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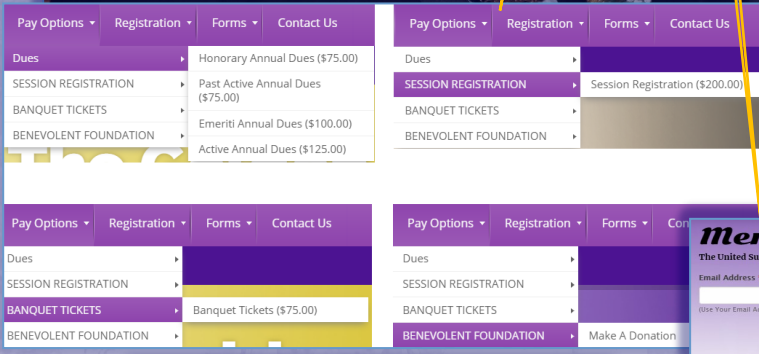
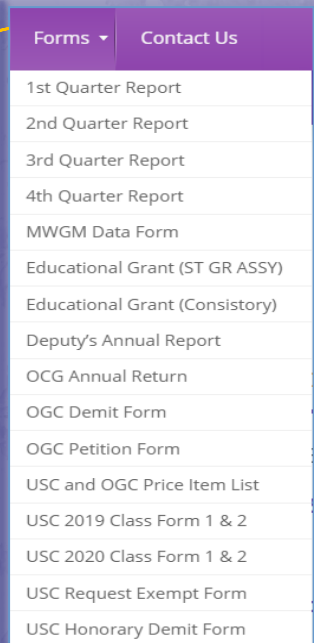


NEW UNITED SUPREME COUNCIL WEBSITE

Congratulations to Sovereign Grand Commander Melvin J. Bazemore on the redesign of the website for the United Supreme Council. The website located at www.uscnjpha.org now has the capability of accepting electronic payments for member dues as well as registration for the upcoming Triennial Session. These upgrades will allow flexibility for members relative to meeting financial obligations and make the overall experience more convenient. Members may also download ALL necessary forms to complete required tasks. The new look is also modern aligning the site with the likes of other organizations of its size. Charitable organizations supported by the United Supreme Council are also clearly listed under the “About Us” page which provides insight for anyone from the public to see the true nature of the organization. Visit the site and register as a member today. All in all, the website update is contributing to increased operational capabilities at the United Supreme Council level and will pay dividends relative to efficiency in the future. Congratulations on a great design.



SGIG Melvin Bazemore, 33rd Sovereign Grand Commander



Click the “Councils of Deliberation” option to see the schedules for all **COUNCILS OF DELIBERATION** for the Orients under the USC NJ PHA.



DEPUTY FOR THE ORIENT OF ILLINOIS

SOVEREIGN GRAND INSPECTOR GENERAL MELVIN FRIERSON, 33°

Greetings my Brothers and my Sisters:

Again, God is allowing me to communicate with you in this manner and I consider it a Blessing and a privilege just having a relationship with you. Congratulations to those new Fraters and Ladies of the Golden Circle who were initiated in October during our 101st Annual Illinois Council of Deliberation, I pray that each of you will apply yourselves to the good work of the Scottish Rite of Freemasonry. That you will be one of our proudest members to the extent that we will look at you with great pride and admiration, knowing that you are a member of the Prince Hall Scottish Rite Family. I also want to thank every Brother and Sister and congratulate all valleys that gave cheer and food to the less fortunate in your respective communities during the Christmas Holiday Season. I pray God's Blessing on each of you.

Please note that you can now pay your dues and conduct other financial transactions on the United Supreme Council Website uscnjpha.org. If by chance you have an indebtedness I urge you to attend to that matter immediately.

Enclosed in this newsletter is information and an order form for your use concerning the United Supreme Council's Walk of Fame Project. You should all be aware of this project through a previous communication. I continually urge and solicit your support in this United Supreme Council Project, especially our SGIGs and GIGs who received this information under separate cover. Lastly my brother, that you might improve yourself in Scottish Rite Masonry I implore and encourage you to read and digest an article printed in this newsletter titled "Heraldry of the Holy Empire".

May God Bless and keep you, I hope to greet you at our 102nd Annual Illinois Council of Deliberation Session, October 18-20, 2019 at the Abraham Lincoln Doubletree Hotel, 700 East Adams St. Springfield, Illinois.



