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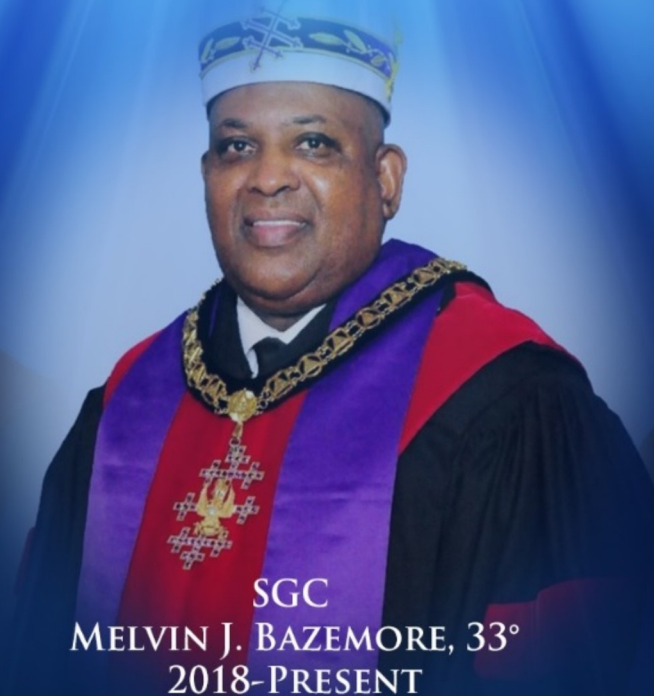
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The Vision of the Sovereign Grand Commander

Membership

- **Enrichment—Annual Sessions**
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- **Development**
Lecture Series and Learning Plans
- **Growth & Retention**
Benefits Seminar and Satisfaction Survey Input
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- **Reclamation Strategy**
- **Scottish Rite Education**

Enhancements

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- **Online Payment**
Leverage technology for financial simplification
- **Online Report Submission**
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- **Electronic Communications**
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- **Membership Portal**
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Sovereign Grand Commander

Sovereign Grand Inspector General Melvin J. Bazemore, 33^o

As the Spring season brings forth new life, I am inviting each member of our United Supreme Council to assist in bringing about new life and a renaissance in our organization. Ideas pregnant with all types of possibilities exist if we are bold enough to nurture and let them blossom.

Seeds already planted are bringing forth excitement within the Scottish Rite Northern Jurisdiction (PHA). As you will read in this addition of the Bulletin, we are laying the foundation for new and innovative ways to engage our membership from the tech savvy to the reluctant user of new technologies. I invite you to read the website enhancements tutorial that will make even the most uninformed a website genius.

In addition, you will also see that while we continue to look to the future, we remain committed to being who we are as Scottish Rite Masons. That being, dedicated to bringing forth Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth as evidenced by our \$27,000.00 contribution to the Dorian Hurricane Relief effort. Your generous contributions towards this effort is helping the Orient of the Bahamas recover from this devastating natural disaster.

The Mid-year Deputies conference held January 9-10, 2020 in the Motor City of Detroit, Michigan saw refinement to our strategic plan by the Officers and Deputies. These refinements were the result of outputs from the strategic committee chairmen and members. We look forward to announcing a number of new initiatives during the 2020 Annual Session in Cincinnati, Ohio.

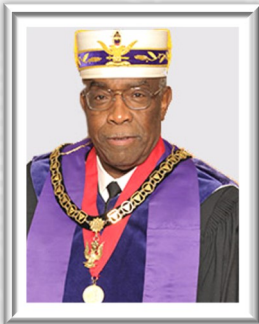
We are excited about the 2020 Annual Session being held in Cincinnati Ohio from May 22-26, 2020. Building upon the success of the 2019 annual session in Philadelphia, the USC will hold it's offsite community outreach effort, which will include both a health symposium and voter awareness program in partnership with civic organizations located in Cincinnati. Your participation is both welcomed and expected. In addition, we have changed the convention format to allow more interaction and participation by all of our attendees. I look forward to seeing you in Cincinnati!

Finally, as a note of personal privilege, I thank each of you who participated in the testimonial in my honor. I and my family were truly touched by your words and deeds. For those unable to attend but supported the effort in spirit, I also thank you for your words of encouragement and support of the United Supreme Council. I consider myself blessed to have been chosen to be your servant leader.



*Fraternally, Yours in the Rite
Illustrious Melvin J. Bazemore
Sovereign Grand Commander*





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Inspector General
Daniel R. Poole, 33rd**

Office of the Lieutenant Grand Commander

As we Secure the Future by Enhancing the Scottish Rite Experience and the Vision of our Sovereign Grand Commander, we must continue "Uniting" (keeping together) and "Growing" (expanding together) as we get involved in the success of our United Supreme Council "Initiatives". If you notice, both words end in "ING" making them "action words".

DO NOT FORGET to make your Annual Donation to the "United Supreme Council Benevolent Foundation". It allows us to continue to be that ROAD MAP for our youth and those who need our assistance are standing at the CROSS ROADS OF LIFE BETWEEN NOWHERE AND OPPORTUNITY. Our Website is now available for your donation.

From time to time you will hear me say "NEVER" be satisfied with the "STATUS QUO" but continuously review, evaluate, and update our programs to make the "best even better".

Office of the Grand Minister of State

THANKS, THANKS, THANKS to the Family of the Orient of Wisconsin Prince Hall Affiliation, Sovereign Grand Inspectors General, Grand Inspectors General, Sublime Princes and Loyal Ladies of the Golden Circle. Words do not adequately express my Joy. My Undying Love and Thanks for the many years of support that you have given me as your Deputy of the great Orient of Wisconsin. You will always be in my prayers. Members of this Orient that caused me to be lifted to higher heights in this great Fraternity to the Office of Grand Minister of State. I know that the wind beneath my wings were your prayers.

As we prepare for our Annual Session, in My 2020, let us be reminded that Jesus looked at them and said, "With man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible." Mathew 19:24. We know that this Pandemic Coronavirus will pass, but we must put our trust in the one who created this world and all that there is. This phase of our life will soon pass away.

Office of the Secretary General of the Holy Empire

First giving honor to the G.A.O.T.U. for his many blessings. In January of this year the United Supreme Council conducted its Mid-Year Conference for Deputies, their Assistants and essential personnel. It was very successful and productive. We continue to work the strategic plan for this United Supreme Council.

Through the Office of the Secretary General, Phase 1 of our new website is up and running, giving the members the ability to access forms, pay dues, session registration and make Benevolent donations. We have started to use the website and electronic communication to get information out to our membership in a more expeditious manner. Coming soon, in Phase 2 of our website we are in the process of creating our member's portal, giving the members the ability to update their own profiles i.e., change of addresses and adding picture IDs to their profiles and making on line purchases.

In the wake of the Corona Virus Pandemic, the Annual Board of Directors meeting was held on April 14th. We also had our annual status meeting with the management team of Presbys Inspired Life and J.T. Goldstein, LLC Auditors, which was very productive. The Scottish Rite House and Scottish Rite Tower are functioning very well under our building managers Michele Holloman and Debra Clark respectively.

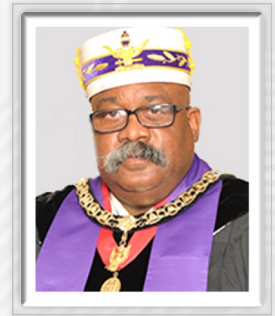
In May, the Orient of Cincinnati, Valley of Ohio, will host the 139th USC Annual Session. There is a lot to do there namely, the Taste of Cincinnati held downtown featuring live music and the city's 50 most talented chefs cooking up a storm. You should also visit the Underground Railroad Freedom Center and enjoy shopping and dining at the local stores and eateries. I am looking forward to seeing you all there.

Office of the Grand Recording Secretary

After our May 2019 United Supreme Council Annual Session. I was asked by Sovereign Grand Commander Bazemore to lead the Strategic Planning Group to assist in the tracking and oversight of the Initiatives laid out in our USC Strategic Plan. We currently have 15 Sub-Committees working to "Enhance the Scottish Rite Experience". They update the Elected Officers quarterly as we all work together and collaborate to make a difference in our Beloved Rite. At the January 2020 Mid-Year Deputies Conference, we had the opportunity to update everyone in attendance on the accomplishments to-date and receive immediate on-site feedback.

Thank You to all the Sub-Committee Chairmen and Teams for your collaboration and hard work. If you have an idea, or would like to work on a committee, please reach out to your Deputy, myself, or even the Sovereign Grand Commander, and let us know. Keep Making a Difference!

Office of the Cathedral Secretary



Sovereign Grand Inspector General Raynard W. Hughes, 33°

Leave a legacy in the Historic Walk of Fame Garden at the United Supreme Council Cathedral in Philadelphia. Brick pavers may be purchased individually or in groups to commemorate Masonic stalwarts, visionaries, memorialize loved ones, celebrate Masonic accomplishments or honor individual Consistories, Assemblies and Orients. Visit the "Events" page at www.USCNIJPHA.org to order or contact this office at (267) 977-1893 by telephone or by email at paver1514@gmail.com with any questions.

Desk of the Grand Prior

When I view Merriam-Webster definitions of "forward" it make me understand that I must be moving in a forward direction. Let's look at the definitions of "forward". 1. Near or belonging to the front part of something. 2. Moving or directed ahead of toward the front. 3. Moving toward the future or toward a more advanced state or condition. Forward means that we are not to stand still, nor dwell on the past (the way we used to do it), but move in a new direction that will help us get to the front. Doing the same old things over and over will always keep us in the same old spot, without any movement in a forward direction. New vision and new direction is always good, and will help us learn new prospective and enable us to embrace those things that will help us to grow. None of us have ice-boxes in our homes to preserve our food. We all have refrigerators to make sure our food is kept fresh. Another case in(and) point is that none of us ride in a horse and buggy, because we all have automobiles to carry us to our needed places. This says that we need to keep up with modern and new advances.



Sovereign Grand Inspector General Dr. Wilton E. Blake, 33°

We cannot continue to do the same old things and expect to draw young people into our family. Our Illustrious Sovereign Grand Commander is leading us in new directions that will help our organization to spring forward into a new era. This is a must if we are going to continue to be a great organization. We cannot afford to remain in the dark ages but must come into the marvelous light. We must with the help of almighty God move forward and claim the wonderful blessings that God has in store for our United Supreme Council Family. We live in a much different world than that of our mothers and fathers. So In your prayer time please pray that we can move forward and grow.

Desk of the Editor of the Bulletin

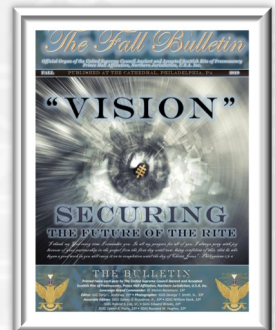
The goal of the prior edition was to present the vision of the Sovereign Grand Commander and prompt action. Do you see yourself fitting into a mission that will make that vision a reality or working on a committee that will help to achieve the overall goal? Help us all to make the Rite better.

This edition is set to build upon that foundation by focusing on the Membership and Enhancements missions. Historical and esoteric articles are being presented to further define the backbone of the Rite. Expertise is being leveraged from Grand Inspectors General Stu Lee, Reginald Stewart, myself and others from across the Holy Empire to supplement the Scottish Rite Educational curriculums. Even further, SGIG Thomas Hughes will have presentations available at the upcoming session on these topics. The focus on education of our membership is clearly a high priority.

The focus on enhancements is also a major goal. The new website design showcases the Rite splendidly. The overview of it in this edition should alleviate any fears associated with this key deliverable. I am quite certain that traffic to the site and utilization of the conveniences it now offers will be utilized more often.

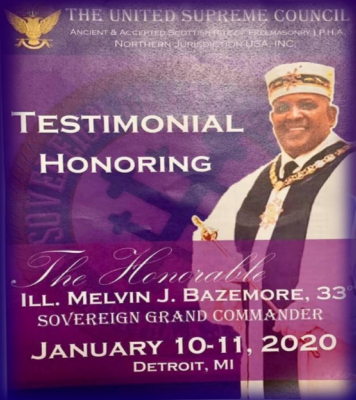
It is my hope that these submissions prompt YOU into action to help achieve the vision that has been presented. As a church Deacon, my mind goes immediately to Habakkuk 2:2—"Write the vision, make it plain, so that he who sees it may run to it." The vision has been written, we are working to make it plain, please run to it as you see fit. Join a mission today to achieve the vision.

As always, you are invited to submitted articles to Bulletin@Andrewspress.com by **September 1, 2020** for consideration for the next edition.



Grand Inspector General Daryl L. Andrews, 33°

Testimonial 2020:



The Holy Empire descended upon the Valley of Detroit to join in the Testimonial Celebration for Sovereign Grand Commander of



A scrumptious meal was served to a roomful of attendees who visited from all over the country and other parts of the globe.



Compliments were expressed to the chefs as the food and venue were a magnificent representation of the City of Detroit.



Loyal Ladies and Fraters, one and all, received personal greetings from the SGC who expressed his gratitude for their support.

Detroit, Michigan



Melvin J. Bazemore, 33rd at the Detroit Marriott-Renaissance Center. SGIG Jerry Springer served as the Master of Ceremonies.



Together, they united in presenting accolades and gifts to SGC Bazemore whose leadership is driving action within the ranks.



All of the Deputies for the Orients stood with great pride with SGC Bazemore supporting his vision and missions to achieve it.



Gifts, tributes and words of admiration poured in from SGIGs, GIGs, SPs, Loyal Ladies, Grand Masters and other dignitaries.



Special presentations and tributes from the USC Officers and the family of SGC Bazemore provided evidence to the high character and leadership exhibited by the Sovereign Grand Commander of the Northern Jurisdiction. Congratulations!!!



