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“I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus” - Philippians 1:3-6

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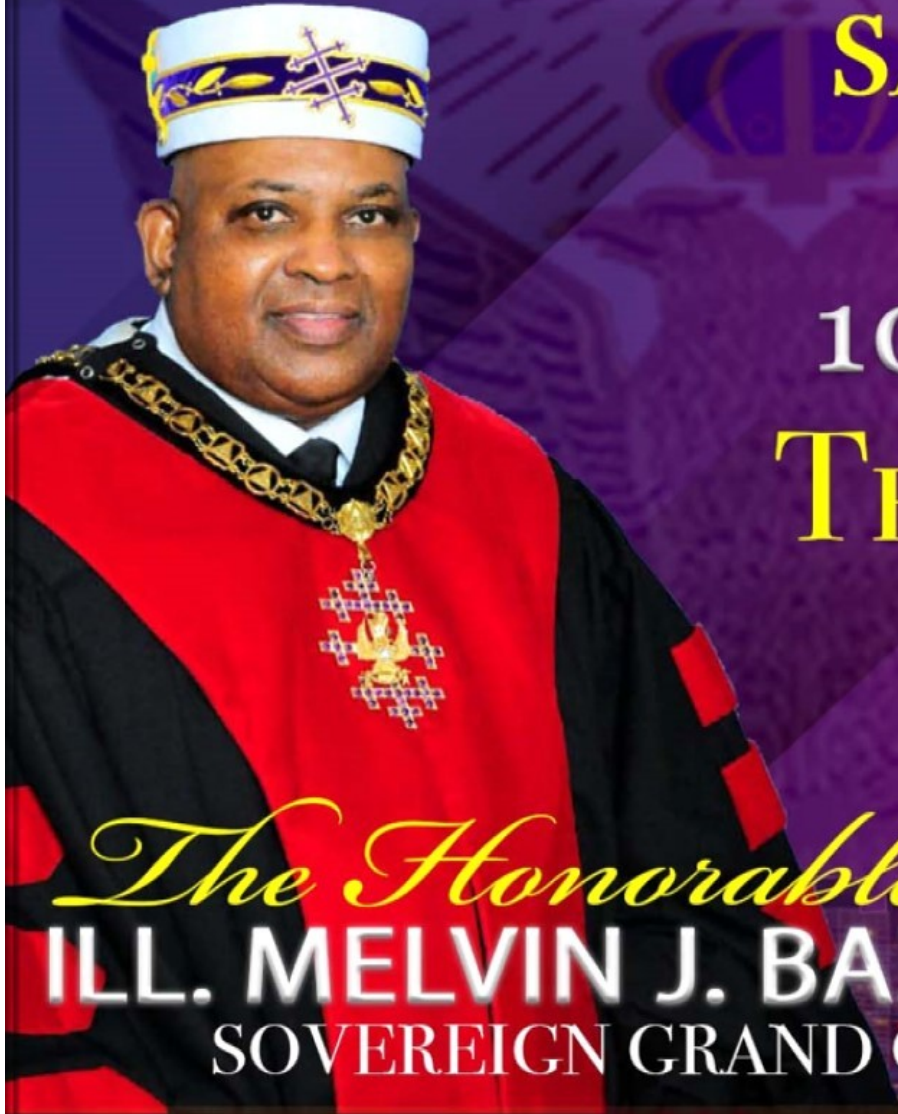
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Message from the Sovereign Grand Commander



I am extremely excited about the new and improved look of our official publication thanks to our new editor Grand Inspector General Daryl Andrews. He is continuing to do what I believe is the greatest honor we can pay to our predecessors, that is, sustain and build upon their legacy. Accordingly, as you will read in this issue of the Fall Bulletin, your leadership team in partnership with you has been tirelessly at work attempting to accomplish that goal. We have begun to operationalize the strategic plan communicated to you at the 138th Annual session. In addition, we have participated in Councils of Deliberation in the various Orients of the Northern Jurisdiction, soliciting your input and feedback. I am honored to report that the reaction has been overwhelmingly positive.

Also, I congratulate you on your actions to support the Orient of the Bahamas in their time of need. Your contributions to the Dorian Hurricane Relief effort will allow our United Supreme Council in conjunction with other Masonic houses to provide both short and long term relief. This is the true essence of Action, Accountability and Sustainable Results. Once funding has been allocated, a detail report on how your funds were expended will be provided by our representatives in the Bahamas.

Finally, as we enter into the Holiday season it is my hope and desire that all of you will have a blessed, enjoyable and prosperous time with family and friends. Also, continue to remember those less fortunate than ourselves through Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth.



Fraternally, Yours in the Rite
 Illustrious Melvin J. Bazemore, 33^o
 Sovereign Grand Commander



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Secretary General Holy Empire

Sovereign Grand Inspector General Edward M. Brooks, 33°



This past May we had a very successful USC Session, where we had the election of new officers for the next Triennium. Our Sovereign Grand Commander unveiled the Strategic Plan for the organization which was well received by all. We will require everyone's help and assistance to move this organization forward. The Scottish

Rite House (SRH) and Scottish Rite Tower (SRT) are functioning very well and our residents are very pleased with our efforts. We would like to wish Pat Wilkerson Manager SRH a well-deserved retirement. With Pat's assistance, we have moved forward with the new hiring of Michele Holliman, who comes to us with a very extensive resume, as our new Building Manager. She has stepped in and has not missed a beat. In January 2020 the Mid-Year Deputy's Conference will be held in Detroit, Michigan where we will continue our efforts and plan to have a very successful and productive meeting. May God bless you all.

Editor of the Bulletin

Grand Inspector General Daryl L. Andrews, 33°



Greetings, I am honored to serve as the new editor for the Bulletin, the Official Organ of the United Supreme Council, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry, Prince Hall Affiliation, Northern Jurisdiction, U.S.A., Inc. I am following in the footsteps of past editors who have

worked tirelessly to ensure that the affairs of the Holy Empire are properly published within these pages. With over fifteen years of experience in editing Masonic publications, I will work to maintain the standard of quality for which the publication is known.

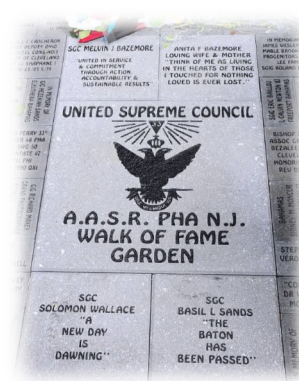
Special thanks to Sovereign Grand Inspector General Edward Brooks for facilitating a smooth transition of the publication as well as assistance with the initial edition. As with prior editions, the deadline dates for upcoming editions will remain MARCH 1st and SEPTEMBER 1st. Please continue to submit articles and photos of events that are happening in your respective orients to BULLETIN@AndrewsPress.com by the established deadlines. Please feel free to forward suggestions for recurring columns to the same address. All input is welcomed.

Walk of Fame Project

Sovereign Grand Inspector General Raynard W. Hughes, 33°



The Walk of Fame Project is an opportunity for all to leave their legacies in the Historic Walk of Fame Garden at the United Supreme Council Cathedral in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Engraved bricks may be purchased individually or collectively in groups to commemorate Masonic stalwarts, visionaries, memorialize loved ones,



and celebrate masonic accomplishments. They may also be used to honor individual Consistories and Orients. Utilize this option as a means to literally and figuratively cement a legacy of leadership, service and/or comradery. Your contribution will help to enhance this historical monument at the Holy See.

Treasurer-General Emeritus

Grand Inspector General Daryl L. Andrews, 33°



May Peace be unto the ashes of Sovereign Grand Inspector General Frederick O. Dobson, Treasurer-General Emeritus of the United Supreme Council Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry, Northern Jurisdiction. As our Heavenly Father has seen fit to call another stalwart soldier home, may the Rite remain ever faithful and vigilant in its service to the world. Rest in peace.

