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**MOST WORSHIPFUL BROTHER**

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Grand Master of Illinois Prince Hall Masons

## Editorial

OUR-story continues in this edition with a number of new items that highlight the participation of blacks in other cultures. Building on the prior edition, we will highlight Yasuke who is considered the first black Samurai. We will also introduce you to the first black Assistant States Attorney, none other than Right Worshipful Brother Ferdinand Barnett, Past Grand Senior Warden. We also have an answer to a feedback question that was asked regarding Bogus Masonry. These articles and current events are highlighted in this edition.

It remains a priority on the list of several to re-educate our youth and our brethren on the heritage of Prince Hall Freemasonry. It is imperative that we publish and proclaim our truths so that our story is told in the right way. If not done by us, it will become HIS-story which traditionally has been flawed. So as men and as Masons, we must do our part to correct the ignorance that runs rampant. Otherwise HIS-story about us will reign supreme.



Right Worshipful Brother  
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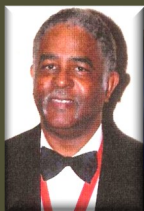
## Feedback Corner

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

- “Wow. You guys are swinging like that documentary ‘Hidden Colors’. I have a new appreciation for the Journal.”
- “Congrats to the Duke. A lot of the charity work he does goes unnoticed.”
- “The Father-Son pieces were great touches. Masonry used to be a big family organization. What happened to the bloodline requirement for sisters?”
- “The article ‘Wanted Young & Athletic’ opened my eyes on a few points.”
- “Didn’t know our Grand Lodge LEGALLY established Lodges in other states. Looking forward to the next Namesake Lodge series.”
- “The list of Bogus Grand Lodges seems to be growing. What can we do about that? Why aren’t men choosing PHA?”
- “Young to old, we still flying. Devonte and Brother Owens looking good.”
- “What can be done about getting the Journal delivered to our sick and infirmed brethren?”

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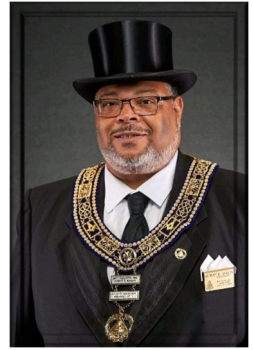


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## Office of the Grand Master



As Grand Master, I would like to see this organization reach new heights in the lives of our young men. Our future leaders, fathers, brothers and men need our guidance on the path to success. So, I'm asking ALL lodges to locate an elementary school in your community and adopt a class by January 1, 2019. Once you have established a relationship, please begin doing acts of kindness monthly and around the holidays for your school. Let's establish a presence within our schools and communities as Prince Hall Masons.

At our 152nd Grand Session in August, we voted and approved to inactivate the Grand Junior Craft Council and voted to implement the youth group called "The Knights of Pythagoras". This youth organization has all of the basic precepts that the Junior Craft had but will take it to a new and higher level. Our new organization, Knights of Pythagoras or KOP takes young boys between the ages of nine through twenty and train them in the areas of Leadership, Responsibility, and Brotherhood. At the same time providing a partnership between Master Masons, our youth, parents, and the community. This program promotes family values, community service, and continuously provides training for our youth as they become the future leaders of today as well as tomorrow... We have been granted a charter of establishment under the National Conference of Grand Masters and we are the 27th state to be established. Let it be known, that I am in support of our youth and this Council of KOP for the state of Illinois. I am requesting that each districts within our state establish a KOP Council. I am looking for master masons to be mentors, leaders, advisors, and supporters.

March 18<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2020, the Jurisdiction of Illinois will be hosting the Midwest Regional Conference of Grand Masters and Grand Matrons in Lombard, Illinois. Additional information will be coming regarding all activities and hotel accommodations in future communications. We will be sending out additional information regarding our fundraisers, which started in November to assist us in raising monies to offset the cost of organizing and hosting on such an important event.

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## Heads of Houses 2018-19



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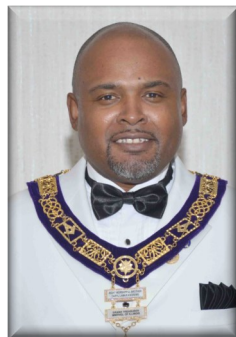
**Most Worshipful Brother Dwayne A. Smith** served as the 45th Grand Master of Illinois Prince Hall Masons.

**Right Worshipful Brother Daryl L. Andrews** concludes a decade of service at the elected Grand Lodge level having served as Grand Auditor, Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer.

**Right Worshipful Brother Leroy R. Berry** served 15 years as Grand Auditor for the Grand Lodge.



MW Bro. Dwayne A. Smith



RW Daryl Andrews



RW Leroy Berry

## DID YOU KNOW ~ Mayoral Brothers

BY RIGHT WORSHIPFUL BROTHER DARYL L. ANDREWS, #91

Illinois is ranked as the 25<sup>th</sup> largest state with 102 counties and nearly 1,300 municipalities. Prince Hall Masons have had a presence in at least 50% of the counties serving as leaders in many municipalities. Here are a few of those leaders, Mayoral Brothers, who serve or have served within the last 35 years:



- **Richard C. Irvin** (left) of Keystone Lodge #15 is the **current** Mayor of the City of Aurora, Illinois.
- **Harold Washington**, #88; **Carl Officer**, #112 and **Avery Ware**, #120 (center) served as Mayor of the Cities of Chicago, East St. Louis and Venice.
- **Tyrone Ward**, #121 (right) is the **current** Mayor of the City of Robbins, Illinois.

Help us to identify other Masonic leaders across the jurisdiction. Send to [JOURNAL@mwphglil.com](mailto:JOURNAL@mwphglil.com).

