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THE GRAND MASTER'S TRESTLEBOARD



For, lo, the winter is past, the rain is over and gone; The flowers appear on the earth; the time of the singing of birds is come, and the voice of the turtle is heard in our land;

Song of Solomon 2:11-12

number of rooms currently reserved for our 148th Annual Communication confirms that it is spring in Alabama. The numerous articles of community service dispersed throughout this edition of The Cornerstone Message is evidence of the reemergence of our beautiful Grand lodge.

As we reemerge, we must take it upon ourselves to be that beacon of light, which conveys friendship, morality and brotherly love within our communities and throughout the state of Alabama. Let us sprout up and stand tall in the presence of others so that they may see our good works. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven. Matthew 5:16

Spring is here, Alabama! New life is here, Alabama! Progress is here, Alabama! A reemergence is here, Alabama! A bright future is here, Alabama! What role will you play in this revival?

May God bless you and keep you is my consistent prayer.

Spring is here! as the temperature begins to rise and the days become longer, the leafless trees, the bloomless flowers and the faded grass begin to realize that it is time to reemerge from a dormant winter and boast their bright and beautiful colors of foliage, petals and blades. This is a symbol of new life and the promise of a bright future.

I think of spring as being symbolic of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons of Alabama. Just as the trees, flowers and grass exhibit bright colors of new life, so is the Grand Lodge displaying the bright colors of new life. Our continued overwhelming turnout for the Selma March last month is an indication of new life in Alabama. Our increased participation in all of our regional meetings throughout the jurisdiction is a symbol of springtime in Alabama. The overwhelming

Fraternally,

Corey D. Hawkins, Sr.

Most Worshipful Grand Master

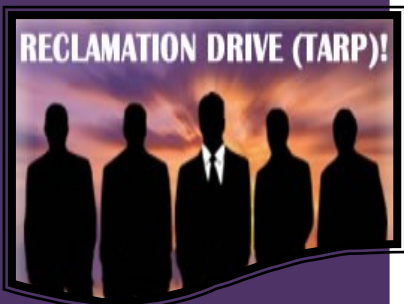
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Grand Lodge of Alabama crossing Edmund Pettus bridge in Selma.



PM Herman "Jerome" Glover (50)
Publication Editor

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Message from the Editor

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

The first three months of this new year are over and I would like to commend the Grand Lodge and subordinate lodges for your renewed enthusiasm. Your good works have been displayed for all to see through this edition of *The Cornerstone Newsletter*. Now is the time to prepare for the rest of this year and launch us into a successful future of growth, stability, and leadership in the Jurisdiction of Alabama.

I have recently learned that Alabama has one of the best kept secrets in Freemasonry. The problem is, the people keeping us from this secret is ourselves. What is the secret of which I speak? Traveling. Visiting other lodges. Since becoming a Mason, I have received knowledge and meaningful degrees from great masons from within my district. However, had I not ventured out of my lodge to more surrounding lodges, I would not have discovered these men with whom I have formed friendships and learned new perspectives on the first three degrees. The day and the week seem long to some and short to others. For me, I wish I had more

hours in the day to work on the various projects going on in my life, and more days in the week to dedicate to traveling in masonry.

In the year 2018, traveling could be the strength and support of Freemasonry, which will help to spread harmony between lodges and to connect brothers from other nearby cities to tackle opportunities and challenges in a way where we can go home feeling satisfied that we moved the needle even further by doing it together.

- PM Herman "Jerome" Glover
Publication Editor

Reclamation Drive (TARP)

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

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

- \$20.00 reinstatement fee
- \$10.00 taxes
- \$25.00 registration
- \$50.00 assessment (Have two years to pay the remaining \$150.00)
- \$105.00 Total

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TARP serves a two-fold purpose: (1.) It gives suspended Brothers a more affordable means of reinstating and (2.) It gives dying lodges a final opportunity to salvage their existence by increasing their numbers before being forced to close or merge. Our Grand Master has extended a challenge for the members of this jurisdiction to go out and reclaim our lost Brothers. TARP will be in effect through July 31, 2018.

ANNOUNCEMENT

The
**One Hundred Forty-Eighth
 Annual Communication**

of the

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

will be held

Monday, July 16, 2018 - Wednesday, July 18, 2018

the overflow hotel is the



Holiday Inn

**HOLIDAY INN DOWNTOWN
HISTORIC MOBILE DISTRICT**

**301 Government Street
 Mobile, Alabama 36602**

The room rate is \$109.00 + applicable taxes per night

**WHEN MAKING RESERVATIONS, ASK FOR THE
PRINCE HALL MASONS ROOM BLOCK to get our rate. The cutoff
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ALABAMA PRINCE HALL GRAND LODGE LICENSE PLATE

TODAY!!!

(We have met and exceeded our required 250 COMMITMENTS)

Tags are now being issued...

For More Information Visit :

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

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

53rd Anniversary “Selma to Montgomery Reenactment March”



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



Peace, Unity, Justice for All!



Together, We Shall Overcome, Someday!



Grand Master Hawkins Visits Prince Hall Monument

On January 19-22, 2018, Grand Master Hawkins attended the annual meeting of the Southeast Region Conference of Grand Masters, held in Barbados. While in Barbados, Grand Master Hawkins was fortunate enough to view the monument erected in honor of our founder, Prince Hall. The monument was erected on the grounds of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of the Caribbean's Grand East. Chiseled on the monument are the names of some of the Prince Hall Grand Masters at the time of its unveiling in 1999, to include that of our very own Dr. William O. Jones. The Southeast Region is composed of the Jurisdictions of Alabama, the Bahamas, the Caribbean, Florida, Georgia, Mississippi and Tennessee.



Region Four Lays Wreaths for Past Grand Masters

The Honorable Corey D. Hawkins, Sr., Esq., and members of Region 4, which is comprised of Districts 7, 8 and 10, recently held wreath laying ceremonies for Past Grand Master Malachi Morse, Sr. and Past Grand Master Dr. William O. Jones in Tuskegee, Alabama. Past Grand Master Morse became a Master Mason in 1919, a Royal Arch Mason and Knights Templar in 1920, was advanced as a Sublime Prince of the Royal Secret in 1945, when he also became a Noble of the Mystic Shrine. In 1952, he was appointed Deputy for the Orient of Alabama and in 1955 he became a Sovereign Grand Inspector General – Active. He later served as Deputy of the Desert in 1962. He was a Past Master of Silver Trowel Lodge No. 10 and served as Grand District Deputy of District No. 7. From 1963 to 1967, he served as Deputy Grand Master. In 1967, he served as Most Worshipful Grand Master, presiding over the unexpired term of Past Grand Master Charles V. Hendley, Esq.



