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For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them.

Matthew 18:20

Welcome to historic Birmingham, Alabama, the location of the Grand East for the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge F. & A. M. of Alabama. It is always a pleasure for me to welcome you to the seat of our Grand East.

Our beloved Grand Lodge continues to grow by leaps and bounds. We continue to experience a very strong reemergence of interest in Prince Hall Masonry. We recently healed one lodge and are currently in the process of reestablishing four other lodges in areas of the state where Prince Hall lodges no longer exist. This is a sure indication that the Grand Lodge of Alabama is currently on the course for unprecedented success.

As I travel throughout this great jurisdiction I am continuously met by enthusiastic brothers, who love masonry and this Grand lodge, and are excited about the direction we are going. None of our success would be possible without the hard work and dedication of the membership. Thank you brothers for

being who you are and doing all that you do for our Grand Lodge.

Since our last annual communication, we have launched our masonic college, which is styled, Alabama School of Masonry. The Alabama School of Masonry is inclusive of four levels – bronze, silver, gold and platinum. The school consists of online instruction and on-site testing. Bronze Level tests will be administered at this annual communication.

During our session, we will hear from Historic District Developers, LLC, the contracted developer for the Temple Renovation Project. They will give us a briefing on the status of the project and expected timelines for the renovation. We will also give a workshop on the upcoming membership database transition. We will begin to transition to our new database at the close of this annual communication.

Congratulations to all newly elected Worshipful Masters and Officers of our subordinate lodges. You are the pillars of this institution and you play a very important role within this organization. I challenge each of you to give your best, be shining examples, and uphold the rules, regulations and edicts of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Alabama.

Last, for 149 years this esteemed Grand Lodge has been in existence. Our longevity is not by accident. It is because of our firm believe in God Almighty and our obedience to keeping Him first. It is also because of our forefathers, as well as, our present membership's willingness to come together on one accord and work toward one common goal; that of making the Grand Lodge of Alabama the best it can possibly be. As we deliberate in this 149th Annual Communication, let us continue the tradition of working together to attain that common goal. I am certain that if Our Heavenly Father is in the midst of two or three gathered in His name, surely, He will be in the midst of hundreds gathered in His name!

May the Grand Architect of the Universe, the All-seeing Eye, continue to bless us all and may He bless our precious jewel, the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge F. & A. M. of Alabama!

Fraternally,

Corey D. Hawkins, Sr.

Most Worshipful Grand Master

Front Cover:
Alabama School of Masonry



PM Herman "Jerome" Glover (50)
Publication Editor

"This program is designed to allow suspended members to reinstate for a more affordable fee."

RECLAMATION DRIVE (TARP)!



Message from the Editor

To all readers and supporters of this Official Publication of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Alabama entitled *The Cornerstone Message*, Greetings:

The masonic calendar year has come to a close, and I would like to commend the Grand Lodge and subordinate lodges for your continued enthusiasm. Your good works have been displayed for all to see through this edition of *The Cornerstone Newsletter*. Now is the time to prepare for the ensuing masonic calendar year to launch us into a successful future of growth, stability, and leadership in the Jurisdiction of Alabama.

Have you ever taken the time to reflect on the path your life has taken? Isn't it curious to think about if you had made a different choice or decision, about how your life might not be the same? How would your present condition be different if certain external circumstances had not changed in your environment as they did? I ask that you take a moment to reflect on these questions before going further.

I think that one real goal in life is to get through with as few regrets as possible. I believe that you can achieve this goal of a few regrets if you follow a few simple, but important, rules. As it relates to the Masonic virtues and landmarks, add: Always do your best. Never intend to

hurt anyone. Have respect for yourself and others. It becomes almost impossible to achieve the goal or live a happy life if you allow people to have their peripheral actions or create circumstances designed to exert pressure on your character. Always take the high road and let the chaff blow where it may.

As always, I encourage all subordinate lodges to continue to support *The Cornerstone Message* and show all readers of this newsletter what your lodges are doing in 2019 to add to the mission of making sure Prince Hall Masonry is at the forefront in the state of Alabama.

- PM Herman "Jerome" Glover
Publication Editor

Reclamation Drive (TARP)

In an attempt to give suspended Brothers an opportunity to become active again during these tough economic times, our Most Worshipful Grand Master has devised a plan named TARP- Traveling Again Reclamation Program. This program is designed to allow suspended members to reinstate for a more affordable fee.

Members suspended before June, 2002, can reinstate by paying the following:

- \$20.00 reinstatement fee
- \$25.00 taxes
- \$25.00 registration
- \$50.00 assessment (Have two years to pay the remaining \$150.00)
- \$120.00 Total

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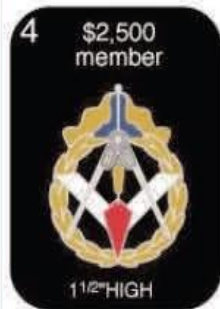
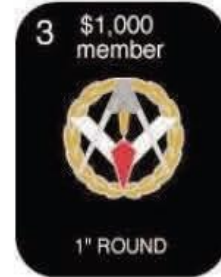
TARP serves a two-fold purpose: (1.) It gives suspended Brothers a more affordable means of reinstating and (2.) It gives dying lodges a final opportunity to salvage their existence by increasing their numbers before being forced to close or merge. Our Grand Master has extended a challenge for the members of this jurisdiction to go out and reclaim our lost Brothers. TARP will be in effect through July 31, 2019.

Support the Temple Renovation

Most

Worshipful Prince
Hall Grand Lodge
of Alabama Temple
Renovation Lapel
Pins are still
available for new
and existing
members upon
receipt of donation
(s). Collect up to
each level.

Display your
support
for the temple
renovation!



Support the Prince Hall Legacy Foundation of Alabama, Inc.



BY PURCHASING YOUR

ALABAMA PRINCE HALL GRAND LODGE LICENSE PLATE

TODAY!!!

(We have met and exceeded our required 250 COMMITMENTS)

Tags are now being issued...

For More Information Visit :

<http://revenue.alabama.gov/motorvehicle/princehallgrandlodge.cfm>

*(You may purchase the MWPHGL of AL Tags Anytime,
You do not have to wait for your renewal Month!)*

Message from the Deputy Grand Master

“Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen. For by it the elders obtained a good report. Through faith, we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God so that things which are seen were not made of things which do appear.” Hebrews 11:1-3

Brothers, faith is essential to success. If you don't have faith in yourself and believe that it will work out in the end, then you can only have doubt. If you doubt you can achieve the goal/task at hand, then chances are you won't. Faith doesn't mean that everything will be perfect all the time. As a human being, we are all guaranteed challenges and even hard times. Having faith means that we believe that in the end, if we keep going, if we keep finding answers, if we continue to do whatever it takes to succeed and achieve our goals, then we will be successful.

James 1:6-8 tells us, *“But let him ask in faith, nothing wavering. For he that wavereth is like a wave of the sea driven with the wind and tossed. For let not that man think that he shall receive anything of the Lord. A double minded man is unstable in all his ways.”*

Jurisdiction of Alabama, we have a Grand Master who has a vision, and his vision is plain. It is not always that we can readily see the direction in which the leader is guiding us. This is where faith comes into play. If we have trust in God and faith in our leader, then we are well on our way to mastering the vision and achieving the goal that is at hand. However, we can't waver and be sidetracked by naysayers, because God wants his people to progress and move forward. Let's bring the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge F. & A. M. of Alabama to higher heights.

Privileged Family

Poet: Greta Zwaan

I belong to a privileged family, so much is expected of me.

I'm part of a royal heritage, I'm actually royalty!

Oh, you can't tell by my appearance, I carry no crown on my head;

No royal robes on my person for functions which I would dread.

In truth, I'm really a servant, a person of lowly esteem,

But through my Mediator, I'm more than what I might seem.

You see, I serve a great Master, the King, Creator of all;

He is the One who has blessed me, He hears me whenever I call.

His love has made me His servant, a title - the child of a King;

Through Jesus I'm heir to salvation, through Christ I can do anything.

Because I work in His power, He guides me each step of the way,

He gives me a longing to serve Him. He walks by my side every day.

One day I'll be walking in glory with saints who have gone on before,

Till then I'll go where He sends me, at home or some foreign shore.

My calling from God is, “Be faithful;” my mission in life to be true,

And God will someday reward me for things He's assigned me to do.

Alabama School of Masonry

Officially Opens



In May of 2019, the Grand Lodge Masonic College known as the Alabama School of Masonry was officially opened and made available to brothers of the Jurisdiction of Alabama. The purpose of the Alabama School of Masonry is to provide the brothers of the Jurisdiction of Alabama a masonic curriculum presented as self-paced study material enabling them to improve themselves in Freemasonry. The Alabama School of Masonry will consist of four levels of study to be completed in order to receive graduate status for the Alabama School of Masonry. The levels include Bronze Level (Study of the Entered Apprentice Degree), Silver Level (Study of the Fellow Craft Degree), Gold Level (Study of the Master Mason Degree), and Platinum Level

(Study of General Masonic Topics). Brothers that enroll in the Alabama School of Masonry will have the opportunity to access and review the study material from the Grand Lodge website throughout the masonic calendar year. The study material is password protected which can be provided by a Worshipful Master or a Grand District Deputy. Brothers will be required to score a 90% or higher for the exams associated with the modules for each level of study. Testing for the Masonic College will only take place each year during the Annual Grand Lodge communication. A minimal fee of \$10 is required to take the exams. Payment of the fee will be collected onsite during registration for the Masonic College testing. Each brother will be presented a lapel pin and certificate of completion for each level of study during Grand Lodge Session. Upon completion of the Platinum Level each brother will be presented a medal and diploma for successfully graduating from the Alabama School of Masonry. All brothers are encouraged to take advantage of this opportunity to gain more knowledge in Freemasonry.

“Education is that system of human training within and without the school house walls, which molds and develops men.” -Bro. W.E.B. Du Bois

RW Anthony J. Johnson

Grand Lodge Masonic College- Committee Chair

ATTENTION!!!!

Brothers that have served in the Armed Forces



During the 149th Grand Lodge Communication, the US Department of Veteran Affairs (VA) will have representatives on site in the Medical Forum Building on Monday July 22, 2019, from 9:00am until 3:00pm.

The following are a list of departments confirmed:

- Research Department -Vocational Rehabilitation Employment - PTSD, TBI, Mental health.
- Disabled American Veterans (DAV) – Assistance with filing for disability
- Eligibility and Enrollment - VA Enrollment
- Medical Records - Release of Information - Lost DD 214s
- Minority Veterans Program
- My HealtheVet Program
- Patient Health Education Resource Center
- Physical Therapy

This is an excellent opportunity and partnership we hope that all of our Veteran Brothers will take full advantage of during Grand Session. If you have any further questions please reach out to Bro. Dwight Coleman – Chair, GL Committee on Military and Veteran Affairs at [dwightc@gmail.com](mailto:dwrightc@gmail.com)

Fraternally and Sincerely,

PM Dwight Coleman

Committee on Military and Veteran Affairs

MWPHGL of Alabama

150th ANNIVERSARY

OF THE MOST WORSHIPFUL PRINCE HALL
GRAND LODGE OF ALABAMA



Carnival

150th ANNIVERSARY
OF THE MOST WORSHIPFUL PRINCE HALL
GRAND LODGE OF ALABAMA

Celebration Cruise



DATE July 30, 2020 - Aug 03, 2020 (Immediately after Grand Session)

LOCATION 4-Day Cruise from Mobile, AL to Cozumel, Mexico

For more information please contact Traelle Poindexter at:
amazingvacation247@gmail.com or (989) 482-1707

SAVE THE DATE



ALABAMA PRINCE HALL MASONS
AMERICANISM
FOOTBALL CLASSIC WEEKEND
Miles vs Morehouse

SEPTEMBER 13-15, 2019

Food, Fun, Football & Fellowship!!

