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Most Worshipful Melvin M. Thorpe, Grand Master

“I’m urging the Craft to purchase a brick in support of the Building Renovations Plan”.



A Message from MWGM Thorpe

Dear Prince Hall Family,

I wish to take this opportunity to offer my sincere and heartfelt gratitude for your support of me and the recently elected Grand Lodge Officers of this Most Worshipful Grand Lodge.

Your overwhelming attendance at both the Emancipation Proclamation and the Public Installation of Grand Lodge Officers remains deeply embedded in my mind. The elegance of your grandeur as you marched into the Samuel T. Daniels Sanctuary is beyond my ability to properly describe in words.

Since my installation I’ve been blessed to host the Mid-Atlantic Conference of Grand Masters, Grand Matrons & Patrons. Deputy Grand Master Collier and I have represented you in our travels to Arkansas, Louisiana, Delaware and right here at home when we spent the weekend with our AF&AM Brothers at a leadership conference on the Eastern Shore.

Also, I had the honor of attending the 115th Semi-

Annual Session for Myra Grand Chapter Order of the Eastern Star. GWM Juanita Clarke, GWP Robert E. Williams and the entire assembly greeted me with such warmth that it was difficult for me to contain my emotions; I sincerely thank the Eastern Stars for their graciousness and hospitality and congratulate them on an outstanding session.

In addition, to the visitations and public services we have had a successful Father’s Day Gospel Concert and Lunch with the Grand Master for our Masonic Widows.

We were able to generate funds through the Gospel Concert which will be used towards the repair of our beloved Grand East. To further aid in the repair a significant amount of revenue is needed and to this end I’ve instituted the MWPHGL Building Renovations Brick Program.

I’m urging the Craft to purchase a brick in support of the building renovations plan. I’m urging each state component to purchase a Platinum Level Brick; each subordinate

lodge, OES chapter, consistory, assembly, HRAM chapter, HOJ court, etc.....to purchase a Gold Level Brick and each member (male & female) of the Craft to purchase at least a Bronze Level Brick. Through your support we can and will restore the Willard W. Allen Masonic Temple & the Samuel T. Daniels Sanctuary to its full & rightful glory.

I will close my message with the utmost confidence that the Craft will continue its excellent support of my leadership and vision for the jurisdiction.

Brothers & Sisters it is my fervent prayer that you and your families are enjoying the summer months and that each component is incorporating activities that will involve the membership, relatives & friends.

May God bless us all.

Most sincerely,

MW Melvin M. Thorpe
Grand Master



Deputy Grand Master's Corner

New Strategic Planning Committee Appointed by MWGM Melvin M. Thorpe

By *RW Steven G. Collier, DGM*

Grand Lodge Mission Statement:

“The Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, Maryland and its Jurisdiction, Inc. is a fraternal organization dedicated to the fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man. Our fraternal organization takes good men, builds and develops them to be better men. We dispense charity, promote good, solid family values and endeavor significantly to aid the uplifting of humanity”.

Grand Master's Vision:

“The Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Maryland be uniformed ritualistically and administratively throughout the entire jurisdiction.”

“To bring the jurisdiction financially solvent by the year 2013.”

On February 12, 2011, during the District Deputy Grand Master's meeting at the Willard W. Allen Masonic Temple, M.W. Melvin M. Thorpe tasked the Deputy Grand Master, R.W. Steven G. Collier, to undertake actions and planning for the development of a Long Range Strategic Plan for the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Maryland and its Jurisdiction, Inc. This is one of the most important tasks by this administration for the Maryland Prince Hall Family. The committee agreed to adopt an 8-step strategic planning process designed to answer the following questions:

- ⊕ Where are we now?
- ⊕ Where do we want to be?
- ⊕ How do we get there?

Every member of the Maryland Prince Hall Family will have the opportunity to participate in the process. The craft will be briefed on the process as we progress. In Step 1 of our process, the following mission statement, adopted at the 163rd Annual Communication of the MWPHGL of MD, was tested. It was determined to meet the criteria for a good mission statement.

“A mission is an enduring statement of purpose which describes what the organization does, for whom and why. It is the basic reason for an organization's existence.”

Each member of the Maryland craft should be thoroughly familiar with our GL mission and Grand Master's vision statement. During visitations, the Worshipful Master will be asked if he has provided or read the statements to his membership. The mission statement can be viewed on the home page of our website:

<http://www.mwphglmd.org/gindex2.htm>

MW Melvin M. Thorpe, made Honorary Past GM

By *RW Steven G. Collier, DGM*

On February 24, 2011, I had the pleasure of accompanying MW Melvin M. Thorpe, Grand Master to the jurisdiction of Arkansas to attend the 139th Annual Grand Session held at 2906 East Harding Avenue, Pine Bluff, Arkansas. It was hosted by the MW Cleveland K. Wilson, Grand Master. The informative and delightful visitation proved to enhance our relationships with other jurisdictions. Congratulations to the brothers and sisters of the Arkansas Jurisdiction and their Grand East facility for a successful session. Also congratulations to MW Melvin M. Thorpe, GM who was made an Honorary Past Grand Master of Arkansas by MWGM Wilson.



*RW Steven G. Collier
Deputy Grand Master*

"MLK Memorial Dedication Celebrating the Life, Dream and Legacy has been postponed until further notice".

Junior Grand Warden's Corner



*RW Lee A. Taylor
Junior Grand Warden*



The Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Maryland
presents its Gospel Concert
featuring:



National Recording Artist

Jay Caldwell & The Gospel Ambassadors



Saturday, November 5, 2011 @ 3:00pm

Masonic Temple

1307 Eutaw Place, Baltimore, Maryland

Admission: \$25

Musical guests Includes...



**Kenny Davis and
the Melody Aries**



The Sons of God



**Larry Broadway
CROSS!**



The Gospel Pearls

FOR MORE INFORMATION AND TICKETS CONTACT THE GRAND LODGE AT (410) 669-4966
or RW Leroy T. King Jr. at (202) 903-1928



Most Worshipful Grand Master Melvin M. Thorpe



Additional parking will be available at the State Building Parking Lot at Lafayette and Eutaw Place

“Let’s Finish What GOD Started”

Come out and support this event

Thanks — JGW RW Lee A. Taylor

Grand Lecturer's Corner

What Does Success Look Like?

By RW Robert J. Poindexter, Grand Lecturer

Many of us think that we have cornered the market on effective leadership and management. We seem to have taken the concept of position and title for granted because many leaders and managers never stop to ask the questions – “Am I going to be successful during my leadership-management tenure?” and more importantly “What does success look like?” Suffice it to say, that being an effective leader-manager is probably one of the most difficult challenges that one can face in their quest to lead and manage their fellow human being.

