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# SOVEREIGN GRAND COMMANDER

*Sovereign Grand Inspector General Melvin J. Bazemore, 33<sup>rd</sup>*

## DEEDS VERSUS WORDS

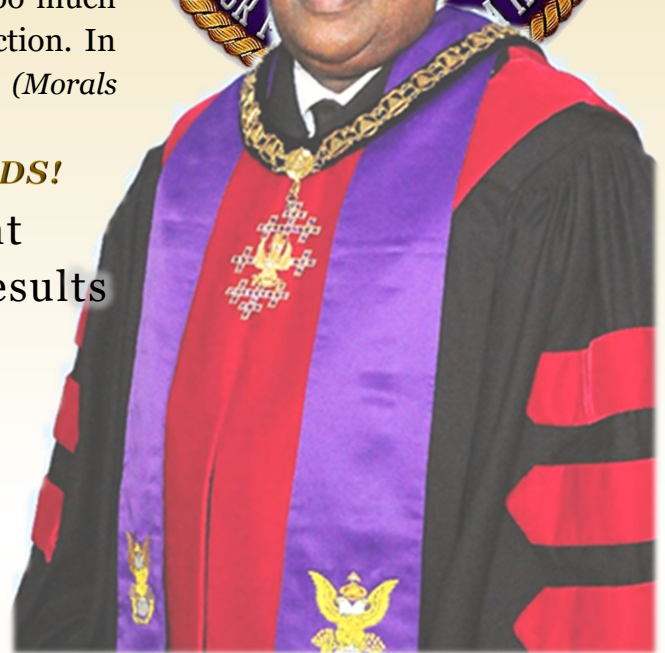
Rhetoric, Plato says, is the art of ruling the minds of men. But in democracies it is too common to hide thoughts in words, to overlay it, to babble nonsense. The mere talker, however fluent, is barren of deeds in the day of trial.

There are men voluble as women, and as well skilled in fencing with the tongue; prodigies of speech, misers in deeds. Too much talking; like too much thinking, destroys the power of action. In human nature, the thought is only made perfect by deed. *(Morals and Dogma)*

### STAY FOCUSED ON DEEDS VERSUS WORDS!

**U**nited In **S**ervice and **C**ommitment  
**A**ction, **A**ccountability, **S**ustainable **R**esults

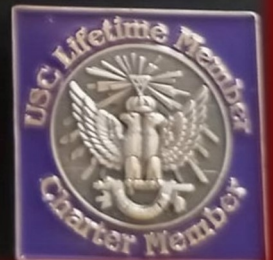
**“Let’s Go to Work!”**



## USC LIFETIME MEMBER #1—SGC Melvin J. Bazemore



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Leaving a Legacy  
for the future!!!**

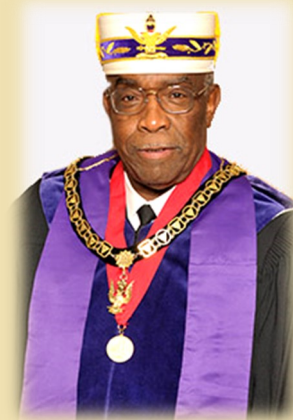


## LIEUTENANT GRAND COMMANDER

**Sovereign Grand Inspector General Sidney D. Broadnax Jr., 33°**

**"SECURING THE FUTURE BY ENHANCING THE SCOTTISH RITE EXPERIENCE - UNITED IN SERVICE AND COMMITMENT, ACTION, ACCOUNTABILITY, SUSTAINABLE RESULTS".**

We must continue to Improve and Strengthen the character of our Members and, through that strength, improve our communities. It will keep us FOCUSED on being "United in Service and Commitment" that will allow us to be that Road Map for our Youth and those who need our Assistance, those who are Standing at the CROSS ROADS OF LIFE between NOWHERE and Opportunity. As individuals, each one of us is unique in this world. Because of that uniqueness, we have an opportunity to give that personal gift that no one else can give which are our TALENTS and SKILLS and when they are CHALLENGED, remember the story of the "Oak Tree":



*A mighty wind blew night and day. It stole the Oak Tree's leaves away; then snapped its boughs and pulled its bark until the Oak was tired and stark. But still the Oak Tree held its ground while other trees fell all around. The weary wind gave up and spoke, "how can you still be standing, Oak?" The Oak Tree said, "I know that you can break each branch of mine in two, carry every leaf away, shake my limbs and make me sway. But I have roots stretched in the earth, growing stronger since my birth. You 'll never touch them, for you see, they are the deepest part of me. Until today I wasn't sure of just how much I could endure, but now I've found out, with thanks to you, I'm stronger than I ever knew".*

This should remind us that we're stronger than any problem encountered or any disappointment life will bring. If yesterday did not turn out the way you wanted- Just Remember - GOD created today for us to start a new one.

## SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE HOLY EMPIRE

**Sovereign Grand Inspector General Edward M. Brooks, II, 33°**

First giving honor to the G.A.O.T.U. for his many blessings. I hope that all is well with you and your families and that you have all remained safe through the upswing of the pandemic. I know you all thought that we would be through this by now and as we all can see it's not quite over yet. I hope that you have all received your COVID-19 vaccine, or are seriously considering getting it. Let's continue washing our hands and wearing our masks until it is total safe to go without.

The Office of the Secretary General has been given the go ahead to start preparations for an in-person 141<sup>st</sup> Annual Session & 47th Triennium of the United Supreme Council, AASR, NJ, PHA, Inc., which will be held in Philadelphia, PA, May 27-30, 2022 at the Marriott Downtown Hotel. We are hoping for full participation from the membership in support of this activity.

By the time you receive this communication we will be into the months of the holiday season. I would like to wish you all a Happy Thanksgiving, a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. In January 2022, we will be having an in person Mid-Year Deputy's Conference in Omaha, Nebraska and we are looking for a very successful meeting. We will continue to keep you abreast of the up and coming activities of the United Supreme Council and may the good Lord continue to bless you and yours.



## GRAND RECORDING SECRETARY

**Sovereign Grand Inspector General Daniel R. Poole, 33°**

Greetings to All, I want to say thank you for your support and participation in making the virtual 140th Annual Session a success. A true team of teams, working towards one common goal over a 6 month period during a very difficult time to ensure the business of our United Supreme Council was executed. The Deputies of the Orients, The Active Membership, The Class Orientation Team, The Memorial Service Team, The B. Albert Ford Medical Symposium team, The Order of the Golden Circle Working group team, The Annual Raffle team, The Office of the Holy Empire and last but definitely not least The Technical Teams lead by SP Cornell Murrell (Indiana) and GIG Tony Dye (Ohio), along with their team of experts behind the scenes. Everyone working together in harmony, THANK YOU. I look forward to seeing everyone in May 2022. Keep Making a Difference!



## FROM THE DESK OF THE EDITOR

**Sovereign Grand Inspector General Daryl L. Andrews, 33<sup>o</sup>—Editor**

This edition starts year number 101 for The Bulletin. Prior editions have provided details on the **Vision** the United Supreme Council and activated members at all levels to join **Missions**. Sublime Princes have contributed their talents across the Holy Empire. Grand Inspectors General are teaching about the missions that were outlined therein. Sovereign Grand Inspectors General are leading by example. This has played itself out more recently with the participation in the Lifetime Membership Program, the Scottish Rite Reflections Project, the Fundraising Committee and other areas that have helped to place our organization in a position of strong financial stability. You can still contribute to these Missions. In fact, the door is now opened for contributions to **Volume Two** of **Scottish Rite Reflections**. Please forward submissions to [BULLETIN@AndrewsPress.com](mailto:BULLETIN@AndrewsPress.com) like Sovereign Grand Inspectors General Harden M. Keys and Charles J. Stewart; and Grand Inspector General Anderson Edwards Jr. have done by 3/1/2022. All submissions become the property of the United Supreme Council.



In this edition, we are introducing a new column. From conference calls and conversations on the *Triple Nickles*, we have found that there are many Scottish Rite Masons who are **VETERANS**. Efforts by Sovereign Grand Inspector General Gino Edwards and others to assist veterans are underway. Research by the hands of Grand Inspector General Charles Cooper and others to capture missing history are also moving. **Veterans, we salute you** and, by the hands of Grand Inspector General Stuart A. Lee, II, we will do our best to provide support through the new Veterans Affairs Column. This column in addition to those by Sovereign Grand Inspector General Reginald B. Stewart and others will help to enhance the overall Scottish Rite Experience.

Lastly, we have started a new series—“**The Sovereign Grand Commanders**”. Our leaders have extraordinary backgrounds. This edition showcases **Illustrious George Williamson Crawford** who was a founder of the Niagara Movement, pre-cursor to the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP). He was a hero!!! After we mourn the losses of our heroes, we must share their legacies so that their labors are not forgotten. By documenting and sharing, they can serve as platforms for future successes. May peace be unto his ashes and to all of our predecessors as we collectively build for the future.

## FROM THE DESK OF THE GRAND PRIOR

**Sovereign Grand Inspector General Dr. Wilton E. Blake, I, 33<sup>o</sup>**

Every Organization that we are a member of has some principles that it works by. In our wonderful Masonic Organization we have principles that we live by. According to Websters, “principle” is defined as a comprehensive and fundamental law, doctrine or assumption. A rule or code of conduct. In this article I would like to share some Healthy Principles that can keep our Organization strong, vibrant and seen by the community as positive.



1. *The healthy organization is characterized more by the quality of its spirit than the quantity of its success. (Luke 11:24-26, 12:4-5)*
2. *The healthy organization is characterized more by its compassions than by its passions. (Luke:11-23, 12:8-9)*
3. *The healthy organization is characterized more by its discernment than by its decisions. (Luke 12:54-57)*
4. *The healthy organization is characterized more by its Godly priorities than by its human popularity. (Luke 11:43, 12: 49-53)*
5. *The healthy organization is characterized more by PRAYER than by its performance. (Luke 11:1-4)*

As we prepare for the winter let us pray that God will keep us safe. Let us do all we can to be loving to one another and pray for all our Sisters and Brothers. Pray especially for our Sovereign Grand Commander, and our Leadership team. Let me close with this thought:

- Watch your thoughts; they become words
- Watch your words; they become actions
- Watch your actions; they become habits
- Watch your habits; they become character
- Watch your character; it becomes your destiny
- Please be safe and Blessings to all.

# LOYAL LADIES OF THE GOLDEN



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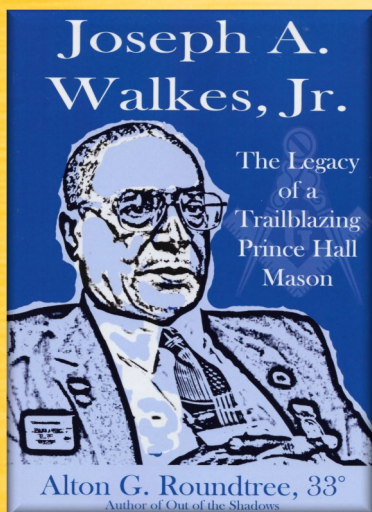


SGLLR Valeri Westbrooks

Please meet the Loyal Ladies Golden Circle Working Group simply referred to as the LLGCWG. Upon assuming office as the 20th elected Sovereign Grand Commander, Illustrious Melvin J. Bazemore, presented his strategic plan, designed to move the Northern Jurisdiction United Supreme Council forward in commitment and service, which included involving the Ladies of the Golden Circle within the "Circle" of the Supreme Council. He charged each of

his Deputies, to provide him with one Lady from their Orient that could come together to form a "Working Group" that would work alongside their State Grand Loyal Ruler, who is accountable to the Deputy, in providing for a more efficient operation of local Assemblies. Thus far, the idea has already begun to pay dividends.

For some of the problems that have plagued the Golden Circle over the years as a Body have been



## Books You Should Know

**"Joseph A. Walkes, Jr.: The Legacy of a Trailblazing Prince Hall Mason" by Alton G. Roundtree** explores the life of one of Prince Hall Freemasonry's most renowned Masonic scholars and founder of the Phylaxis Society. Early in his Masonic career Walkes was "really bitten, but good" by the Masonic research game. His quest for a Masonic education beyond the ritual and four walls of the lodge hall put him in contact with the who's who of Masonic scholars. With their help, he built one of the world's largest private Masonic libraries. He not only collected Masonic books, periodicals and Grand Lodge proceedings, he dissected them, analyzed them, and absorbed them, then used the information to defend Prince Hall Freemasonry against ALL challengers.

# CIRCLE WORKING GROUP



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identified and addressed. The Working Group, developed and presented a very informative Virtual Power Point presentation during the Supreme Council in May, with a main focus on edifying the work throughout the Golden Circle Order. They developed a Virtual Golden Circle Initiation that may be employed by the Deputies in their Assemblies that falls within the parameters of both health and safety concerns during this Pandemic period. They modified

the Burial Service to conform to those instances where a cremation may have been performed, as well as changing the music during the service. They have designed a "T" shirt that the Ladies may wear with pride, and their work is still not done, for it has been aptly described as a "Marathon, not a Sprint."

*Sovereign Grand Inspector General  
Edward B. Darnell, 33<sup>o</sup>*

## Loyal Lady Spotlight: Sandria Johnson

Delaware Department of Veterans Affairs has recruited Loyal Lady Ruler Sandria Johnson as the first female member. With the increase of female veterans needing counseling on benefits and assistance in negotiating the benefits arena, both Grand Inspector General Dr. Lawrence Carter, a Certified Service Officer and Loyal Lady Johnson, a retired Air Force veteran with a Master's degree in Education Counseling and Human Resource Management from Wilmington University, will compliment and support our members in obtaining their benefits. Loyal Lady Ruler Johnson has also been nominated to be a member of the United Supreme Council, AASR, Northern Jurisdiction Veteran's Affairs Committee. Her knowledge and expertise will be of a great benefit to the efforts of the committee. We congratulate and thank her for her efforts to support our Veterans.



# OUR HISTORY SHOULD NOT BE

## DO YOU KNOW WHERE/HOW YOUR CONSISTORIES ORIGINATED?

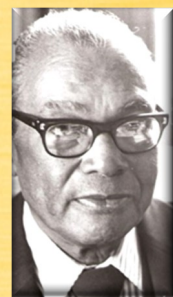
As we always do about this time...here is your semiannual installment of consistorial history. As the time has passed it has become increasingly difficult to source information on the origins of our Consistories. This is mainly due to much of the early records being lost to time; calamity (fire, flooding), or not being recorded and kept. In addition, our sages are slowly leaving us and, with their absence, the knowledge disappears as well. I am reaching out to you all, the readership, to assist me with enlightening you. If you have a written history of your Consistory and your Consistory has not been profiled (or even if it has) please forward it to [reginald.b.stewart@uscnpjha.org](mailto:reginald.b.stewart@uscnpjha.org).

Our history is the only thing we have after all the glitz and glamour and pomp and circumstance has faded. Many thanks go out to the Editor, S.G.I.G. Daryl L. Andrews 33°; the Illustrious Grand Keeper of the Archives, S.G.I.G. Wayne O. Tompkins 33°; the Cathedral administrative team of Ms. Renee Isaac and Ms. Debbie Miles; and our Sovereign Grand Commander Melvin J. Bazemore 33° for assisting me in making these articles possible.