LODGE NAMES

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A A Peters

Goodway

Shorter

Adelphia

Gulf City

South Griffin

African

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Jones Chapel

Tranquil

Evening Star

King Solomon

Triune

Frank Daffin

Nazareth

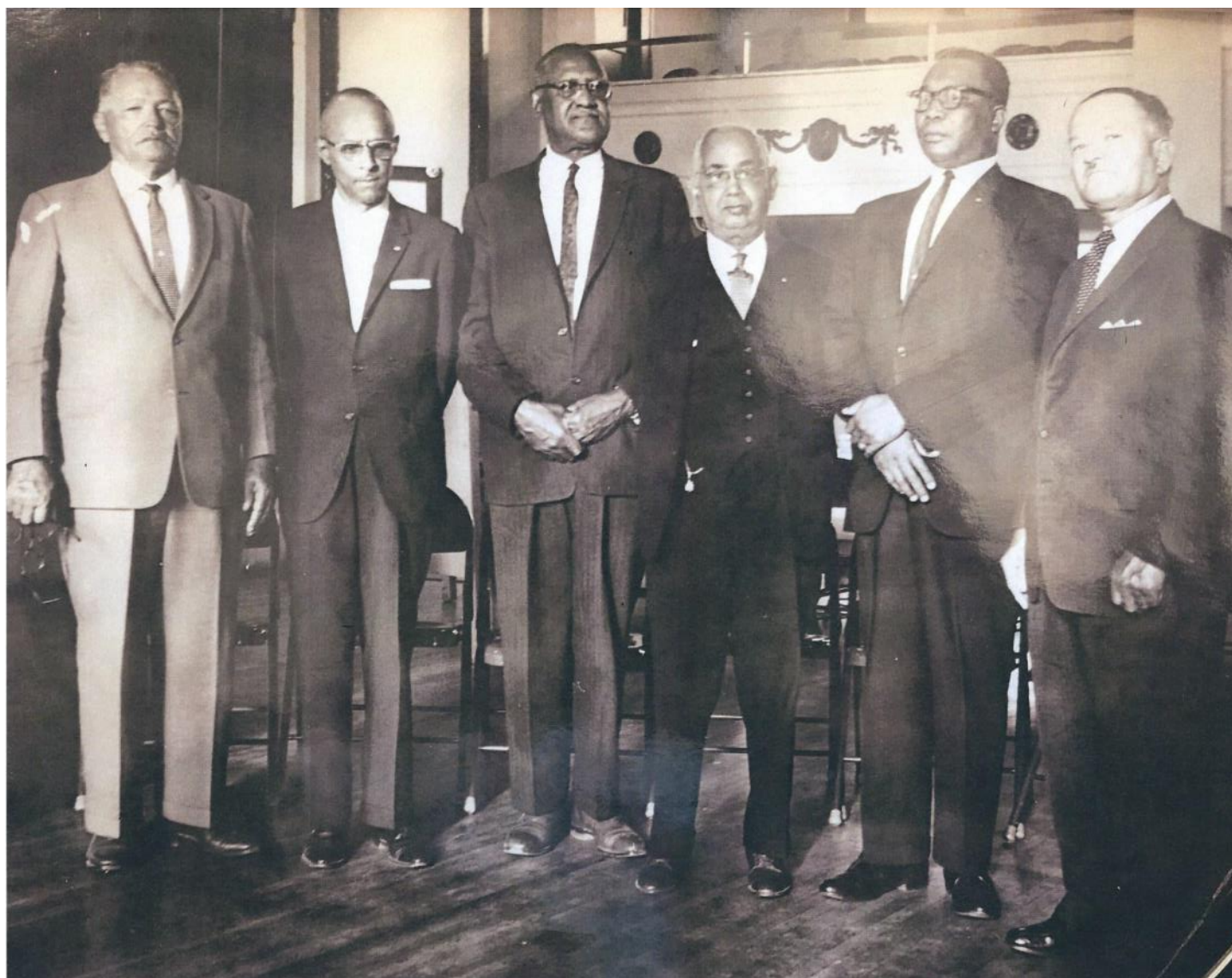
Unity

Gethsemane

Needham Creek

Woods Joy

A Blast from the Past



Dr. H.C. Fearn, R.D. Nesbitt, Sr., Malachi Morse, Charles V. Hendley, S.J. Bennett, and John H. Glanton, Sr. inside the auditorium of the masonic temple

From Whence We've Come...

Rituals of the Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Alabama

The backbone of a fraternal society is its ritual and ceremonies. The intrigue of the unknown that surrounds what happens behind the closed doors of the lodge is largely what keeps Freemasonry a step of discovery for men from all walks of life.

One of the most neglected topics in the historical and esoteric realm of Prince Hall Freemasonry remains the evolution of its ritual. Discussions between Prince Hall historians and ritualists surround both the historical and evolution of the ritual in the different Prince Hall jurisdictions. As such, we will take a brief glimpse into both the history and evolution of the ritual of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge, Free & Accepted Masons of Alabama.

While researching the origins of the rituals of Freemasonry, we learn that as early as 1638, The Muses Threnodie, or, Mirthfull Mournings, on the Death of Master Gall was published by Henry Adamson. As shown in the 1774 reprint of the work by James Cant, on page 84, we see the phrase “mason-word”, which is indicative of the soon-to-be growth of speculative masonry, and the modes of recognition of Masons, Adamson writes:

*“...We have the
Mason-Word and
second sight, Things for
to come we can foretell
aright, And shall we
show what misterie we
mean, In fair acrosticks
Carolus Rex is seen...”*

THE
MUSES
THRENODIE;
OR
MIRTHFUL MOURNINGS on the Death of
MR G A L L.

Containing variety of pleasant Poetical Descriptions, Moral Instructions, Historical Narrations, and Divine Observations, with the most remarkable Antiquities of Scotland, especially of Perth.

By Mr. H. ADAMSON.

Printed at Edinburgh in K. James's college, by George Anderson, 1638.

To this new Edition are added explanatory Notes and Observations, King James's Charter of confirmation, an Account of Gowries conspiracy, a List of the Magistrates of Perth with notes, a List of the Subscribers of a free gift for building the new Bridge, and an Account of the two remarkable inundations which endangered the town of Perth in 1210 and 1621, &c.

Compiled from authentic records.

By JAMES CANT.

As Freemasonry begins to evolve from its operative beginnings to a blend of operative and speculative lodges, so does the form of the ritual. In 1696, one of the earliest known Masonic

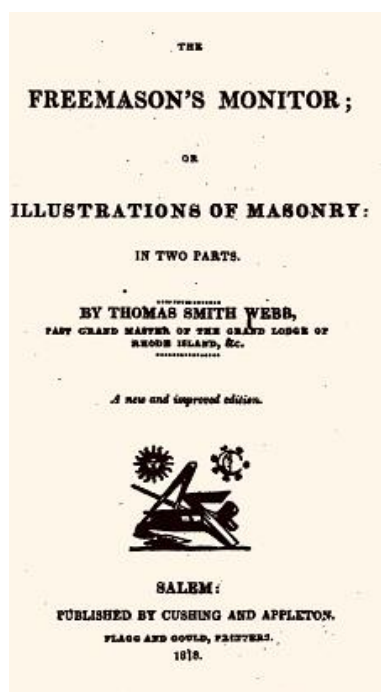
rituals and catechism emerges in The Edinburgh Register House MS (Manuscript). The opening line of the historic document begins with:

"Some questions that Masons use to put to those who have Ye Word before They will Acknowledge Them."

This opening line poses an elevated view to Freemasons and the public who could have read the document. It creates an intrigue but also poses an educational foundation for those Freemasons who would have the ability to access it and read it.

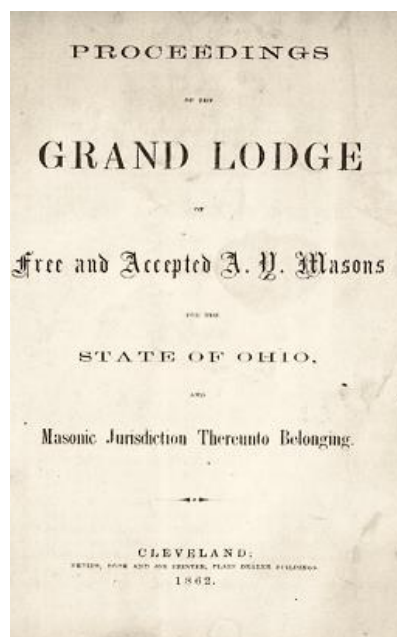
Just over two decades later at the Goose and Gridiron Ale House, the Grand Lodge of England would be formed during a meeting of the four London lodges, creating what we term speculative freemasonry, respectively. It is from this spring which the multitudes of Regular Grand Lodges today would eventually be birthed (along with the Grand Lodge of Scotland, Grand Lodge of France and Grand Lodge of Ireland). Years later, in the United States, Prince Hall Masons were practicing the Ancient Art of Freemasonry. History would not be kind to us, as the early records supporting what ritual they utilized is no longer extant.

After the formation of the Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Ohio (which birthed the lodges that formed the MWPHGL of Alabama), its leadership would participate in a series of debates internally regarding what ritual would be utilized by its jurisdiction. During the 1861 MWPHGLOH Grand Session, the Grand Lodge discussed the use of the Mystic Circle, as a means to determine Masonic questions. Just one year later, the Grand Lodge would vote to utilize both Webb's Monitor and Mackey's Jurisprudence as its administrative and ritualistic guides. The 1818 Preston-Webb Monitor would be used for years.



Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be authorized to forthwith communicate to the several Subordinate Lodges, under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, the adoption by this Grand Body of Mackey's Jurisprudence and

*Thomas Smith Webb's Monitor,
for the Law and Edict of this
Grand Body and subordination,
and that they shall observe the same
forthwith."*



Given the MWPHGLOH's adoption of the monitor, it is extremely important for those of us in Alabama. We are reminded that the three early lodges in Alabama were chartered and were subordinate lodges of the MWPHGLOH.

In 1870, the Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Alabama was established. The Grand Lodge maintained its connection with the MWPHGLOH early on for administrative and advisory purposes. Eight years later, in 1878, the MWPHGLAL would absorb the Compact GL of Alabama (who also used the Preston-Webb Monitor).

