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# THE GRAND MASTER'S TRESTLEBOARD



*You are where you are today because  
you stand on somebody's shoulders.  
And wherever you are heading, you  
cannot get there by yourself...*

Vernon Jordan

**H**appy New Year to all! This new year is one that we should look forward to with a great deal of optimism. Just a couple of months ago we witnessed the election of a new President of the United States. We also have a COVID-19 vaccine that is currently being administered. Throughout 2020, we witnessed the deaths of many loved ones, friends, and acquaintances due to COVID-19. I want to encourage each of you to get vaccinated. Please do not gamble with your lives and the lives of others. Get vaccinated!

On December 15th the world lost a masonic legend in none other than the Honorable Dr. Deary Vaughn, who passed peacefully surrounded by his family. Dr. Vaughn served as Sovereign Grand Commander of the United Supreme Council, 33°, Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Masonry, Prince Hall Affiliation, Southern Jurisdiction, United States of America, Inc. for over seventeen years and as Grand Master

of Oklahoma for thirty years. Personally, he was a mentor and role model for me. Words really cannot express the abundance of respect and admiration I had for him. I will definitely miss his sarcastically calling me "Rookie". Just as Vernon Jordan mentioned in his quote, I am who I am today because I stand on the shoulders of Dr. Deary Vaughn. He was small in stature, but a giant of a man. The sacrifices he made and his devotion to the order were priceless. I thank God for his taking an interest in me, for his leadership, and for his guidance. Dr. Vaughn's legacy will live forever within the annals of freemasonry and through the many lives he touched. Rest on Dr. Vaughn!

In the above quote, Vernon Jordan went on to say, *"If you stand on the shoulders of others, you have a reciprocal responsibility to live your life so that others may stand on your shoulders. It's the quid pro quo of life. We exist temporarily through what we take, but we live forever through what we give."* Now that the mantle has been passed, I must do just what was done for me. I have a reciprocal responsibility to live my life so that others may stand on my shoulders, so that I may live forever through what I give. Now I must inquire of you, are you living your lives so that someone may stand on your shoulders?

May God bless you is my continued prayer.

Fraternally,

*Corey D. Hawkins, Sr.*

Most Worshipful Grand Master

Front Cover:  
Remembering the Honorable Dr. Deary Vaughn



# Message from the Editor



RW Herman "Jerome" Glover (50)  
Publication Editor

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

## RECLAMATION DRIVE (TARP)!



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

As 2020 has come to an end and we go into 2021 still under CDC guidelines for COVID-19, please remember if we all follow these guidelines with the vaccine slowly being distributed throughout Alabama, we should slowly be able to start meeting again in our lodge halls, as well as, get involved in our community service and fundraising events. As you will see in this edition of *The Corner-*

*stone Message*, some lodges have already started their community service events again following the CDC guidelines as instructed by Grand Master Hawkins.

Remember your anticipation of the night before undertaking your first degree? As we, in our hearts, prepared to become masons, many of us searched for information on the course of action we were taking and what would befall us as we began what was promised to be a long and fulfilling journey. As the night of our initiation was quite suspenseful, and perhaps a little overwhelming, I know we have all reviewed, considered, and even recon-

sidered what happened that night. Please revisit that same energy in getting back into your lodge halls and communities to show the people of Alabama and beyond, that Prince Hall Masonry is still alive and well in the Jurisdiction of Alabama.

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 2021 to add to the mission of making sure Prince Hall Masonry is at the forefront in the state of Alabama.

- RW 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

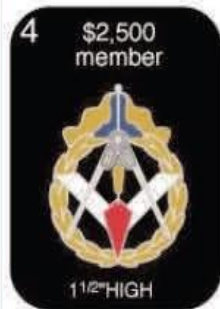
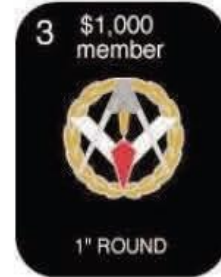
**TARP** serves a two-fold purpose: (1.) It gives suspended Brothers a more affordable means of reinstating and (2.) It gives dying lodges a final opportunity to salvage their existence by increasing their numbers before being forced to close or merge. Our Grand Master has extended a challenge for the members of this jurisdiction to go out and reclaim our lost Brothers. TARP will be in effect through July 31, 2021.

# Support the Temple Renovation

**M**ost

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.



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- private passenger automobiles
- pickup trucks
- motorcycles
- pleasure motor vehicles (i.e., recreational vehicles)



### FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT:

<https://revenue.alabama.gov/motor-vehicle/license-plate-information/generic-specialty-plates/prince-hall-grand-lodge/>  
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To: All Members of the Prince Hall Family of the Jurisdiction of Alabama

From: Corey D. Hawkins, Sr., Esq., Most Worshipful Grand Master

Re: Community Service Projects and "Soft" Re-opening of the Jurisdiction of Alabama

Greetings:

Due to the recent surge in COVID-19 cases the "soft" reopening scheduled for January 1, 2021, is hereby rescinded until further notice. Community service projects are still allowed as long as CDC guidelines are followed. Take notice and govern yourselves accordingly!