# Prince Hall Family

The Illinois Prince Hall Masonic Family came from far and wide to participate in the Family Night at the Universoul Circus. This event was instituted three years ago and has now become



Photos Submitted By H. Victor Payne and Bruce Owens

## HEALTHY SMOOTHIES

RESEARCH BY CAROLYN S. WOMACK, PAST WORTHY MATRON, #90

In my research, I found that "Smoothies" are the ultimate grab-and-go drinkable meals. For instance, take "breakfast", the beginning of your day. You can blitz an infinite combination of fruits, veggies, and protein sources for an all-in-one drinkable meal. If you are looking for fresh ideas try these powerhouse ingredients:

1. **Silken/Soft Tofu:** Just  $\frac{1}{4}$  cup bumps up to the protein and add creaminess.
2. **Beans:** About  $\frac{1}{4}$  cup adds fiber and protein, which will make your smoothie more satisfying, without changing the flavor much. Be mindful of the color. White cannelloni beans work in light-colored drinks. Black beans are masked by cocoa powder in chocolate-flavored smoothies.
3. **Chia Seeds:** A great way to bump up the fiber. They also add a bit of protein and help thicken the smoothie.
4. **Hemp Seeds:** These also add protein and fiber. Two tablespoons lends around six grams of protein without affecting the taste too much.
5. **Tahini:** Sesame seed paste adds creaminess and protein (not to mention iron and calcium). The flavor pairs perfectly with bananas and dates. Tahini, along with a handful of green, and some almond milk, is a favorite combo.

So, now you have it. Create your own Smoothie and stay Healthy and Happy.





# Night at the UniverSoul Circus

a staple in the events supported by the Grand Lodge. On the day prior to the event, the brothers and sisters prepared donations to provide for families in need during the Holiday Season. On Sunday, with Grand Master Aubrey K. Barlow as the Guest Ringmaster for the evening, the team celebrated their efforts and promoted family fun.



## 10<sup>th</sup> Year for Abrams Chapter Phylaxis

Ten years after the death of Brian L. Abrams Sr., the local Chapter of the Phylaxis Society in Chicago is still moving forward. The Chapter was officially warranted by the Phylaxis Society 10 years ago for the purpose of supporting the research efforts of local members of the Society. It became the namesake of Abrams (pictured), former Deputy for the Orient of Illinois (AASR), renowned Masonic author, historian, researcher and ritualist, after his death during the same year of its warrant in 2008. The premise for the initial organization of a local Chapter of the Phylaxis Society was driven by Abrams and Daryl Andrews in 2006. By collaborating under the umbrella of a local Chapter, it was believed that brethren would produce more literary and historic works and finally have a dedicated group that would tell the Prince Hall story in its factual light. The formation was approved by all necessary parties in 2007 and became effective in 2008. The Chapter has certainly met its initial goals. Its members have collectively published multiple books and articles for several local and national publications and has received national "Chapter of the Year" honors on multiple occasions. Its members also serve as Subject Matter Experts in the Grand Lodge Symposiums and other events that focus on Masonic History. In addition, several members have been annual presenters at the annual sessions of the Phylaxis Society. Two members were elected Actual Fellows of the Society, Four members were elected Honorary Fellows of the Society, several serve in national positions for the Phylaxis Society and multiple have contributed locally and nationally in different ways. All in all, their efforts speak for themselves. **Congratulations!!!**



# YASUKE

The term "Samurai" is derived from the term "Bushi" which translates into "Man of Arms". This term was in use as early as 721 AD to describe professional warriors who were employed by Japanese leaders of the era. The terms "mono-no-fu", "tsuwamono", "musha" and "saburai" were also used in successive years to describe them. These terms eventually transformed into the term "**SAMURAI**".

The Bushi were a part of the "buke", warriors house, which served as an entourage to the Emperors of Japan. They served as the highest-ranking warriors of the Bushidan or Bushi Class. Non-Bushidan warriors were called Mono-no-fu or Tsuwamono. Warriors in training were referred to as "Musha". All in all, their role was that of service which classified them as "saburai" which translates into "those who serve nobility". This term, "saburai", was also referred to as "samurai" which is the term that is typically utilized to describe the Bushi Class today.

The Bushi or Warrior Class was central to Japanese society. It served as the buffer between the emperor and the rest of society which included peasants, artisans and merchants. The class leader at the pinnacle of the Warrior Class was the Shogun. The military vassal of the emperor, he was the chief military commander who commanded the might of the nation through the Daimyo. Samurai were retainers of the Daimyo and served as the third tier in the hierarchy. Ronin, who were at the bottom of the Warrior Class, were trained Samurai who held no allegiance to a Daimyo. They either were dismissed, abandoned their oath of

loyalty to a Shogun or held allegiance to a nation that had been defeated.

While the Emperor held the highest societal rank, the Shogun provided the practical leadership for the nation. He ensured that the demands of the nation were met and that the nation was secure. As such, it was critical for the Shogun to ensure that his warriors were in alignment with the objectives and willing to meet them at any cost. Therefore, the code of Bushido was introduced into the Warrior Class as the ethical code for its government. Through this code, the warrior owed absolute allegiance to the superior including courage and selflessness that could result in the warrior's own death. By serving in this manner, the warrior would gain glory by his lord.

The virtues of the Bushido Code incorporated the following principles:

1. **Rectitude.** *Correct judgment for the resolution of righteousness. "To die when it is right to die, to strike when it is right to strike."*
2. **Courage.** *A virtue only in the cause of righteousness. "It is true courage to live when it is right to live, and to die only when it is right to die."*
3. **Benevolence.** *Love, affection for others, sympathy and nobility of feeling are regarded as the highest attributes of the soul. "Benevolence brings under its sway whatever hinder its power just as water subdues fire."*
4. **Politeness.** *A poor virtue if it is actuated only by a fear of offending good taste. Rather it should stem from a sympathetic regard for the feeling of others. "In its highest form politeness approaches love."*

# AFRICAN SAMURAI

By Right Worshipful Brother Daryl L. Andrews, #91



5. **Veracity.** *“Truthfulness.” Lying was deemed cowardly, and it was regarded as dishonorable. Indeed, the word of a samurai guaranteed the truthfulness of an assertion. No oath is necessary. “Propriety carried beyond bounds becomes a lie.”*
6. **Honor.** *A vivid consciousness of personal dignity and worth is implicit in the word honor. “Dishonor is like a scar on a tree which time, instead of effacing only helps to enlarge.”*
7. **Loyalty.** *Only in the code of chivalrous honor does loyalty assume importance. In the conflict between loyalty and affection the code never wavers from the choice of loyalty. “A samurai was obliged to appeal to the intelligence and conscience of his sovereign by demonstrating the sincerity of his words with the shedding of his own blood.”*

As these principles served as the code for retainers, all Bushi were bound by them. Hence, Bushido is commonly referred to as the Samurai Code.