2020 Mid-Year Deputies Conference of the United

On Friday, January 10, 2020, the Officers and Deputies of the Northern Jurisdiction met in Detroit, Michigan to review the state of the Holy Empire and initiatives associated with the vision of the Sovereign Grand Commander at the 2019 Annual Session. At the direction of Sovereign Grand Commander Melvin J. Bazemore and by the hands of SGIG Sidney Broadnax, Lt. Grand Commander, the

Deputies presented their activities after reports were received by SGIGs Raynard Hughes, Cath. Secretary; Daniel Poole, Rec. Secretary; Edward Brooks,

Secretary-General; and Roland Lee, Treasurer-General. A point that was highlighted tied to the ease of financial processing through electronic means. Since allowing electronic transactions via the website of the United Supreme Council (USC), activity has increased by more than 10% in a short period of time. This ability aligns the USC with the cyber-age. The Bulletin Editor reported on the publication and requested feedback in order to improve it for the future. The Convention Director, SGIG Carl Williams, provided an update on the 2020 Convention set for Cincinnati, Ohio. Despite challenges with the main hotel, the team secured multiple arenas for the session. Online registration for the session is **NOW** available via the website.

SGIG Roscoe Davies, Deputy for the Bahamas, thanked the Orientals for their support for Hurricane Dorian Relief. SGIG Melvin Frierson (Illinois) arose to

News from Around the Orients:

Orient of Michigan

*Sovereign Grand Inspector General
Christopher Buck, 33^o, Deputy*



The Michigan Council of Deliberation (MCOD) had the honor of sponsoring a Testimonial for the Honorable Melvin J. Bazemore, 33^o Sovereign Grand Commander. This event was held on January 10-11, 2020 at the Detroit Marriott Renaissance Center. SGIG Christopher Buck and the Testimonial General Chairman SGIG Wayne E. Phillips, 33^o did an excellent job in planning and executing this event.

The MCOD is in the process of soliciting scholarship applications from around the Orient. It is the hope that all Consistories will have multiple applicants for the four MCOD scholarships, the United Supreme Council and the May Art Scholarship. GIG Lee Yancy is the Scholarship Chairman and is hoping for strong participation from all the consistories. A 2019 scholarship winner KeyShaun Johnson was a walk-on to the University of Michigan football team and travelled with the team in the 2020 Citrus Bowl in Florida.



MCOD will hold its 2020 Mid-Year Reunion on July 25, 2020 in Swartz Creek Michigan, 4150 Ames Road. The Golf Tournament will be held at the Genesee Valley Golf Course, 5499 Miller Rd, Swartz Creek Michigan. All Consistories are expected to have at least one team for the tournament.

Project Warm Spirit by Homer Gaines #112, grew this year with more Masonic participation. Project Warm Sprit is a program that has been embraced by District 7 which included two blue lodges and the Commanders of the Rite. North Star Lodge played a major role in soliciting funds from the membership and solicitation from the broader community. North Star led with a contribution of \$1000.00. Additional contributions came from Central Lodge. The project was established about a decade ago when it was identified that a significant number of children did not have warm clothing to wear in extreme cold weather. Coats hats and gloves were bought for distribution in several schools in Grand Rapids, Kalamazoo and Muskegon. As the project has grown significant partners were recruited. This includes Macy's Department Store, local schools and community leaders. Macys gave significant discounts to the retail value of \$18,275 to purchase 215 coats. Many of the coats came with hats and gloves. Again many Masonic units were used to manage the program within their local areas.



The Bazemore Family



Supreme Council

contribute an additional \$1,000 to the relief effort. Several followed suit. Overcome with emotion at the generosity, SGIG Davies and his assistant, Illustrious Mackey, expressed their heartfelt sentiments for the pledges of support.

These reports into addition to the commentary by SGIGs Edward Darnell; William Stark, GMS; Sidney Broadnax, LGC and Most Worshipful Bro. Kevin Bell (Michigan), confirmed that the Rite is strong. Sovereign Grand Commander Bazemore provided final words of direction and noted that he is looking for members, especially Emeriti, to help meet the aims of the USC. After lifting up prayer and thanks to our Heavenly Father, the conference was closed. With the works were committed to the Lord, the Rite looks to the hills to perform the necessary labors to meet the aims that were expressed.

Orient of Bahamas

**Sovereign Grand
Inspector General**

Roscoe Davies, 33^o, Deputy

The 57th Bahamas Council of Deliberation was held in Nassau on October 19, 2019 in the Capital City of Nassau, New Providence. This Annual Session was held just six weeks after our northern islands of Grand Bahama and Abaco suffered the greatest loss of life and devastation of property from the category five forces of wind and sea surge from Hurricane Dorian.

Members of the fraternity suffered complete losses of houses, loss of furniture and appliances resulting from twenty-foot sea surges, submerged vehicles from flood waters and general destruction of property.

However, we are most appreciative of the positive response from our Prince Hall Scottish Rite fraters and well-wishers from the various Orients who have demonstrated their concern and practical support. A special thanks is extended to SGC Melvin J. Bazemore and his team for the support of the United Supreme Council during this period.

During the Annual Session, Sublime Prince's Carlson Henry Shurland and Claudius Bridge Bethel were elected to be nominated to receive the 33rd Degree of Freemasonry as members of the Class of 2021.

Ms. Celine Gloria Szasz, a student at the University of

the Bahamas received the Annual USC Educational Grant. She intends to continue her studies at the University of West Georgia, U.S.A.



Orient of Connecticut

**Sovereign Grand
Inspector General**

Edward Cherry, 33^o, Deputy

The Ninth Annual Silver Eagle Awards Banquet honoring outstanding contributors to their communities and their professions was held at the Hartog Activity Center located in Ashlar Village, Wallingford. Many thanks to the Silver Eagle Committee and to Ill. Jim, the Co-Chair for the hard work to make this year's program one of the best since the first program initiated ten years ago by the Commanders of the Rite. The program was designed to let the public and those hardworking individuals, who were not affiliated with the Masonic Order, know that we are aware of their performances which represent some of the noble concepts for which we stand. Many have gone beyond their usual job performance to perform outstanding services as role models to our members and to the youth.

In November we held our 126th Annual Council of Deliberation. Hosted by Hartford Consistory #80, the CCOD was most pleased to welcome Sovereign Grand Inspector General Raynard Hughes, Cathedral Secretary, representing Sovereign Grand Commander Melvin J. Bazemore. SGIG Hughes was accompanied by his lovely wife Cookie. We were also honored to receive MWGM David Pinkins and members of his Grand Cabinet who was escorted to the East and afforded Grand Honors.

One of the highlights of the session was the awarding of the Benevolent Foundation Scholarship to Tyriq Andrews (opposite page—top), a Music Major at Western Connecticut State University; the second award was a \$500.00 token of love from State Grand Loyal Lady Ruler Isabella Wendley of the Connecticut State Assembly, Order of the Golden Circle to Ms. Anastasia Brown (opposite page—center), a student at Gateway Community College in New Haven, who plans to continue her music education at one of the Historical Black College or Universities. Most Illustrious Commander-in-Chief then called up Commanders in Chief Alexander Jarvis, #80 and CIC Norman Andrews, #7 to introduce the two new Classes of Sublime Princes, who were then presented with their Patents of Sublime Princes of the Royal Secret at their first Council of Deliberation. The new Sublime Princes from New Haven Consistory #7 are Winston Ware, Arnold Feaster, Gary Tinney, Vincent Matthews and Willie Elliott. From



Hartford #80 we welcomed Sublime Princes Richard White, John Jackson, Kelvin Jackson, Frank Knight, Willie Wilson and Carlos Gomez. The following deceased Grand Inspectors General, Honorary Members of the United Supreme Council were memorialized with Grand Pryor Steve Godfrey. Officiating were Grand Inspectors General Charles Garner, William L. Cox, Jr., Robert Williamson and Alfonso Robinson. The MICIC and his special guests visited the Annual Session of the State Grand Assembly and were well received by State Grand Loyal Lady Ruler Isabella Windley and the Loyal Ladies. Following remarks by the Most Illustrious Commander in Chief and guests, Deputy Cherry installed the new State Grand Assembly officers with State Grand Loyal Lady Wendley succeeding herself. The MICIC returned to the Council of Deliberation meeting.

The Loyal Ladies of the Golden Circle were then received in the Council of Deliberation with the State Grand Loyal Lady Ruler being escorted to the East where she gave excellent and profound remarks as well as a love token to the MICIC, SGIG Hughes and MWGM Pinkins. Following the SGLLR's remarks and presentations, the MICIC gave his Allocation where he spoke on the passing of the memorialized Grand Inspectors General; and the State of the Union where he noted, in part, "Presidents for years have been entrusted with the most sacred duty of serving the interest of all Americans, the present one is being considered for impeachment by the U.S House of Representatives (a fact which later came true). In his statement on the State of the Rite, he pointed out that peace and harmony prevail in the Orient with an excellent relationship with the Ancient Craft Masons in the Jurisdiction. He concluded his remarks with the cheering assurance that the Brethren in this Orient will do their utmost to continue Community Outreach; Strengthen Education Programs; Establish Financial



Stability and secure the future by Enhancing the Scottish Rite Experience. Remarks were given by SGIG Hughes who thanks us for the hospitalities offered to him and his wife, while here in Connecticut; he then gave greetings from SGC Bazemore who wished us a successful 126th Annual Council of Deliberation and he spoke on the support given to the Supreme Council to assist the families devastated by the recent hurricane in the Bahamas and the participation in the Walk of Fame Pavers program. We then had very fine remarks from MWGM David Pinkins who welcomed SGIG Hughes and his wife to the Jurisdiction of Connecticut. The meeting continued with election of Council officers and the approval of SP Josephus Ballenger, #7 and SP James Blackmon #7 as being recommended to the United Supreme Council's Class of 2021. The day ended with a wonderful Meet and Greet Lunch.

SILVER EAGLE AWARDS

Past Silver Eagle recipient retired Connecticut Supreme Court Justice Lubbie Harper, left and PMWGM and Illustrious Michael Ferguson, Chief Family Support Magistrate of the Connecticut Judicial Branch, congratulate new Silver Eagle the Hon. Richard A. Robinson, recently installed as the first African-American Chief Justice of the Connecticut Supreme Court (left). Hon. Robinson, a Stamford, CT native was appointed by Gov. Dannel Malloy, graduated from the University of Connecticut and then from the University of West Virginia Law School in 1984. Chief Justice Robinson's legal career spanned from being legal counsel for the city of Stamford and the NAACP until he was nominated for his first two lower court judgeships by Governors John Rowland and Jodi REL and later nominated to the Supreme Court, then appointed Chief Justice and approved unanimously by a divided House and Senate. Silver Eagle Robinson was most gracious in his acceptance speech to a full house.

Orient of Delaware

**Sovereign Grand
Inspector General**

James A. Scott, 33^o, Deputy



The Orient of Delaware held its Annual Council of Deliberations on the 18th and 19th of October 2019.

The events were well attended. Visitors from other Orients included the Deputy for the Orient of NJ, the Deputy for the Orient of Washington DC, Tenn., and the Assistant to the Deputy of PA. Special guests from the Orient of Maryland were in attendance also. The State Grand Assembly met as well. Delaware Grand Assembly hosted several Past State Grand Loyal lady Rulers including the Assistant State Grand Loyal Lady Ruler for the State Grand Assembly of PA. Representing the Sovereign Grand Commander during the Council was SGIG Raynard Hughes, elected Cathedral Secretary. All business of the Council was accomplished with several awards and recognitions.

We are planning for big things for Scottish Rite Freemasonry in the Orient of Delaware. Starting with the establishment of our, Non-Profit tax exempt status under the Orient of Delaware Benevolent Foundation. Over the past year we have increased the number of scholarships throughout the Valley. In the coming year we expect the number and the amount of scholarships to increase.

On October 19, 2019 the Commanders of the Rite led by GIG George Bennett, 33^o, President, hosted it's fifteenth Annual Testimonial Banquet. At the banquet the following GIGs were honored for their work and dedication to AASR masonry. SGIG Peter J. Forbes, Jr., 33^o, GIG's, Frederick A. Duffy, 33^o, William B. Duffy, Jr., 33^o, and Reginal A. Sheridan, 33^o. We were honored by the presence of the Most Worshipful Grand Master, Isacce Morris, 33^o, and Ill. Raynard W. Hughes, 33^o representing Ill. Melvin J. Bazemore, 33^o, SGC.

The Orient of Delaware began working on a scholarship program in 2017. After appointing a chairperson and a committee, SGIG James A. Scott, the Deputy of the Orient, worked with the United Supreme Council and received funding for the Orients 2018 Council of Deliberation event. The Orient received funds to award three \$500 scholarship awards. Two scholarship awards would be awarded to the Orient of Delaware Consistory recipients and one would be awarded by the State Grand Assembly. It should be noted that C P Houston Jr. Consistory #119 also presented two \$500 scholarship awards at the COD event. G Oscar Carrington Consistory #93 also presented five \$500 scholarships.

In 2019, the Orient duplicated the 2018 process and also awarded three \$500 scholarship awards. C P Houston Jr. Consistory 119 also duplicated their two \$500 scholarship awards and G Oscar Carrington Consistory #93 duplicated their five \$500 scholarships. In 2019, the Deputy of the Orient encouraged Consistory #5 to develop a scholarship program. Consistory #5 developed their program and will award scholarships in 2020. So far in total, the Orient of Delaware awarded 10 scholarships totaling \$5,000 in 2018 and 10 scholarships totaling \$5,000 in 2019.