In his professional life, PGM Morse served as a professor at Tuskegee Institute, in their painting laboratory. It was on April 23, 1984, that PGM Morse would enter that Celestial Lodge, the house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

Past Grand Master Dr. William Oliver Jones was born in Westminster, South Carolina on December 2, 1936, to Lawrence Aaron and Alpha Oglesby Jones. He was the youngest of the couple's four children. Dr. Jones was valedictorian of his high school class and continued his education at South Carolina State College where he graduated Summa Cum Laude in 1959. It was at South Carolina State College where Dr. Jones met and married his companion of 56 years, Dr. Mary Ann Jones.

Dr. Jones' Masonic resumé consists of some of the following: Past Master of Lewis Adams Lodge Number 67, Past Grand Senior Warden, Honorary Past Most Eminent Grand Master of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar PHA, Sovereign Grand Inspector General – Active of the United Supreme Council, Southern Jurisdiction where he served honorably as its Grand Auditor and also its Lieutenant Grand Commander, President of the Conference of Grand Masters and Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Jurisdiction of Alabama from 1999 to 2013.

Dr. Jones graduated Summa Cum Laude with a Doctor of Veterinary Medicine from Tuskegee Institute and with a Ph.D. with the highest distinction from Cornell University. He earned the rank of Colonel in the United States Army from which he retired in 1996.

Past Grand Master Jones was an accomplished and distinguished professor in the College of Veterinary Medicine at Tuskegee University for 38 years. He was the first African American Veterinarian to earn board certification as a Veterinary Clinical Pathologist from the American College of Veterinary Pathologists, the first recipient of the Norden Distinguished Teacher Award in Veterinary Medicine and a two-time recipient of the School of Veterinary Medicine Outstanding Teacher of the Year Award.

It was on January 16, 2015, when PGM Jones departed this life destined for that house not made with hands, eternal to the heavens.

Contributor – RW George D. Echols





Update on Temple Renovation



The Celebrated Colored Masonic Temple Building with Proposed Parking Deck Addition

LEGENDARY PRESENCE FASHIONED ONLY BY A LEGACY OF COMMUNITY, SERVICE & CHARITY

◆ Now Accepting New Occupancy Pre-Leasing ◆



SAMPLE TYPICAL NEW FLOOR PLAN

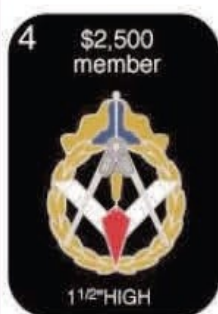
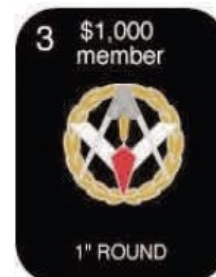
- ◆ Large enough to accommodate the needs for 10 or more staffers
- ◆ Flexible office arrangements available to satisfy the small professional entrepreneur
- ◆ All new infrastructure—Plumbing; Heating Ventilation Air Conditioning; Lighting; Power; Communications; Wi-Fi connections; Video teleconferencing
- ◆ Access to shared conference rooms
- ◆ Centralized Downtown Location
- ◆ Professional Office environment having competitive square foot costs
- ◆ Historical setting updated with current technologies
- ◆ ADA— Compliant
- ◆ Non-Profit Organizations invited
- ◆ We will work with you to customize to your organization's specifications
- ◆ Convenient location to Local, State & Federal Court Houses

Support the Temple Renovation

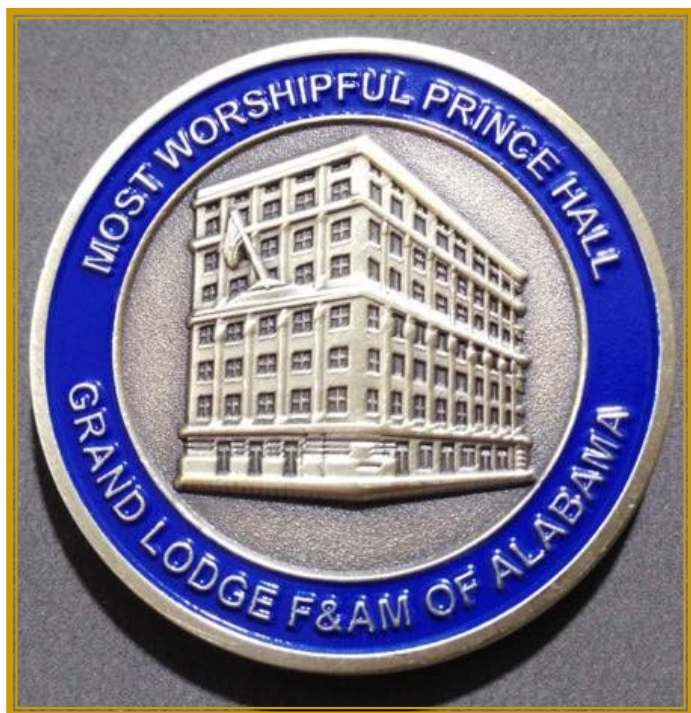
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Worshipful Prince
Hall Grand Lodge
of Alabama Temple
Renovation Lapel
Pins are still
available for new
and existing
members upon
receipt of donation
(s). Collect up to
each level.

Display your
support
for the temple
renovation!



Reserve Your Place in History



Front



Back

The Master's Closet recently unveiled the Temple Renovation 2016 Challenge Coin Project. The project introduced a challenge coin to the community with a depiction of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall F&AM Grand Lodge of Alabama with a full color Masonic and Order of the Eastern Star Emblem. Proceeds from the sales of the coins will go to help renovate the Grand Lodge to its original form of the early 1900's.

Go to: www.TheMastersClosetGifts.com

These Temple Renovation coins are limited editions; Get Yours Today!

From Whence We've Come...

Bro. James Adams

Bro. James Adams was born in Marengo County. He lived a very fruitful and productive life in Sweet Water, Alabama. He was born February 8, 1880 to Henry and Bettie Sullivan Adams.

Bro. Adams was married to Delcia Adams and they had 13 children. After her death, he married Ada Rogers and they adopted two children. Upon her death, he married Mary P. Adams.

Brother Adams received very little education. The only education he received was for three months, which was provided by Collis Norris.

