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DO YOU KNOW YOUR HERITAGE?



- **MEET SAINT MAURICE**
Martyr & Commander of the Theban Legion
- **FATHER-SON MOMENTS**
The Friersons and the Owens
- **GENE CHANDLER**
Chicago Defender Man of Excellence
- **AFRICAN MARTIAL ARTS**
- **BROTHERS & SISTERS OF THE STRUGGLE**
Common Bonds of Freemasonry & Black Greek Letter Organizations
- **FIRST GRAND MASTER & NAMESAKE LODGE**
Edward A. Fulton and Griffin T. Watson, Ohio Past Grand Masters from Illinois






Right Worshipful Brother
Daryl L. Andrews
Grand Treasurer / Editor

EDITORIAL

Let's start with a profound question. Do you know who you are? As time advances, the true history of people of African descent continues to be washed away. We need to be able to defend against this by telling OUR-story.

I remain dismayed after conversations with black youth. Many times, the conversations have revealed the belief that black history starts with Slavery. This notion can be explained by the way in which the concept is indoctrinated classroom textbooks. This indoctrination seems to create an early, inferiority complex. The permeation of the nonviolent ideal in Dr. King's movement appears to bury his true, revolutionary state and denounce physical defense. The independence of Marcus Garvey tends to paint him as a villain. The last words on him tend to point to his exportation rather than his high spirit of enterprise. He did start a shipping line after all. Rodney King's words, "can't we all just get along", after being nearly beaten to death by racists as shown over and over again in the video capturing the event tends to promote that one should just accept inferiority and get along. **Enough is enough!**

Let me be very clear. Black history began with the start of time. The credit given to Romans and Greeks is sourced from African knowledge and ingenuity. Pythagoras and Euclid were students of the schools of Egypt. The great castles in Europe were based on **Moorish** influence. The evidence is in the massive edifices of Moorish Spain. Yes **Moor** equates to **black**. Ancient heroes were Moorish like St. Maurice. Inventors like Garrett Morgan were geniuses. African Martial Arts **outdates** Japanese and Chinese Martial Arts. Re-education must occur and we must lead the change.

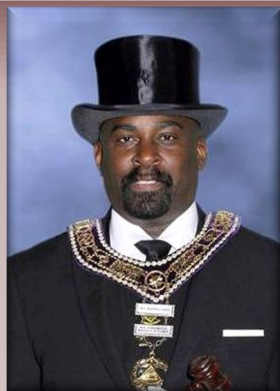
In our last few editions, we proved that one could not throw a rock in the sea of black achievement without hitting a Prince Hall Mason. Our next editions will focus on African origins to eradicate falsehoods and point out the African influence on multiple areas **INCLUDING Freemasonry**. We will also defeat the notion that black organizations can't work together. They actually do work together and share common beliefs. Play time is over! School is now in session. 

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OFFICE OF THE GRAND MASTER

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who traveled with me to the State of Kansas for the 46th Midwest Regional Conference of Grand Masters and Masons. And a special thanks to the Sisters and Brothers who assisted in making our hospitality memorable. The State of Illinois was well represented with 30 plus members in attendance. I am happy to announce that we, once again, received the Traveling Trophy for the most money raised for charitable donations, which was nearly \$4000.00. Congratulations to our Associate Grand Conductress, Sister Mildred Lloyd, for a job well done. I am also pleased to announce the election of our very own Worthy Grand Matron Sister Lena D. Roberts as the President of the Midwest Regional Conference of Grand Chapters and Eastern Stars. Sister Roberts will surely continue the tradition of greatness set by her predecessors who have held that position from the State of Illinois. The State of Illinois will have the honor of hosting the 2020 Midwest Regional Conference and plans are under way to ensure that it is as successful as it was when we hosted in 2009. Anyone interested in becoming part of the planning committee you may contact me directly.



**Most Worshipful Brother
Dwayne A. Smith
Grand Master**



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Eureka Grand Chapter



SALUTE TO ALL MARRIED ORDER OF

Marriage is an institution that should be lauded especially in the Order of the Eastern Star. The Order was initially established as a means for the female relatives of Master Masons to benefit from the brotherhood through opportunities for growth through leadership and service. Many husbands and wives have done so at the subordinate Chapter level. However, only nine (9) have experienced both at the Grand Chapter Level. So we salute those nine Past Worthy Grand Matrons and Patrons of Eureka Grand Chapter Order of the Eastern Star:

- 1896—Richard E. Moore (1890-94) & Rosa E. Moore (1896-98)
- 1922—William B. Kennedy (1916-18) & Emma S. Kennedy (1922-24)
- 1924—Reuben G. Bell (1922-24) & Carrie Lee Bell (1924-26)
- 1931—Adolph Dorsey (1931-33) & Anna B. Dorsey (1928-30)



- 2013—Dwayne A. Smith (2003-05) & Sandra Smith (2013-15)



- 2015—Anthony Atwood (2013-15) & Stephanie Atwood (2015-17)

Honors Grand Matron



THE EASTERN STAR STATEWIDE LEADERS



- 2005—James Barsh (2005-07) & Weatau A.H. Barsh (2005-07)



- 1999—Rev. Clyde W. Cooper Sr. (1983-85) & Anna M. Cooper (1999-2001)
- 2012—Jerome Abner (1996-97) & Teresa D. Abner (2012-13)

Strawberries are Healthy

RESEARCH BY CAROLYN S. WOMACK, PAST WORTHY MATRON, #90

In my research, I found that those ruby-red gems contain very few calories but brim with valuable nutrients. One cup of sliced strawberries provides 149% of an adult's daily value of vitamin C (good news for healthy skin) and plenty of beneficial fiber. Their bright red color tells you that they have a great dose on anthocyanis which is a powerful plant chemical that fights disease.



One large study found that women who ate three or more servings of strawberries or blueberries each week were 34% less likely to have a "heart attack" than those who ate fewer berries. To enjoy strawberries at their best, visit a farmers market or strawberry patch. Strawberries, available in grocery stores throughout the year, are often under-ripe to prevent damage in transit. However, remember if you pick or buy them in season, when they are deep red on the plant, you will find that they taste dramatically different. "It's the juiciest, sweetest ever".

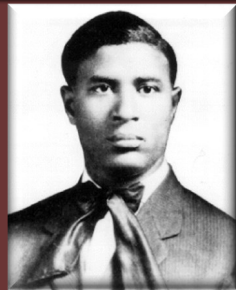
So, now you have it. "Eat Strawberries and Be Healthy and Happy".

Chicago P.D. Television Show at Grand East



Dining with television stars, the Grand East became the lunch location of the renown television show—Chicago P.D.—this past February. The show was scouted as a potential location in the neighborhood. After touring the Temple with Temple Manager Lester Powell, the producers found it to be a viable location and rented the facilities for catering services.

Garrett Morgan



BY WORSHIPFUL BROTHER LLOYD WOMACK, GRAND HISTORIAN

“Race prejudice, is merely the logical result of tradition, the inevitable outcome of through instruction to the effect that, the Negro, has never contributed anything to the progress of mankind”.
Dr. Carter G. Woodson, “Father of Black History Month”.

The Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Illinois with participation from the Grand Historian Office annually presents a “Black History Month Program”. As we reflect, we cannot talk about Black History Month without talking about Prince Hall, our Founding Father and Dr. Carter Godwin Woodson, the Father of Black History Month. Prince Hall was the first Black Man to be made a Mason in America on March 6, 1775 in Boston, Massachusetts. It is because of Prince Hall’s, labor, dedicated services, and sacrifices, that the Prince Hall Masonic Family, globally exists.

Dr. Carter Godwin Woodson, an African American Historian Author, is the sole factor that we celebrate Black History Month. Dr. Woodson was one of the first scholars to value and study black history. He recognized and acted upon the importance of a people... *(more on page 34)*



Midyear 2018

Mid Year 2018 was held in Oak Brook, Illinois from February 23-25, 2018. Reports provided by the officers gave a general overview of the state of the Craft. In addition, Grand Lodge Bylaws changes were previewed and will be presented to the Grand Lodge for approval at the Annual Session within the next few months. A highlight of the weekend was the Mid Year Banquet honoring Grand Master Dwayne A. Smith in which he was roasted by family, colleagues and friends. The attendees were also treated with a show by the South Shore Drill Team. At this banquet, nearly \$15,000 was given to charity.

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Re: Distribution to Support Lodge Hall Relief

Millard C. Driskell
Daryl L. Andrews



The MC, RW Daryl Andrews, came forth with usual comedic hosting. He handed the microphone off to Kevin Betton who lead the roasting charge. Betton did not hold back and the laughs



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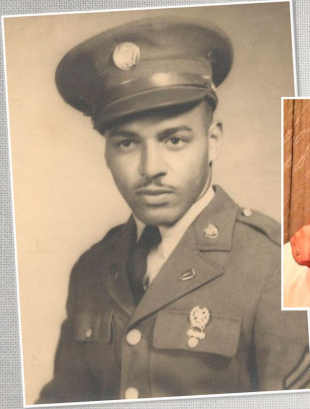
Re: Donation to honor fallen public safety officials in Cook & Lake Counties

continued to roll as he brought forth Dwain Harris, Kenny Johnson, President's Lounge champions, the sons of Grand Master Smith, and, finally, Sandra Smith. What a great time!



LAST OF ORIGINAL TRIPLE NICKELS DIES AT 96

BY WORSHIPFUL BROTHER CHARLES COOPER, DDGL



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#VETERAN OF THE DAY

CLARENCE BEAVERS

Five years ago Past Master Charles Cooper introduced the Illinois Prince Hall Masonic Family to the Triple Nickels, the 555th Parachute Infantry Battalion. The battalion was the first Black Paratroopers Unit of the United States Army serving during World War Two. The last living member of the groundbreaking team, Clarence Beavers died in December of 2017 at the age of 96.

The 555th Parachute Infantry Battalion or Triple Nickels, was never as well known as the Tuskegee Airmen or Buffalo Soldiers. Yet the group played a pivotal role in the integration of the military and the development of smoke jumping. Smoke jumping was used during World War Two combat forest fires set by Japanese incendiary devices. Parachuters were deployed into the specific locations to combat the resulting fires locally before they could spread and decimate United States soldiers in combat.