SECRETARY FOR THE ORIENT OF ILLINOIS

SOVEREIGN GRAND INSPECTOR GENERAL JAMES A. MITCHELL, 33°

ICOD continues to mourn the loss of our beloved SGC Basil S. Sands. We welcome our new leader, the Honorable SGC Melvin Bazemore. At the last Council of Deliberation (PHA) Session, ten Sublime Princes were nominated for the 33rd and last degree; some thirty Sublime Princes were initiated; two "fifty year" members were awarded; six MSA recipients were awarded; and three other awards were presented by the ICOD. Congratulations to these brethren for their accomplishments and contributions to Scottish Rite Masonry in Illinois.

We thanked the ICOD Family and others for supporting our Deputy Melvin Frierson, 33° and his initiatives. Please plan to attend U.S.C. 138th Annual Session to be held in Philadelphia, PA in May 24-24, 2019. Continue to support ICOD (PHA) programs. Send articles of interest to the Clairon's Editor, GIG Daryl Andrews.



"A well prepared man never trembles."

NEW STATE GRAND LOYAL LADY RULER

Congratulations and best wishes to the new State Grand Loyal Lady Ruler of the Illinois State Grand Assembly, Order of the Golden Circle. The premier Loyal Lady for the Order in the Orient of Illinois is none other than Loyal Lady Sandra Tucker. The wife of the late Raymond T. Tucker, she is a prominent citizen in the North Shore community who will bring her talents in leadership and service to the Order. Best wishes in your new leadership role.



DESK OF THE EDITOR OF THE CLARION

GRAND INSPECTOR GENERAL DARYL L. ANDREWS, 33°

Special thanks to everyone who has contributed to Wrightwood Baseball in the Valley of Chicago. Although youth athletics have helped to maintain stability in communities across Illinois, the opportunities have diminished over the years due to resource constraints. As such, donors serve as the primary source of support for many leagues. Their support allows volunteers to remain steady in efforts to teach youth the importance of perseverance and team work. The families of Chicago's Ashburn Community extend thanks to the Fraters of the Orient of Illinois for individual donations of resources and effort. It gives me great pride to announce that the President and the Vice President of the organization will most likely be Master Masons by the time this newsletter is received. After making suitable proficiency, they will assuredly be in a future Consistory Class. Outreach helps communities and helps our order to grow with QUALITY men. Thank You!!!





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Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry
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Dear Scottish Rite Member:

Enclosed please find a copy of the letter sent from Sovereign Grand Inspector General Raynard W. Hughes, 33^o, Cathedral Secretary, requesting our participation and cooperation in the United Supreme Council's Walk of Fame Paving Project efforts to maintain the Cathedral and surrounding properties located in Philadelphia.

The Walk of Fame Paving Project is the initiative approved to raise funds for the project and at the same time give us the opportunity to have our name and or an in memory of a love one's name engraved on a perpetual Paver (brick) to be laid on the grounds of the Cathedral. A Paver designed to last for eternity. People in all walks of life including your family members, fraternal members, friends and associates will be able to go there and see your name and message on your Paver for years to come.

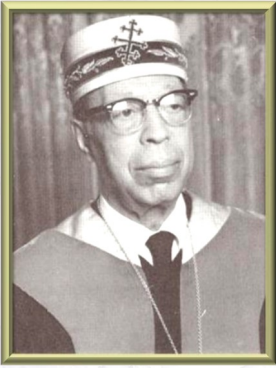
So by purchasing a brick you will accomplish two things, your name in perpetuity in the history of Prince Hall Scottish Rite Masonry forever and at the same time preserving and maintaining our United Supreme Council properties.

As stated in the letter the Sovereign Grand Commander have approved this ongoing project. The dedication ceremony will be held May 25, 2019 at the Cathedral during our Annual Session. If you would like to have your Paver placed during the dedication ceremony, you must complete the enclosed order form and submit it along with your check prior to March 31, 2019. Please remember this project will be ongoing after the initial dedication ceremony.