G. OSCAR G. CARRINGTON #93

The Valley of Milton, DE, G. Oscar Carrington Consistory #93, each year, sponsors an annual gospel program to raise funds for its scholarship program. This was well attended and supported by the Delaware's Council of Deliberation, Delaware Loyal Lady Rulers and the public to include other masonic organizations. G. Oscar Carrington presented 5 scholarships in 2019 to deserving students. Malia R. Wise, Mya N. Henry, Rajene M. Bowe, Davida E. Johnson, and Dasia N. Heard.—SP Bruce Duffy, 32^o, CIC

MILTON ASSEMBLY #81

Milton Assembly has continued to support the community and our mission and purpose of providing peace and unity to others in need. Since last October 2018 Milton assembly has supported several scholarship initiatives. We sent \$100 toward Delaware Grand



Assembly’s scholarship drive. Milton gave a donation to the family of Dorothy Cannon after the fire in 12/2018. Several members attended and represented Milton and Delaware State Grand Assembly at the funeral of Dorothy Cannon at Mt Enon Baptist church in Milford, Delaware. This was a very sad and dark period since we just returned from Christmas celebration dinner a few days prior to her death. Milton continued to support G. Oscar Carrington Consistory #93 for the “Gospel Plus program” in April 2019 which benefits the scholarship program. Although small in number Milton Assembly was grateful to be part of the quarter auction in spring 2019. In July LLR Pat Brummel was the participant again in the Queen contest in Wilmington.—GIG Frederick Duffy, 33^o

CORINTHIAN CONSISTORY #5

Corinthian Consistory # 5 held its inaugural Men’s Day celebration on November 6, 2019 at the Newport Masonic lodge, in Newport Delaware. The event honored influential men in Delaware. The honorees were (L-R) Honorable Isacce Morris MWGM-DE, GIG Lawrence Carter and Mr. Butch Ingram.



Honorable Isacce Morris MWGM-DE has an extensive masonic career, whereby he has touched the lives of countless individuals through charitable contributions and donations. In his current capacity he provides strong leadership to the master masons of Delaware and guided an extensive renovation to the Grand Lodge in Dover, DE.

GIG Carter a proud retired Army veteran, is passionate and active in several organizations which focus on veterans rights. He also has a passion for charitable giving and as such provides clothing donations in local communities in both DE and MD and gives lectures and



assistance to veterans.

Mr. Butch Ingram is an administrator in the Christiana School District that has been involved with the creation and the development of several organizational directives geared towards improving school programs. As an instructional leader he has been instrumental in the academic acceleration of all students from diverse ethnic backgrounds and various learning styles through rigorous research and district initiatives. - GIG John B. Brown, 33^o

COURTNEY P. HOUSTON, JR #119

C.P. Houston, Jr. 119, the youngest Consistory in the Orient, recruiting efforts have paid huge dividends for the year. In September 2019 C. P. Houston #119 elevated 8 Princes to the 32^o. The members of C. P. Houston, Jr. #119 joined forces with Dover AFB Military Lodge #28, Mt. Moriah Chapter #5, HRAM, donated, prepared and served Thanksgiving dinner to approximately 30 homeless men. The members of C. P. Houston #119, have also initiated their scholarship program this past year and continue their charity work in the community.



Delaware elevated 10 Sublime Princes named in honor of SGIG James A. Scott,33—The SGIG James A. Scott Class—pictured with Deputy James A. Scott at the C.P. Houston Consistory meeting on January 28, 2020.

Orient of Europe

**Sovereign Grand Inspector General
Enrique John, 33° , Overseer**

The Orient is in a rebuilding phase. Overall, with brothers and sisters working together, despite some who are trying to stop the progress, we are focused to build our beloved Orient back up by learning, and having fun in the process. With new leadership in the Orient, Overseer S.G.I.G. Enrique John, 33° as well as PSGLLR Uta Keys, Order of the Golden Circle, the path forward is at hand and the Orient is focused on making that journey together as one. In recent events like our Annual Christmas gift wrapping fundraiser and annual Bazaar, the Orient still came out and represented with a visit from the Desert of Western Europe Deputy for the Oasis Deputy Karen Allen Mirabeau also to show support. One of our programs that are making a difference is our reclamation committee lead by 2nd Lt. Commander for the Orient GIG Garry Tyler along with his committee. They are doing an awesome job in bringing members back into the fold. Our Consistories and Assemblies are doing well and are focused also on the path forward. In the following paragraphs, you will see just some of the works that are being done and information on the vision into the future.



already hit the ground lead by Ill. Commander-In-Chief Reiss Byrd. The consistory has hosted 2 mini-town halls for the community during October 2019, November 2019. After the meet and greet there was a session for the Master Masons only in the area to ask questions of why the Scottish Rite and who is the United Supreme Council of the Northern Jurisdiction. In this area, this has been the first time the public has been able to come and talk to us and ask questions and get to know the different branches of the Masonic tree. In January Booker T. Alexander consistory #117 was invited to the Non-Profit Organization day with the command Sgt. Major. Some new things coming to this consistory is the Commanders report for the fraters. Also, we are adding webinars to communicate face to face with our fraters all around the globe, and book clubs for those fraters who love to get together and discuss and learn from Scottish Rite literature.. Stay tuned for more as we continue our journey to a new more advanced consistory.



G. M. Solomons #101 & Eureka #113—New Sublime Princes

As we all know the Orient is in a rebuild status and things are looking brighter each day. Gustave M. Solomons #101 lead by Ill. Commander-In-Chief Christopher Morris, and Ararat Consistory #115 lead by Ill. Commander-In-Chief Tyrone Cook teamed up with the Overseer of the Orient and staff met two times this year to bring in new Sublime Princes the consistories and Orient of Europe are moving forward into a bright new future.—SP Reiss J. Byrd, 32°



Karamursel #96 (below) —New Beginnings

November 2019 Ill. Commander-in-Chief Ganayo of Karamursel #96 Valley of Bahrain, Orient of Europe Overseer of the Orient Enrique John and with the assist and great work of GIG Rodney K Matthews (Far East) and GIG Alexander Hernandez (Europe) elevated 10 Sublime Princess with two transfers from the Southern Jurisdiction. We're committed to supporting our SGC vision. The consistory was relocated from the Valley of Turkey to the Valley of Bahrain. We will keep leading, working together and making a difference.

Booker T. Alexander #117—Connecting with the Community

Booker T. Alexander Consistory #117 has been in its new area of Grafenwöhr Germany for only 6 months and has

Orient of Far East

**Sovereign Grand Inspector General
Charles H. Bush Jr., 33°, Deputy**

The Orient of the Far East held its 49th Annual Council of Deliberation (COD) at the Guam Scottish Rite Center, Agana Heights, United States Territory of Guam on April 11, 2019.

Jerome Lipscomb Consistory No. 110, under the leadership of Illustrious Commander-In-Chief Dion Lyle, 33°, hosted and opened the Far East Council of Deliberation (FECOD), received all sitting Commanders-In-Chief, and passed the gavel to GIG Clifton Claybrooks, 33°, Valley Overseer of Guam, who then received and relinquished the gavel to Most Illustrious Commander-In-Chief, SGIG Daniel R. Poole, 33°. SGIG Poole received the Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Washington, the Honorable Lester Dickson, extended Scottish Rite honors, and welcomed him to the 49th FECOD. SGIG Poole then conducted the business of the FECOD.

In addition to the regular business, several other planned events took place such as the Billy H. Hall Education Symposium, COD Banquet, and Wreath Laying Ceremony. The Billy H. Hall Education Symposium is named after SGIG Billy H. Hall, 33°, the first Deputy of the Far East Orient. During the symposium, several informative lectures were given by SP Franklin Gray, 32°, SP Sylvester Cash, 32°, and GIG Wilburt Key, 33°.



Afterwards, closing remarks were given in addition to an overview of why the Orient of the Far East honors Sovereign Grand Inspector General Hall.

Later that evening, the COD Banquet took place. During the banquet SGIG Poole presented a bouquet of flowers to Mrs. Anita Patterson, widow of the late SGIG Robert Patterson, 33°. Additionally, several awards were presented. They were as follows:

- **Sublime Prince of the Year** -
S.P. Sylvester Cash, 32°
- **Illustrious Commander-In-Chief of the Year** -
I.C.I.C. Willie Robinson, 32°
- **Consistory of the Year** -
Keystone Consistory No. 85.
- **Excellence Award** -
S.P. Larry Opher, 32°
- **Service Before Self** -
GIG Calvin Cobbs, 33°
- **Dwight R. Johnson Award** -
GIG Clifton Claybrooks, 33°

At the conclusion of the banquet, MWGM Lester Dickson provided closing remarks and G.I.G Wilburt Key, 33° gave the closing prayer. Afterwards, SGIG Poole closed the 49th FECOD.

Also, while on the island of Guam, several members of the FECOD participated in a Far East Prince Hall Masonic Family wreath laying ceremony at War in the Pacific National Historic Park.



PAST STATE GRAND LOYAL LADY RULER COURTNEY W. STEVENSON

105 Years Old and Still Going Strong

Submitted by Delaware Assembly #43

A Lynchburg, Virginia native, Mrs. Stevenson received her Bachelor of Science Degree in Home Economics from the State College for Colored Students (now Delaware State University) during a graduation ceremony on her birthday in 1944, and then married her husband on Thanksgiving that year. William, a Dover native, graduated from the school three years prior.

Mrs. Stevenson earned a Master of Arts degree in Higher Education from New York University and did graduate studies in Higher Education at the University of Delaware, Iowa State University and Philadelphia College of Arts and Science. Following college, she taught at various grade levels in the state of Delaware including pre-school, elementary, junior high and senior high school. Her secondary school experience included serving at the Garrett Pre-School Program in Wilmington; the Delaware State College Laboratory High School; the Thomas Clayton Elementary School in Smyrna; and the Louis L. Redding Comprehensive High School in Middletown. In addition, she taught Home Economics at Delaware State University, twice serving as Interim Department Chair during her tenure. She served as interim chair in the 1970s under University President Dr. Luna I. Mishoe and in the early 1990s under DSU President Dr. William B. DeLauder. She retired from the institution in 1991 but returned at the request of Dr. DeLauder to again serve as interim department chair. She finally retired in 1994.

Mrs. Stevenson is part of the Capital Rehabilitation Center's choir, plays bingo and takes part in the ladies salon day when not venturing out to Lee Nails in Dover. She lived on her own until fracturing her hip in a fall at age 100. She's the advocate for a lot of people who may require



someone to speak up for them.

At 105, she has been a resident of Dover since coming to the city as a college student in the early 1940s. She is an active member of many civic, fraternal and professional organizations, including being a life member of Epsilon Iota Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. in Dover where she is past president and past treasurer and a founding member and past graduate adviser of the undergraduate Delta Lambda Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority on the Delaware State University campus. In addition, she is a member of the Delaware State Chapter of the Links, Inc.; and the Order of the Eastern Star where she is Past Grand Worthy Matron and Past Delaware State Grand Loyal Lady Ruler. She also is a charter member of the Order of the Golden Circle Delaware Assembly No.43 and a member of the Daughters Suakim Court No. 54.

DOVER ASSMBLY No.96

The Dover Assembly No. 96, Order of Golden Circle was chartered in October 2017. In its infancy of two years, the members have done a mammoth job is reaching out and servicing the community. Their charitable efforts have touched Code Purple, Sheppard's Place, Hopes and Dreams, Soles for Souls, Domestic Women's Shelter, adopted families for Christmas, Soup Kitchens, Veterans Homes and adopted an elementary school. Their efforts have even been far reaching as Puerto Rico and the Bahamas.

On January 28, 2020, after two years of leadership by LLR Doris Palmer, new officers were elected. The new officers were installed by Deputy of the Orient James Scott. The new officers are LLR Sandria Johnson; LLAR, Carla Outen; LL Priestess, Lois Beecher; LL Guide, Gina Cloud; LL Secretary, Shawnzetta Suggs; and LL Treasurer, Pamela Watson.

PLLR Doris Palmer provided a repast for the members after the meeting to show her appreciation for their dedicated support. The members surprised PLLR Palmer with a plaque, flowers and cake to mark her term of service and acknowledged her as the organizer of the Assembly and years of service.

Dover Assembly #96 Order of the Golden Circle is on the move and has a great future. One activity forth coming is a celebration to honor Past Grand State Loyal Lady Courtney W. Stevenson, who is 105 years old and our member.





Spring Mentoring Committee Report

Sovereign Grand Inspector General Horace Jackson, 33°, Chairman

& Sovereign Grand Inspector General Charles Burns, 33°, Assistant Chairman

In Memory of Sovereign Grand Inspector General

Dr. Clarence L. Stone, Sr.



Sunrise: June 20, 1936

Hiram Lodge No. 1 & Wolverine Consistory No. 6

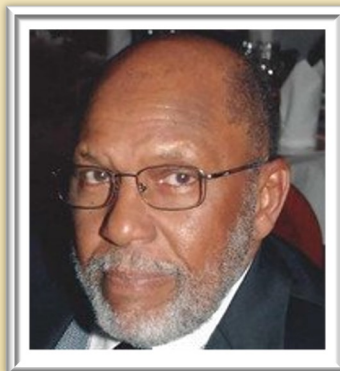
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Ill. Stone was born in Norfolk, Virginia. He attended Booker T. Washington High School and was a highly regarded football player. He attended Maryland State College (University of Maryland-Eastern Shore) on a full football scholarship. Requiring a Zoology course to graduate, he was given permission to take a zoology class at William and Mary (VPI) in Norfolk, VA, becoming the **first African American student** to attend that institution! While on Maryland State's football team, he earned awards for having the highest academic average on the team. He graduated in 1958 with a B.S. in Biology. Some of his football teammates went on to play in the NFL like Roger Brown (Detroit Lions and Los Angeles Rams) and Sherman Plunkett and Johnny Sample (Baltimore Colts and the New York Jets).

Illustrious Stone was very prolific. While employed as an educator, he continually gave of his time, effort, and resources to help as many young people as he could. He was a teacher, coach, principal, and tutor to many in the Metropolitan Detroit, Michigan area. He was the first Executive Director of the United Supreme Council's Mentoring Program, serving in from 2008 until he retired from that position 2012. He was instrumental in establishing the United Supreme Council's Mentoring Program in several Orients and consulting/instructing the various Mentoring Coordinators. Every coordinator and member at large can be proud of the program he established.

I had the opportunity and pleasure to serve as the Mentoring Coordinator for Wolverine Consistory No. 6 under his direction. I received invaluable information and advice from him, and I will forever be in his debt for all that I learned while working with him. After I was appointed to succeed him, he continued to make himself available to assist and be involved in our program as a

mentor. I received invaluable information and advice from him and will forever be in his debt for all that I learned while working with him.