Bro. Adams was a strong leader in his community. Many knew him or called him "Uncle Jeans." The first church he joined was Morning Star Baptist Church located in Aim Well, Alabama. He gave freely of his time and service to ensure that successful programs were carried out. His notable contribution was to the Independent Missionary Baptist Church. He believed strongly in the bible and he served as a Sunday school teacher and superintendent. Due to his regular attendance and trust worthiness, he was given the position of treasurer of the church. He also served as a deacon in the Independent Baptist Church until his death. Bro. Adams spent over 98 years of his life to the Master's services for God's blessings. He took great pleasure in singing his favorite song "Hold to God's Unchanging Hand."

Bro. Adams provided for his family by farming. He owned and farmed his own land. The usual crops he raised provided food for his family. Much of the food he raised was sold along with a variety of cash crops such as corn, cotton and potatoes. For a few years, he worked away from home as a logger for the Coxhead Mill in Sweet Water. During the fall season of the year, he made cane syrup. He sold syrup and made some for other families who brought their cane to his mill.

Bro. Adams served the community as a licensed midwife for 60 years or more. This was most unusual for a man. It was most commonly done by a woman. This job required assisting mothers with child birthing. During his lifetime, he delivered a countless number of babies in the area.

Bro. Adams most notable contribution was to the purchasing of land and assisting in building Sweet Water Lodge No. 755 in Sweet Water, Alabama. Members who assisted him in setting up the lodge were Bros. James S. Adams, Frank Lofton, Moulin Dixon, Dennis Parten, Lawrence Hudson, Ludie Dixon, Frank Parten, Len Rodgers, Leroy Washington, Willie Webb, Nero Westbrook, Columbus Williams, Harry Pearson, Thomas Johnson and Governor J. Tensely, Sr. He served over fifty years in the masonic lodge. Bro. Adams served as the First Worshipful Master of Sweet Water Lodge No. 755 and as the Worthy Patron of Bright Star Chapter No. 616A. Sis. Cora Flint served as Worthy Matron at that time. It is to this giant of a man who had the desire, dream, and ambition to erect the building for Sweet Water Lodge No. 755 that still serves dedicated men who are interested and want to be associated with the masonic lodge in Sweet Water today.



*Contributor — RW L. Ken Collins, II
Grand Lodge Historian*

A Blast from the Past

ROSE OF SHARON LODGE No. 196 F. & A.M.

Andalusia, Alabama

Brother J. D. Shakespeare, Worshipful Master



Officers of the Rose of Sharon Masonic Lodge, No. 196 will help spark festive celebration of the 100th anniversary of the State Lodge. Top chiefs are, seated from left, Avance Toddie, Treasurer; Richard Johnson, Marshall; Louis Carpenter, Senior Warden; J. D. Shakespeare, Worshipful Master; Louis Nelson, Junior Warden; Clinton Carpenter, Assistant Secretary; back row: Willie J. Feagin, Tyler; A. G. Howard, Junior Deacon; James Dozier, Senior Steward; Thomas Jackson, Planning Committee; Calvin Dozier, Senior Steward; Crowell Taylor and Sandy Mount.

\$ Dollars and Sense \$

A Case for Charity, use life insurance to benefit a favorite charity. It can benefit you too!

Have you entertained the idea of leaving a sizeable gift to charity after you pass away? Consider using your life insurance policy to support your favorite cause. Here's how:

1. Name the charity as the beneficiary of your life insurance policy so the death benefit automatically gets paid to them.

Pros: The policy proceeds, while includible in your estate at your death, will qualify for the estate tax charitable deduction to the extent the policy proceeds are paid to a charity.

Cons: While a beneficiary designation is simple, private and requires little documentation, it is important to understand that because you retain control of the policy you will not be able to take any income tax deductions during your life.

2. Donate your life insurance policy to charity.

Pros: This approach allows you to make your donation by transferring all rights of ownership in the policy to the charity. Where future premiums are required, your payments can be structured to qualify as charitable deductions for income tax purposes. The charity benefits since it has control of cash values and dividend rights, and receives the death benefit free of federal income, gift and estate taxes. Probate and other administrative costs and delays are also avoided.

Cons: As the donor, you lose control of the policy.

3. Help the charity purchase a new policy. Under this approach, the charity names itself as owner and beneficiary and is responsible for making premium payments. Of course, you can assist them in the process by making cash contributions equal to or greater than the needed premium dollars on an annual basis.

Pros: If structured properly, an annual charitable deduction should be available, subject to the general limitations placed on charitable contributions.

Cons: The charity is not obligated to maintain the policy nor are you obligated to continue premium contributions. If this plan is intended to serve as a future endowment, both parties must understand their roles if the plan is to be successfully brought to completion.

4. Gift assets to the charity and replace family wealth through a wealth replacement trust.

Pros: By directing the tax savings generated by your charitable gift to the purchase of a life insurance policy, you can donate your assets to charity and still provide a benefit to your heirs.

Cons: You'll need to make sure the life insurance is owned by your heirs or by an irrevocable life insurance trust (ILIT) to ensure that the policy proceeds will not be included in your estate at your death and that your heirs will receive the entire death benefit without losing some of it to estate taxes.

Prudential and its financial professionals cannot provide tax or legal advice. To learn more about setting up a charitable donation of life insurance, consult with your attorney or tax advisor. Keep in mind not every charity is interested in a policy donation -- some prefer an outright cash gift. Be sure to discuss your desires with your charity of choice prior to setting your estate plan in place.

*Contributor – RW Gregory Clark
Convention Coordinator/Corporate Liaison
and Financial Planner*

Message from the Grand Medical Registrar

What's that ringing sound in my ear?

Greetings brothers. Let us give thanks to the Almighty Architect who keeps on blessing each and everyone of us on a daily basis. I'm going to discuss a subject that some people may describe as a ringing sensation or "weird sound in my ear." These sounds are typically classified as tinnitus. Tinnitus is defined as a noise that is often associated with a buzzing or ringing sound in the ear. These sounds may be in one or both ears. The length of the ringing or buzzing can be constant or it can come and go. It can be associated with hearing loss.

Some causes of tinnitus are being exposed to loud noises, certain medications, head injuries or even too much wax build-up in the ear. These are a few examples of causes of ringing in the ear. If you are experiencing any of these symptoms, you should follow up with your primary physician to possibly discern the underlying reason for the noise in your ear. The noises in the ear can be quite irritating but seldom indicates a serious underlying condition.

