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## Grand Lodge Places Focus on Youth and Health



### Illinois Child Identification Program

Over 1,000,000 children are reported missing in the United States each year. While most are found, others are not as fortunate. Also, the abduction of children is under-reported and rapidly increasing in our society. This problem can no longer be ignored.

The Illinois Child Identification Program, IL CHIP, is designed to give families a measure of protection against this ever increasing problem of child abduction. IL CHIP is one of the most comprehensive child identification programs currently available to our communities. Working together, Illinois Freemasons, Eastern Stars, the Illinois State Police Amber Alert System and local authorities are attempting to make this program available to every Illinois family that wishes to participate.

Through the Illinois Freemasons this service is free of charge to all participants. The program consists of four (4) major components:

1. Still Photo
2. Video Interview
3. Fingerprinting
4. DNA Cheek Swab

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### Order of the Junior Craftsmen

30 boys and young men were inducted into the Order of the Junior Craft of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Illinois.

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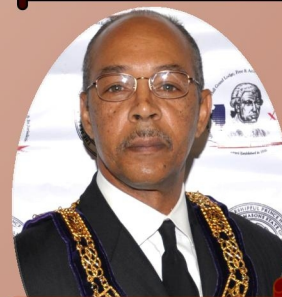


### Diabetes Testing at the Grand East

African Americans are twice as likely to be diagnosed with diabetes as non-Hispanic whites. In addition, they are more likely to suffer complications from diabetes, such as end-stage renal disease and lower extremity amputations.

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### Unification 2010 Award Recipients



**PM Carl K. Garner**  
Mason of the Year  
2010-2011



**Charamonte Oladeji**  
Miss Eureka  
2010-2011

# Elected Grand Lodge Officers for the 2010-2011 Masonic Year

## Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Illinois



Seated—Roland Simon, Aubrey Barlow, Millard Driskell, Otis Cromartie (GM), Dwayne Smith, Vincent Sykes, Damon Anderson, Standing—Reinaldo Walker, Les Powell, Charles Caples Jr., M. Ramey, Daryl Andrews, Leroy Berry, James Jones, Cordale Brown, Michael Patterson, Charles Caples Sr.

Most Worshipful Brother Otis W. Cromartie, Sr.—Grand Master

## Heads of Houses ~ Adoptive Rites and Appendant Bodies



Sister Paulette Brown, WGM  
 Brother William W. Jackson, WGP  
 Order of the Eastern Star

<p>MEC Carl Richardson                      Grand High Priest  <i>MEPHGC Holy Royal Arch Masons</i></p>	<p>Herione Sheryl Walton, MAGM                      Brother Jesse Smith, MWGJ  <i>MAPHGC Heroines of Jericho</i></p>
<p>MIC Raymond T. Tucker*                      Grand Thrice Illustrious Master  <i>MIPHGC Royal and Select Masters</i></p>	<p>Sister Marcella Green                      ICG Charles McKinley  <i>Ladies Circle of Perfection</i></p>
<p>SK Melvin Crawford                      Right Eminent Grand Commander  <i>PHGC Knights Templar</i></p>	<p>Princess Eula Davis                      SK James Blanton, III  <i>Heroines Templar Crusades</i></p>
<p>SK Enoch Clark-Bey                      Eminent Prior  <i>Knights York Cross of Honor</i></p>	<p>Sister Clara Kelly Jackson                      SK Walter Anderson  <i>Princess York Cross of Honor</i></p>
<p>Illustrious Melvin Frierson                      Deputy of the Orient of Illinois  <i>Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite</i></p>	<p>State Grand Loyal Lady Ruler  <i>Illinois State Grand Assembly OGC</i></p>
<p>Noble R.C. Brown                      Imperial Deputy Desert of Illinois  <i>AEAONMS</i></p>	<p>Daughter Anna M. Cooper                      Imperial Deputy Desert of Illinois  <i>Daughters of Isis</i></p>

## Walking Divas of Eureka Grand Chapter Raise Over \$1,800 for Diabetes



Front row: Sis Chaka Khan, Sis Emma Tally-Washington, Sis Brenda Garland, Sis H Lorraine Jeter, Sis Paulette Brown, WGM. Back row: Sis Anna Slater, Sis Mildred Lloyd, Sis Paulette Everett, Sis Mary Johnson, Sis Senora Ben, Sis Vicki Yarbrough (not in photo)