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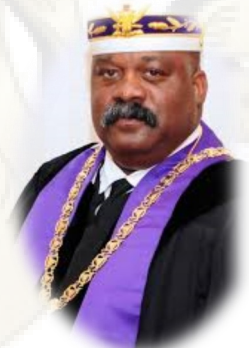
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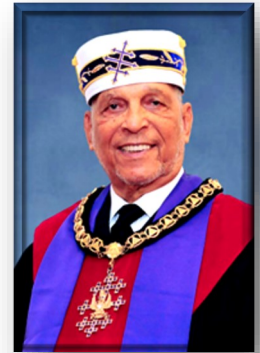
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PSGC Basil L. Sands Class of 2019



Date of Birth: August 17, 1929
Birthplace: Clarence Town, Bahamas
Masonic Lodge: Royal Eagle Lodge #1 (Past Master)
Offices Grand Lodge: MWPHGL of Bahamas (HPGM)
Shrine: Nemesis Temple #75 (HPIP)
Other Organizations: ACCA, BICA
Year Made a Mason: 1959
Year Elevated: 1962 (James E. Morley Consistory #73)
Year Crowned 33°: 1968 (A. Clarence Munroe Class)
Year Made Active: 1979
Sovereign Grand Commander: 2016-2018



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King David No. 3
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Miami No. 26
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- Stewart L. Lytle
Bezaleel No. 15
- LaDonald Prohett
King Solomon No. 20
- Jermaine E. Wakefield
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- William C. Wedley
St. Matthews No. 24

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2018 – In Memorium – 2019



Basil L. Sands
July 19, 2018
James E. Morley
Consistory #73
Crowned May 13, 1968



James A. Wells Jr.
April 12, 2018
DeMolay #1
Crowned May 18, 1992

Robert J. Parks
July 14, 2018
Holy Sepulchre #17
Crowned May 25, 2009

Robert L. Patterson
September 14, 2018
Jerome Lipscomb #110
Crowned May 25, 1998

Benjamin H. Logan II
September 24, 2018
Homer E. Gaines #112
Crowned May 21, 1990



Leo C. Beavers
September 27, 2018
Bezaleel #15
Crowned May 20, 1991

Herbert C. Barker
January 1, 2019
Western #28
Crowned May 13, 1985

Richard C. McNeal
January 13, 2019
Albany #90
Crowned June 2, 1986

Walter L. Baotista Sr.
March 16, 2019
Mt. Sinai #12
Crowned May 11, 1981

SECURING THE FUTURE:

The new vision of the Holy Empire is based upon a set of scriptures from the Holy Bible. The Apostle Paul, in his letters to the church at Philippi, writes "I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus" (Philippians 1:3-6). In these scriptures Paul identifies his overall goal and celebrates the brotherhood with whom the joint labors to accomplish them will be engaged. His entire letter is one of encouragement, direction and promise. Knowing what his fate will eventually be, he carried onward and encouraged others to continue their labors through the very end at which time they shall receive their heavenly reward. It is with these sentiments in mind, that Illustrious Melvin J. Bazemore, Sovereign Grand Commander, after being most worshipful in consultation with our Heavenly Father, presents his vision to secure the future for the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry, Northern Jurisdiction.

The vision of securing the future will be achieved by uniting in service and commitment across the Northern Jurisdiction. Action will be required from all to achieve the short-term and long-term missions which have been prepared to secure the Rite. Clear accountabilities and responsibilities have been laid for several initiatives while the details of others are being formed. The ultimate goal of the missions is to produce results that are sustainable and will place the Holy Empire in a strong position of strength and stability for ages.

There are guiding principles that will ensure success. Tradition and innovation must be balanced intricately to allow our organization to leverage current technology while maintaining its Masonic

Membership

- **Enrichment—Annual Sessions**
Improved Session Schedule and Content
- **Development**
Lecture Series and Learning Plans
- **Growth & Retention**
Benefits Seminar and Satisfaction Survey Input
- **Expertise**
Creation of Internal Talent Network
- **Reclamation Strategy**
Reclaim inactive members
- **Scottish Rite Education**
Scottish Rite Education Program



Enhancements

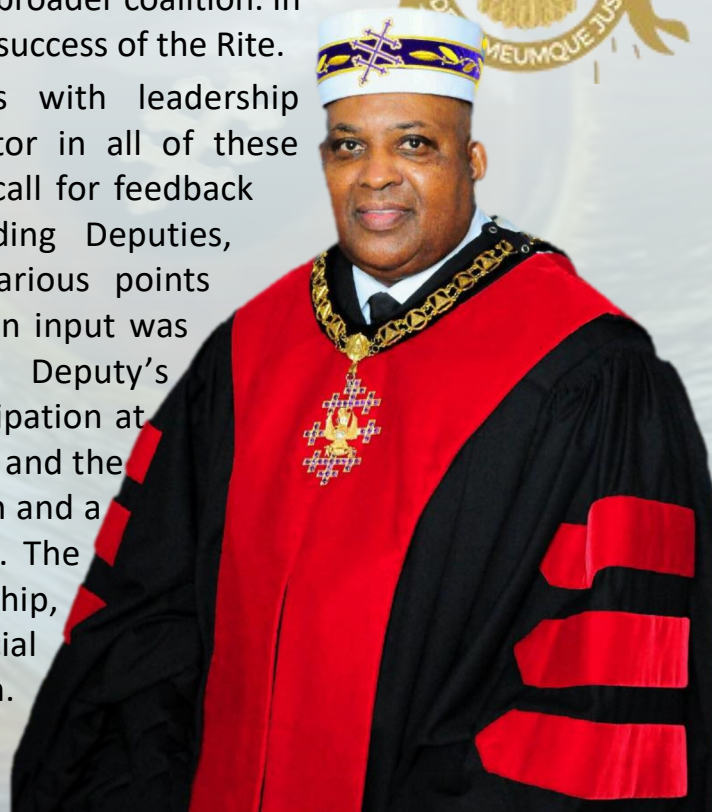
- **Website**
Re-design the online destination of the Holy Empire
- **Online Payment**
Leverage technology to simplify financial transactions for members
- **Online Report Submission**
Streamlined process for electronic submission
- **Electronic Communications**
Increased communications across multiple platforms
- **Membership Portal**
Improved membership services and access to records



Enhancing the Scottish Rite Experience

integrity. The expertise of members at all levels will be leveraged making our diversity a strength. Collaboration with other organizations will allow the Rite to move forward in unity with a broader coalition. In this light, all will have a hand in the symmetry and success of the Rite.

Leadership through service is synonymous with leadership through stewardship. This will be the key factor in all of these efforts. In fact, it has already started. An open call for feedback was solicited across the Holy Empire including Deputies, Assistants, Key Stakeholders and others at various points throughout the calendar year. Over 800 pages on input was received from workshops and from the Deputy's Conferences. Membership data relative to participation at our annual sessions was reviewed. From this data and the subsequent discussions lines of effort were drawn and a solid framework for our next steps was erected. The Rite will be secured with a focus on membership, enhancements for adaptability, financial sustainability and marketing & communication. Implementation of solutions to meet these missions will stabilize our Rite for years to come.



Financial Sustainability

- **Dues**
Online payments and introduce Lifetime membership
- **Fundraisers**
Introduce fundraising initiatives
 - *Walk of Fame Initiative*
 - *Benevolent Foundation Participation*
- **Investments**
Planned Giving and Endowment and Insurance Programs



Marketing & Communications

- **Corporate Sponsorship**
Partnerships and Matching Gifts
- **Branding Strategy**
Increased social media presence and external marketing strategy
- **Community Outreach**
Cradle to College Program and Medical Foundation Initiative



What are You Doing with that Ring?

By Sovereign Grand Inspector General Homer Walton, 33°, Grand Seneschal

We have often been reminded that the ring is a symbol of constancy and fidelity and thus employed in the Masonic Fraternity as a representation thereof. So what does that ring mean to you? Are you acting in a manner that is commensurate with that which it represents? What are you doing to ensure that the Order has continuity of success?

To wear this ring, you had to exhibit a character that is exemplary beyond that of the average Mason. That ring should identify you as one who can be looked to as a person to provide assistance and guidance to every Brother who observes you as well as to those members of the public who may not know you as a Mason but should know you as a stalwart of your community - ready and able to lend a hand to anyone who may need it.

But first and foremost, you should be an example to the Sublime Princes who aspire to attain the honor that you have been blessed with. And that example should be a shining beacon of light that shines as brightly to all as that golden symbol on your finger.

We must endeavor to ever present ourselves as men who have a purpose, a

desire to achieve and a desire to excel in all that he ascribes to. We must show our peers and companions that we have a desire to affect change in the world and be ready to ensure that this change can occur. And it can occur if you work at it.

Our society today is at a point where our youth have a reason to look up to us.

We must be able to show them that there is more

to this life than just a good time. To do

this, we must set examples that

coincide with the principles that are

the embodiment of the symbol upon

our hand -

constancy. That we

believe that we

attribute our lives to that

same design - a well rounded

embodiment of a belief in the trinity symbolized by the triangle surrounding

the number "33" - that of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

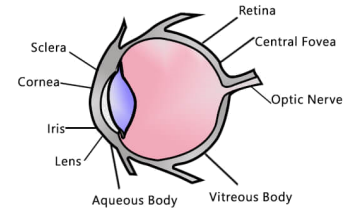
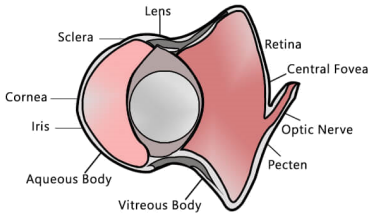
So, in closing, I again ask of you - what are you doing with that ring? Does it mean as much to you as it should? Or, are you just perpetrating a belief that you are capable of upholding the values that it stands for? Let us all ask this of ourselves, take due notice, govern and be governed accordingly.



Source: The Scottish Rite Clarion Newsletter, Orient of Illinois, Volume 8 Issue 1, 2017, p. 7

The Eagle Eye vs. The Human Eye 20/5 Vision vs. 20/20 Vision

By Grand Inspector General Daryl L. Andrews, Orient of Illinois



Eagles are considered to have the best vision of all beings on the planet earth. The construction of its eye is the source of this great vision. Compared to the human eye, the eagle eye is far superior. Visual acuity is the eye's ability to separate details of an object without any blur. The normal or a 'good' vision for a human is 20/20. Eagles, however, have retinas with cones and have a much deeper fovea. These give them a visual acuity of 20/5 or 20/4 which allows them to hunt even the tiniest prey from hundreds of feet in the air.