Fraternally,

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



# INAUGURATION DAY

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preserve

administer

faithfully

president

bible

government

protect

capitol

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solemnly

constitution

oath

speech

defend

official

tradition

election

parade

wave



# Remembering the Honorable Dr. Deary Vaughn







**MOST WORSHIPFUL PRINCE HALL GRAND LODGE of ALABAMA**  
**2021 VIRTUAL REGIONAL MEETINGS**

<u>DATE</u>	<u>REGION</u>
MARCH 6, 2021	REGION 6
MARCH 20, 2021	REGION 3
APRIL 3, 2021	REGION 1
APRIL 10, 2021	REGION 4
APRIL 17, 2021	REGION 2
APRIL 24, 2021	REGION 5

**REGION 1 – DISTRICTS 1, 3 and 4**

**REGION 2 – DISTRICTS 2 and 12**

**REGION 3 – DISTRICTS 5 and 6**

**REGION 4 – DISTRICTS 7, 8 and 10**

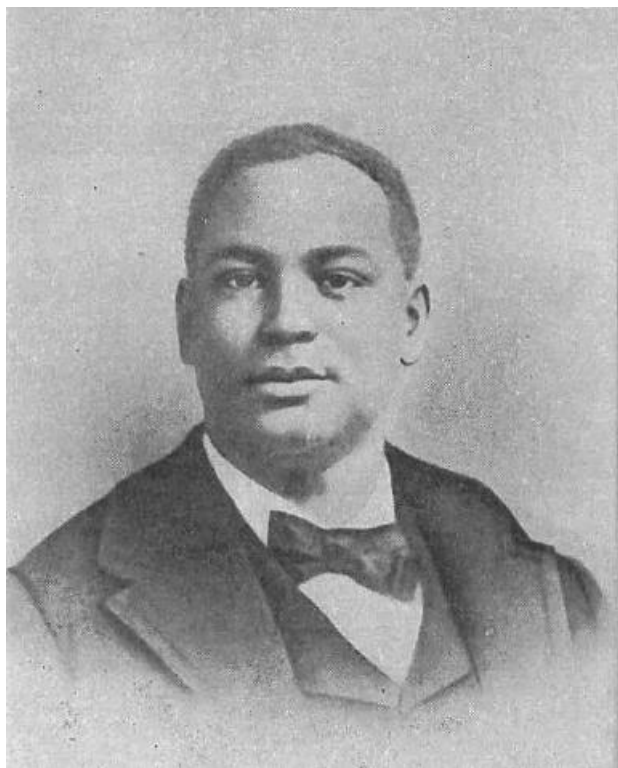
**REGION 5 – DISTRICTS 13, 14 and 15**

**REGION 6 – DISTRICT 17**

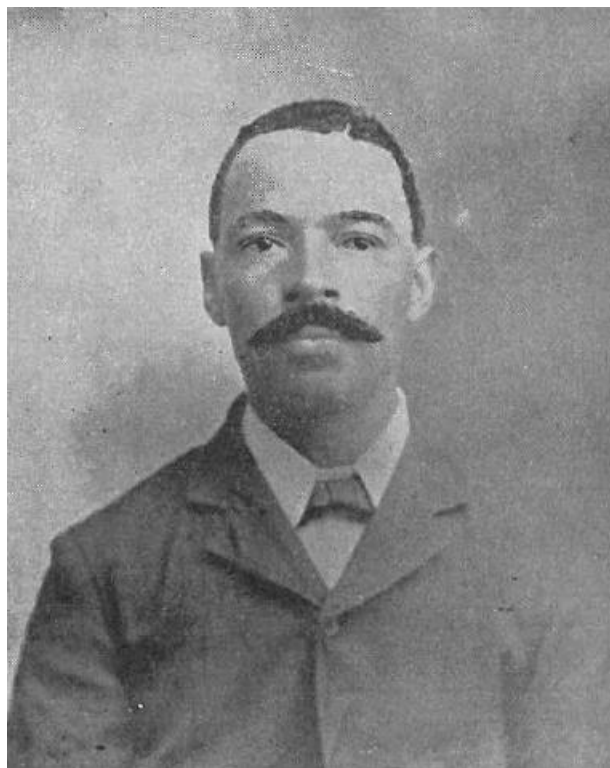
**WE LOOK FORWARD TO YOUR PARTICIPATION!!!**



## A Blast from the Past



**JOHN C. LEFTWICH**  
Grand Secretary.



**W. H. McKINNIS:**  
Endowment Treasurer.

## 1901 Proceedings

# From Whence We've Come...

**This installment is a continuation of the In Their Own Words series. We will take a look at a snapshot of the Grand Master's Address of MWPGM Chas. V. Hendley, Esq.**

“Greetings:

Time marches on! Like a watch in the night, or a tale that is cold, 22 years and seven months have passed since that cold, dreary night of November, 1936, went in historic Tullibody Auditorium at the State Teachers College, Montgomery, Alabama, you saw fit to elect me as your sixth Grand Master. Now, 22 years and seven months afterwards, we who have been spared through the mercies of a Divine Providence, find ourselves once more gathered together in the city of Dothan, Alabama, in the First Baptist Church, for the purpose of holding our 89th annual communication (81st since consolidation). From our many homes and our various occupations and businesses, and from all sections of this great state of ours we have gathered once again to experience and enjoy the reality and truth of that scriptural statement upon which our first degree is founded.

For 89 years the Colored Masons of Alabama have rarely missed holding their Grand Lodge Session , and when in our mind's eye we look back through the years and compare the conditions and circumstances under which our forefathers gave birth to Colored Masonry in this state, with the conditions and circumstances under which we meet here today in the First Baptist Church; we cannot be unmindful of the fact that God, Himself, has watched over us and helped us in our growth and prosperity; that He has thrown around us His arms of protection, and that in His sight we have been accounted not altogether unworthy of His divine grace and protection. Therefore, in obedience to the first great teachings of our order. “That no man should ever enter upon any great and important undertaking without first invoking the aid of Deity”, Let us stop here and ask the Right Worshipful Grand Chaplain to approach our sacred altar and lead us in song and prayer.

In accordance with the provisions of our Constitution and Bylaws, it once more becomes my duty, as well as my pleasure, to present to you for your information, consideration and action, a short review and report of my stewardship as your Grand Master. Also, to touch upon such matters as I think helpful to the Craft. We have been able to accomplish what we have only because of your fine cooperation and help, and I want here to again publicly express to you, and through you, to the entire Craft of this Jurisdiction, my sincere thanks and appreciation. I want you to know that your faith and confidence has been my inspiration; your support and help has been my strength; and your approbation and approval of what I have done has been one of the greatest earthly satisfactions, I appreciate highly the very great honor you have seen fit to bestow upon me during the past 22 years and seven months, and I am especially mindful of the fact that I am the first Grand Master to be elected more than 21 times without opposition. With all honor and privileges comes responsibility and obligation, and I assure you that as long as I am your Grand Master I shall continue to look after your affairs as I would look after my own, and that nothing shall cause me to swerve from the path of Masonic duty, and to perform any act not having as its motive and purpose the best interest of the Order and the Craft as a whole. Therefore, when in the administration of your affairs, I have to now and then say “No” to some of your individual requests, it is not that I think less of you, but rather that I think more of the Order and the Craft as a whole.



