....and now you are doing the same again with supposed two men who you say were active PH Masons that visited your new group and were so thoroughly in "awe" of it that they immediately denounced their former lodges and begged for membership in your group under your leadership. But their names and PH lodges are to be kept a secret at their request....but you're free to post its occurrence????"

To dispel any misrepresentation made by D. Anderson of his attendance at this joint event, a statement was made by the then, Deputy Grand Master of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Missouri, Michael Trent Johnson, "D. Anderson and another elder member of St. Matthews were invited to **talk** with our PHA brothers further about possible community work in the future. Yes, this was on the night of my Lodge's regular meeting, but upon their arrival, we went into round table mode in our ballroom. No open bible, alter, etc. we sat at 6 ft. tables and had what I thought was a healthy discussion on community service projects and proposals for the same.

However, this effort never panned out either." He also went on further to state that he "Explained the process of "healing of non-PH masons into our ranks as PHA Masons. D. Anderson seemed quite interested in that possibility, but requested more time to think about it."

This is the unmasonic attitude being taught and displayed to and by, unknowing men, grown from the inadequate education of seemingly good men such as spurious mason Carlton Brigham. While the actions of Mr. Anderson appear sullied, he is actually a victim of predatory spurious masonic organizations.

His remarks and actions are actually rather typical, and are repeated multiple times a day, thousands of times a year in the dark world of spurious Freemasonry, where self-proclaimed supreme presidents like Illustrious James O. Dogan, 33°, who according to tax forms filed for the year 2011, earned over \$100,000 a year as the governing person to, as their website states, the "International Free & Accepted Modern Masons, Inc. and Order of Eastern Star extends from coast to coast; from the Great Lakes to the Gulf of Mexico, on the Bahamas Islands and Alaska. There are more than 3,500 lodges and chapters with a membership of approximately 400,000 families represented. In addition, our youth courts consists of over 2,000 members." Men and woman are physically beaten, humiliated, fraudulently taken advantage for large sums of money, all to obtain what they believe are the rights and privileges of a regular Freemason in the United States, and are victimized every day by what I believe is a spurious masonic epidemic. There are over 70 spurious Grand Lodges in Illinois, over 100 in both New

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My Brethren, now is the time to remove our heads from the sands and cease to act as if this growing problem of spurious masonry, who does not just prey on unknowing non-masons who want to become masons, but regularly made masons alike who seem

dissatisfied with the lack of education, or composition of ethnic composition of our lodges, does not need our attention. Please educate every Grand Lodge and warn your members of these spurious masonic grand lodges, and obtain legal proof of membership before speaking, or visiting anyone claiming to be a mason. If your Grand Lodge has not trademarked the Square

and Compass, do it. It was suggested by the Masonic Service Association in 1992 and there are more Grand Lodges overseas that have complied than Grand Lodges within the United States. Read about the New York code that forbids the wearing of anything identifying one as a Mason unless they are members of the Grand Lodge of New York, punishable by a \$250.00 fine. This exists in Connecticut as well, subject to a \$500.00 fine. Not all Grand Lodges can approach this problem through state government, such as Illinois, but individual members can. Silence will not help this ever growing problem.

More information about this subject can be found in my book, Freemasonry in Black and White, found at:

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As I state in my lectures, the problems that we do not confront within our precious fraternity act as termites within a tree. They will continue to erode the inside of that tree and when least expected, a strong wind will blow, and the tree will collapse. Let us strengthen our tree Brethren with education and protection so that future generations will be fed by the fruits it can produce.





Brother Carlos Matlock Officer of the Year

By PM Floyd Woods

On Tuesday, February 10, 2015, Brother Carlos Matlock of Stone City Lodge #35 was recognized by the Exchange Club of Joliet as the 2014 Police Officer of the Year. His initial interest in becoming a police officer stemmed from his youth experiences in Chicago. He said “I



saw a lot of times where they (police) didn't treat people well. I wanted to be different [and] make a difference.... I [became a cop] to give back to the community ... to make things better for people.” A police officer for more than 20 years, he successfully closed 152 cases that were assigned to him last year. Police Chief Brian Benton commented that Matlock is “one of the most reliable members of our department. He can always be counted on to come in on a moment's notice or stay late and give 110 percent,” Benton said. Congratulations.

863rd Engineer Battalion Honors Sir Knight Major Lacy

Wayfarers Lodge #128

Special congratulations to brother Major Lacy of Wayfarers Lodge #128. Brother Lacy was honored by the 863rd Engineer Battalion of the United States Army Reserve with

his induction into the Royal Order of the Tackle by Command Sergeant Major Samuel E. Carr and Battalion Commander James J. Kokasa. As an honorary member of the Order, he was recognized for his service and given full bragging and toasting rights with the “best” engineer battalion in the United States Army Reserve. For those who know Brother Lacy, you know that he

is a staunch advocate for veterans and works to keep the Craft informed on all veterans related activities. The Masonic Journal, likewise, salutes him for his efforts and pray for his continued service in veterans affairs.

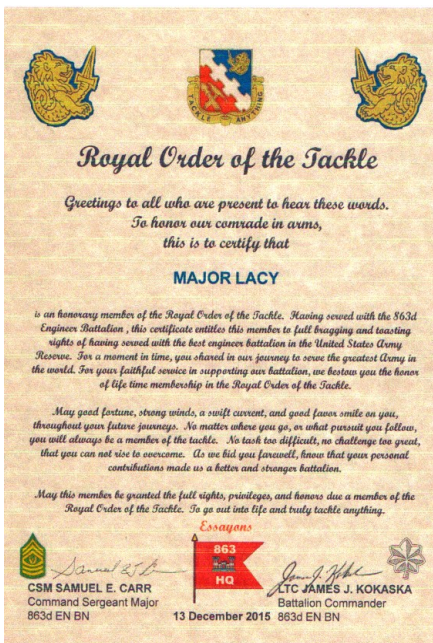
Anderson Edwards & Delia Tillman Crowned King & Queen of Valentines Day

Photo by PM Bruce Owens

The Valentine's Dance sponsored by the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge and under the direction of Right Worshipful Brother Dwayne A. Smith was a huge success. The event was well attended by the Brothers and Sisters in the First District and members from various points across the State of Illinois and beyond.