Eagles also have the ability to see colors more vividly than humans. They can even see ultraviolet (UV) light and pick out more shades of one color. Their ability to even see the UV light allows them to see the bodily traces left by their prey like urine trails of mice and other small prey. This ability allows the eagle to quickly identify and make quick work of its prey.

Human eyes are positioned at the front of the heads, giving us a binocular vision and a peripheral vision of just 180 degrees. We can only see complete images when we use both eyes, as closing one will block a portion of vision that was visible with that eye. The use of both eyes gives us that ability to determine the depth of field and help us realize the speed of any moving object. Unfortunately, our peripheral vision is quite poor. On the other hand, an eagle's eyes are rotated towards the front of the head and are angled 30 degrees from the midline of the face. This allows them to have a 340 degree field of vision. Their peripheral vision is quite impressive, which greatly assists these predatory birds.

The ability to switch between seeing things that are near and far clearly require quick changes in the lens of the eyes, which is known as accommodation. As

humans age, the muscles required to change the shape of the lens get stiff and become less effective, requiring us to wear glasses to see distant and nearby things equally clear. However, the eagles not only have a lens that changes the shape to accommodate the changing distance but even their cornea has the ability to change shape to better focus on near and far objects. Considering these factors, the eyes of an eagle are superior to the eyes of a human. It is highly unlikely that the human eye will ever excel to the point of an eagle's eye due to its position and construction. While poor vision can be enhanced with visual aids and corrected via surgery, the human eye, constructed as is, can never be as efficient as an eagle's.

Source: InSight Vision Center, <https://www.insightvisioncenter.com/human-vision-vs-eagle-vision/>, retrieved, 7/1/2019

Type 2 Diabetes and the Benefits and Complications of Treatment with Sodium-Glucose Co-transporter 2 (SGLT2) Inhibitors

By Grand Inspector General Dr. Kenneth Walton #41, USC Medical Department

Type 2 diabetes, which affects more than 415 million adults globally, is a major risk factor for cardiovascular disease (conditions that involve narrowed or blocked blood vessels that can lead to a heart attack, chest pain or stroke). Patients with type 2 diabetes have an increase risk of atherosclerosis (hardening and narrowing of the arteries), cardiovascular disease, heart failure and renal (kidney) failure. Sodium-Glucose Co-transporter 2 Inhibitors (SGLT2) inhibitors are a class of diabetes medication approved for the treatment of type 2 diabetes. The drugs work by preventing reabsorption of glucose (sugar) in the kidney which then leads to more sugar being eliminated in your urine. This class of prescription medicines have been FDA-

approved for use with diet and exercise to lower blood sugar in adults with type 2 diabetes. The medications in this class are taken orally and have the ability to offer cardiovascular and kidney protection. The brand and generic names of SGLT2 inhibitors and combination products that contain SGLT2 inhibitors include:

- **Invokana** (canagliflozin)
- **Farxiga** (dapagliflozin)
- **Jardiance** (empagliflozin)
- **Glyxambi** (empagliflozin/linagliptin)
- **Synjardy** (empagliflozin/metformin)
- **Xigduo XR** (dapagliflozin/metformin)

Studies have shown that the comparative effectiveness of SGLT2 inhibitors with canagliflozin 300 mg may be slightly better at lowering hemoglobin (Hb)A1c than the other



members of this drug class.

As with all medications, there may be associated side effects (e.g. urinary tract infection, kidney problems, diabetic ketoacidosis). These medications have been shown to improve hospitalization for cardiovascular disease, heart failure and renal (kidney) failure in patients with type 2 diabetes.

Talk with your doctor to determine if you are a good candidate to be prescribed a SGLT2 inhibitor.

Saving Our Youth: "From Cradle to College" *2018/2019 School Year Annual Reports*

By SGIG Horace J. Jackson, 33°, Mentoring Committee Chairman; SGIG Charles Burns, 33°, Assistant Chairman

As the 2019/2020 school year begins, I congratulate the participating Orients for their dedication and hard work. Their various Mentoring Programs have been impactful throughout the Northern Jurisdiction during the 2018/2019 school year. We continue to encourage our youth to be the best that they can be, and I know from the reports received, that we are having an impact on them. "We have accomplished much we can be proud of, but we still have much to do." A condensed summary of the Annual Reports for the 2018/2019 School Year follows:



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*SGIG Edward Cherry, 33° – Deputy for the Orient
Mentoring Coordinator - SGIG, Floyd E. Bagwell, Jr.*

Again, it is with honor and a sense of accomplishment that we in the Orient of Connecticut and the Valley of Hartford (Sons of Solomon: Saving our Youth from Cradle to College) wish to report that Mentoring is flourishing. Some of the young men that we have worked with for more than seven (7) years have successfully completed high school, gone on to college or some other training with success. One of our early mentees that we have reported on in previous reports has graduated from college, had tryouts to play professional football and has now returned to teach and coach at his high school in Bloomfield, Connecticut. He is one of several other program "completers" who have successfully moved on to post-secondary education life experiences. As a fundraiser we plan to have an "honoring event" for those past mentees as examples for our current participants to model, their families, friends, and community to witness.

Currently, our work is dedicated around seventeen (17) - twenty (20) young men annually and who remain on our roster ending this academic year (2018/2019). During most of this year our work has focused on teaching the young men personal development skills which included: appropriate dress for an occasion, communication skills (formal and informal), prudent use of mass media, employment seeking strategies, development of interaction skills to manage potential troublesome encounters with racism, life treats, personal relationships with a significant other, on the job conflict and other forms of the need to negotiate challenges in human relations interactions. Many of these training issues were facilitated by guest speakers, service providers from the community and college/university faculty persons.

The success of our working in the school district prompted the Superintendent of Schools to invite our mentors to co-present a workshop at a State of Connecticut Department of Education regional meeting on the effectiveness of partnerships to address community and parental school involvement as "students 'retention enhancers'". This presentation has also facilitated a request by a local foundation for us to apply for a planning/demonstration grant to share the results of our work and assist others in the region to plan effective similar initiatives in other communities.

Orient of Illinois

*SGIG Melvin Frierson, 33° - Deputy for the Orient
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and Assistant Mentoring Committee Chairman
GIG LaRue Love, Sr., 33°, Mentor Coordinator*

The Fraters of Hiram #51 appreciate the opportunity to serve our community by way of The Cradle to College Mentoring Program. For the Fiscal Year of 2019, the members of the Hiram Consistory #51 decided that it was time to adopt a new group to mentor. After much dialogue with member of the masonic family and community residents, it was decided to adopt the Carbondale Middle School Basketball team. The reason for the decision was the school hired a new coach and he was reaching out to various community resident and organizations to assist with the boys. With the assistance of SGIG Charles Burns, Hiram #51 answered that call and in October of 2018 purchased a new pair of Basketball Shoes and a practice jersey for one of the young men that needed assistance. Also, members of the consistory attended several practice sessions and, on a few occasions, spoke to the young men ages 12-14 about life and making good decisions. The Brothers continued to travel and support the boys as they progressed thru the season. There were many successes and the boys worked hard and ended up in regionals championship, unfortunately they lost to the team that went on win state the championship. The 7th grade boys finished with a record of 17-1 and won the 7th grade tournament. It was indeed a joy to watch the young men mature during this year.

After the school year ended, the AAU season started, and the Hiram Consistory #51 sponsored a young man who showed a lot of potential to become a very good person and athlete. Brethren made cash donations to the local lodge in the amount of \$450 to the Golden Eagles AAU organization to cover registration fee and expenses.

The Hiram Consistory #51 has continued to work tirelessly to contribute their time and resources any way that they could. The Brothers continue to hold monthly meetings and discuss ways that we can assist more young men in the community. Currently Hiram Consistory has five men that we would like to receive the mentor training. I polled the brothers and the date that would work out best is August 3, 2019. There will be 7 members in attendance for the training.

Orient of Michigan

SGIG Christopher Buck, 33° - Deputy for the Orient

Wolverine Consistory—Valley of Detroit

Mentoring Coordinator – GIG Karl E. D’Abreu, Sr.

School District: *Detroit Public Schools and Non-traditional*

Target School: *Martin Luther King, Jr. Senior High School, Detroit, Michigan – Dr. Dennis Myles (liaison)*

Mentors: *SGIGs Horace J. Jackson (Chairman), Clarence Stone, Sr., Advisor, GIGs Karl E. D’Abreu, Sr., John Clowney*

The Youth Mentoring Program goals for this year and moving forward are to improve academic achievement, self-esteem, social competence, and avoidance of problem/high-risk behavior in our students by providing genuine relationships with a caring adult mentor who will work to help them realize and achieve their potential.

Carefully structured and supported, our mentoring provided our students with the developmental resources needed to succeed. Combined with age appropriate, appealing college access activities and consistent encouragement, mentoring relationships help students, and set them on a needed pathway for education past high school graduation. Wolverine Consistory No.6, The Lower Eastside Grant, and D’Abreu & Associates donated financial support for the 2019 Legacy College Tour. The college tours included trips to Morehouse University and Clark Atlanta University (while in Georgia the Mentee visited the tomb of Martin and Coretta Scott-King and Six Flags Over Georgia).