OBITUARY

Clarence L. Stone, Sr., age 82, of Southfield, Michigan, passed away on December 31, 2019. The son of Lennie and Maude Stone, Clarence was born in Norfolk, Virginia in 1936. He graduated from Booker T. Washington High School in Norfolk in 1954 where he was an All-State center on the football team. Clarence attended Maryland State College (University of Maryland at Eastern Shore) on a football scholarship. While at Maryland State, he became a member of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. in 1955. He won awards for having the highest academic average on the Maryland State football team and earned a bachelor's degree in biology in 1958. Clarence moved to Detroit in 1958 and became a Registered Medical Technologist (ASCP) at Herman Kiefer, where he worked and taught courses in Hematology and Medical Technology until 1972.

Clarence married Oretha Hill in Norfolk, Virginia in 1960. In 1964, Clarence became a biology teacher at Eastern High School where he served as an assistant football coach and helped a number of his players obtain football scholarships. In 1968, Clarence became a counselor at Mumford High School and earned a M.Ed. from the

Wayne State University College of Education. In 1970, Clarence became an assistant principal at Ferndale High School, becoming the first African-American administrator in the Ferndale School System. In 1972, Clarence became the Principal of Highland Park High School. He became the Director of State and Federal Projects for the Highland Park School System in 1976. He later became the Director of Personnel and Labor Relations at Highland Park Community College. In 1981, Clarence earned a Ph.D. from the [University of Michigan's](#) College of Education. Clarence retired in 1992.

During his career, he was the Treasurer with the National Association of Black School Educators, an officer with the Michigan Association of Secondary School Principals, a Visiting Committee Member to the University of Michigan, College of Education and an evaluator of secondary schools for the North Central Accrediting Association. He was a recipient of the National Alliance of Black School Educators Charles D. Moody Service Award, the Ralph Steffek Leadership and Service Award from the National Association of State and Federal Program Specialists, and the Wayne County Service Award.

Clarence was a proud member of Hiram Lodge #1 in Detroit and the Michigan Council of Deliberation. He was a 33rd degree Mason and a Sovereign Grand Inspector General. He was an active member of the Nu Omega Chapter of Omega Psi Phi. He was also a member of the Empowerment Church as served on the Board of Governors. He enjoyed spending time with his family, traveling and attending University of Michigan football games, Omega Psi Phi, Masonic and Empowerment Church meetings and activities. He is survived by his wife Oretha, sons Clarence Jr. and Lennie, daughter-in-law Kimberly, grandson, Clarence Jerome, extended family and many friends.

Enhancements: Balancing Tradition with Innovation



Preparing for the future while operating in today's environment can appear to be a challenging situation. It requires for a delicate balance to be maintained in order to avoid disruptions in day-to-day operations. Embracing the concept of change, in general, usually brings organizations to pause because of the perceived risk. However, embracing it is critical to the long-term survival of businesses and organizations as it has a direct impact on organizational capabilities to thrive in the world of the future. Eventually, modern methods will be obsolete. As such, innovative enhancements are necessary to ensure connections with the future in this "cyber-world".

THE UNITED SUPREME COUNCIL
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SECURING THE FUTURE BY ENHANCING THE SCOTTISH RITE EXPERIENCE

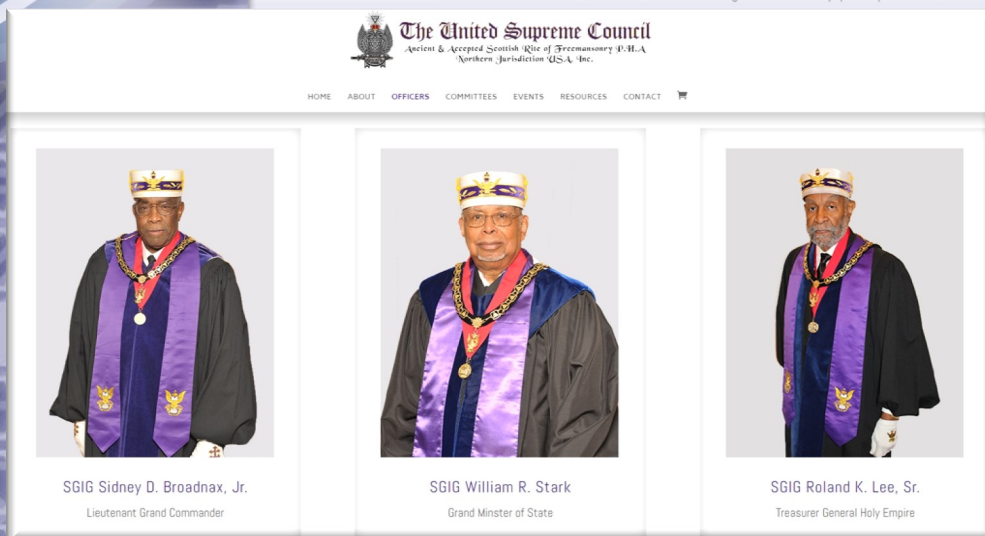
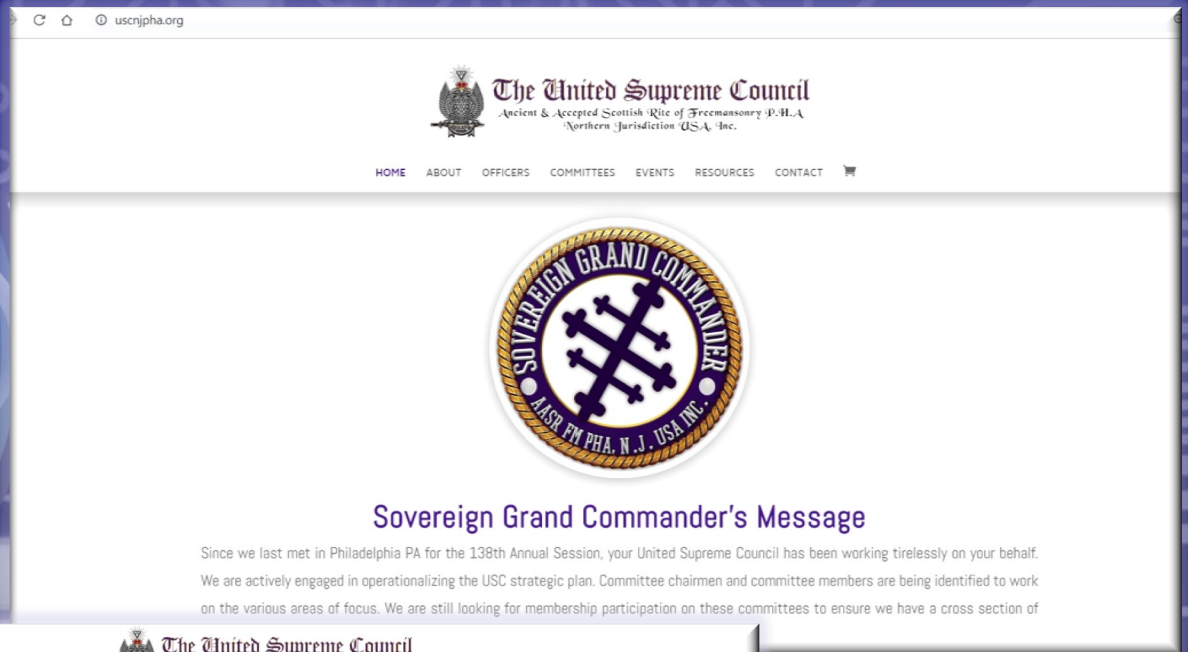
About the USC

The United Supreme Council Foundation is dedicated to transforming the lives of children, families, veterans and our aging population through improving their education, health and family economic stability. We start by identifying the people and places most in need. We then work closely with our partners to find solutions that combine bold thinking with real-world experiences. We go directly into communities and learn about struggles, needs and aspirations, then pair those most in need with proven, practical solutions to help them move forward.



For the Northern Jurisdiction, enhancement is a key pillar in the vision that has been adopted by the Holy Empire. In our current era, a strong presence on the World Wide Web is critical to the communications platform of modern organizations. Websites serve as the most common method through which visions and activities are communicated globally. Through the newly, re-designed website located at www.USCNJPHA.org, the Northern Jurisdiction is showcased brilliantly.

The home page is filled with enough information to provide all visitors with a clear picture of the Northern Jurisdiction. The leadership legacy is displayed upon the initial entry to the site (opposite page-left) with a message from the Sovereign Grand Commander (below) to all visitors just below the legacy display. An overview of the Rite is captured on the "About Us" link (opposite page-bottom) and the officers (bottom) and committees can be seen by clicking the respective links.

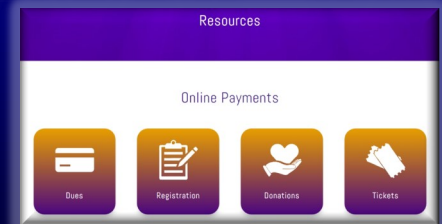
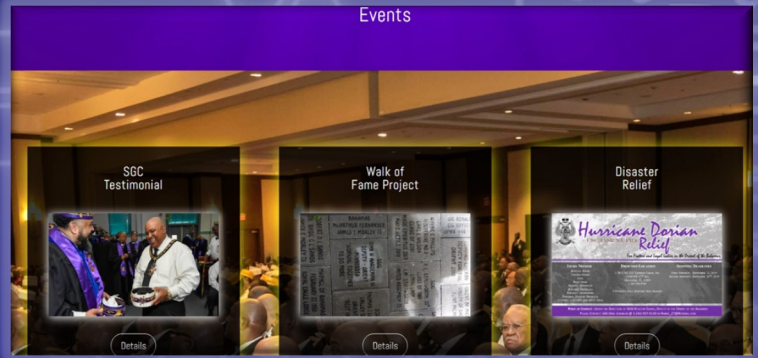


In addition to being promotional, the new website is now transactional. It provides specific services that were traditionally done by US Mail. This innovative approach gives visitors the ability to process multiple types of financial transactions through a secure channel. Its implementation has made the Rite compatible with the "cyber" paths of the future. Through the new "Events" page, members may now:

- Register for posted events;
- Contribute to Scottish Rite initiatives like the "Walk of Fame Project";
- Donate to charitable efforts that are posted.

Registration and payments can also be processed through the "Resources" page. Additionally, this page also grants members the ability to pay dues electronically via the site. This capability aligns the United Supreme Council with the current era which increases convenience options for the membership.

The "Resources" page has also been updated to include all necessary forms for member correspondence with the Rite. Administrative forms for United Supreme Council and Order of the Golden Circle reporting purposes are available in addition to forms to request supplies and paraphernalia. The



Orient of Indiana

*Sovereign Grand Inspector General
Joseph Slay, 33°, Deputy*



The Indiana Council of Deliberation of 2019 was a grand success. Under the leadership of Sovereign Grand Inspector General Joseph Slay, Deputy for the Orient, all activities went well. The Council was honored with a visit by Sovereign Grand Commander Melvin J. Bazemore and a cadre of representatives from the United Supreme Council from Illinois, Michigan, Ohio and beyond. With Most Worshippful Brother Geno Smith, Grand Master of Indiana Prince Hall Masons in attendance, the business of the Council of Deliberation was conducted in due form.



Orient of Iowa

*Sovereign Grand Inspector General
Owen T. Sloan, 33°, Deputy*



The focus on uplifting youth through scholarship and service opportunities remained a consistent deliverable across all Councils of Deliberation in 2019. At the 2019 Iowa Council of Deliberation, Illustrious Owen T. Sloan, Deputy, awarded scholarship Mr. Deiondre Richardson to aid in his efforts to achieve higher education. Witnessed by SGIG Marshall E. Tharpe, 33°, Deputy for the Orient of Wisconsin; SGIG William R. Stark, 33°, USC Grand Minister of State; and MWGM, Lynn Lewis, Jr., 33°, MWPHGL of Iowa, the Orient of Iowa is in grand shape.



scholarship application and forms for special projects are also available. The updates help to ensure that administrative needs can be achieved at the click of a button. The page also houses an archive of United Supreme Council Bulletins. The most recent Bulletin as well as archived editions are available for viewing. If you missed a recent edition, it can be downloaded in PDF format.

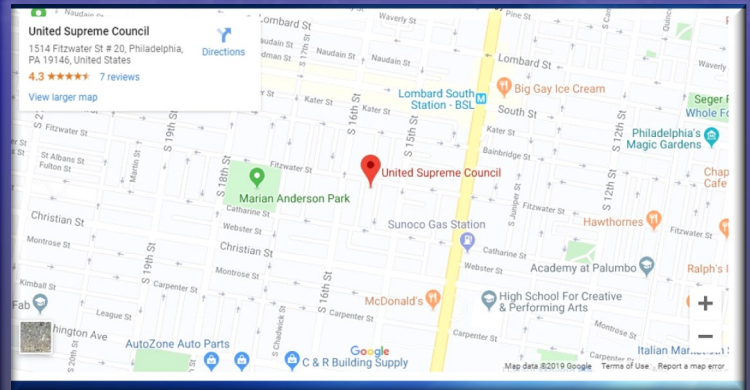
The "Contact" page has also been modernized. It now provides the general contact information for the Holy See and a map of to the Holy See. Just click on the map to obtain directions.

The Northern Jurisdiction should take great pride in knowing that these enhancements are being implemented without impact to the existing processes, methods or procedures. The delicate balance of enhancement without interruption has been maintained by the skillful hands of the Webmaster. Innovation has been implemented and adopted and is, now, ready for use!

Official United Supreme Council Forms

Below you will find some of the most frequently used forms.
Can't find what you are looking for? Contact the Secretary General for assistance.

<p>USC Reports</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Deputy's Report - New USC 1st Quarterly Reports - New USC 2nd Quarterly Reports - New USC 3rd Quarterly Reports - New USC 4th Quarterly Reports 	<p>USC Administrative Forms</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - USC Dues Exemption Form - USC Expense Voucher - USC Demit Form - Benevolent Foundation Donation - Annual Session Registration Form 	<p>USC Nominations Scholarships</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 2019 USC Class Form - 2020 USC Class Form - 2021 USC Class Form - Educational Grand Orators
<p>Order of the Golden Circle Reports</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Educational Grant - State Grand Assay - OGC Annual Return - OGC Demit Form 	<p>Supplies & Paraphernalia</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Consistory & Assembly Price List 	<p>Special Projects</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Paver Project 2019



Orient of Kansas

Sovereign Grand Inspector General
James S. Webb, 33^o, Deputy



Members of the Orient of Kansas attended the 141st Annual Homecoming Celebration of the unincorporated community of Nicodemus, Kansas in 2019. The community was founded in 1877 and was named for the Biblical figure of the same name. The Nicodemus National Historic Site commemorating the only remaining Western town established by African Americans during the Reconstruction Period following the Civil War is in town.