Grand Master Reuben R. Mims worked to set conformity within the Grand Lodge. He would have to stamp out irregular acts being committed by brothers thinking that their status as Knights Templars somehow overshadowed their fellow brethren that were Master Masons. Needless to say, he would take a clear stance that a Master Mason is a Master Mason, irrespective of their additional degrees. Additionally, GM Mims noticed that numerous lodges were utilizing multiple monitors in different parts of the state, he reaffirmed the original stance of the Grand Lodge, utilizing the Preston-Webb Monitor.

Years later, during the administration of Grand Master Walter T. Woods, he would change course given the lack of availability of Preston-Webb Monitor and in 1917 began to utilize Lester's Look to the East, as the official ritual from the MWPHGLAL. This ritual was used because it was readily accessible from vendors.

Since that time the Grand Lodge has maintained its usage of the Lester's and Grand Masters Charles V. Hendley, S.J. Bennett, William O. Jones and Corey D. Hawkins, Sr. have all continued the tradition. As a future outlook, Grand Master Hawkins has intentions of producing a supplement to the Lester's to answer any questions that may be looming amongst brothers.

*Contributor - RW Dr. L. Ken Collins, II
Grand Historian*

Message from the Grand Medical Registrar

“ANOTHER SUMMER - TIME TO GET IN SHAPE”

Greetings Brothers,

How many of us have said every summer that “I am going to get in shape this summer.”? We typically say that because we are planning that summer vacation to the resort or the beach. However, when we arrive at our destination we are in the same shape as before we left the house. You may go in the gym at the hotel to “pump” some iron to make yourself feel good or even get on the treadmill to try to fit in with the “in shape” crowd. Our bellies were still lapping over our belts. This summer put some effort in trying to increase your exercise regimen. If you can put in 30 minutes of exercise five days out of the week, then you are doing well. Hopefully, have you read the last medical article “IT IS HOT OUT THERE.” Utilizing that information will be very helpful in exercising during the summer months. You do not need to exercise outside if the heat is a problem for you. If you have stairs in your home, then you can walk up and down the stairs several times to get in a good cardio workout. Performing an exercise video in the cool surroundings of your home works just as well. Swimming is an excellent form of exercise and a great way to stay cool. I tell people all the time that you are never really too old to learn to swim if you have the motivation and in good health.

Motivation is that paralytic word that keeps us from doing a majority of our tasks. Sometimes it is easy to get started on a task such as exercising but eventually the motivation factor catches up and the enthusiasm wanes. Try to team up with someone that can keep you motivated such as a spouse or good buddy. Try to fight against the desire to quit and establish a good exercise regimen that may vary to keep up the motivation. At times there is too much pressure placed on rapid results. Remember the earth was not beautified in a day by the Grand Architect. My motto is that “you did not get out of shape overnight so do not expect to get in shape overnight.” As with most projects it takes time to get really good results. Motivation can be deterred by the fact that weight is either going up or staying the same. I encourage my patients by stating that when fat is converted to muscle ———muscle weighs more than fat but muscle is leaner. Therefore, you may see your weight go up, stay the same or decrease. Look at your clothing as it will become loose on the body with your progression of exercising.



Check with your physician to see what is a good starting exercise regimen for you, because everyone is different. Make sure you are in good health before you start to exercise. A key factor in exercising is that if you are not exercising on a regular basis then do not over exert yourself when you do start exercising. A lot of sport injuries are associated with improper preparation for exercise. Unfortunately in medicine there are differing views on stretching before exercising. Some say it helps while some will say it does not make a difference. I am more of the impression to stretch for 5 to 10 minutes before exercising. Do not try to impress other people by overdoing it when you exercise. Remember they will only take you to the doctor's office or call 911.



Do not forget to eat healthy with your new found exercise program. There are many diet plans that you can download off of the internet, after discussion with your physician, to facilitate your exercise. Junk food or just eating excessively will blow up a good exercise regimen. I have been there, as well. I have exercised and felt that I was starving and wanted to eat the first thing in view. Discipline had to develop in order to preserve the calories that had been burned. Try drinking water when you feel you are hungry initially because the thirst and hunger mechanisms are located in the same area of the brain. You may think that sensation is all associated with hunger but some may be thirst and can be quenched with water. Be smart with implementing supplements and weight loss agents into your exercise program. Make sure these products are safe and discussed with your physician. What works for one individual may not work for another individual.

Recap-start slow with exercise if you are just beginning an exercise regimen. Do not try to impress others with overexerting yourself. There are many techniques that you can do in your home to avoid the heat. Incorporate healthy eating to help keep your accomplishments with your exercise in check. Hydrate—typically with a good electrolyte replacement, if you can drink these products. Get a good physical with your physician if you have not had one for sometime before partaking in an exercise regimen. Find something or someone that can keep you motivated for good results. Remember an ancient saying that before a man can travel a thousand miles he must first take the first step.

Good day brothers. Hope to see you all well at our next Grand Lodge. May the Grand Architect bless each and everyone.

1 TIMOTHY 4:8 KJV

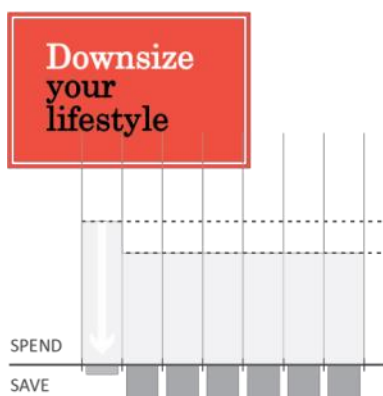
For bodily exercise profiteth little; but godliness is profitable unto all things, having promise of the life that now is, and of that which is come.

*Contributor – RW Dr. Belfondia Pou
Grand Medical Registrar*

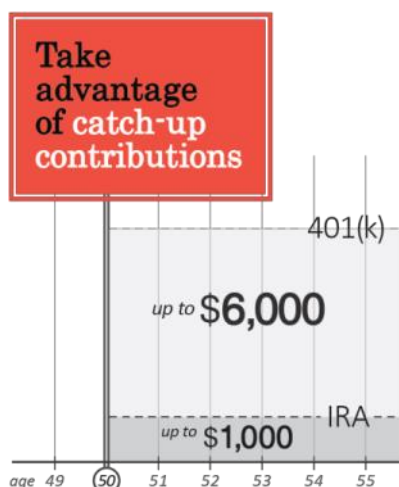
\$ Dollars and Sense \$

Late to the Retirement Savings Game?

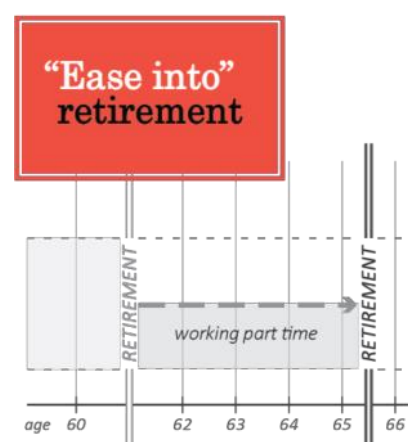
With a little preparation and a commitment to saving, it's never too late to get ahead. Here's how:



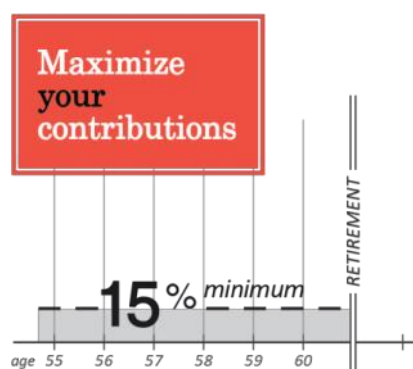
No retirement plan can ever work if you spend everything you make. While it may seem like a sacrifice now, trimming anything out of your budget that isn't a necessity will free up money to bankroll your future.



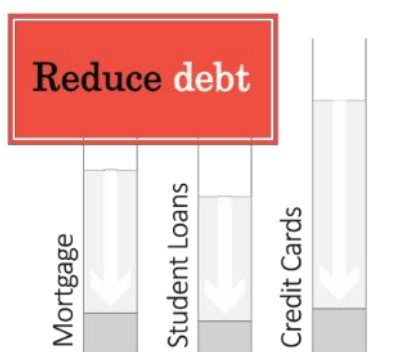
Are you age 50 or older? You can make catch-up contributions of up to \$6,000 for 401(k)s or \$1,000 for IRAs in 2018—these may provide tax-advantaged savings benefits, too.



Opting for part-time work instead of fully retiring allows you to continue to earn income that you can either put away for retirement or lessen the need to withdraw from your retirement assets—or both.



Start sticking away at least 15 percent of your gross annual salary—or more, if you can afford it.



Carrying debt into retirement is a retirement income killer. Make paying off large debts, such as student loans and high-interest credit cards, a top financial priority.

Talk to your advisor

Beyond these catch-up basics, talk to your Financial Professional about more complex things, like how long your expected savings will last and how you can maximize your Social Security benefits.



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Let's Take a Water Break!

On Tuesday, June 4, 2019, members of the Rose of Sharon Chapter No. 617, Order of the Eastern Star of Summerdale, Alabama, presented 21st Century Learning Center- Foley Middle/High School Project RISE June campers bottled water for the entire month of June! Each day from 9:00 A.M. -11:00 A.M. Project RISE (Responsible, Industrious, Student, Enterprise) students in grades 7-12 engage in a variety of physical activities outside. To combat the heat and quench thirst, Site Coordinator and Worthy Matron of Rose of Sharon Chapter No. 617, Dr. Annie Shoots, orchestrated this service/community project event. Our Grand Worthy Matron and Past Worthy Matron, Shirley Pratt, Past Worthy Matron Patricia Miller, and other members quickly approved of this endeavor and were eager to serve in this capacity. Thanks to the lovely ladies of Rose of Sharon Chapter No. 617, students have cold bottled water not only for outdoor physical activities but also on their college campus tours and other field trips during the month of June as they travel across the state for Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics field trip sites, as well. More than six hours produced this altruistic act of community love and support for the youth of Foley and surrounding areas. Over the duration of four weeks, by the camp's end, Rose of Sharon Chapter No. 617 will have volunteered more than 20 hours as water-break suppliers for Project RISE summer camp!



Foley Middle/High School Project RISE summer camp students with Rose of Sharon No. 617, OES members. Rose of Sharon Chapter No. 617, OES Members from left to right: Lucy Williams, Rose Robinson, Corrine Morrisette, GWM & PWM Shirley Pratt, WM Dr. Annie Shoots, PWM Patricia Miller, Alice Snowden. Contributing Members not pictured: WP Johnny Ikner, AP Kelvin Woodyard, Bridget Davis, Joyce Miller, Annie Mae Miller, Brenda Jackson, and Danielle Ikner

In The Spotlight

Each quarter the MWPHGL of Alabama will place one of our worthy brothers In The Spotlight. The worthy brother placed In The Spotlight this quarter is our Grand Master:

Getting to Know Our Grand Master

A new leader was chosen to stand in the East and start writing his architectural plans on the trestle board for his beloved Craft to operate in harmony. He had a modern style toward practicing wisdom that didn't trample on his predecessor's legacy, while humbly using its tenets to outline and define his path forward in welcoming the future to Prince Hall Freemasonry in Alabama. Since becoming Grand Master six years ago, reform has been his top priority for the assurance of proper checks and balances within every lodge as well as making sure each Mason is provided tools and resources for personal betterment in his travels. The works of Grand Master Corey D. Hawkins, Sr., is not only purposeful for the history of Freemasonry but also popular enough to be known as folklore and heroism among Masonic circles.

