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45th Grand Master  
of Illinois Prince  
Hall Masons*



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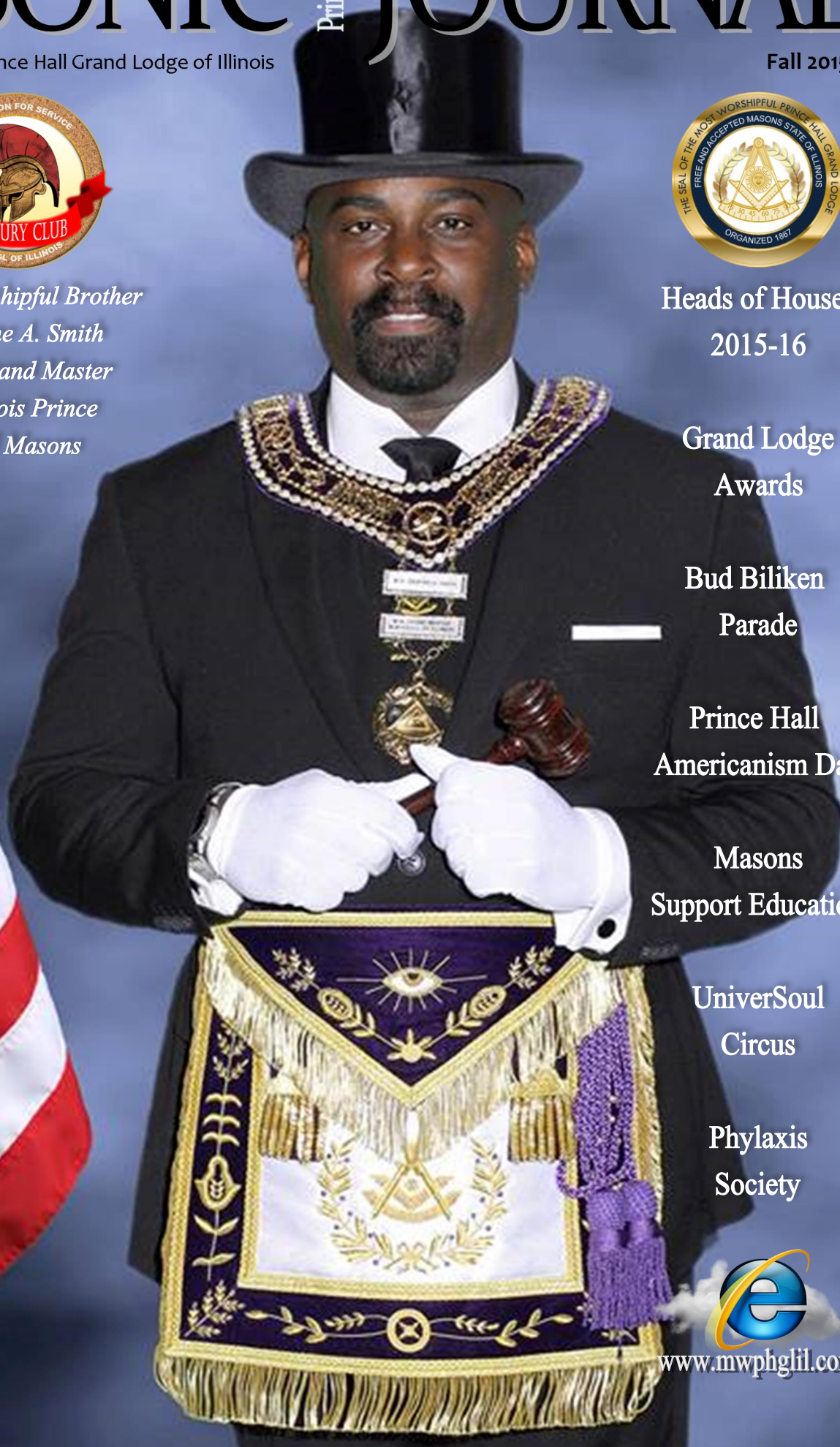
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## EDITORIAL



This edition of the Prince Hall Masonic Journal is dedicated to the newly elected and appointed officers of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, State of Illinois and Its Jurisdiction and Grand Concordant Bodies. Freemasonry is a progressive science and it is important that the Grand Lodge and Concordant Bodies work to progress with each new generation of officers. If we do not move forward, we will move backwards. Stagnation is not progress. It is akin to decline. This is the case especially if one is in a race. Just keeping pace is simply not enough. In order to win the race, one must run a bit faster, push a little more harder and outwork the competition. This type of effort will push our organizations to higher levels and ensure that our efforts are successful. As such, keep on pushing for greater days.

*Right Worshipful Brother Daryl L. Andrews, 33°*

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## FEEDBACK

- "Peace be unto the ashes of those who were listed in the last edition and to those who were not noted. A lot of high profile brothers moved on to a better place."
- "The article on the spread of clandestine Masonry put something on my mind. It was right on point. Maybe a few Lodges can pool together and buy property like they did in East St. Louis and other places. This should create a stronger presence."
- "Congrats on 10 years Brother Andrews. Not sure who served longer between you, Abrams and Carthan. Time flies when you are having fun I guess. Keep up the good work. You are the truth."
- "Nice effort by John Jones Lodge. It should be an annual effort or a new annual service on **Memorial Day** to visit the sites of all of our deceased Past Grand Masters and clean them. Do we know where they all are located? There are some who do not have stones. I would be willing to contribute to any effort that would get this done for them."
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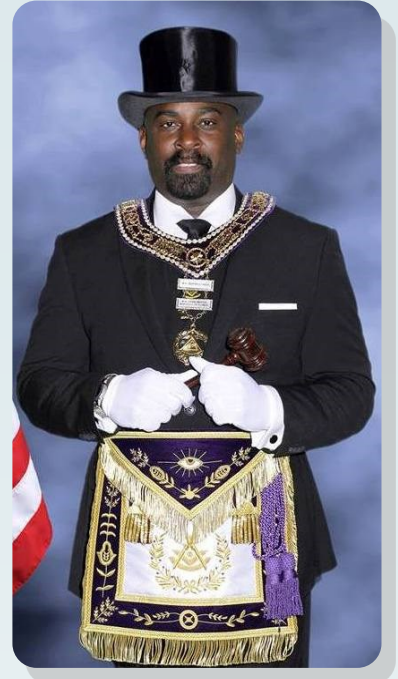
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## OFFICE OF THE GRAND MASTER

It is indeed my honor and privilege to greet you as the 45th Grand Master of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the State of Illinois. I am so very grateful for the opportunity to serve this great fraternity, serve our community and thereby serve God. I want to thank all who have supported and encouraged me and I ask for your patience and commitment as I embark upon this noble mission. My immediate goals as your 45th Grand Master will be to:

- *Enhance the image of Prince Hall Masonry in the state of Illinois*
- *Secure the future of the Prince Hall Masonry in the state of Illinois by making our presence a relevant and integral part of our communities*
- *Develop and implement programs for our youth and young adults*
- *Increase active participation and volunteerism of our current membership*
- *Develop a unified chain of command*
- *Maintain symmetry of communication throughout the state of Illinois*
- *Return to the basics of ritualistic knowledge and performance*
- *Implement structures to ensure that our Masonic Temples are self-sustaining*

Additionally we must attempt to address the most prevalent problem facing the African American community today – the killing of our youth on our own streets. As the oldest African American Fraternally that has a presence in every urban area in the State we must get involved and be the catalyst for change.



Most Worshipful Brother  
Dwayne A. Smith  
45th Grand Master of Illinois  
Prince Hall Masons

## The Century Club

The calls to service and charity are two of the major ideals that are acted upon by the Officers and Members of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Illinois and its subordinate Lodges. Masons serve in multiple capacities in various locations across the State of Illinois. With a presence in each quadrant of the state, acts of charity and other services are performed to make the communities in which Masons live and those communities that Masons serve better places for all.



Finances are a major portion of the efforts. Funds collected help to determine the ability of our organization to introduce proactive solutions or to react to societal problems in a large way. As such, Most Worshipful Brother Dwayne A. Smith, Grand Master of Illinois Prince Hall Masons, is looking for **CENTURIONS FOR SERVICE**.