Historically, all Samurai were not of Japanese origin and all were not male. Tomoe Gozen, a female, was a samurai in the 12<sup>th</sup> Century. English navigator William Adams, also known as Miura Anjin, was recorded as one of the first westerners to have become a samurai in the 17<sup>th</sup> Century. The first samurai of African descent that was recorded in the 16<sup>th</sup> Century is that of Yasuke. Each of these individuals were likely selected because their actions, relative to the tasks that they were set to perform, fell in accordance multiple aspects of the Bushido code.

According to Nabeshima Katsushige,

17<sup>th</sup> Century Edo Period Daimyo, there were four kinds of samurai:

- **ALERT-ALERT:** *Very quick on the uptake when they are told to do something. They arrange affairs and carry out duties in a fine manner. They are few in number.*
- **DULL-ALERT:** *Fail to clearly understand at first what their duty is. But, in finally putting their duty into practice, they perform splendidly and with no delay.*
- **ALERT-DULL:** *When told to do something, they accept very graciously and willingly, but they take a long time to fulfill the task.*
- **DULL-DULL:** *The rest—majority.*

Of the non-traditional samurai, Tomoe Gozen appears to have been “Alert-Alert”. The accounts of her efforts in 1184 at the Battle at Awazu identify her among the last seven samurai standing after having taken the field. When reduced to only five, she remained steadfast in defense of her Lord at the risk of her life.

William Adams appears to have also been “Dull-Alert”. Although his selection was not done on accounts of battle, he became a key figure in Japanese-English relations in the early 17<sup>th</sup> Century. He is considered the first Englishman to reach Japan in 1600. His ship was captured and he was imprisoned at Osaka Castle under the control of Tokugawa Ieyasu. After intense questioning, his nautical expertise proved valuable and were leveraged to build Japan’s first western-style fleet. He also served as a bridge between Japan and England for trading. This earned him elevation in the

the court of the Daimyo who made him a samurai. He was eventually served the Shogun as trade advisor.

The century prior to Adams was when an African was made a samurai. The latter third of the 16th Century for Japan was a period of great conflict as the nation, itself, appeared to be in a period of civil war. After seizing Kyoto in 1568, the Oda Clan had effectively usurped the Shogunate. With no clear Shogun in place and no direct allegiance to the emperor, control over the regions was enforced by the Daimyos who also controlled the trade in their region. This drove wars between clans for ultimate control.

**YASUKE** an African, was in the service of Italian Jesuit Alessandro Valignano during his visit to Jesuit missions in Africa and Asia. They arrived in Japan in 1579 and their visit to the capital in 1581 drew great attention. Yasuke's unique appearance as a tall, dark African drew great amazement from the Daimyo, Oda Nobunaga, who believed that Yasuke's dark hue was manufactured. He ordered Yasuke to be scrubbed. After realizing that his color was natural, Nobunaga took a greater interest in Yasuke. Nobunaga revealed in his 1581 Chronicle that Yasuke was a blackamoor, was robust, had good demeanor, was over 6 feet tall and had strength that surpassed ten men. Nobunaga eventually retained Yasuke into his service and made him a samurai. He was given his own residence, a katana and assigned the duty of weapon bearer for Nobunaga. Nobunaga's chronicle indicates that he enjoyed talking with Yasuke which indicates that Yasuke was multi-lingual.

A trained samurai, Yasuke fought at the Battle of Tenmokuzan in 1582 which is considered the last stand of the Takeda Clan. The forces of Nobunaga and Tokugawa combined to defeat Takeda sending him into retreat. After

being denied sanctuary in the mountain fortress of his old retainer General Oyamada Nobushige, Takeda committed seppuku while his forces battled Nobunaga who was in pursuit. To complete the betrayal, Oyamada engaged the Oda Clan shortly thereafter. However, at that meeting, he was executed.

After the battle, Nobunaga sent generals to other regions to inspect the territories for the Oda Clan. General Akechi Mitsuhide was sent to assist Hashiba Hideyoshi against the Mori Clan. However, Akechi gathered army and moved against Nobunaga. Nobunaga was slain which drove Yasuke and the remaining samurai to join Nobunaga's heir, Oda Nobutada, who tried to rally the Oda forces at Nijō Castle. Yasuke fought alongside the Nobutada forces but was eventually captured after Nobutada was killed. The victory led to Akechi's self-proclamation as Shogun.

After the defeat, Yasuke was returned to the Jesuits at the Nanban Ji Church. While Nobunaga had come to respect him, the other generals had always viewed him as an outsider. As such, he was exiled never to be heard from again.

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# JUNETEENTH

By Worshipful Brother Lloyd Womack, Grand Historian

*"I never, in my life, felt more certain that I was doing right, than I do in signing this paper, "The Emancipation Proclamation". Abraham Lincoln, President.*

The American Civil War ended in 1865. At that time there were 3 million slaves in the Confederate Territory. President Abraham Lincoln's signing of the Emancipation Proclamation freed enslaved people in the Southern States in 1863 but it took the end of the war to turn the words into law. The **Emancipation Proclamation**, read on June 19, 1865 on the Island of Galveston was referred to by African Americans as "Juneteenth", "Juneteenth Independence Day" or "Freedom Day". It is the oldest known celebration commemorating the abolishment of Slavery in the United States and is observed in 45 States as a State Holiday or Day of Observance.

The Juneteenth Celebration began on the Island of Galveston, Texas where I was born. A native Texan raised on the Mainland, I was taught the history and importance of the Juneteenth Celebration at an early age. My teachers were my parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, adult neighbors, Masons, Eastern Stars, teachers and college professors. They were a proud group of people and, for sure, they definitely wanted you to know your Texas History and the History of Juneteenth. Please allow me tell the History of the Juneteenth Celebration and why it is an important day.