As approved by the Grand Lodge at the 148th Annual Communication, a portion of the proceeds for the Valentine's Dance were set to be allocated to support mentorship efforts of the Grand Lodge Bridge Committee. This committee is designed to provide mentoring to our youth to guide them along the proper paths. As a result of the efforts of the committee and the attendees, over \$2,000 was donated to the program which falls under the auspices of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Illinois Benevolent Fund, a 501c3 organization.

For their efforts in ticket sales, Worshipful Brother Anderson Edwards of Eureka Lodge #64 and Sister Delia Tillman of Talma Chapter #2 OES (pictured above with the Worthy Grand Matron Sandra Smith and Deputy Grand Master) were awarded the crowns for King and Queen of the Dance. Their efforts were, of course, second to none. Congratulations to Right Worshipful Brother Smith and his committee on a job well-done.





MID YEAR 2015

The 2015 Mid-Year Informational Session of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Illinois was filled with fun and a great deal of information. After a two year hiatus, this session was most enjoyable.

By the directive of Most Worshipful Brother Millard V. Driskell, Mid Year Sessions had been placed on hold in order to allow the membership to re-direct those funds that they would normally spend on the session to the property purchase plan presented in 2012. A good number of the membership did just that by contributing to the Grand Lodge Property Purchase effort in 2012, 2013, 2014 and 2015. Their donations culminated in the purchase of an investment property through the Prince Hall LLC in November of 2014.

The Mid-Year weekend actually began with workshops and historical presentations on Saturday, February 28th. The Grand Lecturer's workshop commenced on that morning covering a wide variety of topics. Following his workshop the Deputy Grand Master, Dwayne A. Smith, discussed a number of points of the opening and closing of Lodges as well as the execution of specific tasks during these periods. Following the workshops, a call for Marshalls for the Bud Biliken Parade was placed in order to assist in securing the parade and to provide a strong presence of legitimate Masons in the ranks. Following the call to service, the symposium on Regular Freemasonry was presented jointly with the sisters of the Order of the Eastern Star. The session opened a great deal of eyes. As it was opened to the public, a number of non-Prince Hall Masons and Eastern Stars were in attendance. These types of symposiums have helped to prompt several to become healed. Many in attendance left with a new zeal for Freemasonry and it was this spirit that was displayed during the banquet honoring Grand Master Driskell on that evening.

Under the direction of William L. Norman and Kenneth Johnson, the banquet was a success. The audience was entertained by the comedy styling of the Master of Ceremonies, R.W. Bro. Daryl L. Andrews, who ran a smooth and funny program for the evening. The self-proclaimed "handsomest man in the room" did a magnificent and efficient job. After presentations to the Grand Master and remarks from leadership, the crowd was released in record time to enjoy the rest of their evening.

The formal Mid-Year Session began on Sunday, March 1st. At this meeting, the status of the property purchase and projected income, which were explained during the 2015 Mid-Year Session on Sunday morning. The purchase and benefits brought forward several questions regarding the property and its projected income for the Grand Lodge. The answers presented met with the satisfaction of the Craft and seal of approval by those present. With the satisfaction of the Craft and a word of prayer, the brethren were dismissed to return to their various locales.

Congratulations on a Successful Mid-Year!



Photos by Past Master Bernard Brown—Bernard Brown Photography



New Phylaxis Trustee

Charles J. Stewart

By RW Bro. Daryl Andrews

An original member of the Phylaxis Society, Charles J. Stewart has been a perennial attendee of the annual sessions of the society for years. He has contributed to the Society in numerous ways and most recently heading the life membership department for the organization. Under his watch, Life memberships to the Phylaxis Society from the State of Illinois and interest in the Scottish Rite have increased dramatically. As Past Deputy for the Orient of Illinois, his influence in the Scottish Rite arena has been pivotal. Along with Right Worshipful Brother Daryl Andrews and Past Master Tyrone Jackson, he attended the 2015 session of the organization which was held in Ontario, California in early March. The session itself was well attended and included a special visit by Past Grand Master Nicholas B. Locker who facilitated the restoration of amity between Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Massachusetts and England. After the presentations were completed, the time came for elections. After a close race, Stewart won election as Trustee for the Phylaxis Society. Congratulations.



King Award Recipient Presented to PM Ray Willis

Plumblin Lodge #116

The South Park Baptist Church has selected Ray Willis, as a 2015 “Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.” award recipient for his outstanding performance as a leading advocate in the area of housing and community development and a Prince Hall Mason. As a community leader, Ray Willis’ untiring efforts and contributions have truly made a difference for many. The award was presented at the Black History Month celebration on Saturday, February 28, 2015 at South Park Baptist Church, 3722 South King Drive, Chicago. Hosted by Art Norman, NBC 5 Reporter and NBC 5 Weatherman Byron Miranda, Willis was awarded along with Joseph M. Harrington, Dr. Terry Mason, M.D., Pam Oliver, Kathy Chaney and Dr. Sandra Webb. The presenters included State Senator Mattie Hunter, Alderman Pat Dowell, and State Representative Kenneth Dunkin. Congratulations!!!