In today's society, it is quite common to see all ranges of individuals with some type of electronic device plugged into their ear. Unfortunately, we sometimes feel we cannot appreciate the sound coming from our devices unless we turn the volume to the highest level. You may have noticed that you can sometimes hear the sound coming from a person's electronic device next to you. This is excessively too loud for the ear. You may have been told as well, that your device is loud. Learn to respect your hearing and keep the volume of electronic devices at recommended levels to preserve your hearing and possibly avoid these sounds from occurring in your ear.

Another way we commonly lose hearing and have problems with tinnitus is the use of lawn equipment. I had a patient that began experiencing tinnitus that was progressively getting worse. After some investigation, it was determined that his tinnitus problems were due to the fact that he operated a lawn service but never protected his ears. He was instructed on the proper use of wearing ear protective devices. He gradually had improvement of the annoying ringing sounds in his ears. Pay attention to how often your neighbor, or even yourself, use ear protection when you are around loud noises. It would be advisable if you do not already use protection to start now.

Sincerely,

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

Achievements

Bro. Brian Smith Receives Honda's 2018 Power of Dreams Award

On January 27, 2018, Brother Brian "Blue" Smith was presented the prestigious Honda Power of Dreams Award for his outstanding commitment to improving the lives of youth in the Montgomery, Alabama area. Honda created the award to honor those extraordinary individuals taking action, and moving the Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) community forward. Brian "Blue" Smith created the Blue Heart Foundation with money out of his own pocket. His foundation with the help of Hamilton Lodge No. 365 provides brown-bag lunches, mentors band students, visits nursing homes, and helps with clothes and food for the homeless in Montgomery, Alabama.

"We recognized Brian's hard work and big dreams at the 16th Annual Honda Battle of the Bands Invitational Showcase," Honda said in a statement to a crowd of 62,000 fans, students and alumni whom all took part in the 16th annual Honda Battle of the Bands Invitational Showcase (HBOB) where they all enjoyed spectacular performances by eight of the nation's top HBCU marching bands and Grammy Award-winning R&B Group 112.

Brian explains, "Growing up as a kid I didn't have everything like most normal kids had. I came from a single parent household and my mom did everything she could to take care of me. I came from the struggle and I know what it means to not have everything. As I was growing up my mom instilled in me at a young age why it is important to give back, because you never know when it's your time for somebody to help you. I promised myself, if I ever get out of this hardship that was in as a kid, when I grew up, I will start a foundation that will help those that are in hardships as well. Any project that I do, I always involve Hamilton Lodge No. 365 because they were there when I first got the foundation off the ground and its only right to involve them in everything I do. If we had more people to give back to those who are less fortunate, I feel the world would be a better place."

Together, Hamilton Lodge No. 365 & The Blueheart Foundation have received several awards and achievements, but the best award is seeing the smiles and excitement on the people's faces whom they have helped.



Left to right is the Honda America CEO, Bro. Brian Smith, and Bridgett Dupree, Community Relations Director for Honda America

Brother Hosea Echols Receives 50 Year Pin

Grand Master Corey D. Hawkins, Sr., Esq., recently recognized and pinned Brother Hosea Echols for more than 50 consecutive years as a member of Milton W. Howze Lodge No. 408 of Auburn at the Region 4 meeting held in Tuskegee on March 10, 2018. Brother Echols was raised in Milton W. Howze Lodge No. 408 on April 19, 1966. He regularly attends his lodge meetings and on April 7th of this year, Brother Echols turned 86 years old. Brother Echols is a very committed and dedicated brother.



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:

Right Worshipful Victor B. Pettus 33⁰, KYGCH, KCT

R.W. Victor B. Pettus was born and raised in Birmingham, Alabama, the second child to James E. and Endia Pettus. He attended West End High School and studied Construction Science and Management at Tuskegee University.

On June 11, 1994, he married Katrina Perkins, and this union was blessed with two beautiful children, Victor K., a junior at the University of North Alabama and Kaelyn, a middle school student.

R.W. Pettus is employed with the Birmingham City School System as the Director of Facilities, Operations and Maintenance (FOAM), his career with BCS spans more than 24 years and he has managed several major projects. He is a Certified Capital Planner, Certified School Facility Assessor and also a Certified Asbestos Planner/ Manager.

R.W. Pettus is an active member of First Baptist Church of Pleasant Grove, and also an active member of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity Inc., Pi Upsilon Sigma Chapter.

R. W. Pettus has a passion for youth and has been involved in youth sports for many years in the city in which he lives. A member of the Parks and Recreation Board for the City of Pleasant Grove, Alabama, he also coaches fast pitch softball.

R.W. Pettus has officiated football as an avocation for over 20 years, he has officiated all levels, High School (AHSAA) multiple playoff games and 5 Championship Games, NCAA (SIAC), Arena League (AF2) and Professional (NFL) 2012 during the officials lockout. His officiating career has produced numerous awards.

R.W. Pettus was raised as a Master Mason in September of 1985 In Geometry Lodge No. 410, he later became Worshipful Master of True Fellowship Lodge No. 407 and now a member of Pacific Lodge No. 32 in Do-lomite, AL. He is currently serving as a Right Worshipful Grand Trustee (Chairman) of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Alabama (PHA).



R.W. Pettus is the Most Excellent Grand High Priest of the W.H. Mack Grand Chapter Holy Royal Arch Masons, Jurisdiction of Alabama, Past High Priest of Pettus Pride Chapter No. 7 now a member of Zerubabel Chapter No. 3 – Grand Principal Conductor of the Works of the W.H. Mack Grand Council Royal and Select Masters Jurisdiction of Alabama, Past Thrice Illustrious Master of J.W. Hudson Council No. 10 Dolomite, AL – Past Right Eminent Grand Commander of the Hendley - Mack Grand Commandery of Knights Templar, Jurisdiction of Alabama — Past Prior of Alabama Priory No. 14, KYCH-PHA- Past Illustrious Potentate and Past Deputy of the Oasis for Khedive Temple No. 16 Birmingham, AL (AEAONMS), Past Commander in Chief for Red Cross Consistory No. 2 Birmingham, AL (AASR) Elevated to the 33rd and last degree in 2005 as part of the Ordie P. Taylor Class, United Supreme Council Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite Southern Jurisdiction. Additionally he was inducted KYGCH in 2011, and in 2016 dubbed a Knight Commander of the Temple (KCT).

R.W. Pettus lives by the adage of “Excuses - your friends don’t need them and your enemies don’t believe them, therefore they are useless”



Challenges for the True Mason

By William Arthur Ward

I will do more than belong, I will participate.

