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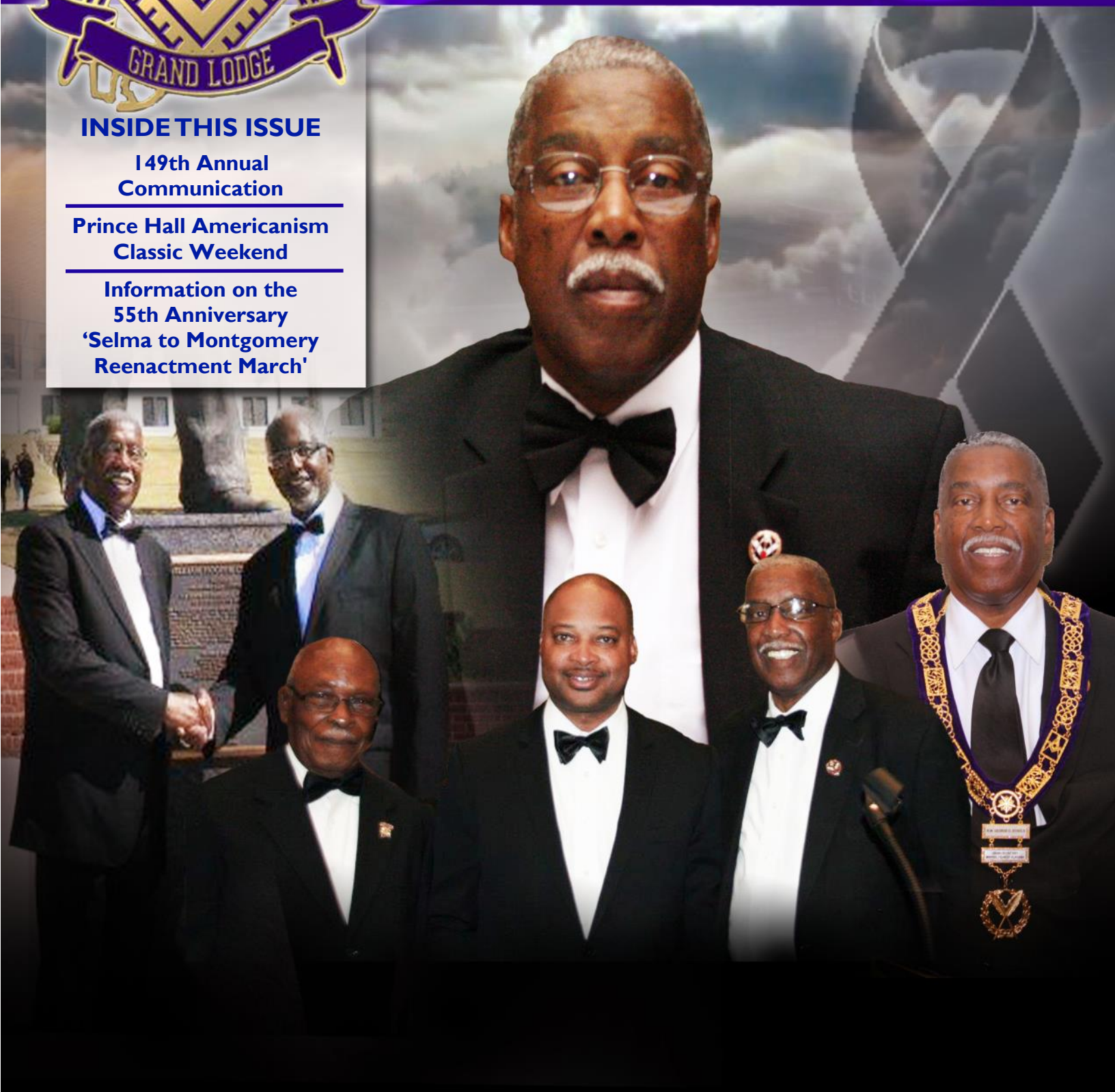
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THE GRAND MASTER'S TRESTLEBOARD



*Every job is a self-portrait of the person who did it.
Autograph your work with excellence.*

Jessica Guidobono

The word “**excellence**” is a noun defined as the quality of being **excellent**. **Excellent** being very good of its kind: eminently good: first-class. As members of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge Free and Accepted Masons of Alabama, we should always strive for excellence. We should be first-class, just and upright men. Excellence should be our goal in all our actions and endeavors.

Our 149th Annual Communication was greatly attended and was a huge success. Our host hotels were sold out and our sessions and programs were bursting at the seams. While at the 149th Annual Communication we were fortunate enough to induct eight brothers (two posthumously) into our Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Alabama's Hall of Fame. We were also blessed to welcome to this great fraternity newly raised Master Masons referred to as the Godfrey Johnson Class of 2019. We congratulate those inductees and newly raised brothers. We look forward to great things from you.

This past September, we celebrated our Sixth Annual Prince Hall Americanism Classic Weekend on the campus of Miles College. Our Classic continues to grow. The fun and fellowship were **excellent**. For the third consecutive year we took the field at halftime and made a check presentation to Miles College in the amount of \$10,000.00 for the Jimmy L. Farmer Scholarship.

Thanks to all who participated in the various events over the last quarter. Let us do all we can to encourage others to attend and participate in our events, as well. The more who participate, the more successful we will be.

Unfortunately, during this past quarter, the Grim Reaper made a visit and removed from our ranks our Grand Secretary and CCFC, Right Worshipful Brother George D. Echols. Brother Echols was a pillar within our Grand Lodge. He was a great man and brother who accepted nothing less than **excellence**. Right Worshipful Echols served as Grand Secretary and CCFC from 2013 until his demise on September 18, 2019. He was appointed an Honorary Past Grand Master of Alabama on July 20, 2019. He and I shared a special bond and he will be truly missed. We honor his memory by placing a mirage of his photos on the front cover of the magazine. May God rest his precious soul.

As you read this issue of *The Cornerstone News*, you will notice some of the great charitable work that many of our subordinate lodges are performing in their communities. It is our duty to serve mankind. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. once said, “All labor that uplifts humanity has dignity and importance and should be undertaken with painstaking **excellence**.” I applaud those lodges that are putting in **excellent** work in the community. I encourage all lodges to get involved. Community service is very important and should not be omitted or neglected.

As we enter upon another holiday season, let us remember the less fortunate; not only during this particular time, but at all times. I wish each of you a very enjoyable holiday season! May God bless you. May He bless the Jurisdiction of Alabama and may He bless the United States of America.

Fraternally,

Corey D. Hawkins, Sr.

Most Worshipful Grand Master

Front Cover:

In Memory of R.W. George D. Echols



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:

A couple of weeks ago, I was speaking with one of the brothers, with whom I was raised, while I was stationed in Texas. We had a nice chat about things we had the opportunity to accomplish in our respective lodges while serving as members, Wardens, Worshipful Masters and now Past Masters. It caused me to reflect on my interactions with the other brothers I was raised with. Some have passed to the Celestial Lodge;

some are still hard at work helping the lodges in their areas and some have gone by the wayside. Yet, I keep in touch with several of them to this day.

You can do the same thing in your Masonic journey. If you are an appointed or elected officer in your lodge, find out who is the same position in the lodges in your district, as well as, outside of your district. Visit them, get to know them, and build a relationship with them as you progress further. Remember, members can invite members from other lodges to their meeting with the permission of their Worshipful Master and ask them to say a few words to the craft. It is likely that when you visit their lodge in the

future, they will extend the same courtesy to you. It's a great way to cement relations between lodges, and it can be quite fun as well! Doing this will lead to building further relationships, such as joint degree work, community service events, and most importantly, you forge deeper relationships with your brothers that last a lifetime.

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

Members suspended after 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 \$200.00)
- \$120.00 Total

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, 2020.

149th Annual Grand Lodge Communication

July 22nd — 24th 2019



The Sheraton Hotel

Birmingham, AL



149th Annual Grand Lodge Communication Welcome Program



149th Annual Grand Lodge Communication

Lodge of Sorrow



149th Annual Grand Lodge Communication Training, Workshops & Certifications



Inaugural Masonic College Testing Conducted at Grand Lodge Session



On Monday, July 22, 2019, the inaugural testing for the Bronze Level of the Alabama School of Masonry was conducted and completed on Tuesday, July 23, 2019. The curriculum for the Bronze Level consisted of masonic information for the Entered Apprentice degree. There were a total of seventeen brothers to enroll this year with nine brothers successfully completing the Bronze Level. On Wednesday, July 24, 2019, those nine brothers walked across the stage to receive their certificates and official lapel pins from Grand Master Hawkins signifying that they have mastered the Bronze Level of the Alabama School of Masonry. The unveiling of the Masonic College testing was well received by the brothers that enrolled and many of them stated that this was an excellent project to allow brothers across the jurisdiction to expand their knowledge in Masonry and demonstrate their proficiency. The

Alabama School of Masonry will consist of four levels of study to be completed in order to receive graduate status. 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 who 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. Testing for the Grand Lodge Masonic College will only take place during each Grand Lodge Session. The curriculum and study material for the Silver Level, which will consist of masonic information for the Fellow Craft degree, will be available in January 2020.

