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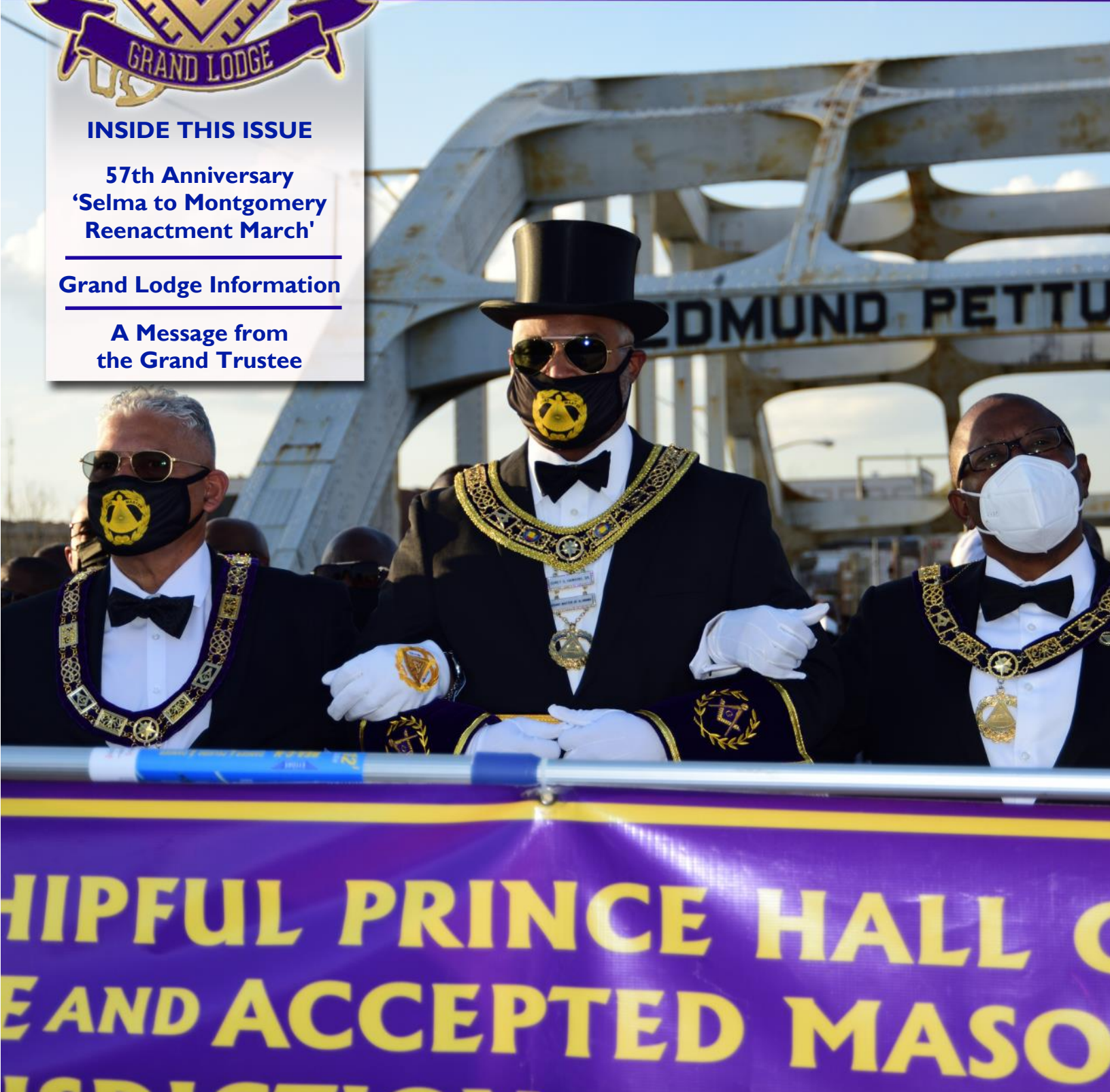
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*"Let us move forward with strong and
active faith."*

Franklin D. Roosevelt

Spring is here and we are witnessing the seasonal rotation move forward as leaves and blooms again adorn the trees and flowers. There are times when winter seems to give way to spring earlier than normal and sometimes later.

February 2nd, Groundhog Day, a national holiday, is when we rely on a groundhog named Punxsutawney Phil in Punxsutawney, Pennsylvania to predict if we will have six more weeks of winter or an early spring. If he sees his shadow, we can expect six more weeks of winter. If he doesn't, we can expect an early spring. I am not sure how accurate Punxsutawney Phil has been, but regardless of whether he lays eyes on his shadow or not, one thing is for certain, at some point, whether early or late, spring is going to move forward.

Just as spring has moved forward, the Jurisdiction of Alabama is moving forward. We are preparing for the 152nd Annual Communication to be held July 18-20, 2022 in Mobile, Alabama. We are looking forward to a well-attended, high-energy session.

This Grand Lodge is moving forward with the renovation of our temple. A moving company is currently removing items from the temple and also discarding those unwanted items through a chute that has been attached to the building and drops into a dumpster.

Yes, Alabama we are moving forward with a strong and active faith that everything is going to be alright. Our Father has not brought us this far through this pandemic to leave us.

Finally, I must pay tribute to our Grand Attorney, Tyrone Means, who passed away on March 16, 2022. Right Worshipful Means served as our Grand Attorney for over twenty years. He was very active in the community in so many different ways. Brother Means will be deeply missed. Let us keep the Means Family in our prayers.

In closing, stay strong Alabama! Keep the faith! Let's move forward! May God Almighty bless you and may He bless our beloved Grand Lodge!

Fraternally,

Corey D. Hawkins, Sr.

Most Worshipful Grand Master

Front Cover:

Grand Masters on the Edmund Pettus Bridge during the 57th Anniversary 'Selma to Montgomery Reenactment March'

Message from the Editor



RW Herman "Jerome" Glover (50)
Publication Editor

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RECLAMATION DRIVE (TARP)!



Official Publication of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Alabama entitled *The Cornerstone Message*, Greetings:

Since the Covid numbers are at their lowest levels in the last two years and we are getting back to somewhat our normal lives. Isn't it time we reintroduced ourselves to the meaning of Freemasonry and get back to living and practicing this beautifully descriptive picture of our order?! We have to find ways of developing material that will be used in our masonic community. Realistically we

To all readers and supporters of this blue lodge level and insist that every lodge must offer some course of masonic education in their lodges.

To those of you who are "ritual purists" please do not let my next statement shock you. But the real truth of the matter is that we have come to depend on the ritual as the basis for masonic knowledge. The ritual does not make masons. It only makes members!