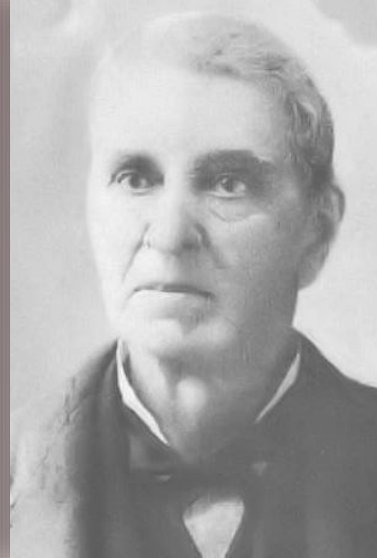
Beavers was the first volunteer of what was known as the test platoon of black paratroopers, a unit that was meant to decide the fate of African Americans in the airborne. In what he later recalled was "extremely rough and extremely personal training," he and his fellow black soldiers slept two-to-a-bunk in a cramped, in an unheated hut and ate separately from their white peers in the mess hall. German prisoners of war experienced better conditions at the base, platoon members later said. Still, 17 of the unit's 20 original members, successfully earned their wings, becoming the founding members of the all-black 555th.

Source: "Clarence Beavers Passes" by John Lilyea, ThisAintHell.US, 12/12/17



ILLINOIS' 1ST GRAND MASTER & 1ST LODGE NAMESAKE

BY RIGHT WORSHIPFUL BROTHER DARYL L. ANDREWS, GRAND TREASURER



Edward Allen Fulton & Griffin T. Watson

Worshipful Master of North Star Lodge #12 of Chicago, Illinois in 1855 when the Lodge was under the Jurisdiction of Ohio, Edward A. Fulton was a noted abolitionist and Masonic stalwart in the region. His efforts in the abolitionist movement and in serving his community drove his elevation through the ranks of the elective Grand Lodge offices of the Grand Lodge of Ohio. He served as the 7th Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Ohio from 1863 to 1865. When North Star, G.T. Watson and Central Lodge organized a Grand Lodge for the State of Illinois, he was considered a founding member of the Grand Lodge. Fulton relocated to Little Rock, Arkansas during the era of Reconstruction and served as the lone African American legislator at the state level. He survived an assassination attempt resulting from his staunch efforts in supporting civil rights. His achievements and efforts on behalf of his people made him one of the most renown Masons in the South.

The second Grand Master of Ohio Prince Hall Masons, it was under the leadership term of Most Worshipful Brother Griffin T. Watson that the first Masonic Lodge in the State of Illinois was organized and warranted over 165 years ago in the year 1852. He became the namesake of the second Masonic Lodge organized in the State of Illinois by the Grand Lodge of Ohio—G.T. Watson Lodge #16 of Alton, Illinois in the year 1856. At the time, the City of Alton, Illinois was the largest city in the state because of its strategic location at the confluence of the Mississippi, Missouri and Illinois Rivers. It is from this Lodge that several noted abolitionists were sourced including, the most famous of all, Isaac H. Kelly, who became the namesake of the 11th Lodge organized in the state. Grand Master Watson met his demise in 1866 prior to the organization of the Grand Lodge of Illinois in which G.T. Watson Lodge #16 was renumbered as G.T. Watson Lodge #2.

20th Anniversary of

In April of 2018, the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Illinois and the Grand Lodge of Illinois celebrated 20 years of mutual recognition. As both Grand Lodge can tie themselves back to legitimate sources, both are the ONLY two legitimate Masonic Bodies in the State of Illinois. Here's a brief timeline:

- **1996**—Under the term of Grand Master Clarence W. Trotter, the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Illinois was recognized by the United Grand Lodge of England, the Mother Grand Lodge of All Freemasonry, as a Just and Regular Grand Lodge as it is able to trace its lineage through the Prince Hall Grand Lodges of Ohio, Pennsylvania and Massachusetts to the charter of African Lodge #459 issued by the Grand Lodge of England in 1784 to Prince Hall and 14 other Master Masons.
- **1998**—Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Illinois and the Grand Lodge of Illinois agree to mutually recognize one another.
- **1998**—By virtue of the mutual recognition agreement, the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Illinois was recognized by the United Grand Lodge of England as a Just and Regular Grand Lodge in the State of Illinois as it is able to trace its lineage to the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, a Just and Regular Grand Lodge, and agree to jurisdictional terms with the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Illinois.

This agreement has remained in tact for 20 years and has allowed visitation privileges between the two Grand Lodges in the State of Illinois.



The entrance of the Two Grand Masters starts the affair (above). Grand Master Smith holds the original recognition agreement document (below).



Mutual Recognition



After prayer, words of reflection are given by Past Grand Master James Gavin.



Past Grand Master Benny Grisham, the original signer gives words of reflection.



Grand Masters Gregory Clark (left) and Dwayne Smith salute both Grand Lodges.



Preceding the closing prayer were words of gratitude by the committee on a job well done.



2018 LIST OF BOGUS

SUBMITTED BY THE BRIAN L. ABRAMS SR.



There are ONLY two legitimate Grand Lodge in the State of Illinois:

- *MW Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Illinois*
- *MW Grand Lodge of Illinois (AF&AM).*

Masonic University

Mecca Grand Lodge

MW Aaron Grand Lodge

MW Celestial Grand Lodge

MW Ecclesiastes Grand Lodge

MW Elite Grand Lodge

MW Enoch Grand Lodge

**MW Foster Edney Williams
Grand Lodge**

MW Grand Lodge of Amon Ra

MW Holy Trinity Grand Lodge

MW John A. Bell Grand Lodge

MW King Cyrus Grand Lodge

MW King David Grand Lodge

MW King Menelik Grand Lodge

**MW King Solomon #1
Grand Lodge**

**MW Lee Cross
Grand Council AASRFM**

MW Moses Grand Lodge

MW Mt. Calvary Grand Lodge

MW Mt. Olive Grand Lodge

MW New Jerusalem Grand Lodge

Algeria Imperial Grand Shrine

Auset Grand Chapter AKMSM

Black Masonic Network

First St. Johns Grand Lodge

Genesis Grand Lodge

**Illinois Association
of Grand Lodges**

**Illinois United Grand
Council of Deliberation**

**Imperial Grand Council of
AAONMS of the United States**

**Institute of Christian
and Masonic Studies**

Job Grand Lodge

King Josiah Grand Lodge

**King Solomon
Grand Lodge MFAM**

Kingdom Grand Lodge #1

Lazarus Grand Lodge

ORGANIZATIONS

CHAPTER OF THE PHYLAXIS SOCIETY

Both are recognized by the United Grand Lodge of England (UGLE), the Mother Grand Lodge of Freemasonry. This listing identifies BOGUS Masonic organizations that CANNOT be traced to "legitimate" sources. Some source from expelled Prince Hall Masons. Feel free to share this list publicly and privately. It may help someone to avoid an incorrect choice.

**MW Rabboni
Grand Lodge AFAM**

MW St. Ezra Grand Lodge

MW St. James Grand Lodge

**MW St. John Evangelist
Grand Lodge**

MW St. John Grand Lodge

MW St. Luke Grand Lodge

**MW St. Mark
Grand Lodge FAAYM**

MW True Light Grand Lodge

MW Tuscan Grand Lodge

MW United Grand Lodge AAF

MW United Grand Lodge AFAM

MW Universe Grand Lodge

Nehemiah Grand Lodge

New MW St. John Grand Lodge

Order of David

Hebrew Grand Lodge #1

**Progressive Supreme
Grand Lodge Inc.**

**Regular Grand Lodge
of Illinois AARF**

Seth Lodge of Research #7

**Sovereign Supreme Council of
Ancient Accepted Freemasons Inc.**

**St. John Grand Lodge
of the National Grand Lodge
of FAASR**

St. Matthew Grand Lodge

St. Paul Grand Lodge

St. Titus Grand Lodge

**Supreme General Council
of Sovereign Grand Inspectors
General Knight Commanders
of the Holy Temple
of King Solomon
of the 33rd and Last Degree**

**Supreme General Grand
Masonic Congress of Grandmaster
of the High East AFAM**

**The Original MW St. Johns
Grand Lodge**

**Universal General Grand
Masonic Congress
of Sovereign Grand Lodge
USA Inc.**

**Universal Supreme Council of
Sovereign Grand Inspector General
of AASRFM**

**William V. Banks
Grand Lodge IFAMM**

* PROUD FATHER-SON MOMENTS

THE FRIERSONS: FATHER & SON MASTERS

BY RIGHT WORSHIPFUL BROTHER DARYL L. ANDREWS, GRAND TREASURER



Worshipful Brother Bretton Frierson is the new Worshipful Master of Southern Cross Lodge #112 of East St. Louis. He is an active member of multiple fraternal circles and a man who stands on his own accomplishments. He is the son of Past Grand Master Melvin Frierson who served as Master of the Lodge in 1974 and 1975 and Grand Master from 1985-1987. They are one of only a few father/son who have served as Masters.

IN PRINCE HALL FREEMASONRY *

92 YEAR OLD FATHER MAKES FIRST MEETING

BY WORSHIPFUL BROTHER BRUCE OWENS, #108



My Father is now my Brother. On Sunday April 15, 2018, Bruce Owens Sr. attended his first Lodge meeting as a member of Charity Lodge #108 after having been made on site by Grand Master Dwayne Smith at Public Installation in December of 2017. Welcomed to his first meeting at the age of 92 years old, he was escorted to a from the Lodge meeting by Past Masters Kerry Fitch, Reginald Williams, Bruce Owens Jr., Bro Bruce Owens Sr., Worshipful Master Todd Lindberg, Past Master Clarence George (pictured above).



WISCONSIN: FATHER & SON—GRAND MASTERS

BY RIGHT WORSHIPFUL BROTHER DARYL L. ANDREWS, GRAND TREASURER



There are only a handful of legitimate Masonic Jurisdictions in the United States of America where a father and a son can both be called “Most Worshipful Brother.” The Jurisdiction of Wisconsin is, now, one of those Jurisdictions. With the election of Most Worshipful Brother Micah Tarpe as the 31st Grand Master of Wisconsin Prince Hall Masons in 2016, he and his father, Most Worshipful Brother Marshall Tarpe, the 23rd Grand Master of the Wisconsin Jurisdiction, are now in an elite group of men.