The dilemma most Leader-Manager's face when they assume the helm of an organization is to lost sight of a positive and results-oriented direction. This aspect is most common among new leader-managers because they usually perceive that they must start off running at break-neck speed in order to be successful. Nonetheless, most leader-managers tend to put their initial emphasis on number of personnel needed, immediate materials, and other tangible resources. While the aforementioned items are needed, it should not be the leader-manager's first thought. This brings me to the title of this article which deals primarily with the leader-manager's vision. Simply put – “What does success look like?”

Recently, I was given the opportunity to present to a fairly large group of leaders within Myra Grand Chapter, where I pushed this concept. The concept of looking beyond the immediate material and personnel needs when leading and managing a fairly large group of individuals such as a constituent lodge, chapter, commandery, consistory, or temple, must be a part of your leadership tool bag. You see, one must believe that “success is not an option” and failure can

creep up on you in a moment's notice. So, to avoid certain negative results, a good leader-manager must take the high road to ensure that his or her vision is achievable. The desired effect should always be as close to positive as possible and should leave nothing to chance. In other words, every leader-manager, when elected or appointed to assume the challenge of leading people should always endeavor to bring their “A” game. Formulating ideas as to where you plan to take your organization is essential and coincides exactly with the initial question – “What does success look like?”

Once you can see, smell, and taste success you can then begin to work on the process of building the organization that you have been selected to lead and manage. You can now also begin to hone your skills in being the well-rounded leader-manager, who understands the concept of situational leadership by choosing the applicable leadership style that fits his or her current assignment.

The leader-manager must intuitively and effectively begin the process of constructing a planning process that creates a reality check on his or her vision, which in turns allows the vision to provide a focus by which the planning can be accomplished. This is also where the creativity of an effective leader-manager positively reinforces what is desperately needed to assist our Elected and Appointed Grand Lodge Officers, Constituent Lodge/Chapter Officers, and Concordant Body leadership, in being the best that they can be.

Always Remember, take effective leadership and management seriously, stay focused, and above all- keep success in you crosshairs at all times.



*RW Robert J. Poindexter
Grand Lecturer*

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Grand Chaplain's Corner

By RW Nicholas Padilla, Jr. Assistant Grand Chaplain

"If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit." - Galatians 5:25



Fruit grows in a climate blessed with an abundance of the Spirit and the Word. "Walk in the Spirit" (Gal. 5:25) means "keep in step with the Spirit"—not to run ahead and not to lag behind. This involves the Word, prayer, worship, praise, and fellowship with God's people. It also means "pulling out the weeds" so that the seed of the Word can take root and bear fruit. The Judaizers were anxious for praise and "vainglory," and this led to competition and division. Fruit can never grow in that kind of an atmosphere.

We must remember that this fruit is produced *to be eaten*, not to be admired and put on display. People around us are starving for love, joy, peace, and all the other graces of the Spirit. When they find

them in our lives, they know that we have something they lack. We do not bear fruit for our own consumption; we bear fruit that others might be fed and helped, and that Christ might be glorified. The flesh may manufacture "results" that bring praise to us, but the flesh cannot bear fruit that brings glory to God. It takes patience, an atmosphere of the Spirit, walking in the light, the seed of the Word of God, and a sincere desire to honor Christ.

In short, the secret is the Holy Spirit. He alone can give us that "fifth freedom"—freedom from sin and self. He enables us to fulfill the law of love, to overcome the flesh, and to bear fruit.

Will you yield to Him and let Him work?



RW Mack C. Thomas
Grand Chaplain

"We do not bear fruit for our own consumption; we bear fruit that others might be fed and helped..."

Wisdom:

"Focusing your life solely on making a buck shows a certain poverty of ambition. It asks too little of yourself. Because it's only when you hitch your wagon to something larger than yourself that you realize your true potential."

~ Barack Obama

"The ultimate measure of a man is not where he stands in moments of comfort, but where he stands at times of challenge and controversy."

~ Martin Luther King, Jr.

"The most important thing to remember is this: To be ready at any moment to give up what you are for what you might become."

~ W.E.B. DuBois

"Education is the passport to the future, for tomorrow belongs to those who prepare for it today."

~ Malcolm X

A Leadership Primer - Lesson One:

"Being responsible sometimes means pissing people off."

~ Gen Colin Powell

Corollary— Good leadership involves responsibility to the welfare of the group, which means that some people will get angry at your actions and decisions. It's inevitable if you're honorable.

Trying to get everyone to like you is a sign of mediocrity: You'll avoid the tough decisions, you'll avoid confronting the people who need to be confronted, and you'll avoid offering differential rewards based on differential performance because some people might get upset.

Ironically, by procrastinating on the difficult choices, by trying not to get anyone mad, and by treating everyone equally "nicely" regardless of their contributions, you'll simply ensure that the only people you'll wind up angering are the most creative and productive people in the organization.

MWPHGL MD Hosts Successful Mid-Atlantic Conference

Baltimore, March 18-19, 2011

Mid-Atlantic Conference of Prince Hall Grand Masters, Grand Matrons and Grand Patrons (MACOFGM) was successfully hosted by the Prince Hall Maryland family at the BWI Airport Marriott Hotel, in Baltimore, MD.

The MACOFGMs is composed of the jurisdictions of the District of Columbia, Maryland, North Carolina, South Carolina, Virginia and West Virginia. Congratulations to the committee for a job well done!

Members of the 2011 Mid-Atlantic Conference of Grand Masters, Grand Matrons and Grand Patrons Planning Committee are:

- ⊕ Committee Chairman - RWDGM Steven G. Collier
- ⊕ Hotel Reservations - RWJGW Lee A. Taylor
- ⊕ Registrations - RW Herbert B. Stevenson, RW Frederick C. Howard, and RW Wayne Cooper
- ⊕ Souvenir Journal - Mrs. Lori Poindexter, RWGL Robert J. Poindexter, RW Michael B. Allen, and Bro. Parrish Schoon
- ⊕ Refections - RWGI James R. Lundy, PGM Mabel A. Bratcher, PM Viola Milburn, and the brothers of Bee Hive Lodge No. 66
- ⊕ Finances - RWGT Wilbert Cooper, RWGS Wayne E. Paxton.

Recognition by the Maryland State Senate and House

Annapolis, March 2, 2011

On Wednesday, March 2nd, RW Nathaniel McFadden sponsored a formal recognition ceremony. Both the MWPHGL of MD and the Grand Lodge, AF&AM of MD were recognized for their contributions to the community, humanity, and the State.



Pictured above at this historic event are representatives of the Maryland State Senate and House, along with Officers of the MWPHGL MD and the Grand Lodge, AF&AM of MD.

MWPHGL MD Delegation Warmly Received by Our Louisiana Brethren

By RW Steven G. Collier, DGM

On 2-5 June, 2011, MWGM Melvin M. Thorpe, RWDGM Steven G. Collier, and GWM Sis. Juanita L. Clarke travelled to Baton Rouge for the 148th Annual Communication of the Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Louisiana and the 73rd Annual Communication of Esther Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star.