Fraternally,
Just another brother
Melvin Frierson
Melvin Frierson, 33^o
Deputy



45TH ANNIVERSARY OF ELECTION OF SGC FRANK SUMMERS



Forty-five years ago, the first Illinoisan was elected Sovereign Grand Commander of the United Supreme Council, Northern Jurisdiction. This person was Sovereign Grand Inspector General Frank Myron Summers. A member of Tyree Consistory #64, Summers was elected to the Active Grade of the United Supreme Council in 1936. He was appointed Deputy for the Orient of Illinois in 1942 and for the Orient of Wisconsin in 1950. He served over both Orients through 1968 despite having been elected Lieutenant Grand Commander in 1965. When illness prevented Sovereign Grand Commander Leland D. French from leading the Rite in 1973, Summers assumed the mantle of leadership to fill the void. He was subsequently elected Sovereign Grand Commander in May of 1974, forty-five years ago. 1974 also marked the first year in which the MWPHGL of Illinois introduced the title of Honorary Past Grand Master. Summers was the first to receive this recognition. He led the Scottish Rite through 1977 when he retired to the Active Grade. After forty years of service to the United Supreme Council, he was the first to be styled Sovereign Grand Commander Emeritus at the 96th Annual Session in Philadelphia. May peace be unto his ashes.

LITTLE LEAGUE RECEIVES CHICAGO CUBS GRANT



The Wrightwood Little League has made great strides over the past few years relative to growth and development off players in its baseball programs. The growth was supported by multiple organizations including several members of the Illinois Council of Deliberation. This support has helped the league to grow administratively as well which came to culmination in January of 2019. Working in a new partnership with the Chicago Park District, the League has successfully obtained a grant to rebuild three of its six fields. The labor and supplies required to complete this effort amounts to over \$250,000.

REST IN PEACE

SGIG HERBERT BARKER

Sovereign Grand inspector General Herbert Barker died on January 2, 2019 at the age of 96 years old. A licensed funeral director, he was the owner of Barker's Mortuary and Cremation located on 99th and Elizabeth in Chicago, Illinois. A 1948 graduate of the Worsham College of Mortuary Science, he was a member of the National Funeral Directors and Morticians Association, Illinois Select Funeral Directors Association, Epsilon Nu Delta Mortuary Fraternity, and the 100 Black Men of Funeral Service, Inc., where he was honored as a 2012 Living Legend of Funeral Service.



NORMAN'S NOOK



FROM THE LIBRARY OF WILLIAM L. NORMAN, 33^O

ORDER OF THE GOLDEN CIRCLE 1975



1st. row seated -L.L.Hazel Stillwell, L.L. Swoop Ill. Luther Gidney, L.L. Louise Douglas, S.G.L.L.Ruler Marie P. Boone, Ill. Thornton Lewis (Advisor) L.L. L.L. Willanita Johnson
 2nd row L.L. Helen Hudson, P.L.L.R. Beatrice Tate, L.L. Mary Pullins, L.L. Lolia Tsbey ; L.L. Bessie Howard, L.L. Doris Anderson L.L. Anne Green, L.L. Pamela Wright, L.L. Agatha Horn, L.L. Marjorie Dorsey , L.L. Vivian Scruggs, L.L. Ann Roark, L.L. Mary Walker,, P.W.G. Matron Lottie Davidson, P.L.L.R. Ena Davis

ILLINOIS COUNCIL OF



DELIBERATION 2018



ICOD ATTENDS SGIG HALES RETIREMENT BANQUET

The Deputy for Illinois Council of Deliberation (PHA), SGIG Melvin Frierson, 33°, and his entourage namely SGIG Deplessie Drew, SGIG Willie Lawler, Jr., SGIG Lafayette Gatlin, SGIG Homer Walton, GIG Millard Driskell, GIG John Richardson, GIG Milton Jackson, GIG Glenn Pickett, GIG Dimitreus Gilmore, GIG Elijah Owens, and GIG Reinaldo Walker traveled to Cleveland, Ohio on September 29, 2018 to attend one of Prince Hall's Masonic icon's, SGIG Charles W. Hales, retirement banquet. The banquet was well attended by members of the Prince Hall Masonic Family as well as other outside groups. A lovely affair was had to say the least. Illinois played a significant role in honoring Bro. Hales. Many well deserved accolades was bestowed on him.

As was pointed out, Bro. Hales has a wide range of experiences. He is known for his leadership as the Director of Conventions for the United Supreme Council, Northern Jurisdiction (PHA) for twenty six (26) years. He was also the Director of Convention for twelve (12) years for the AEAONMS Imperial Council (PHA). His role as a Convention Director is well chronicled.

Bro. Hales is respected throughout the "hotel industry" as a strong and unrelenting negotiator when securing housing for the "order". In addition to his expertise and

negotiation skills, he is considered a student of masonic discourse with great business acumen.

Bro. Hales is a member of a number of "masonic" houses and headed most of them. More especially, an active member (SGIG) of the United Supreme Council, Northern Jurisdiction (PHA), Past Honorary Imperial Potentate, Past Master, et cetera.