Let us start with **Thaddeus Stevens**, lawyer and member of the U.S. House of Representatives. Hans Trefouse, a renowned Historian, in his writings of the Radical Republicans stated that Stevens was one of the most influential representatives ever to serve in Congress. He was an advocate of civil rights and freedom of the enslaved before and after the American Civil

War. He relentlessly pushed the Lincoln Administration toward emancipation because he was devoted to the principles of the Declaration of Independence.

In 1848, Stevens met Abraham Lincoln, who at that time was also serving a term in the House of Representatives. This meeting was the beginning of an open and positive dialogue. From the outset there were certain similarities between them, specifically, they were humbly born, had risen to become lawyers, were Whigs and shared the view favoring the abolishment of Slavery and the preservation of the Union. On March 6, 1862, President Lincoln publicly restated his plan for compensated emancipation to apply to all border states and composed the Emancipation Proclamation. It was issued on September 22, 1862, effective January 1, 1863 and declared all slaves in the Confederate States to be freed.

Lincoln's comment on the signing was, "I never, in my life, felt more certain that I was doing right, than I do in signing this paper". It was Stevens' indirect cooperation with the President in pushing proposals for emancipation. He informed Frederick Douglas, the famous abolitionist, who was delighted about the proclamation to end slavery. According to Douglas, Lincoln, spoke of him stating, "I was never reminded of my humble origin or my unpopular color".

On April 9, 1865, during the American Civil War, Confederate States Army General Robert E. Lee surrendered to General Ulysses S. Grant, Commander of the Union Army. The surrendering took place at the Appomattox Court House ending the American Civil War. This made Grant a national hero



## Street Renaming Ceremony

By Worshipful Brother Lloyd Womack, Grand Historian

On September 8, 2018, history was made in the Village of Robbins, Illinois where Worshipful Brother William Wheatley of Alpha & Omega Lodge #121 hosted a "Parade and Street Naming Ceremony" for the late Most Worshipful Brother Henry Short, Sr., Past Grand Master of Illinois Prince Masons. Past Grand Master Short was an icon in Prince Hall Masonry. He was a Mason for over 50 years and a faithful member of Alpha & Omega Lodge #121. He rarely missed a meeting. He served as Grand Master of Prince Hall Masons (1992-1995) and introduced a great deal of change in the Jurisdiction. A "Master Carpenter", his changes included the renovation of the Grand East and a bowling event for the youth during the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. National Holiday. He was a 33° Mason and a member of Western Consistory #28.

I, Worshipful Brother Lloyd Womack, Grand Historian, will always be grateful for Past Grand Master Short, because 20 years ago he brought me into Masonry. He was very thorough in his investigation of me. He asked me so many questions that I began to have doubt. I guess he wanted to make sure that I was the right candidate and would not embarrass him. After all, he was a Past Grand Master. But years later he told me that he was proud of my accomplishments as a Prince Hall Masons. I will forever cherish those words coming from him. And yes, I, am honored to be a part of this historical event.

Over 40 Prince Hall Masons participated in this gala event which was organized by Brother Harold Jenkins, Committee Chairman, and his Assistant Committee Members, Past Master Michael Wheatley and Past Master Alvin Jones under the direction of Alpha & Omega Lodge #121. The caravan of over 30 cars filled with Masonic Brethren began the mile long parade lead by the Village of Robbins Police Department. It started at the Robbins Community

**JUNETEENTH**...prompting the Republicans to nominate him for President. Grant easily won making him the 18th American President (1869-1877).

Well and good, however, let us return to the "Emancipation Proclamation". On June 19, 1865, Union Army General Gordon Granger, Commander of a Texas District, arrived in Galveston, Texas, standing on the balcony of the Galveston Ashton Villa and read aloud the contents of a General Order No. 3:

*"The people of Texas are informed that in accordance with a "Proclamation" from the Executive of the United States, all slaves are free. This involves absolute equality of rights and rights of property between former masters and slaves and the correction therefore existing between them become, that between employer and free labor".*

Further, General Granger informed them that President Lincoln has issued this proclamation two years earlier. Of course, this news was shocking to the enslaved.

Center located at 138<sup>th</sup> and Trumbull and ended at 139<sup>th</sup> and Claire Boulevard where “The Street Naming Ceremony” took place.

The Robbins residents were thrilled about the entire event. Mrs. Beatrice Short (wife), Mrs. Mary Brooks (sister) and the entire Short Family were overwhelmed, with joy and happiness, especially when the family unveiled the street sign. Brother Tyrone Ward, #121, Mayor of Robbins, stated that “we are blessed to have displayed on the Village of Robbins’ main street, a street sign honoring Past Most Worshipful Grand Master Short”. He added that “this will remind us of all the good works done by him as a Mason and an employee of the Village. There is no way this would not happen. We will always remember Past Grand Master Short.”

The ceremony was followed by a program at the Village of Robbins Community Center. The processional of Grand Lodge Officers was led by Past Master Brian Smith, #121. The Knights Templar, in fine military fashion, escorted Most Worshipful Brother Aubrey K. Barlow, Grand Master. The program was opened with prayer by Past Master Isaac Eaves, #121 and a Welcome Address by Brother Harold Jenkins. Reflections on Past Grand Master Short were given. Mayor Ward stated his gratefulness closed stating “Past Grand Master Short is a role model that he is honored to have known. The Short family spoke highly of their father and thanked everyone for honoring him. They confirmed his belief in God, Family, and his Community. Brother Jenkins, organizer of the event, gave a special thank you to his Committee Members for their diligent work and much appreciated assistance. Past Master Wheatley stated he has been a Mason since 1961, Past Grand Master Short was an inspiration to the Lodge and he looked up to him. He also gave a special recognition to Alpha & Omega. Worshipful Brother William Wheatley, Worshipful Master, thanked the Village of Robbins and the Grand Lodge and visiting brothers for participating in the event. Grand Master Barlow, in his remarks, stated that “he was honored to be apart of the ceremony.” He added that Past Grand Master Short was a humble man and that the annual Grand Lodge Bowling Event named for Past Most Worshipful Grand Master Short will be extended throughout the State of Illinois.