GM Hawkins has been ushering in the new age of enlightenment instead of the opposite. He and his cabinet first focused on developing guidance under forward-looking standards by updating the constitution and bylaws. Masonic birth certificates then became available along with certificates and pins for 50-plus years of membership. Whether brothers were suspended for nonpayment or lack of attendance, he reclaimed Masons who'd been off the membership rolls of lodges for years by implementing the Traveling Again Reclamation Program (TARP). As his early initiatives helped to increase membership, he memorialized the forerunners who came before him by identifying and laying wreaths at the gravesites of all the Past Grand Masters.

Mapping out opportunities for the organization has come with challenges. The lack of technology and obsolete business practices are issues that the GM is continually addressing. Upgrading or purchasing new equipment will require funding which may not be readily available for many lodges. Hawkins, however, is determined to find a solution through a mosaic process of masonic efforts. "We are gradually moving into the 21st century," GM Hawkins said, "but we have to do it in a way that includes the entire membership."

Grand Masters are responsible for maintaining order and preserving harmony within lodges, among the districts and throughout all jurisdictions. It's why Hawkins keeps a watchful eye on the negative behaviors that are fueled by a faction of members who are self-serving and causing damage by acting



*Honorable Corey D. Hawkins, Sr., Esq.
Most Worshipful Grand Master*

unethically to attain positions within the organization. He's determined to put an end to members being so vulnerable that they have to rely on the circulation of misleading information rather than researching the facts for themselves. The GM explained that such conduct goes on in every association, and that's why it's important to have operative investigative committees that will stop it from entering Prince Hall Masonry altogether.

His unwavering ambition is proving that the very best of times are ahead for Prince Hall lodges in Alabama. During his first year in office, he accomplished the milestone of securing the Prince Hall Masonic license plate. "It does my heart good to drive all over the State of Alabama and point out Prince Hall Masonic tags when I see them," said GM Hawkins, giving an example of hundreds of vehicles having the signature plate during Prince Hall Americanism Classic Weekend. This is another annual event that coordinated under his watch and continues to grow in attendance. His most notable activity is the yearly formation of over 1000 Masons and Eastern Stars to commemorate the Selma Bridge crossing for voting rights, which receives civic notoriety and international coverage.

There is a strategy that the GM of Alabama practices well to successfully accomplish the long list of items on his agenda. He avoids entertaining or giving energy to matters of opinion. Instead of defending masonry against the ignorance behind conspiracy theories, he's busy making sure members will be properly educated at Alabama School of Masonry, the newly established masonic college. He doesn't believe that Prince Hall Freemasonry is affected or being threatened by members who are affiliated with other fraternal organizations because, as he stated, "Freemasonry is the father of all fraternities. You must be cognizant enough to keep the organizations separated."

GM Hawkins currently serves as the Lieutenant Grand Commander of the United Supreme Council, 33° of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry, Prince Hall Affiliation, Southern Jurisdiction of the United States. He's also the Deputy Grand High Priest of the Most Excellent W.H. Mack Grand Chapter, Holy Royal Arch Masons of Alabama. Though his leadership roles require a lot of time and attention under a pressing schedule, he refuses to be inactive and must have daily involvement in the lives of his son and daughter, Corey, Jr and Autumn.

There is no prediction as to when that regularly stated communication will be held for lodge secretaries to read the Grand Proclamation reporting the completion of the new membership database, but members can be guaranteed that it will happen this upcoming year. Even though there is no finishing point yet set to the renovations on the masonic temple in Birmingham, Hawkins is laying out a five-year projection plan. Spectacular that temple will be, for even King Solomon himself is likely to send his best regards! The Grand Master is a peculiar visionary who knows how to manifest bright ideas and essential thoughts into existence. He's already telling the story about the Grand Lodge Annual Communication that happened in the year 2030, where dignitaries and guests gathered in the most beautifully-erected building ever owned by the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Alabama. Be sure to wear your best Masonic attire, because a ribbon-cutting ceremony took place for that occasion.

Contributor – Bro. James Sandefur III (No. 99)

REGION 2

News and Events from Region 2

Goshen Lodge No. 132 Hosts Annual Easter Egg Hunt

“Life’s most persistent and urgent question is, What are you doing for others?”— Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

For the past six years, under the leadership of Worshipful Master Cad Ford, Jr., the brothers of Goshen Lodge No. 132, of Marion, Alabama, have welcomed the community to a free, safe, and fun Easter Egg Hunt Celebration. This year the lodge held the event on Saturday, April 20th, a picture-perfect spring day. As always, a large crowd began to form about thirty minutes before the hunt was set to begin. This caused the brothers to make haste and carefully hide thousands of hard-boiled eggs and hundreds of dollars in prize eggs. While the happy, eager, and anxious crowd waited they were able to feast on treats of cool fruit juices, an assortment of chips, and freshly grilled hot dogs. Following a prayer by Brother Lionel Hinton and instructions to the children by Marvin Gaye Bennett, the lodge’s Junior Warden, the crowd burst into egg-hunting action, rapidly finding the hidden treasures. For those children not able to find any eggs, the brothers made up the difference by presenting them some eggs after the hunt. Smiles and giggles abounded all over Lincoln Park, where the event has been held since its inception.

The free event is held and sponsored by the lodge each year to celebrate the season and provide a positive, fun-filled and memorable event for the community, especially the children. The lodge would like to thank all the participants for coming out and having a good time, the Lincolniters for always providing the park; and local media outlets, WJUS radio station and The Marion Times Standard for helping to promote the event. The lodge hopes everyone had a safe, blessed, and Happy Easter!!!

Contributor – Bro. Robert D. Bryant (No. 132)



REGION 4

News and Events from Region 4

A Night of Celebration for RW George D. Echols

On Saturday, June 8, 2019, brothers of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Alabama came together to honor R.W. George D. Echols for his years of service and dedication to the Grand Lodge of Alabama and to the Masonic order. With family and friends on hand for this special occasion, Bro George Echols arrived without knowing what was in store for him. The event was held in Opelika, Alabama at the F.O.P. Lodge. The special event was planned and organized by Grand Trustee R.W. Morris Toolles with the assistance of District Deputy Erwin Chambliss. Several weeks of preparation took place for this occasion. R.W. George Echols was caught completely off-guard and was overwhelmed with emotions. Grand Master Corey Hawkins and a host of Grand Lodge Officers came to show love for our Grand Secretary, George Echols. Members throughout District Seven were well represented as they came to show their love and support for R.W. George Echols. Special love offerings were presented to Bro George Echols and wife Pat Echols for their years of service in the Masonic Order. Several district lodges showed their love by sending well wishes and love offerings to R.W. George Echols and family. Bro George Echols has been fighting an extended illness for some time and is determined to continue working in spite of his diagnosis. R.W. George Echols has rarely missed a Grand Lodge function since his diagnosis. He continues to be active in his local lodge, Milton W. Howze Lodge No. 408, Mizraim Temple No. 119, Booker T. Washington Consistory No. 115, and the PHA York Rite of Alabama. Congratulations to our Grand Secretary, Bro. George D. Echols. He is a true example of a dedicated brother who is committed to excellence!



RW George Echols and Pat Echols



*RW Echols with Grand Master Hawkins and other
Grand Lodge Officers*



RW Echols with members of Milton W. Howze Lodge No. 408

District Seven

Celebrates St. John's Day

To say that District Seven and the Beauregard community has been through a lot this year would be an understatement. With the devastation of the tornadoes that struck the area on March 3rd still lingering in the minds of everyone residing in Beauregard, it was a welcome sight to see the district masons come together for a more celebratory occasion. On Sunday, June 24, masonic lodges in the 7th district came together to celebrate St. John's Day. This event is celebrated all over the country as masons come together to honor St. John the Baptist in June and St. John the Evangelist in December. Nazareth Missionary Baptist Church hosted the 7th District and received the masons with open arms, as they did immediately after the March 3rd tornado. Pastor S. Dewayne Drakeford, who is a member of district three, delivered the message for the occasion. Friends and



District Deputy Erwin Chambliss and RW Carlton Jones presenting the Master Mason of the Year Award to Bro. Charlie Thomas of Northcreek Lodge No. 781



RW Carlton Jones and District Deputy Erwin Chambliss with OES Sis. Stephanie Bailey, Grand Conductress and Sis. Christine Strum, District Deputy of District 7

family came to help celebrate the occasion. District Deputy Erwin Chambliss delivered the final instructions prior to the line-up and march into the church. Two by two the master masons all marched in filling up several pews. The OES chapters were well represented, as well. They were led by District Deputy Christine Strum and Grand Conductress and Loyal Lady Ruler of the Golden Circle, Stephanie Bailey.

Saint John the Baptist and Saint John the Evangelist are two eminent patrons of Freemasonry. There is nothing in our history to explain how or why they were chosen as our patron saints, but there is no argument that they were the perfect choice because of the manner in which they lived and worked.

St. John the Baptist was a man of character and integrity, and someone we would all do well to emulate. In him, we have a singular instance of purity, of zeal, simplicity of manners, and an ardent wish to benefit mankind by his example. To him, we are indebted for the introduction of that grand tenet of our institution, which it is our glory to support: Peace on earth, good will toward men. Saint John the Evangelist is considered equal to the Baptist in his zeal for the same qualities, and because of his abilities as a speaker and writer, he was enabled to spread the teachings of Saint John the Baptist to a far broader audience. Together, the two Saints John represent those qualities of character that all good Freemasons are to aspire to have.

Immediately following the St. John's Day message, the district lodges proceeded to present scholarship monies to selected high school students from around the three counties. District 7 presented three \$500.00 scholarships to students in each of the three counties. Several lodges presented scholarships with a grand total of more than \$9,000.00 being given out. Deputy Erwin Chambliss also presented the Master Mason of the Year Award to Bro. Charlie Thomas of Northcreek Lodge No. 781.

