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SOVEREIGN GRAND INSPECTOR GENERAL MELVIN FRIERSON, 33^o

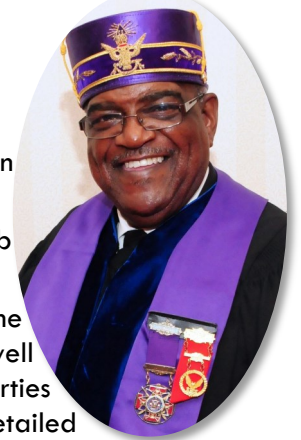
Dear Fraters and Loyal Ladies

I am pleased to say that, Thanks To Many Of You, the Orient of Illinois (our Orient) did a fantastic job in hosting the 134 Annual Session of the United Supreme Council this past May in the city of Chicago.

Hats off to the Loyal Ladies and the State Grand Assembly's Committee who also did a splendid job entertaining the female guest from visiting Orients.

Every committee functioned well and did what was required of them and for this I am truly grateful. The Degree Team and Transportation Committee was superb and have received many congrats for a job well done. Naming people can sometimes get us in trouble, I won't do that, you as well as all interested parties know who you are and what role you played and I thank each of you for what you did. A more detailed report can be found later in this newsletter.

Thanks again for being a number one Orient, God bless you.



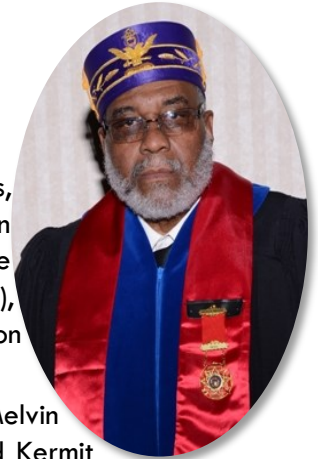
From the Desk of the Secretary for the Orient of Illinois

SOVEREIGN GRAND INSPECTOR GENERAL JAMES A. MITCHELL, 33^o—“A well prepared man never trembles.”

We like to thank the Sovereign Grand Inspectors General, Grand Inspectors General, Sublime Princes, Loyal Ladies, and Volunteers for a job well done at the 134th United Supreme Council's Annual Session held in Chicago, Illinois, in May of 2015. Many accolades and kudos to you. You did yourselves and the Orient of Illinois (PHA) proud. More especially, the Degree Team, Friday Night Affair Organizer(s), Loyal Ladies Activities' Committee, Souvenir Journal Committee, Registration Committee, Transportation Committee, Golf Outing Committee, and all other Committees.

Congratulations to the twelve fraters—Hewitt Douglass, Kevin Ellis, Justin Johnson, Reginald Johnson, Melvin Jordon, Major Lacy, Lewis Maxwell, Michael Maura, Clarence Pickney, Keith Roach, Ernest Young, and Kermit Young—who received their 33rd degree, and classification of SGIG Herbert Barker, all from Illinois.

Many thanks to the Deputy, Melvin Frierson, for his leadership and guidance throughout the Session in question. Don't forget to support the Illinois Council of Deliberation's (PHA) activities.



Congratulations State Grand Loyal Lady Rulers

LOYAL LADY WATTINE HAMPTON, STATE GRAND LOYAL LADY RULER

The Scottish Rite Clarion extends congratulations to Loyal Lady Sandra Mosley, Past State Grand Loyal Lady Ruler (left) and best wishes to Loyal Lady Wattine Hampton, new State Grand Loyal Lady Ruler of the Illinois State Grand Assembly, Order of the Golden Circle (right). Loyal Lady Hampton was elected and installed at the 2015 Illinois State Grand Assembly Session in Springfield this October.



Feedback from the Prior Editions

GRAND INSPECTOR GENERAL DARYL L. ANDREWS, 33^o, EDITOR

“I liked the DO YOU KNOW YOUR RITE section in the last edition. Apparently, I didn't know my Rite like I thought I did. The information that was presented did not have enough girth though. Looking forward to the next one.”

- **This edition focuses on SGC Sumner Furniss. Check it out.**

“Need to see more information on the Order of the Golden Circle. The Loyal Ladies are busy too!”

- **Submit the information and we'll likely print it.**

“So Bill Norman is ‘THE MAN’ with the photos. He seems to have them like SGIG Brian Abrams used to have them. I have never seen clearer photos like that of SGC Summers, SGIGs Vanderburg, Fort and Williams. You need to build a photo archive.”

- **Sounds like a plan. We will try to kick the idea around.**

“I especially like the fact that the Clarion is hitting on ALL areas of the Orient and not just Chicago. Keep it up!”

- **The entire orient is active and we need submissions on all events. Coverage is dependent upon the articles you submit. Keep sending them, we'll keep printing them.**

Open Letter to the Illinois Council of Deliberation

SOVEREIGN GRAND INSPECTOR GENERAL HOMER WALTON, 33^o, GRAND SENESCHAL, USC, AASR, NJ

Having just returned from the 134th Annual Communication of the United Supreme Council, held in Chicago, Illinois from May 22-26, I would like to extend my appreciation to the Fraters of this Orient for all of the hard work that went into making this event the successful venture that it was. The participation of the members of this orient, from the newest Sublime Prince to each and every Sovereign Grand Inspector General was truly magnificent.

Let me first give thanks and acknowledgement to our Illustrious Deputy, Sovereign Grand Inspector General Melvin Frierson, 33^o, for the leadership and direction that he provided to each Valley to encourage the membership to be proactive and engaged in putting our best foot forward towards hosting a historic event such as this. Without your input and guidance, we would not have been nearly as successful as we were. You will remain an inspiration of leadership and brotherhood that we can all aspire to.

