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Statement of Unity between Supreme Councils



History was made on September 7, 2022 at the House of the Temple in Washington, D.C. by the four (4), legitimate, American Supreme Councils of Scottish Rite Masons—The United Supreme Council, AASR, Northern Jurisdiction, PHA; The United Supreme Council, AASR, Southern Jurisdiction, PHA; The Supreme Council, AASR, Northern Masonic Jurisdiction; and The Supreme Council, AASR, Southern Jurisdiction—who gathered to cement a pledge of unity, initially proposed in June of 2022, with the signature of a *Statement of Unity*. See the full story on the official website of the United Supreme Council at www.USCNJPHA.org.

Congratulations to Sovereign Grand Commanders Dr. Melvin J. Bazemore, Dr. Corey D. Hawkins, Peter J. Samiec and James D. Cook on authoring this historic achievement. Fiat Lux!!!



Deputy for the Orient of Illinois

Greetings to My Brothers and Sisters

I pray that all of you are well, please be mindful that this virus is still active and continues to wreak havoc in our communities. In this edition of the Clarion, I want to share words of wisdom with you and even though it is specifically addressing the article to A Mason and a Man, it really can apply to our Sisters also.

*My Brother, Masonry means much more,
than the wearing of a pin.*

*Or carrying a paid-up dues receipt,
So the Lodge will let you in.*

*You wear an emblem on your coat,
from your finger flash a ring.
But if you're not sincere at heart
this does not mean a thing.*

*It's merely an outward sign to show,
the world that you belong.
to this great fraternal brotherhood,
That teaches right from wrong.*

*What really counts lies buried deep,
within the human breast.
The Masonic teachings brings it out,
and puts it to the test.*

*If you practice out of Lodge,
the things you learn within.
Be just and upright to yourself,
and your fellowmen.*

*Console a brother when he's sick,
and assist him when in need.
Without thought of personal reward,
for any act or deed.*

*Walk and act is such a way,
that the world without can see.
That only the best can meet the test,
laid down by Masonry.*

*Be faithful to your trust,
and do the best you can –
Then you can proudly tell the world,
you're a Mason and a Man.*

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



The Statement of the Deputy

According to the *Constitution and General Regulations of the United Supreme Council*, the Deputy shall have the power in addition to presiding over the Council of Deliberation as the Most Illustrious Commander-In-Chief, he shall have the power to discharge all the executive, legislative and judicial powers during the recess of the Council of Deliberation, subject to the authority of the Sovereign Grand Commander. This says to me that my tenure of office should be reflective of me, my character and my system of administration. It also states that the Sovereign Grand Inspectors General of an Orient are to assist the Deputy in the performance of his duties. The Grand Inspectors General are to assist in matters for the good of the Order and the officers are to perform their duties efficiently as prescribed by law.

In relation to the first part of the first paragraph it also says to me that the things you do regarding Scottish Rite Masonry in the Orient of Illinois should also be reflective of my administrative style. Of course, if you disagree with me, you can always grieve to the Sovereign Grand Commander, who has assured all of his Deputies that he will support them and their actions as long as they are not in violation of the United Supreme Council laws or his directives or acting in a manner contrary to his administrative style. Let me apprise each of you of my leadership style by beginning with what I don't like, believe in, practice or care to condone.

1. I do not believe in micro-management, a style where a manager or person of authority becomes over involved in the details of the work of subordinates, resulting in the manager making every decision in an organization, no matter how trivial.

2. I believe that leadership is the capacity to establish direction and to influence and align others toward a common goal (*key word is "common" not "individual" goal*), motivating and committing them to action and making them responsible for their performance. In doing this, we have to allow Consistories, Commanders-In-Chief and other Scottish Rite Bodies the right to conduct their meetings and to manage and control their own affairs without interference, whether we agree with it or not, except in cases where they are violating the law or there is confusion, especially when the issue is an initiative emanating from the United Supreme Council, the Sovereign Grand Commander, the Deputy or Council of Deliberation. Even then, my Blue House training tells me that it should be done in the most tender manner. When possible, get the brother alone, give him the proper instructions, give him the opportunity to correct the situation and, then, encourage him. In essence, don't take over the presiding officer's meeting. In most instances, if he needs your assistance, he'll ask for it unless you have created some sense of resentment or he feels that you will speak in such ways as to overshadow him to the extent that you give the appearance that you are in charge of his meeting, with or without his approval.

3. I do not believe in a dictatorship. Again, during my tenure of office, I view us as servants and not individual tyrants with absolute supreme authority. While, in some cases, that may very well be the case, I don't want us to flaunt it. Even in the midst of a storm, let us humble ourselves and not become obtrusive or overbearing.

on Mutual Respect in the Rite

4. I believe that the use of too much power is bad and there are several uses of power that I am pleading with you not to use:

- ◆ POWER OF INTIMIDATION—instilling fear;
- ◆ POWER OF RANK OR PEER—the “Big I” and the “Little You” - I prefer you gain and earn that respect;
- ◆ POWER OF HUMILIATION—causing the loss of another person’s pride, reducing that person to a state of lowliness or submission. He or she has the basic human rights to which all humans are entitled—freedom of expression and the right to be treated with dignity and respect;
- ◆ POWER OF HARASSMENT—threatening;
- ◆ POWER OF BULLYING—which is a perceived and, sometimes, a real imbalance of power with the more powerful individual or group attacking or unjustly trying to control those who are less powerful;
- ◆ POWER OF AD HOMINEUM—personal abuse or attacks that involves insulting or belittling another in order to invalidate his or her argument. It can also involve pointing out the flaws or actions of a person which are irrelevant to the person’s remarks or argument.