Of the many students served (approx.: 82); we had 8 students who participated in this years Out-State Legacy College Tour; three of which were Seniors, one Junior, and four Freshmen. (one of our Seniors had never experienced traveling outside of Detroit). All who attended the College Tour stated that they would like to attend a college, university, or trade school. Mentees have also experienced other learning opportunities such as kayaking on some of our local waterways.

Workshops took place both in and outside of school hours; as well as, at multiple schools, and at different grade levels. Schools that we supported were Martin Luther King High School, Paul Robeson/ Malcolm X Academy, and Gompers Middle School. After the New Year the students settled back into prevention workshop sessions, some of which were facilitated by guest presenters; as well as, one of our own former mentees.

As reported in an earlier report; Bruce (2014) stated that research shows young people with mentors set higher academic expectations and achieve higher levels of education than those without mentors. Our Orient has provided our mentees with motivation and information on resources, course-taking, test-taking, college applications; as well as, financial aid, for the past several years.

A few of our Cradle to College mentees have committed to be a part of the Healthy Zone Teen Tech Group. With this collaboration each of our mentees received a brand-new Microsoft Surface Pro Tablet complete with all the software. They are creating online video games, and PSA’s that revolve around prevention.

This year culminated after the parents and mentees

attended a Summer Jobs Orientation. 21 of our students accepted in positions for the summer. They began work on Monday, July 8, 2019. Some of our seniors have gone off to begin their educational careers at college.

I would like to give special recognition to GIG John Clowney who always gives of his time to support the mentees and the program. I look forward to what this next school year brings for our mentees, mentors, and program.

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Homer E. Gaines Consistory—Valley of Grand Rapids

Mentoring Coordinator – GIG Jimmie L. Taylor

Mentors: *GIGs Michael Weaver, Walter Brame, and Lamont Cole*

We are in the midst of reorganization and will restart our program at the beginning of 2019/2020 school year.

Orient of New Jersey

SGIG Robert L. Oglesby, 33° - Deputy for the Orient

SGIG Terence Berry, Coordinator

Under the leadership and guidance of our Deputy, we are pleased to report that our Mentoring program has restarted and will be in full swing this coming school year.

Orient of Ohio/Valley of Cleveland

SGIG Carl A. Williams, 33° - Deputy for the Orient

SGIG Leonard B. Jackson, Coordinator, SP Andre Haynesworth

The Valley of Cleveland has entered into a new and exciting partnership with East Cleveland School District at Shaw High School. The Chief Executive Officer of the East Cleveland School District is Dr. Henry Pettigrew II and the Principal of Shaw High School is Mrs. Lori Crum.

The program consists of assisting the students—11th and 12th graders with registration to college; and/or pursuing a career in our Armed Forces (through enlistment or commissioning after college graduation); or enrolling into the Jobs into the 21st Century program while also mentoring and molding them to be respectful and productive citizens of our country.

After 10 years of success mentoring students at John Adams High School in the Cleveland Municipal School District (positively effectively more than 200 students while providing more than 10,000 hours of service) the Chairman of our mentoring program, S.G.I.G. Leonard B. Jackson 33°, suffered a stroke and we are prayerful for a speedy recovery. We look forward to the return of S.G.I.G. Jackson, and we thank him for his many years of dedicated service to the Cradle to College program; to the Cleveland Public School System; and to the Scottish Rite. Our liaison for John Adams High School, S.P. Brian Simmons 32°, is in the process of trying to continue the program at John Adams for the 2019–2020 year.

Due to SGIG Jackson’s illness the 2018/2019 mentoring program did not begin until February 2019. Discussions have been entered into with Principal Crum to expand the time frame of our program from our traditional November start to the start of the school year in August 2019 through the end of the school year in May 2020.

One interesting note is that while our program is for the

guidance and uplift of young Black males, there are young Black females in the same classes and there is no way to separate them. All students are held to the same learning standards and high expectations. The curriculum is all inclusive and very rigorous. Obtaining real life skills such as those gained through earning a CPR certification is emphasized.

Upon graduation students will be aptly prepared to become EMTs, enroll in the police academy, and/or join ROTC in college as a steppingstone to entry into our Armed Services as a commissioned officer.

S.P. Corbin Stacey 32° is a welcome addition to the program. He has been appointed as the new Co-Chairman replacing S.G.I.G. Carl A. Williams 33°, Deputy for the Orient of Ohio. S.P. Stacey's areas of expertise are in motivating and training our young people for the future and instilling discipline through basic level Tae Kwon Do classes (He is a 4-time Paralympic medal winner) sports coaching (football and track). A medically retired combat medic U.S. Army veteran, he is also a paramedic and owns an apparel company.

Approximately 143 hours of service were rendered from February through May. Again, we are extremely excited to begin working with the professional staff and the students at Shaw High School for the upcoming school year.

**Orient of Washington and Oregon
Valleys of Spokane/Pasco and Olympia**
SGIG Wendell O. Hutchings, 33° - Deputy for the Orient
GIG Arthur T. Broady, Coordinator

Youth Mentoring programs continue being one of our Orient's key areas of community support. The need continues as the population of young Afro-American students represent a high percentage of struggling and failing students within our public schools and communities.

Fraters from both the west side and east side of the Orient of Washington and Oregon, target students from single parent homes and/or students with special educational needs. This report will highlight a few of the ongoing mentoring efforts.

Capitol City Consistory #106, Valley of Olympia works closely with Foss High School in Tacoma Washington. Mentors encouraged students to obtain their high school diploma and encourage students to continue their education beyond high school.

Also, Capitol City Consistory #106 supports the Shiloh Mentoring Program sponsored by the Shiloh Baptist Church. Youth within this Christian setting are supported with positive interactions with adults and while building healthy and positive lifestyles.

Other mentoring programs include one on the west side of the Orient, which provides guidance to youth with the potential to excel in the Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math Program (STEM) and working with youth groups focusing on personal development and team building.

On the east side of the Orient, Inland Consistory #78, Valley of Spokane, several Fraternal continue their mentoring efforts. Since most of the Fraternal reside in the Pasco area, the mentoring efforts are associated with the Pasco High School and several local elementary schools. Mentoring efforts involve both Afro-American and Latino school students since both groups represents 70% of the students regarded "at-risk". One very successful mentoring program continues to be the "Bikes for Books" program.

From the Desk of the Grand Prior

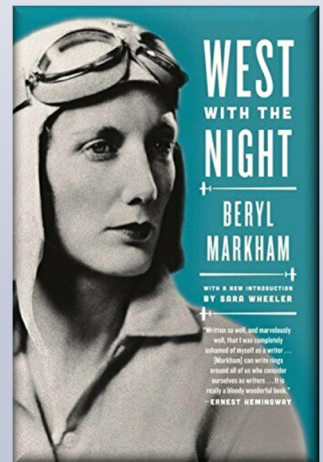
Sovereign Grand Inspector General Wilton E. Blake, 33°

"Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up."

- Ephesians 4:29

TONGUE TAMERS

In *West with the Night*, author Beryl Markham detailed her work with Camciscan, a feisty stallion she was tasked with taming. She'd met her match with Camciscan. No matter what strategy she employed, she could never fully tame the proud stallion, chalking up only one victory over his stubborn will.



How many of us feel this way in the battle to tame our tongue? While James compares the tongue to the bit in a horse's mouth or a ship's rudder (James 3:3-5), he also laments, "Out of the same mouth come praise and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this should not be." (v. 10)

So, how can we win the battle over the tongue? The apostle Paul offers tongue-taming advice. The first involves speaking only the truth (Ephesians 4:25). This is not a license to be painfully blunt, however. Paul follows up with "do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up" (v. 29). We can also take out the trash: "Get rid of all bitterness, rage and anger, brawling and slander, along with every form of malice" (v.31).

Is this easy? Not if we attempt to do it on our own. Thankfully, we have the Holy Spirit who helps us as we rely on Him.

As Markham learned, consistency with Camciscan was needed in the battle of wills. Such is the case in the taming of the tongue.

*Source: Tongue Tamers by Linda Washington,
Our Daily Bread, September 12, 2019*



The Eagle

The standards of the legions of Ancient Rome bore multiple animals like eagles, boars and wolves to represent specific legions. The standards were attached to a pole and carried by the legions in battle. It represented the soul of the legion. Over the years, the animals on the standards shifted to the eagle and it became the earmark representation for Rome by the Consul term of Gaius Marius in 107BC. Under his leadership, the eagle (or Aquila in Latin) was selected to represent Roman legions. To this day, the eagle with the emblazoned letters SPQR meaning 'the Senate and the People of Rome' (Senatus Populus Que Romanus in Latin) embodies the once great Roman empire. The eagle itself has grand qualities that could be emulated by every soldier and leader. Specific attributes are highlighted with specific parts of the eagle's body. Each quality represented by the body part relates to specific portions of leadership and service.