### Operation of lodges

I want to call to your attention to the fact that in my estimation, our local lodges are not doing nearly as much as they could to make their meetings interesting and worthwhile. I have heard so many brothers make the statement that the reason they did not attend their lodges were that nothing was done in them but collect dues and close the lodge, and that they could just as well pay their dues to the Secretary. They express the opinion that they would like to attend their lodge meetings if they were more interesting. I am therefore, asking all of the Worshipful Masters to give thought to making their lodge meetings more interesting and to remember that there are many things that could be done to make a lodge meeting more interesting and to furnish a wholesome recreation to the younger members of the lodge which would be in no case a violation of the landmarks of Masonry. Also, in this connection, I would suggest that we intelligently, thoughtfully and legally exemplify the beautiful ritualistic symbolism of our Order.

### Our dwindling membership

We continue to have a small net decrease in membership, and I am afraid that for the next two or three years it will be difficult to stop this small decrease in membership due to the detrimental effect on the well-being of our group because of the activity of the White Citizens Council and the Ku Klux Klan, both of which organizations are taking advantage of our weaknesses by using pressure, economically and otherwise when the least thing happens that they do not agree with. However, in spite of this, we can begin to increase our membership, and for the first time in ten years, I'm appealing to every lodge and all of the officers and members of every lodge, to use every effort not only to keep the membership you have intact, but to add new members an young men, some of whom are yet to be found in every community. In this connection, I also wish to recommend that every lodge create a delinquency committee, and that this committee be given the duty of contacting every brother who is in arrears in the payment of his dues before such brother is formally suspended for nonpayment of dues. It would be helpful in this connection not only to contact the brother, but to contact his wife and others who might be dependent up on him.”

*We recognize that the events of 1959 are not so far away from the issues impacting our current Grand Lodge. Equally, we recognize that the leadership the Craft elected to the helm then was stellar, just as it remains to be stellar today.*

*We hope that you have enjoyed taking a glimpse into what our Brothers were doing in 1959, in Dothan, Alabama.*

Source: *Proceedings of The MW Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons, Jurisdiction of Alabama. 89th Communication (81st Since Consolidation), p. 17-37. July 21-22, 1959*

Contributor—RWL Ken Collins, II

Grand Lodge Historian

## “Touching the Past”

**Ligon Ambrose Wilson**

Commitment, Dedication and Sacrifice, These are the words that come to mind when you consider Past Deputy Grand Master Ligon A. Wilson. So without further ado, let me introduce to some and present to others Past Deputy Grand Master Ligon A. Wilson.



Brother Wilson was born and grew up in Tuskegee, AL. He graduated from Tuskegee and Hampton Institutes and the University of Michigan. When Tuskegee Institute was looking for a President to succeed Dr. R. R. Moton, Ligon was popularly mentioned for the position. During the New Deal he headed the New York Association activities in the state among Negroes. He was also the chairman of the Red Cross campaign in Wilcox County and on the board of the War Bond drive. However, he is mostly noted for being the President of Snow Hill Institute for nineteen years, until his death in 1948.

To put this historical page of history into perspective, we must tell the whole story of the other lives that he has touched and transformed, namely the black community in a little town in lower Alabama by the name of Daphne. He was the Principal of the all black Baldwin County Training School there and the first Worshipful Master of Pine Grove Lodge No. 639, which was established in 1920 during the tenure of Grand Master W. T. Woods.



As a member of Pine Grove Lodge, I was always curious of Wilson's identity, so I began my search. After searching through record after record, he was located in Pineapple, Alabama as the President of Snow Hill Institute. I then set out to find his burial spot, which led me to Ashdale Cemetery in Tuskegee. When I found him it was a surreal emotion that overcame me. At that moment I felt that I had connected with the past and my heart was full and I was satisfied with the work that had been done by so many brothers to bring all our hopes and dreams to reality. I prayed and dropped a silent tear for the journey that this Brother set me upon. Thank you, Brother Ligon A. Wilson, for doing all you could while you could, to advance the plight of our people in a different world than we live in today. Making good men better men will always be our battle cry as we celebrate the spirit of masonry that was left by you in that hollowed lodge.

*Contributor – WM Joseph L. Bullard*



## Pine Grove Lodge (UD)



# COVID-19 Vaccinations

## **Walmart and Sam's Club Pharmacies Administer COVID-19 Vaccines Through Federal Retail Pharmacy Program**

**Eligible Alabamians can now receive a COVID-19 vaccine through Walmart and Sam's Club locations across the state.**

### **Why should I get vaccinated?**

Getting the COVID-19 vaccine not only helps protect you, but also those around you who are not yet eligible to get the vaccine or are extra-vulnerable. By doing so, you're performing an act of service for your community and freeing up health care resources for those in need with other health conditions.

To learn more visit [CDC.gov/Covidvaccine](https://www.cdc.gov/Covidvaccine)

### **Is the vaccine safe?**

Yes! The vaccine is safe and more than 90% effective in preventing COVID-19 after two doses\*. When you receive your first dose, we will schedule your appointment for the second dose. It is absolutely necessary that you receive both doses. The COVID-19 vaccine cannot give you COVID-19.

To check availability and schedule an appointment, visit:

[www.walmart.com/COVIDvaccine](https://www.walmart.com/COVIDvaccine) and [www.samsclub.com/covid](https://www.samsclub.com/covid).