Brother’s Keeper Spirit of Embassy Award

By PM Hassan Trembel-EI

Samuel Miller has been working in the Security Department at the Embassy Suites Chicago/Lakefront for ten years. He has come across so many different types of crazy incidents at work from noise complaints, slips and falls to intoxicated guests. He has always handled them in the most professional manner. He exudes confidence in performing his job duties in his current role as Security Supervisor. One day in November 2014, Miller saved someone’s life when he received



a phone call from a worried wife of a guest whose husband did not come home the night before. Miller immediately took action and conducted a well-being check. Upon conducting the check he noticed there was “DO NOT DISTURB” sign hung up on the outside of the door and when he knocked three times, the guest did not answer. He, then, proceeded to enter the room and saw a bottle of liquor, a letter and a few other items on the table. Miller then went to the bedroom part of the suite and saw a middle age man lying in a pool of blood moaning. He immediately checked to see if the man was breathing and called for assistance to contact the paramedics and police. He stayed with the guest and observed that the man had a laceration to the right side of his neck, deep cuts on both wrists and his groin area. When the paramedics arrived the man was stabilized and transported to Northwestern Memorial Hospital. Amelia Adjiwibawa who is the Director of HR for Embassy Suites Chicago/Lakefront stated “when I saw Sam later in the day, he was still smiling and gracious continuing on his day to day work which includes patrolling of the hotel. If anyone asks him, he would say that he would do that again for anyone who needs help. Sam is a good role model for us and he does not hesitate to jump in and assist when needed. Often times Sam can be seen helping the breakfast team to directing traffic and cleaning tables when we are slammed serving 1,800 people during breakfast hours. Sam can also be seen helping the bellmen storing and delivering luggage.” Bro. Samuel Miller of Immanuel Lodge #153 was nominated and selected by his peers because of his can do attitude for a “Spirit of Embassy Award”. On April 1, 2015 Bro. Miller received this award which is a huge honor for Embassy Suites team members. As a Spirit of Embassy Award winner he achieved what only very few ever do in a lifetime.

Western Star Lodge #87

Clean up the Community, Literally!

By PM William Branch Jr. & Hanif Morris

Many members join Masonry for the opportunity to give back to their communities. Lodges that put a priority on community service not only fulfill those expectations, they also inspire others in the lodge and community. Western Star Lodge #87 of LaGrange is proud to support the efforts of its community partners and participate in Clean-Up Week. Clean-Up Week is a grass roots community effort to improve the appearance of the LaGrange community by cleaning up litter and garbage, and tending to landscaping and lawns. According to Renee Strasser, Acting Police Chief of LaGrange, “When a property, a block, or a neighborhood looks good, and appears as if it is being cared for, it is less likely to be a target of littering, vandalism, or other property crimes.”

Indeed Western Star and other lodges in Prince Hall of Illinois’ Second Masonic District are working hard to find creative ways to meet the Grand Master’s mandate of making positive contributions to the various communities in which Masons operate. Bro. Michael Stone, Senior Warden of Western Star Lodge said, “Freemasonry teaches us that no person can do everything. But, it is within every person to do something!”

The Men of Keystone Lodge #15 of Aurora literally put their community service on the map, by volunteering to become an official Adopt-A-Highway partner group. The Lodge has adopted a two mile stretch of IL. Route #25 on the south side of Aurora. As a part of the program, brothers have committed to remove litter from the adopted section four times each year while educating the community on the advantages of a clean environment. Additionally, the activity gives Keystone Lodge #15 the opportunity to interact



directly with the people and communities we serve. “We believe that when you look good, you feel good. That doesn’t just apply to people, but to neighborhoods as well.” said Steve Zackery, Worshipful Master of Keystone #15.

These activities allow both Western Star and Keystone the opportunity to interact directly with the people and communities they serve. During each cleanup, brothers receive dozens of “Thank You’s”, horn beeps and hand waves from appreciative citizens. The interaction not only reinforces the premise of genuine charity, but it simultaneously allows the uninitiated to see freemasonry on display.



Past Grand Master Black

Talks About the Law

By PM William Branch Jr.

On April 11th, PGM James Black visited the Second Masonic District’s School of Instruction. The visit, styled in the form of a workshop for Second District officers and brethren, was extremely informative and enlightening. PGM Black relayed an enormous amount of information to the brethren relative to the Constitution and Bylaws of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Illinois. He reviewed recent changes to the law books, new sections and offered sound advice for their proper use. Next, he briefed the craft on new initiatives being enacted at the Grand Lodge level such as certification of Master Masons prior to leadership service in some female orders. He, then, presented certificates of completion to those members who met the new requirements (below). The floor was then opened up for questions and PGM Black addressed several areas of concern expressed by the audience. He provided clarity on the Jurisprudence process and expounded on the roles of Masters and Wardens as representatives of their lodges during legal proceedings. He closed his presentation with a brief lecture about the legal processes and the benefits of Masonic Jurisprudence.

American Cancer Society Walk & Roll

Grand Lodge Raises Nearly \$4K

By PM Carl Pickett, Sis. Lisa Lee and RW Daryl Andrews



The MWPHGL, Eureka Grand Chapter O.E.S. , and the Jr. Craft were great representatives at the 2015 Chicago Bike, Walk, and Roll Cancer Walk on Saturday April 25th. Thanks goes to the Cancer Walk Committee headed by GSW A. Barlow. Our members stormed the rain, wind and cold to support the fight against cancer. Coordinator Sis Lisa Lee was one of the raffle winners.



Easter at Southpoint Nursing Home

By Bro. Bradford Bozeman

The Brothers of Union Lodge #155 produced our Annual Easter Bag Giveaway for the residents of Southpoint Nursing Home in Chicago. Southpoint's residents received handmade baskets containing fruit, candy and 'a little Easter cheer'. Spending time with the recipients of Southpoint Nursing Home in Chicago has become one of Union Lodge's hallmark charitable events.



