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The Eagle

MAJESTY & MASTERY

The eagle, the quintessential predator and epitome of masculinity, soars the skies with majesty surveying the lands that he has mastered.

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Elected Officers of the United Supreme Council Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry Northern Jurisdiction

SGIG Daniel Poole, Record Secretary; SGIG Edward Brooks, Secretary General; SGIG Sidney Broadnax, Lt. Grand Commander;
SGIG Melvin Bazemore, Sovereign Grand Commander;
 SGIG William Stark, Grand Minister of State; SGIG Roland Lee, Treasurer-General; SGIG Raynard Hughes, Cathedral Secretary

IN MEMORY OF SGIG FREDERICK O. DOBSON SR. TREASURER-GENERAL EMERITUS OF THE HOLY EMPIRE

As the will of our Heavenly Father exceeds the will of mankind, it is with great sympathy that the Orients of the United Supreme Council mourn the passing of Sovereign Grand Inspector General Frederick O. Dobson Sr. Sovereign Grand Inspector General Dobson served the United Supreme Council for years in multiple capacities prior to serving as Treasurer General of the Holy Empire. His service in this role was impeccable and commendable as it set a grand example relative to the management of the finances of the Holy Empire. He was called home on July 30, 2019 at the age of 85 years. He will truly be missed by all who encountered him.

May peace be unto his ashes and unto those of all Fraters who have gone on to glory!



Sovereign Grand Inspectors General Millard Driskell, Elijah Owens and Milton Jackson elevated to Emeriti.

CLARION SALUTES SCOTTISH RITE CLARION

The Clarion salutes the new Sovereign Grand Inspectors General from the Orient of Illinois who were obligated at the 2019 United Supreme Council Session:

- Sovereign Grand Inspector General Millard V. Driskell
- Sovereign Grand Inspector General Elijah Owens
- Sovereign Grand Inspector General Milton Jackson

All were elevated to Active Emeriti.

DEPUTY FOR THE ORIENT OF ILLINOIS

SOVEREIGN GRAND INSPECTOR GENERAL MELVIN FRIERSON, 33^o

Greetings my Brothers and my Sisters:

God in his goodness has allowed me to use these means to communicate again with you. I pray that this message find you and your love ones well and I hope you enjoyed a wonderful summer. To those of you who have experienced the home going of a love one, I extend to you my deepest sympathy.

I shall use this space to make you aware of two (2) programs that our Sovereign Grand Commander, Sovereign Grand Inspector General Melvin J. Bazemore, 33^o has initiated seeking your participation and involvement:

1. He is seeking members who have expertise in Financial Management, Actuarial Experience, Life Insurance, and Estate Planning to serve on a committee who is being charge with the responsibility of developing a plan for the stability and sustainability of the United Supreme Council for years to come.
2. He is seeking members to serve on the United Supreme Council's Subcommittee of Fundraising.

If you would like to serve on either of the above initiatives, please contact me as soon as possible.

With your support, assistance and participation I am looking forward to another successful Council of Deliberation, October 18-20, 2019 at the Abraham Lincoln Doubletree Hotel, 700 East Adams St. Springfield, IL. Looking forward and hoping to meet and greet each of you there. May God continue to shower you with his Abundant Blessings.



Fraternally,
just another brother
Melvin Frierson, 33^o
Deputy for the Orient of Illinois



SECRETARY FOR THE ORIENT OF ILLINOIS

SOVEREIGN GRAND INSPECTOR GENERAL JAMES A. MITCHELL, 33^o

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

We thank the ICOD Family and others for supporting our Deputy Melvin Frierson, 33^o and his initiatives. Please join the Illinois Council of Deliberation on its 102nd annual celebration on 10/18-20/19. Continue to support ICOD (PHA) programs. Send articles of interest to the Clarion's Editor, Grand Inspector General Daryl Andrews.

DESK OF THE EDITOR OF THE CLARION

GRAND INSPECTOR GENERAL DARYL L. ANDREWS, 33^o

The last edition of the Clarion received great feedback and we look forward to providing similar content in this edition and others in the near future. The topic of Heraldry had always been a fascination of mine as it relates to the Scottish Rite. I learned more about the Rite myself by researching and reporting on the topic. We welcome your submissions.

We are looking for content from each Valley within the Orient so that we may showcase all of the happenings around the state. Commanders-In-Chief, please consider appointing reporters and photographers for your Consistories so that they may capture your efforts for posterity and publish them in the Clarion. Activities in the Valleys are abundant. As such, it is our hope that every Consistory will submit at least two articles per edition.

At the 138th Annual Session of the United Supreme Council, I was blessed to succeed Sovereign Grand Inspector General Edward Brooks as the editor for the Bulletin. This was also a position that was held by one of my Masonic mentors, the late Sovereign Grand Inspector General Brian L. Abrams Sr. It is definitely an exciting time for the United Supreme Council and I look forward to participating in the next steps. Thanks for the well wishes in this new endeavor.