On Thursday evening, 2 June, we attended a very impressive Lodge of Sorrow Ceremony at the Crown Plaza hotel (the OES headquarters hotel) followed by a reception.

The next morning (Friday, 3 June), MWGM Melvin M. Thorpe and RW Deputy Grand Master Steven G. Collier were received at approximately 9:45 am. MWGM Thorpe received Grand Honors, and then was escorted to the East. He was cordially welcomed by MW Ralph Slaughter, Grand Master. Later that evening we attended an enjoyable Awards Banquet.

Saturday, 4 June, we attended an interactive business session where the craft was in sync with the direction of this “financially-sound” jurisdiction. Later that afternoon, we attended a reception at the Grand Lodge’s event facility, located next to their GL temple. We observed a prototype of our pavement brick fundraiser and enjoyed Louisiana “Gumbo” and jazz.

While in Louisiana, we received the utmost respect including personal transportation from the airport by MWGM Slaughter. The RW David Lewis, a LA



Louisiana (LA) Juris 148th GL Session Jun 2-5, 2011: “(Left to Right) RWDGM Steven G. Collier, RW Gilbert S. Reddings, LA, MWGM Ralph Slaughter, LA (Host), MWGM Melvin M. Thorpe, MWGM Milton “Toby” F. Fitch, NC.

D.D.G.M. was assigned to MWGM Thorpe and ensured to our transportation and accommodation needs for the duration of our visitation. This was indeed a memorable and productive visitation.

Myra Grand Chapter OES 115th Semi-Annual Grand Session May 20—21, 2011



Pictured Left-Right: GCT Gloria Criss, Carl Snowden, Director of the Coretta Scott King Memorial Garden, GWM Juanita Clarke, MWGM Melvin M. Thorpe, and GWP Robert E. Williams.

KNOWLEDGE: Tenets of Masonry

Freemasonry has tenets peculiar to itself. They serve as testimonials of character and qualifications, which are only conferred after due course of instruction and examination. These are of no small value; they speak a universal language, and act as a passport to the attentions and support of the initiated in all parts of the world. They cannot be lost as long as memory retains its power. Let the possessor of them be expatriated, shipwrecked or imprisoned, let him be stripped of everything he has got in the world, still those credentials remain, and are available for use as circumstances require. The good effects they have produced are established by the most incontestable facts of history. They have

stayed the uplifted hand of the destroyer; they have softened the asperities of the tyrant; they have mitigated the horrors of captivity; they have subdued the rancor of malevolence; and broken down the barriers of political animosity and sectarian alienation. On the field of battle, in the solitudes of the uncultivated forest, or in the busy haunts of the crowded city, they have made men of the most hostile feelings, the most distant regions, and diversified conditions, rush to the aid of each other, and feel a special joy and satisfaction that they have been able to afford relief to a Brother Mason.

By Benjamin Franklin, December 8, 1730

Chesapeake Lodge No. 48 Celebrates its 96th Anniversary

On April 19, 2011 Chesapeake Lodge No. #48 celebrated its 96th Anniversary with a banquet at the Bayou Restaurant in Havre de Grace, MD. Under the leadership of Worshipful Master Steven L. Dean, and the Anniversary Committee Chairman, RW John P. Bryant, 6th Masonic District Protocol Officer, the anniversary celebration banquet was huge success.

In attendance were the MWGM of the MWPHGL-Maryland MWGM Melvin M. Thorpe and Mrs. Thorpe, DGM RW Steven G. Collier, GWM Juanita Clarke, DDGM 3rd Masonic

nection. This was evidenced by the warm remarks and genuine affection expressed during the introduction by PM Smith. PGM Bishop provided historical insight to the ties and history of the origin of Prince Hall masonry in both states. After he spoke, the craft of Chesapeake Lodge #48 presented to PGM Bishop a copy of the first minutes of the Chesapeake Lodge #48. Key members of the initial membership of the craft of Chesapeake #48 were related to PGM Bishop. The first Worshipful Master for Chesapeake #48, Samuel J. Ennis, was a cousin and SW Augustus Bishop was his grandfa-

ther. This historic occasion was further enriched when PGM Bishop was surprised by his family members in the audience. Some family had come from California, Georgia, and North Carolina.

This celebration of almost a century of existence, and a history of positive community service to the city of Havre de Grace, Harford County, Maryland was brought to a close after brief remarks from our MW Grand Master Melvin M. Thorpe and the benediction by the 6th District Chaplain RW Cordell E. Hunter. This was fantastic event and a historical evening.



District RW Casper A. Turner, and DDGM 6th Masonic District Noel C. Osborne Sr. Representatives of the MWAFA&AM Grand Lodge RW Faulkner and Worshipful Master Phillip Powell Susquehanna Lodge No. 130 and members of his craft were in present for the celebration as well. Also in attendance for this celebration were the Mayors of Aberdeen, MD., and Havre de Grace, MD, Mitch Shank and Wayne H. Dougherty respectfully, members of the Clergy, public and civic officials.

The visiting dignitaries from the MWPHGL-Maryland were received at their hotel and welcomed to the 6th District by a delegation headed by RW Robert Hubbard, RWADDGM, Charles Corum, RW John P. Bryant, and RW Jessie J. Shanks. WM Steven L. Dean received the guest speaker, PGM Bishop and escorted him to the banquet location.

The guest speaker, PGM Charles A. Bishop of MWPHGL-Pennsylvania, was introduced by PM Wayne Smith (#103) who grew up in Philadelphia and has had a long personal relationship with PGM Bishop. PGM Bishop spoke about the history of PH Masonry and the Maryland, Pennsylvania con-

In attendance were the following: Mayor of Aberdeen, Mayor of Havre De Grace, Several City councilmen, our AF&AM brothers and many more.



MORNING STAR LODGE No. 44 **RECOGNIZES ITS 100TH YEAR OF EXISTENCE**

Morning Star Lodge #44, a constituent lodge of the MWPHGL of Maryland & its Jurisdiction Incorporated, over which the Most Worshipful Melvin M. Thorpe, Grand Master presently presides celebrates its 100 year anniversary. Morning Star Lodge #44 was officially chartered within the jurisdiction of Maryland on June 7, 1911 under the power of the Most Worshipful Grand Master Thomas A. Jones and with the assistance of the members of St. James Lodge #2. Today its brothers are humbled and appreciative to reside in its existence of 100 years.

The first elected and installed Worshipful Master was Brother Thomas F. Mitchell. Those within his cabinet were also elected and installed Senior Warden Walter Brooken, Junior Warden William Walker, Secretary A.J. Reid, and Treasurer Eugene Queen. Those under the new Worshipful Master's appointment were Senior Deacon Samuel J. Hooper, Junior Deacon James Wilson, Tyler Washington Lee, Senior Steward J.F. Smith, and Junior Steward S.S. Robert.