He is a member of other organizations both locally and nationally, i.e., Life membership in the NAACP, member of the National Coalition of Black Planners, a member of Kappa Alpha Psi, just to name a few.

Bro. Hales served in the U.S. Army in the mid-forties, he obtained the rank of sergeant first class, was honorably discharged after a two year stint. Following his Army experience, he married; from that marriage a son was born. Bro. Hales received a Bachelor's and Master's degree in Business Administration, and was employed by various business organizations, both nationally and internationally.

From the Illinois Council of Deliberation (PHA) "all hail" to SGIG Charles W. Hales, 33°, on a well deserve retirement. We pray the Grand Architect of the Universe continue to shine His Grace on him.

Submitted By SGIG James A. Mitchell

ILLINOIS COUNCIL OF DELIBERATION DEGREE TEAM

On Friday Oct. 19, 2018 the Illinois Council of Deliberation Degree Team from Western Consistory #28 conferred the 30, 31 and 32 degrees new candidates from various Consistories around the state of Illinois.



This is done every year by this team with great commitment, hard work and love for AASR. Members are pictured (opposite page) from left top are LOP Venerable Warden SP Yakov Curry, LOP Deputy of Tyre SP Vincent Jackson, RC Senior Warden SP Anthony Atwood, RC Past Most Wise GIG Marshall Coe, SP Clarence Richard's, GIG Charles Cooper, GIG Alvin Jones, GIG Cliff Brown, SP Sean Thompson, GIG Millard Driscoll, LOP Thrice Potent Master SP Donardo Jones, 2nd row: RC Most Wise SP Leo Henley, RC Past Most Wise GIG Glenn Pickett, LOP Past Thrice Potent Master & Chairman GIG Carl Pickett, GIG Tony Stafford and RC Past Most Wise GIG Leo Wimberly. GREAT JOB.



Bro. Hales, seated in the middle, is surrounded by family, associates, and close friends during a moment at his retirement banquet.





Heraldry

OF THE HOLY EMPIRE

By Grand Inspector General
Daryl L. Andrews, 33°

Heraldry is defined in Webster's as:

- *the art of blazoning armorial bearings;*
- *settling the rights of persons to bear arms or user certain bearings;*
- *tracing and recording genealogies;*
- *recording honors and of deciding questions of precedence.*

Armoial bearings typically align with a family's bloodline or royal body and contain specific emblems that serve as unique identifiers. Ancient Rome utilized the eagle to symbolize the Roman Empire. Legions bore the eagle on armor and regalia to clearly identify themselves as aligned with the empire. In times of war, a herald would be regaled accordingly and sent to engage in formal communications with enemy and friendly forces alike to lay terms. During these times, heraldry allowed the messenger to be recognized in the dark by the enemy and in the light by allies.

Heraldic emblems are heavily utilized today within Freemasonry at many levels. The Square and Compass is widely known as a Masonic emblem. Masonic Rites of Freemasonry, however, use different armorial bearings to distinguish themselves from other Masonic houses.

The Heraldic emblems adopted by the Scottish Rite of Freemasonry, in particular, are tied to a long history of

emblems with their own specific meanings. Some are holy emblems while others are terrestrial emblems. When combined, their linkage and meaning provide the background for their significance to the rite.

Two heralds of God are the sources of key heraldic emblems of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry. Melchizedek is chronicled in the Old Testament of the Holy Bible. Jesus is referenced in the Old Testament and chronicled in the New Testament of the Holy Bible. He is also represented in the Holy Qu'ran. Both were steadfast in their duties to God in Salem and Jerusalem respectively and are worthy of emulation.

Melchizedek, High Priest and King of Salem, was the keeper of God's tabernacle. Salem translates to "peace" and is referred to as the "City of Peace". By God's authority, Melchizedek, the Herald, was able to grant God's blessings on his people. In doing so, he blessed Abram (Abraham) after his victory in his war with the Kings. His faith made him victorious despite the odds which drove him to the City of Salem to seek the blessing of the High Priest on Salem's consecrated ground. Abram made the trek, received the blessing by Melchizedek and reciprocated with a tithe (Genesis 14:19-20). To many Biblical historians, this is the blessing that affirmed God's prior promise to Abram that he would be the father of nations (Genesis 12).