Illinois Child Identification Program

Keystone Lodge Sponsors IL CHIP in Aurora

By Bros. Joel Keeton & Hanif Morris

In 2014, there were 466,949 entries for missing children under the age of 18 in the FBI's National Crime Information Center. In Illinois, there are currently



104 open missing children cases. A child can become missing for many reasons, and the problem is far more complex than the headlines suggest. Reporting a clear picture of how many children become missing and remain missing is an important portion of addressing the problem. However, active prevention is paramount in shortening the functional time of recovery. Recent advances in technology, communications through public alerts (AMBER Alert) and greater cooperation from law enforcement have helped solve many cases quickly. To assist in the recovery of a missing child, the Illinois Child Identification Program (ILCHIP) was developed to offer families a measure of protection by providing a current:

1. **Color Photograph ID**
2. **Video Interview**
3. **DNA sample**
4. **Fingerprint**



The Brothers of Keystone Lodge #15 consistently aim to provide charitable services to the City of Aurora and its surrounding communities. Through these efforts, the Lodge sponsored an IL-CHIP event on Saturday April 25th, 2015 at Krug Elementary School in Aurora. Sis. Yvonne German, Sis. Delcine Price and Bro. Carlton Smith from the MWPHGLIL IL-CHIP Team were crucial in proctoring a successful experience! Over 40 children went through the process of procuring identification elements. As a result, the participating families from all over the western suburbs were provided an invaluable service that will help in the recovery of their children if such an unfortunate incident was to ever occur.





Honor Flight Honors 50 Yr. Member of Wisdom #102

By PM David Berry, RW Bro. Daryl Andrews & MW Bro. Millard V. Driskell

On May 6, 2015, Past Master Edward H. Campbell was recognized for his service as a World War Two Veteran by Honor Flight Chicago. Campbell, who is in his 90s, has been an active Prince Hall Mason for more than 50 years. After serving as Master of Wisdom Lodge #102 in 1983, he served as Secretary for more than 30 years. His service to Freemasonry and to his country are second to none which prompted Past Master David Berry to present this recognition story to the Journal:


- **Berry:** “RW, we have a member in our Lodge who is in his 90s and is one of a few World War Two veterans that is still living in our area. An event is coming up for him that I think the Journal would be interested in.”
- **Andrews:** “We don’t have a lot of vets that age that are still around.”
- **Berry:** “Yeah. Past Master Edward H. Campbell is his name. He is a 50 year. He served as Secretary for Wisdom for more than 30 years. He just gave up Secretary a few years ago.”
- **Andrews:** “What is the event about?”

- **Berry:** “I spoke with his granddaughter. She told me that he will be honored with a flight to Washington, D.C. by Honor Flight Chicago with other veterans for a reception and to tour the Veterans Memorials. They will also tour the city. On their way home, they will be treated as if they are just returning from war.”
- **Andrews:** “How will they do that?”
- **Berry:** “They will do mail call at the airport. They are asking families to write letters and send the letters to them like they did at war time. They are going to do a mail call when they return from D.C. at the airport and will read the letters at that time. I will try to get some brothers there to meet him with the family.”
- **Andrews:** “That would be a great piece for the Journal.”
- **Berry:** “His family is excited about it and it could be a good thing to have something Masonic read. I am working on that for the Lodge. What can be done from the Grand Lodge. Do you think a letter could be submitted?”
- **Andrews:** “Let me touch base with the Grand Master. It would go a long way.”

- **Andrews:** “Grand Master. PM Berry contacted me about a recognition event for a 50 year member of Wisdom.”
- **GM Driskell:** “What’s the occasion?”
- **Andrews:** “PM Edward H. Campbell is in his 90s and is being recognized for his military service by Honor Flight. He is a long time member of Wisdom #102 and is one of the last living vets around Chicago from the World War Two era.”
- **GM Driskell:** “What is Honor Flight?”
- **Andrews:** “They fly veterans to D.C. for a reception and to visit the War Memorials. When they return to the airport they are met by their families and friends just like they are returning from war. They will have mail call where they will read letters from the family. PM Berry is working on a letter from his Lodge. It could be a good thing for the Grand Lodge to send a letter.”
- **GM Driskell:** “Tell me about him.”
- **Andrews:** “He is a 50 year member, was Master in 1983. He served as Secretary for Wisdom for more than 30 years. He just relinquished the secretary seat of the Lodge a few years ago while in his 80s. He is in the Consistory also.”
- **GM Driskell:** “This is a dedicated brother. A letter should be done for the Grand Lodge as a resolution. Touch base with the Grand Secretary and let’s get this done for our good brother.”

The Grand Lodge submitted a resolution (left) in recognition of the years of service of Past Master Edward H. Campbell for his service to his country, Lodge and Grand Lodge. This resolution was read along with other letters on May 6, 2015 upon his return to Midway Airport in Chicago and was well received by him and his family. In the words of his Grand-Daughter Dianna Love, “I thank you from the bottom of my heart for your effort.”

Congratulations to Past Master Edward H. Campbell. We Salute YOU!!!



RESOLUTION OF RESPECT
MOST WORSHIPFUL PRINCE HALL GRAND LODGE
FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS
STATE OF ILLINOIS AND ITS JURISDICTION
TO CONCERN
PAST MASTER EDWARD H. CAMPBELL

WHEREAS: It was by divine providence that a dispensation, granted by the Grand Architect of the Universe, brought our worthy and esteemed brother, Worshipful Brother Edward H. Campbell, from his stalwart defense of his country during the dangerous toils and snares of World War II to a state of peace on the shores of the United States of America where the 44th President of the United States of America, the honorable Barack H. Obama, presides; and

WHEREAS: The relations held by our esteemed brother with the members of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, State of Illinois and Its Jurisdiction for more than 50 years renders it proper that we place, on record, our appreciation of his services as a Master Mason, his leadership as Worshipful Master of Wisdom Lodge #102 in 1983, his efforts in service as Secretary of the Lodge for over 30 years and his merits as a man; and

WHEREAS: The Honor Flight Chicago has seen fit to honor and recognize our dear brother with an all-expense-paid trip to Washington, D.C., to see the World War II Memorial, built in honor of him and all soldiers who sacrificed themselves on behalf of their country; and to commemorate their service which has afforded us the freedoms that we enjoy today; nearly 70 years later; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That we, the Officers and Members of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, State of Illinois and Its Jurisdiction, do, hereby, honor, commend and recognize the services and efforts of our dear brother, Worshipful Brother Edward H. Campbell, and welcome him home, with opened arms; and be it further

RESOLVED, That as an expression of our Love, Admiration and Respect for him, a copy of this resolution be placed in the archives of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, State of Illinois and Its Jurisdiction and a copy given to him and his family.