2019 Bronze Level Graduates

Bro. John Radford (No. 395)

Bro. James Spencer (No. 970)

Bro. Dwight Coleman (No. 970)

Bro. Erick Kennedy (No. 970)

Bro. Ray Hubbart (No. 516)

Bro. Patrick Sparks (No. 490)

Bro. Jamaal Roberts (No. 490)

Bro. Barrington Dames (No. 50)

Bro. Brandon Nettles (No. 430)

RW Anthony J. Johnson

Grand Lodge Masonic College- Committee Chair

“Hard Work Pays Off”

Congratulations to the 149th Annual Communication's Award Recipients

RURAL LODGE of the YEAR

- 1st Place - Shorter Lodge No. 533
- 2nd Place - Goshen Lodge No. 132
- 3rd Place - Morrow Grove Lodge No. 800

CITY LODGE of the YEAR

- 1st Place - New Beginning Lodge No. 970
- 2nd Place - Hamilton Lodge No. 365
- 3rd Place - Phoenix Lodge No. 428

DISTRICT DEPUTY of the YEAR

- 1st Place - R. W. Walter Greene, Grand District Deputy of District No. 14
- 2nd Place - R. W. Anthony J. Johnson, Grand District Deputy of District No. 17
- 3rd Place - R. W. Donald R. Parks, Grand District Deputy of District No. 8

LENGTH of MY CABLETOW AWARD

- R. W. Erwin Chambliss, Grand District Deputy of District No. 7

TOP DISTRICTS FOR SOUVENIR JOURNAL AD SALES

- 1st Place - District No. 14
R. W. Walter Greene, Grand District Deputy
- 2nd Place - District No. 4
R. W. Billy Joe Stallworth, Grand District Deputy
- 3rd Place - District No. 7
R. W. Erwin Chambliss, Grand District Deputy

TOP LODGES FOR SOUVENIR JOURNAL AD SALES

- 1st Place - New Beginning Lodge No. 970
Brother Ronald Boone, Worshipful Master
- 2nd Place - York Lodge No. 642
Brother Johnny Austin, Worshipful Master
- 3rd Place - Rose of Sharon Lodge No. 196
Brother A. Z. Stoudmire, Worshipful Master

Congratulations
 to the
 2019 Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Alabama
 Hall of Fame Inductees



Bro. Bobby Singleton, No. 26



Bro. Rodger Smitherman, No. 459



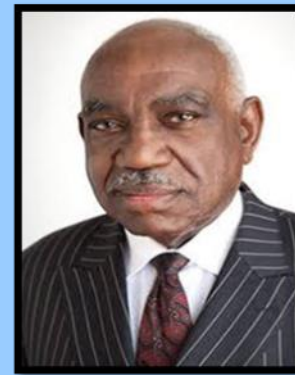
Bro. Anthony Daniels, No. 50



Bro. Roderick Scott, No. 431



Bro. Artis J. McCampbell, No. 26



Bro. U. W. Clemon, No. 459

Inductions

Bro. Bobby Singleton (Alabama State Senator 2005-Present), Paragon No. 26

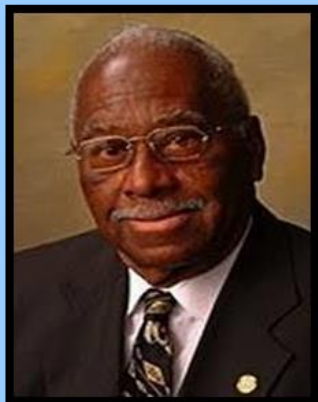
Bro. Rodger Smitherman (Alabama State Senator 1995-Present), Holding No. 459

Bro. Anthony Daniels (Youngest & First Black House of Rep. Minority Leader),
Morning Star No. 50

Bro. Roderick Scott (Alabama State Rep. 2006-Present), Tuxedo No. 431

Bro. Artis J. McCampbell (Alabama State Rep. 2006-Present), Paragon No. 26

Bro. U.W. Clemon (Civil Rights Attorney, Alabama State Senator 1975-1980,
Federal Judge 1980-2009), Holding No. 459



Bro. Demetrius Newton, No. 410



Bro. Wytasha Carter, No. 410

Posthumous Inductions

Bro. Demetrius Newton (Civil Rights Attorney, Alabama State Rep. 1986-2013),
Geometry No. 410

Bro. Wytasha Carter (Fallen Police Officer), Geometry No. 410

CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to the Newly Passed Masters

Ray Sanders	Hiram No. 3	Antwone Randall	Triune No. 430
Benjamin Long, Jr.	Evening Star No. 6	Larry Jones	Tuxedo No. 431
David R. Grayson	Hill City No. 21	Matthew Thomas	Fellowship No. 439
Jeffery Ayers, Sr.	George W. Braxdall No. 28	Sylvester Daniels	Ethel No. 588
Deven Hawkins	Ruth No. 33	Aubrey Johnson, Sr.	Imperial No. 619
Quinton Bell	St. John No. 57	Myron Stallworth	Cedar Grove No. 628
Derek L. Phillips	Lewis Adams No. 67	Yohance Prioleau	Steele Scepter No. 649
Jimmie Robinson	Archive No. 75	Elton Ashley	Lincoln Pride No. 685
Sammie Moss	Grove No. 89	Robert Person	Blue Mountain No. 786
Carl Cooney, Jr.	Temple No. 98	Terrance Myrick	W. T. Woods No. 842
John Harris, Jr.	Dothan No. 112	C. H. Dubose	Barnes Choice No. 922
Chadrick Gaines	Rising Star No. 182	James Carpenter	St. John No. 954
David Quarker, Sr.	Mt. Gillard No. 303	Larry Brooks	Dadeville No. 958
Jerdarius Kennard	Needham Creek No. 398	William Sims	Unity No. U.D.
Joe Hughes, III	Little Warrior No. 406	Sean Macon	S. S. H. Washington No. U.D.
Alvin Howard	Milton W. Howze No. 408		

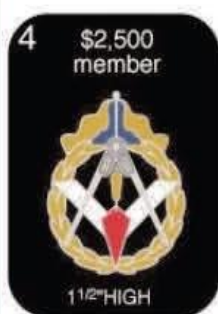


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Most

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.

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for the temple
renovation!



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GRAND LODGE OF ALABAMA



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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



55th Anniversary Selma to Montgomery Voting Rights March *'Bloody Sunday'*

The Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge F. & A. M. of Alabama

**Invites all Brothers and Sisters of the
Jurisdiction to be a part of this
Historic re-enactment of our State's
History in the struggle for equality...**

March 1, 2020

National Participation is Expected

**We will gather at 119 Washington Street
Selma, Alabama
at 11:00 a.m.**

2019 Prince Hall Americanism Football Classic Weekend

The Sixth Annual Prince Hall Americanism Classic Weekend Celebration took place in Fairfield on September 13 – 15, 2019, on the campus of Miles College.

The celebration consisted of a variety of activities and programs. The celebration began on Friday, September 13, with registration at the headquarters hotel, Comfort Inn & Suites in Bessemer, AL. Friday morning, brothers participated in the golf tournament located at the Frank House Golf Course in Bessemer. There was also a fantastic luncheon to celebrate the tournament participants that followed at 11 a.m. held at the Frank House Clubhouse. Friday evening, a spades and dominoes tournament was held.

Saturday began early for many of the brothers and sisters with the preparation of the food and other refreshments for the tailgate at Albert J. Sloan—Alumni Stadium on the campus of Miles College in Fairfield, AL. Others were busy setting up tents and arranging tables and chairs for the tailgate. The Grand Lodge was joined by individual lodges in preparing hamburgers, hot dogs and sausages with all the trimmings. The tailgate activity was attended by Honorable Corey D. Hawkins, Sr., Esq., Most Worshipful Grand Master, officers of the Grand Lodge, Grand District Deputies, and members of lodges throughout the Jurisdiction of Alabama, as well as, visiting brothers and sisters. Also attending was Grand Worthy Matron Shirley Pratt, Grand Worthy Patron Calvin Miller, officers and members of Mizpah Grand Chapter and chapters throughout the Jurisdiction of Alabama. Following the tailgate Grand Master Hawkins, Grand Worthy Matron Pratt and other Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter Officers with over 100 brothers and sisters from throughout the Jurisdiction of Alabama proceeded onto the field to present a \$10,000.00 scholarship donation to Dr. Bobbie Knight, President of Miles College, during the half time of the football game between Miles College and Morehouse College.

On Sunday morning, September 15th, the attendees assembled at Pearson Hall on the campus of Miles College for the formal celebration of Prince Hall Americanism Day. Brothers and Sisters from throughout the Jurisdiction of Alabama were in attendance. Brother Cedric Hrabowski, Worshipful Master of Occidental Lodge No. 31 and Pastor of Galilee Baptist Church, brought the message for the celebration. A brief history of Prince Hall was presented for those in attendance. Introduction of the various auxiliaries and concordant Prince Hall Masonic Bodies was done by Deputy Grand Master Robert Glenn. Comments were made by Grand Worthy Matron Shirley Pratt. The program and the Sixth Annual Prince Hall Americanism Classic Weekend Celebration was closed with comments and remarks by Grand Master Corey D. Hawkins.

Thanks to Grand District Deputy Greene, the brothers of District 14 and the Prince Hall Legacy Foundation for their sponsorship of a very successful Sixth Annual Prince Hall Americanism Classic Weekend Celebration. We hope to see all of you in Birmingham, AL for the Seventh Annual Prince Hall Americanism Classic Weekend Celebration in September of 2020.