### *Nathan W. Thatcher Consistory #107 Valley of Manhattan, Orient of Kansas*

Nathan W. Thatcher Sr. (1884–1952) was a prominent citizen very influential in virtually all aspects of life for Blacks in Kansas City, Kansas, in the

early half of the 20th Century. From politics to fraternal affairs he was involved a great deal. An avid parishioner of Walnut Boulevard Missionary Baptist Church, he was the driving force behind the creation of Westlawn Cemetery where he was ultimately interred. Fraternally, he was a member of Widow's Son Lodge #17 (served as Worshipful Master for 7 consecutive years); Sheba Chapter #19, OES; Koran Temple #33, AEAONMS (Past Potentate/past Imperial Deputy of the Desert); Stringer Lodge #14, Knights of Pythias; Past Exalted Ruler, Ranger Lodge #417, IBPOEW; but it was as a member of Orient Consistory #19 (Valley of Kansas City) of the Scottish Rite of freemasonry that he made his most notable impact. He was Elevated in the Class of 1922 during the Annual Session held in St. Paul, Minnesota, and, in May 1937, reclassified to the Active grade and appointed as Deputy for the Orient of Kansas.



Illustrious Thatcher was so well renowned that then Lieutenant Grand Commander Leland D. French 33° attended his funeral. Even though they shared membership in the Scottish Rite, their mutual profession as morticians/funeral parlor owners (and also pioneers in that field in their respective areas of Kansas City and Cleveland) more than likely contributed to Illustrious French's attendance. Not

## The Artiste Reiss J. Byrd

The stellar artwork that has been on display across the Holy Empire is the work of Ill. Reiss J. Byrd. Born in Chicago, Illinois on July 5, 1977, he is a veteran who served in Operation Iraqi Freedom in 2007 and 2008. After he PCS'ed to Grafenwöhr, Germany, he demitted to Herman E. Bradley Lodge #74 where he was introduced to the Scottish Rite in the Orient of Europe on July 30, 2011 into Booker T. Alexander Consistory #117. In his Consistory, he has served as Ill. Commander-In-Chief for multiple terms serving in this role today. He has dedicated his talents to the USC and stands ready to serve.



## Phylaxis—Scottish Rite Research Institute

The Scottish Rite Research Institute (SRRI) of The Phylaxis Society works with members of legitimate Masonic origin to research and publish findings on the Scottish Rite. The findings range from new information to new revelations on the Scottish Rite locally and abroad. It is a valuable community for Scottish Rite Masons and resource for Grand Inspectors General, in particular, whose duty it is to teach the ways of the Scottish Rite. Under the direction of Ill. Willard Spires (left), the SRRI is poised for growth. Contact Ill. Spires by email at [nobleguide@comcast.net](mailto:nobleguide@comcast.net) or phone at (601) 918-5812 or visit [www.ThePhylaxis.org](http://www.ThePhylaxis.org).





# A MYSTERY PART XIII

**Sovereign Grand Inspector General Reginald B. Stewart, 33°—Grand Historian**



surprisingly, his services were held in his own funeral home. His son, Nathan W. Thatcher Jr., inherited the business after his father's death—the oldest Black-owned funeral home in the State of Kansas with more than 100 years of service. He became the first Black president of Kansas State Board of Embalming. Nathan Jr. was a prominent Prince Hall Mason as well and passed in 1980. Possessing all the above accolades (and then some) one can understand why the Fraters decided to name the youngest Consistory in in the Orient of Kansas in honor of Nathan W. Thatcher Sr.

***Eureka Consistory No. 40  
Valley of Lawrence, Orient of Kansas  
Constituted circa 1919 (Defunct)***

This Consistory was set up by Deputy for the Orient, Sovereign Grand Inspector General Allen P. Smith 33°, but it was not without controversy. A group of men were misled by Milton F. Fields. Eventually they made an overture to the United Supreme Council, Northern Jurisdiction and were formed into this Consistory. However, 6 years prior Kaw Valley Consistory #16 had been constituted in the Valley of Topeka—less than 30 miles away. That caused a bit of consternation among the Fraters, but it was quelled by a visit from Most Puissant Sovereign Grand Commander James F. Rickards 33°.

Purportedly, “Eureka!” was the word exclaimed by Archimedes when he had finally discovered a method of determining the metallurgical breakdown of the crown of the King of Syracuse. Commonly it is used in place of “I found (got) it!” The name “Eureka” is ubiquitous in Prince Hall masonry. It is (and has been) the name of many Lodges (Eureka Lodge #52, Cleveland, Ohio); Chapters of the Order of the Eastern Star (Eureka Chapter #2, New Haven, Connecticut); Royal Arch Chapters (Eureka Chapter #3, Atlantic City, New Jersey); Royal & Select Councils (Eureka Council #7, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania); Commanderies of Knights Templar (Eureka Commandery No. 1, Detroit, Michigan); and Consistories of Scottish Rite Masons (Eureka Consistory No. 29, St. Louis, Missouri, United Supreme Council, Southern Jurisdiction) in our Order.

The “Eureka” name was resurrected for use by a Consistory located in Hanua (Germany), Orient of Europe, chartered in 1993. It is still operating today.

***If you have the history of  
your Consistory, please forward it to:  
[reginald.b.stewart@uscnjpha.org](mailto:reginald.b.stewart@uscnjpha.org).***

## How Well Do You Know Your Rite?

*“Things a Most Wise & Perfect Master Should Know”*

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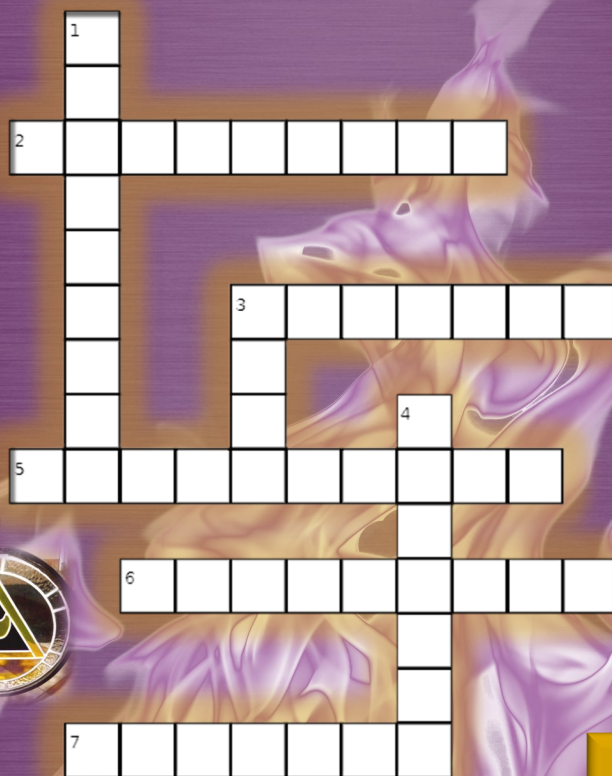
1. The 4° to the 14° are known as the \_\_\_\_\_ Degrees
3. Albert \_\_\_\_\_ is the author of Morals and Dogma
4. The 10th Degree is the Elu or Elect of \_\_\_\_\_

~ ACROSS ~

2. The 6th Degree is the Intimate \_\_\_\_\_
3. The 7th Degree is \_\_\_\_\_ and Judge
5. The 4° to the 14° Comprise the Lodge of \_\_\_\_\_
6. The 12th Degree is the Grand Master \_\_\_\_\_
7. The Royal Arch of \_\_\_\_\_ is the 13th Degree

~ Answers from Last Edition ~

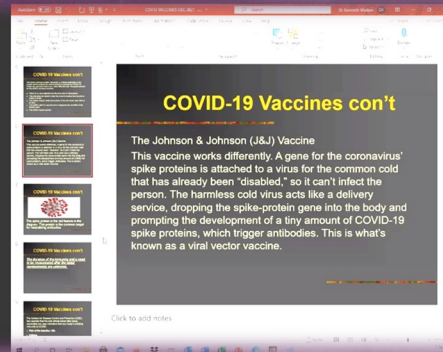
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5. ENHANCEMENTS 6. SPONSORSHIP 7. GROWTH



# 140<sup>th</sup> Annual Session of the

## Open Session Agenda

- USC Memorial Service
- B. Albert Ford Medical Symposium
- Address from Sovereign Grand Commander
- Class Donation Acknowledgements
- USC Raffle



The 140<sup>th</sup> Annual Session of the Northern Jurisdiction was held virtually on May 28-29, 2021 due to restrictions that were implemented as a result of the COVID pandemic. The meeting was held via the Zoom Video Conferencing system for the Holy Empire under the direction of Ill. Daniel R. Poole, Grand Recording Secretary, and a team of Information Technology professionals who secured all sessions. Special thanks are offered to that team as hundreds were able to attend without issue.

On May 28th, the Deputies, Overseers and Assistants met in a morning session to obtain status updates from each Orient. Several Grand Inspectors General were reclassified to Active and Emeritus status accepting higher responsibilities associated with their various reclassifications. Updates were also presented on multiple initiatives that are underway at the United Supreme Council level many of which are considered "legacy" initiatives. The Walk of Fame Paver Project continues as a viable method to generate finances for the efforts of the Scottish Rite

while beautifying the Holy See. The Cradle to College Program, a legacy from the term of Ill. Solomon Wallace, continues to uplift youth across the country (see pg. 14). The Scottish Rite Reflections Project, a new program, has captured the essence of the Scottish Rite through the words of members at all levels. The Lifetime Membership Program under the direction of Ill. Wayne Phillips has created a nest egg that will leave a lasting legacy after our working tools can no longer work. These and other initiatives are helping to achieve the vision laid out in 2019.

The afternoon session began at 1:00 PM and consisted of all Actives, Emeriti and Past Actives. After being called to order by Ill. Sidney D. Broadnax and after a word of prayer by Ill. Wilton E. Blake, the Sovereign Grand Commander Melvin J. Bazemore, who was introduced by Ill. Jerry Springer, welcomed all attendees. Most Worshipful Brother Roderick Anderson, Grand Master of Michigan was introduced by Ill. Christopher Buck, Deputy, Orient of Michigan. After a roll call of the membership, the session began.

# United Supreme Council

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Financial reports were presented by the financial officers affirming that the United Supreme Council is in a strong financial position despite the tide of COVID. Efforts engaged by program teams and stellar financial management by Ill. Roland Lee and Ill. Edward Brooks minimized COVID impacts. Lifetime Membership effort, in particular, is helping to achieve the financial goals outlined in the United Supreme Council Strategic Plan. Ill. Poole provided a status of the plan indicating that the organization is meeting its goals. After updates from the Convention Director, Ill. Carl Williams and closing remarks from Ill. Bazemore, the session closed with prayer.

The Open Session on May 29th was opened to all members of the Holy Empire. The Memorial Service was a grand start as it reminded members of the legacy of those who have gone on to glory and implored them to build upon the framework that they left behind. The B. Albert Ford Medical Symposium followed and provided great details on the COVID virus; stressed the importance vaccination and CDC

guidelines; and focused on wellness initiatives. Ill. Bazemore, then, gave his annual address to the Holy Empire as witnessed by the Sovereign Grand Commanders of the Southern Jurisdiction (PHA), Northern Masonic Jurisdiction and Southern Masonic Jurisdiction. He touched upon the status of the missions outlined in the Strategic Plan and reaffirmed that the goals are on track to be met. He looks forward with great anticipation to the innovations that are to come from all levels. After a closing prayer and recognition of Class Donations to the Benevolent Fund, the session officially closed.

After the session, the broadcast continued. The Annual USC Raffle was conducted in the Orient of Indiana under the direction of Ill. Gino Anderson. In honor of front-line COVID service providers, the raffle winners were selected by the local Indiana Fire Chief in the gallery dedicated to Veterans Affairs. With the raffle winners declared, the broadcast concluded shortly thereafter ending the proceedings of the 140th Annual Session.

# Frederick O. Dobson Sr. Class of 2020

## ALASKA

Earl Parker Jr., #102  
Charles D. Watson, #72

## BAHAMAS

Leslie K. Crawley, #73  
Dwight K. Grand, #83  
Godfrey T. Smith, #83

## CONNECTICUT

Nelson K. Carter Jr., #80  
Thomas E. Owens Jr., #7  
Ronald C. Williams, #80

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James E. Dobbins, #99  
Kenneth L. Rainey, #99

## FAR EAST

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Floyd A. Celestine, #85  
Luis A. Echevarria, #111  
Franklin D. Gray, #114  
Richard B. Hyde, #114  
Warren Jamison, #103  
Lindsey J. Morrell Jr., #111  
Christopher T. Stewart, #85  
Kedric Lee Tolbert, #85

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Larry Burnett, #91  
Christopher M. Calhoun Sr., #28  
Joshua M. Hamilton, #51  
Leo F. Henley, #28  
Donardo C. Jones, #28  
Aaron C. Jones Sr., #28  
Alexander E. Miles, #28  
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Barry C. Spencer, #77  
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*April 1, 2020—March 31, 2021*  
**May peace be unto their ashes**

# VETERANS AFFAIRS: *Veterans*

Welcome to the USC Bulletin's Veterans' Affairs column. The intent of this column is to inform and educate the Veterans, service members and their family members among our membership on federal benefits for which they may be eligible. Due to the positive responses received for previous articles pertaining to this subject, S.G.I.G. Daryl Andrews, 33<sup>o</sup>, Editor for the USC Bulletin asked if I would take on this endeavor and I gladly accepted. Thank you for the opportunity Illustrious Andrews!

In previous issues of the Bulletin, I presented articles that provided a general overview of a majority of benefit programs available through the Department of Veteran Affairs (VA). The most common were VA Disability Compensation and Pension. As a refresher, shown below is a brief description of those programs:

- ***“VA disability compensation (pay) offers a monthly tax-free payment to Veterans who got sick or injured while serving in the military and to Veterans whose service made an existing condition worse.”*** (U.S. Department of Veteran's Affairs, 2021) *Injuries incurred during or aggravated due to military service are referred to as “service-connected” and are subject to VA disability compensation.*
- ***“The Veterans Pension program provides monthly payments to wartime Veterans who meet certain age or disability requirements, and who have income and net worth within certain limits.”*** (U.S. Department of Veteran's Affairs, 2021)

Rather than readdressing information provided previously, I want to take this opportunity to share some recent success stories in which veterans, family members and surviving spouses of the Prince Hall Masonic family have benefited from these programs. I'm confident will this better illustrate the importance of these programs and the impact they may have for some of our membership. Regarding these success stories, I will describe the situations, actions taken, and the results attained.

- **Situation:** A retired U.S. Army Veteran died due to kidney failure leaving behind a surviving spouse that is living with multiple sclerosis. The primary cause of death and contributing causes were listed on his death certificate. The Veteran was service connected for Type II diabetes which was related to his kidney failure.
- **Action:** After reviewing the veteran's VA file, I verified that he was 100% totally and permanently disabled for over 10 years upon his death. This paved the way for his surviving spouse to qualify for several benefits. She qualified for a service-connected death benefit, Dependency and Indemnity Compensation (DIC), and special monthly compensation (SMC). I helped her draft the required forms and submitted them to the VA.
- **Result:** Approximately 2 weeks after her application was submitted, the VA decided that the Veteran's death was in fact due to diseases related to his military service and he was 100% totally and permanently disabled for a period in excess of 10 years. She was granted the maximum \$2,000 service-connected death benefit. Additionally, she was granted a monthly non-taxable monetary DIC benefit of approximately \$1,600. Furthermore, due to the surviving spouse being deemed in need of a SMC benefit called “Aid and Attendance”, she was granted an additional non-taxable monthly monetary benefit of approximately \$300. Combined, she will receive \$1,900 a month in VA benefits for the remainder of her life. Although she lost her husband, she stated that she was appreciative that the VA was able to grant her benefits for his service.