Presented on this 6th day in the month of May in the year of our Lord 2015.

Signed: _____ Attest: _____

Most Worshipful Brother
Millard V. Driskell
Grand Master
Right Worshipful Brother
Joan E. Queen
Grand Secretary

ST. JOHNS DAY DIVINE SERVICE CELEBRATION “THE PATRON SAINTS OF FREEMASONRY”

On June 28, 2015, the MWPHGL of Illinois and its subordinate lodges located throughout the Illinois Masonic Districts celebrated its annual St. John’s Day Divine Services honoring our Patriot Saint’s of Freemasonry, St. John the Baptist and St. John the Evangelist. Brothers, have you ever given it a thought why we as Prince Hall Masons all around the globe assemble every year on the 4th Sunday of June to celebrate the festivities of the Holy Saints John? Did you know that this was a solemn occasion upheld by our Founder, Most Worshipful Brother Prince Hall, the First Black Man to be made a Mason in America on March 6, 1775? One of the permissions granted to Prince Hall was to assemble in public processions to celebrate our Patron Saints of Freemasonry.

Yes, Freemasonry is a beautiful system of morality, veiled in allegory and illustrated by symbols. It seeks to make good men better through the firm belief in the fatherhood of God, the brotherhood of man and the immortality of the soul. The teachings of Freemasonry are based on ethical principles that are acceptable to all good men. The basic tenets are brotherly love, relief and truth. These were attributes of our Patron Saints of Freemasonry, St. John the Baptist and St. John the Evangelist.

As the Grand Historian, please allow me to share with you the history of the Patron Saints of Freemasonry, St. John the Baptist and St. John the Evangelist. The 24th of June is religiously devoted to St. John the Baptist and the 27th of December to St. John the Evangelist. It is the duty of Brother Masons to assemble on these days, and by a solemn invocation of the past, renew the ties and strengthen the fraternal bonds that bind the present to the brotherhood of the olden times.

St. John the Baptist, one of the Patron Saints of Freemasonry was the forerunner of Jesus. He was the son of the Jewish Priest



THIRD DISTRICT (above)—Good Time was had by all at the 3rd District Annual St John’s Day Service that was held at Bethel AME Church in Quincy, IL. There was a lot of good singing and a dynamic sermon that was given. The Brothers was able to make several donations to the Church for allowing their doors to be open for us. We like to thank R.W. Brother Dwayne Smith DGM, R.W. Brother Aubrey Barlow GSW, & Sister Sandra Smith WGM for attending our service. The church was filled with Brothers, Sisters and Guest. Five of the Nine lodges were represented. —**Ron Wilson, Area Coordinator, 3rd District**

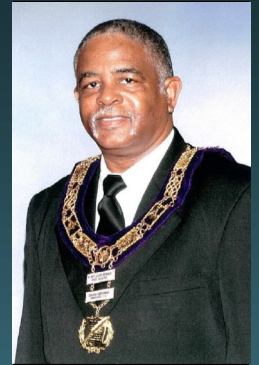
FOURTH DISTRICT (right)—As custom dictates, the Prince Hall Masonic Family Southwestern Illinois 4th District celebrated St. John’s Day at Mount Zion East Center, 425 North 88th Street, East St. Louis, Illinois at 3:00 p.m. where the where the Reverend Bro. Morris D. Hunt, pastor. The Host Lodge for this year’s services was P.G. Porter #142, East St. Louis, Illinois where Worshipful Bro. Anthony Wills sits

Zacharias and of Elizabeth. His festival occurs on the 24th of June and is generally celebrated by the Masonic Fraternity. He was a preacher of repentance. He was known for his simple manner of living and his peculiar purification or consecration by baptism in a river bath which he introduced as a symbol of moral purity. Jesus allowed himself to be baptized by him and, from that time, St. John the Baptist said unto his disciples that he was certainly, the “Messiah”. St. John the Baptist first obtained celebrity status in his native country, then in the mountains of Judea and afterwards throughout the entire nation.

St. John the Evangelist, also a Patron Saint of Freemasonry, was an Apostle of Jesus. He was born in Bethsaida, in Galilee, the son of Zebedee and a disciple of Jesus who loved him because he distinguished himself by gentleness and humility. After the ascension of Jesus he preached the gospel. In fact, the Gospel of St. John is especially important to Freemasons because he preached love. His festival is on the 27th of December. During the 16th Century, Freemasons celebrated the 27th of December because this was a season they could be spared from their business and profession. On this day, they held their general assembly.

It is because of the values and morals of our Patron Saints of Freemasonry, St. John the Baptist and St. John the Evangelist, that they will forever be united. As a result, Prince Hall Masons throughout this nation will continue to celebrate these Patron Saints of Freemasonry.

The Grand Historians are continuing to retrace our history through the collections of personal archive information and interviews with our senior brothers and sisters. Arrangements to share your personal documents can be made by contacting Assistant Grand Historians Taej L. Murray at (773) 915-3395; Albert Haynes, III., at (708) 829-5146, or Tammy Hampton at (773) 982-4236.