I will do more than care, I will help.

I will do more than believe, I will practice.

I will do more than be fair, I will be kind.

I will do more than forgive, I will forget.

I will do more than dream, I will work.

I will do more than teach, I will inspire.

I will do more than earn, I will enrich.

I will do more than give, I will serve.

I will do more than live, I will grow.

I will do more than be friendly, I will be a friend.

I will do more than be a citizen, I will be a patriot.

Masonic Terms

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BEAUTY

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REGION 4

News and Events from Region 4

In The Zone with Golden Rule No. 11

The last year has been a blessed one for the brothers of Golden Rule Lodge No. 11. The brothers have committed to taking charge of community efforts to support the families and youth. Their quarterly outreach activities for the kids included, Kids Bowl and Skate Night which hosted over 150 kids from throughout Lee County. Their efforts have not gone in vain as the community, civic and government agencies have come to rally with them. They hosted the 1st Golden Rule Community Award and Scholarship Gala, which shined a spotlight on local city council members and civic organizations working diligently in the community.

Golden Rule has partnered with the Ward 2 City Council in supporting the Community Quarterly Cleanup and Annual Day at the historical Bandy Park. As the lodge's commitment level has shown to be genuine; the opportunity to mentor school age children and religious groups has been on the rise. Golden Rule has brothers within the lodge receiving awards from the mayor and city council for great civic duties. The brothers of Golden Rule, separately and collectively accept the challenge of "it takes a village to raise a child". The brothers are currently renovating their 100-year-old lodge in Ward 2 to help fulfil that commitment. Renovation of the lodge building will serve as efforts of beautification of the area and also as an alternative place for those in need of assistance. Being visible in the community means being in the community; therefore, getting back in their lodge is a priority

Contributor – WM Derric Baker (No. 11)



Hamilton Lodge No. 365

Shows Charity in the Community

On February 1, 2018, the brothers of Hamilton Lodge No. 365 donated over \$540 in dimes to the March of Dimes to help babies born prematurely and with birth defects. The lodge held a dime (10 cent) drive from December 1, 2017 through January 31, 2018 to raised the funds. On the same day, the brothers of Hamilton Lodge No. 365 donated a bike to a deserving young boy who didn't have any gifts for Christmas. The young boy was in an out of the children's hospital in Birmingham due to his illness., Due to expensive medical bills, his family could not afford to buy him any Christmas gifts. Therefore, the lodge decided to buy him a bike and presented it to his Grandmother, Mrs. Jackson.

On February 23rd, Hamilton Lodge No. 365 & The Blueheart Foundation teamed up together with the Montgomery Area Transit System to adopt a public transportation bus for the day. Both organizations paid the bus fares for all riders on the bus and they surprised three lucky riders with monthly bus passes for the month, free of charge. The groups dedicated their community service effort to the Freedom Riders, Ms. Claudette Colvin, and Ms. Rosa L. Parks who were civil rights icons for the Montgomery Bus Boycott.

On March 8th, the brothers from Hamilton Lodge No. 365 helped to host an awards ceremony program for all of volunteers in the Montgomery area who helped and donated their time to the Salvation Army in 2017. They recognized every group and individuals who had a helping hand in doing the best for those who are less fortunate. The lodge wanted to let everyone know that Hamilton Lodge was proud of them. The lodge acknowledged everyone ranging from the kitchen staff all the way to the front desk administration.

Contributor— Bro. Brian Smith (No. 365)



Top Left: Awardees from the Salvation Army Volunteers



Top Right: Bro. Smith on bus at Adopt-a-bus for a day



Bottom Right: Members of Hamilton Lodge No. 365 and March of Dimes Staff

Phoenix Lodge No. 428 Assists with Mount Olive Primary School

On January 25, 2018, Phoenix Lodge No. 428 volunteered to judge the Annual Mount Olive Primary School Spelling Bee Contest. The contest has been a long tradition at Mount Olive for several years. Phoenix Lodge No. 428 co-sponsors this event with the staff at Mount Olive Primary School. Prizes and snacks are provided by the brothers to ensure everyone walked away a winner. The contest was broken down into several age groups from kindergarten to 2nd grade and a winner was selected for all groups. In addition to the prizes, positive words of encouragement for each of the contestants were given by each member of Phoenix Lodge No. 428. Phoenix Lodge No. 428's involvement with Mount Olive School coincided with the lodge moving to its current location in Fort Mitchell, Alabama. After the merger of Oswichee Lodge No. 785 with Phoenix Lodge No. 428 in 2015, the lodge adopted Mount Olive Primary School, which is located three miles away from the lodge, and began partnering with the school on various school activities and events.

Mount Olive Primary is a Title I School with 44.15% of students receiving free and reduced priced meals. While the school is based in Russell County, the vast majority of the 350-student population are military dependents due to many active duty soldiers purchasing homes off post and living in the Fort Mitchell community. Consequently, a unique opportunity the school enjoys is working to bridge the gap with the military community and the surrounding community. Mount Olive Primary has been in existence for five school years. Beginning in 2012-2013, the school began to reach out to the local community and Fort Benning to establish supportive and meaningful Partners-in-Education. As a result, Mount Olive Primary has developed strong relationships with Phoenix Lodge No. 428 and local businesses and churches in the area. Partners in Education support the school by being visible at school activities, being guest readers in classes, serving as judges for school contests, such as door decorations during Red Ribbon and Read Across America Weeks, and providing financial support, materials and supplies, and human resources.

Since its partnership, the lodge has volunteered to host spelling bees, sponsor Easter Egg hunts, contribute to the school's fun runs, black history program support and mentorship with the students. The partnership is strong and solid and will continue for years to come. Well done 428!



Group photo of Lodge members with children and Principal at Spelling Bee Contest

Phoenix Lodge No. 428

Donates to the Valley Rescue Mission

On Saturday, March 31, 2018, Phoenix Lodge No. 428's members met at the Valley Rescue Mission in Columbus, Georgia to donate over 400 pounds of clothing items. The members started collecting clothing items in January and donated the clothing items in the spring. Junior Warden Sean Gathers spearheaded the event and coordinated with the staff of Valley Rescue Mission to deliver the clothing items. The bags of clothing items were loaded into a trailer and taken to the mission. Mr. Bryant Roberts, warehouse manager and supervisor of the Valley Rescue Mission, met the brothers with his crew of warehouse workers to receive the multiple bags of clothes. The 400 pounds of clothes marks the first time that lodge members collected huge quantities of clothing items in a collaborative effort.



