



# Clarion



Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry — Prince Hall Affiliated — Orient of Illinois



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## From the Desk of the Deputy for the Orient of Illinois

**SOVEREIGN GRAND INSPECTOR GENERAL MELVIN FRIERSON, 33°**

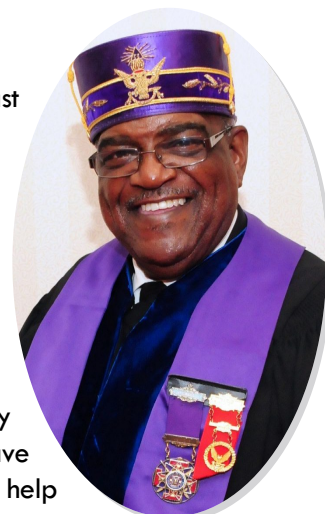
Thanks to all of you who attended the 97<sup>th</sup> Annual Session Illinois Council of Deliberation this past October. Hopefully you enjoyed the camaraderie, the entertainment and the work that we engaged.

Your presence certainly made a difference, your unswerving support, cooperation and participation made all the difference. I thank God for you and I thank you for all that you do to make the Illinois Council of Deliberation second to none.

Congratulation to the newly elected State Grand Loyal Lady Ruler, Loyal Lady Sandra Mosley and her staff of officers. Loyal Ladies of the Golden Circle your are truly FATAL, if there is even one of you who don't know what that signifies I suggest you seek how to obtain the answer immediately.

I just want to remind you that the United Supreme Council will convene in the city of Chicago in May 2015, please make plans to be present, it has been ten years since the United Supreme Council have graced our Orient. Let us put our best foot forward and be the best host we can be, we need all of your help in whatever area you can commit to work. Loyal Ladies, the State Assembly need your presence and support also, more information to follow.

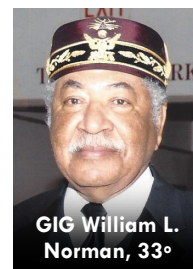
I hope your holidays were wonderful and bountiful and that the new year will bring you good health and all the prosperity you deserve. May God continue to bless you and yours.



## In Memory of Prominent Illinois Scottish Rite Masons

**GRAND INSPECTOR GENERAL WILLIAM L. NORMAN, 33° & GRAND INSPECTOR GENERAL DARYL L. ANDREWS, 33°**

The Orient of Illinois has been the home to many prominent Scottish Rite Masons whose levels of stellar activity were felt at the local and national levels. With the United Supreme Council Session returning to the Orient of Illinois in 2015, it is only fitting that we review our history and remember several Illinois who faithfully served the Council during their times in the land of the living.



- *Illustrious Frank M. Summers of Tyree Consistory #64 is the first and only Illinoisan to serve as Sovereign Grand Commander. Past Grand Polemarch of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, racial epithets against him at Indiana University is THE reason why the fraternity changed it name from Kappa Alpha Nu to Kappa Alpha Psi.*
- *Illustrious Williams of Western Consistory #28 is the only Deputy to have served non-consecutive terms as Deputy for the Orient of Illinois.*
- *Illustrious Vanderburg and Fort of Western Consistory #28 served as long-time Actives of the Northern Jurisdiction. Both were duly elected and served as Most Worshipful Grand*



*Master of Illinois Prince Hall Masons. Most Worshipful Brother Vanderburg served from 1958-63. Most Worshipful Brother Fort served from 1963-65. Illustrious Vanderburg and Fort are two of five Actives who served as Most Worshipful Grand Master. The others were Illustrious Rufus Starks, #64; Illustrious James Gayles, #49 and Illustrious Melvin Frierson, #64.*

All four of the Sovereign Grand Inspectors General pictured above do, however, have another thing in common. **They all hold the title of Past Grand Master.** Illustrious Summers, who served the Grand Lodge as Deputy Grand Master from 1945-48, was elected by resolution Honorary Past Grand Master in 1979. Illustrious Williams, who served the Grand Lodge as Grand Lecturer from 1963-64, was elected by resolution Honorary Past Grand Master in 1980.

## Special Message from the Deputy

**SOVEREIGN GRAND INSPECTOR GENERAL MELVIN FRIERSON, 33<sup>o</sup>**

Hopefully, we as masons have learned to subdue our passions with all of the unrest and demonstrations going on all across America it is important that we know well the charges masons are obligated to fulfill and inculcate, beginning with the charge of the first degree and every degree thereafter.

To peacefully assemble, to seek justice and to reveal injustice is an inherent right and duty of all people. To destroy, demolish, create havoc and chaos, to kill and maim is not a right and is destructive. Destruction leads to destroying of lives and the depravation of having and enjoying the same values and way of life as others who choose to be builders. The very name "Masons" denotes builders, whether we are speculative or operative and in many cases both, we should be builders. As speculative masons we have made obligations which can never be repudiated or laid aside.

One of our greatest weapons is the vote. Voting will ultimately change the social injustices we experience every day. Voting will change the economic climate in America. Voting is the only means we have to secure the right and opportunity to live our lives without fear of our young black boys and men becoming extinct. Voting is the only guarantee we have to drain the swamps and reveal the snakes and alligators, evil and evil doers.

Education equips us to be intelligent people who can draw the plans of life on our trestle boards. A plan that ensures success and victory, no matter who the opponents may be. Education along with good old common sense (wit) leads to a better understanding of how to approach any situation with the right temperament to achieve the desired goal.