Since Morning Star's inception and over the years, it has become a lodge well known and admired for its exemplary record of performing Masonic degree work. So much so that the Maryland jurisdiction sought from Morning Star two (2) Right Worshipful Grand Lecturers in the persons of Richard White Jr. (deceased), and Prentiss Moore II, as well as a host of members that have ascended to the Grand Lecturer's staff; one of whom currently sits on that staff is Right Worshipful Assistant Grand Lecturer for the

15th Masonic District Jonathan Goode-Bey.

In 1973 Morning Star #44 brought in its new class of Master Masons, one of those new members being Willie R. Montgomery, who for close to forty (40) years has dedicated himself to making Morning Star the best that it could be. RW Montgomery has assisted in the establishing of fraternal relations in North Carolina, Virginia, Washington D.C., and Philadelphia and even re-establishing relationships that may have diminished over the years. He currently resides as a District Advisor to District Deputy Grand Master of the 15th Masonic District, Wayne Epps, aids in the class instruction of Morning Star Lodge #44's newest members, and still continues his work in maintaining fraternal relations with our neighboring jurisdictions.

Morning Star Lodge #44 resides a group of dedicated members who participate in and contribute to a variety of causes that benefit the members of various communities. During the holidays of Thanksgiving and Christmas, the members of Morning Star Lodge #44 prepare a number of food baskets to needing families. In addition to preparing these baskets, the members also participate with several churches to feed the homeless. Amidst the inclemency of weather, we ensure the safety of the elders within our respective communities which extend from the city of Baltimore to the neighboring counties of Maryland. To the cause of charitable commitments, the members have assisted in the finance of several young men and women to attend specialty camps based upon their respective

talents and for books and fees for many of our youth going to institutes of higher learning and has sponsored various youth sports teams.

Since the coming to the 100 year milestone, Morning Star #44 has been recognized by the likes of Mayor Stephanie Rawlings-Blake, Baltimore City Council President Bernard "Jack" Young, Baltimore City Councilman William Cole IV, Senator Verna Jones, Senator Nathaniel McFadden, Congressman Elijah Cummings, and Maryland Senator Paul Sarbanes.

For more information about the fraternity and/or membership information please send correspondence to the attention of:

Morning Star Lodge #44
1307 Eutaw Place
Baltimore, MD 21217

The Duly Elected & Installed Officers of Morning Star Lodge #44 for its Centennial Year:

- ⊕ Worshipful Master, Kelvin Lee Benford Sr.
- ⊕ Senior Warden, William Alfred Goldsborough IV
- ⊕ Junior Warden, Derek Nicolas Collins Jr.
- ⊕ Treasurer Franklin Ausby Sr.
- ⊕ Secretary Frederick G. Hall Sr.

Maceo Boston, Jr. Lodge No. 145

In December of 1987, the idea of forming a lodge in the Columbia, Maryland area was the brainchild of Past Maser Tommie S. Kirk, Brother Walter E. Fernandez, and Brother David H. White. They noticed that there were many Brothers in the Fort Meade, MD area that were not affiliated with any Lodge in the area, dropped from the rolls, or just inactive for one reason or another. The four approached Special Deputy Grandmasters Shelton D. Redden and Leroy A. Lassiter with their vision of a Lodge in Columbia, MD.

In February 1988, an energetic group of young men comprised of PM Boston, PM Tommie S. Kirk, Walter E. Fernandez, Robert W. Criss, Moses Hollins, David H. White, James Prioleau, Melvin M Thorpe, and Ira Mayfield assembled at the Four Winds Noncommissioned Officers Club on Fort Meade. At this meeting came the stimulus, the Lodge's name, and the paperwork that would get the lodge off the ground. Officers were appointed with the understanding that an election would be held immediately after a charter was received.

Appointed Chartered Officers were Worshipful Master Walter E. Fernan-

dez, Senior Warden Robert W. Criss, Junior Warden Ira Mayfield, Secretary Maceo Boston Jr, Treasurer Moses Hollins, Senior Deacon David H. White, Junior Deacon Melvin W. Thorpe, and Tyler Marshall Smith. At a subsequent meeting, other interested Masons joined the vision to establish a Lodge in Columbia.

The Lodge worked toward building its coffer and worked towards making a name for itself. Several small successful fundraisers were held. Being under dispensation was good news. Everything was in order for a charter. In August 1988, at the annual Grand Lodge session, held at Solomon Island, Maryland, Maceo Boston Jr. Lodge #145 received its Charter from The Honorable Samuel T. Daniels, Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Maryland. Election of Officers immediately followed resulting in the Chartered Officers retaining their offices. PM Tommie Kirk super-vised the Lodge's first class of Master Masons that consisted of Carl Lee Johnson, William H. Robinson, and Clifton Veney.

Since the Lodge's inception, 16 worshipful Masters have served. The mem-



bership of the lodge has grown from 25 to a current membership of 47. The charities of Maceo Boston Jr. Lodge #145 are varied and include assisting individuals and local churches, donations to the Howard County Food Bank, Maryland General Hospital, awarding scholarships through the David H. White Scholarship fund, and others.

Maceo Boston, Jr. Lodge No. 145 website: <http://mbj145.org/default.html>

Biography of Brother Maceo Boston, Jr.

Maceo Boston Jr, was born on December 18, 1940 in Asheville, NC. After graduation from Steven-Lee High School in June 1958, he joined the US Army as a private on November 7, 1958. On October 31, 1981, after 23 years of a most rewarding Army career, Brother Boston retired in the grade of Chief Warrant Officer 4. He served overseas in France, Germany, Korea, Vietnam, and Thailand. His U.S. assignments were at Fort Belvoir VA., Fort Huachuca AZ., Fort Bragg NC., Minneapolis-St. Paul MN., and the Pentagon, Washington DC. He is a Defense Language Institute trained Thai and German linguist. Brother Boston's military awards include:

- ⊕ Legion of Merit
- ⊕ Army Commendation Medal

- ⊕ Army Good Conduct Medal
- ⊕ National Defense Service Medal
- ⊕ Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal
- ⊕ Vietnamese Staff Service Medal

In 1962, Brother Boston received the Master Mason Degree in Prince Hall Military Lodge #140, Oklahoma Jurisdiction, Frankfurt, Germany. In 1977, he became a 32nd degree Scottish Rite Mason in Donald H. Coleman Consistory #329, and Noble in Faisal Temple #192, Stuttgart, Germany. Brother Boston was elevated to the 33rd degree in October 1981, in Washington, DC. Brother Boston has held the following offices within Prince Hall Masonry:

- ⊕ Senior Warden, Ernest W. Armstrong Lodge No. 145 Oklahoma Jurisdiction, Berlin, Germany
- ⊕ Worshipful Master, Ernest W. Armstrong Lodge No. 145 Berlin
- ⊕ Worthy Patron, O.E.S. Chap No. 99
- ⊕ Oklahoma Jurisdiction, Berlin
- ⊕ Secretary, Ernest W. Armstrong Lodge No. 145 Berlin
- ⊕ Secretary, William T. Wallace Lodge No. 134 Maryland Jurisdiction, Fort Meade, MD
- ⊕ Secretary, Maceo Boston Jr. Lodge No. 145 Maryland Jurisdiction, Columbia, MD
- ⊕ Assistant District Deputy Grand Master Oklahoma Jurisdiction, Germany
- ⊕ Commander in Chief I.H. Clayborn Consistory No. 363 Columbia, MD