Before scheduling an appointment, please verify your eligibility through your State Health Department's website.

*\* According to Phase III data from Pfizer BioNtech and Moderna*

Walmart and Sam's Club pharmacies will begin administering COVID-19 vaccines through the U.S. Federal Retail Pharmacy Program on Feb. 12, 2021. More than 1,000 Walmart and Sam's Club pharmacies in 22 states are receiving federal vaccine allocations this week, with an emphasis on locations that reach customers in underserved communities with limited access to health care. In addition to the 22 states, Walmart and Sam's Club is also currently administering vaccinations under the state allocation in 11 states, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico. While initial vaccine supply is limited, Walmart and Sam's Club pharmacists and technicians stand ready to help expand vaccine access across the country.

With 150 million customers and members passing through our doors each week, Walmart and Sam's Club pharmacists can safely and easily reach customers where they're already shopping for household and health care essentials. The company worked with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and states taking into account the population density, customer demographics, infection rates and availability of local health care resources among other factors to identify many of the participating locations.

The company also looked at pharmacies located in Medically Underserved Areas, as designated by the Health Resources and Services Administration. For example, the Walmart store in Brewton, Alabama, was chosen because it is in a designated medically underserved area and is the only location to administer the vaccine for 102 miles.\*

"Ninety percent of the country lives within 10 miles of a Walmart. We're at the heart of many rural and underserved communities, and we are committed to providing access to vaccines as groups become eligible," Dr. Cheryl Pegus, Executive Vice President, Health & Wellness, said. "Vaccinations to achieve widespread immunity are important for re-opening across the country. We're proud to work together with the federal government, states, communities, customers and associates to reach that goal."

Vaccine supply and eligibility will vary based on allocation as well as state and local guidelines. The number of vaccinations will be limited and is planned to continue to increase each week. Eligible customers can schedule a vaccine appointment directly via the Walmart and Sam's Club websites once appointments are available, making it convenient to get vaccinated while allocation lasts. A membership is not required to get a vaccination at Sam's Club. In addition to appointments, the scheduler will provide a digital reminder when it is time to return for the second vaccine, which is why customers are asked to create a profile, helping to ensure customers receive the second dose of the vaccine.

Walmart recognizes there are people who may have difficulty accessing in-store clinics, so it will be partnering with other providers and organizations to expand access to offsite vaccination clinics. The company will share details of these new vaccine options as they become available.

Walmart and Sam's Club pharmacies will continue to support states and the federal government to help increase the accessibility and availability of COVID-19 vaccines. To stay up to date on how Walmart and Sam's Club are supporting the vaccine rollout.



Vaccinations are available at the following Walmart and Sam's Club locations:

<b>Store</b>	<b>Address</b>	<b>City</b>	<b>State Zip Code</b>
Walmart #726	2643 HIGHWAY 280	ALEXANDER CITY	AL 35010
Walmart #1091	1991 M. L. KING JR.	ANDALUSIA	AL 36420
Walmart #329	5560 MCCLELLAN BLVD	ANNISTON	AL 36206
Walmart #316	973 GILBERT FERRY RD	ATTALLA	AL 35954
Sam's Club #4989	2335 BENT CREEK RD	AUBURN	AL 36830
Walmart #5062	2047 E UNIVERSITY DR	AUBURN	AL 36830
Walmart #356	1717 S COLLEGE ST	AUBURN	AL 36832
Walmart #4673	1810 SHUG JORDAN PARKWAY	AUBURN	AL 36832
Walmart #425	10675 HIGHWAY 5	BRENT	AL 35034
Walmart #1620	2578 DOUGLAS AVE	BREWTON	AL 36426
Walmart #5126	1950 W MAIN ST	CENTRE	AL 35960
Walmart #731	969 US HIGHWAY 80 W	DEMOPOLIS	AL 36732
Sam's Club #8192	3440 ROSS CLARK CIR	DOTHAN	AL 36303
Walmart #604	4310 MONTGOMERY HWY	DOTHAN	AL 36303
Walmart #2534	3300 S OATES ST	DOTHAN	AL 36301
Walmart #734	600 BOLL WEEVIL CIR	ENTERPRISE	AL 36330
Walmart #1052	3186 HIGHWAY 171 N	FAYETTE	AL 35555
Walmart #4188	1410 FLORENCE BLVD	FLORENCE	AL 35630
Walmart #766	3100 HOUGH RD	FLORENCE	AL 35630
Walmart #4187	2701 CLOVERDALE ROAD	FLORENCE	AL 35633
Walmart #301	340 E MEIGHAN BLVD	GADSDEN	AL 35903
Walmart #409	42466 HIGHWAY 195	HALEYVILLE	AL 35565
Walmart #1100	1706 MILITARY ST S	HAMILTON	AL 35570
Walmart #3185	4226 OAKWOOD AVE NW	HUNTSVILLE	AL 35810
Sam's Club #4776	5651 HOLMES AVE NW	HUNTSVILLE	AL 35816
Walmart #375	3031 MEMORIAL PKWY SW	HUNTSVILLE	AL 35801
Walmart #433	2200 SPARKMAN DR NW	HUNTSVILLE	AL 35810
Walmart #434	11610 MEMORIAL PKWY SW	HUNTSVILLE	AL 35803
Walmart #2760	4206 N COLLEGE AVE	JACKSON	AL 36545
Walmart #300	1625 PELHAM RD S J	ACKSONVILLE	AL 36265
Walmart #287	1801 HIGHWAY 78 E	JASPER	AL 35501
Walmart #2690	8650 MADISON BLVD	MADISON	AL 35758
Walmart #5703	8580 HWY 72 W	MADISON	AL 35758
Walmart #7342	7140 WALL TRIANA HIGHWAY	MADISON	AL 35757
Walmart #866	5245 RANGELINE SERVICE RD	MOBILE	AL 36619
Walmart #991	101 E I65 SERVICE RD S	MOBILE	AL 36606
Sam's Club #8102	601 E I65 SERVICE RD S	MOBILE	AL 36606