Imagine the degree of pride that a father could have in his son for achieving such a milestone on his own laurels. The accomplishments of Most Worshipful Brother Micah Tarpe highlight leadership and service at multiple levels in the Masonic ranks. He is most definitely a Mason’s Mason whose work speaks for itself.

After some research, the “Most Worshipful Brothers Tarpe” may actually be unique. As of this date, no father-son Grand Masters were ever styled as “Most Worshipful Brother” while both were living. Unless further research disavows this claim, they are in a class all by themselves.

Congratulations!!!



Most Worshipful Bro.
Micah Tarpe
31st Grand Master
2016—



Most Worshipful Bro.
Marshall Tarpe
23rd Grand Master
1994-1998

DEVONTE MATTHEWS, MASTER MASON

BY WORSHIPFUL BROTHER LLOYD WOMACK, GRAND HISTORIAN

In a conversation on April 21, 2018, with M.W. Bro. Dwayne A. Smith, Grand Master, I was instructed to write an article on Devonte Matthews for publication in the Prince Hall Masonic Journal. The Grand Master had given Devonte the First and Second Degrees. The conversation took place at the 20th Year Masonic Recognition Celebration between the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge and the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Illinois, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, held at the Doubletrees Suites, Downers Grove, Illinois. Well, on April 28, 2018, eighteen year old, Devonte Matthews made history at the location of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, Boston, Massachusetts, where Most Worshipful Brother Yves R. Madigan serves as Most Worshipful Grand Master. The historical occasion was witnessed by Brothers from across the country who are members of the symbolic African Lodge No. 459. This occasion was titled "The Re-opening, A Celebration of Prince Hall and African Lodge 459, the birthplace of Prince Hall Masonry, Where It All Began".



As we, all know Prince Hall Masonry is the Oldest Black Fraternal Organization. On April 28, 2018, Devonte and 14 other True Fellow Crafts from various Prince Hall Grand Lodge Jurisdictions were raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason on Castle Island, Boston Harbor, Massachusetts. The raising of Devonte Matthews was the same as Prince Hall, Our Founder, the First Black Man to be made a Mason in America in Boston, Massachusetts. It is because of Prince Hall's labors, dedicated service and sacrifices, that the Prince Hall Masonic Family, globally exists. There is a strong possibility that Devonte could have stood in the very same spot where Prince Hall once stood. For sure, he "definitely" stood on the same ground, Castle Island, that Prince Hall stood over two hundred forty years ago.

This was truly an experience that Devonte and his Fellow Craft Brothers will never forget. Just ask him. But, let me tell you why Devonte was selected by Most Worshipful Brother Dwayne A. Smith, Grand Master, to travel to Boston to be raised in like manor to the Degree of Master Mason the same as Prince Hall. His selection was not by accident. Let's start this talk with my interview with Sister Detria Matthews, his mother. I title the below interview, "The Making of A Master Mason".

Since 2008, Sister Matthews has been a member of the Order of the Eastern star (OES). She is a Past Worthy Matron of Princess Orpah Chapter No. 127 (OES), Past Most Ancient Matron of Rahab Court No. 61 (HOJ), Daughter of Arabic Court No. 21, member of the Ladies Circle of Perfection-Prince Hall Court No. 1 and a Royal Deputy Matron. Her voice beamed with pride as she talked about her son.

Devonte was born on September 24, 1999, in Chicago, Illinois. He is currently 18 years of age and, on June 7, 2018, will graduate from Gary Comer College Prep High School. In the Fall of 2018, he will enroll at Kennedy King College with a major in Sound Engineering. He is also a member of **(more on page 56)**

34TH ANNUAL INSTALLATION &

Article and Photos Submitted By RW Bro. Earl D. Scott, HPGM

The 34th Annual Installation & Charity Scholarship Banquet of the Southwestern Illinois Prince Hall Masonic Family was held on Saturday, January 27, 2018, 7:00PM at Main Street Brewing Co. 4204-Banquet Catering, 6435 West Man Street, Belleville, Illinois. The Theme for the past 34 years has been "Reach Out and Touch Someone" by presenting students scholarships annually in the amount of \$500 each. This year we presented scholarships to 8 students, at a cost of \$4,000 to needy students throughout the Metro East and Scott Air Force Base communities. The presentations of Scholarship Awards were made by HPGM Earl D. Scott, #142 and PM Rachel A. Carter, #85, OES. The students were:



- **Ryshaun Brown**—Lawrence University—Psychology, Child Clinical and Cultural Anthropology;
- **Anna Rose Brown**—University of Missouri—Nursing;
- **Chelsie A. Harris**—Alabama A&M—Nursing;
- **Jala K. Howard**—Southern Illinois University-Edwardsville—Nursing;
- **Madeline Croxford**—Illinois State Univ.—Speech Pathology;
- **Zanaiya Stephens**—Eastern Illinois Univ.—Psychology;
- **Sh'Vohonne M. Blackburn**—University of Missouri at Kansas City—Accounting and Theater;
- **Alexis Zenon**—Saint Louis College of Pharmacy.



Recognition and Presentation of Certificates to all the 4th District heads of Lodges, Chapters, Courts and Councils were made by all Grand Heads of Houses and Appendant and Concordant Bodies of the Illinois Jurisdiction.

M.W. Bro. Dwayne A. Smith, Grand Master of Prince Hall Masons presented certificates to all 2018 Worshipful Masters (below-left). Sis Lena D. Roberts and Wor Bro. Antonio Terry, Worthy Grand Matron and Patron did the honors for all 2018 Worthy Matrons and Worthy Patrons for the 4th District (below-right).



CHARITY SCHOLARSHIP BANQUET

January 27, 2018 ~ Belleville, Illinois



For the York Rite Bodies, Her. Gladys Robinson and Comp. Stanley Thompson, Sr. presented certificates to the Most Ancient Matrons and Most Worthy. RM Dorothy J. Wood and ICG Daryl H. Williams, Sr. made the presentations to Royal Matron and Royal Chief Advisor for 4th District. MEC Ron Wilson presented a certificate to Comp. Hernando L. Brown, Excellent High Priest and a certificate to Sir Knight Alfredric Cathion, Eminent Commander.

Comp. James R. Jones, II presented a certificate to Comp. Theodes Kemp, Thrice Illustrious Master.

The Scottish Rite certificates were presented by SGIG Melvin Frierson to the Commander-In-Chief, Most Wise & Perfect Master and Thrice Potent Master.

LL Janet Lily joined in presenting a certificate to the Loyal Lady Ruler. Noble Armand Harris and Dt. Sandra Mosley presented certificates to Delbert Marion, Potentate and JoAnn Johnson, Commandress.

We the Special Effort Committee wish to express our sincere appreciation for your support in making this our 34th Annual Installation Scholarship and Charity Banquet a success. Thanks to each and everyone who have supported us in this endeavor during the past 34 years. We have awarded One hundred twelve (112) education awards during this period and contributed to numerous charity and benevolent organizations and events. We give special thanks and gratitude to the OFFICER FUNERAL HOME for their continued support. The programs this years as in all other past years were donated by Officer Funeral Home. We give all praises to God for what he has done and for what he is doing. May God continue to bless each of you.



WANTED: YOUNG

REFLECTION—SECOND DISTRICT SYMPOSIUM

“Prince Hall Masonry is dying!” “In the relatively near future, the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Illinois will cease to exist. If we continue to bury more Master Masons than we raise, we will be extinct.” These are prevalent quotes concerning the immediate future of the Craft. In recent history, overall membership throughout the jurisdiction has continued to decline significantly as the median age of active rosters continues to increase. In comparison to a professional basketball team, the MWPHGLIL is past its prime and needs to become younger and more athletic to compete with other teams. To change the trend, there is a dire need to actively attract innovative, intelligent and industrious men and women to our ranks.

The MWPHGLIL’s Membership Committee was instituted to provide platforms whereby potential Brothers & Sisters will come to discover the merits of Prince Hall Masonry and ultimately decide to join our brotherhood/sisterhood. Membership Symposiums in every district have provided an opportunity to directly engage the public by providing factual content regarding the history, purpose, definition, objectives and goals of the MWPHGLIL. The events also aim to clear up any misconceptions and misnomers regarding Freemasonry in general.

In recent memory, topics of Masonic legitimacy, lineage and regularity have been poked and prodded to the point where the practice of revisiting them have become commonplace in many functional Freemasonry conversations. As a result, the topics are also intertwined into the Membership Symposiums where the historical genesis and current value of Prince Hall lineage are espoused. The education of “irregular” masons is essential to the multi-prong strategy of creating a younger and more athletic team.

“2B1 ASK1” is also a popular part of the present Masonic vernacular. By this mantra, we are indoctrinated to believe the recruitment of a fellow Brother and/or Sister into our institution is considered taboo. The desire to petition must be of one’s free-will and accord and not coerced. By this thought process however, we are losing potential members to other organizations. By a similar thought process, arguably the best basketball player in the world decided to take his talents to South Beach, back to Cleveland and possibly elsewhere in the near future without seriously

& ATHLETIC



By Worshipful Bro. Hanif Morris, #15

considering the Near West Side of Chicago. The Membership Symposiums do not seek to actively recruit new members, but they do foster alluring Prince Hall discussions that might attract the best and brightest...the young and athletic.

On a balmy Saturday morning January 20, 2018, the 2nd District hosted the MWPHGLIL Membership Symposium in Elgin IL. The program including an in depth presentation and subsequent dialogue regarding the stature and quality of Prince Hall Masonry in Illinois and the 2nd District specifically. The program yielded tangible future action items including military personnel seeking attachment, life membership options, points to explore with potential members and the unique benefits of being affiliated with the MWPHGLIL.

Our organization has reached the point where we no longer attract by name alone. The golden era of Prince Hall Masonry has long since passed and we are no longer gaining membership because "My grandfather is a Mason" or "All of the accomplished women in my town are Eastern Stars". That time is a fond memory and Prince Hall Masonry is faced with the present reality of losing valuable resources to other collectives.

In today's climate, championship teams are made up of willing ownership, insightful management, connected coaches, savvy veterans and young athletic players. In order to achieve success and ultimately win rings, superior teams build from the draft and sign premier free agents. It seems apparent that Prince Hall Masonry has the best Ownership in the Creator of all, great management in the Grand Master and his Cabinet, positive coaches in the form of hardworking Worshipful Masters/Worthy Matrons and exceptional veteran competitors in the form of Past Masters/Matrons, but what is sorely lacking are young energetic Brothers & Sisters that can defend, score, rebound and share the ball.