Biography of Brother Maceo Boston, Jr., continued

- ⊕ Assistant District Deputy Grand Master Maryland Jurisdiction, Germany,
 - ⊕ Secretary, Keeper of the Seals and Archives Charles A. Spikes Military Consistory Kaiserslautern, Germany
 - ⊕ Berlin Shrine Club President, Aswan Temple No. 115 Berlin, Germany
 - ⊕ Assistant Rabban, Aswan Temple No. 115 Frankfurt, Germany
 - ⊕ Chief Rabban, Al Kerak Temple No. 194 Kaiserslautern
 - ⊕ Illustrious Potentate, Al Kerak Temple No. 194 Kaiserslautern
- ⊕ Illustrious Potentate, Faisal Temple No. 192 Stuttgart, Germany
 - ⊕ Noble Recorder, Faisal Temple No. 192 Stuttgart
 - ⊕ Noble Advisor to MISR Court Upper Marlboro, MD
- In August 1982, PM Boston was hired as an Army Civilian Military Intelligence Counterintelligence Special Agent. He served two assignments in Germany. All stateside assignments have been at Fort Meade. His civilian awards and recognition are numerous. PM Boston held a Bachelors Degree in Government and Management from the

University of Maryland, and Associates of Arts Degree from the Anne Arundel Community College.

The widow of PM Boston is the former Shelley D. Booker of Philadelphia, PA. He is survived by one son, three daughters, and five grandchildren. On July 21, 2005, PM Boston was called from labor to reward. He considered himself as a “little country boy” from Asheville, North Carolina; “nothing more and nothing less.” He will be truly missed by all that knew him.

6th Masonic District Supports The Widows Brunch and Fashion Show

By 6th Masonic District Deputy Grand Master, RW Noel C. Osborne, Sr.

On July 17, 2011 Ms. Joyce Thorpe, Wife of the Most Worshipful Grand Master Melvin M. Thorpe, coordinated a successful Brunch and Fashion Show for the many Widows of the Jurisdiction of Maryland. Both the brunch and fashion show was a huge success.



The 6th Masonic District had lots of support regarding this Widows Brunch There were many family members that took time out of their busy schedules to attend this affair. A special thanks to Ms. Wanda Page, JW Ross—Deer Creek Lodge No. 103, RW Corum for escorting the Widows from Jessie J. Shanks Lodge No. 137 down to the affair and WM Clarence Miller Jr., and RW Ernest Gladden for their support. At the end of the day it was an outstanding effort on behalf of the 6th Masonic District Team.





Sixth Masonic District Widows.



**The 6th Masonic District had a total of
10 Models at the Widows Brunch Fashion Show**



MODELS
RW & Ms. Osborne
WM & Ms. Miller
Bro & Ms. Sutton
RW & Ms. Page
RW Matthews
Bro Barrett
RW Corum
Bro Tenson



10th Masonic District Supports The Widows Brunch and Fashion Show

July 17, 2011, 10th Masonic District.

On July 17th 2011 the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge held a luncheon for the widows of all the lodges in the Jurisdiction. Of the seven widows associated with William T. Wallace Lodge #134, five lovely ladies decided to attend; Mrs. Francine Thompson, Mrs. Phrizilia Thompson, Mrs. Patricia Brown, Mrs. Ester Hassel and Mrs. Shirley Price. Escorting the ladies were WM Eugene Bradford and RW Stan Conyer. Bouquets of flowers were presented to all the ladies along with a dress pin designed in the form of the Broken Column with a wreath surrounding it.

The luncheon featured a nice meal of chicken, veggies, rolls with ice tea and was quite enjoyed by all. The Grand Lodge presented the widows with entertainment consisting of volunteers of Masonic Brothers and Eastern Star Sisters. The show had a theme of the seasons and featured a generous variety of clothes of the models. The show was bright and cheery which provided good choice of entertainment for the widows of the entire Jurisdiction. Music was provided by local DJ. The Grand Master made his rounds welcoming all the Ladies to the grand Lodge and to the



Seated from left to right are: Sis. Shirley Price, widow of PM George Price; Sis. Phrizilia "Peaches" Thompson, widow of Bro. Ronald E. Thompson; Sis. Francine Thompson, widow of PM Donald Thompson; (standing) Eugene Bradford, Sr., Worshipful Master of William T. Wallace Lodge No. 134; Sis. Esther Hassell, widow of Bro. Peter Hassell; and Sis. Patricia Brown, widow of PM Benjamin Brown.

event. He stopped by the table and greeted each of William T. Wallace's Special Ladies with a kiss on the cheek.

The Ladies were introduced to all the guests that afternoon by the Worshipful Master as were all the ladies by their respective lodge representatives. The widows treasured joining the many special ladies of the Grand Lodge and gives thanks to the Grand Lodge for

recognizing them throughout the years. The Ladies desire to remain active in the Lodge's activities and appreciate the calls from the lodge. The Widows intend on attending as many events as they possibly may be able to.

All of the Special Ladies would like to thank William T. Wallace Lodge for taking such good care of them on their very special day.

KNOWLEDGE: Master's Wages

A Master's wages are paid in the knowledge of the human heart; its dependence upon love and friendship, its eagerness to give for the love of giving, its humble hope of receiving for the simple human joy of being beloved. They are paid in knowledge which girds a man in armor through which misfortune, hard times, and ill luck cannot pierce. They are paid in the security which comes from certain knowledge of millions of Brethren sworn to your aid and support - and make no mistake about this, my Brother; though you may never need to make appeal, though no man spreads his call for help throughout the whole Masonic world, no matter where that call echoes, there will be some who hear and heed.

A Master's wages are paid in friends of the heart; friends who make life rich with its fairest treasures. The sentimentalist sings of the friend of his youth. It is true that friendship deepens with time; a common past is the foundation on which many a friendship is based. Freemasonry supplies such a past. Men linked in the Mystic Tie can think, symbolically, of their friendship beginning thou-

sands of years ago. The friends made in Masonry are of tested steel; there are none better.

A Master's wages are paid in the knowledge of closeness to and communion with the Grand Architect of the Universe. In the practice of Freemasonry a Master Mason draws close to God. The All Seeing Eye to him is a friendly one. No man spends time in a lodge without having his faith strengthened; in days when mental confusion, doubt, debate and argument undermine beliefs less solidly founded, the firm foundation for simple beliefs which comes from Freemasonry is surely not the least of the coins in which a Master receives his wages.