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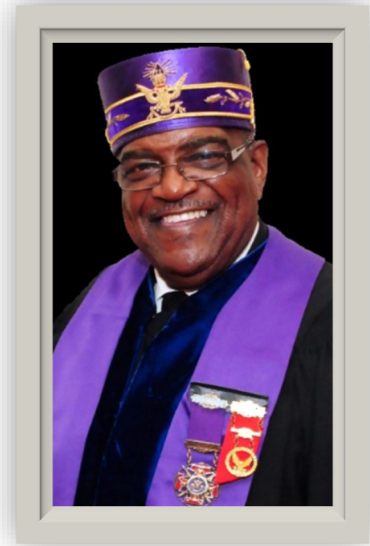


Photo Highlights from the 138th



United Supreme Council Session



Photo submissions by Daryl Andrews, David Bonds, Edward Brooks, Daniel Poole, Stu Lee and Carl Pickett

RESPONSE TEAM

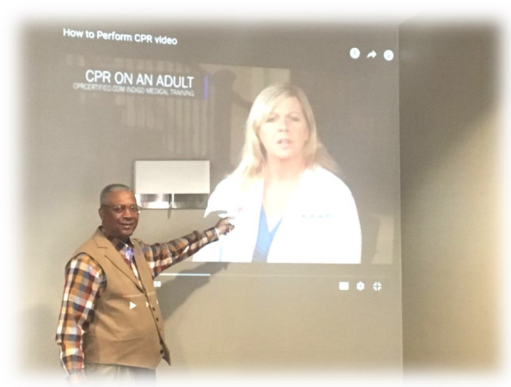
MY BROTHER'S KEEPER - CPR & FIRST AID TRAINING

SOVEREIGN GRAND INSPECTOR GENERAL CHARLES BURNS, 33°

At the 2012 Illinois Council of Deliberation, a member of our Order fell ill during a banquet. This prompted members of the order spring to action. Those members provided the necessary care to support the member and resolve the immediate situation.

The response motivated Sovereign Grand Inspector General Charles Burns to approach illustrious Deputy Melvin Frierson to form a response team. The Response Team was organized shortly thereafter with the Deputy's approval. It currently conducts training sessions in CPR and first aide across the State of Illinois and is driving to ensure that members across the state are capable to provide assistance when needed.

As in Freemasonry, team members come from a broad backgrounds - oral surgeon, paramedic, firefighter, Pharmacist, and the military just to name a few. Together, this band of brethren work together and train others to handle situations as they come. In doing so, they are truly helping to keep brethren in perfect peace and health.



A BROTHER YOU SHOULD KNOW: JUDGE EVERETTE BRADEN

SOVEREIGN GRAND INSPECTOR GENERAL JAMES A. MITCHELL, 33^o

"A well Prepared Man Never Trembles"

Born and reared on the Southside of Chicago, Illinois in 1932. Everette A. Braden a son of two loving parents and a sibling to a sister and brother. Both parents and siblings are deceased. Everette graduated from Forestville Elementary School (Chicago). Following Elementary School, he attended and graduated from DuSable High School. Everette was not necessarily known for his athleticism, although he enjoyed sports immensely. After High School, Everette was accepted and graduated from Northwestern University, there he excelled mightily, receiving a Bachelor Degree with honors.



Upon graduating from Northwestern in 1954 he was immediately drafted in the U.S. Army. He spent two years in the Army and was honorably discharged. His Army "stint" was at Fort McClellan Alabama. Following his Army experiences, Everette attended law school, completing his JD and Law Degree at John Marshall Law School. In the meantime, he married his longtime sweetheart, Mary (now deceased); from that marriage a lovely daughter was born.

Brother Braden followed in his father's "footsteps"; whereby graduating from Northwestern, becoming a lawyer, and pledging Kappa Alpha Psi fraternity. Brother Braden became an exceptional lawyer in his own right, practicing family law where he focused on child and domestic issues. Bro. Braden worked a number of years as a Public Defender and Trial Lawyer. He later became Judge for the Circuit Court of Cook County, retiring from that position after some twenty plus years. Outside of his professional endeavors, Judge Braden enjoys reading, fraternity work, and time with his family. It should be noted, many of Judge Braden's family members are attorneys at law. Judge Braden masonic career begin when he was initiated in Eureka Lodge #64 (PHA). He continued his Masonic pursuits, receiving the 33rd degree. According to Judge Braden "the said organization practices many of the principles and precepts he believes in".

Throughout his career, Judge Braden have received numerous humanitarian, fraternal, legal, social services awards and accolades for his contribution to the community, state, and nation at large. For example, Judge Braden was named several times in "Who's Who in America Law publications. Most recently, Judge Braden received another prestigious award "The Marquis Who's Who a Lifetime Achievement Award". The Marquis Award was first awarded in 1899 by its founder Albert Nelson Marquis. The purpose of the Award is to cite the lives of noteworthy individuals for their achievement, leadership, dedication to his/her profession, and to society.

Judge Braden's accomplishments are well chronicled. He has always been at the forefront of human welfare, legal, and social discourse; he continues to promulgate these ideals. Judge Everette A. Braden is a brother you should know.



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Prince Hall Grand Masters

NORMAN'S NOOK

GRAND INSPECTOR GENERAL
WILLIAM NORMAN, 33^o

1950 Commanders of the Rite Smoker

This photo was obtained from a collection of photos from the personal collection of Sovereign Grand Inspector General Obed Vandeburg who was serving as Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge during the term of Most Worshipful Brother Ashby B. Carter, Grand Master. This is a unique photo in that it contains a number of prominent Prince Hall Masons including a rare photo of Sovereign Grand Inspector General Robert Harper, USC Recording Secretary (1947-50). While all of the names are not known, GIG Daryl Andrews and I have done our best to identify the names of several of the participants.



*Seated Above: John C. Ellis, Levi H. Morris, *, Dr. John G. Hopkins, *, Genoa S. Washington, James E. Knight, Frank M. Summers, Obed Vanderburg, *, *, Ashby B. Carter*

Standing Above: Robert Harper (3rd from left—white crown), Vernon B. Williams (8th from left), Corneal Davis (7th from right)

Left: Obed Vanderburg introduced by Genoa Washington is announced as a new Emeritus member of the United Supreme Council at the affair.