Former residents and their descendants return annually for celebrations and a parade which occurs during the last weekend of July. Our contingent was privileged to share in the city-wide barbeque feast this year on Friday evening followed by a stimulating gospel music celebration at the community



church. Some of the activities also included a pancake and bacon feed, a three block parade in which several Consistory members participated, a review of Nicodemus' history held in community town hall, various activities channeled to the youth and fundraiser food booths sponsored by the Nicodemus Homecoming Committee, just to name a few.

The Celebration was concluded with a soul stirring worship experience followed by a luncheon to which all the Homecoming attendees were invited.

Orient of Illinois

**Sovereign Grand Inspector General
Melvin Frierson, 33^o, Deputy**

On October 17-20, 2019, the Illinois Council of Deliberation (ICOD) held its 102nd Annual Session in Springfield, Illinois at the Abraham Lincoln - Double Tree Hotel located 701 Adam Street. SGIG Melvin Frierson, presided.



Thursday, October 17, 2019, the Annual Board of Directors met at 6:00PM CST to discuss the annual Illinois Council Deliberation Benevolent Fund (ICODBF). Chairman Melvin Frierson called the Board to order. Officers present were Melvin Frierson, Chairman and President; Charles Stewart, 1st Vice-President; Charles B. Taylor, 2nd Vice-President; Neal Carson, Advisor; and James A. Mitchell, Secretary. Others present were Leroy Barnes, R.C. Brown, Charles Burns, Millard Driskell, DePlessie Drew, Milton Jackson, W. W. Jackson, Willie Lawler, Donnie Merritt, Clarence Trotter and Homer Walton. Chairman Frierson called for the reading of minutes from the previous meeting. The Secretary, James A. Mitchell, read said minutes. It was moved by Charles Stewart and seconded by Homer Walton that said minutes be accepted and approved. Motion carried. The Secretary distributed copies of the financial report and audit report. Both reports were read and discussed in detail. It was moved and seconded by Donnie Merritt and Charles Stewart that said reports be accepted. Motion carried. The Chairman reminded the Board of its responsibilities after which a brief discussion ensued. Chairman Frierson stated "fundraising activities, increase in education assistance, community activities, and myriad of social services" will be the focal points for the ensuing year. The meeting adjourned at 8:37PM CST.

Friday, October 18, 2019 was filled with a number of events. At 9:00AM CST the ICOD host a Health Forum. The Forum was led by Dr. Mark Chen, a noted Cardiologist, from St John's Hospital in Springfield. Dr. Chen gave a presentation on some causes of heart attacks, treatment methods, and various ways of preventing heart attacks. A question and answer period followed the presentation. The Forum was informative and well attended.

Immediately following the Health Forum, members of ICOD Degree Team presented the 20th Degree (closed session) - the "Prince Hall Degree". The Team, which was clad in American Revolution attire, was led by SGIG Millard Driskell. Team Members included GIGs Kevin Booker, Ray

Willis, Keith Roach, Marshall Coe, Leo Wimberley, Albert Lott, Frank Gillie and Albert Haynes (pictured below). In the afternoon, the 31st and 32nd Degrees were bestowed on 22 Sublime Princes from the various Consistories in the Orient of Illinois (PHA). The Team of GIGs Carl Pickett, Charles Cooper, Tony Stafford, Leo Wimberley, Nathaniel Hanserd, Marshall Coe, Alvin Jones; SPs Michael Wheatley, Sean Thompson, Anthony Atwood, Donardo Jones and others administered the Degrees flawlessly.



Friday's activities ended with the State Commander-of-Rite's Annual Meeting. State President, GIG Floyd Woods, Sr., presided. All State Vice-Presidents were present and a large number of Grand Inspectors General were in attendance. Several issues were discussed namely, participation in state activities, supporting the ICOD and fundraising. All officers were retained for the ensuing year.

Saturday, October 19, 2019 at 7:45AM CST Western Consistory #28 open an occasional Consistory for the purpose of receiving Most Illustrious Commander In Chief (MICIC) Melvin Frierson. The Council was officially open for business at 8:25AM CST. ICOD officers took their places and stations in the Asylum. The MICIC received the SGIGs from the Orient of Illinois namely SGIGs Warren Gipson, Charles Stewart, Charles Taylor, Neal Carson, Homer Walton, Charles Burns, James A. Mitchell, W.W. Jackson, Donnie Merritt, Millard Driskell, Clarence Trotter, Elijah Owens, Milton Jackson, Leroy Barnes, Willie Lawler, Jr., R. C. Brown and DePlessie Drew. All were escorted to the East and given honors. Excused SGIGs were SGIGs Clarence Hayes, Lafayette Gatling and Gregory Boyd. SGIG Carl Williams, Deputy for Ohio; SGIG Robert Meekins, representing the Deputy from Michigan; and SGIG Gregory Clark, Deputy for ICOD, NMJ were escorted to the East and given Honors. SGC Melvin Bazemore of the United Supreme Council; SGIG Edward Brooks, Secretary General; and SGIG Roy Mays, Aide de Camp to SGC Bazemore were escorted to the East and given honors. Most Worshipful Brother Aubrey Barlow, Grand Master of Illinois Prince

Masons, was escorted to the East and given Masonic honors. After the salutations, MICIC Frierson gave his Annual allocution in which he outlined the many accomplishments during the year as well as his vision for the ensuing year. He thanked God for the blessings bestowed on him and SGC Bazemore for the opportunity to serve. The allocution was approved and accepted and a standing ovation was given. Following the allocution, reports from the Secretary, Treasurer, Auditor and Educational/Scholarship Committee were presented. MICIC Frierson asked the membership to support the Hurricane Dorian Relief efforts spearheaded by the USC. In response, the attendees collected funds at the session.



SGC Bazemore thanked the MICIC for the invitation and was pleased with MICIC Frierson's leadership. SGC gave an overview of his vision for the USC. He outlined several initiatives "that would secure the future of the organization - membership, enhancements, financial sustainability, and marketing & communications". After his remarks, MICIC Frierson and SGC Bazemore led an entourage to visit the State Grand Assembly. SGLLR Sandra Tucker and the Ladies of the Golden Circle received the entourage (above). Both MICIC Melvin Frierson and SGC Melvin Bazemore spoke about the vision of ICOD and the USC and the role the State Grand Assembly plays in these efforts. Following the visitation, a Joint Memorial Service was held and led by GIG Leroy

Gary and his ministerial staff. The Memorial Services included Biblical readings, prayers, songs and a power point presentation for 17 demised members of the Orient— SGIG Herbert Barker; GIGs Dr. Arthur Parrott, Vernon Barnes, Jessie Smith, William Wilson, Carl Smith, Esaw Peterson; SPs Herman Moore, Laurel Graham, Harold Weddle, Alvin Childress, Rudolph Marion, John Momon, Donald Shores; SGLLR Vivian Scruggs, PLLR Joyce Clarke and PLLR Darlene Johnson.

The evening ended with the Annual Awards Banquet which was energized by music and songs from GIG Anderson Edwards and GIG Michael Harper. Special awards were given—Meritorious Service Award, Peer of the Year and Frank Summers Award. The Annual In-House Raffle was also held. A donation was made to the ICODBF by members of Kappa Alpha Psi and Ms. Brandy Grove, a community representative from St. John's Hospital, accepted wheel chair and walker donations to the hospital. Presentations were made to the MICIC Frierson as well as to SGC Bazemore. A joyful time was had by all.

Sunday, October 20, 2019 at 7:45AM CST devotion was led by the Grand Prior after which MICIC Frierson opened the morning session to conclude unfinished business. The nominees to receive the 33rd degree in 2021 were announced—SPs Richard Bell, Christopher Cummings, Jason Fullman, Calvin Johnson, Carl Richardson, Johnny Smith, Ayton Taylor and Charles Townsend. There were no oppositions to the names announced. The MICIC then called for the nominations of officers for the Orient of Illinois. All officers were retained for the ensuing year.

MICIC Frierson thanked the members for their support and participation during 102nd Session. He stated he was elated by the visits from SGC Bazemore, SGIG Edward Brooks, SGIG Carl Williams and SGIG Roy Mays. A chain of union was formed and a departing payer was given. MICIC Melvin Frierson, 33^o, officially closed the 102nd Annual Session at 11:43AM CST on October 20, 2019.



Orient of Minnesota

**Sovereign Grand Inspector General
John W. Hardeman, III, 33°, Deputy**



First, giving honor to the G.A.O.T.U. for the abundance of blessings he has bestowed upon us all. The Orient of Minnesota sends Greetings. On the morning of October 26, 2019, the 74th Annual Council of Deliberation was called to order by the Ill. Marc D. Young, Commander-In-Chief of North Star Consistory #14, with an opening prayer from SP Bernard Walters. Roll call was taken and the MICIC, Deputy John W. Hardeman III, 33°, was properly escorted to the East and given Grand Honors. MICIC Hardeman received all remaining dignitaries in like manner with appropriate sword and candle bearers. A quorum being established, MICIC Hardeman ordered the reading of the Proclamation for the 74th Annual Council of Deliberation, a prayer given by SP Roger Newell, and the session commenced. The Orient of Minnesota has been hit with a very lengthy list of Sick and Distress but carried on as best as they could. There is a saying that many are familiar with, "Heavy is the head that wears the crown", as we wear our crowns during this session, our heads are heavy and bowed for the loss of our Buffalo Solider, SP Charles J. Snargrass, Sr. as the dark Angel of death came to escort him home this past summer of 2019. He was a pillar of strength to our Masonic PHAMILY and will be missed.

This year we were blessed with a visit from Ill. Roland K. Lee who gave outstanding and uplifting remarks to the Orient and the Golden Circle, emphasizing that the LL's are a big part of the strategic plan of the United Supreme Council.



During our annual Minnesota Commanders of the Rite dinner, he thanked the Orient for his invitation and delivered well wishes from the SGC, Ill. Melvin Bazemore. Also during the dinner, we welcomed our newest peers Anderson Thomas 33° and Charles

Gittens, Sr. 33°, and inducted our newest member with the prestigious Gentleman of Distinction award, Ill. John M. Chisley. He has held many titles over the years, such as being a past board member of the Center for Communication and Development (KMOJ Radio Station 89.9FM) and second Vice President from 1998-2001. KMOJ is the only African American community radio station in Minneapolis. He is presently employed with Minnesota Department of Human Services-community based service Minnesota Intensive Therapeutic Home (MITH) Mentally Challenged African American Youth in the foster care system. He is a Past Grand Master of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of

Minnesota, Illustrious Potentate of Fezzan Temple #26, Past Commander-in-Chief of North Star Consistory #14 and is currently the President of the Commanders of The Rite for Minnesota. Above all of the aforementioned accomplishments, he cherishes being a licensed foster parent for over twenty years the most.

Distinguished Gentlemen, such as Ill. Chisley, lead the way for other members seeking to one day, be bestowed that award. For like becoming a 33rd, it isn't given lightly. We have SP Carey K. Dorsey Jr. (pictured), the 8th of 11 siblings from East St. Louis. He has been in Minnesota since 1985. His Grandfather was a Mason as well as other mentors that were Masons growing up. He became a member of the Prince Hall Family in 2015. Seeing the need for our children to have strong black men as well as women like the Eastern Stars and the Golden Circle in their lives, he became a volunteer and coach at the Local Boys and Girls Club where you can find him three days a week serving as a tutor and co-facilitator of the Passport to Manhood Program. Most importantly, he gives the children friendly advice, a pat on the back, a warm hug or anything else that is needed to inspire and uplift them. That alone will be with them for a lifetime. On top of all of that, SP Dorsey is very instrumental in engaging Consistory and Lodge brothers to join in and support our community engagement strategy.



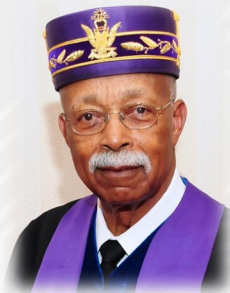
We also have SP Mustafa Shabazz. He played football from the age of 6 and wrestled from the age of 9, earned a Masters Degree from William Penn University, as well as Bachelor degrees for business management and criminal justice from Hamilton College in Iowa. He



served his country honorably as a United States Marine with over 27 letters and 2 certificates of commendation. As a youth, he was lucky to have a coach by the name of Sam Knox that believed in him and his twin brother and wanted to make sure they succeeded with their sports dreams as well as their wellbeing with no excuses or obstacles. He picked them up, made sure they were able to participate in tournaments and coached them, never asking for gas money or fees of any kind. SP Shabazz wanted to pay it forward if you will, and do the same for the upcoming youth, he has been a wrestling coach now for 3 years, and instills a level of community service with his athletes by not only showing them the same love coach Knox showed he and his brother, but also having them participate with the Feed My Starving Children program. Also as a coach, he donated his 2018-2019 season salary back to the youth program. These two fine Sublime Prince's are Gentlemen of Distinction in their own Rite are the future of North Star Consistory #14.

Orient of New York

**Sovereign Grand
Inspector General
Grady Edge, 33rd, Deputy**



Members of the service organization, The Grady Edge Reading Program, are making a lasting impact on literacy by visiting students throughout New York State in economically challenged communities and donating books to them. In addition, the volunteers of the organization have donated science supplies and equipment to provide learning tools to bolster students in Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Mathematics (STEAM) education.

Volunteers have visited schools and daycare centers in Binghamton, Albany and Peekskill, and will meet with students in Albany this winter. SGIG Grady Edge, a Syracuse resident who serves as Illustrious Deputy of the Orient of New York, joins members of the organization to personally meet with students, who are given the opportunity to choose books that they can keep.