With regard to the promise, God fulfilled it according to the Holy Bible and Holy Qu’ran through Hagar and Sarai (Sarah). As Sarai had grown in age and believed herself to be barren, she gave her maid servant, Hagar, to Abram to have a child. From Hagar, Ishmael was born. After being touched by an angel, Sarai became pregnant by Abram shortly thereafter. Isaac was born from this union. Abram’s name was changed to Abraham. Abram translates to “exalted father”. Abraham is the plural representation denoting “exalted father of many”. Sarai’s name was likewise changed by God to Sarah. Sarai translates to “princess” whereas Sarah translates to “mother of nations”. To many Christians, Isaac is the object of God’s promise. To others, Ishmael is the object. A holistic view offers that both fulfilled God’s promise as the faiths of Judaism and Islam represent the multitude of nations from Abraham’s seed.

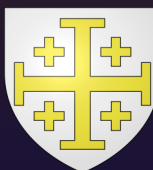
When reviewing the Christian path, Isaac’s bloodline eventually produces David. David is selected King of Jerusalem by Nathan, God’s prophet or herald. Jerusalem translates to “foundation of peace”. It is from this bloodline that Jesus is born. According to the Holy Bible, the death by crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus took place in Jerusalem while under Roman rule. His life, death and resurrection, is the foundation for everlasting peace as Jesus, now, serves as the eternal Melchizedek, the eternal High Priest for the faithful in the New Dispensation. The representation of Jesus’ sacrifice is the cross which became a key heraldic emblem for the Christian faith.

Portrayals of Jesus’ crucifixion drove variations of the cross in heraldic representations. The most common representation is a single-barred cross. The empty cross represents a resurrected Jesus to some. To others, it represents an implement of Jesus’ death. A two-barred cross was subsequently introduced to highlight the area

in which the feet of Jesus were nailed. A three-barred cross was also introduced to not only identify the locations where the hands and feet were pierced but also the location of the nameplate which stated “INRI” was affixed. “INRI” translates to Jesus of Nazareth, King of the Jews. Another representation, the Cross of Jerusalem, included a single-barred cross surrounded by four other crosses to represent the crucifixion of Jesus and his wounds to the hands, feet and side. These portrayals became heraldic symbols for the faithful and would, eventually, become emblems of heraldry for nations.

The triple-barred cross was adopted by the Holy Roman Catholic Church as a papal symbol to denote his three primary roles. The top-bar or nameplate identifies the pope as the worship leader of the faith. The middle-bar or nailed hands represents the teaching role of the pope for the faith. The bottom-bar or nailed feet represents the practical application of the faith with the pope as the community leader. All in all, the triple-barred cross is the heraldic emblem that identifies the leader of the faith.

The York Rite, a Christianity-based Rite, adopted the triple-barred cross to identify its leader, the Right Eminent Grand Commander. The slanted version of the emblem was adopted by the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry, a philosophically-based Rite, to identify its leader, the Sovereign Grand Commander. The leaders of both Rites adopt the same roles as the pope in that they serve as sovereign leader, chief instructor and community representative for the respective rites. These heraldic emblems appear on the regalia of these leaders to clearly identify who they are.



The two-barred cross was adopted by the army of Godfrey de Bouillon during the Holy Wars in 1099AD. The cross was adopted as an emblem of fealty to the Holy Roman Catholic Church under the pope. The two bars represented redemption for Jews (top bar) and gentiles (lower bar) as they fought together from the region of Lorraine for the faith. Cardinals of the Holy Roman Catholic Church adopted the emblem to denote fealty to the church under the hierarchy of the pope to defend Jesus, the Christ and the church. This emblem was adopted by the Actives and Emeriti of the Scottish Rite to denote fealty to God and the Rite under the hierarchical authority of the Sovereign Grand Commander of the Supreme Council.



The Cross of Jerusalem was adorned by soldiers during the Crusades in red to symbolize their willingness to shed blood and give their lives on behalf of the church. Soldiers under the command of Godfrey de Bouillon were of the first to fight for the faith in this manner. This emblem is heraldry for Knights Templar who have directly adopted the Christian faith. However, as the Scottish Rite endeavors to understand all faiths philosophically, the cross was selected to represent a free church within a free state with respect to all faiths. It is also used as jewels for subordinate level leadership of the rite.



For the Roman Empire, the emblem of state has been the eagle since its inception. The single headed eagle affixed with the letters "SPQR" represented the "Senate and People of Rome" as early as 100BC. The double-headed eagle, which traces back to the Hittite Empire of Lagash, was adopted by Rome during the Middle Ages. As Rome extended its reach, the two-headed eagle came to signify Rome's dominance as far as the eagle could see to the West and to the East simultaneously. As the Empire shifted towards Christianity, the double-head eagle became the Heraldic emblem of the Holy Roman Empire. The double-headed eagle was crowned after Charlemagne was crowned Emperor of the Holy Roman Empire by Pope Leo II in 800 AD. It is this emblem that has been displayed prominently on the armorial bearings of Rome and her subordinate states.