VETERANS CORNER

GRAND INSPECTOR GENERAL
MAJOR LACY, 33rd

Veteran Community Care—Urgent Care

As part of implementing the VA MISSION Act of 2018, VA will offer an urgent care benefit that provides eligible veterans with greater choice and access to timely, high-quality care.

VA offers an urgent care benefit that provides eligible Veterans with greater choice and access to timely, high-quality care. Urgent care providers treat injuries and illnesses that require immediate attention, but are not life-threatening. The benefit supplements care Veterans may also have access to at a VA medical facility.

When using the urgent care benefit, Veterans must go to an urgent care provider in VA's network. Upon arriving, Veterans must state they are using their VA urgent care benefit.

The urgent care provider will verify the Veteran's eligibility before providing care. If a Veteran arrives at an urgent care network location and has any difficulty receiving care, they can call 866-620-2071 to receive assistance.

To find an urgent care location in VA's contracted network, Veterans can use the VA Urgent Care Locator.

Veterans may be billed by VA separately for a copayment when using the urgent care benefit, depending on their assigned priority group and the number of times they use the urgent care benefit in a calendar year.

IMPORTANT: VA can only pay for urgent care if the provider is part of VA's contracted network. Veterans who go to an out-of-network urgent care provider, may be required to pay the full cost of care.

Process Overview

https://www.va.gov/COMMUNITYCARE/programs/veterans/Urgent_Care.asp

1. Find Provider ▶

Eligible Veteran finds and travels to in-network urgent care provider.

2. Confirm Eligibility ▶

Veteran states he or she is using VA benefit and urgent care provider confirms Veteran eligibility.

3. Receive Care ▶

Veteran receives urgent care and medication is prescribed, if needed.

4. Billing

Urgent care provider bills VA's Third Party Administrator (TPA) and VA may bill the Veteran the applicable copayment.

Frequently Asked Questions

What specific services are covered by the urgent care benefit?

Individual health conditions are complex and unique to each Veteran. As a result, and to encourage Veterans to seek care when they need it, VA does not publish a specific list of covered services. Preventive care and dental services are excluded.

Will VA reimburse beneficiary travel for urgent care?

VA will reimburse beneficiary travel (BT) for eligible Veterans that travel to receive community care. Payment will be made for the distance to either the nearest VA or community medical facility that could have provided the care or services. Payment will only be made on a one-way basis (e.g., not round-trip) for unscheduled care.

Are urgent care services provided at an emergency department covered by VA?

If the emergency department is part of VA's contracted network and has agreed to furnish urgent care services in accordance with the contract requirements, VA can pay for these services for eligible Veterans under this benefit.

How do Veterans get more information about the urgent care benefit?

Veterans can call their local VA medical facility for more information. A VA staff member can advise the Veteran on available providers and may be able to advise them on whether they will be charged a copayment for the care.

Can the urgent care benefit be used by a Veteran's family member?

Only eligible Veterans can use this benefit. The benefit does not extend to family members and is non-transferrable.



The Eagle

The standards of the legions of Ancient Rome historically bore multiple animals like eagles, boars and wolves to represent specific legions. The standards were attached to a pole and carried by the legions in battle. It represented the soul of the legion and the legion would do anything to protect it.

Over the years, the animals on the standards shifted to the eagle and it became the earmark representation for Rome by the Consul term of Gaius Marius in 107BC.

Under his leadership, the eagle (or Aquila in Latin) was selected to represent Roman legions. To this day, the eagle with the

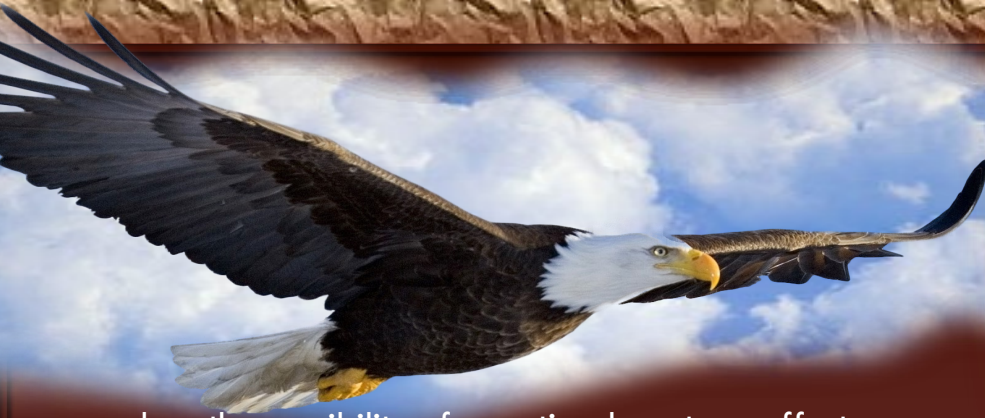


emblazoned letters SPQR meaning 'the senate and the people of Rome' (Senatus Populus Que Romanus in Latin) above embodies the once great Roman empire.

The eagle itself has grand qualities that could be emulated by every soldier and leader. Specific attributes are highlighted with specific parts of the eagle's body. Each quality represented by the body part relates to specific portions of leadership and service.

The eye of the eagle represents focus in leadership and service. A good leader is a good servant as he must focus on utilizing the skills of those for whom he is accountable to benefit the whole. A good servant is a good leader as he must focus on the task at hand. Like the construction of buildings, if the cornerstone is not laid on level ground, the structure will not be erected in a plumb fashion. As such, great focus must be taken early on to





reduce the possibility of negative, long-term effects.