To the various committees that worked long and tirelessly to ensure that our guests were able to receive the best possible welcome available – you were phenomenal. From Transportation to the Souvenir Journal, to the Hospitality, to the Kit Packing, to the Degree Team and more – you all went above and beyond in your efforts to place the Orient of Illinois in the ranks of the upper echelon of the Northern Jurisdiction. I would be hard pressed to name every individual that gave so much of themselves, but I would be remiss if I did not acknowledge the following members for their exceptional efforts to ensure a job well done:

- *Sov. Grand Inspector General Deplessie Drew, 33^o – Degree Team*
- *Sov. Grand Inspector General James Mitchell, 33^o – Souvenir Journal*
- *Sov. Grand Inspector General Lafayette Gatling, 33^o - Transportation*
- *Grand Inspector General David Bonds, 33^o – Transportation*
- *Grand Inspector General Frank Jarvis, 33^o – Kit Committee*

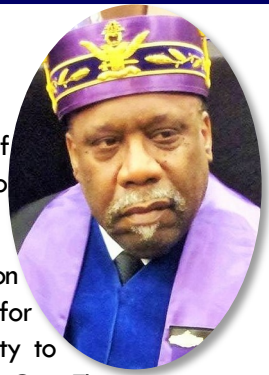
These individuals did a yeoman's job in their respective areas to pull together Fraters from all over the Orient to create a

formidable team of brethren capable of making magic happen. My hat goes off to you.

I cannot forget to give thanks and appreciation to the Loyal Ladies of the various Assemblies for their efforts to provide incomparable cordiality to the female contingent of visitors to our Windy City. The planning and execution of the various activities for the ladies was spectacular and many compliments were received on the wonderful time had by all who were in attendance for the tours and receptions. Past State Grand Loyal Lady Ruler Paulette Brown, Loyal Lady Marie Burris and their committees were fabulous and most deserving of special commendation.

And let me also remember that congratulations are in order to the contingent of Fraters from this Orient who comprise a part of the Dwight R. Johnson Class of 2015 of newly coroneted 33rd Degree Masons. Their stellar accomplishment is well worthy of special recognition. Grand Inspectors General Kevin Ellis, Hewitt Douglas, Tony Stafford, Kermit Young, Lewis Maxwell, Major Lacy, Michael Maura, Keith Roach, Melvin Jordan, Justin Johnson, Clarence Pinkney, Reginald Johnson, and Ernest Young, your ascension to the highest degree in Masonry is just the beginning of a journey to improve not only yourselves, but the progression of this order. Look well to your futures. And congratulations are also in order for Herbert Barker, who was elevated to the rank of Sovereign Grand Inspector General Emeritus. We expect that you will show through hard work and your active participation that you are deserving of this lofty honor.

Once again, I extend my felicitations and compliments to all Fraters who participated in making this communication a success. We have shown the United Supreme Council that the Orient of Illinois is worthy of being held in high esteem as one of the leading Orients in this jurisdiction. I salute you all for a job well done.



“Congratulations to Ms. Hoosman. She is a well deserving recipient of Tyree’s award. How did Western go about choosing its Man Among Men award recipient?”

- *We’ll post the question for Western and get back to you.*

“How do you become a Sov. Grand Inspector General?”

- *This information is in the Constitution and Bylaws of the United Supreme Council.*

“I like to read the articles on history and the ones that focus on retrospective feedback. It is good to see who our leaders were and what they were about in their private lives. It

- *They set the standard. Now, we have a legacy to uphold.*

Please feel free to forward your articles for publication and/or comments on past editions of the Scottish Rite Clarion Magazine to Clarion@AndrewsPress.com to be considered for publication.

The cutoff for the next edition is
March 12, 2016.

Articles received after this date will be considered for future publications pending the content and timeframe. Thanks in advance for your submissions and we look forward to reviewing your articles and comments. Fiat Lux!



A Word of Gratitude

LL. SANDRA MOSLEY, PAST STATE GRAND LOYAL LADY RULER

“Preserve me O God; for in thee do I put my Trust.”

I would like to take this time to thank the great Assemblies in the Orient of Illinois. With your individual and collective efforts, the Illinois State Grand Assembly served as host for all visiting Loyal Ladies that attended the 134th Annual Session of the Unite Supreme Council held in the city of Chicago, Illinois. LL. Paulette Brown, Past State Grand Loyal Lady Ruler served as the Chairperson with Loyal Lady Pauline Brown, SGLLP and LL. Diana Caston, S G L L - Photographer as co-chairpersons. These Loyal Ladies along with the chairpersons of various committees extended an awesome welcome and a generous portion of genuine hospitality to our visiting Loyal Ladies. May thanks for the arrangements which were made for their further reception and entertainments during all of the planned activities and local attractions visited. Thank You Chicago Assembly #4, LL. Laura Young – Loyal Lady Ruler, LL. Marie Burris and all Loyal Ladies that helped make this a success.



I also extend my earnest gratitude to Tyree Assembly #55. I am deeply and sincerely grateful for your consideration, courtesy and thought in honoring me with “A Golden Soiree” on July 11, 2015. Very special thanks to my chairpersons, LL. Mildred Thomas-General Chairperson and LL. Joi Haire, Ticket and Souvenir Chairperson. Thanks to the Past State Grand Loyal Lady Rulers, Illinois State Grand Assembly Grand Officers, all state Assemblies and Loyal Ladies, the Masonic Houses and their members that helped to make this memorable occasion a success.

To all Assemblies, information will be forthcoming to help prepare for the Illinois Council of Deliberation.