Symposiums may not be the solution to the present dilemma of declining membership quantity AND quality, but they might be a step in the right direction. Maybe, just maybe, the next Michael Jordan or Candace Parker was sitting in the 2nd District audience in Elgin that Saturday and will eventually be convinced to bring his or her talents to 809 E. 42nd Place. I guess we'll have to trust the process...



WATCH CITY, KEYSTONE & JEPHTHA RAISING

BY WORSHIPFUL BROTHERS ELBERT HERRON, MICHAEL WASHINGTON AND JOEL KEETON



Three proud Worshipful Masters stand together under the rods of the Deacons of Watch City Lodge #131 as they welcomed five (5) new members into their Lodges after raising them to the sublime degree of Master Mason on January 27, 2018. Of the new members, Watch City Lodge #131 of Elgin under the leadership of Worshipful Brother Elbert Herron raised three (3), Keystone Lodge #15 of Aurora under the leadership of Worshipful Brother Joel Keeton raised one (1) and Jephtha Lodge #90 of Maywood under Worshipful Brother Michael Washington raised (1). Performing the degree work themselves in a collaborative fashion, this influx of new members into their Lodges seems to be the start of more to come.

Congratulations and welcome aboard.



OWASIPPE #7 EAGLE SCOUTS HONOR CARTER

BY OWASIPPE LODGE #7 VIGIL ALUMNI DINNER COMMITTEE



Owasippe Lodge #7 is a Vigil Lodge of the Boy Scouts of America that works to develop the next future generations of scouts across the Illinois area. This year, the Owasippe saw fit to honor one of its most prominent and active members, Norville Carter. A Past Master of North Star Lodge #1, Carter has been active in scouting for over 70 years. His career began with Cub Scout Pack #3534 and Boy Scout Troop #534 and has been hooked ever since. He was inducted in the Vigil Honor in 1961 and has been active ever since. He served as the Chief of Takodah Chapter and was the Owasippe Lodge Vice-Chief Advisor for years. Congratulations.

EIGHT MADE AT 1ST DISTRICT PUBLIC INSTALLATION

BY WORSHIPFUL BROTHERS ELBERT HERRON, MICHAEL WASHINGTON AND JOEL KEETON



Prior to the Public Installation Ceremony in the First Masonic District, Grand Master Dwayne A. Smith and his staff of officers made the aforementioned brethren on-site. Each of these brethren play active roles in multiple communities across the City of Chicago and surrounding areas. Congratulations.

99TH ANNIVERSARY AWARDS-CORNERSTONE #91

BY RIGHT WORSHIPFUL BROTHER DARYL L. ANDREWS



Dr. Andros Babero
Achievement Award
Aubrey Barlow



Holiday Mason of
the Year Award
Troy Andrews



Youth
Meridian Award
Elijah Fields

On March 31, 2018, Cornerstone Lodge took time out to honor members and citizens for extraordinary work that they do. Most of the honorees were NOT members of the Lodge. This was done purposely to show that the bonds of brotherhood can extend beyond ones own bounds. It was also done to continue to encourage youth and Masons to continue their good works. Among the honorees were PM Dontane Farmer, RW Aubrey Barlow, PM Troy Andrews, Elijah Fields, Marcellus Wilson and Brooklyn Hammond. Each award was named after a member of Cornerstone Lodge #91 who made significant contributions to Freemasonry at large in the Lodge and for the Grand Bodies. The speaker for the affair was none other than Past Master Lawrence Walker (below), Asst. Pastor of Lillydale Progressive MBC. His words were stirring and served as an ever present reminder to the service that all Masons are to provide. The event concluded with charitable donations to the Wrightwood Little League and Muslim Outreach Charity.



Davenport "Eye on
You" Award
Charles Winfrey



Youth
Meridian Award
Marcellus Wilson



James R. Zinn
Service Award
Dontane Farmer



Youth
Meridian Award
Brook Hammond



LONE STAR LODGE #18 HIGHWAY CLEANUP

BY OWASIPPE LODGE #7 VIGIL ALUMNI DINNER COMMITTEE



Lone Star Lodge #18 of Champaign took some time to clean up their adoptive highway in the City of Champaign, Illinois. The came with rakes, shovels, trash bags and hands to keep their community clean and safe.

PRINCESS SYENE AT GLASS SLIPPER PROGRAM

BY SISTER



Princess Syene #114, OES volunteered for the Glass Slipper Program by helping to organize and to aid Young Ladies in finding there Dresses, Shoes and Accessories for upcoming proms.



WADSELL & DAISY BROOKS—HALL OF FAMERS

BY WORSHIPFUL BROTHER LLOYD WOMACK, GRAND HISTORIAN

In 2017, the City of North Chicago, its Mayor and City Council, honored Dr. Wadell Brooks, Sr. and Dr. Daisy M. Brooks, his wife, by presenting them with the Senior Citizen Hall of Fame Award. They are lifetime residents of North Chicago, and are true pillars in their community. The Doctors Brooks were recognized for their contributions, their diligent work, their gift of guidance and support to the many citizens and families of North Chicago. They were very humble and appreciative of this great honor while their family and friends beamed with pride. Their prolific backgrounds read like a well documented manuscript. Dr. Brooks and Dr. Brooks are an amazing couple and truly, someone you should know.

Dr. Wadell Brooks, Sr., is known for his ground breaking ventures. He was the first African American student to graduate from East St. Louis Senior High School, and is a centennial graduate of Illinois State Normal University. Dr. Brooks, Sr., received two Honorary Doctorate Degrees from Faith Grant College in Birmingham, Alabama. He is a veteran of the United States Army. He served 16 months in Korea and received the Korean Service Medal. He was honorably discharged and began his civilian career service with the United States Federal Government. On November 30, 1990, he retired after completing 35 years of Federal Civil Service.

Dr. Brooks Sr., initiated and hosted "NAACP Focus", a weekly radio talk show on WKRS AM 1220 airing on Sunday mornings. He also hosts a weekly Community Access talk show, "Community Forum" on Comcast Channel 17. In 1994, Dr. Brooks, Sr., received the Best of Lake County First Production by a Producer Award for his show. What an honor.

Brother Brooks, Sr., is a Prince Hall Mason. He is a Past Master of Rufus Mitchell Lodge No. 107, Waukegan, Illinois and is the "1987 Mason of the Year" for the Grand Lodge. This is the highest award awarded to a Master Mason. The Mason of the Year Award was originated in 1957 by Most Worshipful Brother Obed E. Vanderburg, Grand Master. His vision was to honor a selected Master Mason, that had achieved extraordinary accomplishments while remaining true to the tenets of Freemasonry. Past Master Brooks is continuing to exemplify these attributes. Congratulations from your colleagues, "the Masons of the Year", on an honor well earned and deserved.

Dr. Daisy M. Brooks received Doctorate Degrees in Laws, Education, Literature and Humane Letters. She received a Masters in Community Service with a Bachelor of Science in Human Resource Development. She is the author of a book Title, "From the Outhouse to the Whitehouse". In fact in 2010, President Barack Obama presented her with the Citizens Medal, the second highest civilian honor in the country.

Dr. Brooks is a true educator for over thirty years she has provided individuals and their families opportunities and assistance to become self-sufficient through educational and vocational training. "The Daisy's Resource and Developmental Center", has an accredited high school for young adults who were unable to attend a regular high school which includes vocational training, nursing, basic office training, child care, and a G.E.D. program. Dr. Brooks awards are numerous, however, one such great honor was the re-naming of Sherman Avenue to Dr. Daisy M. Brooks Drive.

After reading this article I hope you also agree that Dr. Wadell, Brooks, Sr., and Dr. Daisy M. Brooks are truly, someone you should know.



CENTURY OF PROGRESS MATRONS & PATRONS

BY WORSHIPFUL BROTHER WILLIAM L. NORMAN & RIGHT WORSHIPFUL BROTHER DARYL L. ANDREWS



85 Years Ago, a "Century of Progress" International Exposition, the 1933 World's Fair was held in Chicago to celebrate the city's centennial. The theme of the fair was technological innovation. The fair's motto was "Science Finds, Industry Applies, Man Adapts". Its architectural symbol was the Sky Ride, a transporter bridge perpendicular to the shore on which one could ride from one side of the fair to the other. The great Zeppelin also made its appearance. The site of the blimp put fear in the minds of many visitors as it was a show of power by Adolph Hitler who had risen to power in Germany. Yet, visitors were astounded at the technical advances in automobiles, trains and other products that would become available in the future. The 1933 Worthy Matrons and Patrons Club became the namesake of the World's Fair as granted by Sister Callie Harris, Worthy Grand Matron and Brother Robert Maxwell, Worthy Grand Patron. The name also highlighted the duties that were expected of the club. Answering the call, the club hosted sisters and brethren from across the globe during the fair. The club is credited with helping to quell the fears of all citizens at the site of the Zeppelin approaching the great metropolis. The hospitality shown helped to lift the reputation of Eureka Grand Chapter Order of the Eastern Star and the overall reputation of Prince Hall Freemasonry in the State of Illinois.



African Martial Arts

The MenTu-Ra or MonTu-Ra: The General name for the Ancient martial arts is MenTu or sometimes called MonTu. This name is derived from Montu the falcon-god of war in the ancient Egyptian religion. Logically, many of the combat arts & sciences were attributed to him. Similarly, the Romans later followed this with attributing their version of the Egyptian War God, known as MARS, with his name being the root of the word Martial.

Africa has contributed heavily towards establishing the foundation that the modern world is built upon. Most cultures of the world are derivatives of its ancient ingenuity in the arts and sciences. In ancient times it was the learning center of the world in mathematics, art, physics, language, philosophy, architecture, business, trade, medical sciences, and combat sciences. Africa shared all of this knowledge to all, even with the threat of it someday being used against her, which in time it actually was and led her drastic demise. Nevertheless, with many attempts to write Africa's contributions out of history, there remain remnants of her benevolence and knowledge. Although she has contributed a vast amount to civilization, my focus, presently, is



THE MENTU-RA

By Worshipful Brother Troy Andrews, #91

to give a very brief introduction of the various combat arts and sciences that existed then, that exist to our present day, and have been distributed around the world in their various forms.