An eagle's eyes are also enhanced by sets of lenses. When an eagle is flying towards the sun, a lens protracts to protect the eyes. When an eagle seeks prey, a lens retracts to allow for sharper vision. The conical shape of the pair of eyes allows for an increased field of vision and the ability to see even the smallest prey. This superior vision allows the eagle to take deeper looks at situations and see past the apparent as with all great leaders in the history of mankind.



An eagle's wings stretch far and wide and, when flexed by the strength of its faithful breasts, it has the strength to carry objects that weigh significantly greater. Its claws hold the power to grasp and to prick prey. A full sized eagle can easily carry away a lamb. Once captured, the eagle's beak is hard enough to penetrate its prey. It is by its mouth and its claws that life and death on its prey are dispersed. With all great leaders, the life and death of their organizations are typically measured from the tongue.

The eagle is also unique as it can fly higher than any other bird. It can do so because of all of the aforementioned attributes. Anciently, it was considered a messenger of the gods because its abilities far outweighed its counterparts. It can also swoop faster than any other bird and defeat any bird which comes in its path. The eagle is the clearly the king of the skies because it has mastered the skies. As such, it flies over terrain majestically with no fear as a representation of its courage and strength. A clear representation of "infinite power", its majesty and mastery have been equated to symbolize immortality.

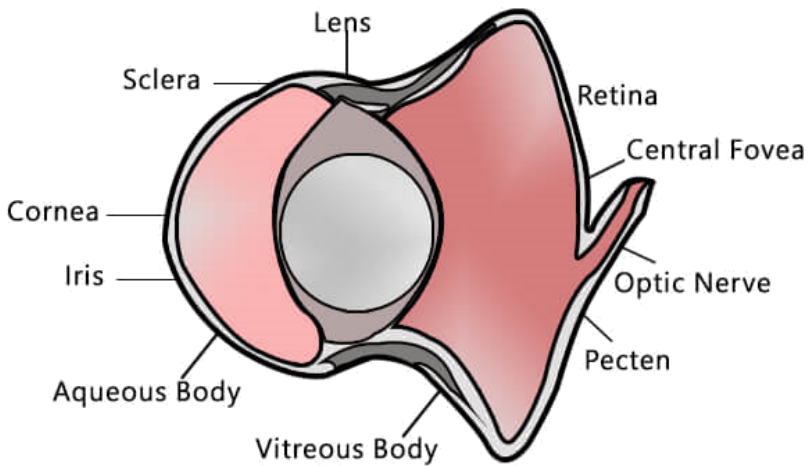
Historically, great leaders have shown great balance when wielding power. Several have moved majestically while exhibiting mastery in service. It was their "eagle" vision that allowed them to focus on specific aspects which gained their successes. It was their strength that allowed them to carry heavy burdens which may have seemed impossible to the average man. It was their patience that prevented wasted motion. It was their fore-sight that prompted them to hold off on force.

Many see Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and the Honorable Barak H. Obama as eagle-like men. Both mastered the terrain of their respective days and ages to secure those whom they protected and served. Despite the challenges, they still flew majestically over troubled terrain and achieved victories. These qualities are just as important..... (next page)



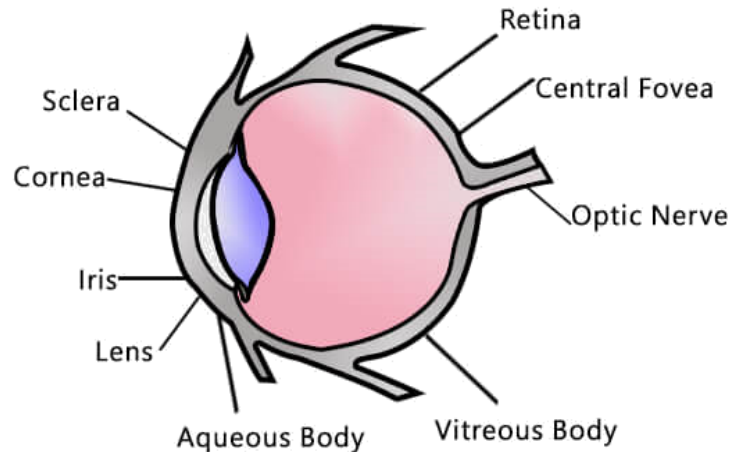
EAGLE EYE —vs.— HUMAN EYE

Eagle Eye



20/5 Vision

Human Eye



20/20 Vision

THE EAGLE CONTINUED: ...in leaders as they are in followers. None of the movements of the Civil Rights Era would have succeeded without eagle men and women to stay focused on specific missions. Without accomplishment of the missions, the vision could not have become a reality. As such, despite the role, leader or follower, eagle qualities are critical to success. Here are seven habits of eagles that are typically associated with organizational leadership:

1. **Eagles flock together:** Eagles enjoy living at high altitudes and do not mix with other birds because they cannot fly at the same altitude. Any mixture with other birds is used as an opportunity to find something to eat or to take something away from them. Only eagles can match other eagles.
2. **Eagles see their prey or enemies a long distance away:** Eagles place themselves in positions where they can see prey and where they can easily see danger coming their way. Their nests are typically high enough so that predators cannot reach but close enough where its superior vision can spot prey.
3. **Eagles do not eat dead things:** Eagles take up challenges and do not waste time on things with no movement. They do not associate with scavengers who feed off of the dead.
4. **Eagles love the storm:** Eagles are able to fly into storms because they are uniquely crafted to do so. They typically USE the storm to gain higher heights in flight. The pressure of the storm lifts them up while flying through allowing the eagle to fly higher with less energy. Like all good leaders, taking on the challenge of the storm allows that eagle to fly to greater heights.
5. **Eagles test before they trust:** After a female eagle and male eagle have mated, they stay mated for life because trust has been earned. The female eagle will run the male eagle through a series of tests before choosing him as her mate. Once faithfulness has been proven, trust has then been earned.