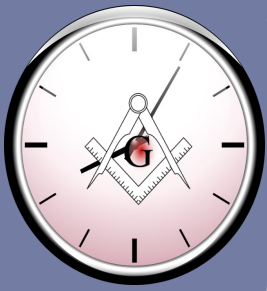
Join the Century Club by donating **\$100.00** to help the Grand Lodge perform more charitable works. Your voluntary donation will be placed in a special fund that will be designated for charitable donations to benefit communities across the State of Illinois. You will also receive a special certificate denoting membership into the Century Club.

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## Phylaxis - Phyllis 2016 in Chicago

The 43<sup>rd</sup> and 33<sup>rd</sup> Annual Sessions of the Phylaxis Society and Phyllis Auxiliary are set to convene in Chicago in April of 2016. The Society and Auxiliary consists of dedicated Masonic researchers from across the country and was adopted as the experts on Prince Hall History by the Conference of Grand Masters. Join the Society and come to the session which will be held in Northbrook, Illinois April 6-8, 2016. One only must be a Master Mason in good standing or a Sister in the Order of the Eastern Star in good standing to join the Phylaxis Society and Phyllis Auxiliary respectively. See **Daryl Andrews (Phylaxis)** or **Lena Roberts (Phyllis)** for more information or ask any members of the Brian L. Abrams Phylaxis Chapter or Eureka Grand Chapter Phyllis Auxiliary.





# WE EXPEDITE MASONIC TIME! WHY?

By P.M. John Brown, #59

*I will attempt to talk on saving time during our Masonic meetings, and I'll be finished in a minute. Now, what is wrong with that statement? ANSWER: I'm talking about saving time, even though I've not started.*

Today, too often, the same statement is made and has no place in our Masonic meetings. The basic teachings of Freemasonry is learning from someone wiser and listening with patience. Remember in the 1<sup>st</sup> Degree, "Let him wait with patience...". Patience has always been a part of our Masonic ritual and history. This lesson we must always remember!

Oh, how often we hear, "**in order to expedite time, I'll do this or that.**" Why are we allowing this to happen? Too many times we worry about the scores of baseball, football, basketball and hockey teams. We let this concern interfere with our oath to give good and whole instructions to those waiting to learn. The Grand Lodge gives to us for learning:

- **Schools of Instruction**
- **Deputies to assist us**
- **Books/By-Laws/Constitutions**

Therefore we have tremendous sources of information to convey to those behind us. If you don't have time for the newly raised member, why in the world should we expect him to understand when we show no patience ourselves!

**Maybe, we should stop and think, are we really saving time and for what reason?**

What is important is that we communicate the many and various benefits that carry the essence of our ritual in a way

that reaches our newly raised brethren at their level. We must really take the time to make sure that our candidates truly understand the Masonic principles being taught. We must convey our lessons, our history, our legacy, symbols and our heritage in a way that really touches the minds and emotions of our brethren in the here and now.

Maybe we need a well developed, carefully formed, Masonic education course, making certain that it relates to our males of today. If we really want our newly raised members to learn and understand the nature of Freemasonry, we must really develop and incorporate alternative teaching techniques.

Are the instructions informing the brothers about the various links we can claim to the past? Before we sound the gavel for the night, have we really answered some of the many questions or have we left the new member standing alone in the darkness? Can he go home and tell his friends all about the organization he has just joined?

Are we not teaching our new brother the many historic and interesting facts about who we are and how we came to be called Prince Hall Masons? Why are there masons that are call AF&AM and F&AM? Why don't we, as black men and women, meet with the white men and women of masonry? What's the difference? When did it first start and will it ever end as two different masonries?

The newly raised brother should be able to go home and explain to his wife or family where his dues and assessments are going. Someone should explain to the brother about the other meetings required to advance in degrees and masonry. Can we stop right now using the phrase "**to save time we'll do this or that?**" We need to stop and think about those of the past that took their time to educate us in the ways of Freemasonry and patience.

Well, I hear my wife blowing the horn now, and we need to close. We will close in SHORT FORM brothers.

**Good Nite!**



## PGM DRISKELL SELECTED NEW AF&AM HONORARY PGM



Congratulations to Past Grand Master Millard V. Driskell, 44th Grand Master of Illinois Prince Hall Masons on receiving the rank of Honorary Past Grand Master of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, State of Illinois. As a result of his efforts and the spirit of grand fraternal relations, his continual shows of brotherly love that were exhibited under his leadership of the Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Illinois have provided new benefits that Regular Freemasons in the State of Illinois can now take advantage of. Any Master Mason in Good Standing in the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Illinois can now receive free care at the Illinois Masonic Hospital. Joint ventures in charitable endeavors have also been a staple of the bonds formed under his leadership. By these efforts and shows of brotherly love throughout his tenure of leadership as the 44th Grand Master of Prince Hall Masons, the Grand Lodge of Illinois bestowed upon him the title of Honorary Past Grand Master of its Grand Lodge at their Annual Session in October. Congratulations.

# Congratulations to the Heads of Houses for 2015-16



Sister Stephanie D. Atwood was installed as the new Worthy Grand Matron of Eureka Grand Chapter Order of the Eastern Star.

<b>KYCH &amp; PYCH</b>	<b>Holy Royal Arch Masons &amp; Heroines of Jericho</b>	<b>Royal and Select Masters &amp; Ladies of the Circle of Perfection</b>	<b>Knights Templar &amp; Heroines of the Templar Crusades</b>
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SK Robert Q. Gary—KYCH; Princess Delcine Price—PYCH; MEC Kerry Fitch, HRAM; Her. Fadra Winston-Willis and Eugene Washington—HOJ; MIC Gordon Brewer—RSM; Sis. Joyce Clarke and Louis Greene—LOCOP; SK Charles Holiday—KT; Her. Darcel Lacy and Montie Reynolds, HTC

<b>Scottish Rite &amp; Order of the Golden Circle</b>	<b>Shrine &amp; Daughters</b>	<b>Imperial Court Divan</b>
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SGIG Melvin Frierson—AASR; LL Wattine Hampton—OGC; Noble R.C. Brown—AEAONMS; Dt. Anna M. Cooper—Daughters; Dt. Paulette Brown—Imperial High Priest, Daughters Auxiliary to the AEAONMS.

## 2015 MASON OF THE YEAR



**Congratulations to  
Past Master Harry Barnett  
2015 Mason of the Year**

## NEW MISS EUREKA CROWNED



**Congratulations to  
Sister Delvya J. Harris  
Miss Eureka 2015  
of Eureka Grand Chapter**

## GRAND LODGE CITIZENS OF THE YEAR



**Bettye Gavin (Joliet)**

The Grand Lodge named Ms. Bettye Gavin as a “Citizen of the Year” in recognition for her many contributions to the community and unselfish charitable works.

Ms. Gavin has been the Executive Director of the Forest Park Community Center since August of 2012. She is also one of the founding members of the Quality of Life Task Force of Joliet as well as being the Executive Director of the National Hook-Up of Black Women, Inc., serving as Administrative Assistant to the National President of the organization.

She also served as the Community Organizer/Executive Director of the Joliet Area Church Organized Body (JACOB) in Joliet from 2005 to 2010. A graduate of the University of Miami, she received her Bachelor of Science Degree in Nursing in 1970.

She has been the recipient of many honors over the years, including the American Business Women’s Association Woman of the Year, 1998; National Hook-Up of Black Women President’s Award (2004, 2008, 2010), MLK Leadership Award (2007), Leadership Award (2009), Shero’s Award (2011); Omega Psi Phi, Nu Phi Chapter, Citizens Award, 2013 and the Illinois Black Bar Association’s Ray Bolden’s Seekers of Justice Award, 2014.

—Submitted by PM William Branch, #87



**Teresa Haley (Springfield)**

The Grand Lodge also named Ms. Teresa D. Haley as a “Citizen of the Year” in recognition of her efforts as the President of the Springfield Branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP).