The next story involves a veteran with a back condition that impacted his ability to obtain and maintain gainful employment.

# Benefits Success Stories

By Grand Inspector General Stuart A. Lee II, 33<sup>rd</sup>

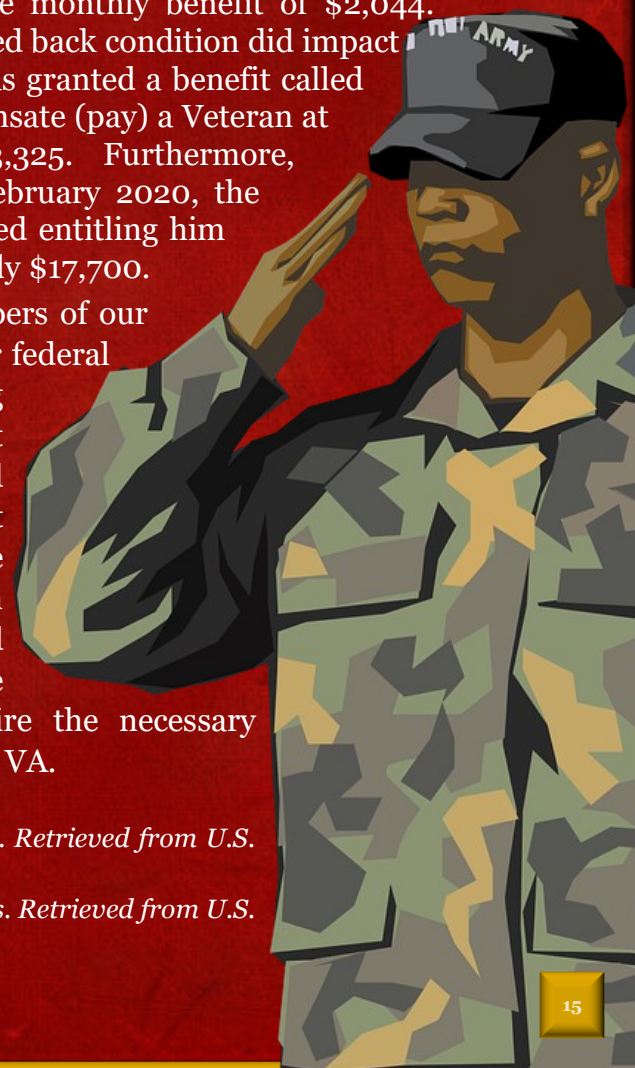


- **Situation:** The veteran had been service-connected for a lower back condition since retiring from the military on or about the year 2010. Although his back condition has worsened over the past 10 years, he never applied for an increase in compensation. He informed me that often times his back “locks up on him” causing him to limit his activities and rest for several days, leaving him somewhat incapacitated. Additionally, he stated that he left his previous employment in part due to the tasks he had to perform, which aggravated his back condition.
- **Action:** After reviewing the veteran’s VA file, I found that he was service connected for his back at a 10% disability rating. I submitted an “Intent to File” to the VA on or about February 2020 which allowed him to gather evidence in support of his claim and at the same time ensure the earliest possible effective date for the claim. This is important because if his claim is granted, the VA will pay the Veteran retroactively to the date of the Intent to File. I advised the Veteran to bring me any new and relevant medical evidence to demonstrate that his condition worsened. After several months, he provided the evidence. I helped him draft the required paperwork in addition to a statement describing how his back condition impacted his ability to maintain gainful employment. His claim forms and supporting documentation were submitted to the VA during January 2021.
- **Result:** In March 2021, the VA made a decision on the Veteran’s claim and granted an increase from 10% to 40% disabling for his back condition. This resulted in his combined disability rating increasing to 90%, which equates to a non-taxable monthly benefit of \$2,044. Additionally, because the VA found that his service-connected back condition did impact his ability to obtain and sustain gainful employment, he was granted a benefit called “individual unemployability” which allows the VA to compensate (pay) a Veteran at the 100% rate, which equates to a monthly benefit of \$3,325. Furthermore, because an Intent to File was submitted to the VA in February 2020, the earliest effective date for the Veteran’s claim was established entitling him to a retroactive non-taxable benefit payment of approximately \$17,700.

These are just a few of the success stories I and several members of our Prince Hall Masonic family have experienced after applying for federal VA benefits. Whether or not you are a Veteran, surviving spouse, family member, or friend of a Veteran, etc., I hope that you see and understand how the VA may assist Veterans and their family members. If you know of someone that may benefit from these programs, simply refer them to a Veteran Service Officer or Veteran Service Organization such as the American Legion (ALG), Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW), Disabled American Veterans (DAV), and many others. They will likely be able to help them select the proper VA forms and acquire the necessary documentation to successfully develop and submit claims to the VA.

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## Saving Our Youth: “From Cradle to College”

*Sovereign Grand Inspector General Horace J. Jackson, 33° & Sovereign Grand Inspector General Charles Burns, 33°*

The pandemic has caused our mentoring programs to be forced to engage in initiatives that we have not been accustomed to in the past. Some programs have continued through remote virtual meetings, telephone calls, and via email. And unfortunately, in some cases, programs have been temporarily stopped. As the 2021-22 school year begins, we hope to be able to completely restart all of our mentoring programs. The participating Orients are encouraged to prepare for the beginning of this school year so that we can once again fully engage with our mentees.

### **Orient of Connecticut—Valley of Hartford**

**SGIG Edward Cherry, 33° – Deputy for the Orient Mentoring Coordinator - SGIG Floyd E. Bagwell, Jr.**

Mentoring in Connecticut has been slowed but not hampered as we took “out of the box action” and continued our work within the bounds of safe and sound action. During the pandemic we used “Yankee ingenuity and “true grit” to keep our program going in a limited fashion. Our mentors kept in touch with mentees in a wide variety of ways- zooms, telephone calls and email. Lots of contact were made with school officials to get progress reports of activities on the system’s plans to keep students, parents and volunteers engaged in the education process in the present and in the future. The biggest take-away for the program this year was being able to keep up with the academic progress of mentees with whom we had contact and to provide much needed scholarship awards to them. It must be emphasized that it was because of the regular feedback we got from school officials we could track the progress of our mentees. Action is productive and measurable. Plans are underway for the new academic year. There are plans for meetings that will take place between the Program and school officials in early Fall (Sept.). The system is preparing for a full in-class operation and full day sessions starting in the last week of August/first week of Sept. for the 2021-22 School Year. Some early thoughts on the program offerings for the year are:

1. *Saturday visit to the United Nations in New York with a late lunch scheduled at a local famous restaurant. Family members will be encouraged to attend.*
2. *College sporting events are now being planned.*
3. *Upcoming culture events are being considered.*
4. *College visits and tours being planned.*
5. *Establishing a stronger relationship with student who attend Tech Schools and expanding our mentoring program to offer symmetry to the newly formed/proposed collective.*

As plans emerge to put education back on track, we are eager to assist as much as we can.

### **Orient of Illinois—Valley of Carbondale**

**SGIG Melvin Frierson, 33° - Deputy for the Orient  
SGIG Charles Burns, Jr., Assistant to the Deputy and  
Assistant Mentoring Committee Chairman  
GIG LaRue Love, Sr. 33°, Mentor Coordinator**

Despite the Pandemic life has not gotten easier for students graduating from high school. Many students are still forced to deal with the struggles of coming up with funds to pay for college. Due to social distancing the members of Hiram #51 and the Cradle to college program still wanted to assist students in the Valley. That said after many conversations and donations from a few key members, On May 24, 2021 Hiram #51 was able to partner with a foundation to present two scholarships in the amount of \$1,250 to two worth high school seniors at Egyptian High School. This was a tremendous endeavor for the Members of Hiram #51 but it was the next level of our program. Featured in the picture are GIG LaRue Love, Sr. and his Wife Dr. L. Love, PH.D., Two Scholarship recipients, and The School Guidance Counselor.

### **Orient of Michigan/Valleys of Detroit**

**SGIG Christopher Buck, 33° - Deputy for the Orient  
Mentoring Coordinator: GIG Karl E. D’Abreu, Sr.  
District: Detroit Public and Non-traditional Schools  
School: Martin Luther King Jr. Sr High School  
Dr. Dennis Myles (liaison)**

On Saturday, May 22, 2021, our “From Cradle to College” Virtual Mentoring Program hosted a session for our youth. The workshop was planned to have a meaningful impact on the students involved, and plant seeds and guide the trajectory of their lives in a positive direction. And at the same time give participants an opportunity to develop meaningful relationships with their mentors and get exposure to a variety of careers and educational programs. Thus, students would be able to make better decisions as it relates to their career pathway. The students heard from mentors who shared information on careers in health care/medicine, STEM (science, technology engineering, and math), entrepreneurship, education-teaching, and how to build a relationship with their mentor. Also, there were presentations:

- *G.I.G. Ocie Drake: “A Strong and Vibrant Community with Medicine and Healthcare Professionals”*
- *G.I.G. John Bostic: “How Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math Can Change the World” (how can we fit in vocational education?)*
- *G.I.G. Tony Dennis/Mr. Justin Banks “Building A Supportive Network, The Mentor/Mentee Relationship”*
- *G.I.G. Bryant Nolden “Be Your Own Boss, Getting your Business Started-Entrepreneurship”*
- *G.I.G. Karl D’Abreu “When Purpose and Passion Meet - Choosing Your Career Pathway”*



After the presentations, there was a question-and-answer period, followed by prizes presented to the mentees by G.I.G. Bryant Nolden. As the session came to an end, we had remarks by Sovereign Grand Inspector General, Christopher Buck 33°, Deputy of Orient of Michigan, and the Most Worshipful Grand Master, MWPHGL of Michigan, Rodrick D. Anderson.

### ***Orient of New Jersey***

**SGIG Robert L. Oglesby, 33° - Deputy for the Orient**  
**GIG Terence Berry, Coordinator**

We are pleased to report that the program is still in effect and on the way from recovery of this pandemic. The young men are doing fine and each one has advanced to the next grade in their institutions of learning. We are also pleased to report that we have currently in the program, three Seniors, three Juniors, and five Sophomores totaling eleven Young men. We will be getting together in September. Our plan is to have some round tables to let the young men express themselves as to what they would like to do and have planned in the near future as they reach the end of their High School Education. We are also looking into an outing, either bowling or roller-skating for the group to stay connected with each other.

### ***Orient of Ohio—Valley of Cleveland***

**SGIG Carl A. Williams, 33° - Deputy for the Orient**  
**SGIG Leonard B. Jackson, Coordinator,**  
**SGIG Ival Angel – Reporting**

On Monday, August 23, 2021, Principal Terrance Mitchell opened the doors of Valley View Boys Elementary School for his fifth year as principal there. Several years ago, Principal Mitchell shared with Sovereign Grand Inspector General Ival Angel that it has always been his intention to have the young scholars greeted by black men in the greater Cleveland community on the first day of school. For that reason, SGIG Angel has gotten Commander-in-Chief Aaron Jackson and the fraters of Bezaleel Consistory, No. 15, Valley of Cleveland, OH, to report to Valley View on the first day of school for the past several years to show support for our youth, as well as serve as role models for the community. Again, on the first day of school, the fraters from Bezaleel Consistory, No. 15, reported to Valley View Elementary School in Masonic dress, stood in two lines with the principal and several teachers, shaking the young males' hands and wishing the students success as they entered the school.

During the 2019-2020 school year, the fraters of the Bezaleel Consistory, No. 15, also, participated in a Reading program at Valley View Boys Elementary School once a week. Loyal Lady Lori Angel from Bezaleel Assembly, No. 19, Order of the Golden Circle,

## **Cradle to College Success Story**

### **ORIENT OF MICHIGAN**

*Congratulations to Mr. Danny Phippen, Cradle to College mentee & USC Scholarship winner, on graduating from Kent State University.*



*Retrieved May 15, 2021—Facebook—SGIG Wayne E. Phillips*

works as a part-time Media Specialist at the school. Principal Mitchell allowed the fraters to work with the First and Second Grade students to help strengthen reading fluency. This program was halted during the 2020-2021 school year because of COVID. The Valley View staff as well as the students are looking forward to the partnership with the fraters as well as continuing the Reading Program this school year.

### ***Orient of Washington and Oregon Valleys of Spokane, Pasco and Olympia***

**SGIG Gregory Wraggs, 33° - Deputy for the Orient**  
**GIG Arthur T. Broady, Coordinator**

Due to the pandemic, the initiatives we had planned for this year had to be delayed. However, our mentoring program will resume in September, when the 2021/2022 school year begins. We look forward to the start of the school year and we look forward to assisting our youth.



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# USC Constitution Quiz #3



1. How many members, with exception of the Most Illustrious Commander-in-Chief, shall constitute a quorum to conduct business in a Council of Deliberation?

- a) 8 b) 7 c) 9 d) 11

2. Special meetings may be called by the Deputy of the Orient or upon the \_\_\_\_\_.

- a) request of all the Commanders-in-Chief of the Orient
b) written request of the Illustrious First and Second Lieutenant Commanders
c) written request of 5 members of the Council of Deliberation
d) written request of 7 members of the Council of Deliberation

3. Under the control and supervision of the Deputy, the Council of Deliberation shall have such \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ powers in the Orient as shall not be reserved specifically by the Supreme Council or shall not be inconsistent with the Constitutions and Regulations thereof .

- a) Executive/Judicial b) Executive/Administrative
c) Judicial/Legislative d) Administrative/Legislative

4. The choice of fraters to be recommended for advancement to the 33rd Degree shall be made by majority vote of the Council of Deliberation by secret ballot.

- a) True b) False

5. The elected officers of the Council of Deliberation are:

- a) Most Illustrious Commander-in-Chief, Illustrious First and Second Lieutenant Commanders, Illustrious Grand Treasurer, and Illustrious Grand Secretary
b) Most Illustrious Commander-in-Chief, Illustrious First and Second Lieutenant Commanders, Illustrious Grand Treasurer, Illustrious Grand Secretary, and Illustrious Grand Sentinel
c) Illustrious First and Second Lieutenant Commanders, Illustrious Minister of State and Grand Orator, Illustrious Grand Treasurer, and Illustrious Grand Secretary

6. There are \_\_\_\_\_ officers of the Council of Deliberation.

- a) 11 b) 9 c) 7 d) 12

7. The council may fix the maximum rate for conferring degrees in the various bodies under its Jurisdiction.

- a) True b) False

8. The recommendation of all candidates made by Councils of Deliberation to the Supreme Council for elevation to the 33rd Degree should be received by the Sovereign Grand Commander on or before the \_\_\_\_\_ preceding the Annual Meeting of the Supreme Council.

- a) The 1st day of February
b) The last day of February
c) The 1st day of April
d) The 15th day of January

9. If the recommendation of a candidate made by the Council of Deliberation to the Supreme Council for elevation to the Thirty-Third Degree is not received on time by the Sovereign Grand Commander, such candidate's recommendation \_\_\_\_\_.

- a) is carried over to the following year
b) shall be void and he must again be recommended by their Council of Deliberation
c) shall be void and he shall be ineligible for consideration until the next Triennial Session
d) shall be suspended

10. G.I.G. Johnson felt that he was aggrieved by the actions of his Council of Deliberation and is considering filing an appeal to the Supreme Council at the next Annual Session. Within how many days from the meeting of the Council shall he file his appeal with the Illustrious Grand Secretary of the Council of Deliberation?