Contributor – RW Carlton Jones (No. 428)



Milton Howze Lodge No. 408 Scholarship presentation to Ms. Casey Core



Shorter Lodge No. 533 Scholarship presentation to Ms. Teneal Foster



Phoenix Lodge No. 428 Scholarship presentation to Ms. Nyliah Malone

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~ SCHEDULE OF EVENTS ~

Sunday, July 21, 2019

7:00 a.m. - 10:00 p.m. Vendors..... Birmingham Prefunction Combined
12:00 p. m. - 12:00 a.m. Grand Lodge Office..... Birmingham Coatroom
4:00 p. m. – 6:00 p.m. First Aid and CPR Certification Birmingham Ballroom

Monday, July 22, 2019

7:00 a. m. - 8:00 p.m. Grand Lodge Office Birmingham Coatroom
7:00 a. m. - 8:00 p.m. Registration Birmingham Coatroom Foyer
7:00 a. m. - 10:00 p.m. Vendors Birmingham Prefunction Combined
7:00 a. m. - 4:00 p.m. Health Fair Birmingham Prefunction Combined
8:00 a. m. - 1:00 p.m. Trustees Meeting Birmingham Ballroom 1, 5
8:00 a. m. - 6:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal The Forum E
8:00 a. m. - 6:00 p.m. Committee Meetings The Forum A
7:00 a. m. - 8:00 a.m. Worshipful Master's Certification Registration Birmingham Ballrooms 3, 4,7,8,11,12
8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Worshipful Master's Certification Birmingham Ballrooms 3, 4, 7, 8, 11, 12
1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. Masonic College Testing Birmingham Ballrooms 3, 4, 7, 8, 11, 12
1:00 p. m. - 3:00 p.m. Trustees Luncheon Birmingham Ballroom
3:00 p. m. - 6:00 p.m. Workshop..... Birmingham Ballrooms 1, 5
5:00 p. m. - 7:00 p.m. Dignitaries Holding Room Birmingham Ballroom Cross Hallway 2, 6, 10
6:00 p. m. - 8:00 p.m. Welcome & Awards Program Birmingham Ballrooms 3, 4, 7, 8, 11, 12
8:00 p. m. - 10:00 p.m. Meet and Greet Birmingham Ballrooms 1, 5, 9

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(Continued)**

Tuesday, July 23, 2019

7:00 a. m. - 8:00 p.m.	Grand Lodge Office	Birmingham Coatroom
7:00 a. m. - 8:00 p.m.	Registration	Birmingham Coatroom Foyer
7:00 a. m. - 10:00 p.m.	Vendors.....	Birmingham Prefunction Combined
7:00 a. m. - 4:00 p.m.	Health Fair	Birmingham Prefunction Combined
8:00 a. m. - 12:00 p.m.	Dignitaries Holding Room	Birmingham Ballroom Cross Hallway 2, 6, 10
8:00 a. m. - 5:00 p.m.	Grand Lodge Opening Session	Birmingham Ballrooms 3, 4, 7, 8, 11, 12
8:00 a. m. - 6:00 p.m.	Committee Meetings	The Forum A
8:00 a. m. - 7:00 p.m.	Chorus Rehearsal	The Forum E
5:00 p. m. - 7:00 p.m.	Dignitaries Holding Room	Birmingham Ballroom Cross Hallway 2, 6, 10
7:00 p. m. - 9:00 p.m.	Lodge of Sorrow	Birmingham Ballrooms 3, 4, 7, 8, 11, 12

Wednesday, July 24, 2019

5:00 a. m. - 7:30 a.m.	Past Master's Degree	Birmingham Ballroom 1
7:00 a. m. - 1:00 p.m.	Grand Lodge Office	Birmingham Coatroom
7:00 a. m. - 12:00 p.m.	Vendors	Birmingham Prefunction Combined
7:00 a. m. - 1:00 p.m.	Registration	Birmingham Coatroom Foyer
8:00 a. m. - 1:00 p.m.	Grand Lodge Closing Session	Birmingham Ballrooms 3, 4, 7, 8, 11, 12

Our Mission

The mission of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons of Alabama is to continue the legacy of making good men better through fraternal brotherhood, to aid and assist our widows, orphans, and distressed brothers, and to contribute to the community through service, scholarship, charity and training.

Seventh District Masonic Awards and Recognition Banquet

On Saturday, June 1st, the Seventh Masonic District Masons of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Alabama continued its tradition of recognizing brothers for the good works they have done throughout the district. They held their annual Masonic Service Awards Banquet at the Tuskegee Municipal Complex in Tuskegee, Alabama. Eleven lodges from the 7th district attended and recognized members of their lodges for their dedication and service to the Masonic Order. Over 150 people attended the awards program. Grand Officers in attendance for the awards banquet were Grand District Deputy RW Erwin Chambliss, Grand Secretary RW George Echols, and Grand Junior Deacon and Assistant District Deputy RW Carlton Jones. There were several heads of other Masonic bodies who attended as well, to include; Commander in Chief of Booker T. Washington Consistory No. 115, Johnny Bailey, Valley of Tuskegee, Orient of Alabama, Commander-In-Chief of Jacob Harrison Consistory No. 85, Dwayne Mack, Valley of Columbus, Orient of Georgia, Past Illustrious Potentate and Desert High Priest and Prophet Eric Harrell, Al-Sharif Temple No. 252. District Worthy Patron Bro Gerald Pollard represented the Order of the Eastern Stars.



WM Robert Strozer of Mt. Zion Lodge No. 494 introduces the Guest Speaker, Tuskegee Professor, Bro. Lawrence Cobb

Prior to the presentation of awards, the audience was treated to a series of delightful and humorous jokes by

the Grand Secretary George Echols and District Patron Bro Gerald Pollard. The guest speaker, Mt. Zion Lodge No. 494 Senior Warden and Tuskegee University College Professor, Lawrence Cobb, delivered a powerful message on the requirement of brothers to look out for each other. The subject "Am I my Brother's Keeper?" resonated powerfully with the audience. The mood was set for the main event of the evening' awards and recognition. Brothers from the eleven lodges in the district were recognized for their accomplishments and dedication during the past year. Worshipful Masters from the district lodges announced each respective Master Mason of the Year in front of the large audience. Additional recognitions were given by each



Shorter Lodge No. 533 Award recipients from left to right: Bro Derrick Knight, Bro Tyrone Tarver, WM Willie Smith, Bro. Chico Denmark

Worshipful Master through plaque presentations to several deserving members of his lodge for their service and commitment to the lodge and district. The District Worshipful Master of the Year Award was announced by Grand District Deputy RW Erwin Chambliss; with this distinctive honor being presented to Shorter Lodge No. 533's is Worshipful Master, Willie Smith. Visibly moved by the honor, WM Smith delivered an arousing acceptance speech. Among the many accomplishments of Shorter Lodge No. 533 under the leadership of Worshipful Master Willie Smith was the implementation of a Memorial Day set aside to honor the late Harold Powell Jr., Macon County Official and one of his most dedicated members of Shorter Lodge No. 533. WM Smith recognizes a member of his lodge with this honor who is serving faithfully in the lodge. Shorter Lodge is also responsible for donating several toys and over 50 bicycles to neighboring counties of Macon, Elmore, and Tallapoosa. Job well done WM Smith and Shorter Lodge No. 533!

At the conclusion of the awards recognition program, Pastor Joshua Anthony of Beulah Baptist Church, who is also the Senior Warden of Shorter Lodge No. 533, delivered a memorial moment of silence to all the victims of the devastating tornado that hit Macon and Lee Counties in March. He concluded with the closing prayer. Congratulations to District Seven on a job well done!

Contributor – RW Carlton Jones (No. 428)



District 7 Master Mason of the Year Award presented to Bro. Nazir Muhammad of Milton W. Howze No. 408



District 7 Worshipful Master of the Year Award presented to WM Willie Smith of Shorter Lodge No. 533



District 7 group picture

District No. 8 Hosts Saint John's Day Celebration and Holds Public Installation of Officers

The members of District No. 8 held their annual Saint John the Baptist celebration on Sunday, June 23, 2019, at Southlawn Baptist Church, where Rev. Dr. D'Linell Finley is the Senior Pastor. The Master of Ceremony for the program was PM Terence J. Gill, W. T. Woods Lodge No 842. Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter Officers were introduced by PM Loveless Belser, Worshipful Master of Hamilton Lodge No. 365. Sister Ruby Jenkins, Grand District Deputy No. 20, Mizpah Grand Chapter Order of the Eastern Star and Brother Donald R. Parks, Grand District Deputy No. 8, MW Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Alabama brought greetings and remarks. PM Kelvin Alexander, Worshipful Master of R. H. Rice Lodge No. 345 presented the occasion.

One of the highlights of the program was the portrayal of Saint John the Baptist by Brother Kristopher Hardin and Saint John the Evangelist by Brother Freddie Hodricks, both of W.T. Woods Lodge No. 842. Quotations from the scriptures were presented and a conversation between the two Saint Johns on their personal relationships with Jesus The Christ. The performance was outstanding and very well received by the audience.



Honorable Steven Reed, Montgomery County Probate Judge, Guest Speaker for the District No. 8 St. John's Day Program



Brothers and Sisters and families attending the Saint John's Day Celebration

Another highlight of the program was the guest speaker, The Honorable Steven Reed, Probate Judge of Montgomery County. Judge Reed spoke on our responsibility as citizens to be involved in our neighborhoods, our communities, our state, and the nation. He challenged us to be registered voters and to exercise our right to participate in the process of selection of leaders at all levels of government. The audience showed their appreciation of Judge Reed's remarks by giving a standing ovation at the conclusion of his presentation.

The program closed with a musical selection by Brother Ronnie Barnes, A. A. Peters Lodge No 900 and comments by Grand District Deputy Parks.

At the close of the Saint John's Day Program, Grand District Deputy Parks opened the District No. 8 Installation of Elected Lodge Officers for 2019 – 2020 program. PM Terence Gill introduced the Lodges and presented the officers for installation. PM Terence Gill introduced the installing officers. The Charge to and the installation of Lodge Secretaries was conducted by Past Grand District Deputy PM Joseph E. Holley, J. H. Green Lodge No. 113. The Charge to and installation of Lodge Treasurers was conducted by PM Roderick Caswell, Abraham Lodge No. 267. The Charge to and installation of Lodge Junior Wardens was conducted by Assistant Grand District Deputy, PM Michael Williams, R. H. Rice Lodge No. 345. The Charge to and installation of Lodge Senior Wardens was conducted by Assistant Grand District Deputy, PM Willie Fletcher, Saint Mark Lodge No. 4. The Charge to and installation of Lodge Worshipful Masters was conducted by Grand District Deputy, PM Donald R. Parks, R. H. Rice Lodge No. 345. Grand District Deputy, PM Donald R. Parks had the members of all Lodges to stand. He then presented the Charge to all members of all Lodges. The newly installed Worshipful Masters were presented to the audience for remarks and comments. Grand District Deputy Parks presented the Closing Charge and proclamation.

At the conclusion of the District No. 8 Programs, everyone was served a delicious meal and enjoyed a social hour. A very special thank you to Sisters Symiria J. Parks, Marilynn Pressley, Johnetta Smith, Tracy L. Parks, and Helles-tine Beamon of Malachi Chapter No. 186, OES and Ms. Faye Rogers for preparing and serving the delicious meal that was enjoyed by everyone.

Congratulations to the newly elected and installed officers.



*RW Rev. E. Baxter Morris, Grand Chaplain
RW Donald R. Parks, Grand District Deputy
District No. 8*



*Grand District Deputy Donald R. Parks conducting the
Installation of Worshipful Masters of District No. 8*

Contributor – RW Donald R. Parks

Abraham Lodge No. 267

Answering the Call

On Friday, April 19, 2019, the brothers of Abraham Lodge No. 267 gathered at the local Salvation Army to fulfill a dire need of support concerning the homeless and low-income members of the community. Abraham Lodge spent quality time helping the kitchen staff prepare and serve food. Many low-income families and homeless men/women depend on the food the Salvation Army provides daily, 365 days a year. Brothers also donated an enormous amount of food items that would be used to provide a gourmet dinner the next evening. To conclude the evening, the brothers of Abraham Lodge No. 267 also gave the kitchen staff a bit of relief, by cleaning the kitchen, food prep area, and dining area. Abraham Lodge also set up a partnership to help take on future task and help wherever needed.