PM Lloyd Womack
Grand Historian



as Worshipful Master. I.H. Kelly #11 (WM-DeAunty Dupree); St. Paul #42 (WM-Speed Allen, Jr.); Joppa #79 WM-Jesse P. Gurley); Dunbar #97 (WM-Andy Hightower); Southern Cross #112 (WM-Samuel A. Millard); and Jericho #120 WM-Montez Miller) were represented. The service started with the processional of the Masonic family under the direction of the Marshall PM Christopher McKinley, #112, the Call to Worship by Rev. Morris D. Hunt and devotion led by Brothers from the various lodges. The Occasion for the day was presented by WM Millard. PM Charles McDonald introduced the speaker for the day, Rev. Morris D. Hunt, PM, #112. He is a true friend and has a gift in giving the Word. His message was from Isaiah 43, 1-5 and his topic was "Passing through". His message was strong and very timely. W. Bro. Harry Barnett, provided remarks and made presentation to Rev. Hunt and the church. PM James E. Cotton, Jr. Master of Ceremony introduced MW Bro. Melvin Frierson, Past Grand Master who provided closing remarks. To conclude the services, Rev. Hunt gave the benediction and blessed the food which was enjoyed by all.—PGM Earl D. Scott, 4th District



A Theory on the Spread of Clandestine Masonry

By Right Worshipful Brother Daryl L. Andrews

Historically, temples have served as places of worship for communities of faith and social rites. They range in size and this was largely based upon the size of the community that they serviced. Larger temples served larger cities while smaller temples typically served local towns. Despite the size, the primary focus of the temple was to serve as local strongholds for the faith or the rite and local facilities for community service.

Local temples often align with larger, parent organizations who direct the doctrine of the faith or rite. The parent organizations either dwell in temples of their own or operate from a strategic location. The location was, likely, selected based upon its ability to communicate with the masses. Their tasks focused primarily on ensuring that a sound doctrine remained in existence and that the modes of operation and recognition remained in place.

The alignment of a local temple with a parent organization implied that the local temple adopted a specific doctrine and its related practices. Execution of the local temples within those parameters defined regularity within the faith or rite. A consistent practice within the parameters by aligned temples over a period of time creates a trend of uniformity. It is this trend that serves as the basis upon which historical lineages of regularity are built.

In the eyes of the faithful, there is no

gray area relative to regularity. If an individual has adopted the standards set by the doctrine by regular means, then it is expected for that individual to align with those standards. This defines the faithful or the regular. If that individual cannot align with the standards, then removal from the faith or rite becomes the likely outcome. Removal is typically done voluntarily or by force through expulsion by the faithful. Once separated, the individual's claim to the faith or to the rite is vacated.

Many doctrines allow for reinstatement. Some allow this through repentance which is an admission of fault with the caveat that the same fault would not be repeated again. Others allow this through forms of reaffirmation. While other methods may also exist, these acts are considered acts of reconciliation that renew the bonds that were broken.

Individuals who stake a claim to a specific rite through clandestine means are not considered to have adopted the pure doctrine at all. "Clandestine means" refers to the adoption of a faith or a rite through surreptitious methods. As such, the doctrine of the faith or rite was simply not implemented fully, was implemented with changes that do not align with the pure doctrine or was a new creation that was given the same name as the original. These practices either present a wounded or a false version of the original doctrine. Those who create these types of versions knowingly usually do so for personal gain. Those who adopt the wounded version without knowing its origins were likely duped, confused or just unaware. In either case, these individuals were never considered to be part of the faithful because they had never adopted the pure doctrine from the start.

A great deal of complication comes along with the existence of pure and wounded versions of doctrine. Purveyors of a wounded doctrine have long been able to convince uninformed followers of their legitimacy. These types of followers are made to believe

that their acts are in alignment with the pure doctrine of the specific faith or rite and are willing to extend to multiple lengths to act on their beliefs. Financial support is typically given blindly. As a result, temples become erected under false pretenses and the seeds of a false presence of the faith or rite in communities become planted and sown.

The unimpeded growth of a seed results in the production of a plant. Nourishment of a small plant with pure or soiled water will eventually produce a tree. Eventually, a tree will release seeds of its own to perpetuate the growth of other trees that resemble it. After years of growth and nourishment and the dispensation of more seeds, a forest will eventually be produced. Thus, the reciprocal effect of the unimpeded growth of the initial seed becomes a vast wilderness of falsehood and confusion.

We live in a society today where young men believe that it is cool to wear sagging pants. Many do not know that the source of saggy pants originated from an unwritten prison doctrine in which homosexuals sagged their pants to indicate that they were "opened for business" in the trade of sexual favors. We operate in circles where it is common for married couples to engage in open relationships. Our youth view various forms of media in which the standards for decency are low. In essence, a seed that has been nourished with clandestine rhetoric has produced a forest of trauma and degradation. However, the forest can be healed with a balm of the pure faith or the pure rite. It cannot be done with idle conversation but with faith filled action. As such, the faithful must stand up and build a presence in the midst of the wilderness. Light must shine in the darkness.

Relative to Freemasonry, it is the perpetuation of a wounded doctrine that serves as the source for the growth and expansion of Clandestine Freemasonry across the United States of America. All men who claim to be Masons, are not Masons. All Lodges that

claim to be legitimate Masonic Lodges cannot trace their lineage to a valid Masonic organization. However, many of these organizations have a presence in communities where legitimate Masons do not. It is upon this basis that they are able to operate virtually unimpeded. No light appears to shine in the wilderness in many of those locations. As such, how would the uninformed know the truth?

In the City of Chicago and its vicinity there are nearly 100 clandestine Masonic organizations in existence. Their membership consists of members who live within those specific locales who also coach sports teams, attend church or mosque services and do other things that one would expect for a legitimate Mason to do. Several perform these acts on large scales and have made positive impacts in the communities in which they live. Several believe that their Masonic ties are actually legitimate. So why have they not joined the ranks of Prince Hall Freemasonry? It is likely because there is not a presence of Prince Hall Masons in those communities.