I pray that we will become equally concerned when one black person murder another black person for greed or in many instances without any sound reason or rhyme, we are still losing our young black males either to the penitentiary or the cemetery at alarming rates. Let us strive to bring harmony between our sisters and brothers.

Finally, first and foremost, we as masons must remember from whence we came. God is the key to eradicate all of the ills of society ,on his trestle board he has drawn a divine plan for us to follow which fosters peace, love, understanding, respect, togetherness, friendship, brotherhood and the will to do the right thing.

## Divine Inspirations

**SUBLIME PRINCE T.F.G. DERAMUS, 32<sup>o</sup>**

*When you think you have less, you find you really have a lot of the best. When you know you can't go any further, you feel the wind behind you. When you feel like giving up God says no just stay prayed up.*

**God is in control.**



## From the Secretary's Desk

**SOV. GRAND INSPECTOR GEN. JAMES A. MITCHELL, 33<sup>o</sup>**

The Illinois Council of Deliberation (PHA) had an outstanding 97<sup>th</sup> Annual Session in Springfield, Illinois. The Session attendees reported having enjoyed themselves immensely. Among the Session's attendees were visitors from the Orients of Wisconsin and Michigan (PHA). At the Session, the following Sublime Princes were nominated for the 33rd and last degree: George Barmore, Marshall Coe, Preston Cooper, Michael Jackson, Michael Johnson, Jermaine Nesbitt, Carl Smith, Daryl White, Robert Taylor, Phillip Washington, Ira Whitaker and Kevin Young Jr. In addition, a number of brethren received their 32nd degree. On May 22-26, 2015, the Orient of Illinois (PHA) will host the 134th United Supreme Council Annual Session. Said Session will be held in Chicago, Illinois. We ask that you support the Orient by purchasing Ads, attending the Friday (May 22) evening affair, participating in the Golf Outing and lending your time. Remember, your help, cooperation and support is very much needed in making the 134th Annual Session the best ever.



## New State Grand Loyal Lady Ruler

**LOYAL LADY SANDRA MOSLEY, TYREE ASSEMBLY #55**

May I extend to you and your family best wishes for a very happy, healthy and prosperous New Year

**SAVE THE DATE: APRIL 18, 2014**  
**STATE GRAND LOYAL LADY RULERS**  
**SPECIAL EFFORT**

To all Assemblies, please submit articles, photos and news about your respective Assembly that you feel is newsworthy to the Clarion for publication. The information should be sent to [Clarion@AndrewsPress.com](mailto:Clarion@AndrewsPress.com).



## Feedback from Prior Editions

**GRAND INSPECTOR GENERAL DARYL ANDREWS, 33<sup>o</sup>, EDITOR**

"The article 'Golf: How the Sport of Golf Got Him Through' was a great piece that can be used by mentors as a tool to discuss options for mentees."

- **Thank you and I agree. Please use it to let our youth know that they have options.**

"The Valley of Joliet had a lot of pages in the last edition. What about the other Valleys?"

- **The Clarion is open to ALL Valleys. Leaders, consider appointing persons to submit articles. You send them, we'll review them for print.**

The submissions Cutoff for the next edition of the Scottish Rite Clarion is **MAY 15, 2015**. Forward submissions to [Clarion@AndrewsPress.com](mailto:Clarion@AndrewsPress.com).





# 95th Annual Illinois Council of Deliberation



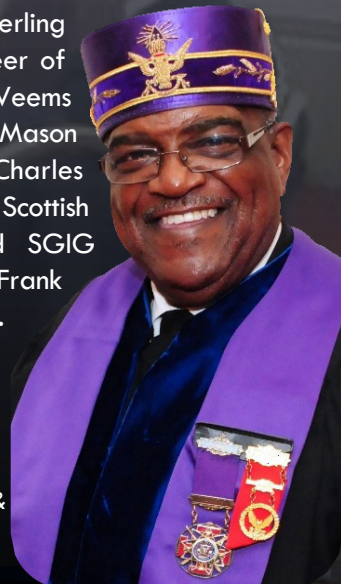
As the Scottish Rite continues to prosper in the Orient of Illinois, it is clear that the Rite is becoming more of a family affair. This is a great thing! The Elevation Class of 2014 was filled with several examples including the son of Sovereign Grand Inspector General Melvin Frierson, the nephew of Sovereign Grand Inspector General Charles Burns and several others. This trends brings great credence to the scripture which speaks on training up our youth in the ways that they should go.

Each Valley in the Orient was well represented in 2014 along with visitors from other jurisdictions. Formal meetings concurred that the business of the Orient is being run efficiently and effectively. Congratulations to the new Boone-DeCuir Elevation Class of 2014. All in all, the Orient is in great shape. The business of the Order of the Golden Circle was also handled in a similar, efficient manner under the leadership of Loyal Lady Barbara Washington whose tenure came to an end this year. Congratulations to Loyal Lady Sandra Mosley, the new State Grand Loyal Lady Ruler.

As a show of appreciation for the efforts in the Orient, a number of awards were presented to deserving recipients by SGIG Melvin Frierson. Four Fraters received Meritorious Service Awards (MSA), three were recognized as Torch Award Recipients. GIG Sterling Blackmon was selected Peer of the Year. GIG Robert Weems was selected Scottish Rite Mason of the Year, GIG Charles McKinley received the Scottish Rite Service Award and SGIG Neal Carson received the Frank M. Summers Stellar Award.