Pictured L/R: Bro. Wayne Johnson, Bro. Martin Clayton, Bro. Darion Richardson, WM Clifford Benson, Bro. Brian Woodgett, Bro. Reginald Hunter, Bro. Carzell Hunter, and PM Roderick Caswell

Abraham Lodge No. 267

Hosts its Annual Fun Day



May 4th was an exciting Saturday for 50 – 60 seniors. Various Senior citizens from across multiple communities that make up Montgomery were treated to an evening of fun. Although it rained outdoors, that didn't stop the dancing, games, and fun as Abraham Lodge No. 267 hosted its Annual Fun Day. The brothers also enjoyed the pleasure of talking and interacting with all the attendees. Listening to stories and hearing concerns on how to improve relations with older citizens. All guests in attendance were treated to a delicious meal, door prizes, and small gifts to remember the glorious day.

Contributor – PM Roderick Caswell (No. 267)

Hamilton Lodge No. 365

Serving in Its Community

On June 16th Hamilton Lodge No. 365 had the esteemed pleasure of serving alongside the NGU members in ways such as preparing and delivering meals to the surrounding community. NGU or Never Give Up Foundation is a group of amazing individuals in Montgomery, AL whose primary focus is to feed those in need. They gather once a month at the Farmer's Market on Fairview Avenue ready to serve all that show up. They also delivered meals to the local fire department and the Salvation Army. Hamilton Lodge is looking forward to serving with NGU again in the future.

Hamilton Lodge would like to give a special thanks to NGU founder and lodge member, Brother Chanavous Nichols for the opportunity to serve with his foundation in the community.

Hamilton Lodge No. 365 also visited with Jesus Cares Thrift Store of Montgomery, AL. The brothers assisted the staff with day-to-day duties such as stocking shelves, sorting clothes and assisting customers.

Contributor – Bro. Robert Martin (No. 365)



Phoenix Lodge No. 428 Hosts Annual Youth Awards Banquet

For the past three years, Phoenix Lodge No. 428 has come together in efforts to recognize extraordinary children in its community who excel in academics, athletics, church, and community service. This year's event was held at Bethel AME Church in Phenix City, AL. On June 6, 2019, Phoenix Lodge No. 428 awarded twelve youths in the community with plaques of recognition. The guest speaker was

Councilwoman Vicky Carter-Johnson of District Two in Phenix City. The lodge also recognized a leader in the community for his/her outstanding services for future generations; this year's recipient of the Community Star Award was Brother, Minister Desi Morgan. Overall this was a fantastic event. Thanks to all of those who participated in making the banquet a success.



Phoenix Lodge No. 428 Participates in Mentoring Club



On May 8th, Phoenix Lodge No. 428 partnered with Ridgecrest Elementary School in Phenix City, AL to mentor a group of fine young men who have been selected to participate in the schools Golden Ambassador Young Gentlemen's Club. The mentors talked to the mentees about staying out of trouble, the importance of good grades, respectful manners, and a plethora of other topics that may affect their lives in detrimental ways. Lodge members stated, "It is an honor to be called

upon to be pillars of strength in our community. It is our duty as stewards to prepare the next generation for the difficult task of leading our culture into an unknown future." Thanks, and salutations to all the brothers that participated in this effort. Keep up the great work.

Contributor - WM Keith Daniel (No. 428)

Mount Nebo Lodge No. 511 Hosts Annual Boys and Men Conference



On Saturday, June 8, 2019, Mount Nebo Lodge No. 511 held its Boys and Men Conference at the Town Creek District Community Center. This event was a great event attended by some great men and young men from the community. Rev. K. G. Jones, Pastor of Bethel Missionary Baptist Church in Tuskegee, AL gave a powerful message. He used a knife and a knife sharpener to illustrate that iron sharpens iron. Meaning that the older men need to be the knife sharpener and the younger men be the knife to help sharpen them up as they go about in the world. Rev. Jones talked about his life experiences and how men need to step up and teach boys how to be men.

Terry Buford, Senior Deacon of Mt. Nebo Lodge No. 511, talked about young men being the best they can be and when they are out in public, they not only represent themselves, but their families, as well. Grand District Deputy Erwin Chambliss encouraged the young men to stay on the right track and keep their grades up, to be productive citizens and to respect authority. Rev. Michael Crayton of M and E Suits gave the young men bow ties from his suit store, so the young men would know how to dress and look professional. Other speakers included were Macon County Commissioner of District 3, Edward Huffman and Rev. George Wilson President of the Town Creek District.

Mt. Nebo Lodge No. 511 Helps to Feed the Community

During the months of April-June the brothers of Mt. Nebo Lodge No. 511 partnered with Rev. Anthony Williams of Helping Hands Ministry and Brother Dominguez Hurry, Secretary for Mt. Nebo Lodge and County Extension Agent for the Alabama Cooperative Extension System. ACES has a hand on therapeutic garden, located on the campus of the Central Alabama Veterans Health Care System (CAVHCS) in Tuskegee, AL, and a school garden, located at George Washington Carver Elementary School in Tuskegee. The brothers of Mt. Nebo assisted in harvesting, packaging and distributing the produce that was grown in the gardens and the food that was received from the Food Bank of Alabama. The Helping Hands Ministry distributes food at different sites throughout Macon County on a weekly basis. The veterans, students and brothers, got great satisfaction knowing that their hard work in those gardens was used for a great cause.

Contributor - Bro. Dominguez C. Hurry (No. 511)



School Children loading greens onto Bro. Hurry's truck to be donated

Shorter Lodge No. 533 Receives Award

At Scholarship Banquet

On Saturday, June 1, 2019, at the Tuskegee Municipal Complex, the brothers of the 7th District held a Scholarship Banquet to acknowledge and award several brothers for the hard work, dedication, and commitment to Masonry and the craft. The brothers have served their communities and upheld the name of Prince Hall to the best of their abilities, which is why they were recognized by the district and by Shorter Lodge No. 533. Brother Derrick Knight received an award for Master Mason of the Year. He has been a consistent brother when it comes to serving and standing in the gap where he is needed. Brother Tyrone Tarver received the Harold Powell, Jr. Award which is awarded to a worthy brother that has shown support and dedication to the lodge. Brother Tarver is a new member who has hit the ground running since he was raised. He cooks, cleans and shows up to serve at every meeting and community event. Brother Willie Smith was recognized by the entire 7th District as the Worshipful Master of the Year. Shorter Lodge has grown, strived and thrived under his leadership. The award was well deserved. Lastly, Brother Chico Denmark received an award for Master Mason of the Year for Shorter Lodge No. 533. The award was well deserved due to his service and support of Shorter Lodge No. 533 and the Grand Lodge of Alabama. Shorter Lodge No. 533 was represented well at the banquet and they pride themselves in representing the Grand Lodge well in their endeavors. The lodge is proud to serve alongside the brothers of the 7th District.

Contributor – Bro. Joshua Anthony (No. 533)



Shorter Lodge No. 533 Award recipients from left to right: Bro Derrick Knight, Bro Tyrone Tarver, WM Willie Smith, Bro. Chico Denmark

REGION 5

News and Events from Region 5

Pride of North Birmingham No. 319 Supporting Autism Education and Awareness

On May 18, 2019, Pride of North Birmingham Lodge No. 319 proudly participated in and made a financial contribution to the 4th Annual Team Jory Walk for Autism and Fun Day held at Historic Kelly Ingram Park in Birmingham's Civil Rights District. For four years, Lodge No. 319 has supported this event that was organized by the Jory's Journey Foundation (JJF), a non-profit organization that's committed to educating, empowering, and inspiring underserved families living with autism, particularly African-American families. The JJF was founded by Jarrod and Alicia Sims; their son Jory was diagnosed with autism. They understand that autism is the least identified and least funded disability that we have; especially in the African American Communities. JJF is making sure that valuable resources are brought back to underserved communities in Jefferson County. JJF's mission is to educate, empower, and inspire our communities living with autism. The JJF is helping to ensure each child reaches his/her full potential. We proudly support this organization and its efforts to make a difference.

Contributor - Bro. Tony "O." Lloyd (No. 319)



New Beginning Lodge No. 970

Awards Educational Scholarship

On April 11, 2019, the Brothers of New Beginning Lodge No. 970 made a presentation at the Lawson State Community College Awards Day Celebration. WM Boone presented Mr. Jackson Johnson a \$500.00 Educational Scholarship to aid in his educational pursuit. Several brothers from New Beginning were in attendance for the scholarship presentation, as well as, Grand District Deputy Walter Greene.



The brothers of New Beginning Lodge No. 970 also awarded Ms. Mya Alston as the 2019 Recipient of the Willie J. Foster Memorial Scholarship. Each year high school seniors submit an essay. The scholarship committee reads, critiques, and grades each submitted essay to select a winner. The winner of the essay contest is awarded \$1000.00 and a laptop computer to aid in their educational endeavors. Ms. Alston has decided to further her education at the University of Alabama at Birmingham.



New Beginning Lodge No. 970

Participates in Annual May and Field Days



On May 17, 2019, the brothers of New Beginning Lodge No. 970 volunteered at Center Point Elementary School, assisting with their Annual May Day. The brothers were responsible for field activities, as well as, set up and break down of the events. There were over 675 students, from grades K-2, who participated in the day of fun and structured activities. The brothers purchased and served pizza, water, and sweet tea to student volunteers and staff in appreciation for all they do for our youth.



On May 22, New Beginning Lodge No. 970 volunteered at Martha Gaskins Elementary School with their Annual Field Day Event. The day consisted of several events to promote physical activity; including tug of war, water balloon races, kickball, sack races, obstacle courses, and bouncy houses. Keeping with tradition, New Beginning Lodge donated school supplies, water, snacks, and a bouncy house for the children attending. New Beginning partnered with PolyOne/Glasforms Corp. via relationships fostered by SW Beal, of which he is employed. There were also volunteers from PolyOne/Glasforms in attendance to work the event.

Contributor – Bro. Carlos Bozeman (No. 970)

REGION 6

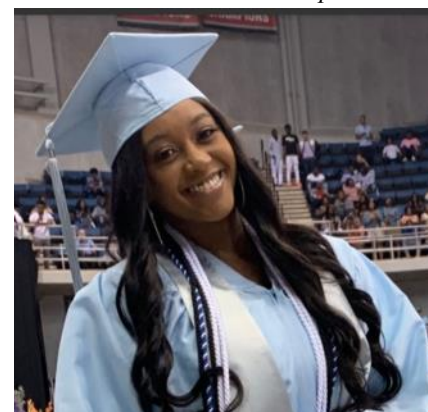
News and Events from Region 6

District No. 17 Recognizes Deserving Students for Scholarship Awards

On Saturday, April 6, 2019, during the Region 6 Annual Meeting it was confirmed that Ms. DeAdra Kelly would be the recipient of the District No. 17 Scholarship Award and Ms. Asineade Joli' Fuller would be the nominee to represent Region 6 to receive the Grand Lodge Scholarship Award. Ms. DeAdra Kelly is a senior at Sparkman High School (SHS) in Harvest-Monrovia, Alabama, but also attended East Limestone High School (ELHS); she currently holds a 3.3 GPA. Ms. Kelly is a scholarly student which afforded her the opportunity to graduate early, December 2018; she will walk across the graduation stage in May 2019 with her classmates. Ms. Kelly was an accomplished student-athlete; she ran track while attending ELHS, competing in the 100m, 200m, 4x1m, and long jump. Ms. Kelly was an active school academic and service club member; participating in the Spanish Club, Beta Club, Science Club, Cool to be Kind Club, and Diamond Dolls. She was active in her community and social media on speaking out against bullying. Ms. Kelly is employed at McDonald's to provide financial support in her household. Ms. Kelly is also an active member of New Life Christian Praise Center.