The eye of the eagle represents **focus** in leadership and service. A good leader is a good servant and must focus on utilizing the skills of those for whom he is accountable to benefit the whole. A good servant is a good leader and must focus on the task at hand. Relative to construction, if the cornerstone is not laid properly on level ground, the structure will not be plumb. As such, great focus must be taken early on to reduce the possibility of negative, long-term effects.

An eagle's eyes are also enhanced. When an eagle is flying towards the sun, a lens protracts to protect the eyes. When an eagle seeks prey, a lens retracts to allow for sharper vision. The conical shape of the pair of eyes allows for an increased field of vision and the ability to see even the smallest prey. This superior vision allows the eagle to take deeper looks at situations and see past the apparent as with all great leaders in the history of mankind.

An eagle's wings stretch far and wide and, when flexed by the strength of its faithful breasts, it has the strength to carry objects that weigh significantly greater. Its claws hold the power to grasp and to prick prey. A full sized eagle can easily carry away a lamb. Once captured, the eagle's beak is hard enough to penetrate its prey. It is by its mouth and its claws that life and death are dispersed. With all great leaders, the life and death of their organizations are typically measured by the tongue.

The eagle is also unique as it can fly higher than any other bird. It can do so because of all of the aforementioned attributes. Anciently, it was considered a messenger of the gods because its abilities far



outweighed its counterparts. It can also swoop faster than any other bird and defeat any bird which comes in its path. The eagle is the clearly the king of the skies because it has mastered the skies. As such, it flies over terrain majestically with no fear as a representation of its courage and strength. A clear representation of “infinite power”, its majesty and mastery have been equated to symbolize immortality.

Great leaders have shown great balance when wielding power. Several have navigated majestically while exhibiting mastery in service. It was their “**eagle vision**” that allowed them to focus on specific aspects which gained their successes. It was their strength that allowed them to carry heavy burdens which may have seemed impossible to the average man. It was their patience that prevented wasted motion. It was their fore-sight that prompted them to use force moderately. Many see Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and the Honorable Barak H. Obama as eagle-like men. Both mastered the terrain of their respective days and ages to secure those whom they protected and served. Despite the challenges, they still flew majestically over troubled terrain and achieved victories.

“Eagle Vision” is just as important in leaders as its is in followers. None of the movements of the Civil Rights Era would have succeeded without eagle men and women retaining their focus on specific missions. **Without accomplishment of the missions, the vision could not have become a reality.** As such, despite the role, leader or follower, eagle qualities are critical to success. Here are seven habits of eagles that are typically associated with organizational leadership:

1. **Eagles flock together:** *Eagles enjoy living at high altitudes and do not mix with birds that cannot fly at the same altitude. Only eagles can match other eagles.*
2. **Eagles see their prey or enemies a long distance away:** *Eagles place themselves in positions where they can see food or danger crossing its path. Their nests are typically high enough to avoid predators but close enough to spot prey.*
3. **Eagles do not eat dead things:** *Eagles take up challenges and do not waste time on things with no movement.*
4. **Eagles love the storm:** *Eagles are able to fly into storms because they are uniquely crafted to do so. They typically USE the storm to gain higher heights. The pressure of the storm lifts them while flying allowing the eagle to fly higher with less energy. Like all good leaders, taking on the challenge of the storm allows that eagle to fly to greater heights.*
5. **Eagles test before they trust:** *A female eagle will run the male eagle through a series of tests before choosing him as her mate. Once faithfulness has been proven, trust has then been earned and they typically remain mated for life.*
6. **Eagles train their children to maturity:** *Mature eagles ensure that their offspring are protected until they are ready to move forward independently. Under the cover of protection, the children are in the venue of preparation. Like internships in corporations, neophytes are trained under the corporate umbrella with some restrictions. As such, when college studies have concluded and the restrictions are removed, they are more likely to succeed.*
7. **Eagles retire until new feathers grow:** *Older eagles with worn feathers retire to high places to replenish. A sabbatical is a common practice with leaders. It provides an opportunity to replenish physically, mentally and emotionally. New learnings are typically achieved allowing them to return fresh and armed with new information and insights.*

When considering all the qualities of the eagle, it is understandable that the Roman leaders flocked to this animal to represent its legions. The Scottish Rite Eagle represents the same code from Scottish Rite Masons as it did for the Romans. It remains the rallying symbol for the Rite because the qualities represented by the eagle have transcended the ages and are still relevant today. Hence, the eagle remains as the quintessential representation of power and leadership.

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Our prayers are with everyone in the path of Hurricane Dorian, especially our Fraters and Loyal Ladies in The Bahamas who are affected. Major casualties have been suffered, and we still await what lies ahead in the wake of such a powerful storm system. We ask that God provide favor and a hedge around those who have bared the brunt the storm, and those on the coast who are facing the inevitable in the days ahead.

Working with our contacts in Nassau, we have been able to activate our disaster relief response process, as well as developed a list of needed items and a way to get them to our Fraters and Loyal Ladies in the affected areas. Below is the information that was sent to me by G.I.G. Uriel D. Johnson, 33°. I have authorized him to act as our Logistics Lead in the Bahamas with the support of S.G.I.G. Roscow Davies, 33° Deputy of the Orient.

I am requesting all Consistories and Assemblies solicit items from their members and make shipments according to the instructions in the attachment. Send notifications of shipment to Cathedral Secretary and Stateside Coordinator S.G.I.G. Raynard Hughes, 33° at rwhughes33@gmail.com or at (215) 545-2443. No donation is too small or insignificant when helping those in need.

Yours in the Rite,
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The 138th Annual Session was held at the Marriott Hotel in Downtown Philadelphia, PA. The



The elected and appointed officers of the Supreme Council reported on the finances and



Accompanied by Most Worshipful Brother Melvin A. Alston Sr. of the MWP HGL PA, the officers



With our brethren and sisters memorialized and faith in God celebrated, the practical mission of securing the future by lifting up our youth

UNITED SUPREME COUNCIL



The registration team continued their trend in making registration and packet pickup for the Session a smooth and flawless process.



Executive Sessions (*below*) communicated the SGC's vision to the members who will lead missions to satisfy the presented objectives.



activities of their offices. All reports confirmed that the Northern Jurisdiction is positioned to meet the goals for upcoming years.



Following the financial reports, the United Supreme Council reclassified several to aid in the extension of the Rite.



made a special visit to the council chambers to meet officials in recognition of the relationship between the Rite and City of Philadelphia.



began with the annual visit to the Prince Hall School. SGC Bazemore, GM Alston and OES leadership worked together to lift up the youth.

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The Executive Council convened at the Cathedral to facilitate elections for the Triennial. With Sovereign Grand Commander Bazemore sworn



All activities at the Cathedral were coordinated to perfection. While the Executive Council conducted elections, the Orient of Pennsylvania



Entertainment and the luncheons throughout the sessions were of a stellar caliber. While several events and seminars were planned for





in, the newly elected officers immediately re-convened in public to dedicate the newly unveiled Walk of Fame Garden project at the Holy See.



prepared a health fair on the grounds. At the conclusion of the garden dedication, the council participated in the health fair on its grounds.



the benefit of all, bands and choirs were also contracted to utilize music for its primary purpose which is to soothe and to feed the soul.





8th Degree: Intendent

The legend of this degree pertains to the events that took place after the untimely demise of Grand Master Hiram Abiff (GMHA). Although the craft lost one its great pillars, the labor of the Temple had to continue in order for it to be completed. During the candidate's reception, King Solomon (below), representing the Thrice Potent was presented a dilemma. He was unable to determine a successor to continue the work of the temple, so he sought the wise counsel of the Senior Warden, represented by Zadoc, the Priest (Also referred to as

Tsadoc and Tito in other texts). Understanding the difficulty of the situation, Zadoc offered the best advice he could, which was to select from the Chief Architects five of the most worthy and expert to complete the unfinished areas of the Temple, and continued by reflecting on the wisdom of GMHA. Zadoc discusses GMHA's high regard for the youth and his delight to mentor and pass unto them the knowledge he learned in the East and in Egypt. He also mentions that GMHA spoke kindly about several of his favorites that were highly capable to take his place should the necessity arise. (USC, 1946) They were...



- ♦ **Adonai**, whom GMHA often entrusted with the superintendence of the work;
- ♦ **Joabert**, whom GMHA made the Chief Artificer of Brass;
- ♦ **Stolkin**, whom GMHA made the Chief of the Wood Workers;
- ♦ **Selec**, whom GMHA made Chief of the Stone-Masons;
- ♦ **Gareb**, whom GMHA made the Chief of the workmen in silver and gold, and the engravers.

Accepting Zadoc's wise counsel, King Solomon embraced the idea and ordered it to be done. After being properly vouched for, examined and determined to be qualified and competent, Adonai, Joabert, Stolkin, Selec, and Gareb were obligated, accepted and declared Intendants of the Building.

Reflecting on the valuable life lessons imparted in this degree, they are applicable to present day. However, before discussing those lessons, let's take the opportunity to examine the attributes or qualities we should exhibit as Intendants of the Building. Being already accepted and declared Intendants of the Building, we are expected to be knowledgeable in the arts and sciences (Masonry); be charitable and benevolent; be sympathetic to those whom we serve, the laboring men (Brother Masons); never look down upon, harden our hearts towards nor oppress a servant or laboring man when that man is poor and in need; and contribute to the relief of strangers, orphans and widows.