<b>Store</b>	<b>Address</b>	<b>City</b>	<b>State Zip Code</b>
Walmart #5098	1970 S UNIVERSITY BLVD	MOBILE	AL 36609
Walmart #5740	2570 GOVERNMENT BLVD	MOBILE	AL 36606
Walmart #853	685 SCHILLINGER RD S	MOBILE	AL 36695
Walmart #4581	2500 DAWES RD	MOBILE	AL 36695
Walmart #4648	6575 AIRPORT BLVD	MOBILE	AL 36608
Walmart #4657	6350 COTTAGE HILL RD	MOBILE	AL 36609
Walmart #1493	3371 S ALABAMA AVE	MONROEVILLE	AL 36460
Walmart #4672	1600 FEDERAL DRIVE	MONTGOMERY	AL 36109
Walmart #5348	851 ANN ST	MONTGOMERY	AL 36107
Sam's Club #8106	1080 EASTERN BLVD	MONTGOMERY	AL 36117
Walmart #938	6495 ATLANTA HWY	MONTGOMERY	AL 36117
Walmart #930	3801 EASTERN BLVD	MONTGOMERY	AL 36116
Walmart #4407	10710 CHANTILLY PKWY	MONTGOMERY	AL 36117
Walmart #4691	8035 VAUGHN ROAD	MONTGOMERY	AL 36116
Walmart #660	517 AVALON AVE	MUSCLE SHOALS	AL 35661
Walmart #5248	1660 MCFARLAND BLVD	NORTHPORT	AL 35476
Walmart #355	2900 PEPPERELL PKWY	OPELIKA	AL 36801
Walmart #809	92 PLAZA LN	OXFORD	AL 36203
Sam's Club #4836	1900 OXFORD EXCHANGE BLVD	OXFORD	AL 36203
Walmart #740	1537 S US HIGHWAY 231	OZARK	AL 36360
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# \$ Dollars and Sense \$

## RETIREMENT

# 10 Tips for Saving for Retirement

No matter your age, just about everyone can benefit from these retirement savings tips.

### 1. Start now

It's a simple fact that the earlier you begin saving for retirement, the more time your money has to earn interest and grow. If you've put off saving until your 30s or later, make up for lost time now by stashing away 10 to 15 percent of your salary.

### 2. Plan your retirement needs

If you want to retire at 55 and travel the globe or work for as long as you can but stick close to home, how much money you need to retire is unique to you. Rather than relying on figures that suggest you'll need 80 percent of your preretirement income to live comfortably later in life, talk with your spouse and financial advisor to settle on an amount to save that's tailored to you.

### 3. Learn about and contribute to your employer's plan

If your employer offers a tax-sheltered plan, contribute at least enough to get the employer match. Your employer can provide you with a summary plan description, which recaps your plan and vesting eligibility, as well as an individual benefits statement.

### 4. Consider saving "on the side"

If you don't have access to an employer-based plan, contributing to a traditional or Roth IRA allows you to get similar tax benefits for your retirement savings. Even if you do contribute to an employer-based plan, an IRA can supplement those savings.

### 5. Make saving as easy as possible

Eliminate the need to move money from one account to another by setting a monthly savings goal and automating a deposit to that amount. By making savings routine, you are more likely to see your retirement nest egg grow. To help boost your regular savings, funnel any extra cash windfalls, such as from a bonus or inheritance, directly to your retirement savings.

### 6. Increase savings as you near retirement

Your income will likely rise with age and experience, so it makes sense to save more as you earn more. After age 50, you will also be eligible for catch-up contributions, which allow you to contribute beyond the set limit. For 401(k)s, you can contribute an extra \$6,500, while for IRAs you can contribute an extra \$1,000.



### 7. Be an active participant in your plan

Automating your retirement savings and amount doesn't mean you should "set it and forget it." Examine your quarterly statements to ensure you are on track to meet your goals. Can you afford to contribute more? Are your investments still appropriate? Do you need to lower your exposure to risk?

By taking active control now, you take control of creating the best retirement lifestyle possible.

### 8. Decide on your Social Security strategy

Social Security benefits may be available at age 62, but up until age 70, your retirement benefit will increase by a fixed rate (based on your year of birth) each year you delay retirement. Waiting means you may be able to take advantage of some extra cash. If you are married, you may also be able to receive spousal benefits, which boost the amount you and your spouse receive in Social Security as a couple. To learn more, visit [www.socialsecurity.gov](http://www.socialsecurity.gov).

### 9. Be a savvy investor

It's important to be smart about not only the amount you save but also how you save. To help insulate against market swings, diversify your investments within sectors and across asset classes and geographic regions. The more intentional you are about where your assets are invested, the more secure you can feel about them.

### 10. Don't touch your savings until retirement

Dipping into your retirement savings is a last resort. In addition to harsh penalties, you lose

principal, which in turn depletes interest earnings and tax benefits. Also, if you switch jobs, rollover your retirement account rather than "cashing out." Preserving your retirement savings may be difficult when funds are tight, but will benefit you when you truly need it most.