Eagles are majestic birds that are considered to have the best vision of all beings on the planet earth. The construction of its eyes is the source of this great vision. Compared to the human eye, the eagle eye is far superior. Visual acuity is the eye's ability to separate details of an object without any blur. The normal or a 'good' vision for a human is 20/20. Eagles, however, have retinas with cones and have a much deeper fovea—a cone-rich structure in the back of the eye. These give them a visual acuity of an impressive 20/5, or 20/4 which allows them to hunt even the tiny prey from hundreds of feet up in the air.

There is a scientific set-up to determine the strength of eagle's vision. The birds are trained to fly down a long tunnel where two TV screens are kept at the end. One screen has a display of striped pattern to attract the eagle towards it and when they land on that screen, they are given a treat. The birds' acuity is tested by changing the width of the stripes and determining from what distance the eagles begin to turn in the correct direction.

Eagles have the ability to see colors more vividly than humans can. They can even see ultraviolet light and pick out more shades of one color. Their ability to even see the UV light allows them to see the bodily traces left by their prey. Mice's and other small prey's urine is visible to the eagles in the ultraviolet range, making them easy targets even a few hundred feet above the ground.

Human eyes are positioned at the front of the heads, giving us a binocular vision and a peripheral vision of just 180 degrees. We can only see complete images when we use both eyes, as closing one will block a portion of vision that was visible with that eye. The use of both eyes gives us that ability to determine the depth of field and help us realize the speed of any moving object. Unfortunately, our peripheral vision is quite poor. On the other hand, an eagle's eyes are rotated towards the front of the head and are angled 30 degrees from the midline of the face. This allows them to have a 340 degree field of vision. Their peripheral vision is quite impressive, which greatly assists these predatory birds.

The ability to switch between seeing things that are near and far clearly require quick changes in the lens of the eyes, which is known as accommodation. As humans age, the muscles required to change the shape of the lens get stiff and become less effective, requiring us to wear glasses to see distant and nearby things equally clear. However, the eagles not only have a lens that changes the shape to accommodate the changing distance but even their cornea has the ability to change shape to better focus on near and far objects.

Considering these factors, the eyes of an eagle are superior to the eyes of a human. It is highly unlikely that the human eye will ever excel to the point of an eagle's eye due to its position and construction. While poor vision can be enhanced with visual aids and corrected via surgery, the human eye, constructed as is, can never be as efficient as an eagle's.

Source: InSight Vision Center, <https://www.insightvisioncenter.com/human-vision-vs-eagle-vision/>, retrieved, 7/1/2019

6. *Eagles train their children to maturity:* Mature eagles ensure that their offspring are protected until they are ready to move forward on their own. Under the cover of protection, the children are in the venue of preparation. Like internships in corporations, neophytes are trained under the corporate umbrella with some restrictions. As such, when college studies have concluded and the restrictions are removed, they are more likely to move forward successfully in the corporate world.

7. *Eagles retire until new feathers grow:* Older eagles with worn feathers retire to high places to replenish. A sabbatical is a common practice with faith leaders and professors that provide an opportunity for them to replenish physically, mentally and emotionally. New learnings are typically achieved and allow them to return armed with new information and refreshed.

When considering all of the qualities of the eagle, it is understandable why the Roman leaders flocked to this animal to represent its legions. The Scottish Rite Eagle represents the same code from Scottish Rite Masons as it did for the Romans. It remains the rallying symbol for the Rite because the qualities represented by the eagle have transcended the ages and are still relevant today. Hence, the eagle remains as the quintessential representation of power and leadership.

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MARQUETTE-JOLIET #104 VOLUNTEERS TO FEED AMERICA

SUBLIME PRINCE HANIF MORRIS, 32°

According to recent USDA reports, roughly one of every eight households in the country has had difficulty providing food for all its members at one point or another throughout the year. Moreover, the figure does not include the transient or homeless populations where food provision becomes even scarcer nor does it address the quality of food described.

Feeding America is the largest hunger-relief organization in the United States. Through a network of 200 food banks and 60,000 food pantries and meal programs, they provide meals to more than 46 million people each year. Locally, *The Northern Illinois Food Bank* provides food through a network of 800 community food pantries, soup kitchens, shelters, youth and senior centers, and has numerous other direct distribution programs to assist hungry neighbors. The Food Bank acquires donated food directly from manufacturers, as well as retail stores through Food Recovery and Direct Connect programs. However, much of the donated food Northern Illinois Food Bank distributes needs to be inspected, sorted and packaged prior to final delivery.

It is in the aforementioned gap of inspecting, sorting and packaging where Marquette-Joliet #104 volunteered to stand. Saturday morning June 29th, Fraters took part in the labor of processing canned mixed vegetables and assorted corn types that will ultimately play a large role in charitable nutritious meals. During this volunteer shift specifically, 4,356 pounds of food were processed and will provide for 3,630 meals!



The virtue of Charity is extoled extensively throughout Freemasonry. In the Scottish Rite Charity, synonymously interchanged with Love, is expressed ad nauseum. “Duties of... charity”, “...charity links us together”, “...with the fire of fervent charity”, “...charity, which is the bond of perfection”, “...ardent zeal, affection and charity”, “...charity as diffusive as the noon-day sun”, “...the spirit of charity reigns”, “...charity go forth into and inspire the world” and “*And now abideth faith, hope, charity, these three; but the greatest of these is charity.*” As Freemasons are first prepared in our hearts and worldly charity has its initial genesis in a spiritual plane, so too did Marquette-Joliet #104 volunteering to feed America begin with a sincere desire to serve our community. May the spirit of the G.A.O.T.U. continue to be manifested for the benefit of all mankind!