“Some students may not have access to reading material at home,” said El-Wise Noisette, Mason and officer of the Albany Consistory #90 who helped develop the reading program. Members of the philanthropic organization Annual Council of Deliberations help to carry out the literacy mission. “These are the future leaders of tomorrow and beyond,” said SGIG Mr. Edge. “This is my way of opening doors to a bigger world for youngsters who may not have any books at home to read.”

The Grady Edge Reading Program, in partnership with the Albany Consistory #90, also sent 300 books to children on the island nation of Jamaica. The group followed up on

their donations in Binghamton by visiting students a year after donating \$3,000 worth of science equipment to Benjamin Franklin Elementary School. Students demonstrated how they had collected bacteria specimens from around the school – on door handles and lockers, for example – and then studied them using the high-tech microscopes the program had provided. The school was also provided with beakers, triple beam balances and thermometers etc. “They were able to show us the money we spent was well worth it,” Noisette said.

The Grady Edge Reading Program, in partnership with Albany #90, donated 2,500 books to children at Frazer Elementary School in Syracuse and three teachers there received \$100 to purchase school supplies. Frazer is one of the poorest elementary schools in central New York, with 83% of students considered economically disadvantaged. SGIG Grady Edge was also recognize at a dinner reception at the Turning Stone Resort in Verona, NY, for the stewardship of the Grady Edge Reading Program.

The Grady Edge Reading Program has also been supported by donations from Albany #90 and New York State United Teachers, a statewide labor union representing 600,000 professionals in education and health care. Philippe Abraham, NYSUT Secretary-Treasurer, oversees the organization’s justice outreach.

Mr. Noisette said the Grady Edge Reading Program carries out important work in communities, and serves as “a living legacy” to SGIG Mr. Edge. “He smells his roses while he’s alive.” Lets never forget the hard work and dedication from – GIG Claude Nelson , GIG Bruce Riggins, GIG Kelly Sheppard , SP Danny Melton , SP Tommy Wheeler and SP Rahtiek Miller.



Orient of Nebraska

**Sovereign Grand Inspector General
Johnny L. Cummings, 33^o, Deputy**



The Commanders of the Rite, Orient of Nebraska, hosted a scholarship banquet at the Goodwill Industries Headquarters Banquet Room in Omaha, Nebraska on Saturday, October 12, 2019. In attendance at the affair, in addition to the Deputy for the Orient of Nebraska SGIG Johnny L. Cummings, 33^o were MWGM/GIG Freddie L. Clopton Jr., 33^o; Illustrious Treasurer General of the Holy Empire, SGIG Roland K. Lee, 33^o representing the Sovereign Grand Commander (SGIG Melvin J. Bazemore); SGIG Robert J. Meekins, 33^o Orient of Michigan (representing SGIG Christopher Buck, Deputy for the Orient of Michigan); SGIG Milton Jackson, 33^o Orient of Illinois; SGIG Doysa Whitaker, 33^o; President Commanders of the Rite, GIG Tommie L. Blan Jr., 33^o; Commander-in-Chief Andre Waller, 32^o; Loyal Lady Ruler Faye Jones, Assembly #41, Past Loyal Lady Ruler Rose Dangerfield, Assembly #41; and Deputy of the Desert for Nebraska, S.P. Fitzroy Mitchell, 32^o and other guests. GIG Blan Jr. welcomed everyone to the COTR and NCOD Scholarship Banquet and conducted a nice program to include the Ceremonial Toasts of Obligation. USC Benevolent Fund scholarships in the amount of \$500 each were presented to Kaw Doh Htoo and Tyson Smith. Remarks were made by Loyal Lady Ruler Jones, SGIG Cummings, MWGM Clopton and SGIG Lee.

On Sunday, October 13, 2019, the Most Illustrious Commander in Chief (MICIC) of the Nebraska Council of Deliberation (NCOD), SGIG Cummings, 33^o, initiated the opening of the 106th Nebraska Council of Deliberation. GIG Frederick H. Wisdom, 33^o, acting as Master of Ceremonies, commenced with the reception of the MICIC Cummings, 33^o, all GIGs of the Commanders of the Rite, visiting GIGs, visiting SGIGs, SGIGs of the Orient of Nebraska, MWGM Clopton and the Illustrious Treasurer General of the Holy Empire, SGIG Lee. Each were escorted in and given grand honors appropriate to their titles.

MICIC SGIG Johnny Cummings, 33^o called for the reading of Articles 200, 201, 202, 203 and 204 of the Constitutions and General Regulations of the United Supreme Council to be read and called for a roll call of officers and members of the NCOD, and after a quorum was established, declared the 106th NCOD officially

opened at 3:48 P.M. MICIC Cummings called for prayer by GIG Lycurgus C. Curry, Jr. acting as the Grand Prior. SGIG Doysa Whitaker, 33^o then introduced the MICIC Cummings, 33^o, who gave his allocution.

During the reading of the Allocution, the MICIC discussed Necrology, and that the Orient lost two members; State of the Nation; National Catastrophes; State of the Rite; The USC Strategic Plan implemented by the Sovereign Grand Commander, which also includes the activation of numerous subcommittees designed to move the Scottish Rite of Freemasonry, Northern Jurisdiction, toward solid sustainability for the future; and the Order of the Golden Circle, just to name a few. MICIC Cummings, 33^o, called for the body to prepare for the election of officers for the ensuing year. SGIG Whitaker, 33^o moved and GIG Terry D. Underwood, 33^o seconded that all officers succeed themselves for the ensuing year except for the offices of Illustrious 2nd Lt Commander and Grand Minister of State. GIG Terry Underwood and GIG Lycurgus Curry were elected as Illustrious 2nd Lt Commander and Grand Minister of State, respectively. MICIC Cummings stated that there was one (1) allotment for the Class of 2021. Allotment # 1 – Illustrious Commander in Chief Andre Waller was nominated, and there were no additional nominations. Illustrious Commander in Chief Waller was elected by one unanimous quorum ballot. MICIC Cummings then presented the task of hosting the Deputies/Assistants Conference in January 2021. Illustrious Grand Secretary Wisdom mentioned that Nebraska will be hosting the Midwest Regional Conference of Grand Masters and Masons in March 2021. MICIC Cummings acknowledged that fact and then entertained that the Orient host it in January 2022. There were no objections to hosting the conference. The floor was then opened for remarks.

Remarks were made by Illustrious CIC, SP Waller; SGIG Milton Jackson; SGIG Robert J. Meekins and SGIG Doysa Whitaker. MICIC Johnny Cummings thanked everyone for attending the NCOD, to include our “Meet and Greet” on Friday, along with the COTR and NCOD Scholarship Banquet on Saturday. He thanked all subordinate bodies for the work done this year. Illustrious Treasurer General of the Holy Empire SGIG Roland K. Lee, 33^o reported what we just received from our Deputy was a very detailed Allocution. In this allocution was everything I had intended to say. He added that the Cathedral Secretary had started a “Walk of Fame “ project. For more information please

do not hesitate to contact him directly or your Deputy. Congratulations to Illustrious CIC Andre Waller. To those who plan to attend the USC Session, there is a change to the lineups. Additional sessions have been opened up so that Actives and Emertis will be able to attend together. We as members should not go to a session without learning something to bring back to our Orients. Plans are in effect to make sure we survive, as we are getting older and rely on membership to keep moving forward with our work in the communities we live in. "Your USC is moving forward". The best thing you did last night was to give a scholarship out to our young folks. Thank you once again for the hospitality and fellowship. It was moved by S.G.I.G Doysa L. Whitaker, 33^o and seconded by G.I.G. Henry D. Atkinson, 33^o to receive the remarks of the Illustrious Treasurer General of the Holy Empire, S.G.I.G. Roland K. Lee, 33^o. Motion passed.

Most Worshipful Brother Freddie Clopton Jr., Grand Master, brought greetings from the MWPHGL of Nebraska and thanked the NCOD for the invitation to this weekend events. "If there is anything this Council needs, do not hesitate to ask".

Closing prayer was provided by acting Illustrious Grand Prior, GIG Lycurgus C. Curry, 33^o. The MICIC declared the 106th Nebraska Council of Deliberation closed.

Joshua David Kelley Consistory #27 Members Participating in the Scottish Rite Informational Gathering

Members of Joshua David Kelley #27 participated in a Scottish Rite Informational Gathering. The purpose of the gathering was to discuss Scottish Rite Freemasonry and its connective impact on Symbolic Freemasonry. Topics discussed included, but were not limited to:

- What is Freemasonry
- What is a Mason
- The highest degree in masonry
- Scottish Rite of Freemasonry
- Scottish Rite Freemasonry coming to America
- The Declaration of Principles
- The Scottish Rite Creed
- Discussing everyone's (Peers and Princes) role as related to Scottish Rite of Freemasonry, and Orient
- Degrees Structure

The three-hour gathering, presented by MWPGM/GIG Edward F. Medlin (Seated) was productive and well attended (51% of members residing in the Orient). There was positive feedback from members in attendance, who stated that it was very informative. The next phase is ensuring that the information presented is carried over to actionable deliverables and results.

Thanks to all that participated to make this event a success. Job well done Illustrious Medlin.





OUR HISTORY SHOULD NOT BE A MYSTERY—PART XI

Do You Know How Your Consistory's Name Originated?

Grand Inspector General Reginald B. Stewart, 33°

In my travels in the Scottish Rite world I continue to be amazed at the positive feedback that has been shared. I have even received offers of assistance in my endeavors. That truly tells me these

articles have some impact. I am much obliged to the previous Editor of the *Bulletin*, SGIG Edward M. Brooks II, 33° and I look forward to working with our new Editor GIG Daryl L. Andrews 33°. The gatekeepers of the Cathedral—Renee Isaac and Debbie Miles—must also be acknowledged and thanked. Partly in recognition of the submission of this series of articles, I was appointed as the Grand Historian of our United Supreme Council. I thank Sovereign Grand Commander Melvin J. Bazemore 33° for his beneficence.

BOSTON CONSISTORY NO. 9

Valley of Boston—Orient of Massachusetts

Established prior to 1883; formally chartered 1890 (Defunct)

This short-lived Consistory was chartered during the tenure of SGIG David C. Gray 33° who was then the Deputy for the Orients of Massachusetts and New Hampshire. Without authority, GIG George H. Bond 33° organized this Consistory and promised the candidates that he would confer upon them all the degrees, including the 33rd, for the then astronomical sum of \$34. SP Charles F.A. Francis 32° (26th Grand Master, MWPHGL of Massachusetts) wrote a series of letters to Deputy Gray informing him about the illegal doings of Ill. Bond and urged him to put a stop to it. As all things do, this Consistory eventually went defunct only for Scottish Rite Masonry to rise again in the Valley of Boston when King Solomon Consistory No. 6 was chartered in August 1889. It was the first of three Consistories in the Valley of Boston. A Consistory had been previously chartered in Boston by Illustrious Peter W. Ray 33° of the Supreme Council of the State of New York (a.k.a. DeBulow Supreme Council) as early as 1884. It is not known if that Consistory existed alongside or merged into Boston Consistory No. 9.

Thanks to SGIG Henry L. Owens 33°, Deputy for the Orient of Massachusetts and GIG Yves Maignan 33°, Springfield Consistory No. 89 for their assistance.

WESTERN STAR CONSISTORY NO. 18

Valley of Wichita—Orient of Kansas

Organized December 12, 1908 (Fields); Chartered May 1914 (USC NJ)

This Consistory was originally formed by Milton F. Fields with assistance by Deputy Inspector General of Kansas SGIG Allen P. Smith 33° and members of Kaw Valley Consistory No. 16 in the Valley of Topeka. It began with 27 members and SP J.W. Thompson 32° serving as its first Commander-in-Chief. Almost 1 year passed before the members received their patents, but once they did they were off and running.

The Consistory enjoyed consistent growth and annual Reunions for several years until about 1912 when the Fraters became disenchanted with the Fields faction. In the process of beginning a West Coast swing, Sovereign Grand Commander James F. Rickards 33°, assisted by Ill. Smith, organized them into a legitimate body of Scottish Rite Masons under the banner of the Northern Jurisdiction and administered the Oath of Fealty to them all. Rickards was feted with a banquet the very next year to commemorate his visit and to express gratitude for aligning the Consistory with a competent jurisdiction.

There was a Western Star Consistory No. 4 existing in St. Paul, Minnesota in the late 1800s. Its affiliation is unknown, but more than likely it was aligned with the Milton Fields organization. The infamous John G. Jones chartered a Western Star Consistory in Los Angeles in 1897.

MALTA CONSISTORY NO. 34

Valley of Muncie—Orient of Indiana

Established prior to 1900; Chartered May 1912

Then Deputy of the Orient SGIG Sumner A. Furniss 33° greatly assisted in reorganizing this Consistory under the competent jurisdiction of The United Supreme Council of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry Thirty Third Degree of the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction of the United States of America (our name and style at the time). This Consistory, originally established by the Milton F. Fields faction, began strong, but was unable to maintain that momentum. Regrettably its charter was arrested in 1919. Through diligent effort the charter was returned resulting in the Consistory being reactivated in 1937.

At least two esteemed members have been honored as namesakes of a Class of Grand Inspectors General—Cornelius R. Richardson Class of 1966 and the Williams-Hinkle Class of 1997. S.G.I.G. Joseph C. Williams 33°, Malta Consistory No. 34 served the USC NJ as Illustrious Grand Marshal and as Deputy for the Orient of Indiana. This latter was also notable for being at least the fifth Class to be named in honor of two members of the same Orient. The others are the Branson-Paris Class of 1945 (NY); the Weaver-Chavis Class of 1978 (IN); the Russell-Davis Class of 2003 (WA); and the Bolden-Fitch Class of 2008 (CT).

Much like the country with which it shares its name, Malta was a strategic chartering in the Orient of Indiana. Malta's (the country) location in the middle of the Mediterranean Sea historically has provided it an immense advantageous positioning in its geographic area. Malta (the Consistory) was a strategic chartering because that act helped to weaken the stronghold bogus masonry had on the state of Indiana as propagated by John G. Jones and Milton F. Fields.