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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:

## Brother Bakari P. Dale

Brother Bakari P. Dale, 32<sup>o</sup> is a native of Birmingham, Alabama, the eldest child of four siblings, and high school graduate of Woodlawn High School Class of '92. He began his military career by enlisting in the US Navy as an Air Traffic Controller. It is always good to remember where you came from and the progress you have made. Bro. Dale credits his grandfather for instilling integrity in him, his hometown of Gate City for putting steel in his spine, the Navy for instilling courage & honor in him, and Norwich University placed perseverance in his heart. AΦA taught him to transcend all through service to all mankind. Freemasonry made him a better man in knowledge and professionalism beginning with Council Lodge No. 778 and the Seven Liberal Arts and Sciences of Freemasonry. As a young man having professional examples in life that look like him, Bro. Dale expressed, they are few except in the Alabama Prince Hall Freemasons. Under the guidance of Worshipful Master, R.W. Bro. Dennis Simmons from 1992 until today it was a blessing to be guided by men of distinction within Council Lodge No. 778 such as him. After extensive travels around the world, while serving in the Navy and the Department of the Army, Bro. Dale reconnected with Council and his Masonic journeys continue to enlighten me. Bro. Dale lives by, *Always remembering to smile and keep moving forward because only a few know your struggles.*



*Brother Bakari P. Dale*

On November 22nd, Bro. Bakari Dale was promoted by appointment to Senior Level Tier-1 (Brigadier General equivalent), making him the most senior African American in his field and the first in his appointment. Bro. Dale is a Veteran Naval Officer (Naval Aviator) that began his civil service career with the Army's Secretariat staff in 2012. He was selected to serve as the Principal Data Scientist for the Army's Office of Business Transformation, Undersecretary of the Army from February 2020 to August 2020. On August 1st, 2020 he was picked to stand up the Office of Enterprise Data Analytics (EDA). He is responsible for planning and coordinating capability requirements for enterprise decision analytics including Artificial Intelligence (AI), Machine Learning (ML), and Data Science (DS). He leads the Deep Green Data Science Competition, EDA Data Science Team, EDA Innovation Technology Team, and Headquarters, Army Analytics Lab (HAL). He also serves as the senior technical authority with responsibility for advising the Chief Management Officer; Director, Office of Business Transformation; and other staff elements relative to portfolio management and investment planning for Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning (AI/ML/DS) capabilities.

# Achievements

## Grand Master Hawkins Ascends to Sovereign Grand Commander

**D**ue to the untimely demise of Sovereign Grand Commander Dr. Deary Vaughn, our very own Grand Master, the Honorable Corey D. Hawkins, Sr., Esq., has ascended to the office of Sovereign Grand Commander of the United Supreme Council, 33°, Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite Masonry, Prince Hall Affiliation, Southern Jurisdiction, U.S.A., Inc.

Grand Master Hawkins is the youngest Sovereign Grand Commander in modern time. He possesses the credentials, qualifications, leadership abilities and experience to serve as Sovereign Grand Commander of the United Supreme Council, AASRM, SJ.

Congratulations Sovereign Grand Commander Hawkins on your ascension to the apex of Scottish Rite Masonry.





# REGION 1

## News and Events from Region 1

### District One Masonic Family Provides Thanksgiving Meals to Its Community



In November 2020, the District One Masonic Family joined together to give Thanksgiving blessings in their community. Present were Pine Grove Lodge No. U.D. Hiram Lodge No. 3, Eunita Star Chapter No. 432, Daphne Pride Chapter No. 387, and Juliette Chapter No. 613 as they joined forces this Thanksgiving to reach into the community and make a difference to about thirty families. Food boxes with the whole Thanksgiving meal were passed out to families in need. WM Leroy Evans of Hiram Lodge No. 3, Secretary Cecil Lett, and WM Joseph Bullard of Pine Grove Lodge No. U.D. fried the turkeys and delivered the boxes through-out Mobile and Baldwin County. A special thanks to Grand Worthy Matron Shirley Pratt, Worthy Matron Dorothy Williams and Tyre Solomon of Daphne Pride No. 387, Sister Sylvia Bullard of Eunita Star Chapter 432, Worthy Patron Bro. Julian Woods of Juliette Chapter No. 613. District One Masonic Family wants to continue to be a blessing to someone in need and share their blessings with others who are less fortunate.

*Contributor – Bro. Joseph Bullard (No. U.D.)*



## REGION 4

### News and Events from Region 4

# Abraham Lodge No. 267 Provides Thanksgiving Meals to It's Community



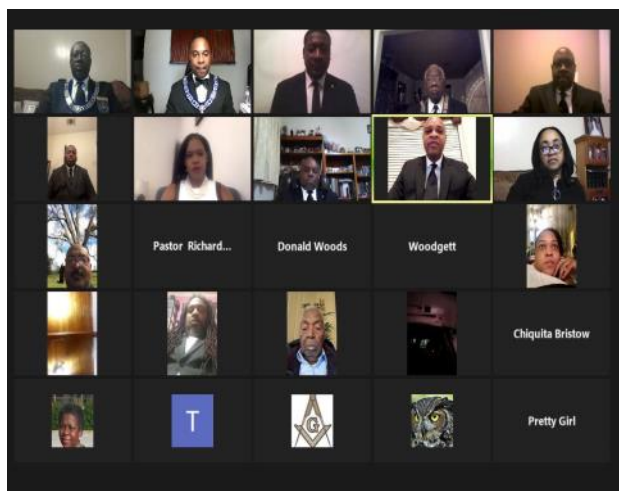
The day before Thanksgiving, the brothers of Abraham Lodge No. 267 provided nineteen full dinners to deserving families. The dinners were pre-cooked to allow more ease on families during the holiday. Each family received a turkey, sides, drinks, and dessert. Each dinner was enough to feed four to six people. All families were thankful and expressed gratitude to the brothers.

## Fellowship Night With Abraham Lodge No. 267

The Brothers of Abraham Lodge No. 267 continued its annual tradition of hosting Fellowship Night (St. John's Day) virtually.

St. John was considered the most loyal and trusted of Jesus's disciples and the one closest to Jesus. He also represents the coming of a New Year. St. John's Day was created early in Christian history, the sun and the moon were key to their understanding of the world at that time. This became so important to early Christians as well that they placed John the Evangelist's day of recognition and celebration following the winter solstice.

Due to COVID this year, the celebration was held virtually. Well over 40 participants tuned in to the program with Brother and Pastor Richard Williams serving as the keynote speaker.



Contributor – PM Roderick Caswell (No. 267)

# Hamilton Lodge No. 365

## Serving in Its Community

**I**n the last quarter of 2020, the Brothers of Hamilton Lodge performed community service by donating their time and other resources to assist where they could. With the winter months quickly approaching, the brothers of Hamilton Lodge were committed to doing what they could, as safely as, they could.