Most people, from my experience, associate martial arts disciplines with the Chinese and Japanese. Although they are well respected and are the most popular, even they give credit to the Indus Valley (India) and India to the Nile Valley Civilizations (Ethiopia). It seems that even they know that the Ancient “African” civilizations of Egypt, Ethiopia, Israel, Arabia, Phoenicia and Sumer were the sources. Keep in mind that for the purposes of this article that all of these cultures are considered as one with Ethiopia at the heart. Although these cultures may have separated at some point in time.

Therefore, it only makes sense when you have hundreds of pictures on the **Pyramid walls** in the Northeast African Territories of Egypt and Ethiopia. The pictograms display hand to hand combat, grappling/wrestling, and stick fighting and fencing techniques. Many of the Indigenous Tribes of Africa and Arabia still practice the art forms of

their ancestors mostly in the form of tribal sports and rituals. Let us look at the multitude of martial styles.

Ancient Egyptians practiced these arts as shown on the hieroglyphs:

- **Tahtib – The Art of Fencing and Stick Fighting:** This combat art included sword & shield, spear and shield, Short stick, and long stick.

- **Combat Wrestling / Grappling Arts**

These arts are still practiced in the present day in various forms:

- **Istunka** – The art of fencing and stick fighting practiced in Ethiopia, Sudan, and Somalia.
- **Engolo or Ngolo** – A system of kicks and hand strikes blended with dance and music. Practiced as a ritual, combat training, and tribal social functions. It is the progenitor of the Afro-Brazilian art of Capoeira.
- **Dambe** – A West African Boxing style where boxers fight with one wrapped hand and block punches with the other. It is practiced as a test of bravery, a rite of passage, and for combat preparation.
- **Musangwe** – Boxing. It is popular in Azania (Indigenous name of South Africa).
- **Lutte** – A West African form of wrestling with the goal of getting your opponent out of the ring. Similar to the Sumo Wrestling of Japan.
- **Nuba Wrestling** – Ancient Egyptian wrestling practiced in Sudan, Chad and Ethiopia.
- **KuPigaNa Ngumi** – A central African Style similar to Kung Fu, Karate, and jujitsu. It literally means “grappling fist” however, grappling in the sense of engaging in combat, rather than strictly wrestling. It is used by the Askari Hodari (soldiers) of Kenya and Uganda. Furthermore it is the present general name that most African martial arts are under. Made popular in the Americas by numerous “African-American” karate masters of the 1960s and 1970s era, it is practiced in the Americas, in major cities in the United States (primarily New York, Chicago and Denver) and other parts of the African Diaspora.



- **Isinaphakade Samathongo** – Originates from Azania (South Africa). It is very similar to Judo, Tai Chi Chaun, Yi Quan, Taikiken, Pakua, Bagua, and Shaolin Kung Fu. Focuses heavily on meditation, healing, diet, footwork, boxing, and grappling. Popularized by the late Dr. Hodari Mqulo. It is practiced among the Zulu, Ndebele, and Xhosa Tribes and has worked its way through the Congo to West Africa and from there to the Americas. In the United States, it can be found wherever the following martial art, Moyo Nguvu, is taught.



- **Moyo Nguvu** – It means spirit strength. Originated in West Africa among Yoruba and Ifa priest and practiced in the Americas. It is a combat art that focuses on meditation, mental strategy, breathing, and all fighting ranges: ground fighting and wrestling, close quarter combat – high use of elbows and knees -similar to Muay Thai Boxing, 52Blocks and Jailhouse Rock boxing styles, kicking and sweeping, knife, sword, and projectile weapons. This style is under the banner of Kupigana Ngumi and incorporates all of the teachings of Isinaphakade Samathongo. Popularized by the late Dr. Abayomi Meeks, top student of Dr. Mqulo Hodari. It is still practiced in New York, Chicago, Gary, Indiana, and Denver.
- **Kushikana** – Grappling Arts – Combat Wrestling and Grappling. Very similar to Judo and Jujitsu. Popular in Central and Southern Africa and in the Americas. These styles are connected to the Ancient fighting arts of Egypt. This style is under the Kupigana Ngumi banner and also taught within the Moyo Nguvu system.
- **52Blocks Boxing** – originated in Harlem New York and has throughout the Americas. This art consist of traditional Boxing combined with Jailhouse rock fighting system. It is Combat Boxing versus sport boxing and has an “anything goes” philosophy. This style can be integrated in with any other martial art. This style is under the Kupigana Ngumi banner.



Source: The New York Times

There are countless other names and styles that exist throughout the continent and the entire world. Many people had no clue that there was such a thing as African Martial Arts. I encourage you to research and watch videos on these arts if you are interested.

MORGAN CONTINUED...having an awareness and knowledge of their contributions to humanity.

In 1926, Dr. Woodson, initiated the annual February observance of "Negro History Week". He chose February for the observance because February 12 was President Abraham Lincoln's birthday and February 14 was the accepted birthday of Frederick Douglas. By the 1990's, "Negro History Week" had been expanded to the full month of February and re-named, Black History Month".

This leads me to my topic of discussion, Mr. Garrett Morgan, an African American, inventor of the Gas Mask and the Electric Automatic Traffic Signal Light. It is because of Garrett Morgan inventions that we can cross the streets safely and we are protected against certain gas. Born in the last quarter of the Nineteenth Century to former slaves, armed with a sixth grade education, this amazing man created a life saving invention and a traffic light management device that is being used around the world.

Brother Morgan, yes, I, said Brother Morgan, is a Prince Hall Mason. He was initiated a Prince Hall Mason in the early 1900's and was an active member in Excelsior Lodge No. 11, in Cleveland, Ohio. Excelsior Lodge No. 11 received its Charter on June 20, 1865 and is still in existence today. He was also an active member in Antioch Baptist Church which is still in existence. Brother Morgan was a member of several civic organizations in Cleveland, Ohio and an honorary member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity.

Garrett Augustus Morgan was born on March 4, 1877, in Claysville, Kentucky, and died on July 27, 1963 at the age of 86 in Cleveland, Ohio. He was buried at Lake View Cemetery in Cleveland, Ohio.

He was the son of former slaves, Sydney Morgan and Elizabeth Reed Morgan. Possessing a sixth grade education from Branch Elementary School in Claysville, Kentucky, at the age of 16, he moved to Cincinnati, Ohio in search of employment. Most of his teenage years were spent working as a handyman for a Cincinnati landowner.

In 1895, Mr. Morgan moved to Cleveland, Ohio, where he began repairing sewing machines for a clothing manufacture. The experience of repairing sewing machines kindle his interest in how things work. His first invention developed during this period was a belt fastener for sewing machines.

In 1907, he opened his own sewing machine and shoe repair shop. He began developing other inventions such as the Smoke Hood which was completed in 1912 and received a U.S. Patent the same year. An in-depth discussion about the Smoke Hood is discussed below under a separate heading.

In 1913, he incorporated hair care products into his growing list of Patents and he started the G.A. Morgan Hair Refining Company. In this business, he sold hair care products including his patented hair straightening cream, a hair dye, and a hair straightening comb. Later in life, he developed glaucoma and by 1943, he was blind. He had poor health the rest of his life but he continued to work on his inventions. One of his last inventions was the self-extinguish cigarette.

In 1904, Garrett Morgan invented a safety smoke hood protective device after seeing firefighters struggle from the smoke they encountered in the line of duty. The "Safety Smoke Hood" consisted of a wet sponge to filter out....

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NAMESAKE LODGE SERIES: WB KENNEDY #106

BY RIGHT WORSHIPFUL BROTHER DARYL L. ANDREWS, GRAND TREASURER

Born September 15, 1861 to John and Lucinda Kennedy in Tennessee, William B. Kennedy was a Mason's Mason. Employed as a Railroad Porter in his adulthood, he married Emma S. Kennedy. Together, they both were escalated within the Masonic ranks in the Illinois Jurisdiction.

William B. Kennedy was a member of Hiram Lodge #14. He served as Worshipful Master of the Lodge in 1896 during a period of much racial unrest in America. This is the year that Plessy vs. Ferguson was decided by the United States Supreme Court and is set to mark the start of the African American Civil Rights movement. Kennedy led the Lodge through local disputes in the City of Chicago on the topic. He also was a member a leader in Eureka Chapter #3 HRAM, St. George Commandery #4 KT, Arabic Temple #44 AEAONMS, Western Consistory #28, AASR and Guiding Star Chapter #73 OES (Past Patron). He also served as Worthy Grand Patron of Eureka Grand Chapter Order of the Eastern Star. His wife, Emma S. Kennedy served as Worthy Grand Matron of Eureka Grand Chapter from 1922-1924.

William B. Kennedy died after a long illness on May 1, 1918 at the age of 56 while serving as Worthy Grand Patron of Eureka Grand Chapter and Treasurer of Hiram Lodge #14. He was buried with full Masonic Honors at Oak Woods Cemetery in Chicago, Illinois. During the term of his wife as Worthy Grand Matron of Eureka Grand Chapter, Grand Master Thomas H. Samuels,

also a Past Worthy Grand Patron, saw fit to make the 106th Lodge established by the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Illinois the namesake of Kennedy.

Warranted under dispensation in the early 1920s, the Lodge was organized to combat clandestine Masonic activity that was stretching its way to the State of Wisconsin. With Widows Son Lodge #25 and Capital City Lodge #72 already established by the Grand Lodge in Milwaukee and Madison, the organization of a third Lodge in the City of Beloit would provide Wisconsin with the opportunity to organize its own Grand Lodge to solidify the state of Prince Hall Freemasonry in Wisconsin. As such, William B. Kennedy Lodge was chartered in October of 1923. Shortly thereafter, L.H. Palmer Lodge #115 was chartered in Milwaukee. As a result of their establishment and commitment to Prince Hall Freemasonry, they came together to organize a Grand Lodge for the State of Wisconsin in June of 1925.

By the hands of Grand Master John C. Ellis, Grand Master of Illinois Prince Hall Masons, Grand Master L.B. Shepard (Past Master of Capital City Lodge from 1906 to 1909) was installed as the first Grand Master of the Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Wisconsin and the Lodges were subsequently renumbered and named Widows Son Lodge # 25, Milwaukee as #1; Capitol City Lodge #72, Madison as #2; W.B. Kennedy Lodge #106, Beloit as #3; and L.H. Palmer Lodge #115, Milwaukee as #4.