PRINCE HALL AMERICANISM CLASSIC WEEKEND



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GAME DAY TAILGATE AND COOK-OFF COMPETITION



PRINCE HALL AMERICANISM DAY CHURCH SERVICE



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 2019 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

<u>Name</u>	<u>College/University</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Dacarmeyen S. Hines	Alabama State University	\$1,400.00
Devin Daniels	University of Alabama	\$1,400.00
John Malik Radford, VI	University of Georgia	\$1,400.00
Malaysia Watford	Wallace Community College	\$1,400.00
Jaylandis Sistrunk	University of West Georgia	\$1,400.00
Asineade Fuller	Alabama A. & M. University	\$1,400.00
	Miles College	\$10,000.00
	Alabama A. & M. University	\$10,000.00
	Alabama State University	\$10,000.00
	Tuskegee University	\$7,500.00
	Stillman College	\$1,250.00
	Talladega College	\$1,250.00

LODGE NAMES

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CONSTELLA

MILLRY

RED CROSS

COUNCIL

MORROW GROVE

R H RICE

GROVE

MT MORIAH

ST MARK

HILLMAN

MT NEBO

SWEET HOME

HOME MISSION

PACIFIC

W T WOODS

A Blast from the Past

1916—1917 GRAND LODGE OFFICERS



W.T. WOODS
Grand Master



J. R. CURTIS
Senior Grand Warden



JOSEPH PHILLIPS
Junior Grand Warden



JAS A. BYRD
Deputy Grand Master



J. O. DIFFAY
Grand Treasurer

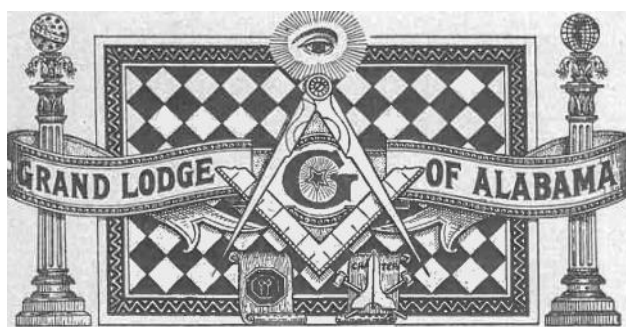


R. B. HUDSON
Endowment Treasurer

From Whence We've Come...

This is an excerpt from the 1911 Proceedings of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Alabama, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons. The writer has chosen to transcribe the minutes for the Special Communication verbatim without corrections.

SPECIAL COMMUNICATION Grand Master Binford's Funeral



Funeral of M.:W.:Bro. Henry Claxton Binford Grand Master.

Hall of Evening Star Lodge No. 6, A. F. & A. M.

Huntsville, Ala

2 p. m.; June 6, A. D. 1911, A. L. 5911.

OBEDIENT to the call of Brother James T. Gregory, R.:W.:Deputy Grand Master, the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge, A. F. and A. M., of Alabama met in Special Communication and was opened in due and ancient form, at the time and place herein before noted, for the purpose of attending the funeral of our late Most Worshipful Grand Master, Brother Henry Claxton Binford, Sr., who died at his residence here (Huntsville) at 1:55 o'clock Sunday morning, June 4, 1911. Present-

GRAND OFFICERS.

M.:W.:Bro. James T. Gregory, (16), Greenville, *Acting Grand Master*.

R.:W.:Bro. J.B. Ramsey, (67), Tuskegee Institute, *Grand Senior Warden*. *

R.:W.:Bro. Chas. H. Evans, (10), Tuskegee Institute, *Grand Junior Warden*.

R.:W.:Bro. H. C. Harris, (3), Birmingham, *Grand Treasurer*.

R.:W.:Bro. C. N. McDaniels, (42), Hartselle, *Grand Secretary*.

R.:W.:Bro. Rev. W. H. Mixon, (4), Selma, *Grand Chaplain*.

R.:W.:Bro. H. A. Knox, (236), Birmingham, *Grand Senior Deacon*. *

R.:W.:Bro. P. T. Mitchell, (62), Troy, *Grand Junior Deacon*. *

R.:W.:Bro. W. T. Gravitt, (23), Scottsboro, *Grand Senior Steward*. *

Worshipful Bro. D. L. Mullens, (198), Leighton, *Grand Junior Steward*. *

Worshipful Bro. J. E. Janifer, (6), Huntsville, *Grand Marshal*. *

Worshipful Bro. Mat H. Banks, (28), Decatur, *Grand Pursuivant*. *

**Pro'tem*

Worshipful Bro. Chas. E. Miller, (28), Decatur, Grand Orator.*

R.·W.·Bro. N. H. Miller, (7), Montgomery, Grand Lecturer, Western Division

R.·W.·Bro. E. G. Humphrey, (64), Midway, Grand Lecturer, Eastern Division

Brother John L. Garrett, (4), Selma, Grand Tyler

Visitor.-M.·W.·Bro. J. A. Henry, Grand Master, M. W. Grand Lodge A. F. & A. M. of Tennessee.

Permanent Members,-Chas. 'Hendley, (6), P. Gr. Sec., Huntsville.

Past Masters,-

Bates, (198), T.B.	Jones (97), W. C.	Rowans (29), H. C.
Bradford (66), Jas. A.	Kemp (92), J. J.	Sampson (98), E. F.
Derrick (92), W.W.	Owens (175), G. W.	Stewart (10), A. R.
Griffin (28), Geo. W.	Morton (30), W. C.	Stewart (222), J. M.
Hawk (160), D. W.	Penny .(6), J. W.	Stewart (179), W. H.
Johnson (220), J. D.	Proctor (171), D, C.	Stapler (159), L. C
Johnson (94), J. J.	Roberts (28), Henry	

Visiting Brethren, members of subordinate Lodges, as follows:-

EVENING STAR, No. 6, Huntsville.

Allen, W. G.	Jones, Moses W.	Petty, J. W.
Bolden, Henry	Jones, Sr., C. L.	Pope, Jas. A.
Carter, s. J. B.	Jones, Jr., O. L.	Scruggs, Frank H.
Cooper, Ben	Jorden, Jesse	Shields, Peyton W.
Donegan, C. R.	Lewis, Alex. A.	Tivis, Wm.
Donegan, J. J.	Love, Wm. A.	Turner, Peter
Furlough, Geo.	McCalley, Shed	Ward, Nelson
Hall,. Albert	Penny, A. W.	Withers, John

GEORGE W. BRAXDALL, No. 28, Decatur.

Green, Lank.	Owens, J.T.	Sykes, J.J.
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BIG SPRING, No. 29, Tuscumbia.

Groves, Frank.	Robinson, Percy.	Reynolds, H. C.
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RED CROSS, No. 35, Meridianville.

Stewart, Mat.

CHELSEA STAR, No. 67, Chelsea.

Adams, J. D.	Harvey, Daniel.	Ward, H. S.
Cross, Jno. M.		

NORTH STAR, No. 92, Huntsville

Allen, Peter.	Donegan, Pascal.	Jones, Wm.
Derrick, J. H.	Douglass, F. A.	Lanier, Felix.
Derrick, Harry.	Eldridge, W. E.	Ragland, Rev. W.R.
Derrick, Henry.	Fearn, Burgess.	Rice, Mat

SPRING CITY LODGE, No. 94, Huntsville.

Drake, Arthur.	Hampton, Henry.	Leslie, Henry.
Edmondson, Walter.	Kelley, Frank.	Lowery, Lee R.
Fletcher, Henry.	Laws, Dudley.	Tatum, Lem.
Holloway, W.	Laws, James.	Toney, Tom.

TEMPLE LODGE, No. 98, Near Madison.

Beirne, J.P.	Lamer, Robt.
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LINCOLN LODGE., No. 99, Madison.

Bailey, Sam. D.

THOMASVILLE LODGE, No. 128. Thomasville.

Lowe, Lewis.

MT. CEDRON LODGE, No. 175, Chaise's Nursery.

Matthews, Ellie.

HOPE WILL LODGE, No. 198. Leighton.

Eggleston, H. P.	Meredith, F. K	Pruitt, Clem.
Hawkins, Andrew.		

LAFAYETTE ROBINSON LODGE. No. 220. Huntsville.

Jordan, S.

Pall Bearers.-Bros. S. J. B. Carter, (6), WM. Tivis (6), Peter Turner (6), Shed McCalley (6), (Dr.) B. E. Scruggs (92), B. P. Fearn (92), Peter Allen (92), J. D. Robinson (220).

Devotional Exercise

The Grand Chaplain, Rev. Bro. W. H. Mixon (4), led in singing an appropriate hymn, after which he offered prayer.

Funeral Services

A procession was then formed, with Evening Star Lodge No. 6 (of which deceased was a member during his Masonic lifetime) in the immediate front of the Grand Lodge, preceded by the various representatives of Lodges present. The procession, augmented by other Masons on the outside (not present at the opening as heretofore recorded) moved to the residence of the deceased, corner Pearl and Barnett Streets, and from thence with the remains and sorrowing relatives and friends to Lakeside M. E. church, where a crowded congregation had assembled. The solemn funeral services, with Presiding Elder A. W. McKinney as director, embraced the following program, beginning at 4 o'clock:

"Jesus Lover of My Soul," Solo, Prof. Wm. L. Riley.

Scripture reading, 121st Psalm, Rev. W. R. Ragland.

Prayer.

Hymns, "A child of the King," "Death is only a dream," "Whiter than snow" and "Will there be any stars in my crown?"

(All favorites of the deceased during his life) sung by the choir interspersed through the services.

Rev. Bro. W. H. Mixon (4), Grand Chaplain, read the following-

OBITUARY.

Sketch of life of Henry Claxton Binford,

[Adapted from Anderson's Masonic Directory-1909.]



HENRY CLAXTON BINFORD,
The late Grand Master

Henry Claxton Binford, born September 28, 1851, in Madison county near Huntsville, Alabama, died at 1.55 Sunday morning, June 4, 1911. Here he grew up from boyhood to manhood, marrying and settling down early in life. The past 57 years present startling changes in the history of America and mankind, attended by tempest and storms, with the colored people of the South in the very midst of the fury of it all. Of the bitterness and strife and ominous mutterings of the approaching storm which convulsed this unhappy country from 1850 to the beginning of the civil war in 1861, the child born within that period knew little and remembered less. Yet an impression was stamped especially upon the colored children.. Blown from their moorings through the mighty upheaval of the great war happily ending in 1865, thousands of these just entering their teens, found themselves stranded, as it were, upon the sands of time.