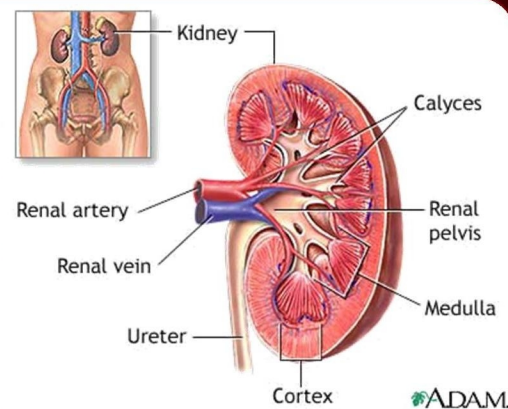
The WGM and the Walking Divas of Eureka Grand Chapter Order of the Eastern Star participated in the American Diabetes Association walk on Saturday, October 23, 2010 at Chicago's Grand Park. In spite of the heavy rain at the lakefront, the WGM and the Walking Divas walked 3.2 miles for the cause. Eureka Grand Chapter donated over \$1800.

- Sister Mildred Lloyd

## About Chronic Kidney Disease (CKD)

### What is Chronic Kidney Disease (CKD)?

- Chronic kidney disease includes conditions that damage your kidneys and decrease their ability to keep you healthy. The two main causes of chronic kidney disease are diabetes and high blood pressure, which are responsible for up to two-thirds of the cases. Diabetes happens when your blood sugar is too high, causing damage to many organs in your body, including the kidneys and heart, as well as blood vessels, nerves and eyes. High blood pressure, or hypertension, occurs when the pressure of your blood against the walls of your blood vessels increases. If uncontrolled, or poorly controlled, high blood pressure can be a leading cause of heart attacks, strokes and chronic kidney disease. Also, chronic kidney disease can cause high blood pressure.



### The Facts About Chronic Kidney Disease

- 26 million American adults have CKD and millions of others are at increased risk.
- Early detection can help prevent the progression of kidney disease to kidney failure.
- Heart disease is the major cause of death for all people with CKD.
- Glomerular filtration rate (GFR) is the best estimate of kidney function.
- Hypertension causes CKD and CKD causes hypertension.
- Persistent proteinuria (protein in the urine) means CKD is present.
- High risk groups include those with diabetes, hypertension and family history of kidney disease.
- African Americans, Hispanics, Pacific Islanders, Native Americans and Seniors are at increased risk.
- Three simple tests can detect CKD: blood pressure, urine albumin and serum creatinine.

# Meet the Future of Prince Hall Freemasonry!

*"Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it." ~ Proverbs 22:6*

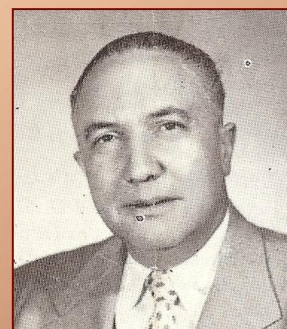


Under the direction of Worshipful Brother Ron Wilson (seated)-Grand Director, Right Worshipful Brother Aubrey K. Barlow, GJW—Assistant Grand Director, existing Junior Craftsmen from across the State of Illinois and brethren from multiple Lodges inducted over 30 boys and young men into the Order of the Junior Craftsmen on October 23, 2010 (top-right). Youth Orders have been a part of the Masonic Order since the early 1920s with the formation of the Order of the Bees for Boys and Girls by Most Worshipful Brother Thomas H. Samuels. The purpose of this organization was to develop boys and girls into the future leaders of the Masonic Order. The Order of the Junior Craftsmen was introduced by Brother Jay E. Powers to the Grand Lodge in 1938 under the term of Most Worshipful Brother John C. Ellis to extend these principles while placing a specific focus on the development of boys and young men.

The first Grand Craftmaster was Corneal A. Davis of Mt. Hebron Lodge #29 and he was assisted by Ashby B.

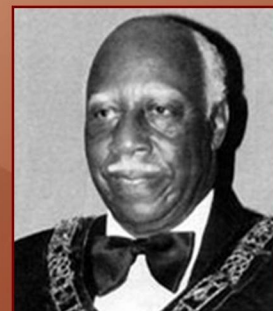


Carter. Both served through the 1940s teaching the boys leadership skills and taking them camping on the property owned by the Grand Lodge in Rock Island, Illinois. Carter would later be elevated to the office of Most Worshipful Grand Master in 1945 and Davis elected as an Honorary Past Grand Master in 1979. Their initial efforts placed the Order of the Junior Craftsmen in high regard and would place it in a prominent position for future growth.