On March 2, 2018, the Chicago Defender Newspaper celebrated its 11th Annual Men of Excellence Award Ceremony at the Hyatt Regency, Regency Ballroom. The ceremony recognize 50 World-Class men from the Chicago area who display the highest levels of leadership, whose commitment to excellence is empowering, and whose achievements are unparalleled. The Mistress of Ceremony was Mrs. Karen Jordan, Channel 7 News.

Mr. Gene Chandler, "The Duke of Earl", was the Recipient of the Chicago Defender's, "Life Time Achievement Award". This legendary musical icon was recognized for his musical works that have extended over fifty years and his charitable contributions to various communities. However, before, I continue to talk about Mr. Chandler and the Awards Ceremony at large let's reflect back for just a moment. Let us turn the clock back about 50 years to a live performance at the Regal Theatre on Chicago's Southside when Pervis Spann (The Blues Man) WVON Radio Personality introduced its star attraction, a young entertainer, saying these words:

"Star Attraction, A Young Man Who Went Out and Made a Name For Himself. Has Been On Every Record Breaking Show In The Regal Theatre In The Last 2 Years. Ladies And Gentlemen, The Star Of The Show, Mr. Gene Chandler".

The first song he sung was "Rainbow 65". In fact, Rainbow was

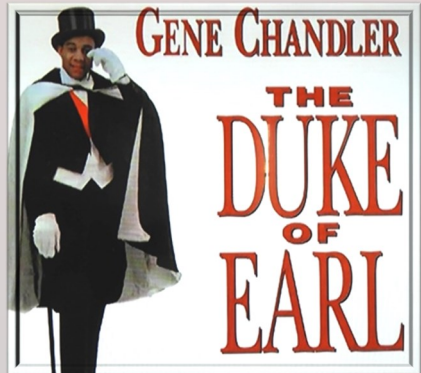


CHICAGO DEFENDER NEWSPAPER MAN OF EXCELLENCE

BY WORSHIPFUL BROTHER LLOYD WOMACK, GRAND HISTORIAN

recorded three times during his career, becoming a hit each time.

Do you remember that live on stage performance at the Regal Theatre by the talented Gene Chandler? If you were not at that show surely you know someone who was there. That was the place to be and he was the entertainer to see, Gene Chandler, “The Duke of Earl”. Well, 50 years later, he is still “making a name for himself” and is being



recognized globally for his life time works as a superb entertainer, his business ventures, his smart investments, and his humanitarian services to various communities.

Now, returning to the Men of Excellence Award Program—The Awards program was a sold out classic event. Mrs. Karen Jordan (left), the Mistress of Ceremony was classy and professional. She introduced “the Awardees” individually during the procession, they



walked with swaggered steps that drew applause and laughter from the audience. Brief descriptions were given of each awardee and the reasons why they were selected to receive this prestigious award. Ms. Frances Jackson (right), Publisher, Chicago Defender, presented the awardees with their award plaques. To the delight of the audience, Mr. Chandler entered the Ballroom to his theme song—"Duke of Earl". In fact, many sang the theme song: {Duke, Duke, Duke, Duke Earl.....} as he entered the Ballroom. At the same time, he, was being featured on two wide TV screens previously taped speaking about life and his blessings. But, this legendary musical icon, as he was entering the Ballroom, continued to work the crowd showing why he is a master at his profession.



He was presented "The Life Time Achievement Award" in recognition for his life works and charitable contributions to various communities. In addition to being the Recipient of this prestigious award, Mr. Chandler was the speaker for the "Men of Excellence Award Ceremony". His speech was very humble and he was very appreciative of this great honor. He gave acknowledgement and recognition to the other Honorees. His family and invited friends beamed with pride. In attendance at this gala affair was Mr. Chandler's special friend, his children (below), grandchildren, and his very close and dear friends.



Mr. Chandler spoke on an array of topics. "He left no stones unturned". He spoke on excellence, passion, and vision, stating these are challenging times. On the topic of positive thinking, he said, "If you can conceive it you can achieve it". On the topic of respect, he said, "Always respect our women and protect our women and take care of your children". Surely, this statement alone drew an over whelming applause and a standing ovation. The audience was in awe of Mr. Chandler's public speaking ability because they never heard of him as a public speaker only as an entertainer. Mr. Chandler's closing comments was "Keep doing what you are doing and fight like hell to do it better".

As we all know, Brother Chandler is a Prince Hall Mason. He was introduced to Prince Hall Masonry by his long time friend Jerry "The Ice Man" Butler another Chicago musical icon. Mr. Butler is also a Cook County Commissioner, a Past



Grand Master, a 33° Mason, a member of North Star Lodge No. 1, and Talma Chapter No. 2, Order of the Eastern Star. Brother Chandler is a Past Master and an active member in King David Lodge No. 100. He is a Past Worthy Patron in Talma Chapter No. 2, Order of the Eastern Star, a 33° Mason, created a Grand Inspector General in 2010, a member of Western Consistory No. 28, and a member of the Commanders of the Rite, Valley of Chicago, Orient of Illinois.

And yes, Brother Robert Sengstacke Abbott was a Prince Hall Mason. Brother Abbott is the founder of the Chicago Defender Newspaper, founded on May 5, 1905. Through the Chicago Defender, Brother Abbott instigated the Great Migration, resulting in the movement of six million Blacks out of the Rural Southern United States to the Urban Northeast, Midwest, and West that occurred between 1910 and 1970. At one, point during the migration north, 3000 African Americans were arriving weekly in Chicago. Between 1916 and 1919 more than 50,000 African Americans migrated to Chicago from the south. And yes, following Brother Abbot's death in 1940, a relative, Brother John Sengstacke, also a Prince Hall Mason, Mt. Hebron Lodge No. 29, became the successor and heir to the Chicago Defender Newspaper who took the newspaper to an even greater height.



Moreover, on Saturday, March 17, 2018, Brother Chandler served as Honorary Chairperson for the "Tall Grass Arts Association" at its 61st Annual Beaux Arts Ball benefiting its Gallery and School. The event was held at the Lincolnshire Country Club in Crete, Illinois.

Yes, Brother Chandler is worthy of this prestigious award. He never forgot where he came from and he continues to serve various communities and the less fortunate. Charity is the brightest ornament of our Masonic profession. Whoever emulates the character of a good and worthy Mason should always be ready to assist and to aid the less fortunate in a time of necessity. This is the best description that describes my brother and friend, "the Duke", Brother Gene Chandler, "The Duke of Earl". Congratulations on a recognition well earned and deserved and may your light continue to shine ever so brightly.

Arrangements to share your personal documents can be made by contacting: Brother Lloyd Womack, Grand Historian at (708) 383-2339, Assistant Grand Historian Brother Taej Murray at (773) 915-3395, Assistant Grand Historian Brother Albert Haynes, III, at (708) 829-5146 or you may wish to contact Assistant Grand Historian Sister Tammy Hampton at (773) 982-4236.



THEBAN LEGION



SAINT MAURICE

Birth:

250AD, Thebes, Egypt

Death:

287AD, Agaunum, Switzerland

Venerated in:

Oriental Orthodoxy, Coptic
Orthodoxy Catholic Church
Eastern Orthodox Church

Canonized:

Pre-Congregation for the
Causes of Saints

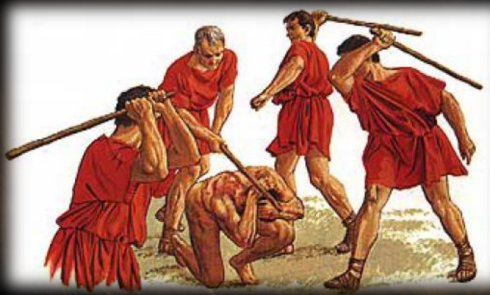
Saint Maurice was the leader of the legendary Roman Theban Legion in the 3rd century, and one of the favorite and most widely venerated saints of that group. He was the patron saint of several professions, locales, and kingdoms. He is also a highly revered saint in the Coptic Orthodox Church of Alexandria and other churches of Oriental Orthodoxy.

Maurice became a soldier in the Roman army. He was gradually promoted until he became the commander of the Theban legion. It is said that his legion (top right), consisted of six thousand men and was called from Thebes in Egypt to Gaul to assist emperor Maximian to defeat a revolt.

The legion was dispatched to clear the Great St Bernard Pass across Mont Blanc (below). Before proceeding upon the mission, they were instructed to offer sacrifices to the pagan gods and pay homage to the emperor. While Maurice pledged his men's military



allegiance to Rome, he refused to worship pagan Gods and slaughter fellow Christians at the pass.



The practice of decimation was a military punishment in which every tenth soldier would be killed. In response to Maurice's initial refusal, the emperor ordered decimation on the legion. After additional orders were given and subsequently refused, a second decimation was ordered. A third refusal of additional orders drove Maximian to execute all of the remaining members. The sacrifice of the legion made them Christian martyrs.

The site of the slaughter was Agaunum, Switzerland. The martyrdom of Maurice and the legion earned Maurice Sainthood. The location is now named Saint-Maurice, Switzerland. The Abbey of St. Maurice (right) was eventually erected on the site in the 6th Century.



Because of his dedication to Christianity, Saint Maurice eventually became a patron saint of the Holy Roman Emperors. Relics and regalia associated with Maurice were held in high regard across the Holy Roman Empire. The sword and spurs of Saint Maurice were part of the regalia used at coronations of the Austro-Hungarian emperors through 1916. Maurice is traditionally depicted in full armor.

Saint Maurice gives his name to many towns and cities across Europe. More than 50 namesake towns and states including St. Moritz and an Indian Ocean island state named Mauritius have been dedicated to him. Over 650 religious foundations dedicated to Saint Maurice can be found in France and other European countries. In Switzerland alone, seven churches or altars in Aargau, six in the Canton of Lucerne, four in the Canton of Solothurn, and one in Appenzell Innerrhoden can be found. The Abbey of Saint-Maurice, the Church of Saint Moritz in the Engadin, and the Monastery Chapel of Einsiedeln Abbey are also his namesakes.