In these troublous times as in the anxious days leading up to them. Providence through the loving care of a devoted mother and an elder sister, protected and shielded little Henry C. and a younger brother, John H. With this mention, let us pass over the environments of his childhood and early boyhood., coming early as did our subject to the sterner things of life.

Stranded on the sands of time, but with freedom and schools established by the good people of the north, (and but little else), was the general condition of our people at the close of the war. Into one of these schools, afterwards known as the Rust Normal Institute, established in Huntsville by Mr. James D. Arnold, assisted by Miss Matilda Hindman, Miss Harrington and Miss Mary Lakin, now Mrs. John W. Raines, of Rockport, MO., (the only survivor of these noble hearted Christians,) young Henry entered and by diligent study and application, by virtue of the never failing advice and encouragement of his kind teachers and his natural aptitude acquired the foundation of the education that has in after years served him so well. This he accomplished while at the same time, during every vacation, going bravely into service to earn the means to help himself and his loving mother to provide for and educate her children. Early displaying the distinguishing qualities of frankness, generosity and manliness for which he is noted, he made and kept many warm friends.

Since leaving school his life has ever been a busy one, beginning by service as a teacher at Blatcher's Ford, Madison county, afterwards at Courtland, Ala., and then for many years in the city schools of his home town, Huntsville, always giving satisfaction for thorough and efficient service.

As stated, he early embarked into married life and established a family of his own marrying May 1, 1873, Miss Frances Ann Hendley. This union was blessed with four children—Henry Connard, Pearl Amanda, Charles King and John Allen, all of whom still survive and have been educated at our best schools. Miss Pearl Amanda Binford, the only daughter, alone remains single and resides with her parents at the homestead.

His active turn of mind also led him into politics, in which he distinguished himself by many years of service as secretary of the Madison county republican executive committee, being afterwards in 1885, elected its chairman. In 1901, he was elected a member of the city council of Huntsville, creditably filling this office for four years.

Under the lamented Jno. T. Rapier, he was a trusted employee, serving as storekeeper and gauger.

Later, in 1890-4, his service for four years in U. S. Land office at Huntsville, won for him the unstinted recommendation of that department of public service.

As a Mason his career dates from his initiation, passing, raising in Evening Star Lodge No. 6, Huntsville, Ala., in the year 1874, of which lodge he has ever since been a member continuously, without an hour's suspension, serving it for years as Worshipful Master, and afterward, until recently, as secretary, when he was succeeded by his son, John Allen.

In 1894 he was elected by the Grand Lodge of Alabama, Grand Secretary, which position he continued to fill until June 1901, when at the death of the late Grand Master R. R. Mims, he was elected to succeed him. Since then he has been continually reelected without opposition, as Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Alabama, which has, during his administration, had a marvelous growth, beginning with 82 lodges with a membership of about 3,000 and numbering now 413 lodges with an estimated membership of 15,000. The Masonic Endowment Department is his special pride, which from a small beginning now pays an endowment of \$500, disbursing annually to widows and orphans \$40,000. In addition, the Grand Lodge gives \$600 a year for scholarships for children of deceased master masons, which order was established upon his recommendation.

For thirty-six years he was an active member of Lakeside M. E. Church. In 1894 he established the Huntsville *Journal*, now one of the leading race papers of the State.

His life well exemplified the maxim :

*"Honor and shame from no condition rise;
Act well your part, there all the honor lies."*

Rev. Wm. Jones, pastor of Lakeside church, preached the funeral sermon, taking as his text II Samuel, 3:38; "And the king said unto his servants, Know ye not that there is a prince and a great man fallen this day in Israel." He eulogized the life and character of the deceased as a man, a citizen, a father, an officer and a Christian. After the services at the church the procession was reformed and preceded the funeral *cortege* to Glenwood cemetery, where the last sad, Masonic rites were solemnly performed, led by Deputy Grand Master Gregory, Acting Grand Master. This scene is described in our Official Organ, the Huntsville Journal, as follows"-

BODY OF THE LATE GRAND MASTER LAID TO REST WITH MASONIC HONORS

Arrived at the grave under sheltering branches of the stately maples surrounding the square, fanned by the gentle breezes and lighted by the glimmering rays of the sinking sun, the remains of our late Grand Master were deposited in a stone vault, the Grand Officers and members of the Grand Lodge assisted by Grand Master Henry, of Tennessee, went through in a most impressive manner, the last sad, Masonic rites, promising to "Cherish his Memory here," while commending "his spirit to God who gave it," and "consigning his body to the grave." Brief remarks appropriate to the occasion were made by Grand Master Henry, Major Ramsey, Brother Evans and Dr. Mixon, Grand Chaplain. The many beautiful floral offerings were placed in position after the stone slab was cemented on, making it a bower of beauty. Afterwards the benediction was pronounced by Rev. Wm. Jones.

Messages of sympathy have been received by the family from the following friends and sympathizers: Dr. S. S. H. Washington, P. G. M. Montgomery; Mrs. and Mr. C. W. Allen, End. Sec. Tr., Mobile; Prof. Jere Barnes, C. C. F. C., Tuscaloosa; W. T. Woods, Gr. Sr. Warden, Mobile; J. A. Henry, G. M., Chattanooga, Tennessee; Dr. Washington, Tuskegee Institute; A. A. Loveless, Montgomery; A. A. Peters, Columbus, Ga.; N. H. Miller, Montgomery; J. M. C. Logan and family, Montgomery; Mrs. Anna Martin and daughter, city; Miss Camille Boltz, Mobile; Mrs. Janie M. Belasco, Mobile; N. R. Fielding and W. P. S. L. Belser, Bessemer; G. W. Childs and family, Selma; H. C. Harris and family, Birmingham, Ala.; J. T. Gregory, D. G. M., Greenville; Mrs. Laberta Smith Keeton, St. Louis, Mo.

The Special Session of the Grand Lodge having accomplished in sorrow the purpose for which it was called, was closed, after the usual preliminaries, in due and ancient form, peace and harmony prevailing.



Acting Grand Master.

Attest:



Grand Secretary

Message from the Grand Medical Registrar

Arthritis

Diagnosis

During the physical exam, your doctor will check your joints for swelling, redness and warmth. He or she will also want to see how well you can move your joints.

Depending on the type of arthritis suspected, your doctor may suggest some of the following tests.

Laboratory tests

The analysis of different types of body fluids can help pinpoint the type of arthritis you may have. Fluids commonly analyzed include blood, urine and joint fluid. To obtain a sample of your joint fluid, your doctor will cleanse and numb the area before inserting a needle in your joint space to withdraw some fluid.

Imaging

These types of tests can detect problems within your joint that may be causing your symptoms. Examples include:

- **X-rays.** Using low levels of radiation to visualize bone, X-rays can show cartilage loss, bone damage and bone spurs. X-rays may not reveal early arthritic damage, but they are often used to track progression of the disease.
- **Computerized tomography (CT).** CT scanners take X-rays from many different angles and combine the information to create cross-sectional views of internal structures. CTs can visualize both bone and the surrounding soft tissues.
- **Magnetic resonance imaging (MRI).** Combining radio waves with a strong magnetic field, MRI can produce more-detailed cross-sectional images of soft tissues such as cartilage, tendons and ligaments.
- **Ultrasound.** This technology uses high-frequency sound waves to image soft tissues, cartilage and fluid-containing structures near the joints (bursae). Ultrasound is also used to guide needle placement for joint aspirations and injections.

Treatment

Arthritis treatment focuses on relieving symptoms and improving joint function. You may need to try several different treatments, or combinations of treatments, before you determine what works best for you.

Medications

The medications used to treat arthritis vary depending on the type of arthritis. Commonly used arthritis medications include:

- **Painkillers.** These medications help reduce pain, but have no effect on inflammation. An over-the-counter option includes acetaminophen (Tylenol, others).
- For more-severe pain, opioids might be prescribed, such as tramadol (Ultram, ConZip), oxycodone (OxyContin, Roxicodone, others) or hydrocodone (Hysingla, Zohydro ER). Opioids act on the central nervous system to relieve pain. When opioids are used for a long time, they may become habit-forming, causing mental or physical dependence.
- **Nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drugs (NSAIDs).** NSAIDs reduce both pain and inflammation. Over-the-counter NSAIDs include ibuprofen (Advil, Motrin IB, others) and naproxen (Aleve). Some types of NSAIDs are available only by prescription.
- Oral NSAIDs can cause stomach irritation and may increase your risk of heart attack or stroke. Some NSAIDs are also available as creams or gels, which can be rubbed on joints.
- **Counterirritants.** Some varieties of creams and ointments contain menthol or capsaicin, the ingredient that makes hot peppers spicy. Rubbing these preparations on the skin over your aching joint may interfere with the transmission of pain signals from the joint itself.
- **Disease-modifying antirheumatic drugs (DMARDs).** Often used to treat rheumatoid arthritis, DMARDs slow or stop your immune system from attacking your joints. Examples include methotrexate (Trexall, Rasuvo, others) and hydroxychloroquine (Plaquenil).
- **Biologic response modifiers.** Typically used in conjunction with DMARDs, biologic response modifiers are genetically engineered drugs that target various protein molecules that are involved in the immune response.
- There are many types of biologic response modifiers. Tumor necrosis factor (TNF) inhibitors are commonly prescribed. Examples include etanercept (Enbrel, Erelzi, Eticovo) and infliximab (Remicade, Inflectra, others).
- Other medications target other substances that play a role in inflammation, such as interleukin-1 (IL-1), interleukin-6 (IL-6), Janus kinase enzymes, and certain types of white blood cells known as B cells and T cells.
- **Corticosteroids.** This class of drugs, which includes prednisone (Prednisone Intensol, Rayos) and cortisone (Cortef), reduces inflammation and suppresses the immune system. Corticosteroids can be taken orally or can be injected directly into the painful joint.