## Congratulations to the Illinois Council of Deliberation.

Photos by GIG Damon Anderson, GIG Herman Gray & GIG Carl Pickett



**SGIG R. MEEKINS**  
Michigan



**SGIG WILLIAM STARK**  
Deputy for Wisconsin



**SGIG MARSHALL THARPE**  
Active for Wisconsin



**MWGM MILLARD DRISKELL**  
MWPHGL of Illinois



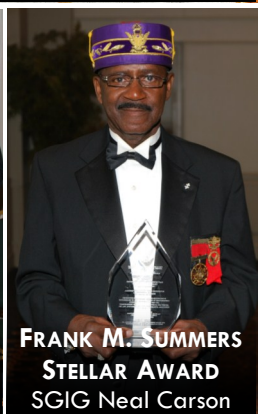
**SGIG GREGORY CLARK & SGIG BENNY GRISHAM**  
Deputy for Illinois AASR, NMJ



Loyal Ladies participating in the Annual Memorial Service.



**MERITORIOUS SERVICE AWARD (MSA) RECIPIENTS**  
GIG Robert Anderson, GIG Walter Dixon,  
GIG Richard Glover and SP Anthony Griffin



**FRANK M. SUMMERS  
STELLAR AWARD**  
SGIG Neal Carson



**SCOTTISH RITE AWARD RECIPIENTS**  
GIG Charles McKinley, GIG Moses Robinson, GIG Sterling Blackmon, SGIG Melvin Frierson, GIG Robert Weems Sr. and SGIG Neal Carson



*Class of 2014*



**BOONE-DECUIR CLASS OF 2014**



**TORCH AWARD RECIPIENTS**  
GIG James Levy, SGIG Frierson,  
SGIG Clarence Hayes



**SCOTTISH RITE  
SERVICE AWARD**  
GIG C. McKinley



Fellowshipping of Fraters from the Valley of Springfield



**NEW STATE GRAND  
LOYAL LADY RULER**  
LL Sandra Mosley



**CURRENT AND PAST GOLDEN APPLES WINNERS**  
ILLINOIS STATE GRAND ASSEMBLY  
Order of the Golden Circle



**WELCOME TO OUR NEW LOYAL LADIES**  
Chicago Assembly #4 OGC



**FATHERS AND SONS IN THE ORIENT OF ILLINOIS**



**HUSBAND & WIFE  
IN THE ORIENT**  
GIG & Loyal Lady Womack



## Alfonza Wysinger is Western's 2014 Man Among Men

GRAND INSPECTOR GENERAL DARYL ANDREWS, 33<sup>o</sup>



On Saturday, September 20, 2014, Western Consistory #28 honored Alfonza Wysinger, Frist Deputy, Chicago Police Department, as its Man Among Men. The banquet honoring him was held at the Martinique Grand Ballroom in Burbank, Illinois. Under the leadership of GIG Devinn Jones (CIC), Western Consistory saluted him in grand style.

The top two positions in the Chicago Police Department are Superintendent and First Deputy. The departure of former Superintendent Jody Weiss in 2011 led to a vacancy in the leadership of the department. Multiple candidates vied for the vacancy but the names of Garry McCarthy and Alfonza Wysinger rose to the top of list. In June of 2011, McCarthy received the selection as the Superintendent and Wysinger was selected as First Deputy. With the two top candidates in lock step, the leadership of the department was placed firmly in qualified hands.



A native Chicagoan and a 30 year veteran of the Police Department, Wysinger is a product of the Chicago Public School System and as well as Chicago State University

and Calumet College of St. Joseph. He holds a Bachelors Degree in Law Enforcement Management and has worked in many units, including Patrol in the 11<sup>th</sup> District, Narcotics, the Detective Division and the DEA Task Force as an officer and supervisor. An alumnus of Northwestern University Center of Public Safety School of Police Staff and Command, he was voted Vice President of the 164<sup>th</sup> Class in 2001. He is also a 2006 graduate of the Police Executive Research Forum Senior Management Institute for Police in Boston, MA. He is known locally for a day in 2007 when he ran down a gunman who shot a woman in a gangway near his grandmother's 80<sup>th</sup> birthday party on Chicago's West Side. He was commander in the 15<sup>th</sup> District, was deputy chief of gangs and narcotics and now serves as deputy chief of the detectives unit in addition to First Deputy of the entire department.

Today, McCarthy and Wysinger work together to ensure the needs of the community are met. Although second in command, he remains first in the hearts of many. His achievements through many challenges made him a natural selection for Western's Man Among Men. Congratulations.

## Menelik Consistory Presents "The Breakfast of Scholars"

SUBLIME PRINCE MICHAEL JOHNSON, 32<sup>o</sup>



The Breakfast of Scholars Program was introduced by Menelik Consistory #49, Valley of Springfield with the aim of mentoring African-American young men in the Central Illinois community between the ages of 8 and 16 years old.

The breakfast was held on September 20, 2014 at Central Lodge #3, 1310 East Adams, Springfield, IL. The focus of the breakfast was a discussion about responsibilities and life skills for males.



Fraters from Menelik Consistory lead the conversation and provided the youth with personal experiences to iterate the aforementioned points. Their input along with other local youth organizations proved to be invaluable. All of the area youth organizations were



involved with our effort including The Urban League, The Boys and Girls Club, Ceasefire and Keep-It-200.

More breakfast sessions will be held at other locations throughout Central

Illinois including Peoria, Decatur and Bloomington.