The Crest of Lorraine (right) articulates that the region was under the religious authority of the Holy Roman Church. The papal crown above the head of the double headed eagle identifies that Lorraine is under the Holy Roman Empire. The Crown atop the shield which displays the Cross of Jerusalem in gold and white towards to the top-center of the shield indicates that the nation will bear arms on behalf of the Holy Roman Catholic Church. As such, this heraldic emblem indicates that Lorraine is a Duchy under the umbrella of the Holy Roman Empire.



The Coat of Arms for Poland (right) also identifies its religious allegiance to the Holy Roman Church by the papal crown atop the head of the eagle. The shield bears templars on horse top bearing the Cross of Lorraine on the shield identifies that the region will bear arms on behalf of the Holy Roman Church. As such, the emblem affirms Poland's fealty to the Holy Roman Empire.



Heraldic symbolism carried into the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry in a similar fashion and it remains intact today. There are multiple styles of eagles that are utilized to represent certain aspects of the Rite. In all instances, the eagle represents an empire. There are other key factors that help to provide a clear picture on the specific nature of the emblem:

- Wing position identifies the specific empire
 - *Wings up = Northern Jurisdiction*
 - *Wings down = Southern Jurisdiction*
- Number in the triangle identifies that degree
- The crown indicates Holy Empire membership
 - *Black = Honorary Membership*
 - *Purple = Active or Emeritus Membership*
 - *White = Elected Officers*
- Triangle position identifies level of representation

These visual, heraldic characteristics provide a clear and distinct picture of the house that is represented and serve as the basis for the regalia that is worn by

of the Supreme Council. The Heraldic emblems of the United Supreme Council, AASR, Northern Jurisdiction, PHA are:



HONORARY MEMBERS

As the 33rd degree triangle is on the breast of the eagle and the double headed eagle is crowned, this heraldic emblem identifies the bearer as a honorary herald or **Grand Inspector General** of a Supreme Council.

Black crowns are worn with the triangle atop the eagle.

As the wings are pointed upward, the Supreme Council to which this herald holds allegiance is the Northern Jurisdiction.

ACTIVE / EMERITI

As the 33rd degree triangle is atop the crown of the double headed eagle and pointed upward, this heraldic emblem identifies an active or emeritus herald or **Sovereign Grand Inspector General** of a Supreme Council.

White crowns are worn for the elected leadership and purple crowns for non-elected leaders.

As the wings are pointed upward, their fealty is to the Supreme Council of the Northern Jurisdiction.

SUPREME COUNCIL

As the 33rd degree triangle is atop the crown of the double headed eagle and pointed downward, this heraldic emblem identifies a specific Supreme Council.







As the wings are pointed upward, this heraldic emblem represents the United Supreme Council, Ancient & Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry, PHA, Northern Jurisdiction.

The **Sovereign Grand Commander** is the Chief Executive Officer of the Supreme Council and wears a white crown with the affixed with the Cross of Salem. Other elected Actives wear white crowns.



The hierarchical structure of the Supreme Councils for the Northern and Southern Jurisdictions as well as their subordinate bodies is shown below:

- *Sovereign Grand Commander adorns the Cross of Salem as the leader of the Holy Empire and subordinate Orients*
- *Deputy for the Orient adorns the Red Cross of Jerusalem as the leader of the Jurisdictional Council of Deliberation and commander over subordinate Consistories*
- *Commander-In-Chief adorns the Cross of Jerusalem as the leader of the local Consistory*

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SUPREME COUNCIL (HOLY EMPIRE) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Governing Body for the Holy Empire</i> • <i>The Sovereign Grand Commander is the Chief Executive Officer</i> • <i>Sovereign Grand Inspectors General are the primary membership</i> 	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • COUNCIL OF DELIBERATION (ORIENT) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Regional subordinate body of the Holy Empire</i> • <i>Deputies appointed for each region (Orient) by the Sovereign Grand Commander are the Chief Executive Officers for the region</i> • <i>Grand Inspectors General are the primary membership</i> 	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CONSISTORY (VALLEY) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Subordinate body of the Scottish Rite in a city (Valley) of an Orient</i> • <i>Commanders-In-Chief are the Chief Executive Officers for the Valley</i> • <i>Sublime Princes are the primary membership</i> 	

All in all, these heraldic emblems represent the armorial bearings of the bodies of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry which serve as unique identifiers for all levels of the Rite.