Above all, Sovereign Grand Inspectors General, Grand Inspectors General, Sublime Princes, let us be just, fair, respectful, compassionate, kind and supportive of each other, treating each other as we would want others to treat ourselves.

To those who have a sense of false power, I

would remind you of a portion of the installation charge of a Worshipful Master. This charge should be employed in all of our dealings with our fellow brothers, regardless of the level or degree of Masonry we have attained:

“The very consciousness of the possession of a great power will ever make a generous mind cautious and gentle in its exercise. To rule has been the lot of many and requires neither strength or intellect nor soundness of judgment; to rule WELL has been the fortune of but a few and may well be the object of an honorable ambition. It is not by the strong arm, or the iron hand that obedience and order that the chief requisites of good government are secured but by holding the key to the hearts of men.”

Brethren, I submit to you until we start respecting each brother as a man, freeborn and of lawful age with as much to offer to this organization as we believe we do, we will continue to experience the downward spiraling of this ancient and honorable institution. Please remember that it does not matter what grade, rank or office you hold, “No Man Is An Island”. It is not about you or I, it is about the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry.

Fraternally,
just another brother

Melvin Frierson, 33°

Deputy for the Orient of Illinois

May Peace Be Unto the



SGIG Charles B. Taylor



SGIG Charles J. Stewart



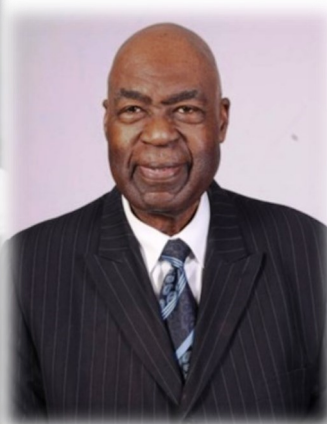
SGIG Warren Gipson Sr.

The Orient of Illinois has experienced multiple losses in membership in 2022 at all ranks and levels. As the timing of earthly transition is not foreseen by the eyes and hands of man, it is therefore left up to our Heavenly Father to pluck flowers from the fields of the living. Our trust in Him, who does all things well, our faith well-founded, we mourn those who have gone on to that undiscovered country.

Scottish Rite stalwarts including Sovereign Grand Inspectors General Charles B. Taylor (Active), Charles J. Stewart (Active) and Warren Gipson (Emeritus) are now present with the Lord.

Most Worshipful Brother James H. Black Sr. (left), a Grand Inspector General and Masonic legend, a well manicured flower, has also been plucked from this earthly garden. Together, with Grand Inspectors General Wadell Brooks Sr., Charles "Airborne" Cooper Sr., David Bonds and other stalwarts of the Orient of Illinois, they now find themselves in the presence of the Lord.

Your labors in this earthly vineyard will not be forgotten. May you rest in Heavenly peace.