*The Valley looks forward to future events.*



# Michigan & Illinois Attend Canada Council of Deliberation

SOV. GRAND INSPECTOR GENERAL ROBERT MEEKINS, 33°

Being honored to be an honorary member of the Illinois Council of Deliberation, I would be very remised if I didn't take this time to share a special moment of pride. My Deputy, SGIG Christopher Buck (left), and I from the Orient of Michigan along with my Brothers from Illinois attended Canada's Council of Deliberation on September 27-28, 2014 under the leadership of SGIG Carlisle Blackett (right). It was just great to fellowship with our Brothers across the border.



SGIG Meekins, GIG John Richardson, SGIG Buck, MWGM Millard Driskell, SGIG Carlisle N. Blackett (Deputy of Canada), MWGM John Huggins, GIG Milton Jackson.

# Family Tie identified between Southern & Northern Jurisdiction

SUBLIME PRINCE CHARLES COOPER, 32°

Illustrious Dr. Michael J. O'Bannon, 33°, a visitor to the 2014 ICOD Session, is an Active member of the United Supreme Council, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, Southern Jurisdiction, PHA. He is also the nephew of Sublime Prince Charles Cooper, 32°, of



Western Consistory #28 of the United Supreme Council, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, Northern Jurisdiction, PHA.

Over the past two years, Sublime Prince Cooper has been an active participant in recovering the history of Prince Hall Masons and veterans. His research has helped to provide insight into the 555th Parachute Infantry Battalion, also known as the Triple Nickels, which was the first black paratroopers unit. An Airborne Trooper himself, Cooper collaborated with the Prince Hall Masonic Journal to publish the facts on this group which has received national attention.

Family is a most important priority in life. As such, Sovereign Grand Inspector General O'Bannon is clearly near and dear to the heart of Sublime Prince Cooper as shown in the photo above. Congratulations.



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## COMMANDERS OF THE RITE OF TYREE #64 SALUTE EAST ST. LOUIS CITY CLERK

Submitted by Grand Inspector General Earl D. Scott, 33°

On October 26, 2014, the Commanders of the Rite of Tyree Consistory #64 in the Valley of East St. Louis hosted "An Evening of Elegance". The purpose of the event was to honor an outstanding citizen in the community whose efforts and service had great impacts on the community as a whole. Under the leadership of Illustrious Alfredric Cathion, 33°, Vice President for the Commanders of the Rite of Tyree, a most worthy honoree was selected based on her over thirty (30) years of service to the Metro-East Community of East St. Louis, Illinois. The honoree was none other than Ms. Dorene C. Hoosman, City Clerk of East St. Louis, Illinois.

The affair honoring Ms. Hoosman was held at the Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows in Belleville, Illinois. Guests were greeted graciously by the Commanders of the Rite and the program began promptly as directed by the Master of Ceremonies, Illustrious Carl E. Officer, 33°, former Mayor of East St. Louis, Illinois. After prayer and words of welcome from Illustrious Rev. Leon Peterson and Illustrious Michael Outlaw, Illustrious Avery Ware introduced the dignitaries and honored guests. Music was provided by Mr. Kendrick Smith and, after the blessing of the food by Rev. Linda Harris-Cosby, Pastor of Trinity United Methodist Church of East St. Louis, dinner was served. The scrumptious meal wholly satisfied all in attendance.

After dinner, reflections on the efforts of Ms. Hoosman were given by her friends, family and colleagues. Mr. Hubert H. Hoosman Jr. brought words of praise and encouragement from the family. Mrs. Charlotte Moore reflected on the stellar political journey of Ms. Hoosman through which she has excelled. The service efforts of Ms. Hoosman were lauded by Mr. William Kreeb. Mrs. Peggy Lewis LeCompte, friend and mentor, concluded the wonderful reflections.

Following the reflections, the Commanders of the Rite presented the honoree with her just due. In doing so, she received a plaque in recognition of her service and words of admiration from Illustrious Cathion and Sovereign Grand Inspector General Melvin Frierson, Deputy for the Orient of Illinois. She was congratulated for being a grand example of stellar leadership and service that should be emulated by all. Her service speaks volumes and the efforts of the Commanders of the Rite of Tyree were tremendous. Congratulations on a job well done.

*"The Commanders of the Rite of Tyree Consistory No. 64 thank you for all that you have done to help us salute the work and service of Ms. Dorene C. Hoosman. We especially thank you for your presence this evening which has made 'An Evening of Elegance' a reality that will become a wonderful memory. We thank, Ms. Hoosman for her work as we thank God for giving us this opportunity to celebrate a true servant."*

**Illustrious Alfredric Cathion, 33°**



## Biography of Honorable Ms. Dorene Hoosman

Ms. Dorene C. Hoosman resides in East St. Louis, Illinois. She is a graduate of Lincoln Senior High School. She attended Florida A & M University and is a graduate of Grandwohl Medical School. She is also the daughter of the Late Mr. & Mrs. Hubert H. (Helen) Hoosman Sr.

Dorene has been employed with the City of East St. Louis since May 21, 1979. Her career and first position in the city government was an Accounting Clerk in the Treasurer Office, May 21, 1979. She held that position until she was hired in the Regulatory Affairs Department on July 27, 1987. She was hired as an Accountant I, in the Treasurer's Office October 26, 1988 where she remained for several months and was promoted to the position of Demolition Coordinator in the Regulatory Affairs Department, March 28, 1988. She remained in that position for two years and was transferred to the Mayor's Office March 29, 1990 to the position of City Comptroller. Dorene became the Deputy Clerk in the City Clerk Office, August 01, 1991 and appointed City Clerk, May 06, 2002. On May 05, 2003 Dorene was elected City Clerk of East St. Louis.