Therapy

Physical therapy can be helpful for some types of arthritis. Exercises can improve range of motion and strengthen the muscles surrounding joints. In some cases, splints or braces may be warranted.

Surgery

If conservative measures don't help, your doctor may suggest surgery, such as:

- **Joint repair.** In some instances, joint surfaces can be smoothed or realigned to reduce pain and improve function. These types of procedures can often be performed arthroscopically — through small incisions over the joint.
- **Joint replacement.** This procedure removes your damaged joint and replaces it with an artificial one. Joints most commonly replaced are hips and knees.
- **Joint fusion.** This procedure is more often used for smaller joints, such as those in the wrist, ankle and fingers. It removes the ends of the two bones in the joint and then locks those ends together until they heal into one rigid unit.

Lifestyle and home remedies

In many cases, arthritis symptoms can be reduced with the following measures:

- **Weight loss.** If you're obese, losing weight will reduce the stress on your weight-bearing joints. This may increase your mobility and limit future joint injury.
- **Exercise.** Regular exercise can help keep your joints flexible. Swimming and water aerobics may be good choices because the buoyancy of the water reduces stress on weight-bearing joints.
- **Heat and cold.** Heating pads or ice packs may help relieve arthritis pain.
- **Assistive devices.** Using canes, shoe inserts, walkers, raised toilet seats and other assistive devices can help protect your joints and improve your ability to perform daily tasks.

Alternative medicine

Many people use alternative remedies for arthritis, but there is little reliable evidence to support the use of many of these products. The most promising alternative remedies for arthritis include:

- **Acupuncture.** This therapy uses fine needles inserted at specific points on the skin to reduce many types of pain, including that caused by some types of arthritis.
- **Glucosamine.** Although study results have been mixed, some studies have found that glucosamine works no better than placebo. However, glucosamine and the placebo both relieved arthritis pain better than taking nothing, particularly in people who have moderate to severe pain from knee osteoarthritis.
- **Chondroitin.** Chondroitin may provide modest pain relief from osteoarthritis, although study results are mixed.
- **Yoga and tai chi.** The slow, stretching movements associated with yoga and tai chi may help improve joint flexibility and range of motion in people with some types of arthritis.
- **Massage.** Light stroking and kneading of muscles may increase blood flow and warm affected joints, temporarily relieving pain. Make sure your massage therapist knows which joints are affected by arthritis.

Source: Mayo Clinic

<https://www.mayoclinic.org/diseases-conditions/arthritis/diagnosis-treatment>

\$ Dollars and Sense \$

Money Management: Saving with a Variable Income

If you are one of the millions of Americans with a variable income, here are some strategies you can utilize to keep your savings on track:



Set Up a Savings Plan

Automatically calculate savings as part of your monthly expenses. Setting aside either a fixed dollar amount or a percentage of your income each month will ingrain savings into your budget.



Limit Splurging

It is easy to pat yourself on the back for good saving and spending habits by splurging, especially if recent income has been high. Rewarding yourself can be healthy, but don't go overboard and damage your overall plans.



Maintain an Emergency Fund

It is important to plan for gaps in income when you do not have a steady cash flow. Keeping 3-6 months of reserve cash for expenses will allow you to maintain your retirement plan even when months are lean.



Review and Adjust

While it is important to stick to a plan, it is equally as important to review it regularly. Major changes in expenses or income can make an existing savings plan unrealistic. Adjusting your budget is better than holding yourself to impossible standards.



Prioritize Expenses

Know the difference between fixed and discretionary expenses. Cut out the least important expenses if you need help hitting your savings goal. (Making a list will help!)

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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:

R.W. Desmond Thomas 33°, KYCH, KCT

Desmond L. Thomas was born January 14, 1982. He is the oldest of three children born to David and Lorraine Thomas. Desmond was born and raised in the small Alabama town of Lineville. Desmond made a move to Birmingham in 2003 bringing with him those small town values he'd been raised with: integrity, hard work and determination.

When he arrived in Birmingham, Desmond started working as a landscaper and entered college. He balanced an exhausting full-time job and being a full-time student for six years, completing both undergraduate and graduate degrees in Accounting from The University of Alabama at Birmingham. Desmond currently works at Mayer Electric as a Senior Accountant and Payroll Manager. Since beginning his work at Mayer, Desmond's work has been recognized through promotions and he was the recipient of the company's highest honor recognizing his hard work and dedication.

Desmond has carried his work ethic to the community by serving on the Executive Committee of a local non-profit, Kid One, and serving as a commissioner on his local community's softball league, where he also volunteer coaches. Desmond is an avid golfer and has maintained his passion for landscaping, spending much of his free time cultivating his lawn. Desmond has been married to his wife, Rikki, since 2008. They have two children, a girl age 6, Potter, and a little boy, Davis, who is 4. Desmond and his family attend the Church of the Highland and he regularly participates in the men's events offered there.

Desmond proudly serves under the leadership of the Honorable Corey D. Hawkins, Sr., Most Worshipful Grand Master, as the Grand Assistant Recording Secretary. Desmond is a Past Master of Ruth Lodge No. 33, Past High Priest of Omega Chapter No. 65, Past Thrice Illustrious Master of Central Alabama Council No. 1, and Past Eminent Commander of DeMolay Commandery No. 42. Desmond was elevated to the rank and distinction of Knights of the York Cross of Honour in 2013. Desmond currently serves as Grand Auditor for the W.H. Mack Grand Chapter Holy Royal Arch Masons, Grand Treasurer for the W.H. Mack Grand Council Royal and Select Masters, and Grand Secretary – Treasurer Charity for the Hendley-Mack Grand Commandery of Knights Templar. Desmond received the Knight Commander of the Temple honour in 2018. Desmond is a member of Red Cross Consistory No. 2A and was elevated to the 33° in 2019. Desmond is also a Noble of Khedive Temple No. 16.



R.W. Desmond Thomas 33°, KYCH, KCT

Achievements

Desire to Serve, Ability to Perform, Courage To Act

Bro. Roderick S. Simpkins wanted a change in his life and wanted to impact his city and change people's lives on a daily basis. He embarked on a twenty-two week journey with the Montgomery, AL fire department training school. These twenty-two weeks challenged him physically, mentally, and academically at the highest levels possible to ensure that he is able to perform every assignment trusted to him if he completed the twenty-two week journey. On August 20, 2019, Roderick graduated and became a full fledge fire fighter with the Montgomery, AL fire department. Bro. Simpkins believes when you have a goal in mind you can attain it as long as you trust God and stay focused. Bro. Simpkins is a proud member of Pride of Jemison Clanton Lodge No. 630.

Contributor – WM Antoine Head (No. 630)



REGION 4

News and Events from Region 4

Region Four Awards Education Scholarship

On August 31, 2019, the brothers of Early Star Lodge, on behalf of Region Four (Districts 7, 8 & 10) of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Alabama, made a presentation at the Early Star Lodge Hall in Oak Bowery, AL. Early Star Lodge presented Mr. John Malik Radford a \$1,400.00 Education Scholarship to aid in his educational pursuits. Mr. Radford graduated from Arabia Mountain High School with a Magnate Diploma with a 4.02 weighted GPA. In addition, he was enrolled at Herzing University through the State of Georgia's Dual Enrollment Program and obtained his Associates of Science Degree in Business Management. While at Arabia Mountain he was involved in numerous activities including: President of Arabia Mountain Beta Club, Arabia Mountain National Honor Society, President of AMHS Debate Team & AUDL/Emory University Debate Ambassadors. He even represented AMHS, the city of Atlanta, and the state of Georgia at the 2019 NAUDL National Urban Debate Championship at Georgetown University in Washington D.C. on April 12 – 14, 2019. He is currently a first-year student classified as a Junior at the University of Georgia where he is in their dual degree law program where he will receive his Bachelor's Degree and his Juris Doctorate in five years.

Contributor – Bro. John K. Radford (No. 395)



Pictured from l to r: Bro. John K. Radford; Bro Michael Cobb; Bro. Emerson Thomas; PM Edward Cobb, GDDM District 10; Mr. John M. Radford, PM M.C. Reeves, Asst. GDDM District 10; Bro. Fulson Floyd, Bro. Andre'cus Gibson, PM Sanford Felton

District No. Eight Hosts Family and Friends Fun Day Picnic

The Worshipful Masters of District No. 8 hosted a District wide Family and Friends Fun Day Picnic for the members of the district and their families. A special invitation was extended to the OES Sisters of District No. 20 and their families. A day of relaxation, fun, food, and games was planned for the entire family. On August 24, 2019, from 8:00 A.M. until 5:00 P.M. at Ida Belle Park on Vaughn Road the Brothers and Sisters and their families gathered for a day of relaxation from the stress and worry of everyday life and just had a good time. Members of all Masonic affiliated and concordant bodies and their families were extended an invitation to attend the picnic. Attendees were served cooked to order hamburgers, pulled pork, chicken wings, drumettes, and legs, hot dogs, chips, soft drinks, and water. For dessert, some of the OES Sisters brought various cakes, pies, and cookies and Sister Parks' famous gooey butter squares, as well as, carrot cake. There was also a popcorn machine and ice cone machine available. A jump house and other games and forms of enjoyment were available for everyone's enjoyment. A brother of one of the lodges donated his equipment and skills and provided music for everyone's listening enjoyment. During the very brief intermission Grand District Deputy, RW Donald R. Parks brought greetings and thanked everyone for attending. Brother Parks asked the attendees if they would like to make the picnic an annual affair and there was a resounding "YES". District Deputy Parks concluded his brief comments by challenging every adult to identify one person they have never met and to greet and meet that individual and have a brief conversation. They were visited by Montgomery County Probate Judge, the Honorable Steven Reed and his children, Judge Reed brought greetings and made brief remarks.