MARQUETTE-JOLIET #104 FRATER WINS NEGOTIATOR AWARD

"How can I help?" is the phrase often uttered by Sublime Prince Carlos Matlock of Marquette Joliet Consistory #104. His willingness to assist with any worthy endeavor despite the obstacle characterizes his action and attitude towards life. With over 25 years of experience as a law enforcement officer, Detective Carlos Matlock of the Joliet Illinois Police Department has earned every accolade lauded upon his career. His mantra of "making things better for people" has guided his personal, fraternal and professional lives and has had a definitive positive impact upon anyone within any degree of separation. As a previous recipient of Police Officer of the Year Award, Carlos is no stranger to be recognized for his professional achievement. However, at the 2019 Illinois Crisis Negotiators Association Training Conference held April 15-18, 2019 in Moline, IL, Detective Matlock was presented with the Charles Brougham Award for outstanding performance. Through acquired skill, dedication and patience he has rightfully earned the prestigious negotiators distinction. May G.A.O.T.U. continue to bless every Frater with continued professional success that shines a definitive positive Light upon the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rites. Fiat Lux!!!



MARQUETTE-JOLIET #104 PLAYS FOR VETS

It is without question the military veterans of our nation are profoundly deserving of our approbation and veneration. The men, women and families of our armed services honor these United States of America by their courage, patriotism and sacrifice all in the name of protecting the lofty constitutional ideals of a democratic republic. Service men and women protect the liberties which we often times take for granted, but perpetually enjoy. Whatever our individual political ideologies may be, it is by the effort of our Veterans that citizens are afforded the privilege of exploring municipal, state and federal policies without fear of retribution. In other words, we are only able to savor the civic and legal freedoms by the direct sweat, blood and tears of our veterans and their families. However, as a society we are woefully indigent in supporting the transition of veterans attempting to reclaim civilian lives. On Memorial and Veterans holidays the nation takes time to reflect on military sacrifice, but functionally, the support for our armed men and women seems to be sorely lacking. What happens on Tuesday? Are we sincerely putting forth best efforts in bolstering and assisting troops after their tours of duty end? Specifically in the realm of healthcare, veterans are faced with a seemingly insurmountable amount of bureaucracy in receiving appropriate specialized care. As the Veterans Administration seeks to serve a growing population of service men and women in need of medical attention, they are often handcuffed by lack of resources to deliver quality care. Simply put, the V.A. is fighting a losing battle by having to do more with less. As a result, Marquette-Joliet Consistory #104 sought to heed the call of assistance by providing a token of support to our local Veterans by way of hosting the 2019 Veteran's Spades Tourney held Friday March 22nd. Fraters, families and friends contributed to the cause and as a result much needed sweatshirts, sweatpants and playing cards were purchased and donated to Edward Hines VA Hospital. More importantly, the awareness to support the military men, women and their families was raised. Marquette-Joliet Consistory #104 encourages all of us to provide Faith, Hope & Charity to our Veterans because..."All gave some, some gave all."

SPADES
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March 22, 2019
7pm Prizes
 \$20/player
 March Madness Bracket Style

VFW Cantigny #367
 826 Horseshoe Dr, Joliet, IL 60435

MARQUETTE-JOLIET #104 FRATER PERFORMS MOTHER'S DAY MIRACLE

Every Mother's Day, Frater Antonio Terry, 32° and his family feed the multitude in spirit and deed. Sunday, May 12, 2019 marked the sixth annual occurrence where close to 250 persons were served a Sunday dinner that Mothers everywhere would be proud of. This year's menu consisted of baked & fried chicken, baked beans, pulled pork, spaghetti, coleslaw and lemonade. More importantly, the time, space and spirit shared over a meal served as a much needed reprieve from the astringencies of life that others may be succumbing to.

Frater Terry's family Mother's Day event at Hesed House initially started as way to occupy themselves after the successive passing of several familial matriarchs within a short period of time. It was a way to deal with enduring the physical absence of women dearly departed by positively transferring that energy unto others who deserve the good will. Undoubtedly, the charitable act serves as a means of actively demonstrating the gratitude mothers from time immemorial are deserving of. "There's no way I can pay you back, but the plan is to show you that I understand. You are appreciated." – Tupac Shakur

The event takes place annually at *Hesed House* in Aurora, the second largest homeless shelter in the state. The organization's mission is to feed the hungry, clothe the naked, shelter the homeless and give people the chance to hope again. Functionally, Hesed House provides comprehensive outcomes in identification, support systems, transportation, child services, life skills, benefits, legal, financial, physical/emotional abuse, mental health, physical health, employment, education and housing. The weekly goal is to get 16 or 17 individuals out of homelessness each week.

Sublime Prince Antonio Terry has always possessed the uncanny ability to galvanize people toward positive outcomes. By inculcating the Scottish Rite admonition of valuing the spirit and experiences of our fellow Fraters and Ladies, he has not only led the commitment of his family in this worthwhile endeavor, but also earned the successful cooperative engagement of Keystone Lodge #15, New Yerusalem Lodge #158, Western Light O.E.S. Chapter #77, Marquette-Joliet Consistory #104, Marquette-Joliet Assembly #87, Odell Smith HRAM Chapter #68 amongst others. On this day, representatives of every Masonic house were able to put costumes aside for the altruistic purpose of succoring to others in genuine need. May the spirit of Faith, Hope & Charity continue to penetrate the hearts of men. *Lux e tenebris!!!*



WESTERN CONSISTORY EAGLES HOST MOTHER'S DAY FEAST

On Sunday May 12, 2019 Western Consistory #28 Eagle Club presented a great and successful Mother's Day Event lead by the great leadership of Commander in Chief Austin, Sublime Prince DeRamus and Frater Richardson along with a great Team of hard working Eagles. Home made meals for the Mothers of the Fraters, Loyal Ladies and other guests were served. A great meal and great time was had by all.