Ms. Haley is a prime example of an educated and beautiful African American woman who puts her skills to work for the benefit of others. A long time officer and leader of the Springfield Branch of the NAACP, her efforts in creating educational opportunities for African American youth are as extensive as her contributions to her local community. Both efforts continue to extend to greater heights and serve as the reasons why the local branch is renown.

Ms. Haley has also been celebrated by the national organization. It is clear that she has superior leadership skills and a mind that is akin to the greatest thinkers in our day and age. Her skillset and her efforts appear to serve as the basis for her latest accomplishment—NAACP President for the State of Illinois. Isn’t it fitting that the State President reside in the location where the riot which served as the catalyst for the formation of the organization took place.

Congratulations!

Curtis Dorsey was born in Waukegan, Illinois in 1943. He spent his childhood in between Waukegan and North Chicago. After graduating from North Chicago Community High School in 1961, he enlisted in the United States Marine Corps and honorably served until 1966, traveling to ten foreign countries. During his time in Asia, he spent time in karate dojos and earned a second degree black belt. To this day, his routine workouts several times a week helps to keep him physically and mentally fit.

In the 1970's, he traveled twice to Ghana, West Africa, where he became fond of African art. For more than twenty years, he visited schools and shared a slide presentation and his collection of African art with students at various schools.

For over thirty years as a public educator, he served as a teacher, dean, and principal of middle and elementary schools. As principal in the North Chicago school system, he wrote and received grants for more than a quarter million dollars for student tutoring, teacher

## Past Master **CURTIS DORSEY** is Someone You Should Know



training and the purchase of computers. He was a grant proposal reader for Illinois State Board of Education's Urban Division; he presented his programs to that division, the Illinois Curriculum Council, Illinois Principal's Association, the Governor's Success Panel and

National-Louis University. Two of his programs were showcased on WGN Channel 9 TV news in Chicago.

Now in retirement, he spends most of his time reading, traveling, practicing karate and fishing. His fishing adventures have taken him to Canada, the Gulf of Mexico and the Atlantic Ocean. His greatest joy is fishing with his family and friends. He is grateful to God for Blessing him, so far, with seventy-two great years of life, and forty-nine great years of marriage to his childhood sweetheart, Barbara. They have five children, nine grandchildren, and ten great grandchildren.

As a member of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Illinois, he has served as Past Master of Rufus Mitchell Lodge #107, Past Commander-in-Chief of North Shore Consistory #91, Ancient & Accepted Scottish Rite, Past Potentate of Shawall Temple #165, AEAONMS in Waukegan, Illinois. He is a Grand Inspector General of the thirty-third and last degree in Freemasonry.

- Submitted by PM Donnie Merritt





# Bud Biliken Parade

The Illinois Prince Hall Masonic Family participated in full force during the 2015 Bud Biliken Parade to support the educators and the youth in their efforts to return back to school. Participation from all male and female Masonic Houses were at a high level this year. Representatives from all concordant bodies were present on the float donated by Brother Lafayette Gatling and marching among the crowd. A grand number of brothers and sisters marched the parade route following behind the float displaying a strong presence for the Illinois Prince Hall Masonic Family. Among the groups that participated, the Shriners Mini-Car Unit has returned as a fan favorite.

This year, more than one hundred brothers and sisters from across the state served as Parade Marshalls. This was a new addition by the Illinois Prince Hall Masonic Family for the parade that was negotiated by Past Grand Master Millard V. Driskell. The Marshalls were stationed at various places along the route and leveraged to help maintain order and guide participants along. With their assistance, no incidents occurred at the parade this year.

Following the parade, a grand highlight for the afternoon was the block party that was held at the Grand Lodge Masonic Temple. Food and fun were enjoyed by the guests and the youth. In addition, educational supplies were donated to supplement to supplies collected at the parade. Under the leadership of Deputy Grand Master Aubrey Barlow and Brother Chris Calhoun, the block party was a grand time.

Our new Grand Master, Most Worshipful Brother Dwayne Smith certainly enjoyed himself at this year's parade. The objective of the parade in preparing the youth to gear up for returning back to schools aligns with his goals for the upcoming year. The parade not only served as a kick off for the youth but also as a beckoning call for Prince Hall Masons to become more active in the community and youth affairs. As such, the Prince Hall Benevolent Fund has instituted Mentorship and Tutoring Programs across the state. With these efforts as a start, the brothers and sisters are well on their way to improving the state of affairs in Illinois communities. Keep up the good work!





## MASTERS DEGREE FOR EAGLE SCOUT MOM



Congratulations to Sister Detria Matthews on receiving her Masters Degree in Social Work this Fall. It was only a few months ago that her son, Devonte Matthews, Past Craft Master of the Jachin Junior Craft Council, became an Eagle Scout. Her accomplishment shows just how much education and achievement means to her and her family.



## KEYSTONE GOES BACK TO SCHOOL



On August 21, 2015 Keystone Lodge #15 supported one of its own by participating in Alderman At-Large Bro. Richard C. Irvin's annual Back to School Fair. Bro. Irvin is a long-standing member of Keystone #15, but more importantly, is a staunch civil adherent of every Aurorian. As a result, the community came out in force to enjoy a fun-filled event assisting children of all ages prepare to go back to school!

Free backpacks filled with school supplies were given away to assist area youth begin the school year in grand fashion. Specifically, Keystone #15 was instrumental in helping to provide food, drinks, raffle, entertainment, games and prizes all free of charge to everyone who came out to the Greene Field Community Park location.

Despite a recent downward trend in dropout rates, Aurora community schools still maintain graduation rates at a meager 45.4%. One can point to a myriad of influences that may be responsible for the disparaging data, but it is crucial to genuinely conceive that the lack of educational achievement is reversible. Through consistent mentorship, behavior modeling and community support, we at Keystone #15 believe that the future of our youth and therefore, of society as a whole lies in a sound foundational education in and out of the classroom. We wholeheartedly support Most Worshipful Brother Dwayne A. Smith..."As the oldest African American Fraternity that has a presence in very urban area in the state, we must get involved and be the catalyst for change."

- Submitted by Hanif Morris, #15



# PRINCE HALL AMERICANISM DAY 4th District



The Prince Hall Masonic Family Southwestern Illinois 4th District celebrated Prince Hall Americanism Day, Sunday September 13, 2015 at Greater St. James Baptist Church, 2016 Belle Street, Alton, Illinois at 3:00p.m. where Reverend James Webb is Pastor. The host Lodge for this year's service was Dunbar Lodge #97 where Andy Hightower sits as Worshipful Master. The following Lodges were represented:

- I.H. Kelly Lodge #11—WM DeAunty Dupree
- Tuscan Lodge #44—WM Antyne Lester
- Joppa Lodge #79—WM Jesse Gurley
- Dunbar Lodge #97—WM Andy Hightower
- Southern Cross Lodge #112—WM Samuel Millard
- Jericho Lodge #120—WM Montez Miller
- P.G. Porter Lodge #142—WM Anthony Wills

The service started with a processional of Brothers and Sisters marching in together under the direction of the Marshall, PM Christopher McKinley of Southern Cross Lodge #112. We were called to worship by Rev. Bro. Keith Jones, the speaker for the day who was presented by PM Steve Thomas of Dunbar Lodge #97, who served as Master of Ceremonies for the evening. After a historical sketch of Prince Hall was given by Bro. James Rivers Thompson, #112, Rev. Jones brought the message.

The subject of his message was "If you snooze, you lose. Don't come down." Taken from Nehemiah 6:2 and 1 Chr. 7:29. His message was very uplifting and timely. Dignitaries present were RW Steven Coleman, GJW, all of our District Deputies of the 4th District, MW Melvin Frierson, PGM and MW Earl D. Scott HPGM, RW Charles McKinley, GTE, Sis. Teresa D. Abner, PWGM and Bro. Jerome Abner and Armand Harris, PWGP(s). MW Frierson provided remarks. RW Coleman, who was representing MW Dwayne Smith, also provided remarks.