(Phoenix Lodge No. 428 members in a group photo with baskets of clothes.)

The Valley Rescue Mission of Georgia is a Christian organization that is committed to a Christ-centered program of recovery for the homeless, needy and addicted of Georgia. For 46 years the Valley Rescue Mission has been helping people to restructure peoples' lives towards the teaching of Jesus Christ, so they can be productive members of society. The Valley Rescue Mission Bargain Center thrift stores accept a huge array of items, including furniture donations, appliance donations, clothing donations, jewelry donations, book donations, mattress donations, other household item donations, and other items as well. The clothing items collected will be given out to the homeless residents of the mission. The mission also has a bargain center thrift store with locations in Columbus, Georgia and Phenix City, Alabama. Whether you are in the Columbus, GA area or in the Phenix City, Alabama area, you can easily schedule a free Valley Rescue Mission Bargain Center thrift store donation pickup if you are unable to drop off to the mission.

Phoenix Lodge No. 428 continues to be visible in its community by volunteering time to give back to the community. It believes in the doctrine, "Freemasons are taught to practice charity and to care not only for their own, but also for the community, both by charitable giving and by its voluntary efforts." Well Done brothers of the MWPHGL of Alabama!

Contributor - RW Carlton Jones (No. 428)

South Griffin Lodge No. 697 Hosts Morehouse College Tour

South Griffin Lodge No. 697 was one of the proud sponsors of a Morehouse College tour in Atlanta, GA. The feedback the lodge received from the parents was that of great appreciation. Many of them are single parents and were not able, at the time, to send their boys on this Historically Black College and University (HBCU) Tour. The group of boys toured the campus, went to the College Hall of Fame and a step show with the fraternities and sororities. The evening ended with a basketball game against rival team, Clark Atlanta University. The tour was an experience for the young men that they will never forget. South Griffin Lodge No. 697 was very proud to serve, while also giving Prince Hall Masonry in Alabama a great appearance, it's job to be humble servants in their communities.

President of Morehouse College, David A. Thomas, presented three seniors of Central High School in Phenix City, AL, with scholarships to attend Morehouse College. This was a result of sponsorship from South Griffin Lodge No. 697 placing their youth in the right place at the right time, standing on the principles of faith, hope and charity.



Morehouse College President, David A. Thomas, with 3 Seniors of Central High School in Phenix City, AL., that were presented Scholarships to attend the university

Contributor – WM Toby Dixon (No. 697)



REGION 5

News and Events from Region 5

Archive Lodge No. 75

Helping to the Keep Community Warm

On January 19th and 20th, 2018, Archive Lodge No. 75 insulated windows for some of the senior citizens in the Birmingham community. Many of the elderly people in the community live in older homes that are poorly insulated. Trying to heat their homes can be very costly, therefore Archive Lodge No. 75 decided to help to reduce that cost by simply insulating the windows. The lodge provided all of the needed materials to complete the job and the residents were very appreciative.



Archive Lodge No. 75

Taking Care of Their Own

On February 10th, Archive Lodge No. 75 hosted its annual Valentine's Day Program and Dinner at the Golden Coral Restaurant in Birmingham Alabama. The lodge provided meals for the wives, sweethearts and the Order of Eastern Star sisters. The ladies were treated to a full course meal and dessert of their choice. At the close of the program, all of the ladies were presented with a red rose.

On February 17th, members of Archive Lodge No. 75 traveled to Columbus, Georgia to visit with Brother Cornelius Shepherd. During the visit, the lodge presented him with a monogrammed lodge jacket and a card of appreciation. At the age of 97, Bro. Shepherd has been a member of Archive Lodge No. 75 for over 60 years. During this period of membership Bro. Shepherd has faithfully mailed his dues to the lodge every year. Bro. Shepherd has been married to his wife Dorothy for over 70 years and are parents of three sons. Two of the sons are ministers in Columbus, GA. Bro. Shepherd served in the U.S Army, after his retirement as a Master Sergeant, he moved to Columbus, GA.

Contributor- RW Godfrey Johnson (No. 75)



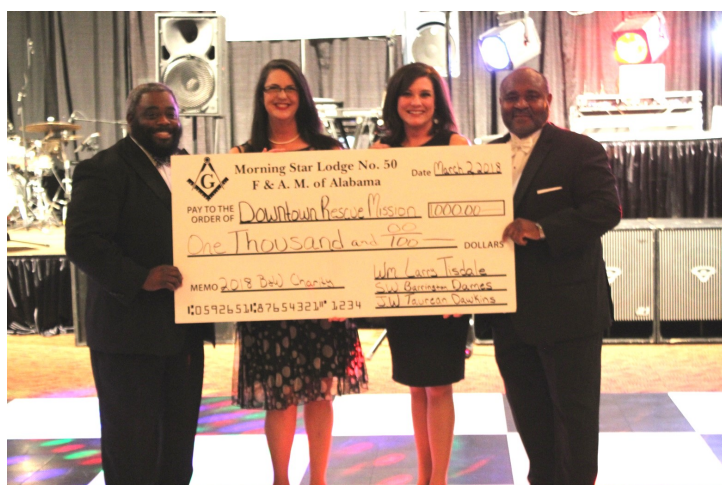
REGION 6

News and Events from Region 6

Morning Star Lodge No. 50 hosts Annual Black and White Charity Ball

On March 2, 2018, Morning Star Lodge No. 50 held their 10th Annual Black and White Charity Ball. This event was first held in 2008 under the leadership of Past Master Darrell Brown and was held at the old Cahaba Shrine Temple. The brothers of Morning Star Lodge wanted to support local organizations that had a financial need and demonstrated a strong presence of assisting others in the community. The Black and White Charity Ball was established to provide the financial support and to give charity recipients a platform to talk about their services to the Huntsville community.

Under the leadership of Past Master's Anthony J. Johnson and H. Jerome Glover the Charity Ball was moved to Huntsville's famed Von Braun Center in beautiful North Hall. During the past 10 years with hard work, support and dedication by the brothers of Morning Star Lodge No. 50, they have been able to make charitable contributions to such organizations as the National Association for the Prevention of Starvation (NAPS), the Triana Public Library, the Richard Showers Center Youth Program, James A. Lane Boys & Girls Club, Operation Making a Difference, Inc. (OPMAD), the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation, Jarrod M. Lockett Foundation, Harvest Youth Club, D'Arís Love Foundation and with proceeds from this year's event going to the Downtown Rescue Mission which is a non-profit organization serving the homeless living throughout northern Alabama and southern Tennessee. This is truly Masonic Charity at work.