Yours in Peace and Unity,
LL. Sandra Mosley, State Grand Loyal Lady Ruler



Divine Inspirations

SUBLIME PRINCE TARA DERAMUS, 32°

When you think you have less, you find you really have a lot of the best.

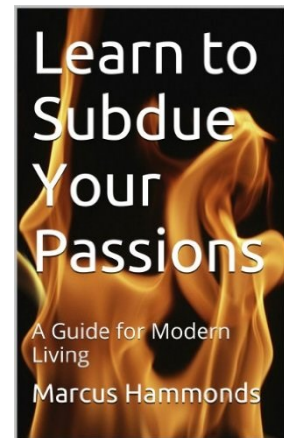
When you know you can't go any further, you feel the wind behind you and all the others.

When you feel like giving up, God says no just stay prayed up.



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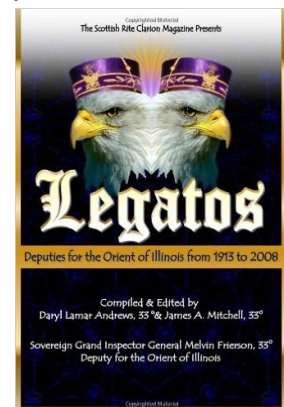
Learn to Subdue Your Passions
by Sublime Prince Marcus Hammonds



This work speaks well about passions and challenges one to stay on the right path.

Legatos: Deputies for the Orient of Illinois from 1913 to 2008

by Daryl Andrews & James A. Mitchell



This book provides a great history of the Scottish Rite in the Orient of Illinois.

Www.Amazon.com

Menelik Consistory #49 Presents Breakfast of Scholars in Peoria, IL

SUBLIME PRINCE MICHAEL JOHNSON, 32^o, MENELIK CONSISTORY #49

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

The last breakfast was held in Peoria, IL on Saturday March 21, 2015 at the Boys and Girls Club on the south side. The food for the Breakfast was donated by Bob Evan's Restaurant. The focus of the breakfast was a discussion about responsibilities and life skills for males. Fraters from Menelik Consistory lead the conversation, C-I-C SP. Richard H. Andrews II 32, SP Nicklaus A. Shultz 32 and Bro. Charles Miner from the Jurisdiction of New York, also spoke and provided the youth with personal experiences to iterate the aforementioned points. Their input along with other local youth organizations proved to be invaluable. We had on hand about 60 young men from different organizations, Boys and Girls Club, Common Place, Alpha's and the Think Program.

More Breakfast of scholars programs will be held at other locations throughout Central Illinois, The Valley of Springfield. A representative from the Common Place was on hand and ask that we bring this program to their youth center. A special thanks to the fraters of Menelik Consistory who participated and to the committee: SP. Harvey Hall 32 co-chair, SP. Ken Page 32, SP. Nicholas Shultz 32, SP. Darnell Vinson 32, SP. Carl Smith, SP. Michael C. Johnson 32 chair.



How Well Do You Know Your Rite—DR. SUMNER ALEXANDER FURNISS

GRAND INSPECTOR GENERAL DARYL ANDREWS, 33^o, WESTERN CONSISTORY #28



Born in Jackson, Mississippi on January 30, 1874, Sumner Alexander Furniss moved to Indianapolis with his family as a small child. He attended public

schools and the University of Missouri. Before graduating he returned to Indianapolis at the age of 17 to study medicine under Dr. E.S. Elder while attending the Medical College of Indiana. He graduated second in his class from the Medical College in 1894. That same year he successfully competed for a internship at City Hospital, becoming the first African-American professional to serve at the hospital.

In 1895, Furniss started his own practice in which he would serve for more than 50 years. While practicing medicine, he also practiced his civic duties at high levels. In doing so, he eventually became very active in the political arena.

Furniss held memberships in the Marion County and Indiana medical societies and the American Medical Association. A lifetime member of the Flanner House Board, he was also a charter member and first president of the Senate Avenue YMCA. He also served as the President of the Indianapolis Branch of Booker T. Washington's National Negro Business League. In these roles, he touted moral character and conservative principles as the pathway to success.

His civic efforts drove him into politics. He was elected the second African American on the City Council in 1917 and was a member of the Marion County Republican executive committee. Service in these areas lead to his selection as a delegate to the Republican National Convention from

1918 to 1922. His competency in leadership, intelligence and poise are the characteristics that made him a trusted figure within the State of Indiana. These characteristics made him a prominent figure in fraternal circles.

In the 1900s, Furniss had become an active and prominent member of multiple fraternal organizations. He held memberships in the Grand United Order of Odd Fellows and the Knights of Pythias. He was a founding member of the Iota Lambda Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity. By 1908, he had advanced to the 32nd Degree of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry. Shortly after being crowned a Grand Inspector General, his elevation to higher offices within the Rite was swift. By 1916, he had earned election as Grand Minister of State of the United Supreme Council of the Northern Jurisdiction. With Sovereign Grand Inspector General Richard E. Moore stepping down from the office of Lieutenant Grand Commander in 1920, Furniss gained election to the office of Lieutenant Grand Commander at the 13th Triennial. Having served faithfully

in this role and several others, he was elevated to the Office of Sovereign Grand Commander of the United Supreme Council Northern Jurisdiction in 1921 following the death of Sovereign Grand Commander J. Francis Rickards.

Sovereign Grand Commander Furniss served from 1921 to 1949. It was under his leadership, that the Cathedral was built in Philadelphia, the City of Brotherly Love. It was also under his leadership that Sovereign Grand Inspector General Frank M. Summers, the first Sovereign Grand Commander from the Orient of Illinois, was first appointed Deputy for the Orient.



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PRIVATE OFFICE OF DR. SUMNER A. FURNISS, INDIANAPOLIS, IND.