And a Master's wages are paid in strength to endure, in courage to proceed, in hope of the future and in joy in the present. These are wages worth working for! These are coins besides which those of minted gold show themselves to be the dross they are. For these are the wages given to character.

6th Masonic District 2011 June St. Johns Day Service Hosted by Deer Creek Lodge No. 103

Our annual St. John's Day was held June 26, 2011 at Stevenson AME Church. Deer Creek Lodge 10 hosted thirty brothers and 20 sister, one of the largest gathering of brothers and sisters in Harford County in quite a while. The brothers were led by RW Noel C. Osborne Sr, District Deputy

Grand Master and the sisters were led by District Deputy Grand Worthy Matron Jeanette Randall. Rev. Michael Thompson, Pastor, gave an uplifting sermon titled "When the Real GOD Shows Up." Donations to the church totaled \$850.



One gentleman gave his life to Christ at our service.

MWGM Melvin M. Thorpe and GWM Juanita L. Clarke Attend 10th Masonic District's St. Johns Day and Public Installation of New Officers

By Steve C. Isom – SW William T. Wallace Lodge No. 134

On June 26th the 10th Masonic District held its St. Johns Day service and public installation of new officers for the 2011-2012 Masonic year at in Pasadena, MD. In attendance were MWGM Melvin M. Thorpe, RWJGW Lee A. Taylor, RWDDGM Philip S. Lewis, Sr., RWADDGM Ronald Clarke, RWGL Robert J. Poindexter, RWDGL Purnell Carter, Sr., GWM Juanita L. Clarke, and many others.

The 10th Masonic District which is lead by RWDDGM Philip S. Lewis, Sr., and is based in Anne Arundel County, consists of Universal Lodge #14, Rising Sun Lodge #46, Joppa Lodge #94, and William T. Wallace Lodge #134.

Minister Gracie Brooks of Mt. Zion United Methodist Church performed a very poignant play depicting the life of St. John the Baptist which provided keen insight into his legacy and offered a clear treatise on why Masons hold St.



MWGM Melvin M. Thorpe addresses the newly elected and appointed Officers, their families and friends during the St. Johns Day Celebration. The Grand Master underscored his vision of Administrative and Ritualistic Uniformity, and Financial Solvency across the Jurisdiction by 2013.

John the Baptist in such high esteem and why we dedicate our lodges to him (along with St. John the Evangelist).

John the Baptist, called “The Baptist” because as he preached, he baptized believers in the River Jordan, lived a ruggedly simple, yet powerful and devout life. He

preached single-minded righteous living and change of character. His message was that one must live in a holy manner and that deviation from that manner was not acceptable.

John steadfastly refused to change himself or his message, and for his admonition of the adulterous behavior of King Herod, was imprisoned and eventually beheaded.

The heroism, fidelity and integrity of John are echoed in the legend of Hiram Abiff, offering more insight into why we have chosen him as one of our Patron Saints.



Minister Brooks performs a dramatic play depicting the life of John the Baptist



10 Masonic District St. Johns Day and Installation of Officers, continued.



MWGM Thorpe and GWM Juanita L. Clarke enter the sanctuary.



*RWJGW Lee A. Taylor, District 10
RWDDGM Philip S. Lewis, Sr., and
RWGL Robert J. Poindexter enter the sanctuary.*



10th District RWDDGM Philip S. Lewis, Sr. welcomes the distinguished Grand Lodge Officers, and the family and friends of the newly elected and appointed officers.



RWJGW Lee A. Taylor welcomes the newly elected and appointed officers and informs them of the importance and responsibilities of the offices they now hold.



GWM Juanita L. Clarke offers words of wisdom to the newly elected and appointed officers.



RWGL Poindexter offers the assistance of the Grand Lecturer's office to guide them through their new endeavors.

10th Masonic District Hosts 3rd Constituent Workshop at the MWPHGL in Baltimore

By Steve C. Isom – SW William T. Wallace Lodge No. 134

On June 11, 2011, Brothers from the 10th Masonic District hosted the very successful 3rd Constituent Workshop at the MWPH Grand Lodge in Baltimore.



District 10's RW Lucky O'Connor provides guidance as Brothers line up to register and receive workshop information packets.



Brothers listen with an "attentive ear" to comprehend the vision that MWGM Melvin M. Thorpe is laying before them.

Brother William T. Wallace — "A Mason Amongst Masons"



Bro. William T. Wallace was born May 29th, 1890, in Calvert County, Maryland, he moved to Baltimore City and was an active member of John Wesley Methodist Episcopal Church.

William T. Wallace was affiliated with many Masonic organizations. He was a Past Master of Joseph L. H. Smith Lodge No. 54; honorary member of Corinthian Lodge No. 62, Jerusalem Lodge No. 59, King Solomon Lodge No. 7, Mount Horeb Lodge No. 25, William F. Taylor

Lodge No. 57, St. Johns Lodge No. 5, Mount Moriah Lodge No. 56, and Tuscan Lodge No. 90.

He served as Grand Lecturer for many years and was elected Deputy Grand Master under the late Grand Master Willard W. Allen. He served as High Priest of Keystone Chapter No. 10, Royal Arch masons, and was elected Grand High Priest of Hiram Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons (PHA) and Past Eminent Commander of the Emmanuel Commandery No. 4, Knights Templar.

He was a member of Jerusalem Temple No. 4, AEAONMS (PHA), Past Patron and life member of Eureka Chapter No. 11, Order of Eastern Star, Past Joshua of Emmanuel Court No. 4, Heroines of Jericho, and a member of Eureka's Pride Ways and Means.

He was especially proud of William T. Wallace Lodge No. 134 of Severn, Maryland (Ft. Meade Army Base) which had been named in his honor. William T. Wallace was highly respected by his employers, his family, his church, his fraternity, and his community for his quiet and efficient manner and friendly relationships.

"HE WAS A MASON AMONGST MASONS."

The Beattitudes

- *Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.*
- *Blessed are they that mourn; for they shall be comforted.*
- *Blessed are the meek; for they shall inherit the earth.*
- *Blessed are they who do hunger and thirst after righteousness; for they shall be filled.*
- *Blessed are the merciful; for they shall obtain mercy.*
- *Blessed are the pure in heart; for they shall see God.*
- *Blessed are the peacemakers; for they shall be called the Sons of God.*
- *Blessed are the persecuted for righteousness sake; for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven.*



2011 Joint European Grand Visitation

Delegation from the MWPHGL of Maryland and Myra Grand Chapter
visits Italy for the 2011 Joint European Grand Visitation



25 September 2011

The Delegation led by MWGM Melvin M. Thorpe accompanied by DGM Steven M. Collier, RW Wayne Paxton (Grand Secretary), RW Wilbur Cooper (Grand Treasurer), RW Robert Poindexter (Grand Lecturer), RW James Lundy (Grand Inspector), and RW Odell Wilson (Assistant to the Grand Master).