If you don't have the resources within the lodge, the Grand Lodge has the Masonic College to provide that education. Also, be on the lookout for the Supplemental Guide for more explanations

to gray areas within the ritual. 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 2022 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:

- \$25.00 reinstatement fee
- \$25.00 taxes
- \$25.00 registration
- \$50.00 assessment (Have two years to pay the remaining \$150.00)
- \$125.00 Total

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

- \$25.00 reinstatement fee
- \$25.00 taxes
- \$25.00 registration
- \$50.00 assessment (Have two years to pay the remaining \$200.00)
- \$125.00 Total

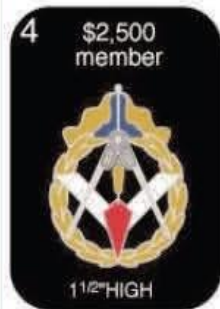
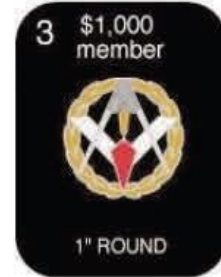
TARP serves a two-fold purpose: (1.) It gives suspended Brothers a more affordable means of reinstating and (2.) It gives dying lodges a final opportunity to salvage their existence by increasing their numbers before being forced to close or merge. Our Grand Master has extended a challenge for the members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

Support the Temple Renovation

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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!



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YOUR PLATE MAY BE DISPLAYED UPON THE FOLLOWING TYPES OF VEHICLES



- 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/>
(You may purchase the MWPGL of AL Tags Anytime, You do not have to wait for your renewal Month!)

57th Anniversary “Selma to Montgomery Reenactment March”



Prince Hall Masons & Order of Eastern Star Sisters, “We March With Selma”



Voting Rights Act of 1965, “Your Vote Counts”



The Work Isn't Over, “GET OUT and VOTE”



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OFFICIAL COMMUNICATION NUMBER 28

May 17, 2022

TO: Grand Lodge Officers, Grand Trustees, Worshipful Masters, Past Masters, Wardens, and Brothers of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, Jurisdiction of Alabama

In accordance with the provisions of our ***Constitution and By-laws*** and in conformity with the action of our last Grand Lodge, you are hereby officially notified that the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge, F. and A. M. of Alabama, will convene in its 152nd (one-hundred forty-fourth since consolidation) Annual Grand Lodge Communication, on Tuesday, July 19, 2022, at 8:30 a.m., at The Battle House Renaissance Mobile Hotel and Spa (Battle House Hotel), 26 North Royal Street, Mobile, Alabama 36602-3802.

GRAND LODGE OBLIGATIONS

To be represented in the Grand Lodge without embarrassment, it is very necessary that **every lodge is paid up within bounds with ALL DEPARTMENTS OF THE GRAND LODGE.**

REPRESENTATIVES

Representation in the Grand Lodge will be in accordance with our Masonic laws, traditional Masonic usage, and customs. **MASONIC LAW PROVIDES THAT EVERY LODGE MUST BE REPRESENTED AND MUST DISCHARGE ITS GRAND LODGE DUTIES AT LEAST ONCE IN EVERY TWO-YEAR PERIOD OR IS SUBJECT TO HAVING ITS CHARTER REVOKED.** Lodges will be represented by their Worshipful Masters and/or Wardens. Be sure to send a representative so that there will be no chance of losing your charter. All Past Masters MUST obtain, from their subordinate lodge, a certificate or a statement duly signed by the Master, attested by the Secretary, and sealed with the seal of the lodge, showing that

they are in good standing with their subordinate lodges as of June 30, 2022. Reasonable proof may be requested as to Past Master's status. The above- mentioned certificate or statement filed with the Credentials Committee and proof of being current in all departments, including the temple renovation assessment, will entitle Past Masters to seats in the Grand Lodge. The June report of lodges to the Grand Secretary will be sufficient credentials for the representatives of the various subordinate lodges. However, all representatives will register with the Credentials Committee. At registration, representatives will receive an official badge, which will admit them to be seated in the Grand Lodge. The Credentials Committee will be stationed in The Battle House Hotel. **Reminder: Lodges must be current in its tax payments and all Brothers must be current in all payments owed to the Grand Lodge, including the building renovation assessment, in order to be seated in the Grand Lodge Session. This will be strictly enforced.**

PUBLIC PROGRAMS

The Welcome and Awards Program will be held on Monday, July 18, 2022, at the Renaissance Mobile Riverview Plaza Hotel (Riverview Plaza Hotel) in Mobile, Alabama, at 6:00 p.m. We will utilize this time to welcome our guests and to award deserving brothers who have made outstanding contributions to the organization over the past year. The local committee is planning an excellent Welcome and Awards Program, and all Master Masons are requested to be in Mobile in time to attend the program.

The Lodge of Sorrow will be held on Tuesday evening, July 19, 2022, beginning at 7:00 p.m., at the Riverview Plaza Hotel, in Mobile, Alabama. Every Master Mason is expected to attend.

MASONIC CLOTHES

All representatives, officers, and brothers **must bring black or dark blue suits, white shirts, black tie, white aprons and white gloves.** Each must be properly clothed in accordance with the ***Authorized Regalia Guide and Dress Code Specifications*** to enter the Grand Lodge Session and the Lodge of Sorrow. **This requirement will be strictly enforced.**

DAILY DEVOTIONS

No man should ever enter upon any great and important undertaking without first invoking the blessing of Deity. Because our Annual Communication is such a great and important undertaking we will engage in daily devotions at 8:00 a.m. on Tuesday and Wednesday mornings until the sound of the gavel at 8:30 a.m. ***Give unto the Lord the glory due unto his name; worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness. Psalm 29:2***

ACCOMMODATIONS

The host hotel for our Annual Communication is currently booked. We have made accommodations at the Holiday Inn Downtown Historic Mobile District (Holiday Inn), located at 301 Government Street, Mobile, AL 36602 and The Admiral, a Wyndham Hotel, located at 251 Government Street, Mobile, AL 36602. Please make your reservations as soon as possible by calling the Holiday Inn at **1-251-694-0100** or The Admiral at **1-251-432-8000**. Ask for the **MOST WORSHIPFUL PRINCE HALL FREE and ACCEPTED MASONS ROOM BLOCK.**

COVID SAFETY PROTOCOLS

The Grand Lodge is fully aware; and takes seriously the dangers involving exposure to the COVID-19 virus and its several variants. The protection and safety of our members is our top priority. In order to attend the Annual Grand Lodge Communication, the following are required:

- A face mask must be worn at all times.
- A vaccination card showing full vaccination status against COVID-19 (at least two weeks after final dose), **OR**
- Negative COVID-19 test result administered by a medical professional and taken within 72 hours of registration at this year's session.
- Complete a copy of the COVID-19 Liability Waiver and Statement of Understanding
- A wristband will be issued daily to each member who has successfully passed the temperature check. **NO WRISTBAND, NO ENTRY!**
- Temperature checks will be required anytime you leave and return to any of the designated meeting rooms. Temperature checks may also be rendered throughout the session or as directed by yours truly.
- Social distancing is required.