GIG Wadell Brooks



GIG Charles Cooper



GIG David Bonds

Ashes of Our Fallen Fraters

The Lamp in the West

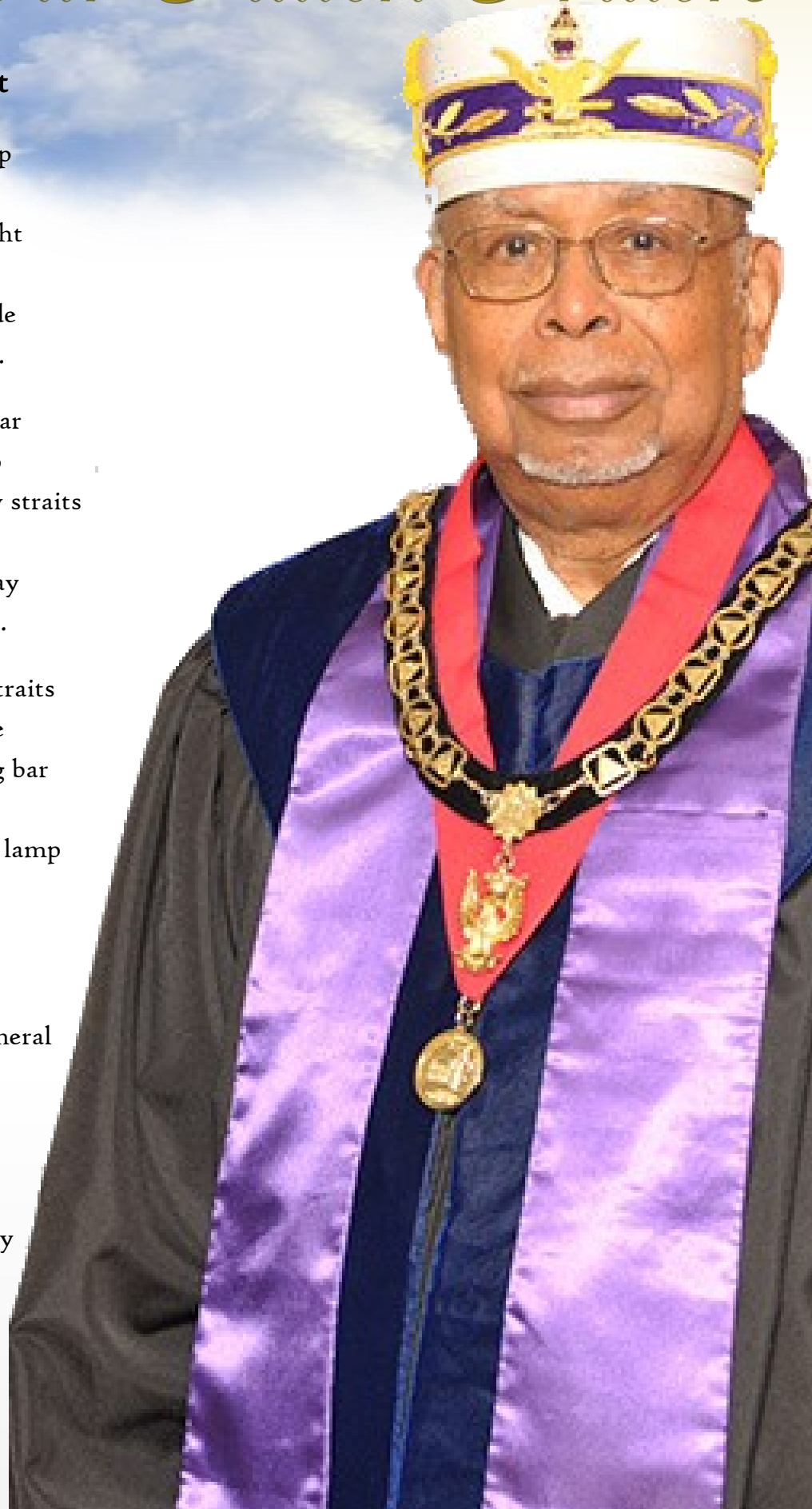
Venus has lit her silver lamp
low in the purple West,
casting a soft and mellow light
upon the sea's full breast
in one clear path as is if guide
some pale, wayfaring guest.

Far out, far out the restless bar
starts from a troubled sleep
where roaring through the narrow straits
the meeting waters leap
but still, that shining pathway
leads across the lonely deep.

When I sail out those narrow straits
where unknown dangers be
and cross the troubled moaning bar
beyond the mysterious sea,
Dear God, wilt though not set a lamp
low in the West for me?

In memory of
Sovereign Grand Inspector General
William R. Stark
Grand Minister of State
United Supreme Council
Ancient & Accepted
Scottish Rite of Freemasonry
Prince Hall Affiliation
Northern Jurisdiction
USA, Inc.

Sunset: October 28, 2022



A Sublime Prince You Should Know

Sublime Prince Freddie J. Walker, Sr. was born and raised in Chicago, Illinois. He has been married to Past Loyal Lady Ruler Rev. Valda Toni Walker for 53 years. They have two adult children, four grandchildren and one great-grandson. Sublime Prince Walker is retired Army after serving 22 years, stationed in Boston, Virginia, Chicago, North Carolina, Hawaii, Germany (twice), Egypt and Grenada. He also retired from the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) as a Federal Food Inspector. He is a member of Second Baptist Church of Elgin, Elgin, Illinois serving a Deacon. He currently serves the VFW as Commander of the Color Guard in Bloomingdale, IL.

In 1988, Sublime Prince Walker was Entered, Passed and Raised to a Master Mason in St. Johns Lodge #79, PHA, Washington Jurisdiction located in Frankfurt, GE. In 1989, desiring more wisdom and knowledge of the masonic order, he became a Sublime Prince with the Frankfurt Military Consistory #104, Frankfurt, Germany. After retiring from the military and leaving Frankfurt, he moved to Fayetteville, North Carolina and visited various Lodges. He eventually joined Kindah Temple #62, AEAONMS in Fayetteville and demitted to Al-Hamid, Temple #222, Joliet, Ill after moving to the Chicagoland area. He relocated to Chicago after being offered a position with the USDA. Since making his home there, he demitted from St. Johns Lodge #79,

Washington Jurisdiction and joined Jephtha Lodge #90, PHA, Maywood, Illinois and was eventually elected Worshipful Master in 1999. Desiring more knowledge, wisdom and light, he joined the York Rite houses of Maywood.



He is a Past Excellent High Priest, Past Thrice Illustrious Master, Past Eminent Commander and a member of the Knights of the York Cross of Honor. He is a Past Illustrious Potentate of Al-Hamid, Temple #222 and a PGM Grand United Order of Oddfellows.