Ms. DeAdra Kelly , recipient of the District No. 17 Scholarship Award



Ms. Asineade Joli' Fuller , nominee for Region 6 Grand Lodge Scholarship Award

Ms. Kelly will be attending the University of North Alabama (UNA) upon graduation. She plans to pursue studies in Nursing; which she has career aspirations to become a traveling nurse to care for people in various locations. Ms. Kelly plans to continue supporting her community and beyond through the Peer Helper Program; which tutors and mentors middle school, high school, and special needs students.

Ms. Asineade Joli' Fuller is a senior at Lee High School (LHS) in Huntsville, AL.; she currently holds a 3.5 GPA ranking her 12th in her graduating class. Ms. Fuller participated in extracurricular activities in high school; she was the LHS Dance Team Captain, and active in academic and service clubs such as the Beta Club, National Dance Honor Society, and the Freshman Mentor Group. Ms. Fuller is an active member of her church, Madkins Chapel.

Ms. Fuller has been accepted into Alabama A&M University (AAMU) and will be attending in the Fall of 2019. She plans to pursue studies in Physical Therapy; which she has career aspirations of helping rehabilitate patients of all ages. Ms. Fuller has cited that her father has inspired her to pursue this field; as she has observed his mentoring and father-figure spirit as a coach.

Contributor – RW Anthony Johnson

District Seventeen's Northeast Worshipful Masters Council Annual Awards Banquet



On May 17, 2019, the members of District 17's Northeast Worshipful Masters Council held its Annual Awards Banquet at the Holiday Inn - Research Park located in Huntsville, AL. This event is held every year to bring the fourteen lodges in District 17's Northeast Region, thirteen chapters in District 15, OES, along with their family and friends together to celebrate and give notice to the charitable work, dedication, and commitment to the surrounding communities by the several lodges and chapters.

The event committee, led by WM Jarvis Noel of Goodway Lodge No 222, did an outstanding job putting the program together which was very entertaining from start to finish. Bro. Carl Cooney from Temple Lodge No. 98 was the Master of Ceremony and did an outstanding job in keeping the program in line with the agenda while keeping the guests entertained.

After a very delicious meal was served by the Holiday Inn staff, each lodge and chapter representative had the chance to present members in their lodge or chapter, whom they thought were worthy of being recognized with awards. There are always great brothers and sisters working hard in the Prince Hall family, and it's good to recognize those members that went the extra mile and also show them that their good works haven't gone unnoticed.



The final four awards were presented from District 17's Northeast Worshipful Masters Council. The Master Mason of the Year Award was presented to Brother Anthony Williams of Lincoln Lodge No. 99 for his many contributions to his lodge, District 17 and the Huntsville community. The Worshipful Master of the Year Award was presented to WM Jarvis Noel of Goodway Lodge No. 222 for his outstanding leadership of his lodge and giving them a renewed enthusiasm to be a great lodge in District 17. The Perry O. Ward Award was presented to Past Master Royce Brister for his years of continued support and guidance he has given to lodges and brothers in District 17, Northeast Worshipful Masters Council and Prince Hall Masonry in the Jurisdiction of Alabama. The Honors of the Council Award was presented to Brother Johnathan Scott of Athelstine Lodge No. 71 for his outstanding work in Community Service he so graciously gives. After receiving his award, Bro. Scott provided encouraging words about community involvement. All the awards from the District 17 Northeast Worshipful Masters Council were voted on by the members of the council except for the Worshipful Master of the Year Award, which was selected by PM H. Jerome Glover, who is the President of the District 17's Northeast Worshipful Masters Council.

The evening of fun concluded with remarks from PWM Michele G. King, Grand District Deputy No. 15, OES, RW Anthony J. Johnson, Grand District Deputy, District 17 and PM H. Jerome Glover, President, District 17 Northeast Worshipful Master's Council. Many stayed to fellowship at the close of the banquet.

Contributor – PM H. Jerome Glover



PM Glover presenting PM Royce Brister with the Perry O. Ward Award



PM Glover presenting Bro. Anthony Williams with the Master Mason of the Year Award with WM Jimmie Payne



PM Glover presenting WM Jarvis Noel with the Worshipful Master of the Year Award



PM Glover presenting Bro. Johnathan Scott with the Honors of the Council Award

District Seventeen Celebrates St. John's Day

On Sunday, June 23, 2019, both regions of District No. 17 conducted its Annual St. John's Day Program. The Northeast region of the District held its program at the Big Shiloh Primitive Baptist Church in Madison, AL. During the program, District No. 15 OES Choir provided musical selections, providing an added element of entertainment during the celebration. The speaker of the hour was Reverend Billy Jones (Retired) of St. James Primitive Baptist Church. This year's attendance was one of the largest in recent years by the lodges, chapters, as well as, family members. At the conclusion of the program GDD Michelle King, GWP Calvin Miller, AGDD Frank Langford, and PM Herman Glover brought forward closing remarks commending the committee, pastor, and choir for a job well done for the planning and execution of the celebration. After the final remarks were given all in attendance were treated to a delicious meal before departing.

The lodges of the Northwest region along with District No. 16 OES held its program at St. Mark Missionary Baptist Church in Florence, AL. The speaker of the hour was Rev. Lathan Strong, Associate Pastor of St. Mark Missionary Baptist Church. At the conclusion of the program, GDD Anthony Johnson and AGDD Robert Johnson brought forward closing remarks commending the pastor and choir on a job well done.



District No. 17's Northeast Worshipful Masters Council Supports Rose of Sharon

On Saturday, May 18th, brothers of District No. 17 came to the rescue when Rose of Sharon had no other resources to relocate their operation to its new building, where they could resume their community service within the Huntsville area. When Theresa Wilson (CEO) of the organization received the news from the City of Huntsville that their building was condemned, she reached out to the brothers of District No. 17 in hopes of receiving a helping hand. Brother Greg White of Morning Star Lodge No. 50 organized a plan and the brothers quickly stepped up and volunteered their moving equipment and, most of all, their muscle, to help the staff move over sixteen refrigerators fully stocked with meats, vegetables and other foods to their new location on 723 Arcadia Circle. Rose of Sharon relies on many organizations, donations to fund its efforts to provide 4,000 free meals each month; serving breakfast and lunch Monday thru Friday, for those in need. Mrs. Wilson was overjoyed and extremely thankful that the operation was completed in one day!! “Big Chuck”, from the Rose of Sharon staff also deserves a debt of gratitude because he was the driving force in helping the Council members accomplish this mission which ended around 3 pm on Saturday afternoon.

Last, Rose of Sharon wants everyone to know without the assistance from the work the brothers of Northeast Worshipful Masters Council, Rose of Sharon Soup Kitchen would not have been able to relocate well over three-thousand pounds of refrigerated food storage to its new facility, which is 2000 square feet larger than its previous building on the Parkway.

Contributor – Bro. Greg White (No. 50)



Evening Star Lodge No. 6 Announces Two Scholarships

‘Tis the time when one season ends and another begins for High School Seniors. Graduation can be a fun and happy time because it’s the culmination of reaching a pinnacle in their lives. Students are thrilled to reach such a milestone; parents are proud of the achievement of their children.

It also can be a stressful time. Students are apprehensive because they often do not know what they want to do.

Some join the military, while others enter the workforce. Yet, another group decides to attend an institution of higher learning. This group is faced with different issues than the former two. The most prevalent question is “How am I or how are we going to pay for college?” Every student entering some type of higher learning institution has asked the same question (unless they were born with a silver spoon in their mouths).

It is not possible to help everyone in need. But for two students in Huntsville, Evening Star Lodge No. 6 was able to assist them and their families to help ease the stress, just a little. On May 21, 2019, Evening Star Lodge No. 6 presented scholarships to Ms. Asineade Joli Fuller and Mr. Gregory Lamont Crawford.

Ms. Fuller was the recipient of the Evening Star Lodge No. 6 Scholarship. She is the daughter of Brother and Mrs. Andy Fuller. Ms. Fuller had a 3.5 GPA from Lee High School. She plans to attend Alabama A&M University in the fall. Ms. Fuller plans to major in Biology/Physical Therapy.

Mr. Crawford was the recipient of the Perry O. Ward Scholarship. He is the son of Ms. Michelle Mosley. Mr. Crawford had a 3.1 GPA from New Century Technology High School. He plans to attend Calhoun Community College before attending the University of Alabama in Huntsville. Mr. Crawford plans to major in Computer Science.



Ms. Asineade Joli Fuller

Evening Star Lodge No. 6 Hosts Annual Perry O. Ward Golf Tournament



On Jun 28, 2019, Evening Star Lodge No. 6 held its Annual Perry O. Ward Memorial Scholarship Golf Tournament at Colonial Golf Course in Meridianville, AL. The tournament was created to raise funds for Evening Star Lodge No. 6 to support the advancement of local high school students seeking higher education through scholarship. Sixteen golfers participated in the tournament and a good time was held by all. There were two flights and winners.

The tournament was named for Perry O. Ward, a truant officer of the Huntsville School System and Worshipful Master of Evening Star Lodge No. 6 for over twenty years. PM Ward was dedicated to helping students succeed. A portion of the proceeds of the tournament will go toward the Perry O. Ward Scholarship.



Contributor – WM Ben Long (No. 6)

Temple Lodge No. 98 Coordinates Community Clean-up

As this masonic year draws to a close, Temple Lodge No. 98, Huntsville, AL engaged in a community service entrenched in work, legacy, and love. On June 26, 2019, Temple Lodge No. 98, in coordination with the City of Huntsville's "Operation Green Team," performed a gravesite visit, clean-up, and period of reflection at Glenwood Cemetery. The community service was selected to pay homage and honor to Past Grand Master (PGM) Henry C. Binford, Sr. & PGM Charles V. Hendley, Esq.

As stated by Worshipful Master Cooney, "This small undertaking serves to remind us of the great history of Prince Hall Masons in the state of Alabama, and embodies us as Masons to never forget the pavers of our path. Without the dedication, determination, and commitment of these brothers laid before us...we would not be practicing masonry in this state today."

Contributor – WM Carl Cooney. (No. 98)



Morning Star Lodge No. 50 Awards Educational Scholarships

Three key virtues, which have also been called the graces of Freemasonry, are Faith, Hope, and Charity. These three principles should sit high upon every Mason's priorities of how to deal with their fellow man. The members of Morning Star Lodge No. 50 were given the opportunity to place these words into action on the 16th & 17th of May when they were able to award two deserving graduating seniors with scholarships and strengthen their FAITH in the belief that, if they apply themselves and do their best, that their efforts will not go unnoticed nor unrewarded.