We should also be willing to devote our time, talent, and energies to completing the great work of improving ourselves, others, humanity, and society. (Hoyos, 2010) Furthermore, we took the steps of moving away from that which is vicious within us, and strived towards virtue, bearing remembrance of those most virtuous attributes of GMHA.

of the Building Lecture

What lessons can we gain from this degree that we are able to routinely apply? I identified several, however, will focus on the two that seemed most evident. The first is to practice charity and benevolence, by sharing the knowledge and wisdom we've acquired, especially with those that are following us and relying upon our leadership. Having served in the military, I witnessed that most leaders trained the lower ranking service members following behind them. This concept was imbedded in the fabric of our culture. The goal was to mentor and develop our future replacements and prepare them for greater leadership responsibility. This process is similar to the business concept of succession planning which *"is the process whereby an organization ensures that employees are recruited and developed to fill each key role within the company. In this process, you ensure that you will never have a key role open for which another employee is not prepared."* (Heathfield, 2019) Over the past few years, we've experienced the untimely demise of some of our most esteemed leaders, and thankfully those behind them have been able to step in, pick up the reigns, and continue to move our organization forward. This most likely did not occur by accident. There was likely some deliberate mentorship, education, and previous leadership opportunities to aid in developing and preparing them for greater responsibility and leadership roles.

The second lesson I gleaned from this degree is to remain humble and don't be afraid to seek the advice of others. King Solomon was presented with a dilemma and he sought the counsel of Zadoc, who was of lower status/rank. Many of us are presented with difficult and complicated problems in our several stations of life, and often times rely on the expertise of those that work for or with us to help solve these problems. A leader that does not value the expertise and talents of their members is neglecting one of their greatest resources, "people". Additionally, successful leaders tend to surround themselves with great people...they likely did not become successful on their own. Further, another benefit of seeking the expertise of those that may be subordinate to us is that we are providing them the opportunity to have input into the process, which may result in greater membership involvement.

Within this degree King Solomon representing the Thrice Potent truly exhibited wisdom by seeking the counsel of Zadoc, which he decided to follow. This eventually resulted in the completion of the building of the Temple. Thankfully, GMHA passed on the knowledge he learned abroad to his favorite Chief Architects prior to his untimely demise, otherwise the temple may not have been finished. As we continue to build our temples and organizations, I encourage each of us to apply the valuable lessons gleaned from this degree.

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NEWS from the COUNCILS of DELIBERATION

Orient of the Bahamas

SGIG Roscow Davies, 33^o, Deputy

The Annual Donation of Five Thousand Dollars from the United Supreme Council's Benevolent Foundation was presented to R.E.A.C.H., the National Organization for Resources and Education for Autism Related Challenges in the Bahamas.



R.E.A.C.H. is a non-government organization established in 1999 as a support and advocacy group for families challenged by autism spectrum disorders.

Chairman Dwayne Gibson along with Board members Marcia Newball and Paula Hospedeles received the check from Deputy of the Orient SGIG Roscow A.L Davies. He was accompanied by SGIG Everette Z. Mackey, Assistant to the Deputy and Ill. Darrin Rodgers, Commander in Chief for James E. Morley Consistory No. 73.



Kanisha Latrell Rolle, a student at the University of the Bahamas, received the Annual Educational Grant. She is a student majoring in Primary Education.

The reactivation of Eleuthera Consistory No.100 will take place during September. Fraters on the island of Eleuthera

will recover their Charter and revive Scottish Rite Freemasonry in that Valley.

Loyal Ladies, Order of the Golden Circle, are working towards re-establishing Grand Bahama Assembly No. 89 in Freeport, Grand Bahama. While in Nassau, the Chartering of Nassau Assembly No. 97 is a work in progress.

Orient of Delaware

SGIG James A. Scott, 33^o, Deputy

Members of Delaware's of the Orient of Delaware attended the 138 Annual USC session in Philadelphia, PA from 24-28 May 2019. As expected the session started off on a positive note. The delegation led by SGIG James A. Scott 33^o, Deputy for the Orient of Delaware.



The Executive meeting was a continuation of the Deputies Conference held in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, in January 2019. The USC goals for improving/increasing membership, education, and improving, the overall operation of the USC were discussed. The Sovereign Grand Commander received positive feedback from participants.

The Orient of Delaware presented for elevation, to the 33^o, three Sublime Princes. They all received unanimous votes for elevation at the Council of Deliberation last October 2018. The new GIG's, are Wilbur Justice (119), John Brown (5) and Jeffery Chandler (119).



(L-R) SGIG James Fitzgerald, Jr., 33^o(5), GIG Wilbur Justice, 33^o, (119), SGIG James A. Scott, 33^o, Deputy for the Orient of Delaware (5), GIG John Brown, 33^o, (5), GIG Jeffery Chandler, 33^o, (119) and SGIG Peter J. Forbes, Jr., 33^o, (5).

The Orient of Delaware will hold its Council of Deliberation on Saturday, 19 October 2019 in the valley of Dover in the Orient of Delaware at the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Delaware. The Commanders of the Rite will sponsor their 15th, Annual Testimonial Banquet honoring SGIG Peter J. Forbes, Jr., 33^o, GIG Fredrick A. Duffy, 33^o, GIG William B. Duffy, Jr., 33^o, and GIG Reginald A. Sheridan, 33^o.



On March 30, 2019, the Delaware State Grand Assembly & Assemblies Collectively held its 1st Quarter



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Orient of Illinois

SGIG Melvin Frierson, 33^o, Deputy



Under the auspices of Deputy Melvin Frierson, the Orient of Illinois (PHA) continues to be imbued by efforts of its extraordinary Consistories and their members. That said, life is much more bearable for people in their communities. Each Consistory in the Orient of Illinois (PHA) has some sort of humanitarian project it espouses:

- *Western Consistory #28, Valley of Chicago, has a behemoth Christmas Basket project...serving over 1200 families, annually. In addition, Western assist the widows of its fallen brethren throughout the year;*
- *Menelik Consistory #49, Valley of Springfield, is noted for its Annual Thanksgiving celebration. Menelik renders other services to the community during the year;*
- *Tyree Consistory #64, Valley of East St. Louis, is known for its year round distribution of "personal necessities" to men housed in local shelters. Tyree also provide Christmas Baskets and other items to needed families;*
- *Tri-Cities Consistory #82, Valley of E. Moline, avidly supports the local M.L. King Community Center. The Center is the hub for distributing needed social services. Tri-Cities membership provide both fiscal contribution and in-kind services to the center year round;*
- *North Shore Consistory #91, Valley of Waukegan, does an exceptional job in providing educational assistance to a selected student each year. North Shore's annual "Black and Gold Ball" proceeds goes toward educational assistance and other social programs;*

- *Balthasar Consistory #92, Valley of Rockford, prides itself in "summer projects" that involve the community youth. Balthasar teams with local officials and representatives in serving the community at large;*
- *Marquette/Joliet Consistory #104, Valley of Joliet, has a robust "back to school" project that provides elementary school children with backpacks, pens, paper, pencils and other essential school supplies. Marquette/Joliet also provide other goods and services to the community. The above is just a "snap shot" of what consistories and their members are doing throughout the Orient of Illinois (PHA).*

The Orient's (PHA) scholarship/ educational assistance program has jumped leaps and bounds over the years of its inception. The program awards on an average of eight (8) undergraduate students per year. Most recently, the program increased its "awarded" amount. The ICOD membership and the U. S. C. educational assistance program enable the Orient to reach this point.

Deputy Frierson, announced the "the Orient of Illinois (PHA)" will soon issue wheelchairs and/or walkers to community health care facilities. The items in question will be issued to a facility in a community where ICOD will be holding its meetings. The Deputy pointed out the announcement is in-line with SGC Bazemore's overall initiatives.

ICOD continues to make donations to small struggling "storefront" churches. Also, ICOD (PHA) will continue to make donations to National Organizations i.e., American Cancer Society, American Heart Association, and the Prostate Cancer Foundation.

The Deputy, strongly support the Illinois State Grand Assembly, Order of the Golden Circle's endeavors.



the Banquet we held our Queen Contest. We have a New Reigning Queen in Delaware for the next 2 years in the person of Loyal Lady Maala Hardy (above) of Delaware Assembly #43,



Auction Charity Fundraiser. On July 13, 2019 Delaware State Grand Assembly Held our Annual Banquet Honoring Past State Grand Loyal Lady Ruler Sheila J. Smith of Delaware. This was a Lovely Event and well attended. In addition to

Wilmington, DE. We are so grateful for our other two Contestants for their support— Loyal Lady Patricia Brummely, Milton Assembly #81 and Loyal Lady Thomaszene Graham, Dover Assembly #96.



On Friday, August 16, 2019, the Golden Circle participated in Community Day at the Wilmington Courthouse contributing book bags. PSGLLR Sheila Smith, PSGLLR Mary Fitzgerald and her grand-daughter, SGLLR Joyce J. Tate and SGLLP Bernadette Winston along with a staff member all contributed to the effort.