Dorene is a Certified registered City Clerk with the Illinois Municipal Clerk's Association, Certified City Clerk with the International Municipal Clerk's Association and the first Black woman Certified Police Trustee with the IPPFA Associates of Il for the City of East St. Louis. She is also a member of Trinity United Methodist church, where she is an organist and a member of the United Methodist Women. She is also a member of the following organizations:

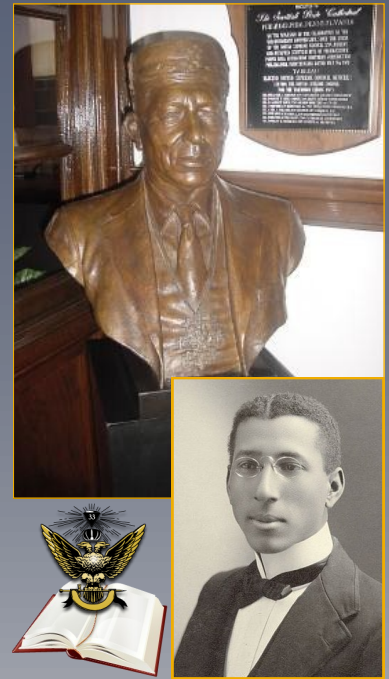
- East St. Louis Chapter of Top Ladies of Distinction Inc. (TLOD)
- Queen Elizabeth Chapter #16 Order of the Eastern Star
- Lessie Bates Davis Neighborhood House Board of Directors
- Illinois Municipal Clerk's Association
- International Municipal Clerk's Association
- Board Administrator for the Fire & Police Pension Board
- Former Mary E. Brown Community Center Advisory Board
- East St. Louis Lion's International Organization.



Some of her achievements include:

- District IX Director for the Il Municipal Clerk's Association (3) years
- Financial Chairperson for the Il Municipal Clerk's (3) Years
- The Scholarship and Fundraiser Committee of Il Municipal Clerk's Association (4) Years
- The Illinois Police & Firemen Pension Board Association
- Administrator of the Firemen & Police Pension Board
- Former Chairman of the Board for Lessie Bates Neighborhood House
- Finance Chairman for Lessie Bates Davis Neighborhood House

Dorene's greatest joy is found in the time spent with her family, especially with her nieces and nephews. She loves to travel, decorate, shop, go to the theatre, and listen to all types of music in various venues. She is proud to be a servant of the people and keeps their best interest and needs close to her heart.



## Do You Know YOUR RITE?

Did you know that Past Sovereign Grand Commander

**GEORGE WILLIAMSON CRAWFORD , 33°**

was a powerhouse attorney and leader in the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP)? His battles for civil rights over his nearly 70 years in service were tremendous. For his efforts, George Crawford Manor (below), a high rise in New Haven, Connecticut, became his namesake in 1966 and the George W. Crawford Black Bar Association in Connecticut in 1979.





# Cancer Awareness Months

## October and November



GRAND INSPECTOR GENERAL JOSEPH L. VINCENT JR., 33<sup>o</sup>

Fraters and Loyal Ladies October and November were Breast Cancer Awareness and Prostate Cancer Awareness Months respectively. Screenings, which refer to identifying cancer before it causes symptoms, can help save lives.

### MAMMOGRAMS

*"Mammograms" should be continued regardless of a woman's age, as long as she does not have serious, chronic health problems such as congestive heart failure, end-stage renal disease, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, and moderate to severe dementia. Age alone should not be the reason to stop having regular mammograms. Women with serious health problems or short life expectancies should discuss with their doctors whether to continue having mammograms."* - American Cancer Society, August 30, 2012

### PROSTATE SCREENING

*"Prostate Screening" is simply looking for cancer before it causes symptoms; two test are commonly used to screen for prostate cancer are the DRE or Digital Rectal Exam, which is the physical test where the prostate is examined by touch for size and for lumps and the PSA Prostate Specific Antigen test, which measures the level of PSA in the blood and antigen which is produced by the Prostate. Normal level for the PSA test range between 1.0-4.0 ng/m. This range is likely to increase or vary with age, ethnicity and family history. No your range and track levels from every test.* - Medicinenet.com