MASONIC WORKSHOPS

Masonic workshops for all Worshipful Masters, Secretaries, Treasurers, Wardens, other lodge officers, and any member who wishes to participate will be conducted on Monday, July 18, 2022, at 3:00 p.m., in The Battle House Hotel, in Mobile, Alabama. These workshops provide valuable information which will be helpful to all members.

FIFTY-YEAR MEMBERSHIP PINS & CERTIFICATES

Over the past number of years, the Grand Lodge has presented those members who have served this organization continuously for 50 years or more with a 50-year lapel pin and certificate. Worshipful Masters please submit to the Grand Lodge or bring with you to our Annual Communication the names of those brothers who are eligible who have not already been given a 50-year pin and certificate. Only one pin and certificate are to be given to each 50-year member.

WORSHIPFUL MASTER'S CERTIFICATION & PAST MASTER'S DEGREE

All newly elected Masters are required and are hereby instructed to be at the Grand Lodge Session, without exception. A mandatory Worshipful Master's Certification Seminar will take place on Monday, July 18, 2022, at 8:00 a.m., in the Moonlight Ballrooms of The Battle House Hotel, in Mobile, Alabama. Sign-in for the seminar will begin promptly at 7:00 a.m. In an effort to expedite the sign-in process a pre-registration form will be sent to all lodges by their Grand District Deputies via email for

all newly elected Worshipful Masters and brothers that plan to attend the certification to fill out and submit. For those brothers that are pre-registered you will only need to show your membership card to check-in for the certification. **Again, this certification is mandatory for newly elected Masters. All currently seated Masters are encouraged to attend the Worshipful Master's Certification Seminar, as well. If a newly elected Master does not attend the workshop in full, he will not be admitted into the passing and will not be allowed to serve as Worshipful Master of his lodge. All Grand District Deputies are instructed to hold new elections or place the most recent Past Master back in the seat.** The passing will be conducted on Wednesday, July 20, 2022, at 5:00 a.m. The Degree of Passing will only take place at the Grand Lodge Session.

The Committee on Passing wishes to remind all newly elected Masters of the \$30.00 fee, payable by CHECK OR MONEY ORDER, that is required for The Degree of Passing, with no exceptions.

MASONIC COLLEGE & TESTING

The Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Alabama has implemented a Masonic College (Alabama School of Masonry). The college can be accessed via our website at www.mwphglofal.org. To enter the Masonic College, you must type in the password. Tests for the various modules will only be given at our Annual Grand Lodge Communications. The college consists of the Bronze, Silver, Gold and Platinum levels. A minimum score of 90 on each exam is required to move to the next level. Those who complete each level will be awarded a certificate and a token of achievement. Testing will take place on Monday, July 18, 2022, at 2:00 p.m. in The Battle House Hotel. Brothers must bring their own laptops, iPads, tablets, etc. to take the tests. The Grand Lodge is not responsible for your electronic devices. The cost to test per level is \$10.00 per brother.

GRAND LODGE OF ALABAMA CHOIR

The Grand Lodge of Alabama Choir has become a staple in our Annual Communications. Dr. Marxlyn David, Grand Musician, has done a magnificent job. In an effort to increase our choir membership we are soliciting the participation of more brothers. For those brothers who are interested, we ask that you please join our choir. If you intend on participating in the choir, please send your name and email address to marxlyndavid@att.net so that the Grand Musician will be able to send you the links of the songs to learn for the service. Rehearsal will be held on Monday, July 18, 2022, at 1:00 p.m., in Oakleigh Garden of The Battle House Hotel, in Mobile, Alabama.

VETERAN AFFAIRS WORKSHOP

The Alabama Department of Veteran Affairs will have a representative available at our Annual Communication on Monday, July 18, 2022, at 10:00 a.m. Ms. Jaclyn Campione or a designated representative along with the Committee on Military and Veteran Affairs will conduct a one-hour workshop for Military Veterans of the Grand Lodge. Members are encouraged to attend and ask questions concerning health, education, burial, claim benefits or any questions pertaining to benefits for veterans living in Alabama. Ms. Jaclyn Campione currently serves as the Veteran Service Officer (VSO) for Mobile County, Alabama. We are fortunate to have her come and share valuable information pertaining to military veterans living in Alabama.

PROSPECTS

Everything points to another harmonious and successful Grand Lodge Session. This year's session is projected to be more largely attended than on last year. Every lodge is reminded to do its full Masonic duty by sending its Worshipful Master or its Senior Warden or Junior Warden to represent each lodge at this session. However, the lodge must be current in its taxes and the brother current with all departments. Remember, **MASONIC LAW PROVIDES THAT EVERY LODGE MUST BE REPRESENTED AND MUST DISCHARGE ITS GRAND LODGE DUTIES AT LEAST ONCE IN EVERY TWO-YEAR PERIOD OR IS SUBJECT TO HAVING ITS CHARTER REVOKED.** Be sure to send a representative so that there will be no chance of losing your charter. Every worthy Worshipful Master deserves the honor of an annual trip to the Grand Lodge Session with all expenses paid and a reasonable per diem for his time. Every financial brother has the right to attend and should attend the Annual Grand Lodge Session.

VIRTUAL REGIONAL MEETINGS

Our Virtual Regional Meetings were very successful this year. Attendance was very good. Valuable information was disseminated in each meeting followed by a question-and-answer period. Commendations are extended to all Grand District Deputies and thanks to all the brothers for their virtual participation. Special thanks are extended to the Grand Lodge Officers for all of their assistance and participation.

GRAND LODGE TAX AND ENDOWMENT DUES REPORTS

PLEASE BE REMINDED THAT IT IS VERY IMPORTANT THAT EACH LODGE SEND ITS GRAND LODGE TAX TO THE GRAND SECRETARY BY DECEMBER 1ST AND BY MAY 30TH. All Worshipful Masters of all lodges are requested to send all Grand Lodge taxes to R. W. Anthony J. Johnson, Grand Secretary, Post Office Box 6468, Huntsville, Alabama 35813-6468, as soon as possible—**BUT NOT LATER THAN JUNE 15th of each year.**

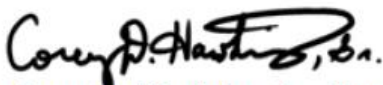
Also, be sure to **send all endowment reports to our Endowment Office Supervisor, Mrs. Kathy Dunnigan-Taylor**, Post Office Box 10504, Birmingham, Alabama 35202-0504, each month—but not later than the 20th of the month. **REMEMBER, NO MEMBER OF A LODGE WILL BE SEATED IN THE GRAND LODGE IF THAT LODGE HAS NOT PAID ITS GRAND LODGE TAXES AND NO MEMBER WILL BE SEATED IN THE GRAND LODGE IF HE IS NOT PAID UP TO CURRENT IN ALL DEPARTMENTS.**

ABSOLUTELY NO REPORTS WILL BE PROCESSED IN ANY WAY AT OUR GRAND LODGE SESSION. This causes delays in our registration process and is not fair to the brothers who are trying to get registered, nor is it fair to our staff. **IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS ABOUT YOUR REPORTS, PLEASE CALL THE GRAND LODGE OFFICE STAFF.** Take due notice and govern yourselves accordingly!