Orient of Michigan

SGIG Christopher Buck, 33°, Deputy



Michigan Council of Deliberation will convene Sunday, October 27, 2019 at the Holiday Inn Flint, 5353 Gateway Centre, in Flint Michigan 48507. Saginaw Valley Consistory #71 will open the consistory at 8am. On Saturday October 26, 2019 a series of meetings will be held to include the MCOF Foundation, The Michigan Commanders of the Rite, a Memorial Service for Fraters and Loyal Ladies. The evening will conclude with the annual Scholarship Banquet.

A reminder to save the date is issued for January 10-11, 2020 for the Testimonial event of the year. This will honor Michigan's own Sovereign Grand Commander. The event will be held at the Detroit Marriott Renaissance Center, 400 Renaissance Drive, Detroit Michigan. Contact information if needed call SGIG Wayne E. Phillips @313-867-2332.

The Scholarship Chairman for the Michigan Council of Deliberations reports the following awards:

- *Keshawn Harris, Waverly High School, Lansing Michigan. Keshawn has a 3.4 GPA and will attend the University of Michigan majoring in Kinesiology.*
- *Morgan Phillips, International Academy, Troy Michigan. Morgan has a 4.5 GPA and will attend Howard University and major in Political Science. This is a United Supreme Council Scholarship.*
- *Isiah Hill, Powers Catholic High School, Flint Michigan. He has a 3.38 GPA and will attend the University of Michigan and major in Business Administration.*
- *Jeffery McKenzie Portage Northern High School. He has a 3.6 GPA and will attend North Carolina A&T University majoring in Marketing.*
- *Joshua Richardson, Novi High School. He has a 2.5 GPA and will attend Bluffton University majoring in Biology. This is the May Art scholarship.*
- *Jacob Thomas, Farmington Harrison High School. He has a 3.0 GPA and will attend Claflin University majoring in Psychology.*

On July 27th 2019 the Mid-Year Reunion was held a Patriarch Park in East Lansing Michigan. The Chefs for this event did an outstanding job cooking BBQ items, Roasted corn and cookout items. This included a tasteful peach cobbler plus other desserts. The Golf outing was won by Saginaw Valley Consistory#71 let by GIG O.T. Perry.

Peninsular Consistory #44 reports a successful year in membership exceeding the MCOF suggested amount. They also had under the leadership of Sublime Prince Edward Harrison a successful fund raiser of Mother's Day Basket raffle. During the Renewal and Remembrance Ceremony in April held at Saginaw Valley #71. Frater GIG Shed Blake was honored.

Keshaun Harris a MCOF scholarship award receipt ant was recognized as an outstanding athlete performing track and field and also University of Michigan football.

Wolverine Consistory#6 reports that it held a Widows Banquet on June 9, 2019 at the Prince Hall Grand Lodge, 3500 McDougall hosting 11 widows. The Loyal Ladies will also have a banquet in September. Wolverine also consecrated 9 Sublime Princes to date. The Eagles Club also had an event during the MCOF Midyear cookout awarding a basket of cheer totaling 40 bottles.

Homer Gaines would like to recognize GIG Robert Roundtree for his efforts to sponsor students over the last few years an opportunity to travel to Africa. His efforts are in conjunction with the West Michigan Community Help Network base in Muskegon Michigan. The WMCHN is a 501© 3 nonprofit. Roundtree's groups number up to 20 youngsters each year with all attending enjoying their trip.

On June 19th, 2019 Homer E. Gaines #112and the eagles club of Kalamazoo Valley held its annual cookout at King David Lodge #20 of Muskegon. Over 100 people of the general public were in attendance as the community came out to celebrate with food fresh off the grill and a bounce house for the youth. Several of the Master Masons were able to enjoy the wonderful event and were able to spark the interest of members of the community in Masonry.

Orient of The Far East

SGIG Charles Bush, 33^o, Deputy

Keystone Consistory No. 85, Valley of Okinawa, Orient of the Far East continues to make a difference abroad. During the months of April through September 2019, the Consistory took up the worthy cause of supporting four Women' Shelters on the island of Okinawa. The shelters serve as residences for 55 adult women and 68 children, and are a safe haven from homelessness, domestic abuse, assault, etc. Due to limited funding and resources for the shelters, the leadership of Keystone Consistory No. 85 saw an opportunity to help.

SP Farley A. Wooldridge, II, 32^o played a key role in this endeavor. He spearheaded a charity campaign to obtain in-kind donations from several organizations to include the Prince Hall Masonic



Family, Okinawa Diversity Council, and Diamond Hearts Association. The donated items were comprised of new and gently used clothing, shoes, bottled water, toiletries, paper products, laundry detergent, fabric softener, and personal hygiene items. Private and personal monetary donations were also made. Through the Consistory's collaborative efforts within the community in obtaining needed resources, the shelters have been able to keep their doors open and provide a safe and secure environment for "at-risk" women and children in distress.

During the months of June to August 2019, G.I.G. Stuart A. Lee, II, 33^o Keystone Consistory No. 85, Valley of Okinawa, Far East Orient took on the worthy cause of obtaining school supplies for AVIVA Children's Services, Tucson, Arizona. AVIVA responds to the needs of children in foster care by providing programs, assistance, and resources to enhance children's self-esteem and well-being as well as providing needed items such as clothing, shoes, blankets and personal care items. This is an endeavor he started supporting in 2018 and aims to continue each year.



Orient of Nebraska

SGIG Johnny Cummings, 33^o, Deputy

Members of Joshua David Kelley Consistory #27 participated in a Deputy of the Orient Town Hall meeting. Topics discussed during the meeting included:



- *The United Supreme Council's (USC) Strategic Plan*
- *Discussing the various options of how we can support this plan*
- *Presenting the upcoming changes to be implemented in the Orient (e.g. on-line payments, relaunching of the Orient's website, introduction of Social Media programs for the posting of community based and other Positive Scottish Rite activities for the general public to see)*
- *Fundraising activities, both for the Orient and USC*
- *Having FRANK and OPEN discussions on getting more members to actively participate in Consistory activities, without verbal or nonverbal retaliation to anyone for their comments and/or remarks.*
- *Discussing everyone's (Peers and Princes) role as related to Scottish Rite of Freemasonry, and this Orient*
- *Having everyone present to bring a member, especially Sublime Princes, to future meetings*

The meeting was productive in that there were good dialog as everyone had an opportunity to present comments and remarks on a path for increasing the presence of Scottish Rite masons in the community, along with a 99% commitment from the Peers and Princes present to reach out and contact other members with the sole purpose of bringing them to future meetings.

Together, "We Conquer", Divided, "We Fall".

He solicited donations from friends, family, and numerous members of the Prince Hall Masonic family.

Of note, donations from members of the Ancient & Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry, Prince Hall Affiliation, Northern Jurisdiction, USA, Inc. comprised 87% of all monies received. G.I.G. Lee was able to purchase and donate over \$500.00 in school supplies such as paper, pens, glue, scissors, highlighters, markers, folders, and various other items for youth in the foster care system. Furthermore, due to the great support received from members of the Scottish Rite, the donation was made on behalf of and credited to the Dr. Solomon Wallace Class of 2016 and the USC Benevolence Foundation.

Orient of Ohio

SGIG Carl A. Williams, 33^o, Deputy

Members of Joshua David Kelley "Love, Unity, and Peace...that's what got us here!" was the theme recently as Miami Assembly No. 22 Order of the Golden Circle gathered together with family and friends to celebrate 95 years of dedicated service. The Assembly was first chartered on December 14, 1924. LLR Charisma T. Ramey welcomed all to the celebration and presented numerous awards for outstanding leadership to past Loyal Lady Rulers and PSGLLR's Barbara King, Martha Moss, Jacqueline Harris, and Lucy "Deanie" Harvey. The program included the melodious stylings of the Gospel Prophets Trio and the songbird herself Loyal Lady Kay F. Anderson. A proclamation was read from the Mayor of Dayton naming August 25th "Miami Assembly No.22 Order of the Golden Circle Day". The Deputy for the Orient of Ohio Carl A. Williams and SGLLR Yvonne Duhart brought greetings. LLR Ramey, SGLLR Duhart, LL Marcia Broadnax and Mrs. Cheryl Williams received gifts and roses.

LL Theresa Ivey-Jones and LL Marjorie Townes led the audience down memory lane showcasing the assembly's commitment to community involvement which included Dakota Center-After School Program providing school supplies; Stream Academy-Dayton providing hats, gloves, socks, school supplies, and uniforms; Breast Cancer Awareness featuring survivors; support to "4 Paws for Ability" service dogs for individuals; Ronald McDonald House; American Red Cross; sponsoring Sickle Cell Family Day; Wesley Center Clothing Drive for Women; hosting bingo at nursing homes; showcasing the youth in the community at the "Next Generation" brunch to name a few. The audience heard a local radio announcement from Ronald McDonald House that thanked Miami Assembly for its support.