In 2003, Sublime Prince Walker inquired about demitting from Frankfurt Military Consistory to join Marquette-Joliet Consistory. This is where the problem began. After many years of discussion and much concern of what was holding up his demit, SGIG Melvin Frierson got involved. Thanks to the due diligence of both SGC Melvin Bazemore 33° and SGC Corey Hawkins 33°, Secretary General SGIG Edward Brooks 33°, SGIG Melvin Frierson 33°, Deputy of Western Europe Southern Jurisdiction SGIG General Washington 33°, GIG George Barmore Sr. 33° and a lovely lady named Joann Pete, Office Secretary for the USC Southern Jurisdiction and 16 years of patience and not giving up, Sublime Prince Freddie Walker's demit was finalized and he is currently a member of Balthasar Consistory #92, Rockford, IL.

Sublime Prince Walker has worked tirelessly with GIG Frank Jarvis and Sublime Prince Arthur Williamson of Western Consistory #28 in coordinating with private industry, food banks, etc., to solicit perishable and non-perishable items for Thanksgiving baskets and feeding the less fortunate. This has not been an easy journey for him but, with perseverance and the love of the order, he never gave up and is now grounded.

Submitted by GIG
George Barmore Sr. 33°

Balthasar
Consistory #92
Rockford, Illinois

Sovereigns of Illinois: Daryl L. Andrews

Sovereign Grand Inspector General Daryl Lamar Andrews, 33^o is a history maker in the Orient of Illinois. A twenty-five (25) year member of Cornerstone Lodge #91, he has served in every position in his Lodge except Tyler. He served two terms as *Worshipful Master* (2005 & 2006) while serving the Grand Lodge. He earned appointments as *Assistant Grand Webmaster* (2004) as Senior Warden and *Historian* (2005). He built a team that captured 90% of all Worshipful Masters of all Lodges of the Illinois Jurisdiction (2006). He was appointed as Editor of the *Prince Hall Masonic Journal* after his fifty (50) page Stewardship Report caught the attention of Grand Master Angelo Jones. After passing the chair, he was also appointed a *District Deputy Grand Lecturer*. He maintained these four (4) appointments and, for his efforts, was selected *Mason of the Year* in 2008.

Right Worshipful Brother Andrews became a member of the elective Grand Lodge ranks in 2009. As a *Grand Auditor*, he authored and published the *Subordinate Lodge Audit Process* and drove District Lodge Audits to assist officers in financial practices. At the same time, he coordinated the team that created the Historical Galleries at the Grand East. In 2012, he was elected *Grand Secretary* and, subsequently, *Grand Treasurer* for the next six years. He is the only American Prince Hall Mason to have served in all elected Grand Lodge Financial Offices.

A York Rite Mason, Most Excellent Companion Andrews served as *Excellent High Priest* of Eureka Chapter #3 (HRAM) in 2005 while serving as Worshipful Master. He matriculated through the line offices after serving as its Treasurer, Secretary and the very first Webmaster for the Prince Hall York of Illinois. He served in appointed and elective Grand Chapter Offices through 2015 until he was honored as an *Honorary Past Most Excellent Grand High Priest*. He became a member of the Royal and Select Masters and Knights Templar in 2014.

His appeal for the higher degrees of Freemasonry was always high. After being raised a Master Mason in 1998, he became a member of the *Lewis Pinckney Class of 1998* of Western Consistory #28 (*Treasurer*) and a Noble of Arabic Temple #44, AEAONMS in 1999. His activity on Western's Burial Team found him elected as *Junior Warden* of Hiram Chapter #28



(*Rose Croix*) in 2002. He served as a *Fifth Knight* and reciter of “*The Lamp in the West*”. Family responsibilities forced him to step out of line but he remained active in the research ranks. By 2006, conversations with SGIG Brian L. Abrams (*Deputy*), had driven him into the Phylaxis Society. The endless avenues of information and comradery drove him to create the first local Chapter in Illinois. The *Excelsior Chapter* (*Abrams Chapter*) was warranted in 2008 after SGIG Abrams death. He was nominated for the 33rd Degree the same year.

In March of 2010, he was elected an Actual Fellow of the Phylaxis Society and was crowned later in May in the Winston O. Williams Class (*Financial Advisor*).

Illustrious Andrews was appointed as the charter Editor for the Scottish Rite Clarion Newsletter by SGIG Melvin Frierson (*Deputy*) at the Mid Year Meeting of the MWPHGL of Illinois in February of 2010 due to his experience with the Prince Hall Masonic Journal. For his service, he was selected *Peer of the Year* in 2010. Shortly thereafter, he authored *Legatos: Deputies for the Orient of Illinois form 1913 to 2008* showcasing the history of the Orient. In 2012, he was awarded the *Meritorious Service Award* for the Illinois Council of Deliberation. He continues to serve as editor for both publications.

By 2019, Illustrious Andrews had written over two hundred articles, had amassed over twelve years of editorial experience and had written or edited more than twelve books on history, faith and the Masonic Order. These experiences caught the attention of the USC and after SGIG Edward M. Brooks was elected to the Office of Secretary General of the Holy Empire in 2019, he was appointed as Editor of *The Bulletin*. He was reclassified during the COVID-19 pandemic to the Active-Emeritus Grade in 2021.