On October 8th, Hamilton Lodge received a community service award from Hillard Chapel AME Zion Church in Montgomery, AL, for seven years of partnership and service to the community. Hilliard Chapel is a church on fire for the Lord. It is a place where the Word of God is preached and proclaimed. It is a place where God is transforming lives from the inside out.

Even though our country has been halted by the COVID-19 pandemic Hamilton Lodge No. 365 still found time to honor two worthy ladies that are battling cancer and encouraged them to keep up the fight. The Brothers of Hamilton Lodge made baskets with these two courageous women in mind; thinking of the heroism, personal courage, and faith they continue to demonstrate in the face of this disease.

Even though the Covid-19 pandemic has put a limit on the amount and frequency of everyone's activities, the brothers of Hamilton Lodge remained dedicated and committed to showing sincere brotherly love and affection for those members unable to participate in the lodge's activities as much as they once did. WM Belser and SW Kenneth Gray fellowshipped with Brother and Mrs. James Herndon at their home, as well as, delivering a basket of essential items on behalf of Hamilton Lodge to show the lodge's appreciation of all the work that Brother Herndon and Mrs. Herndon have done for the lodge over his decades of service to the lodge.





Earlier in November 2020, the members of Hamilton Lodge No. 365 donated book bags and school supplies to the students of Pintlala Elementary School in Montgomery. The kids were extremely excited to receive the much needed and appreciated supplies.

As an annual tradition, the brothers of Hamilton lodge No. 365 came together to donate candy to a mother and her children for Halloween. Usually, this is done as a part of the Montgomery Sheriff's Department's Halloween Trick or Treat event inside of Garret Coliseum in Montgomery, but due to the pandemic and social distancing, the lodge decided to provide trick or treat items to one family.

Just before Christmas, the brothers of Hamilton Lodge shared the Christmas spirit by donating a bicycle to a family who, due to the pandemic, was financially impacted and could not afford to purchase a bicycle for their son this Christmas. This charitable gesture put a smile on the young man's face and brought a little happiness to him and his family during the holiday season.

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



## REGION 5

### News and Events from Region 5

## Tuxedo Lodge No. 431 Donates To Toys For Tots

During the Holiday season, Tuxedo Lodge No. 431 chose Toys for Tots as their Christmas charity. While adhering to the established safety guidelines, most of the lodge brothers submitted their contributions and left the shopping to a few. The collection date was December 12, 2020, at the Pep Boys Automotive Store located on Academy Drive in Bessemer, AL where all the collections were donated to Toys for Tots for distribution.

*Contributor – PM Larry Jones (No. 431)*



## William O. Jones Lodge No. 971 Donates Christmas Blessings



2020 has been a difficult time for many families. The brothers of William O. Jones Lodge No. 971 ensured that two families would be able to enjoy Christmas by providing gifts, toys, and clothing for their children. For the past number of years, William O. Jones Lodge has supported Shelby Emergency Relief by making donations each year.

*Contributor – WM Michael McCall (No. 971)*



# New Beginning Lodge No. 970 Sponsors Voter Registration Drive

On October 15 and 17, 2020, New Beginning Lodge No. 970 sponsored a voter registration drive. The mission was to do their part by encouraging community members to exercise their right to vote. The brothers were able to assist over thirty people in the Bessemer community with registering to vote. There were several 19- to 21-year-olds that registered, acknowledging it was their duty to register in this year's election. Most of the young adults came with a parent. Seeing the glow on the parent's faces as they observed the voter registration process for their child was priceless. The brothers made sure that everyone that participated including those registering wore a mask and maintained appropriate distance per CDC guidelines.



# New Beginning Lodge No. 970 Beautifies Elementary School



On November 7th, the brothers of New Beginning Lodge No. 970 embarked upon a project to beautify the entrance of Martha Gaskins Elementary School in preparation for the return of students for in-person classes transitioning from the virtual learning footprint brought forth due to the Coronavirus pandemic that has ravaged the country and the world. The goal was to bring a bright refreshing start to the returning students instead of the shuttered previous months of managing the need for continued education and the mandates put forth to ensure the health & safety of students, as well as, teachers during this health crisis. Brother Senior Warden Gerald Beal spearheaded this project and coordinated the purchase of flowers and plants to be planted in several pots and planters at the entrance of the school. Brothers Klonaris Ingram, WM Ron Boone, PM Roderick Hughley, and Brother Beal planted and watered dozens of plants to bring a lively bright ambiance to the entrance to allow the beauty of God's creation to make all that returned feel welcome and safe.

*Contributor- Bro. Carlos Bozeman (No. 970)*



## REGION 6

### News and Events from Region 6

# Red Cross Lodge No. 35 Continues Community Services

In November and December of 2020, the brothers of Red Cross Lodge No. 35 of Meridianville, AL met with three families safely during the pandemic to present them with gift cards for Thanksgiving and Christmas. The families expressed their appreciation for the lodge's generosity during these difficult times. Presentation of gift cards to families in need is an annual event for Red Cross Lodge No. 35.

In addition to the presentation of gift cards, two brothers joined other community volunteers to help pass out boxes of Thanksgiving meals to people in need at the Downtown Rescue Mission in Huntsville, AL. Red Cross Lodge No. 35 has been participating in this annual event since 2002.