WARNING

To those who plan to drive to Mobile, I wish to take this opportunity to warn you to drive carefully and to be sure to observe all TRAFFIC RULES AND REGULATIONS. Do your part to see that no accidents occur. The life you save may be your own.

In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the Grand Lodge to be affixed and the same to be attested by the Grand Secretary on this 17th day of May 2022, A.L. 6022.



Corey D. Hawkins, Sr., Esq.

Most Worshipful Grand Master

of the

Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge

Free and Accepted Masons of Alabama



Anthony J. Johnson

Right Worshipful Grand Secretary

of the

Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge

Free and Accepted Masons of Alabama

ANNOUNCEMENT

The
**One Hundred Fifty-Second
 Annual Communication**

of the
 Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge Free
 & Accepted Masons of Alabama

will be held

Monday, July 18, 2022 - Wednesday, July 20, 2022

The overflow hotel is the



Holiday Inn®

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301 GOVERNMENT STREET
Mobile, Alabama 36602-2629

The room rate is \$159.00 + applicable taxes per night

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MOST WORSHIPFUL PRINCE HALL MASONS ROOM BLOCK**

to get our rate. The *cutoff* date for the \$159.00+applicable tax
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A Message from the Grand Trustee

R.W. Andrew J. Fuller

Maintaining a Fuller Commitment to Prince Hall Masonry

As a young boy in my hometown of Thomasville, Alabama, I observed my father, James Tas Fuller, and other men in my community as they regularly attended monthly meetings. They frequently participated in church activities, community activities, and funerals: they dressed in Masonic regalia for these events. They were highly respected and were role models for the young men in our small community. I finally asked my father to explain what being a mason meant and the purpose of the organization. In simple words, he said it was a religious and charitable brotherhood established to develop young men to make a positive influence in the community. These men became better Christians, served as role models, and were active citizens. Young observers my age had a desire to also join this prestigious organization because these men stood out in the community. He further stated that I could be considered for membership if I possessed the qualifications. He encouraged me to carry myself as a dependable, honest, and respectful young man at all times. As a result, I became affiliated with my hometown lodge, Thomasville Lodge No. 128, where my father was Worshipful Master, in 1962.

We all have an obligation to make our lodges better. The last two years have been very challenging for all of us. Now is the time to fulfill our obligation to PRINCE HALL MASONRY. We can achieve our goals and increase membership by eliminating the negative and accentuating the positive actions in our lives.

To mention a few actions:

1. If we say we are part of the community, we must be good masons.
2. If we want and need to attract new members, we all must be visible and involved in the community.



GRAND TRUSTEE
R.W. Andrew J. Fuller

3. When we say we need younger men, we must understand that younger men insist the organization be totally involved.
4. If the members say they are bored with the same old thing, we must look for new ways to interest and motivate them.
5. There is no organization better equipped for community partnership and community service than Freemasons and the Masonic lodges.

I can truly say that many Prince Hall Masons had a very positive influence in my life spiritually, academically and professionally. Today, I challenge all Prince Hall Masons to strive to become better than you are by maintaining a fuller commitment to your lodge.

The Sermon That is You

*Who can tell what good may come
From little things you do?
Who can tell who's listening now
To the sermon that is you?
Trusting friends see where you go
For pleasure and for play
They watch you live throughout the week,
And hear the things you say.*

*And knowing you are good and strong
Their faith in you still stands
They'd sooner take advice from you
Than any other man.*

*The little children watch you pass
And oft they're heard to say
I want to be just like that man
When I grow up some day.*

*So don't you think it's worth the while
To choose your words with care,
Since little folks around you
Are watching everywhere?*

*Don't you think it is much wiser
To watch the way you walk,
Lest tender souls may injured be
By careless tread and talk?*


*Who can tell what good may come
From little things you do?
Who can tell who's listening now
To the Sermon that is you?*

Author Unknown

From Whence We've Come...

For the next few editions of *The Cornerstone Message*, we will be providing copies of homegoing celebration programs and obituaries of some of our former distinguished members. This gives the reader an opportunity to take a glimpse into the lives of the deceased within the order and outside the order. This series will probably also bring back memories for some. Featured in this edition is the legendary William Hunter (W.H.) Mack.

*In Loving Memory
of
William Hunter Mack*



DECEMBER 25, 1910 - JULY 22, 2009

To be held at
Saint John African Methodist Episcopal Church
708 15th Street, North
Birmingham, Alabama 35204

**Thursday, July 30, 2009
12:00 P.M.**

Reverend Mashod Evans, Officiating

Obituary

A long and productive life came to an end on July 22, 2009 when William Hunter Mack, a good and faithful servant was called home to be with the Lord.

Born the seventh child of nine to Hunter Doyle and Ida Williams Mack in Richmond (Dallas County), Alabama, William confessed Christ at an early age by joining Campbell Chapel African Methodist Episcopal Church in that same community. While there, he served as an officer and Sunday School Superintendent.

Upon his marriage to Essie Coleman Mack, they moved to Birmingham, Alabama where they both continued their commitment to the service of God by joining St. Luke African Methodist Episcopal Church, participating in various activities including the church choir.

After a few years, relocating to another part of the city, he and his family joined Saint John African Methodist Episcopal Church where his membership remained until his death. During his active years at the church, he served as a trustee, vice president of the choir, and Sunday school superintendent. He received a "Certificate of Appreciation" on November 6, 1998 in recognition of fifty years of dedicated and spiritual service to Saint John A.M.E. Church. On July 29, 2007, he received a "Certificate of Recognition" as a Seasoned Saint for years of Service to the African Methodist Episcopal Church and the Christian Faith.

He attended Street Manual Training School in Dallas County, Alabama and later graduated as valedictorian from Snow Hill Normal and Industrial Institute in Wilcox County, Alabama.

His entrepreneurial skills started early in his young life in Dallas County, Alabama. After he moved to Birmingham, he and his wife owned and operated multiple businesses - in a true partnership of love and marriage. They owned two grocery stores, three laundromats and a popular eatery. "Mack's Delicatessen" was located in the Smithfield community during the fifties and sixties, and the laundromats - one of which was a combination laundry and gas station - were located in Smithfield and North Birmingham.

His social and fraternal life included membership in the North Birmingham Thrift Club and The Lucky Twelve Social and Savings Club. He was also a Master Mason and Shriner.