Let There Be Light

GRAND INSPECTOR GENERAL JOHN BROWN, 33°

In the beginning, God said, "Let there be light",
and there was light.

A light that took the face of the earth out of darkness;
Many of us can recall the gospel spiritual, "This Little Light
of Mine, I'm Going To Let It Shine";

From this ancient song, we can learn what our fraternity
needs: more light!

By the presence of so few members in our meetings it shows
that we are slipping back into the dark shadows of Masonry.

Must we be so mystified that we have
to be in the dark to all outsiders?

Must we be so strict in our laws that we can't be ordinary
citizens in our Lodge Halls?

Today, we must come from the customs of dark by-gone
days and walk in the light with our brothers.

If we have to change some laws and customs then, let us do
so, immediately!

Let's stop being an organization of strangers to the
neighborhood and community.

Participation in, and support of, neighborhood and
community programs will give more light to our purpose and
increase our deflated membership.

Let us not slip back into the dark, for if we do, the world will
pass us in our dark shadows.

JRW LITTLE LEAGUE BASEBALL TEAM OF 2014—NOT AT FAULT

GRAND INSPECTOR GENERAL DONNIE MERRITT, 33^o, VICE PRESIDENT, COMMANDERS OF THE RITE, WAUKEGAN

Brothers and Sisters:

I have a very weak voice, but I choose to exercise the action that someone said to me years ago, "that somebody ought to say something."

The young black men that comprise the Jackie Robinson West (JRW) Little League Baseball team of 2014 are not at fault. They sacrificed possibly more than each of us can imagine. They practiced for hours, days in and out and they played the game fair and square on the diamond as they were taught. They **WON!** But in the aftermath of a sudden, long-winded investigation, they were stripped of their title.

Some of them were possibly told they would never amount to much, if anything. Sarcastically, they were possibly told that "you think that you are better than I am or the rest of us." They were possibly told that they were wasting their time, they could **NEVER** win the Little League World Series Championship, let alone the honor of becoming the United States Little League Champions....but they did. They **WON!** These young emerging black American males possibly had doubt and dispersions cast upon them from day one, but they never stopped believing in themselves. Somewhere in the course of inning after inning, within their souls they heard the cry of Rev. Jessie Jackson saying that "I am somebody!" or even possibly the dream of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. that "one day...".. They played each game for the fun of it. They played by the rules as they understood them and beat whomever challenged their individual



ability, belief, or desire to achieve a goal that few young men, especially of their stature had never accomplished before. They **WON!** They became **CHAMPIONS!**

Now, as the cold days of winter plague us and the sun of summer doesn't shine as brightly, all of the wins of the JRW team in 2014 are vacated and they are stripped of their "Champions" title. Because of some missteps of adults, their dignity is assaulted and the pride that they fought so hard to achieve has been tarnished. They did nothing wrong! The adults that are responsible for this misstep should honorably accept the blame, fine, termination, suspension, disgrace or whatever punitive damages they have coming to them. The young men that played the game should not bear this burden of shame! They did nothing wrong.

The "MEN" of the New England Patriots were accused of cheating. Yet, they were allowed to play the game. They went on to win Super Bowl XLIX and were proclaimed to be the World Champions! They accepted whatever

pride, honors and gratuity bestowed upon them. Thus far, **NO ONE** has said, wait a minute...maybe we ought to...or even demand the return of their trophy and/or title. Maybe one day, an asterisk may be placed in the annals of NFL History, but they will **STILL** be recognized as the Super Bowl "World Champions" for 2014.

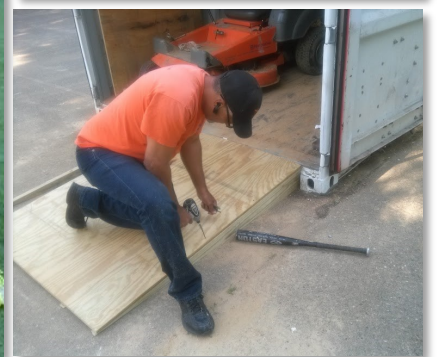
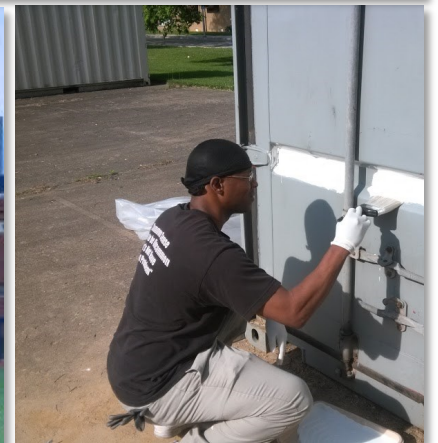
In my opinion the right thing for us in the Chicago area to do is to stand-up and stand strong in support of our native sons. A formal declaration by the Prince Hall family throughout the Orient of Illinois and this country may be the right thing to do proclaiming full support to the JRW Little League Baseball team. An appeal to the Little League Association should be made for them to abridge their decision and share the title with the Chicago area and Las Vegas teams. What really matters is that the Jackie Robinson West Little League Baseball Team earned their title and deserve nothing less.

**THEY ARE WORLD CHAMPIONS,
THEY ARE OUR CHAMPIONS!**

WRIGHTWOOD LITTLE LEAGUE OF CHICAGO THANKS I.C.O.D.