SGIG Andrews' ability to successfully multi-task is a characteristic that stands out. According to his brother Troy, “he just gets stuff done.” This married, father of three (3), coach, Deacon (2006), has also been a community volunteer for years most recently securing \$250,000 in grants from Chicago Cubs Charities for Wrightwood Baseball. He continues to multi-task in multiple capacities for multiple bodies which speaks to his integrity and capabilities. As such, he is definitely a Sovereign you should know.



Five score and ten years ago, the roots of the Orient of Illinois under the fealty of the United Supreme Council, Ancient & Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry, Northern Jurisdiction, PHA, USA, Inc. took shape. In the year 1912, the Scottish Rite of Freemasonry among African American men was complicated as multiple Supreme Councils had been forged. The agreement between the United Supreme Councils of the Northern and Southern Jurisdictions (PHA) of 1881 remained in tact but factions sprang that shifted the environment into disarray.

By 1900, the factions of John G. Jones and Milton Fields (right) had extended across the country. Jones, was of course, expelled from the Southern Jurisdiction (PHA) for his antics after losing election for Sovereign Grand Commander in 1895 and starting a Supreme Council of his own. Fields had also been ostracized from legitimate Scottish Rite Bodies and started an additional Supreme Council. Both also had factions of the Shrine. So, Prince Hall Masons of this era found themselves in a quandary.



The reorganization of the Shrine in 1900 and the suspension/expulsion of Jones by the Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Illinois in 1903/1904 further complicated matters. By 1905, the two Illinois Consistories, Prince Hall and Occidental, consolidated under the Fields faction. But, as, Masonic matters for Fields were also in decline, Occidental soon shifted fealty to the Northern Jurisdiction.

Sovereign Grand Commander James F. Rickards of the Northern Jurisdiction (seated 7th from the right) was also an active York Rite Mason in the State of Michigan. Prior to service in the Scottish

1912

*Photograph of the
United Supreme Council
Southern
Jurisdiction, PHA
Annual Session*

*Photo retrieved by
SGIG Daryl L. Andrews
and professionally restored*



SGC James F. Rickards, SGC Robert F. Pendleton & SGIG Richard E. Moore

Rite, he had actually served as the Right Eminent Grand Commander of Michigan Knights Templar and was well acquainted with several Illinoisans in the York Rite at the national level through the International Conference of Knights Templar (ICKT). Of them, Sir Knight Egbert S. Dickerson (right), ICKT President and the Moore brothers played key roles.

Sir Knight Dickerson and Rickards succeeded one another in leadership of the ICKT during the early 20th Century. Sir Knight Richard E. Moore and Sir Knight Joseph W. Moore, a Past Grand Master, had also held leadership positions for the ICKT. These relationships appear to have been a critical factor that drove them to reconsider their Scottish Rite affiliations. Ultimately, Illustrious Richard E. Moore (seated 5th from the right), Secretary General for the Fields faction, took the first step.



Illustrious Moore shifted fealty to the Northern Jurisdiction and was made an Active months prior to the 1912 Annual Session of the Southern Jurisdiction (PHA) under the Sovereign Grand Commander Robert Pendleton (seated 6th from the right). In May of 1913, Occidental Consistory (now Western Consistory #28) followed suit. This formalized the Orient of Illinois.

Illustrious Dickerson was appointed the Orient's first Deputy. The son-in-law of Grand Master Austin Perry, he was known in all Masonic circles. Illustrious Richard E. Moore succeeded him as Deputy in 1914 while serving as Lieutenant Grand Commander of the Northern Jurisdiction. From these beginnings, the Orient of Illinois was forged under the Northern Jurisdiction.

Veteran's Corner & Norman's Nook

From the Library of Grand Inspector General William L. Norman, 33°

If we do not document and share the historical knowledge under our fingertips then we should expect it to be lost in the annals of time. With the recent loss of Grand Inspector General Charles Cooper Sr., affectionately known as "Airborne", Masonic and military history is a key focal point of the photo that is displayed in this edition. While the Tuskegee Airmen and the Triple Nickles should be mentioned in the same breath, one of the most renown Airmen was none other than Hannibal Maceo "Killer" Cox Jr..



Hannibal was an American Hero who broke color barriers during World War Two with his skill and his mind. He also served during the Korean and Vietnam wars before retiring from military service and working as a pilot for Eastern Airlines. His military maneuvers during the wars were the stuff of legend and his leadership was stellar. Yet, do you know about his family heritage. Did you know about his father, a prominent Scottish Rite Mason of the Orient of Illinois?

Hannibal Jr. was born to the union of Hannibal M. Cox Sr. and Naomi Cox (pictured with Hannibal Jr.) of Chicago, Illinois on March 21, 1923. An Arkansan, the Cox family migrated to Chicago during the Great Migration where Hannibal Sr. had become an active Prince Hall Mason of Garden City Lodge #59 and a Sublime Prince of Western Consistory #28. By 1930, he had been crowned a Grand Inspector General and was mentored by SGIG Dr. Walter N. Thomas, Deputy for the Orient of Illinois. Upon Illustrious Thomas' death in 1939, Illustrious Cox



succeeded him in leading the Orient of Illinois serving as Deputy for the Orient in 1940. When Hannibal Jr. was called to war to serve his country in 1942, Hannibal Sr. ceded the leadership of the Orient to Illustrious Frank Myron Summers of Tyree Consistory #64 who would serve as Deputy for the Orient of Illinois for the next twenty-five (25) years.