He served as Illustrious Potentate of Khedive Temple #16 from 1962 to 1998. Offices held in the Masonic Order included: Worshipful Master, Imperial Masonic Lodge #619, Past High Priest and Founder of Mack's Pride Chapter, H.R.A.M.; Past Eminent Commander of Shamrock Commandery #17 and Past R.E. Grand Commander for the Alabama Jurisdiction; Honorary Past Grand Master of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar.

He was a 33^o Mason and Illustrious Commander-in-Chief of Red Cross Consistory #2 A.A.S.R.; Past Patron and Past Worthy Joshua, and Past General Grand Conference Grand High Priest of the General Grand Conference, H.R.A.M. of the U.S.A. and the Bahamas.

Among the numerous awards and honors he has received are: 1996 Christmas "Toastee" of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America and Its Jurisdictions P.H.A., Inc. and in his honor, two state Masonic organizations were renamed after him: the W. H. Mack Grand Chapter of the Holy Royal Arch Masons of Alabama in 1999 and the Hendley-Mack Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Alabama in 2000.

Those left behind to cherish his memory are his daughter, Ernestine Mack Marshall, Birmingham, Alabama; two sons, Dr. William H. Mack (Claudia), Houston, Texas, and Ulysses B. Mack, Atlanta, Georgia; eight granddaughters, Adrienne P. Marshall, Birmingham, Alabama, Valorie Mack Salahuddin, Atlanta, Georgia, Attorney Lori D. Mack, Toni D. Mack, Gabriela I. Mack, Deborah Mack and Judy Mack, all of Houston, Texas, and Daniela C. Mack, San Francisco, California; three grandsons, Ulysses Brian Mack (Penny), Houston, Texas, Rodney A. Marshall, Birmingham, Alabama, Alex Mack, Houston, Texas; three great grandchildren, Brandon D. Salahuddin, Atlanta, Georgia, Brian Chase Mack and Payton Simone Mack, of Houston, Texas; and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Order of Service

Prelude.....Minister Daniel Cason

Processional..... Ministers, Pallbearers, Family

Musical Selection..... Choir
 "Total Praise", Smallwood

Prayer..... Rev. Xavier Beasley

Scripture:
 Old and New Testament.....Rev. Chris D. Walker

Musical Selection..... Choir
 "How Great Thou Art"

Obituary (Read Silently)..... Medley

Reflections..... (3 minutes please)
 Newstell Dowdell, Friend
 Donald P. Stone, Family Member

Resolutions and Tributes.....Dr. W. O. Jones
 Grand Master, Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge F&AM of Alabama

Corey Hawkins
 Khedive Temple #16

Musical Selection..... Ms. Tena Wilson
 "I Trust in God"

Eulogy..... Rev. Mashod Evans, Pastor
 St. John AME Church- Birmingham, AL

Musical Selection.....Mr. Rickey Powell
 "Precious Lord", Dorsey/Edwards

Recessional..... Minister Daniel Cason
 Handel's "Hallelujah Chorus" MESSIAH



A Tribute to our Father (What Daddy meant to us)

There is a West African Proverb that states "When an elderly person dies, it is like the loss of a whole library of knowledge." Succinctly put, the library is closed - that history is gone forever.

Fortunately for us as children, we had a close and warm relationship with our father early in our lives and it continued on through adulthood. There were conversations touching on a variety of subjects, among them our family heritage, his life's experiences, important values of life, etc. As we became adults, we would come to realize the true meaning and real worth of these candid talks.

Not only did we have little casual talks, but he influenced some of our life's values by living the example. For instance, I vividly recall an occasion when I was somewhat distraught over a personal matter. Seeking advice and some degree of comfort, I mentioned it to a club sister of mine who was also a church member and school counselor. Her reply to me was, "Ernestine, you have the right person right there with you - your father!" She continued, "From observing him and his actions, he has always been a source of inspiration for me. I respect him as an example and mentor in my life."

Perhaps I was too close to him to see this. However, her statement served as a testament to his moral character and the belief that through his life's experiences he was in a good position to give advice. After reflecting on what my friend had said, it occurred to me that indeed I had witnessed many times where family members and friends had sought advice from him. This realization did provide some comfort to me, knowing that I actually could turn to him for guidance.

Fraternally speaking, for many years, our father was very active in the Masonic organizations. The friendships and the camaraderie he enjoyed during these years have been a very important part of his life. His outgoing personality enabled him to establish life-long friendships and respect throughout the country. As age and health issues curtailed his activities and travel, the young men of these organizations have maintained their connection to him and often referred to him as their mentor and speak of the guidance he gave them. They often spoke of him as a father figure and he, in turn, affectionately called them, "His Boys". This speaks to his ability to make friends regardless of age boundaries.

Yes, Daddy was blessed with a wonderful, full, and productive life and we have been greatly blessed by his endearing love and the many words of wisdom handed down through the 98 ½ years of his life. Starting from very humble beginnings with meager means, his life has been characterized by determination, hard work, love, Christian faith and sharing. He, along with our mother, were truly the wind beneath our wings. The examples of which I wrote truly are testimonials to the kind of person he was.

There is a truth that everything must change and nothing stays the same. Although his physical presence is no longer with us, we can still reflect back on some advice we may have received from him along the way and draw from the experiences we shared. We can also familiarize the younger generations in our family with his positive principles, while encouraging them not to lose their own individual identity. Doing so will allow a crack to remain in that "door of knowledge" and the library will not completely close.

Thanks, Daddy, for all you have given us !!





PALLBEARERS

(Affectionately called "His Boys")
Members of Khedive Temple #16 and the Masonic Orders

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REPAST

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We, the family of the late W. H. Mack, have found great comfort in the many dear thoughts, kind acts and expressions of love and support given freely by friends. During this time of transition, we are extending to all of you our most heartfelt appreciation for those kind expressions. We count them - one and all - as blessings sent to us; and in turn, wish many blessings to you all to enrich your lives as you have ours.

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HEALTH AND WELLNESS

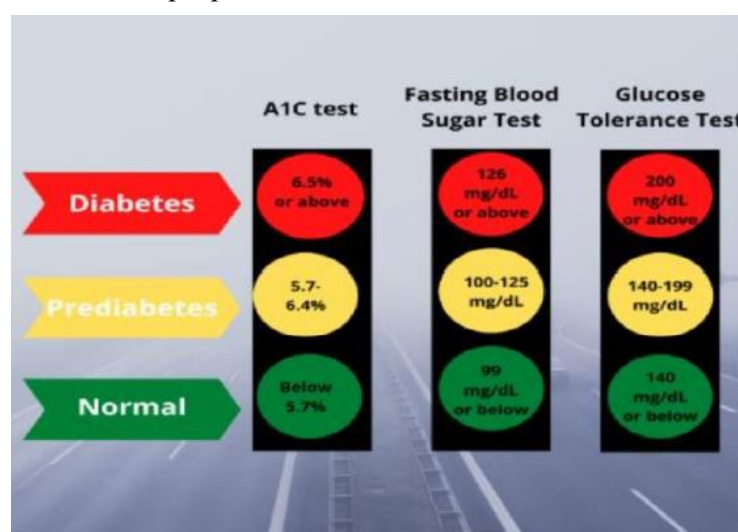


DIABETES 101

Diabetes is a chronic metabolic disorder characterized by elevated levels of blood sugar. Type 1 diabetes is an autoimmune disorder: A person's immune system attacks the pancreas, destroying the cells that produce insulin, which is needed to metabolize blood sugar. In type 2 diabetes, elevated blood sugar levels usually occur because a combination of poor diet, a sedentary lifestyle, and weight gain creates a condition known as insulin resistance: The pancreas produces insulin, but the body can't respond to it efficiently.