This Prince Hall Day Ceremony had its best turn out of Master Masons in years. The host, Dunbar Lodge #97, did a marvelous job in organizing this event. Hats off to Worshipful Brother Andy Hightower, WM and his Lodge for an outstanding job well done.

To conclude the service, Rev. Bro. Keith Jones gave the benediction and blessed the food which was enjoyed by all.

—Submitted by MW Earl D. Scott, HPGM

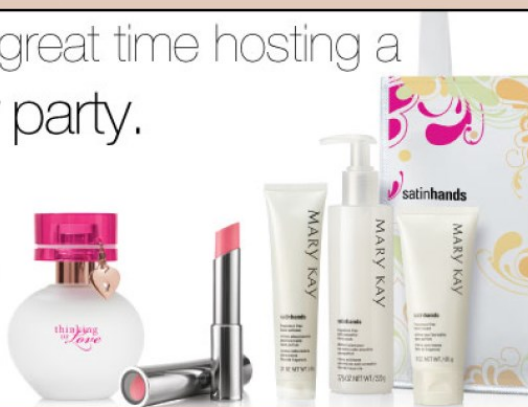


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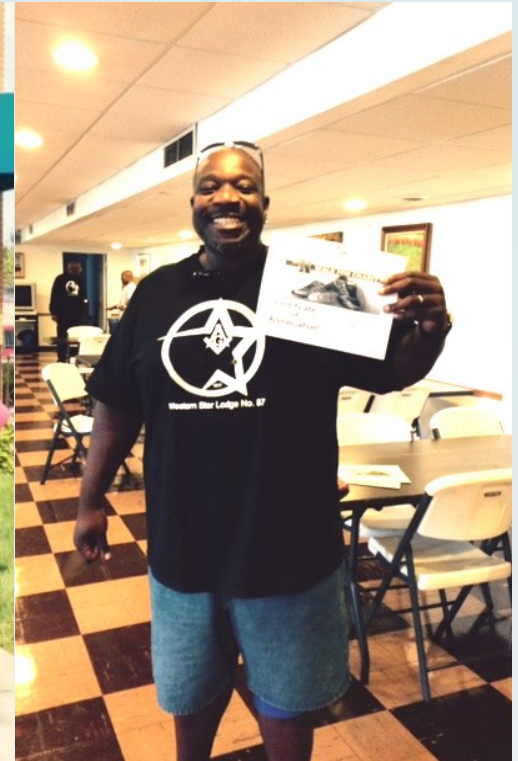
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## WESTERN STAR & LAGRANGE COMMUNITY PUT BEST FEET FORWARD FOR CHARITY

Western Star Lodge #87, in conjunction with members of the Community hosted its First Annual Charity Walkathon on Saturday, September 12th. Participants walked 5 Kilometers in the name of charity to raise money for several local charities. Western Star Lodge #87 enjoys a rich tradition of charitable work in the La Grange community. They provide support and assistance for several community partners to help bring relief to those in need. Whether it's Christmas Baskets for needy families, walking to raise money for a local food pantry, supporting an after school tutoring program, or helping other community based organizations, Western Star goes the extra mile in supporting the greater good.

With the help of volunteers, walk participants and generous sponsors, Western Star Lodge #87 was able to raise several thousand dollars to support their many charitable causes. Among these are:

### THE CARING PLACE 4 KIDZ

This is a service of the Caring Place Foundation, a not-for-profit 501c3 organization located in LaGrange, IL. The Caring Place Foundation has been providing services to low income and special needs children and

their families for more than a decade. Programs are offered to individuals without regard to race, religion, national origin, sexual orientation, gender, age or disability. The Caring Place 4 Kidz promotes literacy and leadership in the children of Districts 102 and 204 public school systems through an after school tutorial and enrichment program. The program provides children with a safe-haven, homework assistance and adult supervision during after school hours. Children are provided a balanced meal daily.

### SECOND BAPTIST CHURCH FOOD PANTRY

The food pantry is a ministry of the Second Baptist Church of La Grange and is affiliated with the Greater Chicago Food Depository. It provides food staples to approximately 200 families per month.

### THE LACEY-HILL OUTREACH FOUNDATION

The Lacey-Hill Outreach Foundation is a 501c3 not-for-profit organization, which provides a free Thanksgiving Dinner for the homeless, elderly, sick and shut-in of the La Grange area. It serves over 150 dinners annually.

- Submitted by PM Bill Branch, #87





## KEYSTONE TAKES A HIKE

Located 2 miles west of Downtown Aurora, Hesed House is the second largest homeless shelter in the State of Illinois. Almost one thousand individuals (including 188 children) are served each year through Hesed House's housing programs with the help of a core professional staff, social welfare agencies and 6,000 volunteers. The program's primary goal is to assist 16 to 17 individuals out of homelessness each week.

On Saturday, October 3, 2015, Hesed House held its 11<sup>th</sup> annual "Hike for Hesed" to raise funds for the Hesed Employment And Training (HEAT) Program which equips individuals with tools necessary to regain self-sufficiency and independence! The route to downtown Aurora follows the journey that many homeless individuals staying at Hesed House take daily on foot.

In pursuit of Keystone Lodge #15's mandate to serve the city of Aurora and its surrounding communities, the Lodge partnered with the shelter as a Hike for Hesed fundraising team. The Brothers completed the hike along with over 250 other participants in support of the worthy cause.

Although the virtue of charity is commonly observed as an outward expression, one cannot deny its internal genesis. Charity begins in a spiritual, philosophical and esoteric sense. Specifically, the phenomenon manifests as an outward expression of a holistic transition. Genuine charity begins with allowing oneself to be changed and in turn, reflects the first steps from rough to smooth.

Prince Hall Masons throughout the state of Illinois participate in a wide and varied amount of charitable activity. Our performances benefit our fellow man toward tangible and functional ends. Through these acts however, we must bear in mind that masonic charity assists in living the creed of "making good men better".

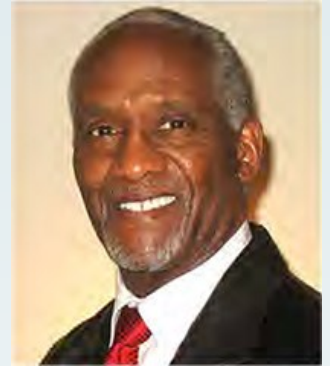
- Submitted by Hanif Morris, #15



## PM WILLIS CREATES NEW KSU GRAD FUND

The LARCP Department is excited to announce a new scholarship to provide financial assistance to Minority Graduate Students in Regional and Community Planning, endowed by Ray Willis. This is the RCP Program's first endowed Scholarship Fund in its 50 year history and will support African American, Native American and Hispanic Graduate Students.

Ray Willis is a 1968 and 1971 graduate of Kansas State University. As an undergraduate, he was a basketball "stand-out" on Fred "Tex" Winter's 1968 Big Eight Conference Championship team. Willis currently serves as the



Director of Community Planning and Development for Chicago's U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development where he has made significant contributions as planner, innovator and manager. He oversees one of the Department's largest portfolios of community development programs, administering an annual budget in excess of \$1 billion.

Willis was inspired to create the Scholarship Fund during his return to campus in April of 2014 as the APDesign Alumni Fellow of the Year. He stated that he "was disappointed to learn how few African American and Hispanic students were enrolled in the Planning program." "When I left the RCP Department in 1973 there were as many as 10 to 12 Minority Graduate Students enrolled in the RCP Program, albeit the vast majority were supported by the HUD funded Minority Work-Study Program."

Instrumental in developing the HUD funded Minority Work Study Program at KSU in 1971 as part of his Masters Project, Willis was its first Director. He is hopeful that the Ray Willis Regional and Community Planning Scholarship Fund will act as a catalyst for the College to resume outreach and recruitment efforts to African American, Hispanic, and American Indian Graduate Students. His ultimate goal is to increase the number of minority individuals in the urban planning profession.