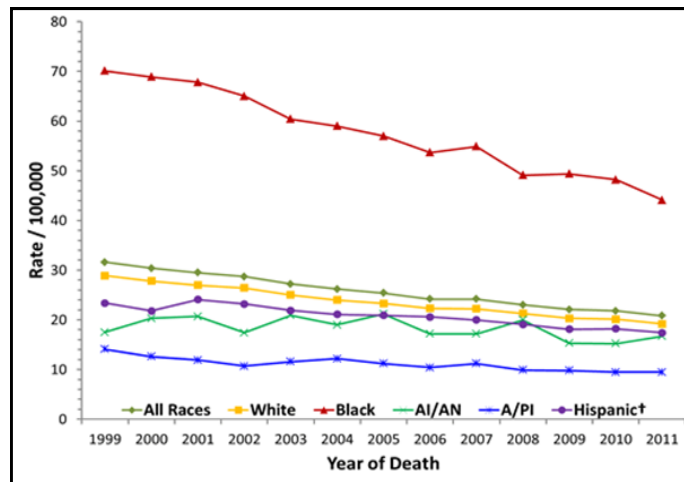
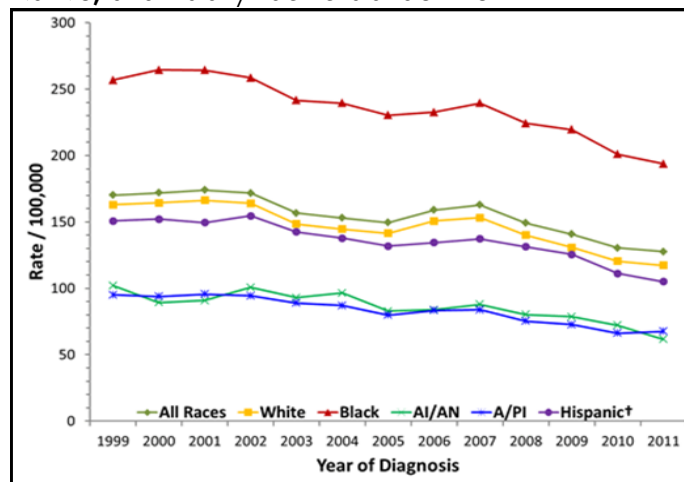
As a rule, the higher the PSA level in the blood, the more likely a prostate problem is present. But many factors, such as age and race, can affect PSA levels. Some prostate glands make more PSA than others. PSA levels also can be affected by certain medical procedures, certain medications, an enlarged prostate and a prostate infection.

### PROSTATE AWARENESS

"Incidence rate" means how many men out of a given number get the disease each year. The graph below shows how many men out of 100,000 got prostate cancer each year during the years 1999–2011. The year 2011 is the most recent year for which numbers have been reported. The prostate cancer incidence rate is grouped by race and ethnicity. The graph below shows that in 2011, black men had the highest rate of getting prostate cancer followed by white, Hispanic, Asian/Pacific Islander, and American Indian/Alaska Native men.

From 1999–2011, the rate of men dying from prostate cancer has varied, depending on their race and ethnicity. The graph below shows that in 2011, black men were more

likely to die of prostate cancer than any other group followed by white, Hispanic, American Indian/Alaska Native, and Asian/Pacific Islander men.



### 1. WHAT IS THE PROSTATE?

- ✓ a. A walnut sized gland in males
- b. Part of a male's sex organs
- c. Produces a secretion that is the fluid part of semen
- d. All of the above

### 2. WHAT IS A CHARACTERISTIC OF PROSTATE CANCER?

- a. Fast growing tumor
- b. Pronounced symptoms at early stages
- ✓ c. Dangerous once it spreads outside of the prostate gland
- d. Aggressive only among older men

### 3. HOW DO YOU SCREEN FOR PROSTATE CANCER?

- a. A urine test
- ✓ b. PSA blood test and digital rectal exam
- c. Ultra sound
- d. X-ray

### 4. WHY IS IT IMPORTANT FOR BLACK MEN TO GET SCREENED ANNUALLY FOR PROSTATE CANCER?

- a. Black men are just as likely to get prostate cancer as white men
- b. BPH is common among Black men
- ✓ c. Black men are twice as likely to die from prostate cancer than any other ethnic group
- d. Most Black men forget the results of their past exams



## 5. AT WHAT AGE SHOULD BLACK MEN START SCREENING FOR PROSTATE CANCER?

- a. *Whenever symptoms begin*
- b. 65
- c. 50
- ✓ d. **40, or earlier if you have risk factors**

## EARLY DETECTION OF BREAST CANCER SAVES LIVES. FIND IT EARLY!

The goal of screening exams for early breast cancer detection is to find cancers before they start to cause symptoms. Screening refers to tests and exams used to find a disease, such as cancer, in people who do not have any symptoms. Early detection means using an approach that lets breast cancer get diagnosed earlier than otherwise might have occurred.

Breast cancers that are found because they are causing symptoms tend to be larger and are more likely to have already spread beyond the breast. In contrast, breast cancers found during screening exams are more likely to be smaller and still confined to the breast. The size of a breast cancer and how far it has spread are some of the most important factors in predicting the prognosis (outlook) of a woman with this disease.

Most doctors feel that early detection tests for breast cancer save thousands of lives each year, and that many more lives could be saved if even more women and their health care providers took advantage of these tests. We encourage you to follow the mammography guidelines adopted prior to November, 2009 and follow the guidelines established by the American Cancer Society. These guidelines improve the chances that breast cancer can be diagnosed at an early stage and treated successfully.

### RISK FACTORS

A risk factor is anything that affects your chance of getting a disease, such as cancer. Different cancers have different risk factors. For example, exposing skin to strong sunlight is a risk factor for skin cancer. Smoking is a risk factor for cancers of the lung, mouth, larynx (voice box), bladder, kidney, and several other organs.

Common risk factors include gender, age, heredity, genetic factors, long menstrual history, hormones, environmental factors or early menopause. However, risk factors don't tell us everything as over 74% of cases are diagnosed in women with no identifiable risk factors (Source: American Cancer Society). Having a risk factor, or even several, does not mean that you will get the disease. Most women who have one or more breast cancer risk factors never develop the disease, while many women with breast cancer have no apparent risk factors (other than being a woman and growing older).

Even when a woman with risk factors develops breast cancer, it is hard to know just how much these factors might have contributed to her cancer.

By knowing the risk factors, you have a starting point in your discussion with your health care provider. Mammograms, early detection, knowing your risk - all of these guidelines will help you to find it early, treat it early and live a healthy, more sustainable life.