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PLUMBLINE CELEBRATES RETIREMENT FOR WILLIS

BY PLUMBLINE LODGE #116



Family, friends and members of Plumblin Lodge #116 celebrate the retirement of Past Master Ray Willis from the Department of Housing and Urban Development. After years of service to the City of Chicago, he decided to retire after a long and dedicated career. His labors in this position have helped to numerous, under-served communities to benefit from the organizations resources. While serving diligently for the city, he has also served his alma mater well. He is a graduate of Kansas State University earning a bachelor's degree in sociology in 1968 and his master's degree in regional and community

planning in 1971. In September of 2015 he created a scholarship to assist students in pursuing the undergraduate and graduate planning programs. These and other accomplishments were heralded at the retirement celebration. In the words of his daughter Courtney, "It was an amazing event. We really have a superstar in our family who is always consistent about giving 110% to help guide, nurture and support people regardless of whether it's family, work, church or anyone from the numerous organizations of which he belongs." Congratulations!

THEBAN LEGION *Continued*

Chivalric Orders including the Order of the Golden Fleece (1430), Order of the St. Maurice (1434) and the Order of Saints Maurice & Lazarus (1572) have either been named in his honor or created with him as a portion of the histories or legends of the Orders themselves. **Historically, these Orders have been linked to FREEMASONRY through multiple forms.** The Knights Templar have a direct linkage to all of the above. In today's era, the CHI RHO FRATERNITY of the Phylaxis Society pays homage to this Saint.

In Europe, St. Maurice is clearly depicted with African features. Paintings from the Middle-Ages show him distinctly as a man of color. Statues in Switzerland clearly portray him as a black man, a Moor. His sacrifice and the sacrifices of the men of his legion were sourced from a strong faith in God above. Hence, the creation of Orders in his namesake. Many of which evolved into the ranks of **FREEMASONRY.**

With this in mind, BEHOLD St. Maurice, a Christian martyr, leader of men and premier example of faith in the eyes of death. May peace be unto his ashes.

AND SERVES DURING THE FLUCTUATING WINTER

BY PLUMBLINE LODGE #116



Plumblime Lodge serves the Chicago South Suburban Community during the fluctuating winter months in the Chicago area and surrounding suburbs.



BROTHERS & SISTERS

ORIGINS & COMMON BONDS OF FREEMASONRY & BLACK GREEK

In order to meet the demands of the day and age, African Americans have historically banded together to create power and share resources. While the formal organization of African Lodge can be tied to the charter issued to the Lodge in the year 1784, organizations like the Free African Society had been in place years prior to meet the challenges offered during the Institution of Slavery. The objectives of this organization were not only to free the enslaved but also to provide those who made it northward with the resources and abilities to start and sustain a new life.

As faith, hope and charity fueled these actions, it is no secret why Prince Hall Freemasonry pulled from these ranks to fill Masonic Lodges. Their faith in God and worship yielded directions from which the resulting actions implemented solutions for the issues of the day. The relief provided by them also gave others hope in a better tomorrow. These acts of charity were, in fact, acts of love that set a stage for other organizations to follow. It is this sentiment that carried over into the fraternities and sororities of today's day and age.

While multiple Black Greek Letter Organizations (BGLO) have been created since the turn of the 20th Century, there are several that receive acclaim for their works at the professional and collegiate levels. Their organization served the purpose of advancing African Americans in multiple circles. Their continued existence and the products of their unions provide evidence to their relevance.

Sigma Pi Phi Fraternity is considered one of the first African American Greek fraternal orders in America. With its members affectionately known as the Boule, the fraternity was organized at the turn of the 20th Century as a means for African American professionals to share resources. Its ranks included physicians,



NATIONAL PAN-HELLENIC COUNCIL
 Founded 1930
 Howard University



SIGMA PI PHI
 Founded 1904
 Philadelphia, PA

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scientists and other professionals who sought the need to come together, to convene and to design solutions that would extend the careers of black professionals and open doors for subsequent generations. Many black Freemasons were members of these ranks in its early stages including Dr. Allen A. Wesley of North Star Lodge #1 and others. Their success in uniting like-minded individuals opened new doors and new ideas on college campuses across the country.

Contrary to popular belief, the turn of the 20th Century found many African American students attending some of the nation's most prominent universities. In order to ensure success, several felt it necessary to band together for protection and to share resources that would allow ALL to succeed. This is certainly the premise for the creation of all BGLOs.

Alpha Phi Alpha was founded in 1906 on the campus of Cornell University in Ithaca, New York. Influenced by the Boule, its founding fathers organized themselves into the first black fraternity to ensure mutual success at the collegiate level. The fraternity grew at Cornell and expanded across the country. The Beta Chapter was organized as the first fraternity on a Historically Black College or University (HBCU) in 1907 at Howard University in Washington, DC. Its success in this area provided a basis and a model upon which other fraternities and sororities would establish and extend themselves across the country.

Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority followed suit in 1908 on the campus of Howard University in Washington, DC. It was the first sorority to be organized on the campus of a HBCU. Its founders were true women of distinction who sought to bring together link-minded ladies. Their focus on scholarship and service became a



ALPHA PHI ALPHA
Founded 1906
Cornell University



ALPHA KAPPA ALPHA
Founded 1908
Howard University



KAPPA ALPHA PSI
Founded 1911
Indiana University

factor which drew more into its fold. Their formation sparked the establishment of other new sororities and fraternities on the same campus in subsequent years.

Like Alpha Phi Alpha, Kappa Alpha Psi was organized on a predominantly white campus. Organized on the campus of Indiana University in 1911 as Kappa Alpha Nu, the fraternity found itself embroiled in racial unrest early on. One of its initiates, Frank Myron Summers, was a track star who endure racial taunts as he excelled in Track and Field. Often called “that Kappa Alpha Nig”, he continued to excel in all races despite the epithets. The fraternity decided to change its name to Kappa Alpha Psi as a result and has remained steadfast in its pursuit of education and excellence.

With the establishment of a sorority on the campus of Howard University and the existence of Chapters of Alpha Phi Alpha and Kappa Alpha Psi on the campus, other groups of men and women were inspired to organize fraternities and sororities of their own for similar purposes. Omega Psi Phi was organized in 1911 and, within ten years, three additional organizations would follow. Delta Sigma Theta was organized as a sorority in 1913, Phi Beta Sigma was organized as a fraternity in 1914 and Zeta Phi Beta was organized as a sorority in 1920.

Sigma Gamma Rho became the first BGLO sorority to be organized on a predominantly white campus. Founded in 1922, Sigma Gamma Rho was formed on the campus of Butler University. Its initial membership consisted of talented women of distinction who worked together to ensure mutual success in the educational arena. Like the aforementioned organizations, it remains in tact to this day and age as a pillar of society.

It is important to note that each fraternity and sorority leveraged one another for their genesis and forward movement. The relationship between each is apparent as their modes of organization and expansion are almost identical. Each organized itself and adopted the Chapter system to identify Chapter logistics. Each utilized a similar hierarchy in leadership structure and



OMEGA PSI PHI
 Founded 1911
 Howard University



DELTA SIGMA THETA
 Founded 1913
 Howard University



PHI BETA SIGMA
 Founded 1914
 Howard University

mode of operation. Each made it a point to collaborate with one another to maintain regularity. These relationships, the common structure and common bonds of mutual improvement became a basis upon which a formal organization was created in 1930 to maintain the bond. As such, they came together in 1930 to form the National Pan-Hellenic Council (NPHC) which remains in existence to this date.

The NPHC welcomed Iota Phi Theta fraternity into its ranks in the 1960s. Founded on the campus of Morgan State University, an HBCU, Iota Phi Theta was actually born from the Civil Rights Movement. Many of its initial founders bonded well with the ideals promoted by the Black Panther Party including self-reliance and strength in unity. These concepts drew men of like-mind together on the campus to found the fraternity in 1963.

Many stellar African American citizens throughout history have had a direct linkage to BGLOs and have also attested to the fact that the organizations helped them to complete their collegiate educational requirements and post collegiate requisites. The bonds of brotherhood and sisterhood run deep as attested by the likes of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., Jesse Jackson Sr., W.E.B. DuBois, Carter G. Woodson, George Washington Carver, Rosa Parks and many others. Their examples help to drive the next generation of young men and women into the ranks of the future but should also help to promote the same ideals that were promoted at their starts.

Like Prince Hall Freemasonry, the focus of these organizations has always been mutual improvement. While BGLOs have focused on this ideal on college campuses and in the various corporate arenas, Prince Hall Freemasonry and the Order of the Eastern Star helped to maintain this same focus on the homefront. Together, this common bond has helped to sustain the state of the African American community despite the struggles of race relations in America. If properly maintained, they ALL can serve along the same lines in the future.



ZETA PHI BETA
 Founded 1920
 Howard University



SIGMA GAMMA RHO
 Founded 1922
 Butler University



IOTA PHI THETA
 Founded 1963
 Morgan State University

FAITH, HOPE AND



The brethren of Central Lodge #3 served the Springfield community with sustenance during the Thanksgiving season. Nearly one hundred boxes were prepared and delivered to families across Central Illinois. (above)

Immanuel Lodge #153 distributed gifts over the holiday season to Chicago families in need. Their efforts filled the wishes of hundreds during Christmas. (below)



CHARITY EFFORTS



Union Lodge #155 of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Illinois and Friends gave away 5000 turkeys consisting of 8 different drop off location within the Woodlawn Community. It was a honor once again for Union Lodge 155 to be apart of this awesome community project along with our friends!

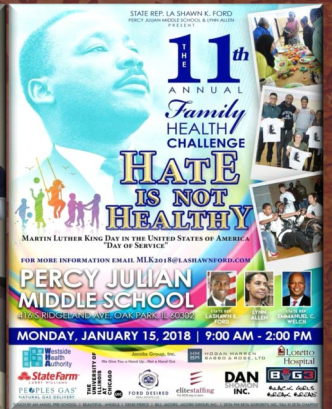


Jericho Lodge #120 of Madison, Illinois serves the community during Thanksgiving and gives away bicycles and toys to students in the Southern Illinois community. North Star Lodge #1 and Talma Chapter #2 OES band together to serve Senior Citizens at the Southside Community Center in Chicago. Their efforts fed and clothes nearly 100 seniors and community residents during the winter months.