Mr. Shafi Luquan Muhammad who is graduating from Bob Jones High School in Madison, Alabama is seeking a Biology degree from Jackson State University in Jackson, Mississippi. His goal is to be a Radiologist. He was named the recipient of the Morning Star Lodge No. 50 scholarship totaling \$1,500.00. He maintained a GPA of 4.38 and was a star track athlete.

Mrs. Joyis Nicole Mitchell who is graduating from Sheffield High School in Sheffield, Alabama is seeking a Psychology degree from the University of Alabama in Birmingham in Birmingham, Alabama. Her goal is to become a Family and Children's Therapist. She was named the recipient of the Leonard Jackson Scholarship totaling \$1,500.00. She maintained a GPA of 2.78 and was a member of Health Occupations Students of America (HOSA) and her school's mentoring group.

By the recognition and awarding of scholarships to these two recipients, we have given them HOPE in obtaining their goals and a knowledge that Prince Hall Freemasonry is an entity which is working and willing to dispense CHARITY to the betterment of humanity. Let us all do what we can to exemplify these graces and let the light of Prince Hall Freemasonry shine brightly in Alabama.

Contributor – WM Barrington L. Dames (No. 50)



WM Dames with Mr. Shafi Luquan Muhammad, who is the recipient of the Morning Star Lodge No. 50 Scholarship



WM Dames and Bro. Lathan Strong presenting with Mrs. Joyis Nicole Mitchell the Leonard A. Jackson Scholarship

Morning Star Lodge No. 50 Prepares and Serves Annual Mother's Day Meal

At midday on Thursday, May 2, 2019, mothers from the North Huntsville area were treated to a hearty meal prepared especially for them by the brothers of Morning Star Lodge No. 50. The lodge hosts this community service each year to say, "thank you" to the mothers of North Huntsville. These mothers continue to sacrifice personal goals and opportunities to raise and mentor the leaders of tomorrow in their community. Therefore, the brothers wanted to let the mothers of North Huntsville know that their good deeds and hard work haven't gone unnoticed. The brothers also gave each mother in attendance a long-stemmed red rose, a warm smile and a Mother's Day card signed by Worshipful Master Barrington Dames. The tables were attractively decorated, and the attendees were served at their tables.

Many women expressed heartfelt thanks and great appreciation for what has now become an annual occurrence around Mother's Day. The afternoon included not only a delicious meal and an assortment of desserts and drinks, but featured fellowship, laughter and warm hugs among honorees and the brothers of Morning Star Lodge No. 50. Over 75 mothers and a few men who accompanied their wives, were served at this gathering, which continues to get larger and larger each year.

Contributor – Bro. Lathan Strong (No. 50)



Morning Star Lodge No. 50

A Weekend of Service and Worship

For the past three years, the brothers of Morning Star Lodge No. 50 have partnered with Alabama PALs and the Alabama Department of Transportation to assist with the cleaning of their community. Morning Star Lodge No. 50 has taken the lead in ensuring that the mile in front of the Northwood Housing Authority complex on University Drive is clean and presentable. On Saturday, July 29th, the brothers of Morning Star Lodge No. 50 took to University Dr. at 7 a.m. to continue with this commitment. The brothers take pride in their community service project and it has proven to be a nice time for unity and fellowship.

After completing the Adopt-A-Mile community service, the brothers of Morning Star Lodge No. 50 partnered with the members of Hendley Chapter No. 855 for their Annual Chapter Fish Fry later that day. The brothers assisted the sisters by helping set up for their event, cooking and purchasing plates. Hendley Chapter continues to be a major support system in all of Morning Star Lodge No. 50 endeavors, so the brother found it fitting to show up in numbers to support their Worthy Matron and the members of Hendley Chapter No. 855.

We concluded the weekend by joining together for Friends & Family 5th Sunday combined worship service at Progressive Union Missionary Baptist Church on June 30th and a fellowship luncheon. Reverend Joe Stevenson delivered a message from 1 Thessalonians 5 chapter verses 12-23. Reverend Stevenson made three things clear by stating that we should rejoice always, pray without ceasing and in everything we should give thanks. Worshipful Master Barrington L. Dames thanked Reverend Stevenson for allowing Morning Star Lodge No. 50 and Hendley Chapter No. 855 to join them for 5th Sunday service.

Contributor – Bro. Taurean Dawkins (No. 50)



Members of Morning Star Lodge No. 50 and Hendley Chapter No. 855, OES attending Joint Church Service



Supporting Hendley Chapter fish fry



Members of Morning Star Lodge No. 50 after Adopt-a-Mile clean-up

Goodway Lodge No. 222 Wraps up a Productive Year

On May 17th, at the Annual Northeast Worshipful Masters Councils Awards Banquet WM Jarvis L. Noel of Goodway Lodge No. 222 was awarded the WM of the Year award for District 17 by the President of the Northeast Worshipful Masters Council, PM Herman “Jerome” Glover. Since becoming the Worshipful Master of Goodway, the lodge has received awards from Grand District Deputy Anthony Johnson for Most Improved Lodge, 3rd place Lodge of the Year, 2nd place Lodge of the Year, a brother has received the Leonard A. Jackson Community Service Award, another brother has received the Master Mason of the Year award for District 17, and ultimately Goodway was recognized by the MW Grand Master, Corey D. Hawkins, Sr. Esq at the 148th Grand Lodge Session for their service to the community. WM Noel’s performance as WM has been exemplary and he has been a model not only for Worshipful Masters but for Prince Hall Masons alike.

On May 21st the Brothers of Goodway spent their day barbecuing for the entire 6th grade class of Sonnie Hereford Elementary. The Brothers provided the grill as well as the hamburgers and hot dogs for the event. The Brothers had a great time interacting with the kids and playing games with them. The staff of Sonnie Hereford was very grateful for the donation and for the time spent with the kids. One staff member said, “It was great for the kids to be able to see firsthand what service to the community is all about!”

Contributor – WM Jarvis L. Noel (No. 222)



WM Jarvis L. Noel posing for a picture with his Worshipful Master of the Year Award plaque.



Goodway Brothers Marcus Orr, PM Marion Orr and SD Brandon James posing for a picture with some of the 6-grade graduates



PM Marion Orr cooking on the grill for the 6th grade class of Sonnie Hereford Elementary School

Obituaries

Brothers Called Home by the Grand Architect

John Henry Thomas, Jr. was born to the late John Henry Thomas, Sr. and Sadie Thomas on August 1, 1943 at Lloyd Noland Hospital in Fairfield, Alabama.

Brother Thomas confessed hope in Christ at an early age under Rev. Faulk at Allen Temple A.M.E. Church. Brother Thomas attended the Westfield School System and Robert Town Elementary School before moving to Bessemer, AL. He graduated from Brighton High School.

Brother Thomas served in the United States Army for 24 years. He went to Seminole Community College in Sanford, FL studying law. After returning to Bessemer, AL he worked for Brighton Police Department. He was a member of New Beginning Lodge No. 970, American Legion and the Elks Lodge. Additionally, he was a proud Vietnam Veteran.

He leaves to cherish his memories: a loving wife, Cenolia Thomas of Bessemer, AL; brother, Flozell (Zeola) Thomas, Nelda William of Fairfield, AL; three daughters, two sons, three stepsons, five brothers, a host of grandchildren, great grandchildren, nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.



Brother John H. Thomas Jr.

Aug. 1, 1943 - Apr. 20, 2019

Zackary Cordell Vann (Zack) was born on January 23, 1981 in Huntsville, AL to the late James Earl Burruss and Mary Ann Vann. Brother Vann departed this life on June 18, 2019, at Huntsville Hospital.

Brother Vann confessed his hope in Christ and was baptized into the Eagles' Nest Cathedral International family in 2006, where he served faithfully as a Deacon and an Usher. He also accepted his calling into Gospel Ministry on March 5, 2017 and began Ministerial Training that same year.

Brother Vann was a very outgoing person who loved the Lord and serving others. His greatest passion and hobby was personal training to include helping others achieve fitness, lifestyle changes and well being. Brother Vann was a "people person" who never met a stranger. He was also encourager and motivator to not only his family but to all he came in contact with. He was a member of Pride of Lincoln Lodge No. 817.

Brother Vann leaves to cherish his memory: his wife, Katia Whitman-Vann of Harvest, AL; his son, Zavion Vann and a host nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles, cousins, other relatives and friends.



Brother Zackary Cordell Vann

Jan. 23, 1981 – June 18, 2019

John T. Baugh was born to Richard Baugh and Celia Carroll Baugh, on October 16, 1930, in Florence, Alabama. He accepted Christ at an early age and joined Galilee Missionary Baptist Church where he served as Chairman of Deacon Board, and Finance Officer for over 60 years. He attended West End School in Florence, Alabama. In 1953 he married Senie Perkins and to this union, there were eight children. He was a member of Centennial Lodge No. 19. In 2012 he married Annie Mae Gilbert.

Preceding his death was his wife Senie Perkins Baugh, one son Larry, and six brothers Levi, Louis, Richard, Matthew, Isaac, and Willie George. He leaves to cherish his loving memory: five sons Elvin (Betty), David (Deborah), Timothy, John (Elaine), and Jonathan (Belinda), two daughters Jerolyn and Kimberly, and daughter-in-law Doris Elaine Baugh, all of Florence, Alabama and a host of grandchildren and great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.



Brother John T. Baugh
Oct. 16, 1930 - June 15, 2019

Samuel Clinton was born April 2, 1940, in Sawyerville, Alabama. He was the son of the late Veona Clinton and Julius Long. He departed this life on Friday, June 14, 2019. He joined St. James Primitive Baptist Church under the leadership of Elder Amos Donaldson at the time, later Pastor Billy Jones. There he was active in the Church Choir, Male Chorus, and the Trustee Board until his death. Brother Clinton was a member of Sweet Home Lodge No. 179.

He leaves to cherish his memories: his devoted and loving wife of 41 years, Betty Rice Clinton; his children: Sharon Thiga, Darryl (Angela) Clinton, and Tyrone Clinton; brothers: Israel (Georgia) Clinton, Jimmy Clinton and Willie James Clinton Sister's Dorothy Simmons, Louise Holley; grandchildren: Natasha and Dewayne; great-grandchildren: Chasity, Austin, Brea and Alisa; two adopted sons: Bill and Willie; six very special daughters; and a host of nephews, nieces, relatives and wonderful dear friends.



Brother Samuel Clinton
Apr. 2, 1940 - June 14, 2019

Rev. Hoyt Bynum, Sr., age 74, of Fort Payne passed away May 28, 2019. Rev. Bynum was the Pastor of the First Baptist Church of Douglas and a member of Eastern Star Lodge No. 55.

He is survived by his wife, Dorothy Robinson Bynum; daughters, Sharon (Shola) Oyekan, DeShannon (David) Dixon; son, Hoyt (Shawna) Bynum; sisters, Bettye Bynum Battle, Rev. Lucy Bynum Granderson; brothers, Ben (Evelyn) Bynum, Jr., Albert (Bonita) Bynum and a host of grandchildren and great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.



Rev. Hoyt Bynum, Sr.

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