By a presence, it is not meant to convey that Prince Hall Masons who reside in a locale do not stand up and stand out. There are countless examples of individuals who do. The lack of a presence refers to the absence of temples in those areas. This is an area that needs to be explored.

There are no temples owned or operated by Prince Hall Masons in the Cities of South Holland, Harvey, Oak Lawn, Dolton or Calumet City. With the exception of the Grand East and the Hall of Monarch Lodge #99, there are no temples that are owned by Prince Hall Masons on the South and Southwest sides of the City of Chicago. Other locations did exist in the past on the North, South and West Sides of the city. However, they are long since gone. The lack of a temple in those locations

is a reason why they are breeding grounds for Clandestine Masons. There is no clear presence in those locales.

There are examples of locations in which Clandestine Freemasonry has not created forests. The Cities of East St. Louis and Decatur do not have a large faction of clandestine Masons because of the presence of Lodge Halls for those Lodges which are housed in that vicinity. The degree of Clandestine Freemasonry in the City of Joliet appears to be low because of the presence of Stone City Lodge #35. Keystone Lodge #15 has made great strides in the City of Aurora. Central Lodge #3 stands as a strong tower in the Capitol of the State of Illinois. Central's effort to successfully obtain landmark status for its Lodge Hall has placed them in rare air. In these locations and others in Illinois, Clandestine activities remain low because Prince Hall Masons utilize their temples not only for Lodge meetings but also for community affairs. In doing so, they maintain strong ties to the community. It is from that community that they draw men of like character into their ranks and generate support.

On the Southwest and Southeast sides of Chicago, several men have aligned themselves with the St. James and St. John Grand Lodges without the knowledge that their lineage traces to an expelled Prince Hall Mason by the name of John G. Jones.¹ In the Northern suburbs, several men have aligned themselves with the St. Titus Grand Lodge without the knowledge that their lineage traces to the clandestine General Grand United Masonic Congress.² On the west side and western suburbs, several have aligned themselves with the International Freemasons without the knowledge of their founder's illegitimacy. Despite the lineage, their works in their respective

communities include food and clothing drives, supporting shelters for widows and orphans, participating in walkathons to raise money to fight diseases and other works of charity. To the public, Freemasonry and charity are linked. As such, how would the public know the historical truths about a clandestine organization if that group executes those things that they view as being pure Masonic doctrine? It is for this very reason and the aforementioned causes that the latest theory has emerged - "Clandestine Freemasonry thrives in those neighborhoods where Prince Hall Masonic Temples do not exist."

Masonic records provide evidence to the saturation of Prince Hall Masons within many of the locales in or about the City of Chicago. Nearly 1,400 Prince Hall Masons who hold membership in one of the forty-one (41) Chicago Lodges live in Chicago or its surrounding suburbs. Of these members, their residences are distributed as follows:²

Chicago (Downtown & Near South)	= 8%
Chicago (South Central & South)	= 27%
Chicago (South East)	= 16%
Chicago & Near West Suburbs	= 9%
Chicago & Northwest Suburbs	= 2%
Chicago & Southwest Suburbs	= 7%
Far South Suburbs	= 11%
Near South Suburbs	= 9%
Southeast Suburbs	= 7%
Western Suburbs	= 4%
TOTAL	= 100%

Of the halls that are owned and operated by Prince Hall Masons, only two reside in the 234 square miles of the City of Chicago. They are Monarch Lodge #99 which resides in the Chicago - South Central and South region and the Grand East which resides in the Chicago - Downtown and Near South region. 35% of the Prince Hall Masons within this grouping live in these regions. Conversely, Clandestine Freemasonry is highly active in the following regions

where no Prince Hall temples exist:³

- **Chicago – South East** (St. John Grand Lodge, Job Grand Lodge, et. al)
- **Chicago and Near West Suburbs** (William V. Banks Grand Lodge, et. al)
- **Chicago and Southwest Suburbs** (St. James Grand Lodge, et. al)
- **Far South Suburbs** (New Jerusalem Grand Lodge, et. al)
- **Western Suburbs** (Celestial Grand Lodge, Lee Cross Grand Lodge, et. al)

While some are crumbling, the concept that a new Masonic organization can be started at will by a group of Clandestine Masons is a pervasive ideal. In addition, the method that is utilized to accomplish the goal has clearly been effective:

- **Step 1:** Group split from organization
- **Step 2:** Organize and Pool finances
- **Step 3:** Purchase property (temple)
- **Step 4:** Perform Community Service
- **Step 5:** Peddle Masonic Degrees

In most instances, the aforementioned steps serve as a general method through which Clandestine Freemasonry is perpetuated. Other instances have been found where these organizations have merged or formed larger coalitions for joint efforts. In the case of the latter, a general leader is elected to leader the coalition to manage the agreed upon tasks. These range from parades to large scale service efforts and are effective in drawing new members into the fold.

This type of publicity is cancerous to Regular Freemasonry particularly because the general public is not aware of their illegitimacy. For years, bogus Masonic organizations have participated in the Chicago's Bud Biliken Parade which is a televised event. This parade is situated on the South Side of the city where the African American saturation rate is at its highest. Parade organizers have allowed multiple groups claiming ties to Freemasonry to participate in the parade. Clandestine organizations use these types of celebrations as public weapons of confusion. Marching in a

public parade in which Prince Hall Masons are also included promotes the ideal that there is no distinction.

Those who have transitioned from Regular Freemasonry to the Clandestine Ranks are akin to the Judas of the Holy Bible. Judas sold out Jesus the Christ for 30 pieces of silver. Likewise, several suspended or expelled Prince Hall Masons have sold their Masonic souls for ranks and privileges that are worthless to Regular Masons. They deliberately deceive others for power and are even more cancerous. Like Judas, these men will also meet their maker. But, for their organizations to be eradicated, action must be taken today.