- a) 10 b) 30 c) 5 d) 15

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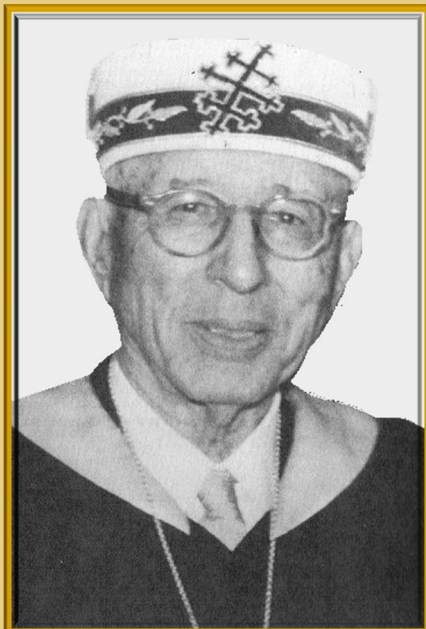
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# Sovereign Grand Commanders:



George Williamson Crawford was one of the most prominent Scottish Rite Masons in the nation. Born from humble beginnings, he became an attorney and utilized his skills and passion to implement positive change in the communities where he lived and served. As a black citizen, he endured a great deal of challenges to his manhood based on racial discrimination but his dignity and moral code drove him to excellence despite the tide.

Crawford was born on October 21, 1877 to William and Charlotte Oliver Crawford. At the age of nine, his family moved to Birmingham. He attended Tuskegee Institute, worked in the financial offices as a student under Booker T. Washington (right) and graduated in 1896. He, then, entered Talladega College graduating in 1900. Alabama Jim Crow segregation laws prohibited African Americans from attending whites-only law schools. So he applied to the Yale School of Law in New Haven, Connecticut graduating in 1903 with honors.



## **Sovereign Grand Commanders**

1. Ill. William H. Cooper, 1881
2. Ill. Moses Wheeler, 1881-87
3. Ill. David C. Gray, 1887-89
4. Ill. Phillip T. Colding, 1889-90
5. Ill. George W. Roper, 1890-97
6. Ill. Robert L. Reed, 1897-99
7. Ill. Joshua D. Kelly, 1899-1910
8. Ill. Robert Hucless, 1910-11
9. Ill. James F. Rickards, 1911-21
10. Ill. Sumner A. Furniss, 1921-49
11. Ill. George W. Crawford, 1949-65
12. Ill. Leland D. French, 1965-73
13. Ill. Frank M. Summer, 1973-77
14. Ill. Russell S. Gideon, 1977-85
15. Ill. Booker T. Alexander, 1985-92
16. Ill. Samuel Brogdon Jr., 1992-2004
17. Ill. Algje S. Oldham, 2004-06
18. Ill. Dr. Solomon Wallace, 2006-16
19. Ill. Basil L. Sands, 2016-2018
20. Ill. Melvin J. Bazemore, 2018-

Although he studied, worked and resided in Connecticut, Crawford never forgot his Alabama roots. In 1905, he was elected to the Talladega Board of Trustees while working as a clerk for the New Haven probate court. Keenly aware of the racial environment and willing to fight for rights, he started his own private practice in 1907, which he continued through 1950, and was thrust into the civil rights movement via the Niagara Movement.

The 1908 Race Riots in Springfield, Illinois drew much national attention and drove many citizens of all races into action. The lynching of an Illinois Prince Hall Mason, William Donegan, and the reporting of the riots by Ida B. Wells and others prompted the Niagara Movement to build a larger coalition. Together, with concerned citizens, they organized the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) in 1909. Crawford served on its Board of



Directors along with W.E.B. DuBois (above) and, became a Mason in Widows Son Lodge #1 of New Haven the same year. DuBois followed him into the Lodge and, working with like-minded brethren, they became a force for service and justice. In 1911, Crawford married Sadella Donaldson, an English teacher at Tuskegee and traveled between Alabama and Connecticut until settling in New Haven. By 1917, he had become a father of a daughter, Charlotte, and founder of the New Haven Branch of the NAACP.

Crawford is one of a handful of individuals who engaged in intellectual intercourse with two of the greatest minds of the 20<sup>th</sup> Century. Taught in Tuskegee by Washington and collaborations with DuBois helped to develop a strong, intellectual mixture and sense of servant-leadership. The practical application of this intelligence through the

# George Williamson Crawford

*Talented Tenth* concept of DuBois made Crawford uniquely situated for leadership at a critical time in African American history. The products of his labors affirm this.

In 1914, Crawford published *Prince Hall and His Followers* to document the legitimacy of Prince Hall Masonry and combat challenges motivated by racism in that era. He also authored *The Immortal Fifteen*, a play, to showcase this history. The formalization of the history became the basis upon which Masonic illegitimacy challenges were combatted.

In 1915, Crawford was elected Grand Master of Connecticut Prince Hall Masons and crowned a Grand Inspector General of the United Supreme Council, Northern Jurisdiction. The same year, *Birth of a Nation by D.W. Griffith* was released. The film stoked the flames of racism by elevating the Ku Klux Klan to hero status. Although the film could not be quelled, Crawford lead successful legal efforts through the NAACP to edit the most egregious scenes from showings in New Haven. This set a precedent that other locales followed. Promotion of these and other victories by Prince Hall Masons and others resulted in growth of the NAACP Legal Defense Fund (NLDF) and new NAACP Chapters across the nation.

Crawford's efforts in Freemasonry and fights for civil rights had become extensive through the first half of the 20th Century. He had become an elected officer of the Northern Jurisdiction in the 1920s and was elevated to Sovereign Grand Commander in 1949. He continued to work with members of the Southern Jurisdiction through the NLDF like Thurgood Marshall (left), to secure civil



rights victories while elevating in the Connecticut legal arena. His victory in the *1937 Waterbury Case* for which he obtained acquittal for thirteen white defendants who had been charged with breach of public trust opened more doors for him professionally. In fact, the same year Crawford was appointed as Corporate Counsel in 1954 for

New Haven, Marshall won *Brown v. Board of Education* which ended segregation in schools. Many credit the pressure exerted by Sovereign Grand Commander Crawford as a factor in this victory.

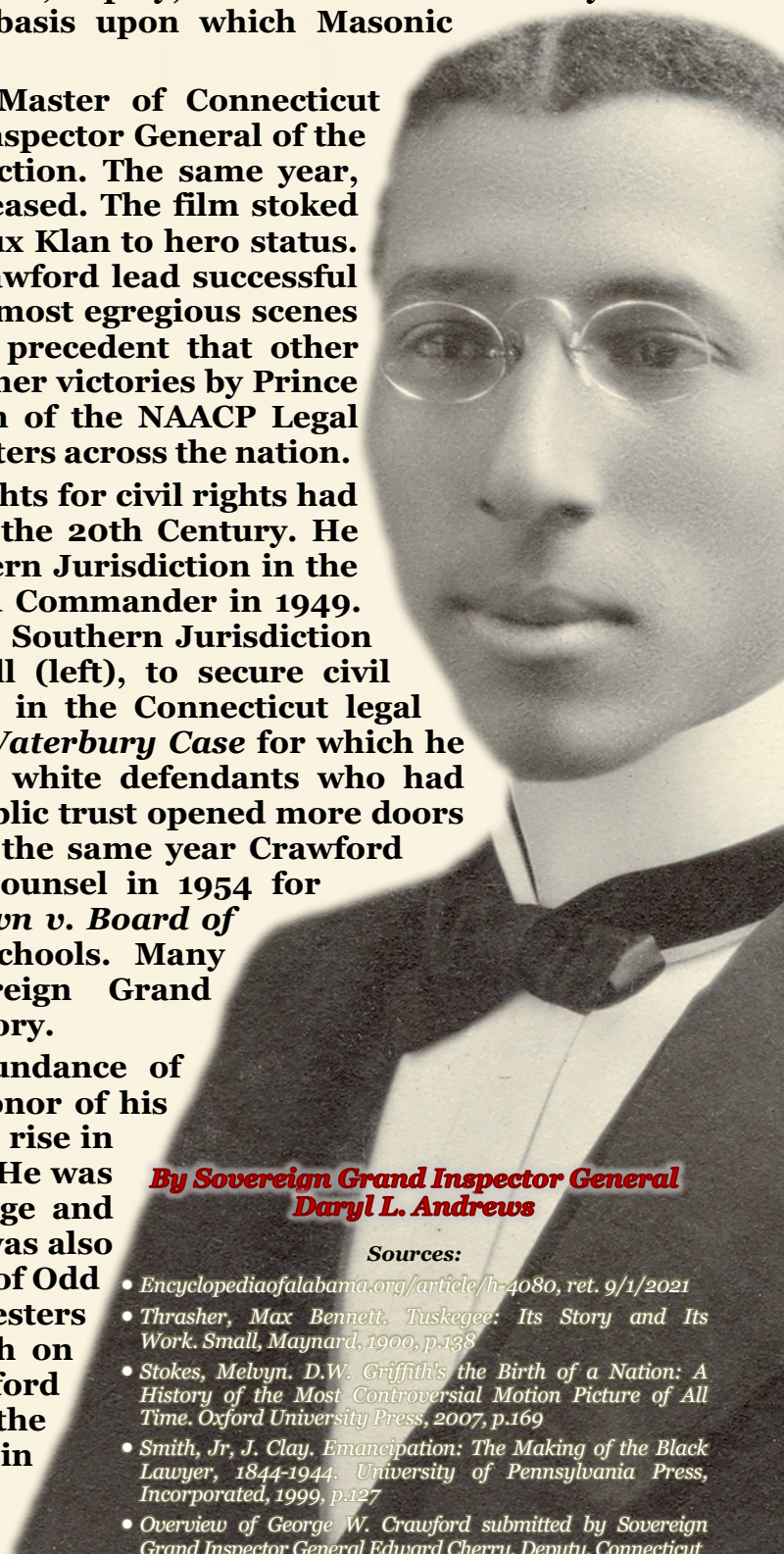
Crawford's legacy is filled with an abundance of accomplishments in multiple arenas. In honor of his service, *George W. Crawford Manor*, a high rise in New Haven, became his namesake in 1966. He was a member of the Board at Talladega College and Howard University in Washington D.C. He was also a member of Sigma Pi Phi Fraternity, Order of Odd Fellows, and the Ancient Order of the Foresters who lauded him during and after his death on August 2, 1972. In 1979, the Greater Hartford Black Law Society changed its name to the *George W. Crawford Black Bar Association* in his honor. May peace be unto the ashes of this phenomenal prolific leader.



**By Sovereign Grand Inspector General  
Daryl L. Andrews**

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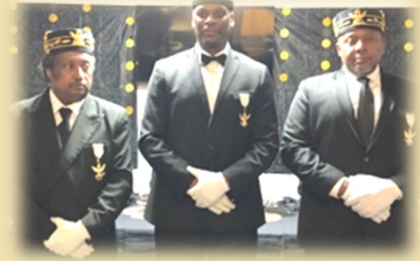


**ORIENT OF ALASKA**  
*Sovereign Grand Inspector General  
Clifford Hastings, 33<sup>rd</sup>—Deputy*

2021 has produced a year for the history books for the United Supreme Council. The COVID-19 pandemic has ravaged the world and caused hardship for so many, and one must take time to reflect and thank God for bringing us through this time of strife. The challenges facing the Rite may have been numerous, but they pale in comparison to the life and death struggle of people around the world. Each Orient in the Northern Jurisdiction has had to work together to keep the Fraters safe and in compliance with safety directives that changed daily from a Federal, State and Local perspective. Through all of this the Sov. Grand Commander, Ill Melvin J. Bazemore and his staff have had to meet each obstacle, and plan a successful methodology to ensure the Rite continue their good works while maintaining a safe environment.

This 140th Session of the United Supreme Council, PHA, NJ, USA Inc. was a session like no other due to those aforementioned issues. This year the Orient of Alaska had three Fraters who were supposed to be in separate

classes, but were attending the virtual sessions to complete their associated tasks incident to joining the ranks as Grand Inspectors General at this year's 140<sup>th</sup> session. The dilemma facing Deputy Hastings was how to add to the momentous moment for newly minted GIGs Earl Parker, Charles Watson and Charlie Jones when he knew they were missing some of the splendor of the event. The beginning of a plan was hatched at the monthly meetings he held with SGIG Andre Johnson and SGIG Curtis Harris. Ideas were pitched and carefully thought out, and finally after conferring with other GIGs in the Orient, a decision was made. Alaska would hold what would become our first banquet to honor our newest GIGs.



The first order of business was to ensure compliance with COVID safety procedures. The scope was quickly narrowed to only those who had been fully vaccinated would be allowed to attend. Even though we knew many would want to attend we also knew that seating would quickly become an issue, as the intent was to keep it a smaller social gathering. Ideas continued to come in from the membership and plans continued to formulate to bring this event to fruition. There is always concern over expenses as things can snowball out of control quite quickly, and Deputy Hastings wanted the event to be to happen with the least financial impact. GIG Doyle Williams has deep roots in Anchorage and he spearheaded meal coordination and secured the catering services of Mrs. Queen Walker-Stewart. This was made possible as they both serve in the Army of the Lord as members of Shiloh Baptist Church, he as a Deacon and she as a Trustee. SGIG Andre Johnson worked with the Commanders of the Rite, Northern Lights Consistory #72 and Top of the World Consistory #102 to secure interest in attending the event. His efforts led to having a good cross section from the members north and south of the range. SGIG Curtis Harris took charge of securing a venue for this occasion. He was able to work



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Argentry Mitchell  
James A. Mitchell  
William L. Norman  
Michael Owens

Jerald L. Prince  
William F. Redmond  
Walter Reed Jr.  
Montie Reynolds  
Joseph J. Richardson Sr.  
John L. Richardson  
Joseph Ryan  
Denton D. Smith  
Charles J. Stewart  
George W. Tynes  
Raymond Watkins  
Robert E. Weems Sr.  
Fred Williams Jr.  
Ernest Willis  
Ray E. Willis

**BISON #29**  
Charles H. Allen Jr.  
Lawrence E. Brown  
Joe H. Burton  
Arthur Crenshaw  
Jimmy F. Haynes  
John R. Hill Jr.  
Calvin Hubbard  
Henderson Hutchins Jr.  
Eddie L. Johnson  
Stanley Mack  
Delmar Morris  
Jerrrell G. Moss  
William G. Nelson  
Darius G. Pridgen  
Darrell M. Saxon II

**MOUNTAIN & PLAINS #33**  
Wilton Brown  
Jesse M. Buckmon  
Elvin R. Caldwell Jr.  
Roscoe Crawford Jr.  
Lionell Cummings  
George Goree Jr.  
Terrell M. McGary  
Keith L. Weston  
Osie Winds  
Willie L. Winfield  
**MALTA #34**  
Michael C. Cosby  
Jeffrey N. Peele  
Jack D. White

with the MWPHGL of Alaska to utilize the GL building at no additional cost to the Rite.