The entire picnic was planned and orchestrated by Brother Loveless Belser, Worshipful Master of Hamilton Lodge No. 365. Much of the shopping, cooking, pitching tents, and other tasks were performed by the members of Hamilton Lodge under WM Belser's leadership and direction. Preliminary plans are already in place for the 2nd Annual District No. 8 and OES District No. 20 Picnic. Plans are to hold the 2020 picnic at the same location and during the same month.



All Lodges in District No. 8 and OES Chapters in District No. 20 will be encouraged to participate and bring their families. They will also invite the appendant and concordant Masonic Bodies and their families to participate. Their intent is to make this a day of celebration and unity of the members of all Prince Hall Affiliated Organizations in Montgomery, Lowndes, and Dallas Counties and the surrounding area.

Contributor – RW Donald R. Parks (No. 345)

Hamilton Lodge No. 365

Serving in Its Community



On July 02, 2019, the brothers of Hamilton Lodge No. 365 assisted Mrs. Rebecca Martin in packing 200 backpacks for the children of the Chisholm Community. In order to achieve this quickly, the brothers setup an assembly line where each brother was assigned an item to place in each bag. This ensured that the process was quick and organized. The backpacks included items such as paper, pencils, erasers, pencil sharpeners, crayons, folders, composition notebooks, three-ring binders, hand sanitizer, and glue. On July 11, the brothers of Hamilton Lodge transported the backpacks to the Chisholm Community Center where the event was held. During the event, each brother helped setup, distribute backpacks, and interacted with those who attended.

On August 24th, the brothers of Hamilton Lodge No. 365 celebrated their charter day. Accompanied by the PHA Brothers of District 8, each brother had the opportunity to come together to fellowship, eat, and celebrate the accomplishments that transpired over the past year. Each brother was allowed to invite friends and family members to share in the festivities, as well. Families intertwined while kids enjoyed cotton candy, popcorn, shaved ice, and bouncy houses. Montgomery mayoral candidate, Steven Reed and Circuit Court Judge Vicky Toles also stopped by to fellowship. The brothers of Hamilton Lodge will work diligently to make next year's festivities even bigger and better.



On September 8th, the brothers visited and donated bibles to Greater Mount Olive Baptist Church. This act of community service allowed the brothers to fellowship together as one body in Christ. It is always a great opportunity to formulate bonds with community leaders such as pastors. They know the needs of their communities; thus, they will be able to help the lodge organize community service projects that will have the greatest impact.

On September 21st, Hamilton Lodge volunteered by participating in the Sickie Cell Walk in support of one of their Eastern Star Sisters living with this disease. Sickie cell anemia is an inherited form of anemia, a condition in which there aren't enough healthy red blood cells to carry adequate oxygen throughout the body. There's no cure for most people with sickie cell anemia, but treatments can relieve pain and help prevent problems associated with the disease. The money raised will be used to support the sister's treatment and management of this disease.

On September 25th, Hamilton Lodge No. 365 donated nonperishable food, along with their time, to support Friendship Mission, another charitable organization, fighting to end Domestic Violence and Homelessness in Montgomery, AL. On September 28th, the brothers held its annual lodge yard sale to raise funds for the numerous charitable events the lodge participates in each year.

Contributor – Bro. Marion Avery Dortch, Jr. (No. 365)



Shorter Lodge No. 533

Supporting Its Community

On July 11, 2019, Shorter Lodge No. 533 was pleased to be a part of sponsoring and supporting the 2018 Tallassee Youth Softball Championship Team. The Tallassee Youth Softball Team will also be going to the championship again this year. They have progressed through tournaments and the playoffs and are going to Birmingham to represent Tallassee in the championship game. They are the returning champions, looking to take the trophy home again this year. This group of impressive young ladies have played their hearts out and left it all on the field. The craft of Shorter Lodge No. 533 pledged to assist the team with new uniforms, snacks, fuel and transportation to the game. Shorter Lodge No. 533 was proud to be a part of their success.



On September 6th, Shorter Lodge No. 533 enjoyed a day full of fun and service with the first-grade class of D.C. Wolfe Elementary School in Shorter, AL. The brothers took school supplies, pizza and a word of encouragement to the school staff and students. The lodge were blessed to be able to donate book bags and school supplies to not only the first-grade class, but the also gave the overflow of supplies to any student that was in need, which allowed the lodge to directly impact over 50 students. Past Master Edward Denmark spoke with the kids on the importance of taking school seriously, listening to teachers and parents, and being obedient because disobedience brings negative consequences. This is one of the lodge's favorite events and community service projects because they get a chance to impact the next generation. Shorter Lodge No. 533 has pledged to sponsor the first-grade class every year with school supplies, mentorship, food and fun.

Contributor – Bro. Joshua Anthony (No. 533)



South Griffin Lodge No. 697 Hosts Its Annual Back to School Giveaway

On August 3, 2019, the brothers of South Griffin Lodge No. 697 and the Prince Hall Family of Phenix City, AL sponsored a “Back to School Giveaway”. The event was held at the Chuck Roberts Center in Phenix City, AL. About 250 families received book bags and school supplies the weekend before the first day of school. Members and volunteers packed book bags, grilled hotdogs, and setup a snack and lunch counter for the families that attended this annual event. Throughout the year, South Griffin Lodge and the Prince Hall Family sponsor various fund raisers and raffles to gather the funds necessary for the book bags and school supplies. The Prince Hall Family is an alliance of Masonic Lodges, auxiliaries, and the Order of the Eastern Star in Phenix City and Russell County.



Contributor – Bro. Oree Heard, Jr. (No. 697)

W.T. Woods Lodge No. 842 Partners with the Second Chance Foundation

W.T. Woods Lodge No. 842 has participated in various activities with their partner in education, the Second Chance Foundation. Second Chance Foundation is a private, non-profit, therapeutic behavioral remediation program targeting students excluded from area public schools. Their primary goal is to prepare students to be readmitted and re-integrated into the public-school system with new behavioral skills and attitudes. They are the only agency that provides services to expelled students in the state of Alabama.

On August 19, 2019, the members of W. T. Woods Lodge No. 842 reached out to our partner in education to deliver much needed supplies to the staff to assist in starting a new year. Brothers Terrance Myrick, Worshipful Master, Barry Jackson, Junior Warden, Charles Daniels, Chaplain, and Tiebetabasi Essiet, Secretary, delivered neck ties, fruit snacks, and juices to the kids at Second Chance. The neck ties afforded the older boys an opportunity to present themselves in a professional manner on interviews for job placements in various locations throughout the area.



On September 18th, Brother Myrick was the guest speaker at the Second Chance Foundation. Brother Myrick spoke to the students about making life decisions and how they affect their outcome in life. The students were receptive and responsive to the message and really enjoyed the presentation. Brothers Myrick and Essiet served on a board panel at Second Chance for selected students to present to the board their improvements since being involved in the foundation program and helped decide which students were selected for recommendation to return to the public-school system.

Contributor – WM Terrance T. Myrick (No. 842)

District Eight Welcomes S.S.H. Washington Lodge UD

On Saturday July 6, 2019, the brothers of Masonic District 8 welcomed the newly healed brothers of S.S.H. Washington Lodge UD to the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Alabama. The brothers were formerly members of a lodge under the jurisdiction of the National Compact (Prince Hall Origin) prior to petitioning to become members of the MWPHGL of Alabama. The newly installed Worshipful Master, Sean Macon, was formerly the Deputy Grand Master of the State of Alabama, as well as, former Grand Commander In Chief of Alabama and Brother KeVon Chesson served as the Grand Secretary of the PHO Grand Lodge.

The healing was directed by Most Worshipful Grand Master Corey D. Hawkins after reviewing the petitions and other documents submitted in their request to become members of the MW Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Alabama. Grand District Deputy Donald R. Parks, District No. 8, selected Past Masters from the lodges in District No. 8 to assist in conferring the healing ceremony. All Master Masons in District No. 8 were invited to attend the healing ceremony.

The newly healed brothers of S.S.H. Washington Lodge UD and members of the lodges of District No. 8 celebrated the transition of former members of the National Compact (PHO) to the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Alabama. Grand District Deputy Donald R. Parks, and the Brothers of District No. 8 performed the healing ceremony and welcomed the new members to the Prince Hall Affiliated Grand Lodge of Alabama. Brother Sean Macon spoke on behalf of the members and expressed their sincere gratitude to all members. The brothers are looking forward to working with their new PHA family.



S.S.H. Washington Lodge UD Back to School Cuts and School Supply Giveaway

On Sunday, August 4, 2019, the brothers of S.S.H. Washington Lodge UD of Montgomery, Alabama partnered with Triple J Initiative, Cuts by Spankey Barbershop, Marie's Grand Hair Salon, and Councilman William Green to host a "Back to School Cuts and School Supply Giveaway" in Montgomery, Alabama. The lodge donated several cases of school supplies, as well as, snacks and juices for the children. Brothers also grilled and prepared hot dogs for the students.

Triple J Initiative is a community-based service organization founded by Furlesia McCord Bell. Mrs. Bell says that Triple J Initiative aims to steer children away from gun violence and to, "Get Christ back into the home."