~ VALLEY OF EAST ST. LOUIS ~

TYREE DELIVERS CHRISTMAS BASKETS TO COMMUNITY

In conjunction with Southern Cross Lodge #112 and Aahmes Temple #132, Tyree Consistory #64 prepared baskets of food and other items to provide relief to those in need across the East St. Louis community. Over 75 baskets were prepared. The baskets or boxes contained non-perishable items that could be stored as well as meat products for immediate cooking. All of the boxes were filled to the brim. They were subsequently readied for distribution and loaded onto the delivery truck. Once filled, the truck took its route across the neighborhoods in accordance with the plan and delivered baskets to 15 local schools in the East St. Louis community.



In addition to the food baskets, the team also coordinated delivery of toiletries to a local shelter to provide necessities for those in need. Often times, toiletries including toothpaste, tooth brushes, deodorant, socks and other items that many take for granted are critical items that shelters typically run out of. The Lodge, Temple and Consistory came together to provide all of the needs for the community in one fell swoop. In doing so, they combined and helped to provide for hundreds as they endured one of the coldest winters in Illinois history.



~ VALLEY OF JOLIET ~



PROGRESS IN PURPOSE

On a beautiful, fall, Saturday afternoon, the Brothers and Sisters of the Joliet Valley came together for its Annual School Supply Drive BBQ. The day would mark the third consecutive year that the charitable convergence would take place.

Paramount to the endeavor, was the collection and donation of needed school supplies to local Joliet elementary schools. Pencils, markers, tape, tissue, paper towels, scissors, loose leaf, composition paper and headphones were among some of the supplies donated to Carl Sandburg Elementary. Mrs. Jennifer Arthur, a leading educator at the Joliet school accepted the donations and was graciously overwhelmed by its size and scope.

Equally as important, the BBQ aspect of the occasion allowed for genuine fellowship outside of the constraints of a business meeting's minutiae. It permitted men & women, brothers & sisters, friends and family to share each other's company whilst

enjoying a bountiful meal. As mid-September leaves begin their chromatic acknowledgement of the hands of time, the annual cookout obliged us to seize a moment's reprieve from the harshness of temporal reality.

The annual School Supply Drive BBQ is a perfect illustration of a progressive endeavor wrapped in concomitant enthusiasm. With perseverance as the driving force and community uplift as an honorable aspiration, Marquette-Joliet Consistory #104 and Marquette-Joliet Assembly #87 have engaged in unending cooperative projects that serve community, nation and world. Through youth mentorship, food giveaways amongst other charitable undertakings, the Fraters & Ladies of the Joliet Valley have consistently sought to serve the community via functional provision, engagement and industry. One may ponder that this form of utility is precisely what David Paradine was alluding to in "A Life Well Spent".

By the Light of the G.A.O.T.U. may we all continue to progress in purpose!



~ VALLEY OF CHICAGO ~



Western Consistory #28 continued its annual tradition of providing Christmas Basket during the holiday season to families across the City of Chicago and its surrounding areas. This event has become the namesake of the late Sovereign Grand Inspector General Ernest Johnson who oversaw the program for years. The mantle of leadership has shifted to the capable hands of Grand Inspector General Frank Jarvis who has worked diligently to move the effort forward. The effort is moving along with the blessing of the Johnson family and has also incorporated more youth into the process as the years have gone along. We salute Western for their efforts and pray for success in the future.

FAMILY MILESTONE CELEBRATED AT ICOD 2018



On Sat.Oct. 20, 2018 at the Illinois Council of Deliberation the Picketts celebrated a family milestone of 13yrs in AASR Masonary. It started with SP. Oscar Pickett VP. of the fall class of 1964. Glenn Pickett became a S.P. in 2003 Bowie-Clarke class, and S.P. Carl Pickett in the 2005 George Cole class. Now all are Grand Inspector Generals. Oscar and Glenn class of 2008 and Carl class of 2011. Glenn is a Past Most Wise and Perfect Master of the Knights of the Rose Croix and Carl is Past Thrice Potant Master of the Lodge of Perfection.

Pictures are from 1964 journal (top left), 2005 ICOD with then Deputy Brian Abrams (above) and from Oct. 2018 COD (left).

VETERANS CORNER

The Veterans Administration (VA) provides disability compensation to eligible Veterans who were disabled during or because of their military service. VA also offers compensation to eligible dependents of Veterans, including a surviving spouse, child(ren), and/or parent(s).