GRAND INSPECTOR GENERAL DARYL ANDREWS, 33^o, VOLUNTEER / COACH WRIGHTWOOD LITTLE LEAGUE

In a day and age where it appears as though opportunities for the youth are dwindling, it was certainly a refreshing surprise for the Wrightwood Little League to receive support from the Illinois Council of Deliberation (ICOD). During the United Supreme Council Session in the City of Chicago, the ICOD gave a generous donation to the Wrightwood Little League on Chicago's Southwest Side. The donation was utilized to obtain equipment and supplies for the league which has been competing well with other teams that are much better equipped. In addition to the supplies, Fraters and Brothers stepped up to assist the league in other ways. Grand Inspector General Daryl Andrews is a volunteer for the league who has helped to coach teams during the last few years. Sublime Princes William Alston and LaMonte Wilson of Western Consistory #28 as well as Worshipful Brother Troy Andrews, Brothers Charles Winfrey, Troy Clincy and Eric Harrell of Cornerstone Lodge #91 worked together along with Grand Inspector General Andrews to re-paint the league's storage container at Hayes Park and build a ramp for the equipment stored therein. The ICOD donation and the efforts of the Fraters and Brethren have made a large impact. It is with this in mind that the officers, members and players of the Wrightwood Little League says thanks.



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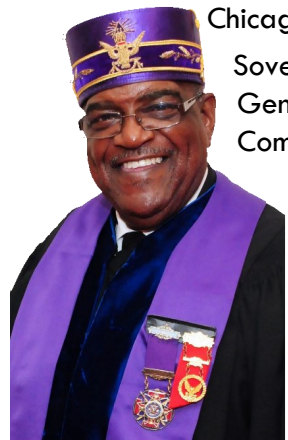
Illinois Makes History

BY GRAND INSPECTOR GENERAL LLOYD WOMACK, 33°
PHOTOS BY GRAND INSPECTOR GENERAL CARL PICKETT, 33°

During the period May 22-26, 2015, under the leadership of Sovereign Grand Inspector General Melvin Frierson, Deputy of the Orient, for the Illinois Council of Deliberation (ICOD), Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry, Prince Hall Affiliation, Northern Jurisdiction, U.S.A. Inc., served as host for the One Hundred Thirty-Fourth Annual Session of the United Supreme Council (USCS), Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry, Prince Hall Affiliation, Northern Jurisdiction, U.S.A., Inc. The USCS was held at the Chicago Marriott Downtown Hotel, 540 North Michigan Ave., Chicago, Illinois.

Sovereign Grand Inspector General Frierson extended a warm welcome to Sovereign Grand Inspector General Dr. Solomon Wallace, 33°, Sovereign Grand Commander, Northern Jurisdiction, Sovereign Grand Commander Deary Vaughn, 33°, Southern Jurisdiction, the USC Convention Department, the Official Delegations, Visiting Delegations, Loyal Ladies of the Golden Circle, Members of the Masonic Organizations and Friends.

Chicago is a city of history and the host of major events. The United Supreme Council was one of those major events. Jean Baptiste Point DuSable a black man in 1799 was the earliest recorded resident of the settlement close to the mouth of the Chicago River that grew to become the city of Chicago. Mr. DuSable was a prosperous business man and a wealthy trader by profession. Because of his contributions a number of Chicago Institutions have been named in his honor.





The Chicago Marriott Downtown was the headquarters for the 134th Annual Session of the United Supreme Council, AASR, NJ, PHA, USA, Inc.



The golf outing sponsored by the ICOD on May 21st was a grand success. The revealing of the bust of SGC Wallace was a session highlight.

On October 8, 1871, Chicago, was destroyed by fire (commonly referred to as “the Great Chicago Fire”) as the result of Mrs. Catherine O’Leary’s cow named Daisy, who allegedly kicked over a lit lantern in the barn. The fire burned for two days however, following the cooling of the ashes, the surviving residents began to rebuild Chicago which now stands as one of the greatest cities in the nation.

On April 12, 1983, Harold Washington was elected the 51st Mayor of Chicago making him the first Black Mayor of Chicago. Mayor Washington was elected to a second term and served to his death on November 25, 1987. He was born and educated in Chicago and was a life long politician who rose through the ranks as alderman, state

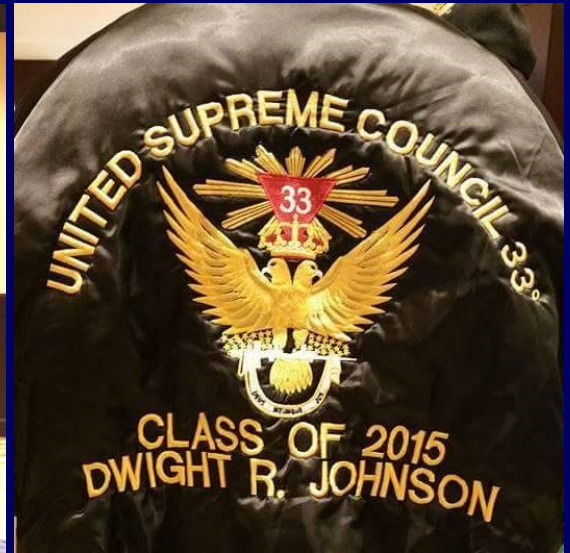


representative and congressman. Brother Washington was also a Prince Hall Mason (Harmony Lodge No. 88).

Barack Hussein Obama began his political career in Chicago as a grass roots community organizer working his way through the political ranks. He became a United States Senator. In November 2008, he was elected the 44th President of the United States of America making him the first Black President of the United States of America. In 2012 President Obama was re-elected President of the United States of America, again making history.

In 2007 Sovereign Grand Inspector General Dr. Solomon Wallace, Sovereign Grand Comander initiated a





From day one of the Session to its very end, the Grand Inspectors General Class of 2015 stuck together through thick and thin.



The Dwight R. Johnson Class of 2015 numbered more than one hundred. Illinois members pose with Grand Master Millard V. Driskell.

directive that every Orient hosting the United Supreme Council Session do it's own degree work.