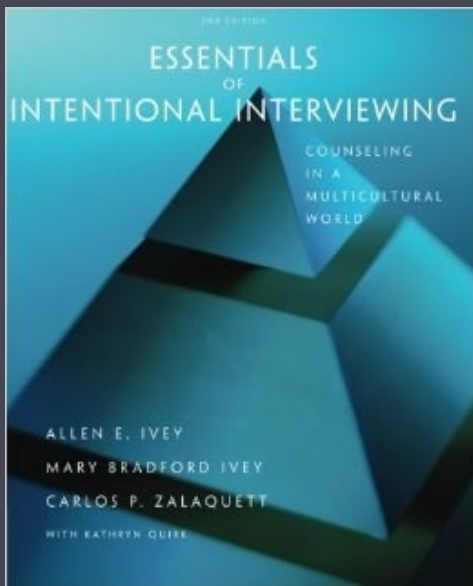


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“Essentials of Intentional Interviewing” contains a special dedication to our good brother Dr. James Lanier. In the words of the authors Allen and Mary Ivey and Carlos Zalaquett:

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**MY JOURNEY THROUGH  
PROSTATE CANCER**



Hello, my name is Tony D. Stafford and I'd like to talk to you about Prostate Cancer, the silent killer of men.

First let me say that I am not a doctor. I am simply one of the millions of men who had or have Prostate Cancer. Men talk to doctors who advise them logically about something that they are schooled in but many doctors have never experienced cancer for themselves. I have had my prostate removed because of Prostate Cancer so I present a perspective from one who has dealt with the challenges and continues to deal with them.

The word cancer is a scary word. So, naturally, when you are told that you have cancer, it scares you. After the initial shock comes the reality and the decisions on what to do next. Here is some advice. Get a second opinion to help you determine what the best method is for you going forward. Also, get educated. Here are some questions you can ask:

- **What is the prostate? PSA?**
- **What is its function? Can you live without it?**
- **What is the life expectancy of a man with Prostate Cancer?**
- **How does it affect your relationships?**

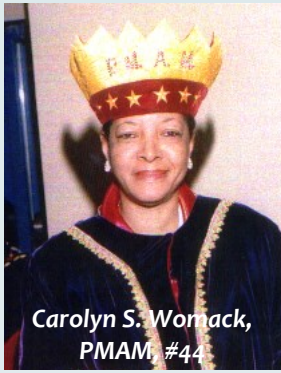
Well, let's talk about it. Prostate Specific Antigen (PSA) is a test or a reading that gives off numbers that can let you know if you have a high risk of cancer or if it is possible that you may have cancer. It is said that all can be told by a blood test. Well, that is not proven to be true. A digital rectal exam is an accurate test. There are readings according to age that let you know if your readings are high. If they go up and down it is probably not cancerous yet. If it continues to go up then you will probably be asked to take a bio which will tell you if you have cancer. The prostate is located right below the bladder. Every man has one and with age everyone is going to become enlarged.

How do you make a decision once you have been told you have cancer? Well, to quote an old phrase, “different strokes for different folks.” Age plays a major factor. Over 75, doctors don't recommend surgery because you may die of something else anyway. It also depends on what kind of neuro doctor you see. If you have a hammer, everything looks like a nail. A surgeon will say “surgery”, a doctor that does radiation will say “radiation”, etc. It is a decision you should talk to your family about and be comfortable with especially if it runs in your family as well as people who have been through it. Constant urination is a sign of an enlarged prostate but not necessarily cancerous though. Living with prostate cancer, the life expectancy is eight (8) years. Talk to friends.

There is not enough room in this article to fully explain about this disease. When I hear about a man with this disease or a brother, I get in touch with them, try to walk them through my journey and be with them while they are going through their journey as Brother Tecumseh Henry and Brother Frank Gillie of Plumblin Lodge #116 did with me. I was surprised at how much that helped me with my decision as well as my surgery and recovery. Going to the doctor is so important because this disease often gives no indication that there is something wrong. Other conditions can occur from the surgery. But you live and your life dysfunctions are not completely over.

So brothers please go have your PSA test. Don't wait until you are 50. If it runs in your family you should get tested by 40. Sisters talk to your husbands and get them to the doctor. Let's not wait until it is too late. God bless and stay well.





## HEALTHY BONE CARE

In my research, I found that Osteoporosis affects men as well as women. Therefore, men do not make the mistake and put yourself at risk of broken bones. According to the Director of Geriatric Education at

North Shore-LIJ Health System in New Hyde Park, New York, if a man falls and breaks his hip, he's more likely than a woman to have a "major complication" from it or being confined to a wheelchair.

The bone-thinning disease affects up to 2 million aging men, while as many as 13 million men have its precursor, osteopenia, or low bone-mineral density. A medical bone research study showed that men rarely get screened for osteoporosis, which indicates that many doctors also may not be aware of its impact on men. Fortunately, you can do a lot to both prevent and live better with osteoporosis. Here's how:

**Share Your History:** Tell your doctor if osteoporosis runs in your family or if your father, uncles, or grandfathers had unexplained bone breaks. That is very relevant, as is information about any past fractures that you have had.

**Strengthen Your Bones:** To help prevent osteoporosis, do weight bearing exercises to build up your bones. Walking is fabulous and so is running, provided you run in the right kind of shoes so you don't jar your bones, your joints, your tendons. Lifting weights is also recommended as long as it is a reasonable amount and not to excessive. Talk to your doctor about the right exercises for you.

**Eat Right:** Nutrition is a key-stone of prevention. For bone protection, that means calcium and vitamin D, often in supplement form. Men are much less likely than women to take such bone-health boosters. Before popping supplements, though, check with your doctor. Doses need to be individualized. There is no cookie-cutter standard.

**Wear Proper Shoes:** If you have brittle bones, falls can be disastrous. Before you engage in any kind of activity, such as walking on cobblestones, climbing mountains, running, or whatever it may be, it's imperative that you have the proper footwear to prevent a fall that could result in a fracture. Check your shoes to be sure the soles are still in good shape.

As the old saying goes, "Sticks and stones may break our bones", but "proper care" can never hurt them.

**Until next time, be good to your bones, let's keep the original ones.**

## Join the fight against Public Enemy #1: PROSTATE CANCER

African American men are **more likely** to develop prostate cancer compared with Caucasian men and are **nearly 2.4 times as likely to die** from the disease. Scientists do not yet understand the higher rate of incidents and death rates among black men. So let's help them to help ourselves. The brethren of Cornerstone Lodge #91 have declared **WAR on the Prostate Cancer** and are working to fight the causes and provide education on the disease to the Craft.

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**Worshipful Brother  
Troy Andrews  
Worshipful Master  
Cornerstone  
Lodge #91**



# Masons Welcome Youth Back to School







The first day of school for students in the City of Chicago was Tuesday, September 8, 2015. One of the immediate goals of Grand Master Dwayne A. Smith is to secure the future of the Prince Hall Masonry in Illinois by making our presence a relevant and integral part of our communities. It was with this goal in mind that he asked every able and available member of the Prince Hall Masonic Family come together on that day to support education.

Many members from Lodges, Chapters, Courts and Councils answered the call and met the officers and members of the Grand Lodge and Eureka Grand Chapter at the following schools to welcome and encourage neighborhood youth at the start of the school year:

- *Wacker Elementary School at 7:30 a.m.*
- *Wentworth Elementary School at 8:45 a.m.*

Students were greeted with handshakes, smiles and words of encouragement in order to help in making

a great impression for the youth on their first day back to school. It was made more special with the attendance and participation of the Morehouse College Alumni Club and other organizations. The hope is that these acts by community organizations will show the youth that there are people who look like them that care for their advancement and are willing to provide support along the way. This will strengthen the bonds of our organization with the communities in which we live and serve.

The closing comments from Grand Master Smith now serve as a clarion call to service. He stated to the crowd that “you should expect to see more efforts like this coming from Illinois Prince Hall Masons.” As several Lodges have already adopted schools within cities across the State of Illinois, this call is being met. However, the hope is that this effort will boost the activity within each location and strengthen fraternal relations therein. In doing so, the goal of the Grand Master can be exceeded.





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## **HAROLD WASHINGTON**

### **First Black Mayor of Chicago**

We're rapidly approaching the month of February—our Black History Month Celebration. This is a very important month in the lives of African Americans all across this globe. Why, because it gives African Americans an opportunity to reflect on the pioneers of our race and the contributions that they have made to society.

The Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Illinois with participation from the Grand Historian Office annually presents a "Black History Month Program". However, 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 became the first Black Man to be made a Mason in America on March 6, 1775 in Boston, Massachusetts. It is because of Most Worshipful Brother Prince Hall, labor, dedicated services, and sacrifices, that the Prince Hall Masonic Family, globally exists. Dr. Carter Godwin Woodson, an African American Historian Author, was one of the first scholars to value and study black history. He recognized and acted upon the importance of a people having an awareness and knowledge of their contributions to humanity.

As Grand Historian, allow me to give to you an historical insight of Brother Harold Washington, the "First Black Mayor of Chicago". Yes, I, said Brother Harold Washington. Brother Washington is a Prince Hall Mason and was an active member in Harmony Lodge No. 88, Chicago, Illinois. On April 12, 1983, Harold Washington was elected the 51st Mayor of Chicago. Mayor Washington was elected to a second term and served until his death on November 25, 1987. Harold Washington was a lawyer by profession and a life long politician. He rose through the ranks as an alderman, an Illinois State Representative and a U.S. Congressman.

Mr. Washington was born on April 15, 1922 and died on November 25, 1987. He was the son of Roy and Bertha Washington. He was one of three children. He was a life long resident in Chicago's Bronzeville Community. He grew up in Bronzeville, attended Du Sable High School, was an outstanding athletic, and a member of its first graduating class. Du Sable High School was named for Jean Point Baptiste Du Sable, "The Founder of Chicago". Mr. Du Sable, a black man, in 1799, became the first settler in the city of Chicago.

Bronzeville is a neighborhood in the Douglas and Grand Boulevard Community areas located on the South Side of Chicago. The neighborhood is named for Stephen A. Douglas, an Illinois Politician. Mr. Douglas an Illinois Senator

was known for his series of seven three-hour public debates that took place in small Illinois towns during the summer of 1858 with a young brash lawyer named Abraham Lincoln who was against slavery. Bronzeville is the historic center for black culture and has been in the city of Chicago since the early 20th Century and the "Great Migration". Between 1910 and 1920, during the peak of the "Great Migration" the population of the area increased dramatically when thousands of Blacks escaped the oppression of the south and immigrated to Chicago in search of industrial jobs. The history on "Bronzeville" and the "Black Migration to Chicago" is a historical news topic within itself. I will devote a future journalistic article to this topic. But, for now, please allow the Grand Historian to return to the historical insight of Harold Washington.

Politics was in Mr. Washington's DNA because his father, Roy was a ward precinct captain, as well as a lawyer and a Methodist minister. In 1942, Mr. Washington was drafted into the U.S. Army. He served in the U.S. Army Air Corps Unit of Engineers. He rose to the rank of First Sergeant. He was discharged from the U.S. Army in 1945. In 1946, he enrolled in Roosevelt College and in 1948, he was elected the third president of the college student council.

In August 1949, Mr. Washington graduated from Roosevelt College with a Bachelor of Arts Degree. Shortly thereafter, he applied and was admitted to study law at the Northwestern University School of Law in Chicago. He received his J.D. Degree in 1952.

Mr. Washington then began his political career. He served in the Illinois House of Representatives from 1965 thru 1976. His years of service in the House of Representatives were focused on becoming an advocate for Black Rights. Mr. Washington served the Illinois Senate from 1976 thru 1980. His main focus work was to pass the 1980's Illinois Human Rights Act prohibiting discrimination based on race, color, national origin, ancestry, age, and disability. Mr. Washington was elected in 1980 to the U.S. House of Representatives of Illinois-1st Congressional District where he served from 1980 thru 1983. His major accomplishments involved advocating for legislation to extend the Voting Rights Act.

In 1983, Mr. Washington ran for Mayor of Chicago. In the February 22, 1983, Democratic primary more than 100,000 new voters registered to vote. Mr. Washington won the Democratic primary with massive majority votes on Chicago's south and west sides and a substantial number of votes from the north side and gold coast. He won 37% of the votes versus 33% for Jane Byrne and 30% for Richard M. Daley. However, Mr. Washington had a greater challenge as he found that his Republican opponent, Bernard Epton, Former State Legislator, was supported by many high ranking

Chicago Democrats and their ward organizations. Washington's campaign promise was to reform the Chicago patronage system and the need for jobs in a tight economy.

In the April 12, 1983, mayoral general election, Mr. Washington defeated Mr. Epton by 3.7%, 51.7% to 48.0% to become Mayor of Chicago. Mr. Washington was sworn in as Mayor of Chicago on April 29, 1983 and resigned his congressional seat the following day. During his first term in office as Mayor, he faced many conflicts with the city council. However, with the graces of the Supreme Being, he survived. His accomplishments involved: 1) Creating the city's first Environmental Affairs Department; 2) In 1984, the establishing of the Political Education Project that involved education of politics beyond the Office of the Mayor; 3) Organize political candidates for statewide elections; 3) Supported Hispanic candidates through field operations, voter registration, and election day poll monitoring. Mayor Washington "Political Education Project Records" is an archival collection detailing the organizations work. The archival collections are located in the Harold Washington Library Center, Chicago Public Library Special Collections, 400 South State Street, Chicago, Illinois.

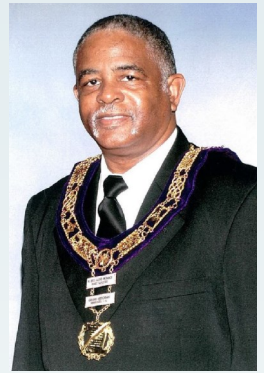
On November 25, 1987, at 11:am, Mayor Washington after falling unconscious in his office was rushed from City Hall to Northwestern Memorial Hospital located in downtown Chicago for emergency care to no avail and was later pronounced dead at 1:36 pm. An autopsy was performed on Mayor Washington and it was concluded that he died from a heart attack.

On December 1, 1987, the Reverend B. Herbert Martin officiated Mayor Washington's funeral at Christ Universal Temple located at 119th Street and Ashland Avenue, Chicago, Illinois. Mayor Washington was buried in Oak Wood Cemetery located on the South side of Chicago. The Prince Hall Masonic Brethren from Hiram Lodge No. 14, Chicago, Illinois, also performed Masonic funeral services for our dearly departed Brother Mayor Harold Washington.

Several Chicago Institutions have been named or re-named in honor of Mayor Harold Washington. Namely, 1) The re-naming of Chicago Loop College to Harold Washington College; 2) The naming of Harold Washington Elementary School located in Chicago's Chatham neighborhood; 3) The main branch (downtown Chicago) of the Chicago Public Library was named Harold Washington Library. 4) The naming of the Harold Washington Cultural Center located at 47th and South King Drive, Chicago, Illinois; 5) Across the street from the Hampton House Apartments where Mayor Washington lived, a city park was re-named in his honor; and 6) Chicago State University located at 95th Street and South King Drive named a building in his honor.

In conclusion, we applaud Brother Harold Washington, the First Black Mayor of Chicago, for his contribution and his dedicated service to Chicago and to this great Nation. It is because of Mayor Washington's dedicated service that he inspired Barack Obama who began his political career in Chicago as a grass root community organizer working his way through the political ranks. He became a United States Senator. In November 2008, he was elected the 44th President of the United States making him the First Black President of the United States of America. In 2012 President Obama was re-elected President of the United States of America. Again making history. The Grand Historians are continuing to retrace our history through the collections of personal archive information and through the collections of personal archives and interviews with our senior brothers and sisters.

Arrangements to share your personal documents can be made by contacting: 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 Sister Tammy Hampton at (773) 982-4236.