### GUIDELINES TO FOLLOW!

- *Women age 40 and older should have a mammogram every year and should continue to do so for as long as they are in good health.*
- *Women in their 20s and 30s should have a clinical breast exam (CBE) as part of a periodic (regular) health exam by a health professional preferably every 3 years. Starting at age 40, women should have a CBE by a health professional every year.*
- *Breast self-examination (BSE) is an option for women starting in their 20s. Women should be told about the benefits and limitations of BSE. Women should report any breast changes to their health professional right away.*
- *Women at high risk (greater than 20% lifetime risk) should get an MRI and a mammogram every year. Women at moderately increased risk (15% to 20% lifetime risk) should talk with their doctors about the benefits and limitations of adding MRI screening to their yearly mammogram. Yearly MRI screening is not recommended for women whose lifetime risk of breast cancer is less than 15%.*

### HOW COMMON IS MALE BREAST CANCER?

Male breast cancer is a rare condition, accounting for only about 1% of all breast cancers. The American Cancer Society estimates that in 2013, about 2,240 new cases of breast cancer in men would be diagnosed and that breast cancer would cause approximately 410 deaths in men (in comparison, almost 40,000 women die of breast cancer each year). Breast cancer is 100 times more common in women than in men. Most cases of male breast cancer are detected in men between the ages of 60 and 70, although the condition can develop in men of any age. A man's lifetime risk of developing breast cancer is about 1/10 of 1%, or one in 1,000.

**Sources for continued information regarding Breast Cancer and Prostate may be found on the following website:**

- *Sisters Network Chicago Chapter at [www.sistersnetworkchicagochapter.org](http://www.sistersnetworkchicagochapter.org)*
- *Are 100 Black Men of America Inc. at [www.100blackmen.org/health/tstkn\\_prostate.aspx](http://www.100blackmen.org/health/tstkn_prostate.aspx)*
- *Prostate Cancer Foundation at [www.pcf.org](http://www.pcf.org)*
- *Center for Disease Control and Prevention <http://www.cdc.gov/cancer/prostate/>*





## Harvest Time at Marquette-Joliet Consistory #104

*SUBLIME PRINCE HANIFF MORRIS, 32°*



By GOD's grace, the seasons undoubtedly change from the active growing of the summer to the dutiful labor of autumn's harvest. One observes that there is sufficient cause for comfort and cheer in realizing "They that sow in tears shall reap in joy" (Psalm 126:5).

The Brothers of Marquette-Joliet Consistory #104 have sown seeds, tended their lot and have now reaped the fruit thereof in the form of eight newly Knighted and Exalted Sublime Princes brought into further Light as 32° Freemasons. The Ronald Boone/Bob DeCuir Class of 2014 was elevated and obligated as such Friday evening October 17th during the Orient of Illinois Council of Deliberation with the following Brothers dedicated to the Valley Of Joliet:

- SP. Daryl Bedar 32°
- SP Justin Chandler 32° (2nd Vice-President)
- SP. E. Neal Coleman
- SP Jeremy Coleman 32°
- SP Sherman Ginyard 32°
- SP Hanif Morris 32° (President)
- SP Johnny Smith 32° (1st Vice-President)
- SP Johnny Wells 32°

We look forward to the youthful enthusiasm and tenacity these brothers will bring forth as we labor together, die together, realizing there is no fraternal death in truth.

## Two Fraternal Brothers Making Great Strides in the Valley of Joliet and the State of Illinois

*GRAND INSPECTOR GENERAL JOSEPH L. VINCENT JR., 33°*

*Paying Tribute & Recognition to Those Who Paved the Way*

### GIG Joseph L. Vincent Jr., 33°

I was elected to the office of Secretary for the 2014 Grand Inspectors General Class during the 133<sup>rd</sup> annual session of the United Supreme Council held in Cincinnati OH: This honor became so fitting for me, being a continuing student in African as well in Black American History. Our class named in honor of the late "S.G.I.G. Samuel C. Hunter Jr.," who is recorded one of the original Tuskegee Airman. As I accepted this honor, I felt a duty to share this with those who taught and showed me the varying styles to this needed office, in fraternal tribute to the late PM Adel C. Nicks of Fidelity Lodge #103 who served as recording secretary until his death. With the admiration and respect to PM Lester F. Poole also of Fidelity Lodge #103, GIG's Tim Harris 33° a PHA Secretary and Donald Cook 33° both from Marquette-Joliet #104; GIG's Daryl Andrews 33° –editor, writer, and author; Michael D. Ramey Sr. 33° Garden City Lodge #59, one of a few PHA Secretaries subordinate and Grand and SP Lewis T. Maxwell 32° Illustrious Secretary Western Consistory #28, Instructor for ICD and the 2011 recipient of the Sublime Prince of the Year Award. I thank each of you and the shoulders you stood upon, which have enabled me reach another stair in this journey.



### GIG Andrew M. Griffin III 33°



I extend admiration and respect to GIG Stanley McCallum 33° for the many inspirational talks regarding the teachings of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry. His conversations were not in vain. Upon joining the AASR and becoming a member of Marquette-Joliet Consistory

No. 104, he along with the Valley Advisor S.G.I.G. Neal Carson 33°, taught me the inner workings and operational entities of this Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite. Having met their expectations, I successfully served the Valley of Joliet as Commander in Chief for two years and have continued working as a PCIC with our Valley's Eagles Club and as a Dean of Instruction. Fraternal Thanks to you both.