EAGLE'S CLUB OF WESTERN CONSISTORY #28 FISHING

SUBLIME PRINCE KENNY R. ASKEW, 32°

The Eagle's Club of Western Consistory #28 held its 2nd Annual Fishing Excursion on June 1, 2019 at LaSalle Lake Fish and Wildlife located at 2651 N. 21st Rd, Marseilles, IL. It was well attended by the members of #28 and their families, as well as outside guests. The Eagle's Club had individuals on hand to assist those who were fishing for the first time or wanted to learn how to fish. Prizes were donated for the raffle and various raffle prizes and fishing awards were handed out.



The 2019 fishing excursion took in revenues and donations of \$1,441.15 which surpassed 2018 revenues and donations by 120% and has become one of the most profitable programs for the Consistory. Revenues were 90% all profit and 65% of revenues and donations came from people outside the Consistory. The goal of the fishing excursion is to expand the participation of this event to other Consistories in the Orient of Illinois in an effort to enhance relationships and Brotherhood throughout the Orient.

On July 24, 2019, the Eagle's Club of Western Consistory #28 presented a gift in the amount of \$1,441.15 to Western Consistory #28, where S.P. Jonathan Austin is the Commander In Chief. The Eagle's Club requested that \$500.00 be earmarked to be donated to the "2019 Roland G. Simon 5K Prostate Cancer Walk" in the name of Western Consistory #28 and \$941.15 be earmarked and donated to Western Consistory #28 2019 Christmas Basket Fund to feed the needy, where G.I.G. Frank Jarvis is the Chairman.



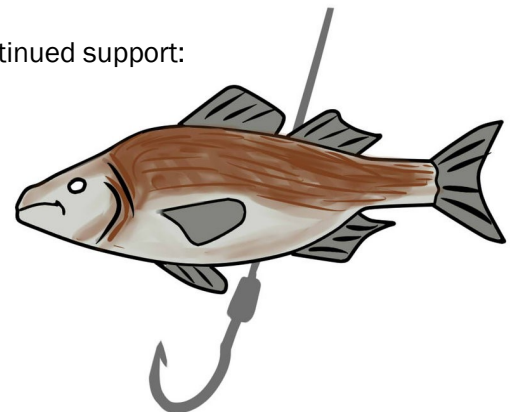
The Eagle's Club would like to thank the following Businesses for their continued support:

\$100.00 plus Donations:

- *Bright's General Construction (S.P. Calvin Bright)*
- *BGME Enterprises, LLC (S.P. Kenny R. Askew)*
- *Finish Line Auto Service (S.P. Verzell Carter)*
- *Henry's Bait & Tackle (25 Rods and Reels, Rod & Reel combos and tackle box for raffles)*

Special Thanks Donations:

- *House of Bing*
- *G.I.G. Frank Jarvis (Hot Dogs and Condiments for sale)*



The Chairman thanked all who participated and contributed to make this year's fishing excursion a success.

MARQUETTE-JOLIET #104 BOWLS FOR AUTISM

SUBLIME PRINCE HANIF MORRIS, 32°



Autism spectrum disorder characterizes a comprehensive range of communicative, social, and behavioral conditions affecting 1 out of every 60 children in the country. As the condition is spectrum based, each case is unique unto itself and faces a distinct set of obstacles.

The ways in which people with autism learn, think and problem-solve can range from highly skilled to severely challenged. Some people with ASD may require significant support in their daily lives, while others may need less support and, in some cases, live entirely independently. Indicators of autism usually appear by age 2 or 3. Some associated development delays can appear even earlier, and often, it can be diagnosed as early as 18 months. Research shows that early intervention leads to positive outcomes later in life for people with autism.

Recent research dictates genetic and environmental factors may influence the development of autism, and is often accompanied by sensory sensitivities and medical issues such as gastrointestinal (GI) disorders, seizures or sleep disorders, as well as mental health challenges such as anxiety, depression and attention issues. The leading charitable organization in the field, *The Autism Research Institute*, supports the health and well-being of people affected by autism through innovative, impactful research and education.

As Autism Spectrum Disorder has become increasingly diagnosed in our youths, the Fraters of Marquette-Joliet Consistory #104 found it worthwhile to support cutting edge research leading to effective treatment of the condition. In so doing, M-J#104 held a charity bowling event Friday June 21st to foster awareness of the disorder and support the families affected by it. The Marquette- Joliet #104 Charity Bowling Extravaganza was held at Centennial Lanes 2.0, a minority owned award winning bowling center. The dynamic Tinley Park location offers 32 premium lanes, full sized bar lounge and a large banquet room and was a perfect locale for the affair.

As there is a natural teaching & learning efficiency derived from a teacher-student dynamic so too does that relationship exist between Grand Inspector Generals, 33° and Sublime Princes, 32°. For example, while bowling for charity was the obvious objective of the night, it was also obvious to glean that although the Sublime Princes may have had youth on their side, it was the knowledge & experience of the Grand Inspector Generals that won the day and illustrated accordingly in their higher average bowling scores. However, as the frames continued, the G.I.G.'s were apt to give effective bowling tips that when implemented, resulted in improved scores.