The brothers of S.S.H. Washington Lodge UD also volunteered to participate at the Salvation Army on September 21st, where they sorted and tagged items donated to the Salvation Army and performed other tasks to assist the Salvation Army to eliminate a large backlog of tasks. The lodge is also planning to participate in the 2019 Sister Strut Breast Cancer Walk on October 12th in Montgomery.

Contributor – WM Shean Macon (UD)



Mrs. Furlesia McCord Bell, right and a volunteer bag the school supplies for distribution to deserving students.



Members of S.S.H. Washington Lodge UD presenting school supplies to students during the "Charlie Jay McCord back to school celebration"

REGION 5

News and Events from Region 5

Mack-Andrew Lodge No. 624 Hosts Back to School Drive

On Saturday, August 3, 2019, Mack-Andrew Lodge No. 624 under the leadership of Worshipful Master Phillip Jackson and “Back to School Drive” Chairman, Senior Warden Daniel Everson, partnered with H&R Block and Sunlight Chapter No. 246, OES to serve the neighboring community in the Crestwood Festival area to donate school supplies to deserving students. The students were given a book bag filled with paper, pencils, glue sticks, and crayons. They were also given a lunch during the community fun day. The school supplies benefited local Birmingham City School students.



Mack-Andrew No. 624's Student Aid Recipient



Contributor – PM Charles Motley (No. 624)

On August 10th, under the leadership of Worshipful Master Phillip Jackson and Student Aid Committee Chairman, Daniel Everson, Mack Andrew Lodge No. 624 assisted Mr. Micaiah Collins with monetary funds for his college education. Mr. Collins is a senior at Ramsay High School. Mr. Collins wrote an inspiring essay about his goals for the future. He is a member of East Birmingham Church of God in Christ. Mr. Micaiah Collins is the President of Birmingham City Schools Superintendent Student Advisory Council and he is member of the praise team at his church. Mr. Collins has applied to several colleges and is in the process choosing the best school for his education future. Mack Andrew Lodge No. 624 awards a high school student every year for their efforts in an essay contest. The essays not only promote educational skills, but also provoke a thoughtful conversation in the youth population of our community.

Lincoln Pride Lodge No. 685

Doing Good Deeds

The brothers of Lincoln Pride Lodge No. 685 participated in their 2nd Annual back to school drive, as well as, participated in mentoring children within the Talladega County School District by volunteer coaching basketball and football at Winterboro High School. Also, the lodge has contributed to the 100 Men Foundation by showing young men how to dress professionally and conduct themselves accordingly. Last, they have continued their mentorship through a nonprofit organization called the Crusaders, which is an organization for less fortunate, church going young men. For the near future they are anticipating doing a "TRUNK A TREAT" event at the end of October.

Contributor – Bro. TBD (No. 685)



New Beginning Lodge No. 970 Donates School Supplies

On August 27, 2019, New Beginning Lodge No. 970 in conjunction with PolyOne/Glasforms Inc. visited Martha Gaskins Elementary School with donations for the school year. As one of New Beginning's adopted schools, the lodge provides supplies for the students and teachers on a yearly basis. This year, SW Gerald Beal presented the lodge's annual support projects for Martha Gaskins Elementary School to his employer PolyOne/Glasforms, and they agreed to assist in whatever way possible. This school year, PolyOne/Glasforms' Environment, Health, and Safety (EH&S) department agreed to donate an AED (Automatic Electronic Defibrillator) to the school for mounting in the school gymnasium. This was presented by EH&S specialist Harry Shaver. This equipment can save lives when emergency situations happen during physical activity. In addition to the donation of the AED, New Beginning also donated boxes of school supplies including notebooks, loose leaf paper, markers, crayons, rulers, and pencils.



New Beginning Lodge No. 970 Sponsors Classroom Door Decorating Contest



New Beginning sponsored a door decoration contest for school teachers in the Birmingham area. Teachers were asked to post pictures of their classroom door decorations to kick off this school year on New Beginning Lodge No. 970's Facebook page. The teacher that got the most likes on their picture would be awarded a \$100.00 prize to assist them with funding for the purchase of needed supplies for the classroom. We recognized the need of those that educate our children to have a little extra to assist in that pursuit, as many times these supplies would be purchased by the teachers out of their own pockets. WM Ron Boone, as an educator himself, understood this need and with PM Erick Kennedy came up with this contest. The winner for this school year was Mrs. Suhai Douglas of Martha Gaskins Elementary. The check was presented to Mrs. Douglas on September 11, 2019.

Contributor- Bro. Carlos Bozeman (No. 970)

REGION 6

News and Events from Region 6

Morning Star Lodge No. 50 A Weekend of Service and Worship

On September 14, 2019, the brothers of Morning Star Lodge No. 50 participated in the Adopt-A-Mile Program. The lodge has a Mile Marker in its name on University Drive in Huntsville, Alabama that the lodge has agreed to keep clean and presentable. The lodge has scheduled to clean the one-mile area quarterly during the year. Also, Brother Erick Wade was presented with his own Mile Marker for the work that he has done with the “Green Team” Huntsville Community Development Program. The brothers came together and regulated the location on Academy Drive, across Highway 72 East and Mastin Lake Road in Huntsville, Alabama. This is just another number of community service programs that Morning Star Lodge No. 50 supports.



On September 29th, the brothers of Morning Star No. 50 and sisters of Hendley Chapter No. 855, OES attended West Mastin Lake Baptist Church for their continued joint service visits they have during the months that have a 5th Sunday. Pastor Willie L. Hinton, Sr. welcomed the brothers and sisters in the House of the Lord, as he delivered a spiritual message from {Psalms 116}. The spiritual instruction from Pastor Hinton was uplifting and reminded everyone in attendance that, “Gracious is the Lord, and righteous; yea, our God is merciful.” Everyone enjoyed the fellowship and the prayers offered during the service and the genuine love showed by the West Mastin Lake Baptist Church family. After everyone’s spiritual soul was nourished, the brothers and sisters posed for a few pictures and spoke to the church members about the organization’s community service programs, the lodge and chapter support in the Huntsville area, and the relief they provide in times of need on the national level, as well. The brothers and sisters worked up quite an appetite and it was time to travel to ‘Posey’s Restaurant in Hazel Green for some good home cooking.



Contributor – Bro. Greg White (No. 50)

George W. Braxdall Lodge No. 28's Hidden Talent

The Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Alabama is a world renown jurisdiction known for having some of the most talented and skillful brothers in the world. Brothers throughout the state have excelled in virtually every facet of the arts and sciences, as well as, engineering and building trades.

On September 14, 2019, Ernest Ratliff, an esteemed brother of George W. Braxdall Lodge No. 28 of Decatur, Alabama decided to showcase a taste of his grill-master skills in the grilling competition at The Annual Prince Hall Americanism Day Classic. Locally friends and family have enjoyed his grill-top creations for years and competing was not an aspiration of Brother Ratliff's. After some encouragement from some of the brothers in the lodge and compliments from District Deputy Anthony Johnson of District 17, Brother Ratliff decided to step out and give it a shot. Brother Ernest Ratliff won second place in the pulled pork portion of the competition and hopes to compete again next year.



Contributor – PM Xavier Engram (No. 28)

Eagle Lodge No. 97 Donates School Supplies

On September 20th, the brothers of Eagle Lodge No. 97 came together at New Market Elementary School to present school supplies and their support was greatly appreciated. The brothers of Eagle Lodge No. 97 have committed to doing their part to promote both the teachers and students of New Market this masonic year, through giving. Working with the Principal and Assistant Principal, the brothers were given a list of needed items and immediately kicked into gear to purchase paper, pencils, notebooks, crayons, markers



and other needed items. The brothers plan to make quarterly donations, as well as, solicit donations from individuals throughout the community to ensure the students and teachers have the much-needed supplies throughout the school year.



Contributor - WM Alfred L. Mathews (No. 97)

Athelstine Lodge No. 71 Scholarship Donation and Fundraiser

On July 27, 2019, the brothers of Athelstine Lodge No.71 were pleased to present a \$500.00 scholarship award to TyNeshia Malone. TyNeshia is a graduate of Clements High School in Athens, AL. She will attend Calhoun Community College Campus in Tanner, AL with a major in Nursing. She plans to further her education upon graduating from Calhoun Community College pursuing a bachelor's degree. The lodge was delighted that both scholarship winner, TyNeshia and her mother, Sandra Malone, were in attendance to witness this occasion.

This scholarship was presented at Athelstine Lodge No. 71's Annual Fish Fry Fundraiser at Village View Methodist Church in Athens, AL. The members of Athelstine Lodge No. 71 arrived around 9:30 a.m. and began setting up the church fellowship hall and kitchen for their fish fry which was catered by Swamp John's Restaurant and Catering from Muscle Shoals, AL.

The menu included catfish, chicken strips and shrimp, along with the usual sides of french fries, coleslaw, hush puppies and tea. It was a great time of community fellowship and eating at the fundraiser event that was also supported by other lodges in the North Alabama area. The outstanding community support provided to Athelstine Lodge No. 71 helped them sell over 200 plates and give away a 32" TV at the end of the event.

All proceeds from our annual fish fry help to support Athelstine Lodge No. 71 in its endeavors of helping our community, supporting our brothers, widows and orphans and making good men better. The brothers of Athelstine Lodge No. 71 would like to thank the Athens-Limestone County Community for their continued support. The brothers wish to pass on a special thanks to all Prince Hall Masonic bodies who supported their fundraiser and a special thanks to the volunteers who worked alongside the brothers of Athelstine Lodge No. 71 on this fundraising event.