The Triple Nickles



Tuskegee Airmen

Menelik #49—Ceremony of Remembrance & Congrats Newlyweds

Photos by Sublime Prince David Penny, 32°



The month of March 2022 was a pivotal moment for Menelik Consistory #49, Valley of Springfield, Orient of Illinois. The Ceremony of Remembrance is a solemn occasion in which the members, who have gone on to glory,

are memorialized. The Fraters of Menelik Consistory saw to this duty well under the leadership of Commander-In-Chief David Penny and the Fraters in Central Illinois in remembering the contributions of several who have passed on to the other side. Weeks prior, the Commander-In-Chief, in spectacular style, realized a personal dream

as he found and committed to the woman in his life. Proverbs 18:22 states “a man who findeth a wife findeth a good thing and obtaineth favor of the Lord.” Congratulations Illustrious Penny and best wishes.



Tyree #64—Clothing Drive Through the Month of June

Grand Inspector General Kevin Johnson, 33°

The 4th District Masonic PHAmily, had a clothing Drive throughout the month of June. We collected 13, x large boxes of clothes, underwear, shoes, socks and suits. They were donated to The Joseph Center, In East St. Louis IL. Home for Transitional and long-term Veterans. Thanks to the Masonic brothers, citizens, and churches for your generosity. Through your kind and loving spirit, it shows that LOVE will always prevail.



Eagle's Club of Western #28 Fourth Annual Fishing Excursion

Sublime Prince Kenny R. Askew, 32°



The Eagle's Club of Western Consistory #28 held its 4th Annual Fishing Excursion on June 4, 2022 at LaSalle Lake Fish and Wildlife located at 2651 N. 21st Rd, Marseilles, IL. The event was well attended by individuals from various communities and members of Western Consistory, family, and friends estimated 65-90 in attendance. We had kids out that participated from groups like "Envision Unlimited" and "Mentor Teacher Brother, Inc." Henry's bait shop provided us with fishing poles to lend to patrons who wanted to enjoy the sport but did not have the equipment. Individuals were also on hand to assist those who were fishing for the first time or wanted to learn how to fish. We raffled off 10 prizes like (adult and kid fishing poles, tackle box, fishing basket, etc.) that were donated by Fraters to the event.

The 2022 fishing outing took in total revenues and donations of \$2,517.83, an increase of 78% over 2019 and a 167% increase from the start of the program. This event has been one of the fastest growing and most profitable programs for the Consistory. 2022 Net revenues from the event were \$2,380.00. This fishing event was 95% all profit, a 5% decrease in expenses over 2019. 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.

Fishing Prizes:

- ◆ 1st Place \$50 for biggest fish went to Leroy Lloyd (Group, Mentor Teacher Brother, Inc.)
- ◆ 2nd Place Trophy for most fish went to S.P. John Thompson.
- ◆ 1st Place \$25 for the biggest fish Kid Division went to Zaire Banton (Group, Mentor Teacher Brother, Inc.).
- ◆ Raffle Prizes were mostly won by members from the Group, Envision Unlimited.

Special thanks to the following for their continued and/or generous donations:

\$400 Special Donation:

- ◆ Marty Ken Ham

\$100 plus Business Donations:

- ◆ Boaz Carpentry, Inc. (PM Jerry Cotton)
- ◆ B Win Management, LLC (SP Bobby Winton)
- ◆ Henry's Bait & Tackle (25 Rods and Reels, Rod & Reel combos and tackle box for raffles)
- ◆ Bright's Concession Stand (SP Calvin Bright)
- ◆ BGME Enterprises, LLC (SP Kenny R. Askew)

\$100 plus Fraters' Donations:

- ◆ GIG Timothy Davis
- ◆ SP Mariano Lopez
- ◆ SP Bradley R. Wallace
- ◆ SP Marvin Randolph

Special Thanks for Donations:

- ◆ House of Bing (4th Year of support)
- ◆ SP Bright who provided free food to everyone.



We would like to thank all the Fraters who supported this great cause; the committee truly appreciates your support, and everyone had a great time. As always we look forward to increased participation from the members of Western Consistory #28 and other Consistories in the coming year.

Committee Members: SP Calvin Bright, Chairman; SP Kenny R. Askew, Co-Chairman; GIG Carl Pickett; SP James H. Hannah, Treasurer; SP Marvin Randolph; SP Arthur Williams III

Western Welcomes Students Back to School in Chicago

Sublime Prince Shannon D. Callahan, 32°

The youth are our future! This concept is fully recognized by the Valley of Chicago on its Back-to-School efforts in 2022. The students of Marcus Garvey Elementary School were certainly pleased to be welcomed back to school in August of 2022 by the Commanders of the Rite and Western Consistory #28. Located on Chicago's South Side, Marcus Garvey Elementary continues to stand as a beacon of light in the Washington Heights neighborhood. It holds a special place in the heart of Western Consistory as several of its members are graduates from the school including Ernest Young, the Andrews Brothers, the Picketts and others who were raised in the community. All of the aforementioned were once students of Sister Wheatau Ann Haley Barsh, Past Worthy Grand Matron of Eureka Grand Chapter, and wife of Grand Inspector General James Barsh Sr. Congratulations on a job well done and let's continue to lift up our youth!