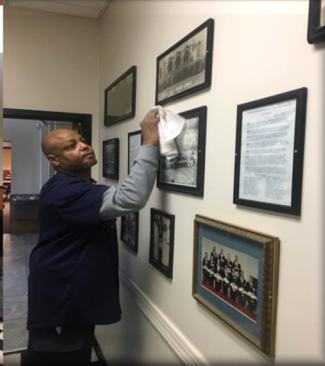




The Charity Committee of the Grand Lodge sponsored deserving students and families in an effort to see the Black Panther movie on February 15, 2018.

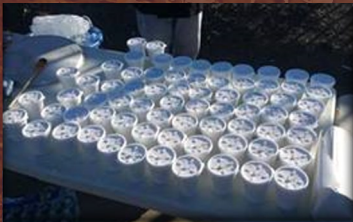


New Jerusalem #158 participated in Rep. LasShawn Ford's "Hate is Not Healthy" at Julian Middle School in Oak Park and then cleaned the Grand East (below) during the month that followed. This effort was done by the Lodge to engage its new members in the act of taking care of home. In cleaning the historical galleries, they also gained a clear picture of the history of our Grand Lodge in the State of Illinois.





Fourth District efforts in Southern Illinois to served the community during the Thanksgiving and Christmas Holiday Seasons. The efforts of the Lodges were done in conjunction with the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry. Together, they served the East St. Louis community meals and gifts during the seasons (above). Monarch Lodge #99 served soup and sandwiches in the Morgan Park community.





The Community Service efforts of Lone Star Lodge #18 have set a prime example of Freemasonry at work. The efforts extended from serving food to citizens in the Urbana/Champaign community to gifts during the Christmas Holiday. These efforts have touched several families in need.





Silver Link Chapter #139 provided a Great Christmas Dinner for over 100 residents of Victory Senior Suites. An extra added surprise is Sister Laura Turner, Past Matron of' Pride of Harmony, Chapter #144, which she has attended this Luncheon for the Past 8 years in her Regalia and Sash, and always looking forward to seeing us, she is doing well at 99 years young and very alert. (left)

Immanuel Lodge #153 feeds hundreds along with famed actor, writer and director Bill Nunn and Urban Prep Academy in Chicago's Roseland Community.





The Charity Committee of the Grand Lodge under the leadership of Timothy Davis has continued its efforts at Pleasant Grove Missionary Baptist Church on Chicago's West Side. The team served food and donated perishable items to many in need. This effort during the Holiday Season is a continuation of all the efforts that have been directed by the committee over the course of the year in partnership with the church under the leadership of Rev. Dr. Charles Hamilton.



MATTHEWS *Continued*.....Philadelphia Missionary Baptist Church and also sings in the choir. In 2018, he produced his own Rap Music. He DJs, part-time and won a contest on WGCI about gun violence. He has also appeared on television speaking on "Champs Male Mentoring Group".

In 2007, he joined the Robert A. Lower Court No. 24, Junior Craft which was re-chartered by Past Grand Master Otis Cromartie to fall under the mentorship of Jachin Lodge No. 133. In 2009, Devonte, was appointed "Grand Junior Craft Master" which is equivalent to the title of Grand Master for the Order. He is also a member of the Prince Hall Junior Heroines. In 2007, Devonte attended a Prince Hall Americanism Day Program and admired the Knights Templar uniform, their disciplinary actions, and their strict commands. His mind was made up to become a "Knights Templar". Brother Ricky Matthews, Universal Lodge No. 65, and grandfather to Devonte told him, first, he had to become a Master Mason. Devonte's response was, "I'll Do That".

Devonte is a member of the Boy Scouts of America, Troop No. 1791, mentored by the Lilydale Progressive Baptist Church. He earned the rank of **Eagle Scout** at 14 years of age. On July 11, 2015, at the Eagle Scout Court of Honor, Devonte introduced the keynote speaker Norville R. Carter, District Scout Master, who also is a Prince Hall Mason, a Past Master, North Star No. 1.

Devonte, at 16 years of age, was the keynote speaker at a banquet for Jachin Lodge No. 133. The Lodge's most distinguished member is Grand Master Dwayne A. Smith. According to Sister Matthews, her son, Devonte, told the Grand Master that he wanted to become a Master Mason when he turned 18. It was obvious that Devonte did his home work because the qualifications are that he must be 18 years of age or older, be of good moral character, and a believer in the existence of

the Supreme Being, which is God. Well, on September 24, 2017, Devonte turned 18 years of age. Sister Matthews told the Grand Historian that by the end of April 2018, the Grand Master would administer the First and Second Degrees to Devonte and send him to Boston to participate in a Special Ceremony for 15 Fellow Craft to be raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason. The Ceremony is a "Re-opening Ceremony A Celebration of Prince Hall. On April 28, 2018, 18 year old, Brother Matthews made history. He was made a Master Mason in the same manner and manor (Castle Island, Boston Harbor) as Prince Hall was over two hundred forty years ago.

In closing, a special thank you to Sister Sandra Smith, Past Worthy Grand Matron for introducing me to Devonte Matthews. Also, a special thank you to RW Bro. Michael D. Ramey, Grand Secretary, who made it possible for the Grand Historian to interview Sister Detria Matthews. As the Grand Historian, I am honored to have met and written this article on Devonte. He is definitely someone you should know. We, the Prince Hall Masonic Family, congratulate Sister Detria Matthews, the mother, and Brother Ricky Matthews, the grandfather, and the entire family on a job well done. We have witnessed a young person blossom right before our eyes to attain his goal to become a Master Mason and member of Jachin Lodge No. 133.

The Year now is 2018 and Brother Matthews is 18 years of age. In the Year 2038, he will be 38. Based on his vision, discipline, dedication, and proven leadership abilities, and if he stays on track, in the Year 2038, don't be surprised if he is our "Grand Master". If so, he will join the ranks of other Grand Masters from Jachin Lodge, namely, Willie B. Evans and Dwayne A. Smith. If this does happen, remember, you read it here first, written by Worshipful Brother Lloyd Womack, Grand Historian.



MORGAN CONTINUED...smoke and cool the air. A series of tubes were used to draw clean air off the lowest level. The tubes could extend to smoke being hotter than the air around it, rise, and by drawing air from the ground, the "Safety Smoke Hood" provided the user with a way to perform emergency respiration. In 1912, Mr. Morgan received a U.S. Patent for his invention of the "Safety Smoke Hood Device".



Mr. Morgan's invention of the Safety Smoke Hood Device, became national when the Cleveland Newspaper reported he led a heroic rescue mission on July 24, 1916, that saved the lives of several workers after a tunnel explosion trapped them within a water intake tunnel 50 feet beneath Lake Erie. Mr. Morgan, and Frank Morgan, his brother, also an inventor, along with two volunteers entered the tunnel armed with the respiratory breathing device and rescued the entrapped workers. After the heroic rescue, the G.A. Morgan Company received numerous order request from Fire Department's all over the country. The International Association of Fire Fighters awarded Mr. Morgan a gold medal for his invention and made him an honorary member as well. His invention of the "Smoke Hood Device" was featured on the television show, "Inventions that Shook the World".

By 1917 during World War I, the breathing device invented by Mr. Morgan was refined to carry its own air supply making it a gas mask. "The Safety Hood Device" was re-named, the "Gas Mask" and was the Standard Equipment in the U.S. Army.

The first American made automobiles

were introduced just before the turn of the 20th Century. Pedestrians, bicycles, animal drawn wagons and motor vehicles all had to share the same roads. Starting in 1913, to deal with the growing problems of traffic accidents, a number of versions of traffic signaling devices began to be developed.

It was reported that Garrett Morgan who lived in the City of Cleveland was the first African American to own an automobile. After witnessing a serious accident at an intersection, he realized the need to control the flow of traffic through a traffic management device. In 1922, he invented the Electric Automatic Traffic Signal Light, a traffic control device having a third warning. The traffic signal device was a T-shaped pole unit that featured three positions: Stop, Go, and an All-Direction Stop Position. The "Third Position" halted traffic in all directions to allow pedestrians to cross the street safely. During the same year of 1922, he, filed for a U.S. Patent for his invention, which was granted in 1923. In the later years, Mr. Morgan sold his rights to the traffic signal light to the General Electric Corporation. Shortly before Mr. Morgan's death in 1963, he was awarded a citation for his invention of by the United States Government.



In conclusion, we, applaud Mr. Garrett Morgan, an African American Inventor for his contribution to the world through his profound inventions of the Gas Mask and the Traffic Signal Light. We, as Prince Hall Masons are even more prouder because Brother Garrett Morgan is a Prince Hall Mason.



PHYLAXIS SOCIETY 2018 CHAPTER OF THE YEAR

Congratulations to the **Brian L. Abrams Chapter of the Phylaxis Society** on being selected "Chapter of the Year" by the International Phylaxis Society at the 2018 Annual Session of the Organization. The Abrams Chapter has worked in conjunction with the Prince Hall Masonic Journal and Grand Lodge Community Service Committee under the leadership of Worshipful Brother Hassan Tremble-El to host the "Let's Talk History" Symposiums at multiple venues across the state. The symposiums focused on African American History as a whole and the influence of Prince Hall Masons on historic events. These efforts helped to draw new members into the Masonic ranks and introduce our organization to members of the general public who had questions. This model is being shared with jurisdictions across the country and will hopefully translate into increased membership for the fraternity as a whole. Congratulations to Daryl L. Andrews, FPS, Chapter President and the members of the Abrams Chapter.



THE CHI RHO FRATERNITY *Organized by the Phylaxis Society is Dedicated to St. Maurice*



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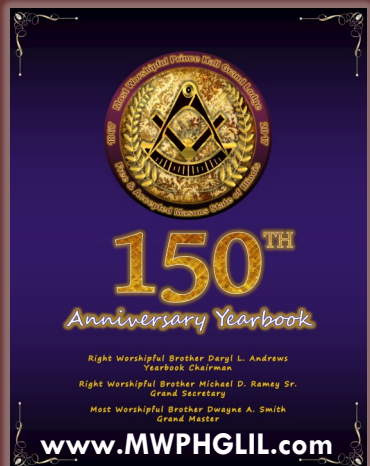


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GRAND MASTER TOURS EAST COAST



Grand Master Dwayne Smith salutes East Coast Grand Masters during the Spring.