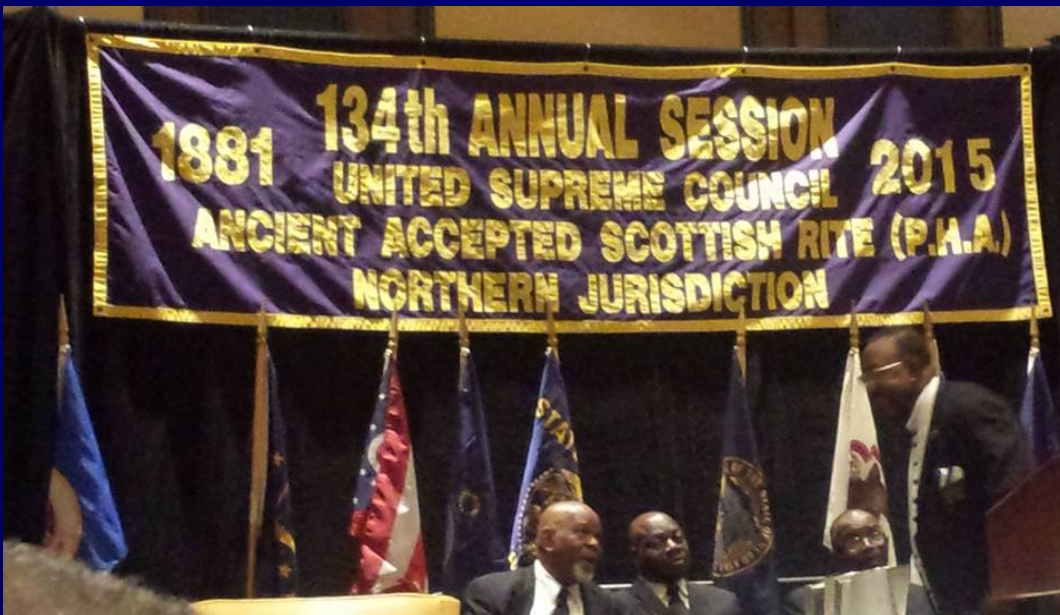
As a result of this directive, on May 25, 2015, again, history has made in Chicago. Just like the City of Chicago rose from the ashes in 1871 from, "the Great Chicago Fire", the Illinois Council of Deliberation 33° Degree Team also rose to a great height and made history by making Thirty-Third Degree Masons. This was the first time this was done in the Orient of Illinois. There were Sublime Princes from the Northern Jurisdiction and abroad to include the Orient of the Far East, Orient of Eastern Canada, Orient of Western Europe, and the Orient Commonwealth of the Bahamas. In the words of S.G.I.G. Frierson, Deputy of the Orient, "this level of degree work is normally reserved for members of the United Supreme Council". The ICOD Degree team rose to the occasion and

did an outstanding job. The ICOD Team was under the directions of Sovereign Grand Inspector General DePlessie "Sonny" Drew, Chairman, and Grand Inspector General Glenn Pickett, Co-Chairman. The ICOD 33°Degee Team Members consisted of an array of brothers that include Sovereign Grand Inspector Generals, Grand Inspector Generals, the Grand Master, and a Past Most Worshipful Grand Master.

Months later after the closing of the United Supreme Council Session in Chicago members of the ICOD Degree team are still receiving congratulations calls from across the globe regarding the exceptional degree work done. For two years the ICOD team and coordinators dedicated themselves to learning, perfecting, and performing the historical work and are recognized as follows:



The Degree Team under the direction of Sovereign Grand Inspector General DePlessie "Sonny" Drew performed their tasks magnificently.



A grand time was had at the annual banquet of the United Supreme Council, AASR, PHA, NJ on May 25th in the Grand Ballroom of the hotel.

- S.G.I.G. Melvin Frierson, Deputy for the Orient
 - S.G.I.G. Charles Burns, Jr., Assistant to the Deputy /Coordinator for the Sovereign Grand Commander
 - S.G.I.G. DePlessie "Sonny" Drew, Chairman
 - *G.I.G. Glenn Pickett, Co-Chairman/Lt. Grand Commander
 - S.G.I.G. Charles Stewart, General Coordinator
 - G.I.G. Millard V. Driskell, Most Worshipful Grand Master/Coordinator
 - G.I.G. George McCrowey, Coordinator for the Grand Master of Ceremony
 - G.I.G. Michael G. Harper, Coordinator for the Grand Captain of the Guard
 - G.I.G. Reinaldo Walker, Coordinator/ Marshall
 - G.I.G. Robert Weems, Sr., Coordinator
 - *G.I.G. Milton Jackson, Coordinator/ Participant
 - G.I.G. Fred McNeal, Jr., Coordinator
 - G.I.G. John L. Richardson, Coordinator
 - G.I.G. Lloyd Womack, Recording Secretary
 - *G.I.G. Albert Haynes, III., Sovereign Grand Commander
 - G.I.G. James Jones, II., Sovereign Grand Commander
 - G.I.G. Dwayne A. Smith, Sovereign Grand Commander
 - *G.I.G. Albert Lott, Lt. Grand Commander
 - *G.I.G. Leo Wimberely, Jr., Grand Master of Ceremony
 - G.I.G. Jerald Prince, Grand Master of Ceremony
 - G.I.G. Roland G. Simon, Grand Master of Ceremony
 - *G.I.G. Clarence Trotter, Grand Captain of the Guard/Past Grand Master
 - G.I.G. Carl Pickett, Grand Captain of the Guard
 - G.I.G. Oliver Fry, Grand Captain of the Guard
 - *S.G.I.G. William W. Jackson, Grand Prior
 - G.I.G. Eddie Banks, Grand Prior
 - *G.I.G. Frank E. Gillie, Jr., Marshall
 - G.I.G. Ray E. Willis, Understudying Assignment
 - *G.I.G. Earl T. Young, Sword Bearer
 - *G.I.G. Kevin Booker, Sword Bearer
 - *G.I.G. Henry Barton, III., Sword Bearer
- *Degree Team Members that Performed the Degree Work on the floor at The United Supreme Council Session in Chicago.**