Alzheimer's Association of Illinois

10 Ways to Love Your Brain

Growing evidence indicates that people can reduce their risk of cognitive decline by adopting key lifestyle habits. When possible, combine these habits to achieve maximum benefit for the brain and body. Start now. It's never too late or too early to incorporate healthy habits.



Break a Sweat—Engage in regular cardiovascular exercise that elevates your heart rate and increases blood flow to the brain and body. Several studies have found an association between physical activity and reduced risk of cognitive decline.



Hit the Books—Formal education in any stage of life will help reduce your risk of cognitive decline and dementia. For example, take a class at a local college, community center or online.



Butt Out—Evidence shows that smoking increases risk of cognitive decline. Quitting smoking can reduce that risk to levels comparable to those who have not smoked.



Follow Your Heart—Evidence shows that risk factors for cardiovascular disease and stroke — obesity, high blood pressure and diabetes — negatively impact your cognitive health. Take care of your heart, and your brain just might follow.



Heads Up!—Brain injury can raise your risk of cognitive decline and dementia. Wear a seat belt, use a helmet when playing contact sports or riding a bike, and take steps to prevent falls.



Fuel Up Right—Eat a healthy and balanced diet that is lower in fat and higher in vegetables and fruit to help reduce the risk of cognitive decline. Although research on diet and cognitive function is limited, certain diets, including Mediterranean and Mediterranean-DASH (Dietary Approaches to Stop Hypertension), may contribute to risk reduction.



Catch Some Zzzz's—Brain injury can raise your risk of cognitive decline and dementia. Wear a seat belt, use a helmet when playing contact sports or riding a bike, and take steps to prevent falls.



Take Care of Your Mental Health—Some studies link a history of depression with increased risk of cognitive decline, so seek medical treatment if you have symptoms of depression, anxiety or other mental health concerns. Also, try to manage stress.



Buddy Up—Staying socially engaged may support brain health. Pursue social activities that are meaningful to you. Find ways to be part of your local community — if you love animals, consider volunteering at a local shelter. If you enjoy singing, join a local choir or help at an after-school program. Or, just share activities with friends and family.



Stump Yourself—Challenge and activate your mind. Build a piece of furniture. Complete a jigsaw puzzle. Do something artistic. Play games, such as bridge, that make you think strategically. Challenging your mind may have short and long-term benefits for your brain.

Disappointment or Opportunity?

Sovereign Grand Inspector General Homer Walton

It is an inevitable consequence of the outcome of the honors bestowed by the Supreme Council, that some who were perhaps expecting recognition are passed over. The feelings of shock, disappointment, and yes, even resentment which often appear after the names are announced, can be an opportunity to spur a Brother to travel one of two roads: First, he can choose the low road of self-pity and a desire to somehow "revenge" himself on the Rite, by withholding his person and purse from future activity and involvement. Second, he can resort to character assassination or backbiting against those who were honored, without knowing the details involved in their selection. This is, quite frankly, the UnMasonic route and does the disgruntled Brother no credit and only ends up hurting him worse than it does his intended victims. What many Brethren fail to realize is that they were not chosen because they were not worthy, but because there were so many worthy to choose from.

Honors are limited in number and from the quotas established by the Supreme Council, it will be readily apparent that not every active black crown will turn purple. The factors, which enter into the selection of an honoree, are broad and demanding: What part has he played in furthering the causes of the Scottish Rite, Freemasonry and community service? Has he narrowly circumscribed his service to just one of these areas? Is he reliable and dependable? Does he accept responsibility and then carry through with the task? Is he respected and admired as a worker and a leader? Have tangible results occurred as a result of his efforts? Has he been part of the solution or part of the problem? Does he practice in his everyday life the tenets of Freemasonry? Even given such stringent conditions as these, there are still many who are eminently qualified to receive honors.

In order to achieve fairness and harmony, it is often necessary to apportion honors among the various geographical areas that comprise a Valley or Orient. For instance, a Brother may live but a few blocks from his Consistory, attend meetings and functions regularly, serve happily on degree teams and committees, and be quite actively involved in the life of his Valley. This is good, but it works no

special hardship on him to be visibly active. On the other hand, another Brother may live 70 miles from the Consistory and have a job or family situation, which precludes regular attendance. But, he is active in his community and its projects, serves as a volunteer for church and community charitable endeavors, helps and work with the youth in his area; all this unknown to the Valley membership at large. Is the nearest Brother any more "worthy" of an honor in this case? Thus, it should be the particular care of every Brother to refrain from the uncharitable "What did he do to deserve it?" mindset when learning of who has received honors--there are often many influential factors of which he totally unaware.