L to R: Brother Lathan Strong "Community Service Committee Chair, Ms. Tonia Beverley "Director of Events", Mrs. Lisa Young "Senior Director of Development" and Larry D. Tisdale "Worshipful Master" presenting \$1000.00 donation to representatives of the Downtown Rescue Mission

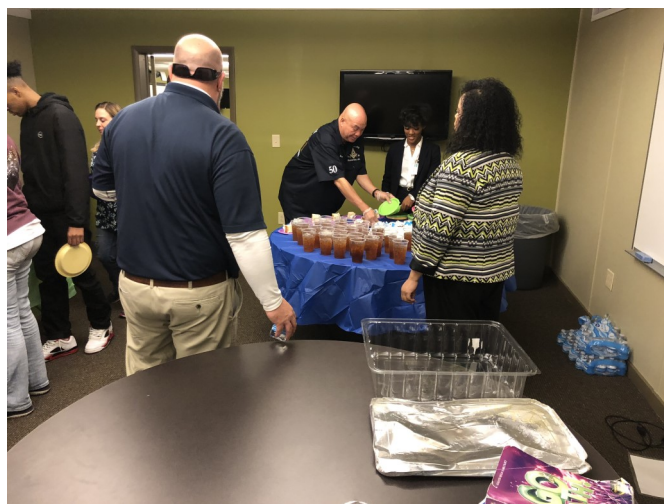


L to R: Orlando "Dee" Lucas, renowned saxophone artist, receiving plaque from WM Larry D. Tisdale on behalf of the Brothers of Morning Star Lodge No. 50

Morning Star Lodge No. 50 Assists Operation Making a Difference

On March 22, 2018, the brothers of Morning Star Lodge No. 50 assisted Operation Making a Difference (OPMAD) with its spring graduation. OPMAD is a certified after school program for young boys and girls who have difficulties at school and at home. Parents can enroll these young people in a 12 weeks structured educational and behavior curriculum. Brother Keith A. Reed is the director and founder of Operation Making a Difference. Bro. Reed and his staff work with the students during this time period twice a week from 6:00 PM until 8:00 PM and there are regular visits to the schools and homes to be sure each student is honoring their contracts to the program. Bro. Reed occasionally have guest speakers to visit and talk to the students. The guest range from Circuit Judges, District Judges, Attorneys, Law Enforcement Officers, Government Employees, Athletes and Master Masons. The brothers of Morning Star No. 50 have supported this program with financial donations, manual labor and an occasional lecture. On the evening of the 22nd, the brothers served dinner to the students and their parents. Also, Worshipful Master Larry D. Tisdale was the commencement speaker for the 2018 Spring graduating class. His theme for the evening was “Do not let anyone keep you from achieving your goals”.

Contributor – WM Larry D. Tisdale (No. 50)



Athelstine Lodge No. 71

Hosts Scholarship & Awards Banquet

On 24 March, 2018, Athelstine Lodge No. 71 held its Annual Scholarship and Awards Banquet at Round Island Creek Missionary Baptist Center on Lucas Ferry Road in Athens, AL. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., once said, “The function of education is to teach one to think intensively and to think critically. Intelligence plus character - that is the goal of true education.” Dr. King also stated, “If I can help somebody as I pass along, if I can cheer somebody with a well song, if I can show somebody he’s traveling wrong, then my living will not be in vain.”



WM Buford Thomas presenting The 2017 Public Servant of the Year Award to Chief Deputy Freddie Sloss

The brothers of Athelstine Lodge No. 71 truly believe they have achieved our four purposes with great community fellowship and breaking bread together with one hundred and five in attendance. They heard from a truly talented Guest Speaker, Ms. LaDonna McCann, an Environmental Engineer, who works on Redstone Arsenal. The community’s kind and generous donations placed Athelstine Lodge No. 71 on its way to helping students with scholarship donations. Athelstine Lodge No. 71 honored several individuals of the Athens-Limestone County Community for their dedication and hard work. The 2017 Pastor of the Year Award was presented to Pastor Kenny Brinkley, Pastor of Remnant Church International Ministries. The 2017 Public Servant of the Year Award was presented to Chief Deputy Freddie Sloss of the Limestone County Sheriff’s Department. The 2017 Citizen of the Year Award was presented to Councilman Frank Travis of District No. 3 in Athens, AL.

Our honored guests in attendance included Brother Frank Langford 33°, Assistant Grand District Deputy of District No. 17, Brother Bobby Langford 33°, Past Grand Senior Warden of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge F. & A. M. of Alabama and his wife Sister Barbra Langford; Brother Marxlyn David, Grand Musician of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge F. & A. M. of Alabama and Worthy Patron of Naomi Star Chapter No.653 Order of the Eastern Star and a member of Athelstine Lodge No. 71; Sister Angela Settle Melin, Worthy Matron, Naomi Star Chapter No.653 Order of the Eastern Star; Johnnie L. Pryor, Sr., Past Master of Athelstine Lodge No.71; Sister Kattie L. Settle, Past Worthy Matron of Naomi Star No. 653, OES; Mayor of Athens, Alabama, the Honorable Ronnie Marks and Brother Frank Travis, City Councilman of Athens, Alabama District No. 3 and Master of Ceremony; Mr. Henry White, Chairperson of the Democratic Party Limestone County.

The brothers of Athelstine Lodge No. 71 truly thank everyone for their kind donations, continued support to their lodge endeavors and for attending their Annual Scholarship and Awards Banquet.

Contributor – WM Buford Thomas (No. 71)

Eagle Lodge No. 97

Giving To and Promoting Youth

On February 17, 2018, the brothers of Eagle Lodge No. 97 in New Market, AL. held its 2nd Annual Charity Fundraiser titled, “Leaders of Tomorrow”. Eagle Lodge No. 97 recognizes that its youth are agents of change and future leaders, they also realize that investing in youth Christian education is the key to success for tomorrow. As part of its outreach into the community of New Market, AL, the lodge decided to donate a portion of the proceeds from this year’s fundraiser to the Hopewell Missionary Baptist Church Youth Ministry. The members of Eagle Lodge No. 97 attended church services on February 18, which was Youth Sunday at the church, and made a check presentation to the ministry. Worshipful Master Alfred Mathews made the check presentation accompanied by Senior Warden Willie Smith and Junior Warden Willie LaFleur. He spoke directly to the youth telling them how they had touched his heart during the service and encouraged them to continue to be an inspiration to others, spreading the love of Christ. In addition to the presentation from the lodge, the Worshipful Master made an additional donation from his family to the Ministry. The brothers of Eagle Lodge No. 97 continue to give back and show their commitment of service through giving. The weekend was a success and the lodge received much praise from the Pastor and the Congregation of Hopewell Missionary Baptist Church.