Essentials of Intentional Interviewing DR. JAMES LANIER RECOGNIZED

“Essentials of Intentional Interviewing” contains a special dedication to our good brother Dr. James Lanier for his efforts and input into this work which is being used to educate students at the collegiate level across the country. In the words of the authors Allen and Mary Ivey and Carlos Zalaquett:



“The book has been dedicated to James Lanier, Professor at University of Illinois, Springfield. He has been an important part of our constant movement toward a healthier, more positive orientation to human change processes.”

Many brethren in the Masonic ranks know of Dr. James Lanier as a brother who has worn many hats. He is a Grand Inspector General of Menelik Consistory #49 in the Valley of

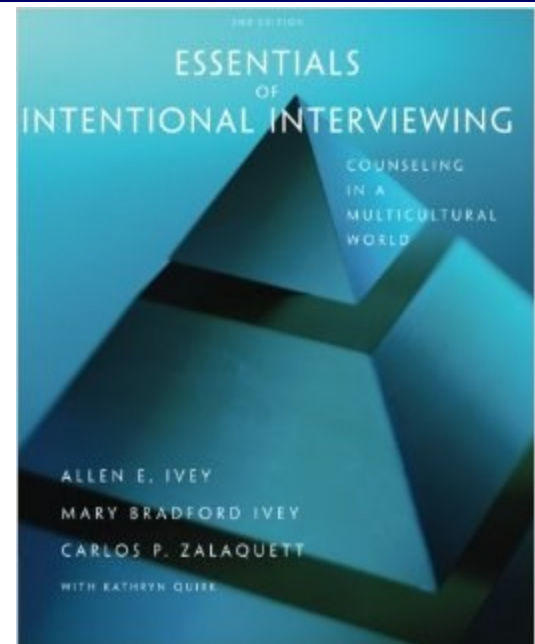
Springfield, Illinois; Past Master of Central Lodge #3; an active member in the York Rite Bodies in all houses at all levels; as well as an active member of the Ancient Egyptian Arabic Order, Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. While only a few however know that he was a Golden Gloves Boxer in past years, a few more know that he is an educator at the University of Illinois-Springfield. All in all, he is a renown Freemason, and now, a renown, educator.

In general, it is indeed an honor for one to be recognized in a dedication to an academic work most especially at the collegiate level. These works require a great deal of vetting before they can be introduced as materials to trains the leaders of the future. Contrary to fictional works, the vetting process is much more extreme.

Vetting for collegiate texts are typically done by experts and scholars within the specific field. In this process, the sources for the research must be valid and accurate and able to stand to the challenge of the scholars. The conclusions outlined in these types of books must also be able to stand a high degree of scrutiny from experts in the field before a publisher would even take a first glimpse at the work. The publisher, subsequently, engages in its own vetting and proofreading efforts to solidify the work for print. Once completed, the work is released to the designated destinations with great assurance that it is solid. While additional vetting processes may also be included in this effort, the act of vetting is the piece that secures the credibility of the work.

With regard to non-collegiate works, sources of information are verified but not validated necessarily by experts. Fictional works are done primarily for entertainment and may not require a detailed validation. Nonfictional works however do required some form of vetting if they wish to be considered credible. Conclusions from the information also should align with the sources but do not necessarily prevent the work from being published. In both instances, a major goal of the publisher is to reap profits from the sales of the works. If profit is the major driver, credibility may, indeed, be a secondary concern.

As compared with other types of works, dedications in collegiate texts are the substance of great respect and distinction by colleagues. While other non-fictional or fictional works typically contain personal dedications, many collegiate works are void of these types of recognition. In fact, individuals are not typically listed in dedications for collegiate works unless their contributions were either at a grand scale or so significant that they guided the specific course in the book. Clearly, this is the case with Grand Inspector General Lanier.



Congratulations on this honor!!!

The Washingtons and Alvin Jones Reconstruct Western's Store Room

GRAND INSPECTOR GENERAL CARL PICKETT, 33^o, WESTERN CONSISTORY #28

Between March -May of 2015 G.I.G. Phillip Washington, S.P. Justin Washington, and S.P. Alvin Jones cleaned out and reconstructed the A.A.S.R. storeroom on the 2nd and 4th flr. and moved dinner and flatware to the 2nd flr. G.I.G.S Carl Pickett and Phillip Washington went thru all degree supplies, class supplies and Western Consistories House supplies. S.P. Alvin Jones and S.P. Justin Washington have put everything in its proper place.

BEFORE



AFTER



Western Consistory #28 of Elevates 13 Master Masons in Chicago

GRAND INSPECTOR GENERAL CARL PICKETT, 33^o, WESTERN CONSISTORY #28, MWPHGL OF ILLINOIS PUBLIC RELATIONS

On May 16, 2015 the degree team of Western Consistory #28 elevated 13 Master Masons from the 1st district. These brothers will go through 27 weeks of classes that has historically been done for the last 50 yrs. Upon completion they will participate in a statewide elevation in Springfield Ill. this October.

Congratulations to the Degree Team (pictured) and to the new Elevation Class of Western Consistory #28, Valley of Chicago.