With everything in place Deputy Hastings then worked to secure attendance from the MWPHGL of Alaska. He sent an official correspondence to the Grand Lodge inviting the Most Worshipful Grand Master, the Honorable Derrick R. Flowers (above), to attend as guest of honor. MWGM Flowers graciously accepted the invitation, and informed Deputy Hastings that he would be attending with RW Deputy Grand Master Abdullah Mustapha-Thomas to honor the new members of the USC. This is a treat since in this case both MWGM Flowers and DGM Mustapha-Thomas are Grand Inspectors General of the United Supreme Council, AASR, PHA, Southern Jurisdiction, USA Inc. and both were quite happy to see this event taking place in a safe environment and members of their jurisdiction so honored. MWGM Flowers and DGM Mustapha-Thomas addressed the assemblage via Zoom as they were unable to make it in person. They brought greetings on behalf of the MWPHGL of Alaska. Further, they brought greetings on behalf of Ill Corey D. Hawkins Sr. the Sovereign Grand Commander of the USC, AASR, PHA, Southern Jurisdiction, USA, Inc. The Order of the Golden Circle was determined not to be left out of the event, as the buzz and excitement was getting around the Orient. SGLLR Jackie Parker (left) worked with Deputy Hastings to get the word out via the State Grand Assembly of Alaska to Alaskanite Assembly #72 and North Star Assembly #79.



The focus was kept on our honorees and making them “feel special” since the evening was all about them, and trying to give them some of the ambience they were missing due to COVID protocols. The room as absolutely decked out in splendor, and everyone who attended was simply amazed at the work of one member in particular—Loyal Lady Amelia Starks. She performed like a one



person construction company, as she pulled together all the decorations and seamlessly put together a beautiful event! We certainly can't thank LL Starks (right) enough for her selfless service and determination to ensure “Her Brothers” were well taken care of! Deputy Hastings invited our counterpart non-PHA Fraters to join in the evening's festivities. Joining from the Supreme Council Southern Masonic Jurisdiction Scottish Rite was GIG Bruce Kling, 33° from the Orient of Alaska, Valley of Anchorage (right). He brought greetings on behalf of the Southern Masonic Jurisdiction and socialized with the attendees and thoroughly enjoyed his time as much as we enjoyed him. Deputy Hastings asked SGIG Harris to conduct the traditional Toast, as he wanted the attendees to receive more of the essence incident to the occasion.



The evening was capped off with a surprise from the Order of the Eastern Star. It just so happens that SGLLR Jackie Parker is also Grand Worthy Matron Jackie Parker and she had a trick up her sleeve. The Worthy Matron of Far North Chapter #4 Dawn McClain (located in Anchorage where the event was held) had gifts for each of the Honorees. Deputy Hastings and SGLLR Parker were invited to present the beautiful plaques to the honorees to the enjoyment of all involved.

**SARDONIAS #41**

- Robert L. Bolling
- Henry Grady James III
- Anthony J. Knight Sr.
- Bryan D. Morris
- Edward Perrin Jr.
- Russell Shields
- Dan S. Smith
- Derry H. Thomas Sr.
- Garrett L. Winn

**PENINSULAR #44**

- Joseph M. Barkley Jr.
- Willie J. Campbell
- John W. Hearn
- Edgar L. Loring

- Brien Martin
- Roy J. Mays
- Jimmy F. Moore
- Julius O. Pigott
- Jay A. Townsley

**UTICA #45**

- Milton Boddie
- Jimmie Chaple
- Lawrence Cross
- John H. Davis
- Robert Eugene Davis
- George E. DeWitt Sr.
- Russell E. Duckett
- Grady Edge
- Willis A. Knighton

- Roy A. Kyles
- Abraham A. Lee
- Albert Marshall
- Lawrence Peoples
- Edward E. Speer
- Robert E. Stallworth
- Gregory S. Thomas
- Robert H. Wade Jr.

**WILLIAM F. POWELL #46**

- Lynn Lewis Jr.

**OPHIR #48**

- James G. Allen
- Dale A. Brown
- Eubert G. Brown
- Louis J. Butler

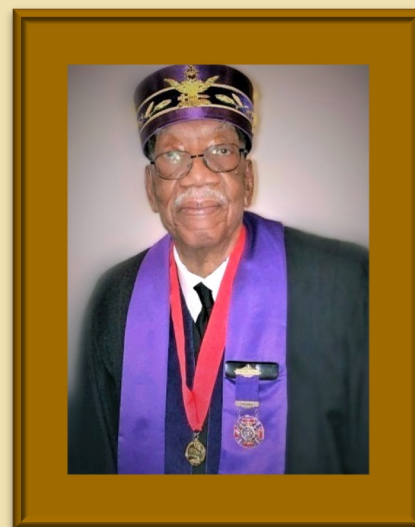
- Ernest W. Chester Sr.
- Ronald A. Clark
- Russell W. Clayton Jr.
- Frank H. Galloway III
- Robert E. Groce
- Larry R. Gunnell Sr.
- Horace Jordan
- Homer O. Justice
- Vander H. McFarland Sr.
- Walter A. Smith
- Walter D. Staton Jr.
- Wilbur G. Stewart
- Timothy Thomas
- Louis R. Toval Jr.
- Peter B. Walker Jr.
- Charles F. Williams

**MENELIK #49**

- Aubrey K. Barlow
- Charles H. Cook
- Theodore F. Curtis
- Charles M. Drake
- David Johnson
- James E. Lanier
- George A. Reid

**S.W. GORDON #50**

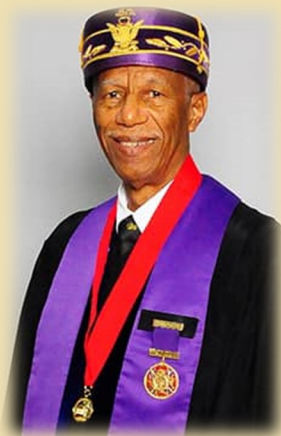
- Elton E. Adkinson
- Samuel L. Ballinger
- Kevin E. Barksdale
- Isiah Cherry
- Brandon E. Harris
- Claude Irby Jr.
- Oliver H. Jones



**ORIENT OF THE BAHAMAS**  
*Sovereign Grand Inspector General*  
**Everette Z. Mackey, 33<sup>o</sup>**

**ORIENT OF CONNECTICUT**  
*Sovereign Grand Inspector General*  
**Edward Cherry, 33<sup>o</sup>—Deputy**

The orient of the Bahamas has experienced a great loss as has the United Supreme Council with the recent passing of Sovereign Grand Inspector General Roscow A.L. Davies, Deputy for the Orient of the Bahamas. Illustrious Davies had served as Deputy over the Orient since 2004 and had been working tirelessly to aid in relief efforts caused by the hurricanes that passed through Bahamian communities over the past few years. These efforts aided thousands and the work continues to be underway and continues to be a priority for the Orient. Also a Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of the Bahamas, a Past Grand Patron of the Grand Chapter, a Past Head of House in Male York Rite Bodies and Honorary Past Imperial Potentate of the Shrine, he was an active Mason at all ranks and levels. He was also an outstanding soccer player in his youth and has a field named in his honor in New Providence. He met his earthly demise in July of 2021 and will forever be known as a stellar example of leadership. May he rest in eternal peace.



The Orient of Connecticut continues its work on a scale generally dictated by the Covid-19 virus and the Delta variant which continues to cast their deadly spell over the world, but, as of this writing, the Orient's members and their families, with some exceptions, have been blessed by the Grand Architect of the Universe to have been spared. We send our sincere and fraternal prayers to those who have been stricken by this virus. During this pandemic we have been fortunate enough to have been able, by the use of common sense and the Zoom virtual conferencing system to continue our meetings, Consistories and Golden Circle meetings, and the Sovereign Grand Inspectors General, to also maintain virtual contact with each other so as to take care of necessary business as well as limited social intercourse. Our Council of Deliberation is planned as an in-person activity in November utilizing proper official protocol unless the Delta Variant explodes to point that our facility remains available; in event an in-person event is not possible we will revert to the same type of successful virtual Council of Deliberation meeting as was held in 2020 to avoid the possible Covid-19 contamination of our members.

The Orient was most saddened by the loss of two of its stalwart members on the same day. Illustrious Robert Horn, a Past Master of Tuscan Lodge #17, a Past

Daniel B. Singleton  
 Emerson L. Terry  
**ST. JOHNS #54**  
 James E. Eaves  
 Carlos A. Sanders Sr.

**MARION #60**  
 Reggie E. Nevels Sr.  
 Richard C. Watson Jr.

**LONG ISLAND #61**  
 Mark A. Alexander  
 Richard G. Austin  
 Willie A. Bond  
 Lonnie M. Bright

Kenneth O. Butler Sr.  
 William N. Carmen  
 Alfred B. Curtis Jr.  
 Edward E. Fulmore  
 David F. Hancock  
 Joe L. Hibbler  
 William J. Johnson  
 Ivan W. Kelly  
 Linden L. Mitchell  
 Kelly J. Sheppard  
 Richard Slaughte  
 John Tilley  
 James B. Usher  
 Alton R. Waldon Jr.  
 Galveston Witherspoon  
 Luther M. Wright

Gary A. Wright Sr.  
**MAGIC CITY #62**  
 Darrel J. Anderson  
 George W. Clark  
 William L. Fuller  
 Alexander Jacque  
 Clemmon Julkes  
 Theodore K. Millard Sr.  
 Joseph Rodgers Jr.  
 Joseph Slay Jr.  
**TYREE #64**  
 Mario D. Alexander  
 Forrest A. Bevineau Sr.  
 Tony Bush  
 Alfredric Cathion

Tyrone Echols  
 Terrell Ervin  
 Willie Fields  
 Paul W. Harris II  
 J.R. James Jr.  
 Allen F. Johnson  
 Aubrey Keller  
 Aron Leach  
 Delbert B. Marion  
 Charles E. McDonald Sr.  
 Hosey McGruder  
 Lawrence E. Rouse  
 Charles E. Sanders  
 Lelon R. Seaberry Jr.  
 Steven E. Sumler  
 James R. Thompson

Byron B. Thompson  
**C.E. GORDON #65**  
 Kyle R. Benson  
 Harry B. Cottman Sr.  
 Roger A. Goldsmith  
 George M. Howard  
 Colin L. Mitchell  
 Wayne A. Morris  
 Joseph B. Newsome Sr.  
 Preston B. Pierce  
 Matthew G. Powell  
 Roosevelt Rivers  
 Wayne O. Tompkins  
**PRINCE HALL #67**  
 Jesse Daily



Master of Tuscan Lodge #17, a Past Ill. Commander-in-Chief of Hartford Consistory #80, Past Ill. Grand Secretary of the Connecticut Council of Deliberation, who, on August 13, 2021, traveled to that undiscovered Country where no Traveler returns. A retired Deputy Warden in the Connecticut Correction System, he was well known and liked by all. We will miss Bobby's outstanding work in Hartford #80 as a hardworking Commander-in-Chief and his overall service to Prince Hall Masonry in Connecticut. We well remember him and his wonderful wife, Thadora, known as Duchess, who offered her excellent assistance to our Annual Golf Classics with her dedicated volunteer work and excellent Graphic Design service. We, again, send our condolences to the Horn family.

The Orient of Connecticut and Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge were doubly saddened on the passing of beloved Frater, Sublime Prince Lewis Myrick Sr., who, from 1988-90, served the Jurisdiction of Connecticut as its Most Worshipful Grand Master. During his term as the MWGM, his major accomplishment was to finalize prior ground work performed between the two Grand Lodges on the matter of Recognition. MWGM formed a committee of his Grand Lodge line officers consisting of RWDGM Thaddeus Holman, RWGSW Michael S. Bivans, RWGJW Robert Williamson, and counseling PGM Preston Pope, who was one of the key Prince Hall Masons who was critically involved from the early days up to recognition. MWGM Myrick along with PGM Kenneth Hawkins, Sr, PGM Gail Nelson Smith, PGM Gail Linnell Smith and PGM Preston L. Pope continued discussions up to the vote by both Grand



Lodges in Grand Lodge Session where, on October 14, 1989 history was made in the world of Freemasonry when both Grand Lodges agreed to recognize one another as legitimate Masonic bodies to permit intervisitation which continues to this day. We will miss PGM Myrick and will long remember his leadership, while at the same time, send our sincere condolences to the Myrick family.

On June 15th Loyal Lady Ruler Lavern Jenkins and several of the Loyal Ladies of New Haven Assembly #42 joined teachers and parents at the Fair Haven School in New Haven to support the transition of the young graduates of the Head-Start Preschool Move-up Ceremony which celebrated the four and five year old children moving on to kindergarten. This graduation, due to Covid-19, was unique in that the children spent this hybrid year which consisted of the last three school months in classroom learning with the other school year months at home online with Google Meets computer from home. Present for the program were LLR Lavern Jenkins, LL Michelle Hudson Streater, classroom Teacher of the Fair Haven Head Start Program, Loyal Ladies Frankie Duarte, Naomi Campbell, and with great thanks to Fair Haven School Principal, Mr. Heriberto Cordero. This graduation celebrates milestones and educational achievements which helps give the children a sense of accomplishment and pride. Graduation programs also help children transition into kindergarten which, many feel, eases children's transition to school and can be a huge benefit in their future learning experiences. As an added portion, the Loyal Ladies handed out of beautiful gifts of toys and food to give more joy to end the beautiful day.



Toney Hampton  
 Johnnie M. Horn  
 David Louis  
 Normancharles Taylor II  
**A.G. CLARK #68**  
 Santos Adolph Aguins  
 Osumana V. Cassell Sr.  
 IONIC #70  
 Winfred Colbert  
 Ernest Fulford  
 Kenneth E. Harris Jr.  
 Houston Hooker Jr.  
 Warner L. Jackson Jr.  
 Jerome O.L.S. King  
 Minor King Jr.

James E. Martin  
 Marvile L. Martin  
 David L. Mays  
 John B. Prater  
 Louis D. Simmons  
 Marshall E. Tharpe  
 Earl M. Thomas III  
 McArthur Weddell  
**SAGINAW VALLEY #71**  
 Joseph R. Brooks  
 Dennis C. Cannon  
 Jessie L. Collins  
 John Frederick  
 Thomas R. Gillespie  
 Cecil S. James Jr.  
 Raymond E. Jefferson

Michael H. Jordan  
 George Logan Jr.  
 Bruce L. McKinney  
 Lawrence E. Moon  
 Charles Murphy  
 Bryant W. Nolden  
 O.T. Perry  
 Frederick P. Raspberry  
 Woodrow Stanley  
 Earl W. Stephens  
 Lawrence Vernon Wells  
**NORTHERN LIGHTS #72**  
 Robert E. Davis  
 Lester Facine  
 Clifford Hastings  
 Ruben L. Jackson Jr.

Charlie E. Jones Jr.  
 Walter Sapp  
 Damon M. Shine  
 Fred E. Simmons  
**JAMES E. MORLEY #73**  
 Vaughn O. Jones  
**BEAVER #74**  
 Reginald R. Brothers  
 Sheridan C. Butterfield  
 Jeffrey E. Foster  
 Rawle Hercules  
 Frederick Ofosu  
 Charles B. Phills  
**CASCADIAN #75**  
 David Archibald

Julis W. Brown Jr.  
 Roosevelt D. Butler  
 Robert D. Cassidy  
 Charles M. Curtis  
 Allen W. Estes III  
 Joseph E. Green Jr.  
 Melvin Jenkins  
 Tyrone Johnson  
 Harden M. Keys Jr.  
 Bernard A. Love Sr.  
 Clarence E. Matthews  
 Carl T. McDaniel  
 Charles E. Parker  
 Robert L. Williams

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## ORIENT OF DELAWARE

*Sovereign Grand Inspector General  
James A. Scott, 33<sup>rd</sup>—Deputy*

Greetings from the Orient of Delaware. As, we are moving into another phase of the pandemic, where brick and mortar meetings will occur; there has been a certain segment of the Orient that has been participants and some not. We all have a need for human connection, and we also need your voice to have healthy debates and collaboration as we meet either via ZOOM or brick and mortar. Fundraising efforts and Zoom meeting were new and exciting but now have slowed down considerably and low membership participation as of late. We need your input on how we can strengthen these connections.