Failure to take a stance against Clandestine Freemasonry serves as fuel for the growth efforts of Clandestine organizations. Taking a stance has been proven to draw attention. Symposiums held by the Bogus Masonry Committee of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Illinois have drawn countless members of clandestine organizations and the public to understand the history of Regular Freemasonry. The list of Bogus Grand Lodges compiled by Carlton Smith of the Abrams Chapter of the Phylaxis Society has prompted many to ask why their organization was on the list. Taking a public stance prompts the opposer to make a public defense. To make a public defense, one must first educate himself. It is usually during the self-education period that revelations of truth are found. No challenge typically leads to no action. Not taking a stance is akin to giving consent.

A lack of self-knowledge is also a pitfall for Prince Hall Masons. To simply say that "I am Regular and you are not" without the knowledge of one's own regularity is like inviting a wolf into a hen house. The wolves may actually know more about the details of the hen house.

Giving mis-information can be even more damaging. Great care must be taken on both fronts. Ultimately, it is light that keeps Regular Freemasons on point while also drawing Clandestine Masons to seek to be healed.

The 4th verse in the 1st Chapter of the Book of Genesis in the Holy Bible reads - "God saw that the light was good, and He separated the light from the darkness." Clandestine Freemasonry continues to thrive because the light is not being seen in those locations where it needs to be seen. There is a clear separation between Regular and Clandestine Freemasonry. Unfortunately, the public and many in the clandestine ranks do not see the distinction. In order for light to shine in the wilderness of the City of Chicago, light houses need to be erected in order for soldiers of light to stand up and stand out a bit stronger. For it was by God's light as per the Holy Bible that the Apostle Paul was initially blinded and then came to take on a new mission in life. A similar transformation can be done for those who remain in darkness to end the clandestine spread. ✂



I pledge to guard against Bogus Masonry and to do more charity work in my community.

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STRESS CONTROL:

“LIVE A LONGER, HAPPIER, AND HEALTHIER LIFE”

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Many people think of stress as causing health problems. However, results from part of a large study called, “Midlife in the United States”, have shown that just being stressed does not cause problems. It’s the response that people have to stressors that’s at issue. And that response can affect your health 10 years into the future, regardless of your health today. The study found that people who got upset by daily stressors and continued to dwell on them after they were over were more likely to suffer from chronic health problems especially pain and heart disease 10 years later.

In my research of it describes some people as Teflon and some as Velcro. When a stressful event happens to Velcro types, they get upset and stay upset. With Teflon’s the stressors slide right off, they are able to let go of a problem or upsetting situation.

All you have to do is stand in a long line to see people react like Teflon and Velcro. Everyone is in the same line; Some people find it upsetting, while others don’t. The Velcro person is still fuming even after reaching the front of the line, while the Teflon person can let it go more easily. So even though you don’t always have a choice about standing in a long line, you do have a choice about how you react.

People who react more like Teflon are better able to balance the negative and positive aspects of their lives. One way to find that balance is to do more of the things you enjoy and fewer of those things that drain your energy. Another idea is to reframe your view or perception of the stress. Try asking yourself, “What is the worst thing that can happen if I have to stand in this long line?” “What is the best thing that can happen if I get upset about it?”

When you are stressed, your body releases hormones to help you deal with stress. They are the flight-or-fight hormones. These same hormones raise blood glucose levels. Look at your blood glucose readings when you are stressed. Do you see numbers higher than usual? Your high levels may be caused by these hormones.

Some people eat more or sleep more when they feel stressed. Eating more can, in turn, lead to higher blood glucose readings. Other people may eat less or toss and turn at night. Some people find it hard to exercise when they are feeling stressed out, and others find that exercise helps burn up some of the negative energy.

Exercise is also a way to cope with stress. Exercise release endorphins, the feel-good hormones that counter act the effects of the stress hormones. Many people find taking a brisk walk or going to the gym after work helps them to leave their stress behind.

Here are seven (7) ideas for finding your inner Teflon:

1. **Find the support you need:** Find a good listener, or join a support group. Pray, meditate or practice your religion.
2. **Know your limits:** Don’t try to do more than you can. Learn to say no to people or events that will raise your stress level. You don’t have to do it all. Do fewer things and do them better.
3. **Plan your day and set goals you can meet:** Make time to take care of yourself and your health. Take breaks during stressful times or events. Make it a point to relax, take a nap or watch a funny movie.
4. **Take a stress management class or practice relaxation exercises:** Community and senior centers, the library or the Internet are good resources
5. **Avoid stressful situations when possible:** If you can’t plan ahead how will you handle the stress?
6. **Express your feelings:** It is OK to cry when you are sad or upset, but try to laugh every day.
7. **Use your energy in a positive way:** Hobbies, things you enjoy, laughing or spending time with upbeat people can help you handle your stress.

Although stress is a fact of life for most of us, you can learn to better handle the stress you experience and live a longer, happier, and healthier life. So, I ask you the question? Are you a Velcro or a Teflon?

**Until next time,
try to “Control the Stress”!**



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EAGLE SCOUT ALERT

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DeVonte' Malik Matthews

By Sister Detria Matthews

Congratulations to DeVonte' Malik Matthews, a member of Troop 1791 of Chicago, who will be Honored at a Special Court of Honor for achieving the Eagle Scout Award, Boy Scouting's highest honor. To become an Eagle Scout, he earned 21 merit badges and served his troop in a variety of leadership roles. He also completed a major community service project, "fire safety" where he distribute out 50 smoke detectors, and Carbone dioxide detectors in the Englewood neighborhood in Chicago. He is a Past Grand Junior Craft Master for Jachin #133 Jr. Craft, and Vice Joshua of Junior Heroines, a freshman at Gary Comer College Prep High School, member of National Society Black Engineer Jr. Devonte plans to become a Quality Assurance Tester Engineer or Chemical Engineer. **CONGRATULATIONS!!!**