The Delegation from Myra Grand Chapter was led by Grand Worthy Matron Juanita L. Clarke accompanied by Sis. Faye H. Williams (Grand Associate Matron), Sis. Judith L. Williams (Grand Treasurer), PGM Shirley M. Price, and Sis Joyce Dyson (DDGAM).



The Visitation was hosted by the 14th Masonic District and District 10 O.E.S. and was held at the Hotel Viesti in Vicenza, Italy. The following District were present at this year's Visitation:

- ⊕ 12th Masonic District – RW John R. Woodbridge, DDGM

- ⊕ 13th Masonic District – RW Lonsdale Skinner, DDGM
- ⊕ 14th Masonic District – RW Carlos Johnson, DDGM
- ⊕ 17th Masonic District – RW Lloyd Mitchell, DDGM
- ⊕ District 8 O.E.S. – Sis Cantrell Williams, DDGM
- ⊕ District 10 O.E.S. – Sis Qiana Dixon, DDGM

On Friday a Symposium was held by MWGM Melvin M. Thorpe with the leaders of the European Districts. MWGM Thorpe covered important topics on the importance of the DDGM Monthly Reports and that this report will not be going away in the future. Other important discussion were in regards to delegates for the Annual Grand Lodge Session and use of the office of the C.C.F.C. chaired by RW Andrew Pryor. “We are a family and we are a team”, stated MWGM Thorpe, referring to the continued strong relations with Grand Worthy Matron Juanita Clarke and charged all leaders to continue to support Myra Grand Chapter and the Order of the Eastern Star.

DGM Steven M. Collier presented the European Districts with the MWPHGL of Maryland's “Mission Statement”





2011 Joint European Grand Visitation, continued



DGM Collier further mentioned the importance of the Mission Statement and that an organization without a Mission Statement can easily lose the path and cannot plan for success. Our Grand Lodge has initiated such a plan in which this initiative is led by our DGM Collier. We are now at the stage to where we the members will need to provide our input and support to this plan for it to be a success.



On Friday night a welcome social was held so that all could fellowship and converse with the stateside delegation of the MWPHGL of Maryland and Myra Grand Chapter. This was a fun and relaxing evening that help to set the tone for a successful weekend.



PGM Shirley Price (left) and DDGAM Joyce Dyson (right)



Grand Worthy Matron Clarke and members of District 8 Germany and District 10 OES Italy



RW Dennis Garmon leads the crowd in some type of line dance. Just wouldn't be a Masonic function without "Line Dancing".



2011 Joint European Grand Visitation, continued



The Joint Session was opened by host District Deputy Grand Master, RW Carlos Johnson whom received the delegation from Myra Grand Chapter and the MWPHGL of Maryland.



During the Joint Session the European Brothers and Sisters had the pleasure of receiving a series of outstanding presentations that will equip our members with the necessary tools to be successful within our Districts and Constituent Lodges and Chapters.

It was truly reassuring to see that the lodges of the 14th Masonic District are in direct compliance with the directives and Constitution and By-Laws of the MWPHGL of Maryland.



With the current demands of the US Armed Forces in Europe we must stay diligent and continue to train our young members as one day they will return to the United States of America as active pieces of a growing puzzle for Prince Hall Masonry.

The following presentations were presented to the European Membership:



- ⊕ Leadership – RW R. Poindexter
- ⊕ Sec and Tres, Duties – RW J. Lundy
- ⊕ Office of the Grand Secretary – RW W. Paxton
- ⊕ Office of the Grand Tres. – RW W. Cooper
- ⊕ Grand Lodge Mission – DGM S. Collier
- ⊕ Grand Lodge Brick Program – MWGM M. Thorpe

As District Deputy Grand Master of the 14th Masonic it has become priority to support the Grand Lodge Brick Program throughout my District and Western Europe by reaching out to our several Prince Hall Organizations and our Military Communities to restore and maintain our Grand Lodge “One Brick at a Time”.



2011 Joint European Grand Visitation, continued



After a fruitful day in the Session and receiving wholesome knowledge and guidance from the leaders of the MWPHGL of Maryland and Myra Grand Chapter we enjoyed a Gala night at the District Deputy Grand Master/Matron Banquet.



The Banquet was well planned and enjoying fine Italian cuisine, wine, and live Jazz music rendered an elegant night for our Maryland Prince Hall Family.

We were also pleased to honor three of our good Brothers with surprising them with a beautiful birthday cake to celebrate yet another blessed year.



Happy Birthday again to DGM Steven Collier, RW Robert Poindexter, and RW John Woodbridge. The night ended with drinks and dancing with host DJ to celebrate a successful weekend.



“District 10 – We Get It In”



District 10 O.E.S Italy
District 8 OES – Germany



Incoming District Deputy Grand Matron District 10 OES – Italy PM Adrienne Williams



2011 Joint European Grand Visitation, continued



Incoming District Deputy Grand Matron District 8 OES – Germany Sis Cantrenna Williams

On Sunday there is nothing like spending a nice day in Venice, Italy for shopping and eating with Friends and Family.





2011 Joint European Grand Visitation, continued



After a nice walk to work up a good appetite for Hard Rock Café Venice.



PGM Shirley Price, DDGAM Joyce Dyson, Grand Treasurer Judith Williams.

In closing, I would like to thank the Brothers and Sisters of the 14th Masonic District and District 10 OES for their hard work and support in organizing a flawless Session. Without you there is no me and with that I would like to thank our Most Worshipful Grand Master Melvin M. Thorpe and Grand Worthy Matron Juanita L. Clarke for your continued faith and support in allowing me to serve our Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter.

My wish is to improve, to advance, and make progress, so with your continued support and the support of our Brethren, and their families we shall press on ever searching for future light in Masonry. Our faith being in God, I hope that whatever

we touch in the future we will leave it better than we found it.



Fraternally,

RW Carlos Johnson
District Deputy Grand Master
14th Masonic District - Italy

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING WINNERS OF THE 2011 RAFFLE

2011 CAR RAFFLE WINNER PICKS UP HER CAR

On Monday, October 3, 2011, Mrs. Jessie Robinson, wife of Bro. Randolph Robinson of Roscoe C. Cartwright Lodge No. 129, picked up the first prize in the MWPGL of MD 2011 Grand Lodge Raffle. Mrs. Robinson, accompanied by her husband, Bro. Randolph, visited Capital Cadillac and was presented her new Cadillac CTS.

Mrs. Robinson and her husband, Brother Randolph was presented her keys by RWJGW Lee A. Taylor and Capital Cadillac salesman, Walter Harrison (SW at Dunkirk Lodge No. 77). MWGM Melvin M. Thorpe, RW James R. Lundy, Grand Inspector, SW Harrison, and RW Taylor then took a picture with the Robinsons at the request of Mrs. Robinson.

Then, Mrs. Robinson and Bro. Robinson took their new car and rode off into the sunset.