Both forms of diabetes increase the risk for heart disease, but people with type 2 diabetes — which is often accompanied by various cardiovascular risk factors such as high blood pressure, high cholesterol, elevated triglycerides, and obesity — are especially at risk. That is why an adult diagnosed with diabetes has the same high cardiac risk as someone who has already had a heart attack. But everyone with diabetes, regardless of type or when it was diagnosed, has a reason for concern. Between 65% and 75% of people with diabetes can expect to die from some type of cardiovascular disease — a death rate that is two to four times that of people without diabetes.

While experts don't fully understand the causal relationship, it appears that the long-term elevated blood sugar and low-grade inflammation seen in diabetes damage the coronary arteries, speeding the process of atherosclerosis. Heart attacks and other cardiovascular problems are not only more common in people with diabetes, but they occur earlier in life and are more likely to be fatal than in people without diabetes.



So what do you do to protect yourself if you have diabetes? Like everyone at risk, practice a healthy lifestyle control blood pressure, watch your weight and keep cholesterol levels within normal limits.

Miguel L Ferguson, BSN, MPH, RN

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Money Management

10 Ways to Save on Vacation

Vacations help families create lifelong memories and relax together. But vacations can also be expensive—the average American household spends about \$1,200 per person on summer vacations, according to a 2012 American Express® survey. You don't want your lifelong memories to be worrying about your bills. Here are 10 tips for stretching your dollar on vacation this summer:

1. Travel Off-season:

Most vacation locales have an expensive, busy season—the Caribbean is popular during the winter, when Northerners travel to escape the cold. You don't necessarily want to travel at the cheapest times of year, or you could be stuck in a hurricane. Instead, look at prices for “shoulder seasons,” just before and after peak seasons. Airfare, hotel accommodations and other travel expenses are likely to be discounted to attract tourists during these parts of the year.

2. Be Flexible About Flying:

If you can be flexible about when you fly, you can save a lot of money. Sometimes, flying out a day earlier or later can be significantly cheaper. Flights that have layovers are also usually cheaper. If there are several airports near your home compare prices to see if you can save money by driving a little farther out of the way.

3. Plan Ahead:

Booking airfare, hotels, all-inclusive packages and cruises is often cheaper if you plan your

trip far in advance. Sometimes, however, the reverse can be true. If you'd like to attend a

Broadway show, for instance, you can usually get discounted tickets by buying the morning of the show.

4. Compare Prices:

Travel agents can compare prices for you using sources you may not have access to yourself. If you're not booking through a travel agent, you should still check out travel comparison sites such as Kayak and Expedia.

5. Buy a Vacation Package:

You probably have already learned that it's often cheaper to buy a value meal than to order à la carte. The same logic applies to vacations. You can save a significant amount of money by booking your airfare, hotel and rental car as a package deal.

Instead of going to expensive restaurants for every meal during your trip, check out grocery stores and try your hand at cooking the local fare.

6. Choose Alternative Lodging:

If you're feeling adventurous, try staying in a hostel, renting an apartment or house via airbnb.com or even couch surfing. If you're uncomfortable staying in a stranger's home, you can also find homeowners who rent out

their yard to travelers to camp in. For less adventurous travelers on a budget, consider renting a condo or a villa. It'll be cheaper overall, and you'll have access to a kitchen for cooking some of your own meals, too.

7. Skip the Souvenirs:

Studies on happiness show that consumers experience more joy when paying for experiences, not things. Focus your vacation budget on trying local food, sightseeing and experiencing the culture. This way, you won't have tacky shot glasses and magnets cluttering your house when you return.

8. Avoid Restaurants:

Instead of going to expensive restaurants for every meal during your trip, check out grocery stores and try your hand at cooking the local fare. Street food vendors are another inexpensive way to sample local delicacies. If you have your heart set on trying a particular restaurant, see if they have a more affordable lunch menu.

9. Save on Transportation:

Taxis are an expensive convenience—depending on where you're headed, a cab fare can cost as much as a weeklong bus or subway pass. To save money, learn the public transportation system and travel like the locals do.

10. Sightsee on a Budget:

You may already subscribe to local daily deals sites. You can do the same for your vacation destination and receive notifications on cheap activities to do. There are also numerous free activities to do in every city, including free walking tours. If you do decide to visit museums and other landmarks, see if your chosen city has a city pass available, which can save you money if you hit up several tourist spots during your trip.

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A Blast from the Past

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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 Roderick 'Rod' Hampton Scott

Brother Roderick 'Rod' Hampton Scott is a member of the Alabama House of Representatives, serving since 2006, representing the 55th House District, which stretches from Fairfield to western Birmingham, Alabama. As a member of the Democratic Party, he is the ranking minority member of the Education Policy Committee, Fiscal Responsibility Committee, and Ways and Means Education Committee of the Alabama State Legislature. He holds a B.A. in Economics from Yale University and an MBA from the Amos Tuck School of Business Administration at Dartmouth College.

In April of 2014 State Representative Scott was named "Legislator of the Year" by the Alabama House Democratic Caucus. "I feel honored to have received such recognition by the amazing people I work with in serving the people of Alabama," Scott said. "It is truly an honor to serve the people in my district to fight for what they deserve."

The House Democratic Caucus is a legislative organization made up of the Democratic members of the Alabama House of Representatives. The Caucus is responsible for electing the Democratic leaders in the State House of Representatives and develops and communicates the party's legislative policies.

The "Legislator of the Year" award is one of the highest honors a member of the Caucus can receive.

Brother Scott's professional experience includes serving as an Economics professor at Miles College. He is a proud member of Tuxedo Lodge No. 431 in Fairfield, Red Cross Consistory No. 2, a 33° Mason of the United Supreme Council, Southern Jurisdiction, and a member of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity. Representative Scott has three children, Sara-Valena Morgan Scott, Jordan Elizabeth Scott, and Brandle-Roi Shelton Scott.