In closing, the Short Family, the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge, Alpha & Omega Lodge #121, Village of Robbins, and the State of Illinois, has lost a giant, “Past Most Worshipful Grand Master Henry Short, Sr.”, but his works and good deeds will always be remembered. **Rest in Peace my Brother.**



However, the glorious news read to them on **June 19, 1865** was gratifying. June 19<sup>th</sup> famously known as “**Juneteenth**” set off a joyous and happy occasion for African Americans. This was the original beginning of “**The Annual Juneteenth Celebration**” commemorating the abolishment of Slavery in Texas.

The Juneteenth Celebration is nationally observed in 45 States. The tradition include public reading of the “Emancipation Proclamation”, re-enactments, singing traditional songs, to include “Lift Every Voice and Sing”, parades, rodeos, cookouts, family reunions, health fair and much more.

In closing I hope you agree, that yes, “The Juneteenth Celebration” is a very important day of celebration for African Americans throughout this nation. As a Prince Hall Mason and the Grand Historian, I am even more prouder because some of my history teachers were Prince Hall Masons and Eastern Stars.



# Ferdinand L.

Ferdinand Lee Barnett Jr. was born in Nashville, Tennessee about 1852 to Martha Brooks and Ferdinand Lee Barnett Sr. In 1859, the family migrated from the United States to Windsor, Ontario to get beyond the reach of the Federal Fugitive Slave Act of 1850. This Act created incentives for slave catchers which drove many to kidnap free blacks and sell them into Slavery. After the conclusion of the Civil War and passage of the 14<sup>th</sup> Amendment in 1868, the Barnett family returned to the United States in 1869 and settled in Chicago, Illinois.<sup>1</sup>

Ferdinand Jr. was educated in Chicago schools. He attended Jones School at Clark and Harrison and graduated from Central High School in 1874. After high school, he traveled south working as a teacher. He returned to Chicago two years later to attend Union College of Law where he also took up journalism. After graduating from Union College, he became the third black person to be admitted to the Illinois bar in 1878.<sup>2</sup> A year prior to achieving this goal, he established the Chicago Conservator Newspaper in 1877.<sup>3</sup> It was this achievement that would place him in new circles from which his career in law and politics would excel.

The first edition of the Conservator, dated January 1, 1878, was produced with Barnett, Abram T. Hall Jr. and James E. Henderson. Other stakeholders were Alexander Clark Sr. and Alexander Clark Jr.<sup>4</sup> By 1879, the paper had a large circulation among blacks because of its focus on African American issues. Its articles drew great attention from all areas which bolstered Barnett's popularity gaining him prominence locally and nationally. This drove him into further action.

In 1879, Barnett along with John J. Bird of Cairo, represented the colored men of Illinois at the National Conference held in Nashville, Tennessee. The session was called to order by former Louisiana Governor, P.B.S. Pinchback, who installed the chairman, John R. Lynch of Mississippi. With Barnett elected as recording secretary, the convention proceeded with its review and discussion of topics relative to the migrations from the South to the North, education, labor, the press and other matters that concerned colored citizens across the nation.<sup>5</sup>

Barnett was a key figure on several committees. He co-authored resolutions regarding the representation of colored citizens in the press. His speech, "Race Unity", promoted social and political harmony within the race.<sup>6</sup>

Bird, a prominent Southern Illinois Republican, was also very active and had been considered the primary political spokesman from the North.<sup>7</sup> His appointment as Trustee for Illinois Industrial University in 1873 by Governor John Beveridge made him Illinois' first black appointed political official and his partnership with William T. Scott, editor of Illinois' first black newspaper, the Cairo Gazette solidified his reputation locally.<sup>8-9</sup>

Freemasonry helped to secure Bird's and Scott's reputation nationally. Bird and Scott were members of Lincoln Lodge #5. Bird served as Grand Master in 1878. Scott was Grand Senior Warden for 1879.<sup>10-12</sup> Their service in these offices caused them to travel nationally contributing to Bird's reputation. This recognition in conjunction with his numerous contributions to the convention, gained him appointment as a Vice President for the Convention for Illinois.<sup>13</sup>



# Barnett

By Right Worshipful Brother Daryl L. Andrews, #91

The first appearance of Barnett as a Freemason appears in the 1880 Proceedings of the Grand Lodge which lists him as Senior Warden of Hiram Lodge #14.<sup>14</sup> He served as Secretary in 1881, Worshipful Master in 1888 and was elected Grand Senior Warden in 1891.<sup>15-17</sup> Following the convention, Barnett sought and obtained new partners who were also Freemasons to extend the Conservator. New editors including Alexander Clark Sr., Alexander Clark Jr. and Abram T. Hall Jr. were onboarded. The senior Clark had served as Grand Master of Missouri Prince Hall Masons (1869) and the junior had become the first black lowan to receive a law degree. Their partnership began in 1882. They held editorial control while Barnett focused on his law practice.<sup>18-19</sup>

By 1887, Barnett made great strides in the legal arena. He partnered with S. Laing Williams in the Barnett & Williams Lawyers Firm and had become one of Chicago's most prominent black attorneys.<sup>20-21</sup> Despite this success, his personal life was shaken in 1888 with the loss of his first wife, Molly Graham, to heart failure. The first black woman to graduate from the University of Michigan, she was the mother of his sons Ferdinand and Albert.<sup>22</sup> Her death left a void that he filled by pushing harder into his work. He struggled to handle household pressures and was forced to extend the Conservator to handle the load. In doing so, he found a new love.