*Corneal A. Davis*

Henry G. Fort assumed leadership following the aforementioned Grand Directors and extended the leadership training of the program. He worked with Most Worshipful Brother Obed Vanderburg to extend the Order through a national collaboration with the National Urban League. This resulted in a training program with the Chicago Urban League to prepare them for the jobs to come in the 1960s as planned by the United States Commission led by the Honorable Richard M. Nixon. For his labors and success with the programs of the Order of the Junior Craftsmen, Fort was named the very first Mason of the Year for the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Illinois in 1958

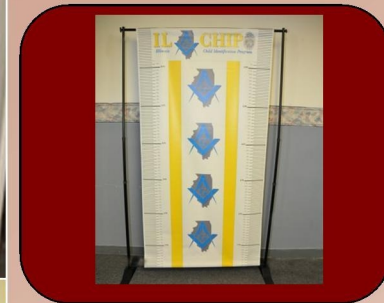


*Henry G. Fort*

and was elevated to the office of Most Worshipful Grand Master in 1963.

The torch of leadership was carried through the capable hands of Walter Maddox of North Star Lodge #1 for numerous years to the current leaders who were also selected Mason of the Year in the 2000s. Past Master Ron Wilson of John C. Ellis Lodge #17 currently serves as Grand Director and Right Worshipful Brother Aubrey K. Barlow, Grand Junior Warden, currently serves as Coordinator. Their labors continue to help to rebuild the Order of the Junior Craftsmen and recapture the prominence of days past. With additional induction ceremonies planned for later this year, the Order is well on its way to that goal which will continue the legacy of developing boys and young men into the future leaders that the Masonic Order needs.





**STEP 1**

**STILL PHOTO**

Printed for use in the Amber Alert System or, if needed, by other proper authorities.

**STEP 2**

**VIDEO INTERVIEW**

Recovery tool to capture individual characteristics and mannerisms than photo can accomplish.

Absolutely NO personal information concerning the child is shared with or retained by any agency. ALL information goes home with the parent/guardian. For accounting purposes only, the permission/ registration form is the ONLY information retained by the Illinois Freemasons.

Through your financial benevolence, this worthy program will grow and expand to help protect the children throughout our state. Help us to help the children of Illinois fulfill their dreams and to realize their true potential. Please donate as liberally as possible, for our



*Right Worshipful Brother Millard V. Driskell, IL CHIP Director*  
*Sister Yvette M. Holcomb, IL CHIP Administrator*  
*Sister Yvonne German, IL CHIP Coordinator*



**STEP 3**

**FINGERPRINTING**

Fingerprinting is well known to be a tried and true method of individual identification.

**STEP 4**

**DNA CHEEK SWAB**

An absolute form of identification which can last for years when properly frozen in a home freezer.

children's safety and future. Make checks payable to:

**Illinois Masonic Charities Foundation  
(memo line: IL CHIP PROGRAM)**

Please mail your donation to the IMCF at:

**MW Prince Hall Grand Lodge  
809 East 42nd Place  
Chicago, Illinois 60653-2900  
ATTN: IL CHIP PROGRAM**

*The Illinois Masonic Charities Foundation is a 501c(3) charity.*

**Worshipful Brother Bernard Brown, IL CHIP Coordinator  
PMWGM Angelo W. Jones, IMCF President  
Most Worshipful Brother Otis W. Cromartie, Grand Master**



## **DIABETES TESTING....Continued**

Although African Americans have the same or lower rate of high cholesterol as their non-Hispanic whites. In addition, they are more likely to suffer complications from diabetes, such as end-stage renal disease and lower extremity amputations. Other important facts include:

- Although African Americans have the same or lower rate of high cholesterol as their non-Hispanic white counterparts, they are more likely to have high blood pressure.
- African American men are 2.2 times as likely to start treatment for end-stage renal disease related to diabetes, as compared to non-Hispanic white men.
- Diabetic African Americans are 1.5 times as likely as diabetic Whites to be hospitalized.
- African Americans are 2.3 times as likely as non-Hispanic Whites to die from diabetes.

It was for these reasons that the Thapelo Institute and the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Illinois hosted the "It's a Family Affair - Diabetes in the Black Community" workshop at the Grand East on Saturday, November 6, 2010.

Through a new linkage forged by Worshipful Brother Ray Willis of Plumblin Lodge #116, the Thapelo Institute family brought forward a program and screening procedures to introduce strategies for combating the scourge of diabetes in the black community. The Master of Ceremonies, Art Norman, former NBC5 News Reporter, oversaw the program which included a panel discussion with Dr. Paul Crawford, founding member of the Thapelo Institute and Sydney Green, Assistant Coach for the Chicago Bulls. Together with other doctors of the Thapelo Institute, the expert panel brought forward tips to help individuals, families and communities prevent diabetes and reduce their risks.



*Grand Lodge Leadership welcomes the Thapelo Institute.*



*Brethren complete the forms to begin the free screening....*



*...give samples for analysis by the doctors of the Thapelo staff*



*...and receive tips on how to maintain a healthy lifestyle.*