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The call "COME ONE, COME ALL" was issued by the UniverSoul Circus on October 11, 2015 and it was answered in a grand way. It was Prince Hall Night on that Sunday evening and who was the guest Ringmaster? None other than our own Grand Master Dwayne Smith. The world renowned circus is lauded for its talent which contains acts from various parts of the globe. Not only were their talents on display but also were those of our own brothers and sisters. The UniverSoul Dance Off featured a few



# UniverSoul Circus



familiar faces. Some of them thought they actually could dance including the Grand Master, Grand Matron Atwood, Deputy Grand Master Barlow, Senora Benn, Eugene Washington and a host of others. The contest did indeed prove that they all could dance as witnessed by Heroine Fadra Winston Willis who is the new Most Ancient Grand Matron of the Grand Court of Heroines of Jericho and the families of brothers and sisters from across the state. PHAmily fun was a grand time indeed.





## **North Shore Court #73 HOJ Celebrates 50 Years**

On October 3, 2015, North Shore Court #73, Heroines of Jericho, Waukegan, Illinois celebrated 50 years in Love, Union and Friendship at a luncheon held in Waukegan, Illinois at the Lake County CAP Banquet Hall.

The room was beautifully adorned in gold and white. The Heroines were splendid in their red with Brothers in black suits with red accessories and corsages and boutonnières that enhanced their attire. The food was delicious and kudos were extended to the chef for such a splendid meal.

The program included an invocation by Rev. Eugene Robinson, Minister of First Corinthian Baptist Church and a magnificent solo rendered by Mrs. Sondra Thomas-Lyons. Lovely keyboard music was provided by Robert Presley. A memorial was presented for all deceased members of North Shore Court #73 by Heroine Elaine Gaines. The highlight of the program was the presentations made to Brother Delmon Ivey, the only surviving Charter member of North Shore Court #73 who, at age 98, rendered a benediction prayer that was eloquent.

The souvenir book was extremely well prepared thanks to our Most Ancient Matron, Rhona Moore.

The luncheon was attended by the Most Ancient Grand Matron, Heroine Fadra Winston Willis; the Most Worthy Grand Joshua, Companion Eugene L. Washington; and an entourage of Grand Officers including Past Most Ancient Grand Matrons and Past Most Worthy Grand Joshuas. Companion Joe Watt, Past Most Worthy Grand Joshua, who is an honorary member of North Shore Court #73 was among the entourage. Other dignitaries included various members of community organizations.

The affair was enjoyed by all and truly exemplified 50 blessed years in Love, Union and Friendship.

To God be the Glory!!!

*- Submitted by Heroine Naomi A. Peters, Chairperson*



## East St. Louis Chapter # 20, HRAM & John Waller Court # 81, HOJ Joint Luncheon

East St. Louis Chapter # 20, Holy Royal Arch Masons (HRAM) P.H.A. and John Waller Court # 81, Heroines of Jericho, P.H.A. held their First Joint Luncheon on Saturday, October 31, 2015 from 11:00 a.m. until 2:00p.m., at the National Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows located on 442 S. DeMazenod Drive, Belleville, Illinois. The itinerary for the day consisted of Social time from 11:00 a.m.–11:30 a.m. and a short program which was followed by a splendid lunch.

We honored Companion Theodes Kemp, Excellent High Priest of East St. Louis Chapter # 20, HRAM and Heroine Kiaundra Smith, Most Ancient Matron and Companion Timothy Henry, Most Worthy Joshua, both of John Waller Court # 81, Heroines of Jericho. The Mistress/Master of Ceremonies for the day's event was Heroine Karen Barnett, Senior Matron and Companion Harry Barnett, Vice Joshua, both of John Waller Court #81. Heroine Elizabeth Atkinson, PMAM provided the welcome, Companion Reginald Johnson offered prayer and blessed the food. After lunch, introduction of guests and the various heads of houses of the Prince Hall Masonic Family were performed by Heroine Rachel Carter, PMAM.



In attendance among others were MW Bro. Melvin Frierson, Past Grand Master, of Prince Hall Masons, State of Illinois and Jurisdiction. He is also a Past Most Excellent Grand High Priest, of the Most Excellent Prince Hall Grand Chapter, Holy Royal Arch Masons, State of Illinois, P.H.A.; Heroine Andrea Bean, Past Most Ancient Grand Matron, Most Ancient Prince Hall Grand Court, Heroine of Jericho, State of Illinois, P.H.A.; and Loyal Lady Sandra Mosley, Past State Grand Loyal Lady Ruler, Illinois State Grand Assembly, Order of the Golden Circle, P.H.A. We were also honored to have with us Heroine Fadra Winston- Willis, Most Ancient Grand Matron, Most Ancient Prince Hall Grand Court, Heroines of Jericho, State of Illinois, P.H.A. and accompanied by Companion Eugene L. Washington, Most Worthy Grand Joshua, Most Ancient Prince Hall Grand Court, Heroines of Jericho, State of Illinois, P.H.A.. They both provided remarks. Since both organizations are small, we are planning on making this an annual event every year. The food and conversation were good and wonderful time was had by all.



To conclude the program, Reverend Companion Leon Peterson, Past Excellent High Priest, gave the benediction and asked for safe travel for each one until they reach their final destination.

—Submitted by MW Earl D. Scott, HPGM

## John Waller Court # 81 Adopt-A-Family Effort

John Waller Court #81 spreaded holiday cheer to a needy family on Saturday, December 19, 2015. Most Ancient Matron Kiaundra Smith made the special delivery to Grandmother Jametrice Lee (not pictured) and grandchildren DJ, Angel and Adryanna of East Saint Louis, IL. The grandmother is raising her three grandchildren and says she's especially grateful for John Waller Court's generous donations and gift. Happy Holidays!



## Keystone #15 Serves Mutual Ground



Mutual Ground is a social service organization located in Aurora, IL that hosts a safe place where people come together to break the cycle of domestic violence and sexual abuse. As one of the oldest and largest associated agencies in the state, it provides comprehensive victim services free of charge with support from grants, civic groups, churches, corporate and individual donors. 2,000 calls for help are answered 24-hours a day, each and every month by trained Crisis Intervention Advocates. The group's governing mission is to provide education, awareness, and life-changing services that empower individuals, families, and communities to end the cycle of domestic and sexual violence.

On Thursday evening December 17th, 2015, Keystone Lodge #15 served Mutual Ground by providing a comprehensive meal to the Mutual Ground women, children and staff. Over 75 participants were treated to pineapple glazed ham, roasted turkey, fried turkey, roasted potatoes, green beans, candied yams, coconut rice, dinner rolls, popcorn, chocolate cake, buttercream cake, cookies and a variety of soft drinks.

Besides the lip smacking and belly rubbing observed throughout the service, a plethora of compliments were given to indicate that the patrons and staff enjoyed a filling and delicious meal.

Most importantly however, the act of noble gentlemen serving women and children went a long way in demonstrating positive behavior that might otherwise be absent from the lives of the consumers. Countless scholarly studies have shown that the involvement of a positive male role model has profound effects on families. The interaction collectively promotes physical well-being, perceptual ability, relationship competency, initiative skills and greater self-control.

Finally, Keystone #15's service to Mutual Ground falls directly in line with and support of the Grand Master's goals of enhancing the image of Prince Hall Masonry in the state of Illinois, making our presence a relevant and integral part of our (local) communities and increasing active participation and volunteerism of our current membership.

- Submitted by Hanif Morris, #15

# Welcome to New Yerusalem Lodge U.D.



On December 5, 2015, at 11:00 am, The Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge under the direction of Most Worshipful Brother Dwayne A. Smith, 45th Grand Master of Illinois Prince Hall Masons, and other elected Grand Lodge Officers administered a healing ceremony of 27 brothers (21 master masons, 2 fellow crafts, and 4 enter apprentice) from the International Lodge, New Yerusalem U.D. Lodge. The Enter Apprentice were presented with white aprons.

In attendance were all of the elected Grand Lodge Officers, the Grand Historian, and many of the appointed District Deputy Grand

Masters. The Grand Master was at his best as he verbatim word for word mastered all three degrees. The Grand Lecturer was on target and the Grand Marshall with the preciseness of the Proclamation was outstanding as he again received applause.