Ida B. Wells started at the Conservator in 1893 after the Peoples Grocery Lynching of 1892 in Memphis, Tennessee. Three men were lynched by a white mob which resulted from a fight between a black and white youth. The victory of the black youth spread fast sparking much unrest.<sup>23</sup> It was the event that inspired Wells to crusade



against lynchings. Her articles were inflammatory and relentless. When attacked, she attacked back which is how she met Barnett. She sued the Memphis Commercial for libel over attacks of her reporting in 1893. In seeking a lawyer, she was referred to Barnett. From these beginnings, they forged a relationship which eventually led to her hiring as a writer for the Conservator.<sup>24</sup>

Together, Barnett and Wells attacked multiple issues. Of them, the lack of black participation in the 1893 World's Fair, "The Columbian Exposition", stood tall. They co-authored a pamphlet entitled "The Reason Why the Colored American is not in the World's Columbian Exposition – The Afro-American's Contribution to Columbian Literature" in conjunction with Frederick Douglass and Irvine Garland Penn to protest its lack of inclusion and derogatory representation of blacks.<sup>25</sup> These efforts gained them prominence while driving them closer together which prompted Wells to stay in Chicago and to purchase a share in the Conservator. They eventually married in 1895.<sup>26</sup>

Wells had become renown individually from her activism while Barnett's prominence grew in the political ranks. An active Republican, he chaired multiple committees for the Republican National Committee. He was appointed the first black assistant state's attorney in Illinois in 1896 handling juvenile court cases, antitrust suits, habeas corpus and extradition proceedings. He argued cases before the Illinois Supreme Court. In 1906, he became the first black candidate for a judgeship in Illinois having earned the Republican nomination for judge. Although he lost the election due to unfortunate circumstances, he remained active as assistant state's attorney through 1910 when he returned to private practice and focused on civic involvement.<sup>27</sup>

Barnett remained a civic soldier until death. The facts that he practiced law before the Illinois Supreme Court and was often referenced by attorneys who practiced before the United States Supreme Court places him in the highest realm of attorneys. Like many blacks, he eventually shifted his political affiliation from the Republican to the Democratic party but remained true to the cause of equality and respect for all under the law. He died on March 11, 1936.<sup>28</sup>

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## Photo Blast from the Past: Banks, Doby and Baker

By Worshipful Brother William L. Norman, #109 and Right Worshipful Brother Daryl Andrews, #91



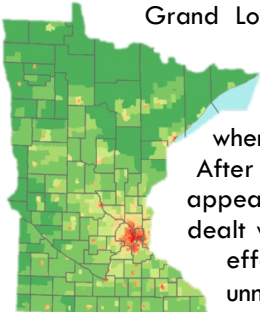
Three of the most iconic African American baseball players in Major League Baseball were none other than Ernie "Mr. Cub" Banks, Gene Baker and Larry Doby. Banks was selected Co-Mason of the Year for the Grand Lodge in 1959 and, on this occasion, Doby and Baker made a visit to the Grand Lodge to congratulate Banks on this accomplishment. In 1958 and 1959 Doby played on three teams. He stated

1958 with the Cleveland Indians and spent a portion of time with the Detroit Tigers in 1959 before playing for the Chicago White Sox that same year. He is noted as being the first African American to break the color line in the American League with the Cleveland Indians. Banks and Gene Baker were the first to break the color line with the Chicago Cubs organization in 1953. All are pictured above with Worshipful Master Pecola Granberry, #103 presenting Banks with a cake as Mason of the Year. Grand Master Obed Vanderburg was also in attendance to celebrate the occasion.

## Namesake Series: William Stevens Lodge #41

The 41<sup>st</sup> Lodge on the rolls of the Grand Lodge of Illinois is William Stevens Lodge. Like other jurisdictions in the mid-19th Century, the Grand Lodge of Illinois established Lodges in other states. Missouri established Pioneer Lodge #5 in the State of Minnesota in 1866. Illinois established William Stevens Lodge #41 in 1884 in St. Paul, Minnesota. Pioneer surrendered its charter and obtained a new charter from the African Grand Lodge of Iowa in 1885 and was numbered #12. The formation of the Iowa Grand Lodge was done in conflict with Missouri in 1881 but was accepted by Illinois, Kentucky and other jurisdictions. Despite the conflict, Pioneer and Williams Stevens Lodges continued operations. Missouri organized Minnesota Lodge #113 in 1892 and Illinois established Duluth Lodge #45 in 1893. These Lodges organized the

Grand Lodge of Minnesota in 1894. William H. Stevens was a key promoter of the organization of a Grand Lodge for Iowa. His early Masonic leadership is not fully known but records indicate that he was the Senior Warden of Pioneer Lodge when the call to form the African Grand Lodge of Iowa was placed. After the formation of the Iowa Grand Lodge, Stevens no longer appears on the rolls as an officer of Pioneer. It is likely that he was dealt with by Grand Master Alexander Clark Sr. of Missouri. Yet, his efforts in the initial organization of that Grand Lodge did not go unnoticed. As such, Lodge #41 became his namesake in 1884.





## *2018-19 Mason of the Year Hassan Chris Tremble-El*

At the 152<sup>nd</sup> Annual Session of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Illinois, Past Master Hassan Tremble-El of Immanuel Lodge #153, chairman of the Community Service Committee for the Grand Lodge, was selected as the 60<sup>th</sup> Mason of the Year.

## *AASR Elevates Bazemore*

Following the death of Sovereign Grand Commander Basil Sands, the United Supreme Council, Northern Jurisdiction elevated Sovereign Grand Inspector General Melvin Bazemore to the Office of Sovereign Grand Commander. Illustrious Bazemore is a former executive of one of our nation's most prominent auto companies and has been a pillar in the Scottish Rite of Freemasonry for years. Best wishes to him in his term of leadership of the Scottish Rite.



## *Historic Appointment for 2013 Citizen of the Year*

Special congratulations to the 2013 Citizen of the Year, Mrs. Cynthia Herring (right) on achieving appointment as District Deputy Chief of the Chicago Fire Department. She and her husband, Captain Rodney Herring, were the first married couple to achieve the rank of Captain in any fire department in the world in 2013. The daughter of the late Past Master David Johnson, #91, she is standing with the newly appointed Deputy Chief, Annette Holt.

## *Stillwell Scholarship Recipient Wins Pickering Fellowship*

Hazel Stillwell Scholarship Recipient and graduate of Lindblom Math & Science Academy, Brandy Darling has been awarded the Thomas R. Pickering Fellowship, one of the U.S. Department of State's most competitive and prestigious programs. The fellowship provides two years of financial support for graduate study and mentoring to prepare fellows for a career in the U.S. Foreign Service. Fellows also complete an internship at the State Department in Washington, D.C., and an internship at a U.S. embassy abroad.