As we approach the final six months of this year; we have events that must go on and we must continue to do our work. The key is to do it in a safe manner that does not affect our families and ourselves. Follow the sanctioned policies that are set in our jurisdictions. In the Orient of Delaware, we are doing our best to keep the communication channels open. Listed below are some of the activities that will take place in the Orient of Delaware. Scheduled Activities:

- A. *Elevation of Fraters (4-31 degree) at the Grand Lodge on September 18th. A degree team from Corinthian #5, G. Oscar Carrington # 93, and the host consistory Cortney P. Houston #119, has been assembled to participate in the degree work.*
- B. *The Commanders of the Rite will meet on the 15th of October 2021 and join the Golden Circle for a joint worship service at 6pm.*
- C. *On 16 October the 3 Consistories will come together and administer the 32, degree.*

D. *At 1:00pm the consistories and guest will join the Order of the Golden Circle for the Queen Contest and luncheon at the Modern Maturity Center.*

E. *Nov 11, 2021 – Veterans Day at the Grand Lodge, Dover, 1pm – 4pm.*

F. *Dec 11, 2021 – Estate Planning: Grand Lodge, Dover*

### **Scholarship Report Corinthian Consistory #5**

This year the Scholarship Committee conducted a fundraising event to give away two (2) \$500.00 scholarship awards. The raffle was for two (2) weekend stays at the Ocean Casino & Resort in Atlantic City, NJ, with no out-of-pocket cost. The drawing date was Sunday, June 27, 2021. Thanks to SP Lloyd Staats, Sr. and his committee for contributions and great work. The goal was to sell 200 tickets for a donation amount of \$20.00. The raffle was a success in raising funds for the scholarships that will be announced on October 16, 2021, at the Delaware State Grand Assembly Order of the Golden Circle Banquet and gifted at the Golden Circle's annual luncheon at 1:00 PM. The Scholarship Committee from each Consistory and Assembly will announce their recipients.

The Board of Directors of the Orient of Delaware Benevolent Foundation sends safe greetings to you and your loved ones. The Foundation continues to offer the Delaware community a great opportunity for you to support the Orient of Delaware Benevolent Foundation. Presently we are in the process of supporting the Academy of Dover Charter School by providing computers equipment for students and teachers use. Everyone can make a difference by making a legacy gift. This can be done in several different ways or a combination thereof. Some of the ways available to you are: (1) Bequest as a gift, (2) Retirement Plan Assets, (3) Bank or Investment Account, (4) Appreciated Securities, (5) Life Insurance and others are available. The Foundation is working with the Microsoft Foundation as well as Amazon Corp. Come out Dec 11, 2021 to the Delaware Grand Lodge and find out ways you can support.

On July 10, 2021, the Delaware State Grand Assembly honored Past State Grand Loyal Lady Ruler Joyce Johnson-Tate (right) with a zoom banquet "Turbans and Tea for Tate." The guest speaker was Dr. Wilma Mishoe. Dr. Mishoe is the daughter of our fifth Delaware State Grand Assembly Loyal Lady Ruler, Hattie Mishoe (2003). The Past President of Delaware State University, she was the first female President in the history of the University. She also



served as President of Wilberforce University in Ohio. She remembered when her mother was active with the Golden Circle and remembers her mother in her long white dress and pill box on her way to her Assembly meetings. She spoke about the integrity of the organization and the awesome charitable expressions that the Assemblies do to enhance and enrich the lives in our communities as well as the scholarships we provide to our youth to assist them with furthering their education. Her speech was heartwarming, and all attendees enjoyed her warmth and enthusiasm. Delaware State Grand Assembly was honored to have other Past State Grand Loyal Lady Rulers, Current State Grand Loyal Lady Rulers, Loyal Ladies and Grand Inspector Generals from around the domains as well as family and friends from both local and far join us for this auspicious occasion.

Past State Grand Loyal Lady Ruler Johnson-Tate was saluted for her many years of service and dedication to Delaware Assembly #43 and to the Delaware State Grand Assembly. She is always close by and ready to extend the olive branch to assist any member with any project. We thank her for having served Delaware Assembly with her loving and humble spirit. One of her favorite scriptures is "Psalms 34: I Will Bless the Lord at All Times, and HIS words will continually be in my mouth". We the members of the Delaware Assemblies' salute you. The Turbans Tea and Tate finale consisted of words of praise and thanks from our leader, Illustrious Deputy of the Orient of Delaware James A. Scott, 33°, and final remarks from our Grand Master the Honorable Isacce Morris, 33°.

Dover Assembly No. 96 has been very busy executing their Charity Projects this past year by all of its members. They have several ongoing projects that benefit the homeless, Domestic Woman Shelters, Feeding the hunger and supplying neighborhood children with needed school supplies. The Assembly has also adopted the Academy of Dover Charter School. The school serves approximate 310 students and a student to teacher ratio of 14:1. The project "Stuff A Backpack" consists of the Dover Assembly donating 50 backpacks filled with school supplies. The Assembly will also team up with FEZ Court #211 to distribute 50 backpacks filled with school supplies. The goal for the year is to expend 260 labor hours and approximately \$4,287 in donations this year. The Assembly and Consistory are also planning to team up with the Aux of the Imperial Council Fez #211 to aid and assist the male and female homeless veterans.

Judge Houston was born April 7, 1925. Judge Houston was the first Black magistrate of the Southern District of Delaware and was appointed by four different governors to serve as a state magistrate, serving four 4-year terms totaling 16 years.



He served as a county chief judge and later retired as the senior judge in Kent County. His community service included 10 years as chair of Kent County Draft Board #1, service on the Kent County Regional Planning Commission and 21 years on the City of Dover Planning Commission, as chair during his last 2 years.

Judge Houston served in his 31st year as the Treasurer General of the Holy Empire, NJ, AASR. He served as the Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Jurisdiction of Delaware for 13 years. He had a Lodge named after him, C.P. Houston No. 34 of Ankara Turkey of which Deputy SGIG James A. Scott is a Past Master. CP served on the Imperial Council of AEAONMS as Imperial Chanter of The Koran, Imperial organist and Imperial legal staff. C.P. Houston was a licensed Pilot, also a Veteran of the Army National Guard. He served us well.

The Fraters of C.P. Houston, Jr., Consistory #119 have continued to function and flourish even in this trying time brought on by the COVID-19 pandemic. In the January meeting, the following officers were elected for 2021: ICIC GIG Johnnie A. Burton, Jr., 1LTC GIG Maurice D. Mobley, Sr., 2LTC GIG Bernard Pratt, Secretary SP Anthony Williams, and Treasurer SP Jon Willis (later replaced by SP Aubrey Saunders). With the support of the Fraters of #119, the team got to work. Due to COVID-19, we were unable to initially hold fundraisers. The Consistory still wanted to provide a scholarship to a deserving youth, so members donated a total of \$500.00 so a scholarship could be provided. 1LTC Mobley and SP Williams comprise the Scholarship Committee. In addition, our 2LTC Bernard Pratt is the Council of Deliberation Scholarship Chair. GIG Jeffery Chandler was named Grand Master of Ceremonies for the Council of Deliberation and SP John Henderson the Grand Engineer and Architect of the Council of Deliberation.

In harmony with the United Supreme Council directives, there is an emphasis on increasing membership in the Scottish Rite. The Deputy of the Orient, SGIG Scott, approved a program to reclaim members of the Consistories who were no longer financial. Two Fraters were reclaimed. With the relaxing of assembling in person, we have returned to meeting together. We have also launched a Grill Raffle to raise scholarship funds.

The Orient of Delaware is holding a joint Elevation September 18 and our Consistory has approved three candidates. The candidates are Robert Copper (28), Kenneth Davis (22), and Nigel Jno-Finn (22). C.P. Houston, Jr. #119 is assisting with the Degree Work and looks forward to welcoming our new Fraters.

The specter of COVID-19 still looms over the Nation, we must be always vigilant. However, through safe practices, and with the grace of God, we will continue to serve our community.



## ORIENT OF EUROPE

*Sovereign Grand Inspector General  
Enrique John, 33<sup>o</sup>—Deputy*

The Orient of Europe Council of Deliberation's activities have dramatically decreased because of the current pandemic. However, the drive to keep moving forward endures throughout the Orient. The Deputy of the Orient SGIG Enrique John has worked diligently to navigate numerous base closures and public lockdowns. One of the innovations which leadership has maximized is the use of zoom technology. Technology has been at the forefront here in the orient and made its mark in our daily business and routines.

We are very proud of our members serving on the orient staff and in our consistories. Recently we attended our United Supreme Council Session. A congratulatory shout out is extended to the class of 2020 and the class of 2021. In each of those classes,

the orient has inherited new Grand Inspectors General and new Sovereign Grand Inspectors General to its ranks. The session was truly phenomenal and informative. Our Sovereign Grand Commander and his staff were awesome to see via zoom. For some fraters who could not make it to the session in Michigan, the zoom session gave newly advanced fraters a chance to participate and see how the Orient functions as a body. For members of this orient, it was an educational experience and great honor to take part in this activity; especially amid the COVID19 pandemic which has kept us isolated for so long.

Today we are preparing for our upcoming Orient of Europe Council of Deliberation Session. Fraters here and abroad are excited to be back into the swing of things even if it is virtual. Consistories are working towards finalizing their reports and are ready to participate, represent the orient, and support our leaders in the upcoming session.

In the future, we are looking forward to the many workshops being offered to grow our expertise and knowledge. It is refreshing to see how new fraters are stepping up within the orient to assist our leadership in having a successful event. Looking into our Orient here is what the consistories are doing in their areas.

**Karamursel Consistory No. 96, Valley of Bahrain**, concluded its annual election of officers on December 11, 2020 attended by fifteen (15) Sublime Princes and virtually presided by the Overseer of the Valley, GIG Rodney Matthews (below). CIC Emmanuel Ganayo remains in office while SP Darnelle Mason and SP Garizaldy Arachea been elected as Illustrious 1st and 2nd Lieutenants Commander. SP Gerard Cardines also stays as the Keeper of the Seal and Archive while SP Bryan Penacosas was elected as the Consistory Treasurer.



Feb 5, 2021—*Biryani Give-away*—Volunteers, although not physically present, sharing with people we don't know is an act of charity.



July 16, 2021—*Beach Clean up drive*—The Consistory united all masonic houses to an early beach clean-up drive at Juffair beach where most people hangout during night time to calm their summer unfortunately leaving waste that pollutes the fresh bay air. We, as island residents, did our share in protecting nature.



August 20, 2021—*Walk with the Rites*—Bahrain is our Valley, Freemasonry is our PHAMily and health is our wealth. Karamursel 96 with other masonic Rites and Bodies conclude a walk for a cause at Sitra Bridge Walkway on August 20, 2021. The walk raised a sustaining amount to support its future endeavor.

**Booker T. Alexander Consistory #117**—During this pandemic in Germany things slowed to a crawl. In Bavaria and like in many areas nothing was open and households were restricted to 2 or 3 in a building. However, Booker T. Alexander Consistory #117 focused on its internal workings. One of those was the consistory archives which we are now moving to digital and paper archives. Two new fraters were also introduced into the fold. Sublime Prince Winston Gautreaux, 32° (right), a retired First Sergeant of the US Army. He now resides here in



Germany and is learning more in depth the degrees taught to him in the workshops. SP Eduardo Montesinos, 32° (right), a retiring Sergeant Major in the US Army. We submit to you all he is a frater that brings energy as he had when we first met him. Just like his fellow frater, he is ready to get to work. His want to learn and the energy behind it is what can will lead us into the future.



We'd also like to recognize our Grand Inspectors General Elect for the Class of 2022. SP Eugene Brown, 32° has been selected to this great moment in our lives of those in prior classes for the 33rd. He has a long history in district Nine. He is a Past master of Rising Sun Lodge #84 and did an awesome job. He was advanced in the Scottish Rite into BTA Consistory #117. SP Brown got to work immediately and helped the consistory in its revamping of, archives, and officer training. SP Brown is currently our Minister of State (elected). He is also serving as acting 2nd Lt. Commander. We needed his leadership since the vacancy came about, he took the reins, and we are thankful for his leadership and assistance as we moved forward. We congratulate him on this segment in his life and one he will never forget.



From the Office of the Ill. Commander-In-Chief—I'd like to thank my mentors SGIG James Lavender, 33°, SGIG James Lister, 33°, GIG Howard Martin, 33°, GIG Robert Janey, 33° for their assistance, guidance, and mentorship all these years. I also want to thank the fraters of the consistory, without you the fraters of BTA #117 we wouldn't be here. We are a team that makes this happen. This is not MY consistory or anyone's, but it is OUR consistory. My motto is "You produce what your standard is" and our success is because of us fraters.





## ORIENT OF THE FAR EAST

*Sovereign Grand Inspector General  
Charles H. Bush, 33<sup>rd</sup>—Deputy*

The members of the Orient of the Far East have been active and engaged since the beginning of the year. Although variants of the Corona Virus (COVID-19) and its effects on our way of life still linger, we remain vigilant and United in Service and Commitment. The Orient has responded and adapted accordingly to operating in a virtual environment and have supported initiatives in our communities as well as the United Supreme Council (USC).

An opportunity to support our youth with achieving their academic endeavors is always a great one. The Orient was able to provide scholarships to three deserving students. Our 1st Place scholarship recipient, Ms. Midori Robinson was awarded a \$1,000 scholarship from the USC Benevolent Foundation. Our 2nd Place recipient, Mr. Koleby Aharon-Latre' Miller was awarded with a \$500 scholarship from the Far East Council of Deliberation's "S.G.I.G. D.R. Johnson Benevolent Fund." Additionally, J.C. Logan Consistory No. 114, Valley of South Korea, awarded the "S.G.I.G. Patrick L Hughes, Sr. Scholarship" to Ms. Marianne Vega in the amount of \$1,000.

On August 15, 2021, Keystone Consistory No. 85, Valley of Okinawa, partnered with Keystone Assembly No. 71 - Order of the Golden Circle, Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc. – Rho Psi Sigma Chapter, Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., Obelisk Temple No. 187, The Chop Shop, the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge, F.& A.M., Washington and Jurisdiction -

District No. 7, and Addalana M. Weathersby Court No. 10 - Heroines of Jericho to host a back-to-school drive on Okinawa, Japan. While adhering to all COVID-19



restrictions and protocols, the collective organizations provided 50 backpacks filled with school supplies to the youth and conducted a gift card giveaway. Additionally, barbers from The Chop Shop provided 20 children with free haircuts. This event was quite successful and a stellar example of collaborating with other organizations to positively impact our communities.

Members of the Orient have diligently worked and supported several key USC events and initiatives. The Orient was well represented at the USC's first-ever Virtual Annual Session. During this session, the Orient gained 14 new Grand Inspectors General (G.I.G.) and 3 newly reclassified Sovereign Grand Inspectors General (S.G.I.G.). Additionally, we experienced significant membership participation in the USC Charter Life Membership Program. Of 127 total USC chartered life members, over 20 hailed from the Orient of the Far East. As the program has been extended to November 1, 2021, we are continuing to encourage more fraters to participate.