Bro. Roderick 'Rod' Hampton Scott

Military Affairs

Keeping our MWPHGL of Alabama Veterans Informed

VA's mobile app offers Veterans convenient access to VA Health and Benefits

Since its launch on July 13, 2021, more than 300,000 Veterans have used the VA mobile app for health and benefits (<https://mobile.va.gov/appstore>). The app's success, in part, is due to the development approach, which kept Veterans at the heart of the design process. VA's Veterans Experience Office (VEO) and Office of Information and Technology joined forces to create an app Veterans would find useful and usable. To do this, they used human-centered design techniques to engage the Veteran community and better understand their needs and preferences in mobile app capabilities. This direct Veteran feedback, combined with development efforts to achieve high-value app functionalities – security, usability, and personalization – resulted in a mobile app Veterans can use to securely access personal VA records and easily manage their VA experience. The app is free and can be quickly downloaded to Apple and Android devices. Built-in phone security features, such as thumbprint and face recognition, provide protected access to the VA mobile app for health and benefits, which delivers convenient access to a broad range of services. Veterans can use the mobile app to:

- Complete health care and benefits transactions.
- Update VA.gov profile account information.
- Check on claims and appeals status, and upload documents.
- Download VA documents, such as the Benefit Summary and Service Verification Letter, and VA vaccine records.
- View and cancel health care appointments and add them to the phone's calendar.
- Securely message their health care team.

The VA mobile app currently has a 4.8 rating on Apple and a 4.6 rating on Google Play, and user feedback will be used to continuously improve the app.

Veterans can visit www.mobile.va.gov for more information.

*Contributor – RW Carlton Jones
Committee on Military and Veteran Affairs*

REGION 4

News and Events from Region 4

Hamilton Lodge No. 365 Serving in Its Community

In early March 2022, the brothers of Hamilton Lodge No. 365 recognized that more people were sending their babies to daycare as they exit the COVID-19 pandemic. In that spirit, the hat was passed around in the name of charity and the lodge was able to deliver boxes of crayons, coloring books, and bottles of hand sanitizer to Kids University in Montgomery, Alabama.

Later in March, the members of Hamilton Lodge along with Grand District Deputy Donald Parks donated over fifty boxes of hand sanitizer to the faculty of Fitzpatrick Elementary School in Montgomery, Alabama. The school's motto is, "Engage, Educate, and Inspire", as Prince Hall Masons the lodge understands how mottos can motivate one to achieve in their daily lives. The school was incredibly grateful to Hamilton Lodge for the generous donation and the members were glad they could support.

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



Pictured top right; Senior Warden Gray, Past Master Sayles, a representative for Kids University, and Worshipful Master Belser

Pictured right bottom; are Grand District Deputy Donald Parks, Worshipful Master Belser, a school faculty member, Brother Jeff, and Past Master Sayles.



REGION 6

News and Events from Region 6

Temple Lodge No. 98 Serving in Its Community

On February 1, 2022, Temple Lodge No. 98 donated personal items to the residents at Brookshire Nursing Home in Huntsville, AL. Due to COVID, the lodge's annual donation was delayed, and they weren't able to physically visit residents to distribute items, but the lodge was determined to ensure the residents weren't forgotten. The donation included requested items such as socks, lotion, and toothbrushes, but coveted tokens such as head wraps for the ladies, shaving cream for the men, and numerous types of candies were given. The Facility Manager, Mrs. Eva Bibbs, was grateful and planned to use many of the items as game prizes during weekly activities.

On March 24, Temple Lodge No. 98 answered the call from Madison County's The Care Assurance System for the Aging and Home-bound (CASA) by delivering bags of dry food items to homes in Madison County covering over 30-miles. CASA's mission is to enable the aging and home-bound to live at home independently, safely, and with dignity.



Contributor – WM Carl Cooney (No. 98)



Pictured above: One of the delivered bags of dry food items with no contact delivery at the homes in Madison County

Pictures left: Worshipful Master (WM) Carl J. Cooney Jr. with members of Temple Lodge No. 98, Mrs. Eva Bibbs, (Brookshire Facility Manager, pose with the goods for the residents.

Obituaries

Brothers Called Home by the Grand Architect

Brother Leonard Tyrone Harris was born on April 22, 1957, to the late Norma Byers Costello and Daniel Williams in Jacksonville, Florida.

Tyrone, as he was affectionately called, spent his childhood in Jacksonville and was a proud graduate of Ribault High School. Years later, he would go on to earn his Bachelor's Degree from Alabama A. & M. University in Normal, Alabama.

In 1975, at the tender age of 18, he joined the U. S Army and married his high school sweetheart, Renee. Their union lasted over 30 years and produced two offsprings, Dwa and Leonard Harris II (T. J.).

The Army introduced Bro. Harris to a lot of great places and great people, many of whom he stayed in contact with. His military career ended at Redstone Arsenal, Alabama, his second Caution- home.

Huntsville embraced him, and he embraced Huntsville. He attended Lewis Chapel C. P. Church and later, Douglas Tabernacle. Already a Mason, he found his place in several local lodges including the Shriners and Order of Eastern Stars. Some of his crowning accomplishments were the positions he held, especially Potentate.

Bro. Harris was preceded in death by his parents and his sisters Bernadette, Beverly, and Helen, as well as, brothers, Leon, Arnold, and Daniel Jr. He leaves to cherish his memory his ex-wife, Renee, daughter Dwa (Carl), son Leonard II aka T. J., grandchildren Carl II, Tristyn, and Zayna, brothers Alfred, Garrison (Viola), Thaddeus and Reginald, sisters Claudia, Brenda, Janice, Phyllis, and Steffeney, aunts Joy, Delta and Vernell, a host of nieces, nephews and cousins, special friends Gwen and Tatience and many friends he loved like family.



*Brother Leonard Tyrone Harris
April 22, 1957 - February 2, 2022*

Deacon Charlie Floyd Lockhart, III, better known as “Bud”, always had a smile on his face that brightened everyone's day. He was a loving and supportive husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, godfather, brother, uncle, and wonderful friend. He was born October 16, 1948, in Huntsville, Alabama, to Charlie F. Lockhart, Jr. and Grace Crutcher Lockhart. He ascended to the heavenly choir on February 3, 2022. He is preceded in death by his parents and a brother, John “Penny” Smith.



***Brother Charlie Floyd Lockhart, III
October 16, 1948 - February 3, 2022***

Bro. Lockhart grew up in Huntsville, Alabama, and attended William Hooper Councill High School. After high school, anxious to spread his wings and fly, he entered the U.S. Army and served in the Vietnam War in the 9th Infantry Division. He was a proud Veteran. After he returned home to Huntsville, he graduated from J.F. Drake Technical College with a degree in accounting. For several years, his employment required him to travel to Detroit, Michigan, and Gary, Indiana. In 1977, he began his career as a civil servant with the U.S.