Worshipful Master, Senior Warden and Junior Warden Check Presentation

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



“I am where I am because of the bridges that I crossed. Sojourner Truth was a bridge. Harriet Tubman was a bridge. Ida B. Wells was a bridge. Madame C. J. Walker was a bridge. Fannie Lou Hamer was a bridge.”

– Oprah Winfrey

Temple Lodge No. 98 Donates to Brookshire Nursing Home

As part of its Masonic mission to give back to the community, Temple Lodge No. 98 is always looking to provide charitable service to those in need in the Huntsville area. A commercial, ran by the Salvation Army, sparked an idea to help the community. The commercial showed people volunteering at soup kitchens, providing large donations of food and clothes at homeless shelters, and singing to nursing home residents, during the Christmas season, to add joy to their lives. In contrast, the end of the commercial showed that, by January, most volunteers and visitors were gone and the food pantry was almost bare. The Lodge members realized that donations and volunteers dwindled significantly in January after the Christmas season ended.

In response to the ongoing needs of the community, Temple Lodge No. 98 sponsored a toiletry drive and on February 18th, visited the residents at the Brookshire Nursing Home in Huntsville. This effort was coordinated with Brother Dell Mitchel's non-profit organization Visible Hope. Brother Mitchel is also a member of Temple Lodge No. 98.

Together, they collected \$300 worth of toiletries, clothes, blankets, and DVDs to pass out to the residents. The residents were surprised to see them and were happy that they came. One resident told them that they don't really expect anybody to come visit them in January but they were happy that they remembered them. The Lodge enjoys being able to help the community and looks forward to visiting the residents of Brookshire Nursing Home in the future.

Contributor – Bro. Malcolm Jessup, Jr. (No. 98)



(Left to right): Bro. Cooney, Brookshire Nursing Home Staff, Bro. Brown and WM Fletcher unbox the items



Left to right): Brookshire Nursing Home Staff, Bro. Dell Mitchel, WM Fletcher, Bro. Brown and Bro. Cooney

Goodway Lodge No. 222 Hosts Its Inaugural “ALL Black Party”

On February 23, 2018, the brothers of Goodway Lodge No. 222 hosted their Inaugural “ALL Black Party” celebrating black history and black culture. The event was an opportunity for young professionals to gather and network, but more importantly it was an opportunity to recognize three outstanding individuals for their commitment to the youth in Huntsville. The 2018 honorees included the Head of the Huntsville Housing Authority, Mr. Delvin L. Sullivan, the Director of the Seminole Boys and Girls Club, Juanita L. Gonzalez, and the District 1 City Councilman for the City of Huntsville, Mr. Devyn Keith. The event was a huge success and was supported by many of the brothers of District 17 including the Grand District Deputy.



Goodway Lodge No. 222 Making a Difference in Its Community

In February, after a string of deadly youth shootings in the Huntsville Community, the brothers of Goodway Lodge No. 222 partnered with the Sparkman Homes Boys and Girls Club to host a “Stop the Violence” rally on February 5th. The event had over 60 kids and included a talk about guns and the consequences of their use, as well as, tips on how to avoid confrontations. The brothers of Goodway Lodge No. 222 provided pizza and drinks for the event, helped serve food, and talked with the youth about attending college and other future plans.

On March 31st, the brothers of Goodway Lodge No. 222 were happy to support the Sisters of Hendley Chapter No. 855, OES with their 8th Annual Easter Egg Hunt. The brothers of Goodway donated over 40 Easter egg baskets to Hendley Chapter’s event and came out during setup to fellowship and lend a helping hand.



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

Left: One of the speakers at the Stop the Violence rally

Right (From left to right): Senior Steward, Gary Moore, Worshipful Master Jarvis L. Noel, Brother Tiji Allen, and Brother Terence Fletcher donating Easter Baskets

Obituaries

Brothers Called Home by the Grand Architect

Syvalouis N. Nance, Sr. was born April 27, 1922 in Enterprise, Ala., the fifth of the late J. E. and Mamie Gilley Nance's 10 children that included seven sons and three daughters. He was the epitome of a life well-lived. In the 95 years Syvalouis spent on this earth, Syvalouis impacted and influenced countless others through his kindness, warmth and generosity. The eldest of J. E. and Mamie Gilley Nance's descendants at the time of his death, Syvalouis was held in high esteem as the patriarch of the Nance family. He was a source of sage advice and informative, entertaining family tales. Family members marveled at his work.

Syvalouis, known as "Vick" to his family and friends, received his early education at Coffee County (Ala.) Training School and joined Johns Chapel AME Church at an early age. He enrolled at Tuskegee Institute in September of 1942 and left school after three months, after being drafted into the United States Army.

He was honorably discharged with the rank of sergeant and re-enrolled at Tuskegee in 1946, where he met his future wife, Gladys Coprich, a graduate student from Winfield, Ala. They were married in 1950. Syvalouis graduated with a bachelor's degree in vocational agriculture in 1949 and later earned a master's degree in that discipline.

Syvalouis was a man of God, faithfully attending Galilee Missionary Baptist Church for more than 67 years, and was a longtime Deacon. He also served as church secretary. His mild-mannered temperament and unflagging work ethic made him an effective leader in the numerous organizations he was affiliated with. He served as President of the Colbert County Teachers Association; President and Treasurer of the Shoals Tuskegee Alumni Club; Worshipful Master of Hopewell Lodge No. 198, Leighton, Ala.; Treasurer of the Colbert County, Alabama Democratic Conference; and a member of Colbert County Retired Teachers Association.

He received numerous awards, honors and certificates for his service to his community and the organizations he was affiliated with. They include: the 2014 Lesley Temple CME Church Unsung Hero Award, Shoals Tuskegee Alumni Club Certificate of Appreciation, 2015 induction into the Prince Hall Grand Lodge Free & Accepted Masons of Alabama Hall of Fame, Worshipful Master of the Shoals Service and Dedication Award, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Service Award, the Alabama Vocational Agriculture Teachers Association Service Award, and the 2017 Colbert County Alabama Democratic Conference Julia Doss Trailblazer Award, just to name a few.



Bro. Syvalouis Nance, Sr.

April 27, 1922 - February 11, 2018

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