The Healing Ceremony of the New Yerusalem U.D. brothers was concluded at 12:30 pm. The newly healed brothers were elated and was most impressed with the manner everything was conducted which they had never seen before. The newly healed brothers were allowed to keep their elected officers. The principle officers are Worshipful Brother David Dotson,

Worshipful Master, Brother Jamar Beel, Senior Warden, and Brother Shannon Callahan, Junior Warden.

The newly healed brothers, were treated royal. Following the healing ceremony was a unified group photo session followed by a hospitality luncheon befitting a king, cooked by the Master Chef, Worshipful Brother Larry Barry.

- Submitted by Lloyd Womack, #121



# Second District Turns the Page



Every December, Lodges throughout the State of Illinois choose their leadership for the upcoming year. As is our right as Master Masons, we elect our peers to steer collective efforts in progressive and authentic directions. This act cannot and should not be taken lightly as it has a profound effect upon our futures as a grand Lodge, its subordinates and concordant bodies.

On that accord, we celebrate the transition via public installations primarily held in houses of worship. We swear oaths and take obligations before GOD, brethren, family and friends to perform duties of office geared toward the greater good of mankind. The occasion formally recognizes that though being elevated for a time above their peers, newly elected officers are only elevated by their brothers. These new leaders definitively become the

highest servants and current custodians of our noble profession.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> district held its Public Installation 9 a.m., Saturday December 12, 2015 at Mount Zion Baptist Church in Joliet. Brothers of elected and appointed offices were administered their respective oaths of office and given the charges thereof. The entire audience gave witness to the lofty ideals of Freemasonry espoused throughout the program. Undoubtedly however, the event's climactic highlight arrived with the keynote address given by R.W. Brother Aubrey K. Barlow, Deputy Grand Master as introduced by R.W. Brother Tony D. Stafford, Grand Lecturer. The audience welcomed his succinct and incisive remarks with the geniality it deserved.

In conclusion, a repast was held after the ceremony for friends and family to further celebrate the

occasion. Newly installed officers were congratulated of their succession and simultaneously reminded to remain steadfast toward their duties.

In as much as the 2<sup>nd</sup> District celebrated transition, formally recognized the elevation of Master Masons amongst their peers, administered and received oaths of office, gave witness to lofty Freemasonic ideals and enjoyed words of wisdom from R.W. Brother Aubrey K. Barlow, the 2015 2<sup>nd</sup> District Public Installation Program conclusively provided a unique and precious opportunity for Brothers to share time and space.

***“Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!” – Psalm 133:1***

*- Submitted by Hanif Morris, #15*

# Fourth District “LEADERSHIP”

*“For the man who thinks that because he has been made a Mason, and is called so, and at the same time will willfully neglect to attend his Lodge, he may be assured he will never make a good Mason, nor ought he to be looked upon as a good member of the craft. For if his example was followed, where would be the Lodge... -A Charge Delivered to the Brethren of African Lodge—1792—Prince Hall”*



The District 4, Past Master’s Council conducted their Annual Worshipful Masters/Wardens Leadership Training Retreat on January 9, 2016 at the Double three Hotel, 1000 Eastport Plaza, Collinsville, Illinois 62234. The Retreat started at 9:00 a.m. and ending at 3:20 p. W. Bro. Samuel Hurd, Area Coordinator welcome everyone to the Meeting. He introduced RW Bro. Aubrey K. Barlow, Deputy Grand Master, of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge, State of Illinois who provided remark later on in the program. While open to all brethren of the Prince Hall Masonic family, the primary purpose of the retreat is to assist the newly elected Worshipful Masters and Wardens in understanding the expectations being placed upon them by their positions as the pillars of their respective lodges. It is important that they understand the members of their respective lodges have honored them by electing them to the prestigious stations they hold. By doing so, they have expressed confidence in your ability to lead.

The future success of our Fraternity will be a direct result of enthusiastic and well organized leaders. Therefore, this



year’s session was MANDATORY for all Worshipful Masters and Wardens. We also, strongly recommend any member of the Lodge with a vision of assuming a leadership role or wishing just to receive Masonic knowledge to attend.

The presentations presented were designed to assist Worshipful Masters in developing or refining their management skills and to help them plan a year which will create positive interest and participation of the membership. All Lodges within the 4th district participated and were well represented by other brothers.

Masonic Lodges were:

- WM Thurman Shelby, I.H. Kelly Lodge # 11, Belleville
- WM Eric Pollion. St. Paul Lodge # 42, East St. Louis

- WM Jimmie L. Miller, Tuscan Lodge # 44, Carbondale
- WM E. Childress, Lilly of the Valley Lodge # 56, Mounds
- WM Duerell Harley, Joppa Lodge # 79, East St. Louis
- WM Tyrone Davis, Dunbar Lodge # 97, Alton
- WM S. Millard, Southern Cross Lodge # 112, East St. Louis
- WM Quincy Williams, Jericho Lodge # 120, Madison
- WM Ricardo Bonner, P.G. Porter Lodge # 142, Scott AFB

## Order of Events:

- Opening Prayer W. Bro. Charles McDonald #112, PM
- Welcome W. Bro. Samuel Hurd #142, Area Coordinator
- Presentations
  - Duties & Obligation of Lodge Officers  
W. Bro. Harry Barnett #11, DDGM
  - Lodge Parliamentary Procedures  
W. Bro. Steven Sumler #142, DDGM
  - Masonic Protocol  
W. Bro. Delbert Marion #112, DDGM
- LUNCH 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
- Presentations
  - Masonic Law  
W. Bro. Samuel Hurd #142, Area Coordinator
  - Grand Lodge Reports  
W. Bro. Samuel Hurd #142, Area Coordinator
- Closing Comments  
MW Bro. Earl D. Scott, HPGM, MWPHGLIL
- Remarks  
W. Bro. Samuel Hurd #142, Area Coordinator  
RW Bro. Aubrey K. Barlow, Deputy Grand Master
- Closing Prayer W. Bro. Charles McDonald #112, PM



There were more than 50 brothers in attendance despite the report of bad weather approaching.

The 4th District Masonic Education Team wishes a Special thanks to all the presenters and to the Brothers Prince Hall Masonic Family for their support and participation in making this Retreat another great success.

***“Men make history and not the other way around. In periods where there is no leadership, society stands still. Progress occurs when courageous, skillful leaders seize the opportunity to change things for the better.” - Former President Harry S. Truman***

Submitted by HPGM Earl D. Scott, #142

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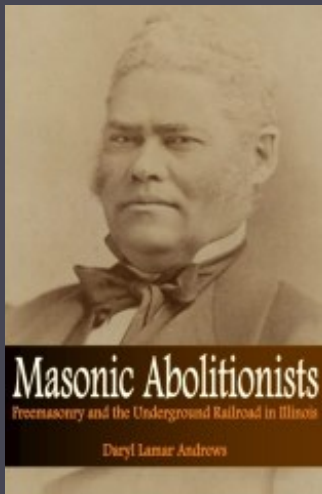
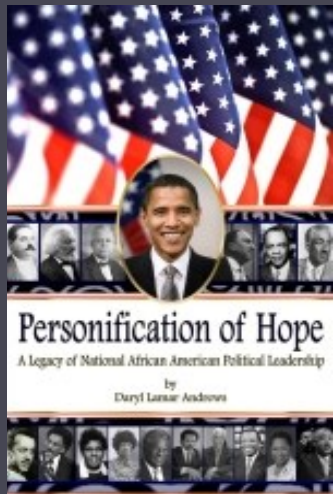
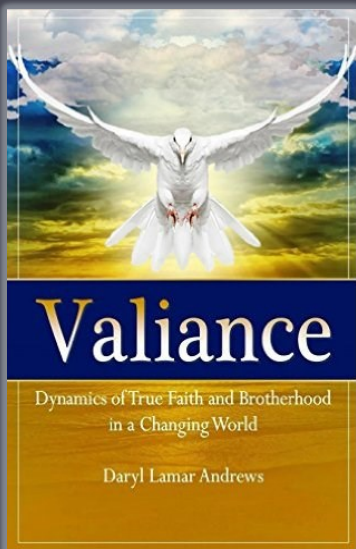
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Sean Queen, Grand Secretary; Tony Stafford, Grand Lecturer

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