Members of our Orient also participated in the USC's premier Scottish Rite Reflection Project, which culminated in the publication of the first of a series of books containing essays and interviews from Sublime Princes, G.I.G., and S.G.I.G. Illustrious Grand Recording Secretary, S.G.I.G. Daniel R. Poole, #85 was interviewed and shared his perspective on servant leadership. Additionally, G.I.G. Stuart A. Lee, II #85 interviewed two of the USC's most esteemed members, S.G.I.G. Edward B. Darnell and Illustrious Treasurer General, S.G.I.G. Roland K. Lee, Sr.





### ORIENT OF ILLINOIS

*Sovereign Grand Inspector General  
Melvin Frierson, 33<sup>rd</sup>—Deputy*

We are still under this catastrophic pandemic called COVID. Just as we thought we were about to be triumphant in our battle with this virus, another version of the virus have surfaced. On several occasions, over and over again the Medical Professionals, Scientists and Researchers have told us that the key to winning this battle is to get vaccinated. The vaccine not only helps to protect us but it also helps to protect our loved ones and friends with whom we come into frequent contact, if not on a daily basis. Don't let politicians and fools get your mind twisted and don't sit around waiting for herd humanity. Be a part of it and speed up the process.

We know now that the vaccine and wearing of masks are not the killers. They are the saviors of illness and life. The virus is the killer, look at the math, the death among those who have been vaccinated vs those who have not been vaccinated (hundreds vs millions). This vaccine was not developed too fast. Believe it or not my brothers and sisters GOD is still in the Miracle Making Business. The Bible says that the "prayers of the righteous availeth much". The Prayer Warriors put this pandemic in the hands of the LORD and, through

man, he worked it out. If we do our part and follow the protocols and guidelines given us to combat this virus we will win, if we do not we are sure to lose.

When the challenges of COVID surfaced, it created havoc in our communities. In spite of those early days and trying times, the ICOD remained steadfast to its commitment to the communities at large. ICOD provided a number of community services i.e., food to the needy, mask, transportation, and sites for the public to be vaccinated. Our hats off to the brethren who made the aforementioned activities possible.

**EAST ST. LOUIS**—A tribute was made in memory of Loyal Lady Karen-Michelle Barnett. The wife of GIG Harry Barnett, she was memorialized by *A Precious Organization* who gave a memorial bench to Rock Spring Park in her memory stating "she was a big part of *A Precious Organization* and always supported everything we did. Karen struggled with Sickle Cell herself until she couldn't fight anymore. We will never forget her kindness, countless hours of conversation and encouragement."



**CHICAGO**—Over the years, the ICOD has donated to the Wrightwood Little League through donations turned over through the editor of the Clarion, SGIG Daryl Andrews. Supplies were subsequently provided for many who did not have the funds to acquire items. A partnership with the Chicago Cubs Diamond Project has also produced grants that are being used to rebuild baseball fields at Chicago Hayes Park. The logo for the ICOD will be permanently affixed to the fences upon completion of the construction. They youths who played on these fields are now moving forward to play baseball at the next level. Five of the players below are from the core Wrightwood Little League. These young men will be playing baseball at Clark Atlanta University, Milliken University, Florida Memorial University, Benedict University and Wright State University. All graduated high school with a GPA of 3.0 or greater.



**WAUKEGAN**—On July 10, 2021, the members of North Shore Consistory #91, Valley of Waukegan, hosted their Inaugural Grand Inspector General Stephen A. Taylor, 33° Memorial Scholarship Program. The event was initially set to be held at the Consistory's annual Black & Gold Ball, but like many of our traditional celebrations, it was forced to a virtual platform due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Despite the trials and short comings experienced, North Shore Consistory continued their efforts in recognizing the graduates and students of the 2020/2021 academic school year. The namesake of the scholarship was a long time and faithful member who was recognized amongst his Consistory and peers as a MAN AMONG MEN, a man of good morals, a faithful individual, a child of GOD with a non-wavering attitude, absolutely dedicated, always committed, trustworthy and of exceptional confidence. His love and dedication to the youth stemmed from working with the Reserve Officers Training Corp (ROTC) Program in Chicago Public School System. He often talked about his experiences as an instructor and believed in investing in our children. Their readiness, preparedness and wisdom will eventually lie in our hands and we must never forget to encourage and assist them, and when needed, to motivate them.



Four students were awarded the Grand Inspector General Stephen A. Taylor, 33° Memorial Scholarship—Mr. JaCarl Norman, Zion Benton Township High School of Zion, IL, Mr. Patrick Leconte, St. Joseph Catholic High School of Kenosha, WI, Ms. Jordin Stribling, University of Colorado Boulder of Zion, IL and Ms. Alante' Klyce, Lindblom Math and Science Academy of Chicago, IL. Each student received a donation of \$500. There were over thirty participants on the Zoom scholarship program. Joining for the festivities were the widow and son of Il Sir Taylor, Mrs. Veronica Taylor and Mr. Malcolm Davis. Mrs. Taylor expressed her appreciation and gratitude to North Shore Consistory for honoring her husband and continuing his legacy with the monetary gifts on his behalf. She has pledged that she and the Taylor family will continue to contribute to the Grand Inspector General Stephen A. Taylor, 33° Memorial Scholarship fund in the many years to come. Joining for the festivities were the widow and son of Il Sir Taylor, Mrs. Veronica Taylor and Mr. Malcolm Davis. Mrs. Taylor expressed her appreciation and gratitude to North Shore Consistory for honoring her husband and continuing his legacy with the monetary gifts on his behalf. She has pledged that she and the Taylor family will continue to contribute to the Grand Inspector General Stephen A. Taylor, 33° Memorial Scholarship fund in the many years to come.



## ORIENT OF IOWA

*Sovereign Grand Inspector General  
Osumana V. Cassell, 33°-Deputy*

The Orient of Iowa is pleased to introduce Grand Inspector General Patrick L. Peacock, 33°, a member of Alexander G. Clark Consistory #68 as the Assistant to the Deputy for the Orient of Iowa. He is committed to assisting the United Supreme Council in ensuring the future by Enhancing the Scottish Rite Experience by being United in Service and Commitment through Action, Accountability and Sustainable Results. He was born and raised in Chicago, Illinois and attended the Chicago High School for Agricultural Sciences. He earned a bachelor's degree in Agribusiness/Economics from Southern Illinois University at Carbondale and was recognized in *Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges*. He enlisted in the United States Army as an infantry soldier in 1998 receiving his commission as an officer in 2008. In December 2018, he retired from the US Army after earning numerous medals including the Army Bronze Star. He completed two combat tours to Iraq, two tours to Afghanistan, one tour to Kosovo and one tour to Liberia, West Africa (my native land) leading units ranging from 4 to 230.



Since his transition from the Army, he has been involved in his community. He was elected as the 7<sup>th</sup> Ward Alderman for the City of Davenport, Iowa. He served on the Bi-State Commission and as an Executive Board member for the Local Branch of the NAACP. He is a life member of....

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### **ORIENT OF MICHIGAN**

*Sovereign Grand Inspector General  
Christopher Buck, 33<sup>o</sup>—Deputy*

The Orient of Michigan is continuing to progress with activities involving the members of the Orient. We have lost our Publicity Chair who has resigned because of his health. He did an outstanding job and will be sorely missed. We pray for him to return to good health. We have also lost one of the sages of Prince Hall Masonry namely SGIG Samuel J.D. Shook, Jr. who passed away on August 20, 2021. He was the Dean of Instruction who guided many men to the 33<sup>o</sup> in both the Northern and Southern Jurisdictions. Our prayers go out to his family. We are also asking for your prayers all of Fraters of Michigan and more especially SGIG George Logan, Jr., and SGIG Michael H. Jordan.

To help the community, the State Grand Assembly recently donated hundreds of canned goods to the Salvation Army to help the needy and presented a check from Charity Assembly for \$830.00 for the same purpose. The Consistories of Michigan will begin face to face meetings starting in the month of September in all their regular locations except Wolverine Consistory. They will meet at a different location because the Prince Hall Grand Lodge building basement was flooded in July. The Council of Deliberation is to meet in a face-to-face meeting on November 6-7, 2021, in Grand Rapids, Michigan. At this meeting, to involve more of the membership, we are conferring the 32<sup>o</sup> to create new Sublime Princes in the Consistories of Michigan.



### **ORIENT OF NEBRASKA**

*Sovereign Grand Inspector General  
Johnny L. Cummings, 33<sup>o</sup>—Deputy*

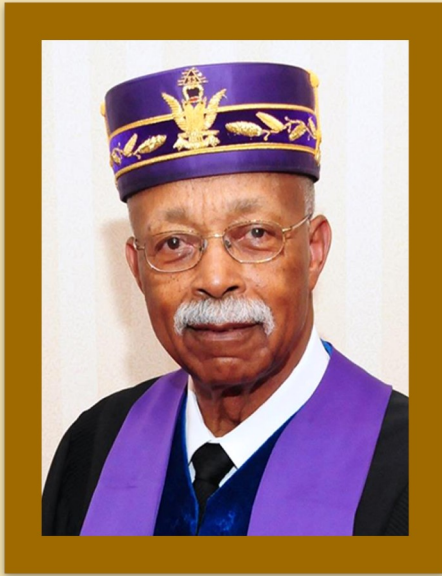
The NCOD hosted its 4th Annual Scholarship Golf Tournament. Everyone had a good time. The revenues generated will be used to support those seeking higher education to youth activities in the community. Two scholarships will be presented this year.



Joshua David Kelley Consistory #27 is engaging in a partnership with the Open-Door Mission for a “Seats and Feet” Drive providing underwear and socks to the needy. The goal is to collect as many items as possible to meet or exceed the Mission’s need. A special committee will be established to actively engage members to participate in civic engagement on social justice. Kudos to Loyal Lady Ruler, Penny Dee, who is one of the members of the USC Golden Circle Working Group. She has worked diligently to support the purpose, objectives, and mission of the working group. Heretofore, she has done an outstanding job.



The Orient is making preparations to host the Deputies/Overseers Midyear Conference in January, 2022. All are excited to have an opportunity to host such an event and meet members of the leadership team of the Northern Jurisdiction. The Orient is looking forward to ensuring that those in attendance the conference feel welcomed with open arms.



### ORIENT OF NEW YORK Sovereign Grand Inspector General Grady Edge, 33<sup>o</sup>—Deputy

The City of Albany Police Department in conjunction with New York State United Teachers and The Grady Edge Reading Program sponsored a community event on Saturday, July 3rd from 10am until 4pm to stimulate normalcy back in the community. This united cause was highly effective and well supported by the community. Several books were given to the children that were present. The Grady Edge Reading Program is a New York statewide program. SGIG El-Wise Noisette 33<sup>o</sup>, who oversees the Grady Edge Reading Program, has been in touch with the coordinators of each Consistory:

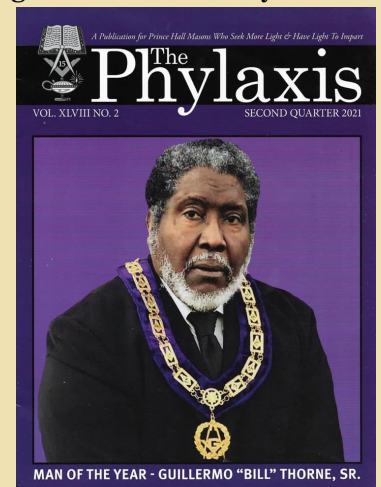
- **King David Consistory #3** - GIG Kevin Wardally 33<sup>o</sup> will be coordinating a book drive;
- **Bison Consistory #29** - SGIG Adam Sumlin 33<sup>o</sup> will be coordinating a backpack program;
- **Utica Consistory #45** - GIG Cedric T. Bolton 33<sup>o</sup> has arranged a meeting with Mrs. Eva Williams, Principal of Van Duym Elementary School in Syracuse, New York to

discuss installation of the Grady Edge Reading Program at the school. He'll also initiate the Fall 2021 back-to-school Book Bags Program donating 15 bags with school supplies for students at the start of the school year.

- **Long Island Consistory #61** - SP Kevin Parker 32<sup>o</sup> who is a state senator in Brooklyn, will be putting together a program in Brooklyn.
- **Albany Consistory #90** - SP Danny Melton 32<sup>o</sup> will be attending a community event on September 4th, handing out books and backpacks.
- **Pentecost Consistory #98** - GIG Wheeler is working with an inner-city school to run the program and CIC Parker will handle the backpacks and school supplies.

Our goal is to build back better ensuring that the Grady Edge Reading Program will be the catalyst that maintains and restores a love for reading in the lives of our youth as we reclaim normalcy.

The Phylaxis Society is the premier organization for research on African American Freemasonry in the world. Each year the organization selects an individual as its "Man of the Year" based on the services that he provides for the organization and his impact on Freemasonry in general. No better selection could have been made this year than that of GIG Guillermo "Bill" Thorne Sr. Thorne's services to the society span a number of years ranging from the representation of members in specific regions to administrative oversight. He now serves as the Director of the Council of Representatives which has bolstered gains in membership and participation over the past few years. An Honorary Fellow of the Phylaxis Society, Thorne's commitment to excellence and overall commitment to the Phylaxis Society as a whole were key factors in his selection for this award. Congratulations!!!





### ORIENT OF OHIO

*Sovereign Grand Inspector General  
Carl A. Williams, 33<sup>o</sup>—Deputy*

The past year has been one long trying year full of happiness and sorrow; joy and pain; and freedom and captivity. Exhibiting a key theme of Scottish Rite Freemasonry—Tolerance, the Orient of Ohio has exhibited that and perseverance and resilience as well.



In March 2021 a very informative and much needed panel discussion was held among community leaders concerning the Stand Your Ground Law. This was facilitated by the Voter Awareness Committee chairman GIG Joseph Clark Sr. 33<sup>o</sup> (21) and moderated by S.P. Cortez Bogard 32<sup>o</sup> (15). The panelists are deeply entrenched in the Democratic political landscape and are also members of the Ohio Prince Hall family. The event was streamed live on Facebook. Integrating new media is becoming a standard for disseminating the good works of Scottish Rite Masonry in Ohio.

The Orient of Ohio held its first virtual statewide Reunion on Saturday, May 8, 2021. This follows the first statewide Reunion held in October 2019. Most Illustrious Commander-in-Chief and Deputy for the Orient of Ohio SGIG Carl A. Williams 33<sup>o</sup> (15) empowered GIG Irving Straun Jr. 33<sup>o</sup> (21) to assemble a team primarily staffed of Sublime Princes to lead the degree work. A group of 18 candidates were communicated the degrees of the Scottish Rite of

freemasonry to include viewing a rendition of “The Light of Patriotism” (the second part of the 20th degree, Master ad Vitam) and of the 32nd degree, Sublime Prince of the Royal Secret performed excellently by King Solomon Consistory No. 20 and L.D. Easton Consistory No. 21, respectively.