*Contributor – WM Clarence Roberts (No. 35)*



# Athelstine Lodge No. 71

## Food Basket Giveaway



and Local COVID-19 guidelines while preparing the holiday baskets. Each Holiday Food Basket consisted of items to prepare a traditional Thanksgiving and Christmas meal such as turkey, ham, vegetables, stuffing mix, yams, etc., and a ten-pack of face masks. Also, the brothers donated \$250.00 to the family of a community member who was unable to continue

Despite the COVID-19 pandemic, and all that we've experienced across the nation in our communities, God still provided a way for Athelstine Lodge No. 71 to be of service in 2020. On November 23, 2020 Worshipful Master Buford Thomas, Brother Mansfield Scott, and Brother Bradley McWilliam met, assembled, and delivered Thanksgiving Baskets to the families in Athens-Limestone County. These brothers of Athelstine Lodge No. 71 adhered to Grand Lodge, Federal, State, and Local COVID-19 guidelines while preparing the holiday baskets. Each Holiday Food Basket consisted of items to prepare a traditional Thanksgiving and Christmas meal such as turkey, ham, vegetables, stuffing mix, yams, etc., and a ten-pack of face masks. Also, the brothers donated \$250.00 to the family of a community member who was unable to continue working due to severe medical reasons.



On December 23rd, Senior Warden Timothy Irving, Junior Warden Michael Wiley, and Brother Gary Turner delivered Christmas Baskets to the families in Athens-Limestone County, Alabama. On December 21st thru 23rd, Worshipful Master Buford Thomas and Brother Mansfield Scott delivered twelve annual Christmas Fruit baskets to widows of our deceased brothers. Our widows are grateful that the lodge continues to think of them and check on their welfare. The gift of a fruit basket warms their hearts, especially during this time of year. The widows have grown fond of the fruit baskets and were happy that we were able to deliver them in the climate of the pandemic. Worshipful Master Buford Thomas thanked the brothers who donated food and money for their 2020 holiday gift baskets. He'd also like to thank Brother Mansfield Scott and Brother Bradley McWilliam for helping with the preparation and delivery of the holiday gift baskets. Worshipful Master Buford Thomas also extends kudos to his Senior Warden Timothy Irving, Junior Warden Michael Wiley, and Brother Gary Turner for the preparation and delivery of their annual holiday gift baskets.

*Contributor – WM Buford Thomas (No. 71)*



# Temple Lodge No. 98

## Thanksgiving Feed-a-Family

On November 20, 2020, Temple Lodge No. 98 partnered with Publix Grocery Store and Clearview Cancer Institute (CCI) to prep and package Thanksgiving Meal boxes for the Second Annual Thanksgiving Feed-a-Family event for deliveries. Due to COVID-19, Temple Lodge No. 98 answered CCI's call for increased support and delivered meal boxes to twenty families, which included a turkey and all the trimmings. Special thanks to the brothers that delivered meals and a little joy to those families.

*Contributor – WM Carl Cooney. (No. 98)*



*Bro. Don Carter, Bro. Samuel Davis, WM Carl J. Cooney Jr. (center) and Publix Grocery Store Team*



# Obituaries

## Brothers Called Home by the Grand Architect

**P**astor Jimmy Leaner Harville, Sr., was born to the late Reverend Wilbur and Rosie Lee Harville in Johns, Alabama, on May 13, 1947. He was the eighth of ten children. He answered his Master's call on November 27, 2020.

At an early age, Bro. Harville confessed Christ and joined Bethlehem Missionary Baptist Church in John's, Alabama, under the leadership of Reverend W. C. Crosby. Bro. Harville was educated in the public school system of Jefferson County and was a proud 1965 graduate of Westfield High School. After graduation, he attended Lawson State Community College.

After his time in the military, Bro. Harville attended the University of Alabama at Birmingham, where he obtained his degree in Accounting. During his time of study, Bro. Harville was very active on campus. In 1972, he became a Charter Member of the Kappa Delta Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.

While at UAB, Bro. Harville met and married his college sweetheart, Edith Peagler Harville, in 1973. They were married for 33 years until she died in 2007.

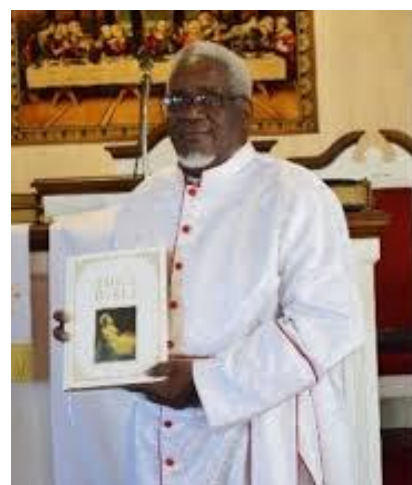
Bro. Harville obtained his Certification in Public Accounting in 1980. He began his business career with the Accounting Firm of Banks, Finley, White & Company; in 1982, Bro. Harville was led to start his practice, Harville & Co., P. C.; then, in 1988, the company expanded again to form Dozier, Harville, & Hughley, P. C. Bro. Harville remained in private practice until his retirement.

Bro. Harville answered his calling to preach in 1984. He attended Birmingham Easonian Baptist Bible College and in 1986, he was installed as the Senior Pastor of New Bethlehem Baptist Church, where he served faithfully until God called him home.

Bro. Harville was involved in many activities during his life. He was a proud 33rd Degree Mason and served as the Grand Auditor of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall F&AM of Alabama and a member of Golden Square Lodge No. 340. Bro. Harville was a devoted outdoorsman, fisherman, and hunter. He was a proud and active member of the Jackson Hunting Club, forming life-long friendships with his fellow members.

Bro. Harville was blessed to spend the last 12 years of his life married to Willena Christian Harville. Through their marriage, many beautiful memories were made and shared.

Bro. Harville was preceded in death by his brothers, John, Alton, and Wilburt Harville, and two sisters, Cheryl Ann (David) Walker and Clara Mae Bryson. A lifetime of memories will be cherished by his loving wife, Willena Harville; children, Erica, Jimmy, Jr., Kymberly, and Andrea Harville, all of Birmingham, AL. and Apryl Stanley of Anchorage, Alaska; three granddaughters, two brothers, three sisters, and a host of cousins, nieces, nephews, friends, and the New Bethlehem Baptist Church Family.



***Pastor Jimmy Leaner Harville, Sr.  
May 13, 1947—Nov. 27, 2020***

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