Illinois Council of Deliberation



Under the direction and leadership of the Most Illustrious Commander in Chief, Sovereign Grand Inspector General Melvin Frierson, the 2015 Illinois Council of Deliberation Annual Session was one of the most successful sessions in years. This is due in large part to the grand showing of the Orient of Illinois at the 134th Annual Session of the United Supreme Council, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry, Northern Jurisdiction in May of 2015. The spirit of comradery



2015 ~ Springfield, Illinois



carried over to the Illinois Council of Deliberation Session where several Fraters were awarded Meritorious Service Awards as well as leadership awards for higher levels of service. The Illinois State Grand Assembly also welcomed Loyal Lady Wattine Hampton as its new State Grand Loyal Lady Ruler. As all things were done in good and decent order, harmony prevailed throughout all sessions. We look forward to greater things in 2016.



Veterans Affairs:

Burial Benefits

GRAND INSPECTOR GENERAL

MAJOR LACY, 33^o

For Burial in a National Cemetery

Burial benefits available include a gravesite in any of our 131 national cemeteries with available space, opening and closing of the grave, perpetual care, a Government headstone or marker, a burial flag, and a Presidential Memorial Certificate, at no cost to the family. Some Veterans may also be eligible for Burial Allowances. Cremated remains are buried or inurned in national cemeteries in the same manner and with the same honors as casketed remains.

Burial benefits available for spouses and dependents buried in a national cemetery include burial with the Veteran, perpetual care, and the spouse or dependents name and date of birth and death will be inscribed on the Veteran's headstone, at no cost to the family. Eligible spouses and dependents may be buried, even if they predecease the Veteran.

The Veterans family should make funeral or cremation arrangements with a funeral provider or cremation office. Any item or service obtained from a funeral home or cremation office will be at the family's expense.

Preparing in Advance

Gravesites in Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) national cemeteries cannot be reserved in advance.

You should advise your family of your wishes and where your discharge papers* are kept. These papers are very important in establishing your eligibility.

At the time of need your family would contact a funeral home who will assist them with making burial arrangements at the national cemetery. You may wish to make pre-need arrangements with a funeral home.

To schedule a burial: Fax all discharge documentation to the National Cemetery Scheduling Office at 1-866-900-6417 and follow-up with a phone call to 1-800-535-1117.

Donating Burial Flags in National Cemeteries

Most of the Department of Veterans Affairs national cemeteries display an Avenue of Flags on patriotic holidays and during special events. The Avenues consist of burial flags donated by the families of deceased Veterans and provide a unique visible tribute to all of our Nation's Veterans.

A Certificate of Appreciation is presented to the donor for providing their loved ones' burial flag to a national cemetery.

Please contact the cemetery of your choice for information on how to donate a Veteran's burial flag.

For Burial in a Private Cemetery

Burial benefits available for Veterans buried in a private cemetery may include a Government headstone, marker or medallion, a burial flag, and a Presidential Memorial Certificate, at no cost to the family. Some Veterans may also be eligible for Burial Allowances. There are not any VA benefits available to spouses and dependents buried in a private cemetery.

You may want to ask the following questions when preparing for burial in a private cemetery:

- When responding to an offer of a "free" gravesite for Veterans, ask if there is a requirement to purchase an additional gravesite.
- If an additional gravesite is required, where will it be located and what is the cost?
- What type of trust fund does the cemetery have to protect buyers?
- Ask if there are restrictions on the type of headstone or marker that can be used to mark the grave.
- Does the cemetery require a special marker base to be purchased prior to ordering a free government marker for a Veteran's grave?
- Is there an additional cost for the placement, setting or care of a free government headstone or marker? Is it more than if a private headstone or marker is purchased?
- Is an outside container (usually called a "vault" or "grave liner") required and how much does it cost?
- Know what you are receiving and what is required by the company and have them put it in writing prior to burial.

We suggest that if burial will be in a private cemetery and a Government headstone or marker or medallion will be requested for the Veteran's grave, that the family complete, in advance, one of the following forms and place it with the Veteran's military discharge papers for use at the time of need:

- Claim for Standard Government Headstone or Marker
- Claim for Government Medallion for Placement in a Private Cemetery

Only an eligible Veteran may receive a Government-furnished headstone or marker or medallion for placement in a private cemetery. Veteran's spouses and dependent children are not



Norman's Nook—From the Archives of William L. Norman

GRAND INSPECTOR GENERAL WILLIAM L. NORMAN 33^o, WESTERN CONSISTORY #28

The Orient of Illinois has always been a blessed jurisdiction filled with Fraters who have been active at all levels of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry. Pictured with a prominent Active from the orient of Michigan, the Actives of the Orient of Illinois pose for a photograph at an annual session of the Illinois Council of Deliberation in the early 1980s.



ACTIVES of the UNITED SUPREME COUNCIL ANCIENT ACCEPTED SCOTTISH RITE, NORTHERN JURISDICTION, U.S.A., PHA

Circa Early 1980s

Standing: SGIG Leon Stewart, SGIG Levi H. Morris, SGIG Rufus Starks, SGIG Henry G. Fort, SGIG Winifred Doc Helm

Seated: SGIG Vernon B. Williams Jr., SGIG Wendolyn C. Terrelle (Michigan) and SGIG Obed Vanderburg

Scottish Rite Clarion
Illinois Council of Deliberation
Benevolent Fund
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Quick History Fact: Did You Know That...



...world renown entertainer, Richard Pryor, was a member of Menelik Consistory #49 in the Valley of Springfield?

Sublime Prince Richard Pryor of Menelik Consistory #49 and Henry Brown Lodge #22 is photographed here along with Grand Inspector General Edward Sykes (Past Grand Master of the MWPHGL of Illinois) and his wife.