2019 Scholarship Presentation



2019 Fish Fry Fund Raiser

Athelstine Lodge No. 71

Back-to-School Event

On August 11th, the members of Athelstine Lodge No. 71 supported Redus Barber Shop's Annual Back-To-School Day event. Redus Barber Shop is owned and operated by one of Athelstine's own, Brother Tito Redus. The Barber Shop is located at 814 Westview Ave., Athens, AL 35611. The Back-To-School event was held at Lincoln-Bridgeforts Park, located just across the street from Redus Barber Shop. This event is held annually and supports the children returning to school in Athens and Limestone County.

Athelstine Lodge No. 71 supported this Back-To-School event with a \$250.00 donation for food and school supplies. The brothers of Athelstine Lodge reported to the park to help set up and to pitch their lodge tent with tables and popcorn machines for the kids. They decorated their lodge tables with historical artifacts of Athelstine Lodge No. 71.

This event is a way for businesses, fraternities, churches and civil organizations to support the education of the community children through giving away school supplies, articles of clothing, free haircuts and ladies styles for children before returning to school. In addition, free burgers, hot dogs, chips, lemonade and popcorn was provided to over 250 people, from all walks of life, for over four hours.

The brothers of Athelstine Lodge No. 71 were honored to give back to their community and especially to support their youth. The brothers also thanked Brother Tito Redus for sponsoring this event and allowing brothers to participate. The brothers of Athelstine Lodge No. 71 look forward to giving back to their community youth again next year.

Contributor – WM Buford Thomas (No. 71)



Temple Lodge No. 98

Filling the Gap

On August 12, 2019, Temple Lodge No. 98's Senior Warden (SW), Dr. Calvin Benjamin, embraced our motto "Filling the Gap" by volunteering to become the first Temple Lodge No. 98 Alabama Non-Violent Offenders Organization (ANVOO) Facilitator. His actions are setting the stage for community restoration by furthering ANVOO's mission to assist those seeking to regain their place in society, by connecting them to resources and services, to reach their full potential as productive members within their families and communities.



SW Benjamin's (pictured second from the left) duties include: facilitating, lesson planning, and mentoring classes. ANVOO requires class attendees to look within to determine who they are and what changes are necessary to modify attitudes, behaviors, and lifestyles to prevent them from becoming repeat offenders and returning to prison. The facilitator's main goal, through this mentorship, is to enable the individuals to make better choices for themselves, their families, and lead a productive life upon re-entering society.

When the Care Assurance System for the Aging and Homebound (CASA) contacted Temple Lodge No. 98, District No. 17, and requested a short notice delivery of a shower chair to a homebound resident, our Senior Warden, Dr. Calvin Benjamin, and our Chaplain, Bro. Danny Jefferson, quickly responded to the need. On August 29th, 2019, a shower chair was delivered to a Huntsville resident and Chaplain Jefferson prayed with the family for continued healing and strength before departing.

Investing in our motto "Filling the Gap", Temple Lodge No. 98 is scheduled for monthly CASA deliveries, but this delivery was small, easy, yet impactful to a homebound person. There's no better way to serve our community than providing care for our elderly and homebound!

While supporting Lincoln Lodge No. 99's "Annual Boston Butt Sale", Temple Lodge No. 98 turned the fundraiser into community service, by purchasing Boston butts from Lincoln No. 99 and donating them to a local Madison, AL Barbershop. Kreative Klips Barbershop has served the community in many ways, one example that stands out is when a member of Temple Lodge No. 98 was hospitalized, a barber, Roman "Rome Da Barber" Farrar, from Kreative Klips traveled to Huntsville Hospital to provide a haircut to the brother. On August 31, 2019, Temple Lodge No. 98 returned the favor by providing free lunch to the barbers and customers at Kreative Klips.

Contributor – WM Carl Cooney. (No. 98)

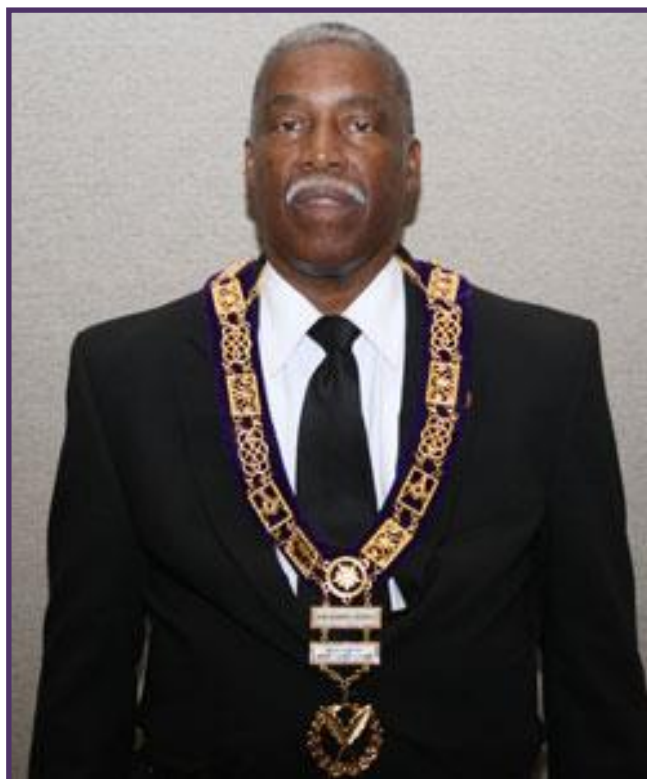


Obituaries

Brothers Called Home by the Grand Architect

George DeWayne Echols was born in Tuskegee, AL to George Caleb and Mattye Leigh Echols on February 27, 1952. He, along with his siblings, were reared by their mother and step-father, Joseph F. Marshall. He confessed his belief in Christ as a youth and joined Ebenezer Missionary Church in Auburn, AL. As a member of Ebenezer, he served as Deacon, Trustee, Church Treasurer, Bus Driver, Media Ministry chairperson, and Male Chorus member.

He was a 1970 graduate of Auburn High School and a 1974 graduate of Troy State University where he received a B.S. degree in Business Administration/Marketing. While attending Troy State, he was a member of the Track & Field team and excelled in the long jump and triple jump. After graduating from college, Brother Echols was employed as Manager and Assistant Manager with F.W. Woolworth and Woolco retail stores for several years. His career with Alabama Power Company lasted more than 37 years, where he was employed as a Land Supervisor for its Southern and Southeast Divisions.



RW George D. Echols
Feb. 27, 1952 – Sept. 25, 2019

Bro. Echols served as Worshipful Master of Milton W. Howze Lodge No. 408 in Auburn for 23 years. He was appointed Grand District Deputy of District No. 7 and recognized as Deputy of the Year for five consecutive years. He served as Grand Secretary of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge F&AM of Alabama. Other Masonic affiliations include Booker T. Washington Consistory No. 115 in Tuskegee, AL Recorder of Mizraim Temple No. 119, Past High Priest of Freeman Jackson Chapter No. 7, Past Thrice Illustrious Master of Solomon Council No. 15 and Past Eminent Commander of St. John Commandery No. 47. He recently received the distinguished recognition of Knight of York Cross of Honour. On July 23, 2019, he was appointed Honorary Past Grand Master of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Alabama.

Within the Auburn Community, Bro. Echols held active community membership in numerous community, civic and service organizations which include Kiwanis Club of Greater Auburn, People of Action for Community Enrichment (P.A.C.E.), the Commercial Development Authority of the City of Auburn, Committee for the Preservation of Auburn's African American History, President of the Greater Summerhill Development Corporation, Lee County Council of March of Dimes, Board of Directors of Boys and Girls Club of Greater Lee County, Board of Directors of Greater Peace Community Development Corporation, Auburn Heritage Association Board of Directors, 12 year member of the Industrial Development Board of the City of Auburn, 16 year member of the Public Parks and Recreation Board of the City of Auburn, National Forum of Black Public Administrators (NFBPA), charter member of the American Association of Blacks in Energy (AASE), International Right of Way Association (IRWA) Chapter No. 024, Leadership Development Association (LDA) Southern Division Chapter of Alabama Power Company, Alabama Power Company Service Organization (APSO) and Four Seasons Federal Credit Union Advisory Board member.

Bro. Echols enjoyed photography as a hobby, as well as, gardening. His personal and community gardens were the envy of the neighborhood. He took pride in helping others, as well as, watching and attending college football games. His many talents and skills were always used to help others. God peacefully called him home on September 18, 2019.

Bro. Echols was preceded in death by his parents and one sibling, Syletha Marshall Morish. His memories will be cherished by his loving wife of 40 years, Patricia Harper Echols; children, Jeremy (JaRyce) Echols of Spring, TX, Melanie (Jesse) Chambless, Kevin (Andrea) Harper, and acknowledged son Morris Toolles, II, all of Auburn, AL; grandchildren Alexandria, Bradley, Jaden, Harper and Charlotte all of Auburn, AL; siblings, Gwen Echols of Auburn, AL and Michael (Cynthia) Echols of Conyers, GA; several aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.



*He was a real optimist and a sincere friend
He won many hearts with his radiant smile's blend*

*He was honest, trustworthy and had a beautiful mind
His spirit was filled with wit and knowledge of all kind*

*There was always a note of optimism in his unique voice
And every time he spoke his heart and soul rejoice*

*He always worked hard and with his zealous passion
He conquered the world of challenges and compassion*

*We don't mourn his death but we celebrate his life
And all hope and happiness that exist and survive*

*We promise to remember his precious life's rhyme
And follow his deep footprints on the sand of time*

*May Gracious and merciful God show him his love today
And may his soul rest in peace, for him I always pray*

"Great men are like eagles and build their nest on some lofty solitude"

By Arthur Schopenhaun

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