# *Barlow Honored in Bloomington*

*Photos submitted by Worshipful Brother H. Victor Payne*

Prior to ascension to the Office of Grand Master, the brethren of Elijah S. Betts Lodge #23 saw fit to honor and recognize Aubrey K. Barlow for his service over the years to Prince Hall Freemasonry in Illinois. Barlow served as Worshipful Master of the Lodge in 1998 and has served as Secretary for the Lodge while serving at the Grand Lodge level. One would be hardpressed to identify an individual who has placed more miles on his vehicles (plural) than him in the service of Freemasonry. Hence, the banquet honoring him on June 30th at the Radisson Hotel was one that was well deserved. Attendees from far and wide made the trek to the city to show their appreciation for his services. Congratulations on this honor.



*The brethren of Elijah S. Betts Lodge #23 and Union Lodge #155 pose for a photo above with the honoree after presenting him with a gift of appreciation. The Masons of the Year who were able to attend (bottom-left) offered congratulations.*



*Grand Master Smith presented him with a light roast before offering congratulations.*

# Masons Walk Against Prostate Cancer

Photos submitted by Worshipful Brother David Bonds



For the second year in a row, brothers and sisters in the Illinois Jurisdiction banded together to walk, run and ride to generate funds to support efforts to fight Prostate Cancer. This event was hosted by Right Worshipful Brother Roland G. Simon, Deputy Grand Master in order to fight a disease that impacts men of African American descent disproportionately. The course covered the area in which the Grand East is situated and extended over Lake Shore Drive to vast views of Lake Michigan. This impact also carries over to the families of those who are impacted which extends the reach of the disease. Last year, the efforts raised over \$10,000 in donations which were turned over to cancer research agencies that focus specifically on Prostate Cancer. By hosting this event directly, some administrative costs and fees are avoided resulting in more of those funds will be allocated to support the fight against the disease. Further, by hosting the event by the Grand East, it shows the neighborhood and the community at large that Prince Hall Masons are here and are here to stay. Great job.



# Associate Grand Matron Honored

Photos submitted by Worshipful Brother David Bonds



The Roaring Twenties were displayed in grand style at the banquet honoring the Associate Grand Matron of Eureka Grand Chapter, OES, Sister Zandra Prince. My, oh my, how the styles have changed. Yet the beauty displayed by our sisters remains eternal.



Grand Chapters Officers, Past Grand Matrons and Heads of Houses and even the Grand Master and Past Grand Masters strutted their stuff well. Congratulations!!!



# Watch City Donates \$7K in Scholarships

Submitted by Worshipful Brother Elbert Hearon



As you recall, our initial goal was to award \$5k in scholarships in 2018 as we did in 2017. But when we saw the quality applicant pool of seven college-bound students, we stretched our goal to \$7k, with a target of \$1k to each student. So with the help of many generous donors, including private donors and a corporate match, we made our goal of \$7k. Amen!!! Also, many thanks to the MWPHGLIL Benevolent Fund, led by Bro. Dwain Harris, who allowed us to utilize their 501(c)3 status, which was required from many of our donors. Thank you Bro. Dwain Harris! Watch City's esteemed 2018 scholarship recipients, who are from our Elgin/Fox Valley area, are:

***SYDNEY WILLIAMS (FEMALE)***

West Aurora High School (GPA 3.4 / 4.0)  
Northern Illinois University

***AVA BROCK (FEMALE)***

Elgin High School (GPA 4.833 / 5.0)  
UCLA

***GABRIELLE PIERRE-LOUIS (FEMALE)***

Elgin High School (GPA 4.313 / 5.0)  
Purdue University

***MONICA KULASIK (FEMALE)***

Streamwood High School (GPA 3.633/4.0)  
Loyola University (Chicago)

***OSCASAVIA BIRUNGI (FEMALE)***

Larkin High School (GPA 3.531 / 4.0)  
Washington State University

***EMILO EDEMNI (MALE)***

Streamwood High School (GPA 4.713/5.0)  
Elgin Community College

***KAMEREN MOORE (MALE)***

West Aurora High School (GPA 3.35 / 4.0)  
Univ of Wisconsin - Platteville

Two of our seven scholarship recipients received their checks in May from Watch City since they'll be leaving early for college. The remaining recipients will received their checks in August before they left for college. Lets keep these students, as well as last year's five scholarship recipients, in our prayers for success and safety as they embark on new life journeys away from home.

Finally, thank you Brothers of Watch City Lodge #131 for making this year's scholarship drive a huge success! We surpassed our 2017 scholarship awards of \$5k by two-thousand dollars, and we blessed 7 students this year vs 5 in 2017.

***To God be the Glory!***



# York Rite Family Night

Submitted by MEC Earl D. Scott, PMEGHP (H)

East St. Louis Chapter #20 HRAM, Crusader Military Commandery #38 KT and Ellis T. Moore Council #3 RSM presented their Annual York Rite Family night out on September 22, 2018 at Aahmes Temple #132 in East St. Louis, Illinois. The Occasion for the evening was presented by Comp. Earl D. Scott. This year we honored Comp. Charles H. McKinley, PRGCA of Levi H. Morris Grand Court, LOCOP and RM Eula McKinley, PRGM of Levi H. Morris Grand Court. This affair was to show them our appreciation for the many years they have contributed toward the growth and development of Ellis T. Moore Court #3. The Prince Hall Masonic family showed them with presentations and words of thanks, praise and well wishes for the coming years.

The Most Illustrious Prince Hall grand Council, Royal and Select Masters, State of Illinois and its jurisdiction, donated to Bishop John Williams, Pastor of New Shining Light Church, Venice Illinois for his continuing involvement with various programs his church is involved with. Since charity is one of the tenets that our organization is founded upon, this donation will assist him in continuing the great work he is doing in his community. This information came to M.I.C. DuWayne Portis, Sr. Grand Thrice Illustrious Master attention prior to him leaving office by Comp. Scott.