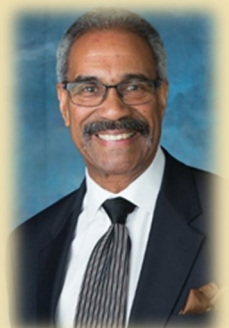
The Reunion was blessed by the presence of our Sovereign Grand Commander, the Honorable Melvin J. Bazemore; Ohio’s very own, SGIG Sidney D. Broadnax Jr. 33<sup>o</sup>, Lieutenant Grand Commander; Most Illustrious



Commander-in-Chief and Deputy for the Orient of Illinois SGIG Melvin Frierson 33<sup>o</sup>; SGIG Milton Jackson 33<sup>o</sup> (IL); and SGIG Eugene Anderson 33<sup>o</sup> (IN)—all of whom provided remarks. The Orient of Ohio’s senior Active member, SGIG Chester C. Pryor II 33<sup>o</sup> (20), offered remarks on behalf

of all the Sovereign Grand Inspectors General of the Orient. The Orient enjoyed more than 100 guests to include all ranks of membership. Even in their absence, Masonic stalwarts and juggernauts continue to be honored. This group of Sublime Princes was named as the “Charles W. Hales Class”. Despite the COVID-19 pandemic curtailing our in-person activities we found a way to continue business as usual.

In May, Illustrious Gregory F. Clifford, who was profiled for his involvement with the youth of the city of Cleveland through the 100 Black Men of Cleveland Inc. in the last issue of the Bulletin (see Spring Bulletin 2021, p. 36), received recognition once again. He received the Alumni of the Year award from Cleveland State University’s Cleveland-Marshall School of Law. It is a fitting honor for an individual dedicated



to servant leadership. He has also been elected to serve as the president of the Norman S. Minor Bar Association; the Ohio Association of Magistrates; the Cleveland-Marshall School of Law Alumni Association; and as president of the Brian L. Abrams Class of 2009.

On Saturday, May 29, 2021, the names for the Class of 2020 and 2021 were unveiled by Sovereign Grand Commander Melvin J. Bazemore 33°. The Orient of Ohio was very pleased to learn that the Class of 2021 was named in honor of SGIG Charles W. "Charlie" Hales 33° (15), past Convention Director. This stalwart Mason is absolutely deserving of such an honor.



### ORIENT OF PENNSYLVANIA Sovereign Grand Inspector General Leonard A. Heard, 33°—Deputy



Illustrious Van C. Barnette, a stalwart member of Prince Hall freemasonry for more than 60 years, folded up his tent and moved to that house not made with hands on June 2, 2021. Well known for masonic oratory and ritualistic excellence he was also extremely engaged in worthwhile endeavors in his private life through his association with The Salvation Army; Habitat for Humanity; and Toastmasters International.

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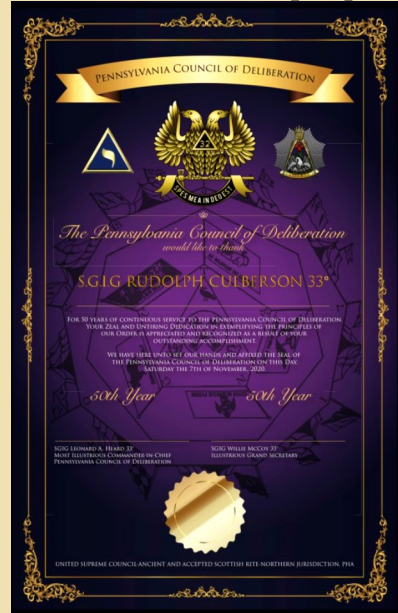
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...Alpha Kappa Psi (Professional Business Fraternity) and Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. (current Basileus of the Local Chapter). He is also a life member of the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars and the Disabled American Veterans. He is launching his nonprofit organization to assist marginalized communities in getting mental health services.

He is currently the Senior Warden for Hiram Lodge #19 (MWPHGL of Iowa); he is also a member of Naomi Chapter #1 Order of the Eastern Star – Electa Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, PHA, State of Iowa and Jurisdiction, Inc.; Scottish Rite – Alexander G. Clark #68; York Rite – Prince Hall Chapter #36, Malta Commandery #19; and Rajah Temple #92. He recently signed up for life membership for the United Supreme Council and he is the representative to the USC Veterans Committee from the Orient of Iowa.

It is a pleasure to present GIG Peacock, 33° as the Assistant to the Deputy for the Orient of Iowa.

On Saturday, November 7, 2020 the 139<sup>th</sup> Annual Convocation of the Pennsylvania Council of Deliberations was held virtually via Zoom platform. During the convocation several members of the Orient of Pennsylvania were recognized and awarded for their faithful and dedicated service to the PACOD. The Most Illustrious Commander in Chief SGIG Leonard A. Heard, 33° Deputy for the Orient of Pennsylvania highlighted this Milestone moment by recognizing those members from the six valleys who faithfully served 20, 25, 30 and 50 years. The awardees were presented with beautifully prepared certificates marking their achievement and a custom lapel pin denoting their service years. The lapel pins and certificates were custom crafted and were easily distinguishable by their design and differing colored backgrounds referencing the several Scottish Rite concordant bodies and theme. Deputy Heard concluded by commending the PACOD Milestone Committee for their labors notably SGIG Sean R. Snead 33° #86 -Chairman, SGIG Charles A. Bishop 33° #1 Advisor, GIG Colin Mitchell 33° #65, GIG Gary Stepps 33° #86, SP Orlando Putnam 32° #9, and SP



Kyle Cottman 32° #86. The (50) Year Members of the PA Council of Deliberation are:

- **DeMolay Consistory #1**
  - *G.I.G Leonard C. Ricks 33° - 1967*
  - *G.I. G Darius L. Berry 33° - 1968*
- **ST. Cyprian Consistory #4**
  - *S.G.I.G Rudolph Culberson 33° - 1963*
  - *S.G.I.G George M. Calloway 33° - 1965*
  - *G.I.G Hosea W. Young 33° - 1970*
- **Nimrod Consistory #9**
  - *S.P. Labon Bumphus 32° - 1961*
- **Charles E. Gordon Consistory #65**
  - *G.I.G Preston B. Pierce 33° - 1969*
- **Martin L. King Jr. Consistory #86**
  - *S.G.I.G Walter Smith 33° - 1970*

The Loyal Ladies of the Pennsylvania State Grand Assembly, which includes all officers and members of Subordinate Assemblies, under the leadership of State Grand Loyal Lady Ruler Elaine Gary, Chester Assembly No. 30, will celebrate our 50th Annual Grand Session in November 2021.

We are doing so as the Pandemic created by the COVID virus, and now the Delta variant, ravages the country and the world. We continue to encourage all members to follow the CDC Guidelines for safe distancing, being vaccinated, staying home when we can and wearing our masks. With family deaths, personal illnesses, as well as numerous other emotional and financial obstacles, the Loyal Ladies have been persistent. We have many amazing stories of sacrifice and accomplishment, of challenges and disappointments and of survival. We are, in spite of this, looking out for each other and unabatedly continuing our charity work.

We are remembering our youth with contributions to our scholarship programs and praying for their safety. We are streaming our religious services, in some cases going back to our places of worship, and most of all, we are remaining connected and true to our faith. We are giving back to our friends, neighbors and communities with phone calls, emails, drive-by visits and donations of food. We are preparing and donating meals to families in need, to the elderly, the sick and shut-in and to the very young- our children suffering with food insecurity.

At the height of the Pandemic, we were providing material for masks, sewing masks and donating masks. We also were working from home for our personal employment commitments. Many more

Loyal Ladies were essential personnel, leaving their homes each day to care for the sick, the shut-in and those hospitalized. We also were leaving our homes each day as essential personnel to provide support to maintain the operation of businesses: nursing homes, banks, public transportation, mega-stores, water, gas and electric utility companies, mobile phone companies, and yes, even the convenience stores we frequent for coffee and gas.

So, as the Loyal Ladies of the Pennsylvania State Grand Assembly look forward to celebrating our 50th year, we continue to meet remotely and anticipate the opportunity to meet, greet and fellowship again soon with other Assemblies and Consistories of the Commonwealth of PA and the Northern Jurisdiction. We are committed to maintaining our ongoing focus. We agree that we are in this together, we have each other, and we persevere as a people.

We also acknowledge, however, that there is still much work that needs to be done as we face down the Pandemic, protecting ourselves, loved ones and others. We must continue our work as global citizens - as the words of the legendary John Lewis ring ever true in our ears: "Respect the dignity and worth of every human being." We will, and we endeavor to continue this mantra each day, to preserve humanity as we know it. - LL Pamela A. Gallimore, No. 61, PLLR, State Grand Loyal Lady Assistant Secretary

### **Pennsylvania State Grand Assembly**

*LL Elaine Gary, Chester Assembly #30  
State Grand Loyal Lady Ruler*

*LL Glynis Y. Barr, Philadelphia Assembly #5  
State Grand Loyal Lady Associate Ruler*

*LL Geraldine Robinson Ervin, Mary E. Gould #61  
State Grand Loyal Lady Priestess*

*LL Carolyn Dantzler, M.E.T. Carroll Assembly #62  
State Grand Loyal Lady Guide*

*LL Margaret Strickland, Philadelphia Assembly #5  
State Grand Loyal Lady Treasurer*

*LL Virginia Whitaker Brooks, Harrisburg #50  
State Grand Loyal Lady Secretary*

*LL Anita Mobley, Harrisburg Assembly #50  
State Grand Loyal Lady Herald*

*LL Christine Garner, Chester Assembly #30  
State Grand Loyal Lady Standard Bearer*

*LL Mary Etta Johnson, Pittsburgh Assembly #6  
State Grand Loyal Lady Inner Guard*

*LL Beverly Holmes, Philadelphia Assembly #5  
State Grand Loyal Lady Outer Guard*

*LL Pamela A. Gallimore, Mary E. Gould Assembly #61  
State Grand Loyal Lady Assistant Secretary*



**ORIENT OF  
WASHINGTON/OREGON**  
*Sovereign Grand Inspector General  
Gregory D. Wraggs Sr., 33°—Deputy*

SGLLR Rose Enoch, PGLLR Mary Douglas, LLR Willie Jones and SGLLAR Martha Davis along with LL Evelyn Ingram spent the morning at the Emergency Food Network (EFN) packing food. They were given the task of bagging rice into 2lb bags from a 50lb bag. In 2 short hours we bagged 993 lbs of rice for homeless and low income families. We had a lot of fun and a competition soon developed about who could empty their 50lb bag the soonest. I think we had a tie between SGLLR Enoch and LL Ingram each emptying 5 bags. SGLLR Enoch won the tiebreaker nearly finishing bag 6. PGLLR Douglas also finished 5 bags so all in all it was outstanding. In total we managed to finish 19 1/2 bags at 50lbs each. Which was almost 2 pallets of bags. Per EFN, this will provide 810 meals that will be distributed to the 82 food pantries, shelters, and meal sites that they serve in Pierce County! We had a blast and hope to do it again soon. Next time our goal is 1,000 lbs plus!



The 76th Annual Council of Deliberation and 49th State Assemble Order of the Golden Circle to place on September 10, 2021, by Congratulating GIG Dr. Eric Jackson, 33°, 2020 Class of Fredrick O Dobson, Sr.



On September 11, 2021, the Commanders of the Rite held breakfast on the morning and discussed their business. The Council of deliberation was open with the Most Illustrious Commander in Chief SGIG Gregory D Wraggs, Sr., being received. The Most Illustrious Commander in Chief received the MWGM Gilbert E. McClary, Sr., 33°, of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Washington and Jurisdiction, MEGHP/REGC Robert D. Cassidy, 33°, SGIG Harden M. Keys, Jr., 33° and SGIG Henry Sheegog, 33°, and many staff officers from many organizations. Most Illustrious Commander in Chief attended the Grand Assembly to conduct elections and install the elected and appointed officers for the Grand Assembly. Loyal Lady Martha Davis is the New State Grand Loyal Lady Ruler of Washington/Oregon Grand Assembly.

Several Highlights was the Committee on Education presented two \$1,000 Scholarships one from the United Supreme Council and one from the Washington/Oregon Council of Deliberation respectively. The recipients were Ms. Jada S Daniels and Mr. Byron K. Derouselle.



During the banquet there were 9 recipients but two were present to receive a certificate and 30-year pin. They were GIG Willard Derouen, 33° and GIG James Poole 33°.

Capital City Consistory #106 was awarded the Consistory of the Year, Subline Prince of the Year - SP Fred Reed, Sr, 32°, Commander in Chief of the Year – SP Clarence Williams, 32° and the late GIG George Newsome, 33° - Deputy Assistant of the Year to Capital City Consistory #106.





## ORIENT OF WISCONSIN

*Sovereign Grand Inspector General  
Marshall E. Tharpe, 33<sup>rd</sup>—Deputy*

The Orient of Wisconsin has faced many challenges due to COVID-19. We continue to have our meetings by Zoom. We also were fortunate enough to increase our membership by using Zoom. Death invaded our Orient. Ionic Consistory lost two members, Grand Inspectors General Junior L. Young and Charles E. Currie. Madison/Beloit lost Grand Inspector General Henry Tucker. We certainly miss them and pray God's blessings on their families.

The Wisconsin Council of Deliberation will convene on Saturday, October 23, 2021. The State Grand Assembly will meet on Sunday, October 24, 2021. Again, this year, \$500 Scholarships each will be awarded through the Wisconsin State Grand Assembly, Milwaukee Assembly #28, Madison/Beloit #70 and \$3,000 from The Commanders of the Rite. The Election and Installation of the State Grand Assembly Officers, will be done virtually on Sunday, October 24, 2021.

Virtual quarterly meetings are held with the Sovereign Grand Inspectors General. I am proud to compliment SGIG's Minor King II of Ionic Consistory #70, James E. Martin, #70, Assistant to the Deputy, Walter E. Ward of Madison/Beloit Consistory #84, Jimmie D. Foster, #84, and Micah E. Tharpe, #84 for their consistent cooperation and timely completion of requests when asked of them. SGIG James E. Martin conducts one-hour instruction meetings just before

the start of Ionic's monthly meeting. SGIG Micah Tharpe is COD Coordinator. SGIG Minor King II of Ionic Consistory reports that Ionic is having a great year. For the first time 98% of this members have paid their dues. On Saturday, August 21, 2021 there was a book bag giveaway. There was also a neighborhood cleanup. The Consistory is preparing for a virtual Elevation in September, 21. Under the adverse conditions dealing with the COVID-19 pandemic, Ionic is fairing well.

Ionic members and Loyal Ladies of Milwaukee Assembly #28 assisted with a community Backpack give away in Racine, WI on August 7th and 21st. SGIG's Walter E. Ward and Jimmie D. Foster of Madison/Beloit #84 Consistory continues to work with Consistory officers and members by having instruction and mentoring sessions with them on the opening and closing of the houses, Constitution and Regulations of the Supreme Council, Madison/Beloit Consistory bylaws, and Strategies on obtaining new members, retaining, and reclaiming members. They are working on a plan to get SGIG's GIG's, officers and members involved.

This year and the past year, we continued working within the community with support where needed. Due to Covid-19 when families lost a loved one many looked for help with a family repass. SGIG's Ward and Foster help set up W.B. Kennedy Lodge and assist the families with their repass, especially those who could afford the cost. SGIG Walter L. Ward volunteers at Beloit Memorial Hospital on Mondays and SGIG Jimmie D. Foster volunteers on Thursdays, escorting patients and assisting Kiwanis International on the first and third Tuesdays of each month.

On Saturday, August 28, 2021, Deputy Marshall E. Tharpe and Consistory members met with the State Grand Loyal Lady Ruler Karen Johnson and Loyal Ladies for Lunch and games at Hi-Way Harry's Restaurant, Johnson Creek, WI. A social get together we enjoy each year.





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