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**SUBJECT: 2015 SOUVENIR JOURNAL FOR THE 134<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL SUPREME COUNCIL SESSION**

**TO: All Deputies & Overseers, Sovereign Grand Inspectors General, Grand Inspectors General, Sublime Princes, Grand Loyal Lady Rulers, Loyal Lady Rulers, Loyal Ladies, Consistories and Assemblies**

The Illinois Council of Deliberation (PHA), Orient of Illinois, will host the 134th Annual Session of the United Supreme Council in the Valley of Chicago, Illinois, May 22-26, 2015. We are looking forward to this very special event and we want to properly document the occasion by publishing a Souvenir Journal. Thus, we are soliciting your support and participation by taking and requesting Ads from members and businesses.

We are making a special plea to each Deputy to disseminate this information to his Consistories and to the State Grand Loyal Lady Ruler and her Assemblies. We are also requesting Ads from all Prince Hall Masonic Organizations.

**THE ABSOLUTE DEADLINE FOR ALL ADS: APRIL 10, 2015**

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**Fraternally,**

*Melvin Frierson*

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Illinois (PHA)

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Secretary for the Orient  
Illinois (PHA)

GIG Damon P. Anderson, 33°  
Co-Chairman, Souvenir Journal



**ILLINOIS COUNCIL OF DELIBERATION (PHA)  
BENEVOLENT FUND GOLF TOURNAMENT**

Proceeds go to the Illinois Council of Deliberation Benevolent Fund, Inc.  
A.A.S.R., FM, PHA, NJ, USA



**Where: JACKSON PARK GOLF COURSE**

**Chicago, IL**

**Date: Thursday May 21, 2015**

**Tee Time 10:00am**

**Completion of 9 holes will constitute a tournament due to inclement weather**

**Team Prizes**

**1<sup>st</sup> Place Prize----- \$1,000.00  
2<sup>nd</sup> Place Prize----- \$500.00  
3rd Place Prize----- \$300.00**

**Longest Drive----\$100.00  
Closest to the pin--\$100.00  
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**TOURNAMENT FEES:**

**Early Registration\_\_\_\_\_ \$100.00 Per Person**

**On Site Registration\_\_\_\_\_ \$110.00 Per Person**

**Deadline for Early Registration April 24, 2015 - (On Site Registration - Cash or Money Order)**

**NO EXCEPTIONS**

**To register: Complete Golfer Information below and send this registration form along with the fees to:**

**SGIG James A. Mitchell  
4800 S. Chicago Beach, Dr. Unit #609 S  
Chicago, IL 60615**

**SCHEDULE: On Site Registration 8:30am - 9:30am**

**For additional information contact Tournament Coordinator GIG Oscar W. Pickett 1-504-312-1672**

**SPONSOR SHIP LEVEL FOR DONATIONS:**

**Platinum \_\_\_\_\_ \$2,500.00 May Have 6 Teams      Gold \_\_\_ \$1,500.00 4 Teams**

**Silver \_\_\_\_\_ \$500.00 2 Teams      Hole Sponsor \_\_\_\_\_ \$125.00**

**!!Transportation will be provided from hotel to golf course and return trip!!**

**NOTE: This will be an individual play tournament**

**Golfer Information:**

**Name/Address/Telephone No. /Email Address**

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**ILLINOIS STATE GRAND ASSEMBLY  
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THE UNITED SUPREME COUNCIL**  
**A.A.S.R. of Freemasonry, Prince Hall Affiliation**  
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Fraternal Greetings:

The Entertainment Committee for the visiting Loyal Ladies, wives and friends have planned two activities for your enjoyment during your visit to the Beautiful City of Chicago, Illinois, May 22-26, 2015.

**PLAN A** Saturday, May 23, 2015, a fun-filled day of enjoyment at the Casino in East Chicago, Indiana. The bus will leave the Chicago Marriot Hotel at 8:30am and return from East Chicago, Indiana at 3:30pm. The Casino requires each person to provide name, address and date of birth (day, month, year). Everyone in the group will need a driver's license or State ID in order to receive vouchers. **Donation \$30.00 per person.**

**PLAN B** Monday, May 25, 2015, a scenic bus tour of the historic Bronzeville, Hyde Park and South Shore neighborhoods, then a two-hour cruise on the beautiful **Spirit of Chicago Cruise Ship, Buffet Lunch & Show included.** Bus will depart the Chicago Marriot at 9:30am and return at 3:30pm. **Donation \$65.00 per person.**

Reservation for **PLAN A and PLAN B** will be honored on a first-paid basis. Your donation for either activity includes your round-trip Transportation. **Credit Cards will not be accepted for Plan A or Plan B.**

**Deadline Date for Payment: April 18, 2015.** Checks or Money Orders only will be accepted and should be made payable to: **ILLINOIS COUNCIL OF DELIBERATION.** Complete and detach the form below and mail to: **PSGLLR Paulette Brown, 2721 Lake Park Drive, Lynwood, IL 60411.**

**Paid Tickets will be available for pickup beginning at 12:00 Noon on Friday, May 22, 2015.** The Entertainment Committee will be available to assist you.

Fraternally,

**PSGLLR Paulette Brown Chairperson  
PLLR Pauline James-Brown Co-Chairperson  
PLLR Dianna Caston Co-Chairperson**

**LL Sandra Mosley  
State Grand Loyal Lady Ruler  
S.G.I.G. Melvin Frierson 33°  
Illustrious Deputy of Illinois**

Please check your choice of PLAN A or PLAN B and return this form with payment to: **LL Paulette Brown**

PLAN A Number of Tickets \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$30.00 each      PLAN B Number of Tickets \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$65.00 each

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