During remarks, PMEGHP Ron L. Wilson presented Comp. Earl D. Scott a certificate which stated:

*An active member of the Holy Royal Arch Prince hall Masons, of Illinois has proven without a shadow of doubt this tireless efforts, instestinal fortitude, and the integrity which allowed the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons to bestow on him the 28th day of July, 2018 the title of Honorary Most Excellent Grand High Priest.*

MW Bro Aubrey K. Barlow, Grand Master provided remarks. The food and conversation were excellent, and a wonderful time was had by all. To conclude the program, Comp Kevin Young gave the benediction with closing prayer and asked for safe travel for each one until reach their destination.



# *Southern Cross Awards Teachers & Students*

*Photos submitted by Worshipful Brother Bretton Frierson, #112*

In an effort to promote education to its highest levels, the brethren of Southern Cross Lodge #112 are honoring teachers on a monthly basis across the 4th District.



## **SEPTEMBER 2018**

Southern Cross presented Dewonde Taylor and his teachers, Rasheeda Williams and Michael Jacobs, with the lodges' Student of the Month and Teacher of the Month certificates and gift cards. Dewonde scored highest in the 4th grade class at Katie Wright on the district assessment, NWEA.

## **OCTOBER 2018**

Southern Cross recognized Gale Cullen and Jayden Glasper of Venice Elementary School as the Teacher and Student of the Month. Both received certificates and gift cards. Special thanks to Venice Elementary School Principal DeMario Bell.



## **NOVEMBER 2018**

WM Frierson and Judge Walter Brandon honored Educator Jamila Tillman and Student Emily Galeana of Clark-Mason Middle school as the Teacher and Student of the Month. Both received a certificates and gift cards to a local restaurant. Special thanks to Principal Kim Jones-Riley and to Asst Principal Michelle Hood.



# AKA's Honor Lone Star #18 for Service

Photos obtained from Lone Star #18



Lonestar Lodge #18 being honored for community service at the Annual Scholarship Dinner Dance of Epsilon Epsilon Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.



The Lodge was the recipient of "The Winding Ivy Award for Family Strengthening" on September 28, 2018 for its efforts in providing resources to families in need in Central Illinois. The efforts of the Lodge in this area are not only done during the holiday season but also throughout the year. These efforts make them well-deserving recipients of the honor.

**Congratulations on a job well done!**

## *Masons & Rep. Ford DEMAND Resources*



On August 15, 2018 marked the date when the community demanded peace. The press conference held at the James R. Thompson Center under the direction of Representative LaShawn K. Ford, served as a clarion call for peace in the streets. The brethren of New Yerusalem Lodge #158 answered the call contributing to the discussion and appealing for citizens to become active in changing the community.

## *Jericho Lodge Scholarship Banquet*

Brethren of Jericho Lodge #120 came together to salute brethren of the Lodge and to provide a scholarship for well-deserving youth on the way to college.



## *Dunbar Lodge & Church on the Streets*

Dunbar Lodge #97 of Alton partnered with "Churches on the Streets" to provide sustenance in the forms of food and prayer to those in need in Southern Illinois. They traveled across the 4th district serving those in need with the organization.



## *Take Back the Streets-Chicago 79th St*



In response to the senseless violence that plagues Chicago, Brothers and Sisters of the Prince Hall Grand Lodge and AF&AM Grand Lodge unite to march and take back the streets in Chatham on 79th and Rhodes. We must take care of our own.

## *Hoops for a Cure ~ Basketball vs. Cancer*

Masons partnered with the Cook County Sherriff's Department to host a charity basketball game to raise funds for the fight against cancer. The Prince Hall Team was lead by Deputy Grand Master Roland G. Simon. Despite the score of the game, everyone was a winner as funds were raised to fight this deadly disease.



## Cornerstone in Chicago & Dolton

Photos submitted by Past Master Troy Andrews, #91 & Brother Edward Briscoe, #91



The brothers of Cornerstone Lodge #91 of Chicago took the words of Most Worshipful Brother Aubrey Barlow to heart and re-engaged the adoption of a school. Washington Irving Elementary School was selected and the Lodge donated book bags filled with

supplies to students on their way back to school. In addition, the Lodge felt the need to be more active in the community in which a great deal of its members live. In doing so, they also adopted the BSITE charity based in Dolton. The Lodge is on a rotational schedule to provide tutoring to youth on Saturdays.

## Immanuel, Monarch & New Yerusalem Sponsor Youth to White Sox Game

Photos submitted by Worshipful Brother Hassan Tremble-El

There is power in collaboration. Working together with other Lodges to accomplish tasks for charity helps to build relationships that can last a lifetime. Immanuel Lodge #153, Monarch Lodge #99, New Yerusalem Lodge #158 and Queen Candace Chapter #152 OES banded together to take youth to a Chicago White Sox game in August and provide each of them with school supplies to help them along the way. Great job on setting a grand example on collaboration!!!



# Monarch in Chatham & Morgan Park

Photos submitted by Worshipful Brother David Bonds



Monarch Lodge #99 continued its annual tradition in supporting the Morgan Park and Chatham communities through two separate initiatives. For the last seven or more years, the Lodge has served as a host to the 6th District Peace in the Park project in Chicago's Chatham Community in conjunction with the Chicago Police Department. In hosting, they not only provide food for the youth who spend the night in Chicago's Cole Park but also assist with all of the activities that are presented. Their presence in this event as well as their presence in the community in which the Lodge is located has helped to extend the reputation of Prince Hall Freemasonry as a prime partner in community affairs. Their annual Back-to-School Supply drive (below) is executed from the Hall of Monarch Lodge which is situated in Chicago's Morgan Park community. As attested to by the Grand Master, they not only provided book bags and other supplies but also fed the community during the effort. Both initiatives have continued through the current term under the leadership of Albert Bailey, Worshipful Master. Keep up the great work.





## *Freemasonry—A Father-Son Legacy*



Sons who follow in the Masonic footsteps of their fathers, grandfathers and other ancestors extend the tradition of Freemasonry through the bloodline. This extension builds great pride because a legacy of leadership and service is being transitioned to his seed. We salute two fathers in this edition who have done just that.

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.

Congratulations to **Past Master Richard Andrews** of Henry Brown Lodge #22 who 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.