Orient of Ohio

**Sovereign Grand
Inspector General**

Carl A. Williams, 33°, Deputy



The Orient of Ohio has been moving with purpose under the leadership of the Most Illustrious Commander-in-Chief and Deputy for the Orient, S.G.I.G. Carl A. Williams 33°. In concert with the theme and mission of the Sovereign Grand Commander, the Deputy unveiled his theme and mission—"Expect Success: Preparing for the Future of Scottish Rite Masonry Through Visionary Leadership and Strategic Perspective."

Natural disasters wreaked havoc on the various Orients of the United Supreme Council. The Valley of Dayton experienced an EF3 tornado in May 2019. The damage in the immediate and surrounding areas was tremendous. Members of Miami Consistory No. 26 along with the Orient of Ohio donated a total of \$1,000 to the Tornado Disaster Relief Fund for the Trotwood/Dayton, Ohio area. The presentation was made to G.I.G. Fr. Benjamin Speare-Hardy 33°, on behalf St. Margaret's Episcopal Church, where he serves as Rector.



The Orient of the Bahamas was battered by Hurricane Dorian in September 2019. The category 5 storm largely spared Nassau, but impacted Freeport and decimated the Abaco Islands. Heeding the call of Sovereign Grand Commander Melvin J. Bazemore 33°, the Orient of Ohio contributed robustly to the Hurricane Dorian Relief Fund in the amount of \$4,200.

In a first for the Orient, and under the guidance of the Deputy Williams and the leadership of G.I.G. Eugene W. Greenfield 33°, the Orient of Ohio held its Inaugural Statewide Reunion. Degree teams were assembled from each of the five (5) Consistories to perform the 4th, 14th, and 18th degrees. Degree team members performed the

second section (Light of Patriotism) of the 20th degree—Master ad Vitam. Following that performance, members of the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction (NMJ) from the Valley of Cincinnati performed their version of the 20th degree. An all-star cast composed of members from all five (5) Consistories performed the 32nd degree in full ceremonial form. Afterward a lecture entitled "Scottish Rite 101" was delivered by Grand Historian G.I.G. Reginald B. Stewart 33°. The lecture and all degree work was performed in the Cincinnati Masonic Center. Special thanks to Illustrious Douglas N. Kaylor 33°, the Deputy for Ohio, NMJ for allowing us use of this facility to stage our history-making event.



While we were in session at our 110th Council of Deliberation, G.I.G. Traylor Smith 33° was excused by the Deputy to pursue achieving a lifetime goal. Illustrious Smith won gold (Kumite); silver (Kata); and bronze (weapons Kata) medals at the WKC (World Karate and Kickboxing) World Championships in Manchester, England.

In late December the Orient of Ohio lost one of its most treasured members—S.G.I.G. Roy S. Richardson 33°, Bezaleel Consistory No. 15—Tuskegee Airman and Congressional Medal of Honor awardee. Illustrious Richardson served in the U.S. Army and was a true practitioner of the Craft and will be sorely missed.



The Orient of Ohio supported the Sovereign Grand Commander's testimonial weekend by placing 70 pages in the Memory Book. Many members of the Orient were present as well. Deputy Williams presented the Sovereign Grand Commander love tokens on behalf of him and his wife Cheryl; S.G.I.G. Dr. Chester C. Pryor II 33°; S.G.I.G. Robert L. Jones 33°; and G.I.G. Robert M. Estelle 33°.



Orient of New Jersey

**Sovereign Grand Inspector General
Robert L. Oglesby Sr., 33°, Deputy**



The 2019 Whit Sunday Service was hosted by my beloved Consistory, Mt. Calvary Consistory No. 22, sitting in the Valley of Atlantic City, New Jersey. We worshiped with Jethro Memorial Presbyterian Church 423 North Ohio Avenue, Atlantic City, NJ, where the Rev Marion McLaurin, is the Pastor. I was so very proud that my Church was selected in my first year of service as the Deputy for the Orient of New Jersey to observe Whit Sunday!

Our annual session of the New Jersey of Council Deliberation was held on November 15-17, 2019 at The ML Hotel of Mount Laurel, New Jersey. This year's session was hosted by Samuel W. Gordon Consistory No. 50, sitting in the Valley of Asbury Park, NJ. Our session began with the NJ Commanders of the Rite (NJCOTR) meeting, taking place on Friday, November 15th under the leadership and direction of GIG Jeffrey M. Perry, 33°, President. The Orient of New Jersey Commanders of the Rite are; "Second to None"! Two of the major programs/projects that we have instituted were a Commemorative 32° and 33° Lapel Pin designed exclusively for the Orient of New Jersey. In addition to the lapel pins, a NJCOTR Newsletter was developed to highlight the activities of the Orient of New Jersey and has been produced with a "touch of class"; all while supporting all endeavors of this Council as well as those of the United Supreme Council.

It has been the custom of the Orient of New Jersey to have a Scholarship Awards Banquet on Saturday evening. The C. Morris Cain Scholarship Awards remains the focus of the evening celebrating the accomplishments and educational milestones of eight deserving students representing various parts of the Orient. Each Consistory was granted a scholarship award, six in total, and with the support and partnership of the United Supreme Council and the New Jersey Commanders of the Rite, we were once again blessed to give two additional awards for a total of eight scholarships. The NJ Council of Deliberation's Historical Committee presented a brief biography on the late Ill. C. Morris Cain, 33°, Past Deputy of the Orient of New Jersey. The SGIG Frederick O. Dobson, Sr., 33° Class of 2019 Class consisting of 19 Fraters were the inaugural class to be pinned during our annual banquet.

On Sunday morning, our devotion was under the direction of GIG Rev. Victor M. Lee, 33°, Grand Prior with

the Assistant Grand Priors. The Preacher of the hour was none other than GIG Rev. Guy Campbell, 33°, Pastor of the Evergreen Baptist Church, Palmyra, New Jersey. He is a member of the Orient of Pennsylvania. Upon completion of our morning devotion, under the direction of GIG Ronald A. Clark, 33° the Dean of Instruction along with our Orient Degree Team exemplified "Scottish Rite Burial Service". Once again, we included our Loyal Ladies and guests to witness this outstanding presentation.

The New Jersey Council of Deliberation's, Commanders of the Rite under the leadership of GIG Jeffrey M. Perry, 33° has created and developed an Orient of New Jersey Newsletter titled "New Jersey Commanders of the Rite Bulletin". This Newsletter has featured the messages from the Offices of the Deputy of the Orient Past and Present Grand Loyal Lady Ruler; historical items recognizing the vast history of Orient of New Jersey; and the Orient of New Jersey's other Scottish Rite philanthropic and charitable endeavors and activities. Listed below are highlights of the Issues rendered:

June 2019 Volume 1 / Issue 1 – United Supreme Council, Philadelphia, PA; Congratulations to our new Deputy of the Orient, SGIG Robert L. Oglesby, Sr., 33° with Ill. Melvin J. Bazemore, 33°, Sovereign Grand Commander.

July/August 2019 Volume 1 / Issue 2 – Scottish Rite Enlightenment (Deus Meumque Jus); Greetings from the SGIG Robert L. Oglesby, Sr., 33°; Orient Historical Review (NJ's Only PSGC, ILL. Phillip T. Colding, 33°) and Valley of Trenton – Commanders of the Rite – Quarterly Meeting.

September/October 2019 Volume 1 / Issue 3 – Scottish Rite Enlightenment (Rite of 25 Degrees), a message on "Charity" from the SGIG Robert L. Oglesby, Sr., 33°, Deputy of the Orient, a message from the L.L. Amelita B. McDowell, State Grand Loyal Lady Ruler (2018-2019), a Memoriam in honor of the late "SGIG Frederick O. Dobson, Sr., 33°, article featuring SGIG William M. Moore, 33°, Assistant to the Deputy by: Mr. Mario Moore, Artist (Hodder Fellow, Princeton Univ.), Orient Historical Review (ILL. Samuel W. Gordon, 33°), NJ Commanders of the Rite, Annual Church Visitation, Tabernacle Baptist Church, Burlington, NJ.

November/December 2019 Volume 2 / Issue 1 - Scottish Rite Enlightenment (Estienne "Stephen" Morin), a message of "Thanks" from the SGIG Robert L. Oglesby, Sr., 33°, Deputy of the Orient, a message from the L.L. Mary A. Hill, State Grand Loyal Lady Ruler (2019-2020), an article on the "NJCOTR Mentoring Program", by GIG Terrence L. Berry, 33°, Chairman, photos of the Elected N.J.C.O.T.R and NJCOD Officers, article and photos of the NJCOD "32° Degree Team", portraits and biographies of

the "SGIG Frederick O. Dobson, Sr., 33°- Class of 2019" consisting of 19 Thirty Second Degree Freemasons, Photo Gallery of the NJCOD. Events, article on SGIG C. Morris Cain, 33° (Past Deputy), by GIG Frank H. Galloway, III, 33°, Assistant Grand Historian, photos of the 2019 C. Morris Cain - Scholarship Recipients, article on the Willingboro, NJ street re-naming in honor of the late GIG Eddie Campbell, 33° by S.P. Derek Pierson 32° (#48) and other benevolent and charitable activities throughout the Orient.

We Held our Annual Scottish Rite luncheon, honoring Officers of the NJCOD on February 22, 2020 at the Central Valley AASR, Bordentown NJ. The Honorees were GIG Rev. Victor M. Lee, 33°, Grand Prior; GIG Oliver (Ollie) Jones, 33°, Class Coordinator; GIG George E. Marshall, 33°, Assistant Grand Secretary; GIG Douglas P. Curry, 33°, Grand Hospitaler, and, GIG James L. Ferrell, Sr., 33°, Grand Sentinel. We are grateful and thankful for their outstanding dedication to the NJCOD. The NJCOD presented each honoree with a gift followed by gifts from their families and friends. Remarks were given by each of the honoree for the love tokens that were presented to them. Special presentations of Appreciation of Service was presented to SGIG John M. Bettis, 33° 1st Lt. Commander of the NJCOD and his lovely Sis. Doni Bettis and GIG Jeffrey M. Perry, 33°, President of the Commanders of the Rite of the NJCOD and his lovely wife Mrs. Wanda L. Perry. We also presented SGIG Harry McDowell with a plaque acknowledging him with title of 2nd Lt. Commander Emeritus. In attendance was, L.L. Mary A. Hill, State Grand Loyal Lady Ruler, NJ State Grand Assembly, Order of the Golden Circle, who was presented and gave brief remarks and who then acknowledged her Officers and Members and SGIG Edward M. Brooks, II, 33°, Secretary-General, Holy Empire representing SGIG Melvin J. Bazemore, 33°, Sovereign Grand Commander who also gave remarks.

I must state for the record SGIG Brooks, 33° has always made time to support the Orient of New Jersey for which we are most grateful for his Love and presence within our Orient. The Most Worshipful Jeffrey Cordell Spann, Grand Master for the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge State of New Jersey brought greetings acknowledged Grand Lodge Officers introduced his cabinet and gave congratulations and closing remarks.

In closing as the Deputy for the Orient of New Jersey I thank "God" for all of the support that has been given to my Office as we continue to serve the New Jersey Council of Deliberation. I Pray that our heavenly father will bless each and every one of you, 'Keep your Hands in God's Hand'. Remember that God loves you and so do I.

"To God be the Glory".

Orient of Rhode Island

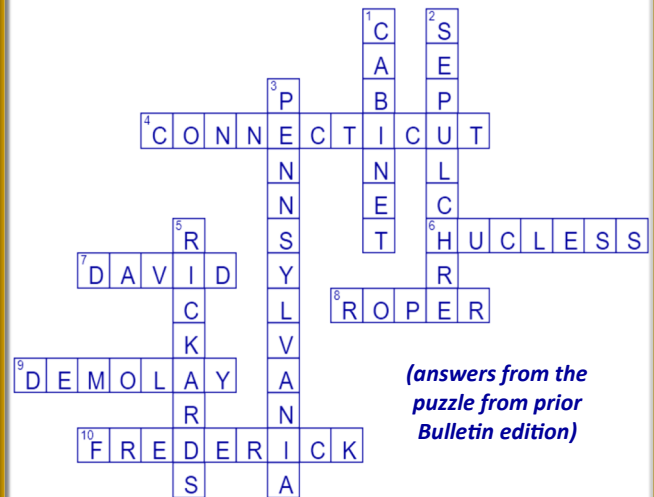
Sovereign Grand Inspector General Conrad Luster, 33°, Deputy



The focus on scholarship and education were reiterated by the Rhode Island Council of Deliberation (RICOD) at its Annual Session where the RICOD presented a scholarship for higher education to a well-deserving youth. The session was visited by Sovereign Grand Inspector General Raynard Hughes, Cathedral Secretary of the United Supreme Council, representing Sovereign Grand Commander Melvin J. Bazemore. Under the direction of Most Illustrious Commander-In-Chief Luster, RICOD 2019 was a success.



Supreme Councils & Sov. Grand Commanders



(answers from the puzzle from prior Bulletin edition)

Orient of Wisconsin

**Sovereign Grand
Inspector General**

Marshall Tharpe, 33^o, Deputy



The 70th Annual Wisconsin Council of Deliberation was held on Friday, October 25-27, 2019 at the Best Western Hotel, 5105 South Howell Ave., Milwaukee, WI. On Friday, October 25, 2019 at 6:00pm, the Joint Initiation for Sublime Princes of the Royal Secret commenced. The conferring of the thirty-second degree was done by Ionic Consistory #70 and Madison/Beloit Consistory #84 upon six Grand Inspectors Inquisitor Commanders SP Lance Baskin (President), SP Sam Coleman (Vice President), SP Johnny Austin (Treasurer), SP Emmett Riddle (Secretary), SP Derrick Allen (Chaplain) and SP Faisal Abdu'Alah

(Sgt. At. Arms). SGIG Jimmie D. Foster was appointed Advisor to Class. The Class was named and styled "Herman Smith Jr. 33^o" for 2019 of the United Supreme

Council. Each member gave his personal heartfelt thoughts as to being conferred as a Sovereign Prince of the Royal Secret. Upon completion of the degree work, the Chambers were formally closed.