This act of giving and receiving demonstrated the truism that if more experienced Fraters have knowledge to impart it is their duty to do so and conversely, if less experienced Fraters desire more Light in Masonry, it is their duty to seek it. May we all continue to lift as we climb!

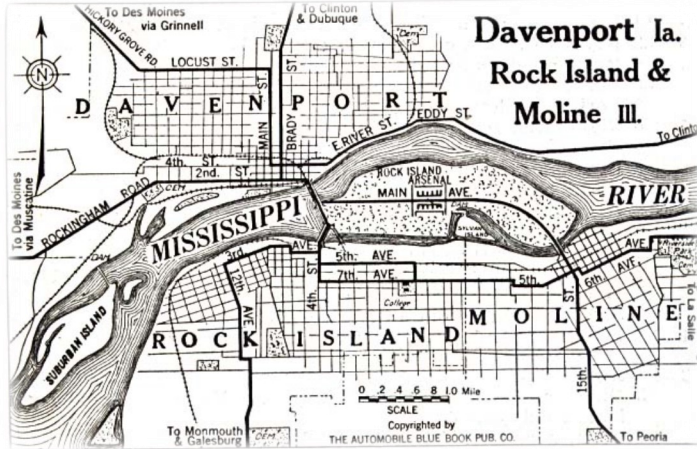


TERRITORIES YOU SHOULD KNOW: THE TRI-CITIES & CITY OF ROCKFORD

GRAND INSPECTOR GENERAL DARYL L. ANDREWS, 33°

Cities of Moline, Illinois; Rock Island, Illinois and Davenport, Iowa

River towns along the Mississippi River were the largest points of population in the States of Illinois and Iowa during the first half of the 19th Century. Alton, Illinois, which is located at the convergence of the Mississippi and Missouri Rivers was the largest city in Illinois prior to the opening of the Illinois-Michigan canal. By 1860, the City of Rock Island which is located at the convergence of the Mississippi and Rock Rivers in Northwestern Illinois had a population that fell within the top ten cities in the state. The City of Moline grew alongside Rock Island after being established in 1848. Davenport, Iowa which is situated directly across the Mississippi River from Rock Island and Moline, was established in 1836. These three cities constitute the Tri-Cities and the source of their growth was trade.



to trade, this river provided a clear pathway for the transportation of resources from Northwest Illinois to Wisconsin. Linkage with train routes in these locales provided passage to Milwaukee, Wisconsin; to Chicago, Illinois and other areas east or west of the river in both states. Jobs to process traded resources sprouted in all of these areas.

The Mississippi River has always been a hotbed of trade activity especially in areas where rivers converge. The Rock River is a Mississippi River tributary which travels eastward through the City of Rockford, Illinois and Northward all the way through Beloit, Wisconsin. Relative

Based on this cycle and 2019 population counts, the industry resulting from trading the likely reason that the populations in these areas grew significantly over the years. The City of Rockford has grown to become the fifth largest city in Illinois with over 145,000 citizens. The population of Rock Island, Moline and East Moline combined places the region as the ninth largest region in the state. The number of citizens in this region represent similar counts in Davenport, Iowa. In fact, nearly 2,000 citizens separate the two. The population of Beloit, Wisconsin has maintained over 36,000 citizens since the 1980s. All in all, the Tri-Cities region has helped contributed to the growth of the Northern section of the State of Illinois. It is from this industrial prowess that Consistories in these Valleys are sourced.

Illinois Council of Deliberation Benevolent Fund ~ POSTER OFFER ~

The Clarion has designed a poster to salute the Orient of Illinois and to benefit the cause of Charity. This special 24" x 36" poster is a valuable keepsake for all Fraters and Loyal Ladies as it outlines:

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NEW ILLINOIS COUNCIL OF DELIBERATION WEBSITE

The official website of the Illinois Council of Deliberation was launched in April of 2019 to create an online presence for the Orient of Illinois on the World Wide Web.

Www.ICODPHA.org provides the following information about the orient through the following links:

- **HOME**—Message from the Deputy & Calendar of Events
- **ABOUT US**—History and officers of the Orient of Illinois
- **MISSION & VISION** statements for the Orient of Illinois
- **AUXILIARIES** under the umbrella of the Orient of Illinois
- **PROGRAMS** offered either directly or in conjunction with the United Supreme Council
- **JEWELS**—Torchbearers, articles, historical photographs are other educational items
- **CONTACT US** or leave comments on the site
- **ADMIN**—Coming soon. This password protected area for MEMBERS ONLY.



Visit often and be sure to connect to the Illinois Council of Deliberation FACEBOOK page.



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Greetings my brothers and my sisters:

Again, God is allowing me to communicate with you in this manner and I consider it a Blessing and a privilege just having a relationship with you.

Congratulations to those new Fraters and Ladies of the Golden Circle who were initiated in October during our 101st Annual Illinois Council of Deliberation, I pray that each of you will apply yourselves to the good work of the Scottish Rite of Freemasonry. That you will be one of our proudest members to the extent that we will look at you with great pride and admiration, knowing that you are a member of the Prince Hall Scottish Rite Family.

I also want to thank every Brother and Sister and congratulate all valleys that gave cheer and food to the less fortunate in your respective communities during the Christmas Holiday Season. I pray God's Blessing on each of you.

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

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

Fraternally,
 Just another brother
 Melvin Frierson, 33o
 Deputy for Illinois


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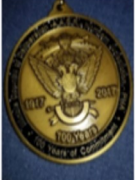
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Congratulations on a job well done. I look forward to visiting this awesome site on a regular basis. Thanks for all the information.


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Ill. Floyd Woods Sr., 33rd President



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