This busy assembly has been the home of the Queen of Grand Assembly for six of the last ten years. Two former queens and one former contestant were in attendance and received "Our Queen Forever" certificates. The audience was reminded that the assembly had received increased membership awards in 1984, 1989, 1992, 2001, 2007, 2012 and 2016. Additionally, Miami Assembly has won 1st place in The Ohio Grand Assembly Poster Competition twelve times since 1987. All of the posters were proudly displayed at the anniversary. In attendance were the "youngest" member, LL Ruth Edmonds, who is 99 years young and the most tenured member of the assembly LL Betty Bradshaw. Finally, SGIG Jerry D. Springer led the audience in a toast to the state leaders and to a glorious past. Miami Assembly continues to be a steadfast entity in the Dayton, Ohio community and they have a radio announcement to prove it. Hard at work all the time, the members agree.



SGLLR Yvonne Duhart, PLLR's Kay Anderson, Barbara Hampton, Maggie Parks, Vanetta Bellows, Constance Kendall-Goss, Barbara Wilson, Vanessa Hill & Theresa Ivey-Jones; LLR Charisma Ramey and SGIG Carl A. Williams.



SGLLR Yvonne Duhart (L) and SGIG Carl A. Williams (R) make presentations to PSGLLR's Barbara A. King, Martha A. Moss, Jacqueline E. Harris and Lucy "Deanie" Harvey while LLR Charisma Ramey looks on.



SGIG Jerry D. Springer leads SGLLR Duhart, Deputy of the Orient Williams and LLR Charisma Ramey in the traditional toast of celebration.



Miami Assembly #22, Dayton, Ohio celebrating 95th Anniversary with SGLLR Yvonne Duhart and SGIG Carl A. Williams, Deputy of the Orient in attendance. The youngster in the wheel chair sitting left front row is LL Ruth Edmonds who will celebrate her 100th birthday on October 13, 2019.



Members of Miami Consistory No.26 also contributed funds to the Hurricane Dorian relief effort. Assisting with the presentation are SGIG Jerry Springer, SGIG Ronald Ogletree, SGIG Homer Buchanan, SGIG Thomas Graham, GIG Fr. Benjamin E.K. Speare-Hardy, II, GIG George Goolsby, GIG Glenn E. Beach, GIG Michael L. Freeman and GIG Villani J. Thomas.

Orient of Pennsylvania

SGIG Leonard A. Heard, 33^o, Overseer

In the Orient of Pennsylvania, DeMolay Consistory is working assiduously to restore the luster, appeal and status that was once commonplace for the organization. Spearheaded by the Commander-in-Chief, S.P. Robert D. Ragsdale Sr., 32^o, with consistent oversight by the Illustrious Overseer, Sovereign Grand Inspector General, Irvin C. Oglesby, 33^o, the Most Wise & Perfect Master, S.P. Allen Doman, 32^o and Thrice Potent Master, S.P. Calvin R. Boyce, Jr., 32^o have joined in the vision and are truly making this a year to remember. Likewise, Sovereign Grand Inspector General, Carlee London, 33^o and Loyal Lady Ruler, Melvinia R. Conover-Blythe have also been committed to the program.

With a clear path towards the rebirth of the Consistory, the Heads of the Concordant bodies have teamed together to create a cohesion that is catching fire and culminating into success on every level of the program to include: new membership, reclamation, retention, fraternization, charity, masonic learning and social interaction. Each of these points have been addressed throughout the year and the fruit of those labors are evidenced by increased turnout to meetings, a consistent influx of finances coming in the form of dues and donations, increased participation during the several visitations that have been made, etc.

10 new fraters were dubbed in March of 2019. There is another class set to be dubbed on October 5-6. Equally as important is retention. We are proud to report that many of those that were recently dubbed are participating in various capacities within the Consistory. Additionally, we have reinstated 13 formerly non-financial members thus far. The hard work of the membership and the proverbial "grapevine" are certainly proving effective.

To date, the Commander-in-Chief and membership has visited Charles Gordon Consistory, Martin Luther King Jr. Consistory and Corinthian Consistory (DE). Each visitation has netted the presence of more than a dozen Fraters and Illustrious Sirs! The Concordant Heads like to use the mantra that "We travel in packs"! The support,



camaraderie and consistency has been truly humbling. Visitations to Washington D.C., Camden, NJ and Harrisburg, PA are being scheduled to round out this year; truly a blessing! On September 18, the PCIC Night Program was attended by over 100 Fraters! The proof is in the pudding!

There is a firm belief amongst the leadership of DeMolay Consistory that we can only keep what we have been blessed with, by giving. To this end, the Consistory has participated in several endeavors both within and without the fraternity. There has been a cookout for the senior residents at the Scottish Rite Tower and Scottish Rite House. We've had a family cookout for the membership and our families. In August we held a Community Day jointly with Tindley Temple, A.M.E. Church and donated back to school supplies to the children. DeMolay sowed into the Families Forward initiative, which provided toiletries to homeless persons. On October 19, 2019, DeMolay will be issuing a check to the Akoma Rites of Passage program that teaches underprivileged children after school. There is also an initiative to provide socks to a men's homeless shelter and of course, the annual Education Award that goes to children preparing to enter college! We've been busy!

At each Consistory meeting there is some type of light dispensed. Meetings have to be more than the mundane activities of reports, ticket, sales, etc. This has helped to garner interest and participation; break-up the monotony. There have also been "Enlightenment Sessions" or informal meetings scheduled to discuss Scottish Rite Masonry. Everyone is told that the Rite is the "college" of masonry, but there is rarely time/opportunity to learn. The Enlightenment Sessions provide an opportunity for Fraters to be fed while allowing more mature Fraters to share their knowledge. We can only keep what we have by giving it away!

In closing, our new Illustrious Overseer for the Orient of Pennsylvania, SGIG Leonard A. Heard, 33^o has expressed his vision and DeMolay's program is part and parcel to that vision. Our goal is and has been from the beginning of this year to grow our Consistory! This growth doesn't only exist in numbers, but rather intellectually, spiritually and fraternally. We are proud of the rebirth that is DeMolay and want the entire Northern Jurisdiction to be aware of our RESURGENCE! - **SP Robert Ragsdale, 32^o, CIC, DeMolay**



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The stability of the Rite is due in a large part to the wisdom bestowed upon its leadership through our Heavenly Father. The thanks given



The faith in God exhibited by those who have gone on to meet him was also celebrated during the Annual Memorial Service. Several were



during the Sunday worship service provided a clear picture of the level of appreciation that the United Supreme Council has in God.



memorialized for their service to the Council and to the Assemblies of the Order of the Golden Circle. May peace be unto their ashes.

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The 138th Annual Session of the Supreme Council convened on Monday, May 27, 2019 with dignitaries from across the country in attendance.



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Leaders of the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction, South Jurisdiction, Mystic Shrine and Conference of Grand Masters saluted the Rite.



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The banquet on Monday evening was an extraordinary celebration for the Rite and recognition of service, leadership and achievement.



Surrounded by family (below), Rite leaders and friends, SGC Bazemore was the recipient of special gifts from across the Holy Empire.





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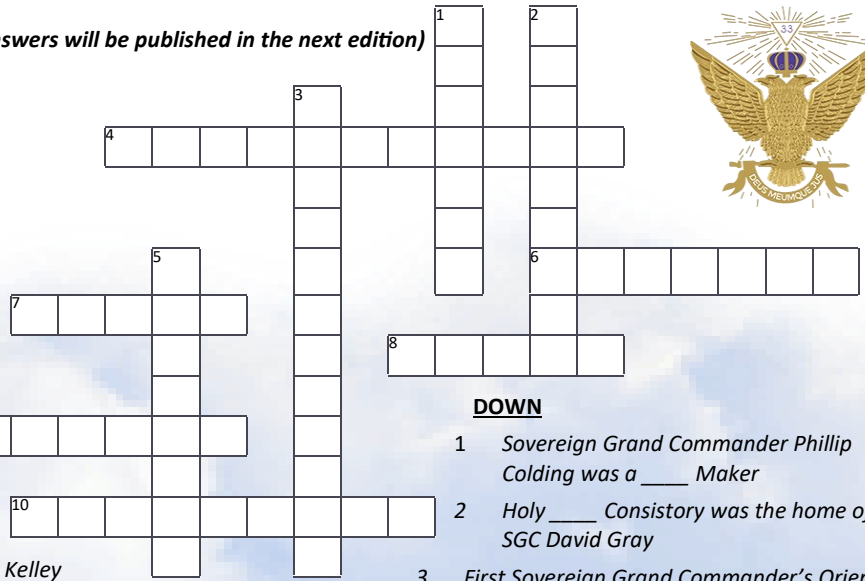
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- 4 Orient of Sovereign Grand Commander Robert Reed
- 6 Last name of Sov. Grand Commander who managed the Amaranths Baseball Club
- 7 King _____ Supreme Council was established in 1854 by Count de Laurent
- 8 The last name of the third Sovereign Grand Commander from DeMolay Consistory
- 9 The Consistory of Sovereign Grand Commander Joshua D. Kelley
- 10 King _____ Supreme Council was established in 1871 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania



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- 1 Sovereign Grand Commander Phillip Colding was a _____ Maker
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