Government Department of Defense as a Property Administrator. He had an amazing career, and his job allowed him to travel the world to places such as Israel, South Korea, Saudi Arabia, Haiti, Kenya, and Somalia. He loved going to new places and exploring new things. Bro. Lockhart retired from the government after more than 32 years of service. While employed with the Defense Contract Management Agency (DCMA), Bud joined the National Property Management Association (NPMA). With the NPMA, he also served as a Property Certification Instructor and he earned the prestigious title of Certified Professional Property Manager (CPPM). Moreover, he served as the NPMA National Delegate for many years and he was elected President in 2009. After retiring, he worked as a business management consultant for many years.

In 1972, Bro. Lockhart met the love of his life, Doris Jean Humphrey. After dating for only three months, they were married on August 22, 1972. This year would have been their 50th anniversary. Bro. Lockhart was a devoted husband and father and found great joy in being a grandfather and great-grandfather.

Bro. Lockhart attended St. Bartley P.B. Church and he was baptized at an early age. Later he became a member of Zion Progress M.B. Church where he served as Deacon, Trustee, and Sunday School Teacher for many years. Later in life, he united with Union Chapel M.B. Church and he served in the Deacons Ministry, Senior Adult Ministry, Budget Ministry, and coordinated Union Chapel attendees to the National Baptist Congress of Christian Education of the National Baptist Convention, USA, Inc. Like many in the Lockhart family, Bud also had the voice of a soulful angel. He sang in the church choirs of each church he attended. He also sang in choirs when he was out of the country. Some of the songs he was known for singing included “Born Again” and “Too Close.”

If you knew Bro. Lockhart, you knew he was renowned for being a master of the BBQ pit. He started learning and honing his craft overseas in Israel. He was well known for his ribs, chicken, and brisket. He and Doris were also known for their 4th of July Celebrations. The fellowship, food, and fun were a family tradition and it was always lots of love and gifted Lockhart singing.

Bro. Lockhart was a devoted Mason where he served as a Past Master of Red Cross Lodge No. 35. He loved the brotherhood and he was especially fond of helping younger Masons to learn about their beloved Masonry.

He leaves to cherish his memory a loving and devoted wife of 49 years, Doris Humphrey Lockhart; two sons, Bobby (Sonjia) Strickland, Charlie F. Lockhart, IV of Huntsville, AL; a daughter, Kimberly (Marcus) Bell of Birmingham, AL; nine grandchildren, nine great-grandchildren, three godchildren, two sisters, three brothers, a sister-in-law and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and many other relatives and friends whom he loved and adored.

Obituary

"For I am ready to be offered up and the time of my departure is at hand. I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith. ² Timothy 4:7"

Tyrone Carlton Means, Esq. began his life's journey on March 3, 1954 and transitioned on March 16, 2022. He was the only child born to the late Mr. & Mrs. Jerry T. and Sarah F. Means. Preceding him in death were his three brothers Willie Eugene Means, Jerry T. Means, Jr. and Alonzo Walton. He confessed to Christ at an early age and joined the Monumental Baptist Church in Chicago, Illinois. He later joined The Lilly Baptist Church in Montgomery, Alabama, where he served in many capacities as a faithful member.

MAY IT PLEASE THE COURT

Means was gifted, determined and intelligent. He was born and raised in Chicago, Illinois. His education began in the Chicago, Illinois Public Schools. He earned a Bachelors degree from Morehouse College in 1973 (Class of 1974) at the age of nineteen and a Juris Doctorate from the University of Kansas in 1976. He was a member of the Alabama, Georgia and Kansas Bars.

Means was a founding partner and senior litigator at Means Gillis Law, P.C., formerly known as Thomas, Means, Gillis & Seay, P.C., headquartered in Montgomery, Alabama. Founded in 1981, TMGS was a spin off of Gray, Seay & Langford, which was founded by the late civil rights icon Solomon Seay, Esq. who worked on many historic civil rights cases in the 1950s, '60s and '70s and represented Martin Luther King, Jr. Means often gave credit to his mentor Solomon for much of his success throughout his legal career.

Means served as General Counsel to the Washington D.C. Martin Luther King, Jr. National Memorial Foundation, Inc. continuously since its inception in 1996 until the memorial was transferred to the National Park Service. He also was a member and served as Grand Attorney to The Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge F & A.M. of Alabama Inc. He has extensive involvement in numerous social, civic and professional organizations. He has served as a member and as an officer in the Montgomery County Trial Lawyers Association where he served as President as well as the Alabama Trial Lawyers Association (now known as the Alabama Association for Justice) where he served as the first elected black president of any statewide bar organization in the State of Alabama.

He was a member and the former National General Counsel to Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., the nation's largest and oldest black collegiate fraternity. He previously served on the University of Kansas Endowment Board and the University of Kansas School of Law Board of Governors and he received the Distinguished Alumnus/a Award in 2002.

His professional recognitions are numerous. Since 1981, he has been recognized an AV Preeminent rating, the highest rating available from perhaps the oldest rating service Martindale-Hubbell. Martindale-Hubbell Peer Review Ratings, the gold standard in attorney ratings, having recognized lawyers for their strong legal ability and high ethical standards for more than a century. In 2004, Means was named a Fellow of the Alabama Law Foundation Fellowship for outstanding dedication to the legal profession and to the community. Beginning in 2008 and continuing through date, Means has been recognized as an Alabama Super Lawyer from a listing of outstanding Alabama Lawyers who have attained the highest degree of peer recognition and professional achievement.

Further, other recognition include on the Top 100 Trial Lawyers in Alabama by the National Trial Lawyers Association and the Bar of Preeminent Lawyers by Martindale-Hubbell. He has secured over one hundred (100) million dollar and multi-million dollar verdicts and settlements for his clients, one of which was the nation's largest sixth largest jury verdict in 1996 in major landmark automobile product liability case.



I REST MY CASE

Tyrone Carlton Means, Esq. leaves to cherish his memories a loving and devoted wife, Lillie Banks Means, Montgomery, Alabama, two loving children: Attorney Tiffany Gayle Means, Birmingham, Alabama; Jerry Taft Means, IV, Atlanta, Georgia; six precious grandchildren: Riley Belle, Zolah Means, Ashlyn Dobbs, Noora Iman, Joshua Richardson and Caleb Richardson; a devoted brother: Attorney Milton Taft (Gloria) Means, Southfield, Michigan; a loving sister Verna Means (George) Price, Allen Park, Michigan; a loving mother-in-law, Lillie Mae Banks, Union Springs, Alabama; two sister-in laws: Jacqueline (Robert) McDuffie, Annie (Michael) Swanson; one brother-in law, Apostle Joe F. Thomas, Montgomery, Alabama; a host of special nieces and nephews; a host of devoted, loyal and special cousins; many devoted and loyal friends; Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Brothers, The Most Worshipful Prince Lodge Brothers, The Montgomery - Tuskegee Morehouse Alumni Brothers.

Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go to prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself, that where I am there ye may be also.

John 14; 1-3

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