Saturday, October 26, 2019 at 8:00am, Ionic Consistory #70 of the Valley of Milwaukee opened the 70th Council of Deliberation for the reception of the MICIC Marshall E. Tharpe, 33^o, Deputy for the Orient of Wisconsin. Master of Ceremonies, Ill. Micah E. Tharpe, 33^o, introduced MICIC Marshall E. Tharpe, 33^o, to Commander-in-Chief Marcell Clarke, 33^o of Ionic Consistory #70. CIC Clarke welcomed the Deputy for the Orient and asked MICIC Tharpe to join him in the East for proper recognition. CIC Clarke, then, descended from the throne, escorted MICIC Tharpe to the East where Grand Honors were accorded. MICIC was presented the gavel of authority for conducting the business of the 70th Council of Deliberation of Wisconsin.

MICIC Tharpe brought greetings to all assembled and thanked them for their presence and support at this 70th Annual Session. He received the Grand Minister of State, Ill. William R. Stark, 33^o, representing the Sovereign Grand Commander, Ill. Melvin J. Bazemore, 33^o, of the United Supreme Council with a glorious welcome and stated that he was happy that we as able to be present because of his busy schedule. Ill. Stark was then escorted to the East by the Deputy, given the gavel of authority and was asked to seat the Craft.



MICIC then received the Sovereign Grand Inspectors General and Grand Inspectors General of Wisconsin. MICIC received special guests SGIG Milton Jackson and GIG Clifford Brown from Illinois. Special guest Wisconsin State Grand Loyal Lady Ruler Cheryl Gettridge-Steele, State Grand Officers, Past State Grand Loyal Lady Rulers and Loyal Ladies were escorted into the meeting room to hear the allocution of MICIC Tharpe.

The Annual Council of Deliberation Banquet began at 7:00pm. After the Invocation and Traditional Scottish Rite Toast, the Ceremony of Capping and Pinning of the Fraters was performed by MICIC Tharpe and family members of the Illinois Herman J. Smith Jr. Class. The following awards:

- *Dr. Vincent C. Bevenue, 33^o Award to SP Jeffery Lang, 32^o*
- *Honor of Bettye J. Stark Award to Lindell A. Cannon*
- *High Achievement Award to Ill. Elijah J. Handy, 33^o*
- *Commanders of the Rite Scholarship (\$1,000 each) to Kaylen Lifter and to Isaiah Gordon*
- *Ionic #70 Scholarship (\$500) to Michael L. Rowser Jr.*
- *Grand Assembly Order of the Golder Circle Scholarship (\$500) to Destiny Madge*
- *United Supreme Council Scholarship (\$500) to Destiny Madge*
- *Milwaukee Assembly #28 Helen M. Alexander Scholarship (\$500) to Jada Davis*
- *Madison/Beloit Assembly #70 Scholarships (\$300 each) to Destiny Madge and Kameron Lake*

Total scholarship awarded included \$1500 by Consistories/Commanders of the Rite and \$1600 by State Grand Assemblies. \$335 was collected to be donated to the

United Supreme Council for the Hurricane Relief Fund.



Remarks were given by Sister Pamela D. Boone, Grand Worthy Matron of Unity Grand Chapter OES; Loyal Lady Cheryl Gettridge-Steele, Wisconsin State Grand Loyal Lady Ruler; GIG Jeffery Brown, 33^o, Commander-in-Chief, Madison/Beloit Consistory #84; GIG Marcel Clarke, 33^o, Commander-in-Chief, Ionic Consistory #70; SGIG William R. Stark, Grand Minister of State of the USC, AASR, PHA, NJ, USA Inc.; Most Worshipful Brother Anthony J. McGaughy Sr., 33^o, Grand Master of the MWPHGL of Wisconsin; and final remarks by MICIC SGIG Marshall E. Tharpe, 33^o. The banquet concluded with the benediction by Ill. Elijah Handy, 33^o, Illustrious Grand Prior.

On Sunday, October 27, 2019, MICIC Tharpe visited the State Grand Assembly accompanied by Master of Ceremonies GIG Micah E. Tharpe, 33^o, SGIG William R. Stark, 33^o, SGIG Andrew Chesser, 33^o, SGIG Walter E. Ward, 33^o, SGIG Jimmie Foster, 33^o, SGIG Minor King II, 33^o and guest SGIG Milton Jackson, 33^o (Illinois).





WHO IS "ADONIRAM"?

What is his Significance to the A.A.S.R.?

Grand Inspector General Stu A. Lee, 33^o



The Lodge of Perfection within the A.A.S.R. is comprised of degrees 4 to 14 and addresses the period after the death of GMHA to the discovery of the lost word. Throughout its degrees, there is a character that is mentioned quite often. His name is Adoniram also referred to as "Adoniram Ben Abada." We'll begin with who Adoniram was and then discuss his significance within the AASR, more specifically, the Lodge of Perfection. So, who is Adoniram?

According to Albert Pike's Masonic Formulas and Rituals, Adoniram is said to be the son of Abada, spelled "Abda" in some documents, of the tribe of Dan (1783, Franken), and was the inspector of the workmen on Mount Lebanon where the timbers supplied to build King Solomon's Temple were prepared. Additionally, it's stated that he was GMHA's father-in-law. (2010, De Hoyos)

In the 4th degree, Secret Master, Adoniram is styled as Warden and acts as inspector. (1783, Francken) He is also said to be the first Secret Master. (2010, DeHoyos)

In the 5th degree, Perfect Master, Adoniram is said to have been appointed as Chief Architect of the Temple by King Solomon after GMHA's death and tasked with planning and carrying out the funeral service for GMHA. He is styled "Venerable" and one of his duties is "to preside over the work; to brighten the chain of friendship; expound the ancient tradition of the craft, dispense the charities of the lodge; maintain its honor, and labor to advance the interests of Freemasonry." (1962, Pike) He constructed a mausoleum to commemorate the memory of GMHA. This edifice was surmounted by a triangular Obelisk composed of black Egyptian marble, upon which was the great urn which GMHA's heart was deposited and pierced with a sword. He completed this great work in 9 days. (1962, Pike)

In the 8th degree, Intendant of the Building, he is "President of the Intendants" and Superintendent of the Work, "whose duty is to encourage the timid, to repress the forward and to reward the worthy." (1988, Hutchens) It is stated in this degree that GMHA, prior to his death, communicated the knowledge that he had learned from the sacred books of the Magi of Persia and the Egyptian Priests to five workers in which he held in high esteem. The most proficient and wisest of them was Adoniram. It is believed that GMHA favored Adoniram so much that he often entrusted him to superintend the entire work. (1962, Pike)

In the 10th Degree, Elu of Fifteen, according to the Liturgy of the A.A.S.R., 4 to 14 Degree by Albert Pike, Adoniram is mentioned as being told by King Solomon to prepare an urn for balloting in which the names of six workmen were drawn. These individuals were to unite with the Elu of Nine to make up the Elu of Fifteen. The Elu of Fifteen was tasked by King Solomon to travel to the country of Gath, search for and take into custody GMHA's two remaining assassins and bring them back to King Solomon for justice.

In the 11th Degree, Elu of Twelve, Adoniram is styled as the Junior Warden. (1962, Pike)

In the 12th Degree, Master Architect, Adoniram is said to be the first person conferred this degree. After being appointed Chief Architect of the Temple, successor to GMHA, Chief of the Five Intendants, and having demonstrated superb proficiency in his skills and the sciences of an architect, the degree was conferred upon him as an investiture of that office. (1962, Pike) The importance of this honor should not be underestimated or minimized because the Master Architect degree teaches that "the ablest, wisest and best of every nation should be its leaders." (1988, Hutchens) It is reasonable to believe that King Solomon bestowed this honor upon Adoniram because he was the most skilled of the workman and exhibited those truly commendable Masonic virtues and characteristics just as GMHA did.

In the 13th Degree, Royal Arch of Solomon, Adoniram is the Junior Warden and styled "Inspector" and is one of the three workmen credited with discovering that which was lost, "The True and Ineffable Name of God." (1962, Pike)

Furthermore, in the 14th Degree, Perfect Elu, he is described as "Adoniram, the son of Abada, who was over the workmen at the building of the temple...the symbol to us of the harmony of the universe, result of the Wisdom and Power of God; of that Harmony which is the fruit of Reason and Faith, acting in their proper spheres; of the moral Harmony that is the result of the equilibrium of Reason and the Passions, the moral sense and the sensual appetites; and of that which flows from the coexistence of Constitutional Liberty and salutary Power directed by Wisdom." (1962, Pike)

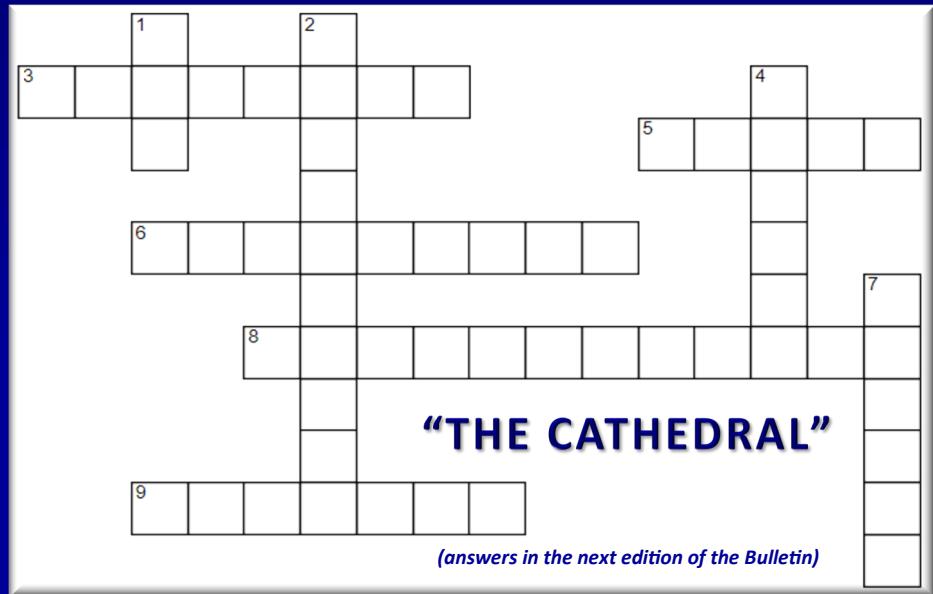
Finally, according to the Scottish Rite Ritual, Monitor and Guide, both King Solomon and King Hiram of Tyre held

How Well Do You Know Your Rite?

The Prince Hall Scottish Rite Cathedral is the Holy See for the Northern Jurisdiction. Dedicated and consecrated in 1928, the ceremonies which were



under the direction of the Secretary of the Building Committee were attended by over 500 Sublime Princes and Illustrious Peers in conjunction with other organizations and citizens. It stands today as a monument to the vision of the Rite from the 1920s.



(answers in the next edition of the Bulletin)

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- 3 The last name of the attorney who supervised the erection of the Cathedral while serving as Lt. Grand Commander?
- 5 E.C. ____ & Company was the initial management firm for the property.
- 6 The firm of Henry P. ____ was awarded the construction contract.
- 8 In which city is the Cathedral located?
- 9 Last name of the picture Sovereign Grand Commander?

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- 1 The month when the Cathedral was consecrated.
- 2 DeMolay and ____ Consistories aided with the dedication ceremonies.
- 4 ____ J. Lee was Secretary General during the project?
- 7 Conwell ____ was the Secretary of the Building Committee who directed the dedication exercises.



Adoniram in such high regard for his works, deeds and character, that they together communicated the “Lost Word” to him.

As you can see, Adoniram also known as “Adoniram Ben Abada” played a great role in the building of the temple after the death of our GMHA and is very significant to the A.A.S.R. degrees within the Lodge of Perfection. He too, as GMHA, exhibited those Masonic qualities and characteristics that we all strive to emulate. It’s my opinion that as Scottish Rite Masons, we all represent Adoniram, being that we too are continuing with the building of our own Temple. My objective was to give you a more in-depth knowledge as to who Adoniram was and his significance to the A.A.S.R., more specifically the Lodge of Perfection. I hope that I have achieved that objective

and you have gained a little more knowledge about this important Masonic figure we know as Adoniram.



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CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC COVID-19






COVID-19 is an infectious disease caused by SARS-CoV-2, a new type of coronavirus detected in China in late 2019.

Data shows the disease is mild in 80 percent of patients, severe in 13 percent, and critical in 6 percent

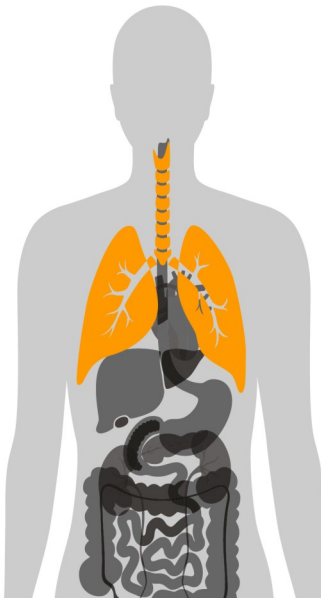
Most common symptoms:

-  Fever
-  Fatigue
-  Dry cough

Some patients may also have:

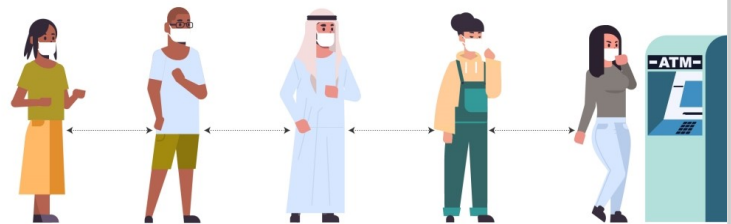
-  Aches and pains
-  Runny nose
-  Sore throat
-  Shortness of breath
-  Diarrhoea

In critical cases, COVID-19 can cause severe pneumonia or a multiple-organ failure and can lead to death.



COVID-19 Social distancing

Maintain 1.8 metre (6 feet) of distance at all times if in public



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