The following disability compensation benefits are available to Veterans:

- **DISABILITY COMPENSATION** – monthly monetary benefit paid to Veterans who are disabled by an injury or disease incurred in or aggravated by active military service. VA and DoD offer pre-discharge programs that can help Veterans apply for disability compensation before discharge
- **AUTOMOBILE ALLOWANCE** – financial assistance provided to help eligible severely disabled Veterans purchase or adapt an automobile to accommodate their disabilities
- **CLOTHING ALLOWANCE** – annual stipend(s) provided to disabled Veterans who have unique clothing needs as a result of a service-connected disability or injury
- **SPECIALLY ADAPTED HOUSING/SPECIAL HOME ADAPTATION GRANTS** – monetary benefits to adapt or obtain suitable housing for eligible severely disabled Veterans
- **VETERANS' MORTGAGE LIFE INSURANCE (VMLI)** – mortgage life insurance protection for disabled Veterans approved for a VA Specially Adapted Housing (SAH) Grant
- **SERVICE-DISABLED VETERANS' INSURANCE (S-DVI)** – life insurance coverage for Veterans who have a VA rating for a new service-connected disability in the last two years. Totally disabled Veterans are eligible for free insurance premiums and have the opportunity to purchase additional insurance
- **EDUCATION ASSISTANCE** – provides education benefits to Veterans to assist with obtaining a degree or with pursuing other eligible education and training
- **DEPENDENTS' EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE (DEA)** – assistance to survivors or dependents of Veterans to obtain a degree and pursue other eligible education and training
- **VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION AND EMPLOYMENT (VR&E)** – provides educational and training services to Veterans with service-connected illnesses and injuries to prepare for, obtain, and maintain suitable employment

Disabilities determined by VA to be related to your military service can lead to monthly nontaxable compensation, enrollment in the VA health care system, a 10-point hiring preference for federal employment, and other important benefits. Ask your VA representative or Veterans Service Organization (VSO) representative about Disability Compensation, Pension, Health Care, Caregiver Program, Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment Services, Educational Assistance, Home Loan Guaranty, Insurance, and/or Dependents' and Survivors' Benefits. You can search for a VSO representative online at www.ebenefits.va.gov.

For more information about disability compensation benefits, including eligibility, establishing a service-connected disability, and how to apply, please:

- Find links to VA benefits information and apply at www.ebenefits.va.gov
- Visit us at www.va.gov/benefits
- Use IRIS, VA's tool to find information and ask questions online at <https://iris.custhelp.com>
- Call us at 1-800-827-1000
- Visit the nearest VA regional office. To find the VA regional office nearest you, go to our website or call VA toll free at 1-800-827-1000

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Now I beseech you, brethren, by the name of our LORD Jesus Christ, that ye all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you; but that ye be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment. 1 Corinthians 1:10

Brothers and Sisters Greeting,

This letter serves as an introduction to our Walk of Fame Paving Project. For this project to be successful, it is both necessary and requested that you assist us in this most important and historic endeavor. The United Supreme Council Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry Prince Hall Affiliation, Northern Jurisdiction, U.S.A. Inc. under the leadership of our Sovereign Grand Commander Melvin J. Bazemore 33⁰ has commissioned and approved this project.

It is a way to have your name and or commemorate and honor your loved ones with an engraved Paver (brick) to be laid in the Walk of Fame Garden located on the east side of the Cathedral. All proceeds from this initiative will be earmarked for the Building and Restoration Fund.

I thank you in advance for your welcomed participation in this project.
God bless.

Fraternally,


Raynard W. Hughes 33⁰

Cathedral Secretary





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Walk of Fame Garden
Paver
Project**



Please help support the United Supreme Council, A.A.S.R., PHA, N.J. by purchasing a paver to help commemorate Stalwarts' and Masonic Visionaries in our "Historical Walk of Fame Garden" Project. You can use this chance to memorialize a lost love one, to celebrate ones accomplishments, to provide a gift, or just to honor someone from the community, your family or yourself. Thank you in advance for your support.

_____ 4" x 8" \$100.00 3 lines of engraving up to 18 characters per line,
(spaces, numbers and letters)

_____ 8" x 8" \$200.00 6 lines of engraving up to 18 characters per line,
(spaces, numbers and letters)

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone No: _____

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Please return completed form along with check ("Walk of Fame Garden" in memo section of check) payable to:

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Philadelphia, PA 19146**

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