Having said all this, let's look at the second, the high road. A Brother pursuing this route will realize that his failure to receive recognition was nothing against him, personally. He will accept the fact that it was just not yet his turn to be honored and that if he continues steadfast in service and dedication, he may reasonably hope at some future period to receive preferment. But, even if he never does, he can still take pride in the fact that he did not "desert his post," that the Scottish Rite and Freemasonry are both the better for his being a part of them and that his service and efforts are appreciated by those whom he has benefited. He has been a part of a faithful camaraderie of workers and Brothers, many of whom like himself, have not received recognition. He uses his disappointment as energy to fuel a new flame of dedication and zeal for the cause of Scottish Rite Masonry and its programs and loses his rancor in a renaissance of redoubled service to the Craft and his fellow men. In so doing, he serves as a model for newer Brothers and inspires them to persevere even when things get tough.

My Brethren, our perception of Supreme Council honors, presents us with an opportunity--on the one hand, of self pity and puerile "I quit" sentiments or, on the other, to rededicate ourselves more altruistically to go forward in laboring in the noble cause of Freemasonry, without the hope of fee or reward. If the choice is yours, my Brother, which option will you elect? "Continue your Labor!"



Secretary of the Illinois Council of Deliberation

Sovereign Grand Inspector General James A. Mitchell, 33°

The ICOD mourns the loss of two stalwart members of Scottish Rite Masonry namely, SGIG Lafayette Gatlin and SGIG Charles B. Taylor. Both were “Active” members of the USC. Peace be to their ashes. Western Consistory #28 and the Commanders-of-the-Rite, Valley of Chicago gave a second-to-none “testimonial” honoring SGC Dr. Melvin J. Bazemore on March 26, 2022. The occasion was well attended and a good time was had by all. At the USC’s 141st Annual Session, three

(3) SGIGs from Illinois were “reclassified” to Active Status—Leroy Barnes, DePlessie “Sonny” Drew and James A. Mitchell. Hats off to SGIG Daryl Andrews, Editor of the Bulletin and Scottish Rite Reflections Volume Two, for his leadership, acumen, and writing skills. Under the aegis of the Honorable Melvin Frierson, Deputy for the Orient of Illinois, the Alms Club, Youth Programs, Education, and Social Services continue to be the linchpins of his overall initiatives. Please continue to support these initiatives. Looking to see you at the 105th Annual Session of the ICOD on October 13 – 16, 2022. The Session will be held at the Abraham Lincoln-Double Tree Hotel located 701 Adam St., Springfield, Illinois. COVID-19 continues to linger. That said, get boosted and wear a mask.



Editor of the Scottish Rite Clarion

Sovereign Grand Inspector General Daryl L. Andrews, 33°

The Angel of Death has been busy. A stalwart activist and two key contributors to this publication were among those called home namely Grand Inspector Generals Wadell Brooks Sr., Charles “Airborne” Cooper and David Bonds. GIG Brooks was a former Mason of the Year for the MWPHGL of Illinois, a TV personality, an activist and a scholar on the North Shore. His wife Daisy received the Presidential Citizens Medal from President Barack Obama in 2017 for her advocacy which was shared by both. GIG Airborne’s dedication to veterans was remarkable. He drove hard for the recognition of the Triple Nickles even forcing a session with Governor J.B. Pritzker and was always in my ear. GIG Bonds always went out of his way in capturing priceless moments. 22 years ago he photographed my engagement; 21 years ago he photographed my wedding; 16 years ago he photographed my ordination as a church Deacon, he photographed anniversaries and other events at drastic discounts AND had to be forced to ACCEPT full price payments. Regarding Masonic events, he’d just show up at my house with disks of photos. Like so many other new residents of that “undiscovered country” who did not labor for recognition or fleeting awards, they gave selflessly for the benefit of us all. With this in mind, look in the mirror and ask yourselves “am I a trophy-chaser or a true stalwart for the Rite?” If you are the latter, consider picking up these labors. Help us all to extend the legacy of the Scottish Rite today and prepare for greater tomorrows.

Divine Inspirations

Sublime Prince Tara DeRamus, 32°



“When someone hurts you, forgive them. If you don’t, God won’t forgive you. Always remember that the world did far more to Jesus Christ than they did to you. Jesus forgave, so who are you not to do the same.

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Visit the Official Website of the Illinois Council of Deliberation at www.ICODPHA.org to stay abreast of events and activities of the Orient of Illinois. New links have been added to provide documentation, history and other information that can be beneficial to the Rite including:

- *Historical Timeline of the Orient of Illinois (NEW FINDINGS have been added)*
- *Gallery of Photos and Articles of Interest*
- *Publications link to purchase Scottish Rite publications or download copies of the Clarion*

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Call to All Masonic Historians

History remains the backbone to our very existence and it is our responsibility to capture and document it so that we can place ourselves in a position to properly protect it. Historians often present details that are not completely accurate. As such, our continual research and documentation of our own history is required to not only ensure its accuracy but also to correct mistakes of the past.

As technology continues to reveal previously unseen avenues of historical artifacts, researchers continue to uncover items that are new to the current generation but old to those from that era. For example, here is a new “old” photo of the very first Deputy for the Orient of Illinois, Sovereign Grand Inspector General Egbert S. Dickerson of Cairo, Illinois. This photo was retrieved from the Champaign Gazette circa 1911. The paper was recently added to the University of Illinois online archives and now we have a clearer picture of him.

With this in mind, HISTORIANS, consider submitting your findings for publication in the upcoming editions of the Clarion. Send them to:

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