SECOND PRIZE WINNER

Cash \$2,500.00
Ms. Tina Cleveland
Dunkirk, MD

THIRD PRIZE WINNER

Cash \$1,500.00
Mr. Eddie Evans
Landover, MD

SPECIAL BONUS PRIZE WINNERS \$100.00

Mr. Maurice Ellis
Ms. Angela Parker
Ms. Doris Williams
Mr. Vernon J. Carter
Ms. Carmen Kearney

RAFFLE TICKET COMMITTEE

RWJGW Lee A. Taylor, Chairman
RW Andrew Pryor, Co-Chairman
RWGS Wayne E. Paxton

Holy Royal Arch Masonry

Royal Arch is the second step in York Rite Freemasonry; the first step being Symbolic (a.k.a. "Blue Lodge" or "Craft Lodge") Freemasonry.



**Most Excellent
Calvin I. Harvey, Jr.,
KYCH
Grand High Priest**

Here, within your chapter, you will receive the necessary instruction and information to fill in some of the missing pieces from the Masonic history taught in the symbolic lodge. The degrees of the chapter are referred to as "Capitular Freemasonry", providing a companion the opportunity for further advancement within the brotherhood.

In the Royal Arch, the Lost Word of a Master Mason is rediscovered in a beautiful ceremony that takes the candidates through the destruction of King Solomon's Temple, the seventy years of the Babylonian captivity, and the ultimate return to the Holy Land to aid and assist in the rebuilding of the Temple of the Most High.



**Most Worthy
Ronald E. Miller, Sr.
Grand Joshua**

**Most Ancient
Betty M. Goode
Grand Matron**

The Heroines of Jericho is an androgynous degree conferred in America on Royal Arch Masons, their wives, mothers, widows, sisters and daughters. It is intended to instruct its female recipient in the high and noble principles inculcated in the degrees which will appeal to the better instincts of the human mind and to make known to them the claims which they have upon the protection of their husbands, fathers and companions and to communicate to them an effectual method of proving those claims.

"An instance of friendship extended to the whole family of a benefactress by those whom she had benefited, and of the influence of a solemn contract in averting danger, is referred to in

The Holy Royal Arch degree is a natural progression to reveal the "genuine" secrets following the granting of certain substituted ones.

No other degrees are so intimately linked with the Blue Lodge or have so ancient and noble a history.

To become a companion of a chapter, you must first be a Master Mason, and then you may apply for a petition. Once accepted, a candidate will receive four degrees:

4° – Mark Master Mason

5° – Past Master (Virtual)

6° – Most Excellent Master

7° – Royal Arch Mason

No Rite of Freemasonry covers the world so much as does Royal Arch Freemasonry. In every free country of the earth; on every populated continent and on many isles of the sea, will be found

Royal Arch chapters, eager and willing to receive their companions from other parts of the world into that full fellowship that characterizes Royal Arch Freemasonry.

In Asia, in Africa, in Europe, in the Americas, and on the Continent of Australia are found hundreds of Royal Arch chapters into whose halls you will ever be a welcome visitor. In our own country, we find thousands of chapters counting hundreds of thousands of companions in our ranks.

Upon your exaltation as a Holy Royal Arch Freemason, you will become a companion of one of the oldest and largest rites of Freemasonry.

Visit us on-line at:

<http://mdyorkrite.org/portal/Home.aspx>

Heroines of Jericho

the case of Rahab, the Woman of Jericho, from whom the degree derives its name. When the degree is received by a male he is called a Knight of Jericho, and when by a female she is termed a Heroine. It is a side or honorary degree of Royal Arch Masonry.

Our Thanksgiving Day is the day for the Heroines of Jericho and the Holy Royal Arch Masons to come together as one and prove there is hope for all. The purpose for Thanksgiving Day Observance is twofold. As Heroines and Knights of Jericho, we are used to dealing with the 2nd Chapter of the Book of Joshua, wherein Rahab hid the two spies under the stalks of flax. On Palm Sunday we move into the 6th Chapter of Joshua verses 10-16, it

reads: And Joshua commanded the people saying, Ye shall not shout, nor make any noise with your voice, neither shall any word proceed out of your mouth, until the day I bid you shout; then shall ye shout.

So the ark of the Lord compassed the city, going about it once: and they came into the camp and lodged in the camp. And Joshua rose up early in the morning and the Priests took up the ark of the Lord. And seven Priests bearing seven trumpets of ram's horns before the ark of the Lord, went on continually, and blew with the trumpets: and the armed men went before them; but the rearward came after the ark of the Lord, the Priests going on,

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(continued from previous page) and blowing the trumpets. And the second day they compassed the city once, and re-turned into the camp: so they did six days. And it came to pass on the seventh day, that they rose early about the dawning of the day, and compassed the city seven times. And it came to pass at the seventh time, when the Priests blew with the trumpets, Joshua said unto the people, Shout; for the Lord hath given you the city. It is also to commemorate the Triumphal entry of Jesus into Jerusalem from the 11th Chapter of the Book of Mark. Along with Christmas and Easter, this is a very important day in the lives of Christians. It lets us know how much love that Jesus had for mankind.

AESOP—Greek Philosopher

Aesop (620-560 BC) was said to be an African-born Greek slave who so delighted his master with his witty stories that he was given his freedom. Over the centuries, Aesop's moralistic fables have been translated and published into almost every language in the world. While I'm sure many of you will recall reading some of his fables while in elementary school, I've posted a couple in this forum as their morals hold true even today.

The Ass in the Lion's Skin

An Ass once found a Lion's skin which the hunters had left out in the sun to dry. He put it on and went towards his native village. All fled at his approach, both men and animals, and he was a proud Ass that day. In his delight he lifted up his voice and brayed, but then every one knew him, and his owner came up and gave

him a sound beating for the fright he had caused. And shortly afterwards a Fox came up to him and said: "Ah, Brother Ass, I knew you by your voice."

Moral: Fine clothes may disguise, but silly words will soon disclose a fool.

The Two Crabs

One fine day two Crabs came out from their home to take a stroll on the sand. "Child," said the mother, "you are walking very ungracefully. You should accustom yourself, to walking straight forward without twisting from side to side."

"Pray, mother," said the young one, "do but set the example yourself, and I will follow you."

Moral: Example is the best precept.

Order of the Knights Of Pythagoras

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The MWPHGL of MD and its Jurisdiction, Incorporation

All members of The Most Worshipful Prince Hall Masonic Family, Concordant Bodies and Friends of the Order, churches, clubs and other community organizations, to include but not limited to radio, television and newspapers.

We would like to invite you to join us in our attempt to take back and refocus a generation of young men to prevent them from becoming members of gangs, juvenile delinquents and yes, adult prisoners. In the following material you will find information that not only explains but will help you understand what the Knights Of Pythagoras is all about. We all know that our youth are our future leaders, whether good or bad, they will lead. There are a lot of programs aimed at providing leadership to our young men; however without our participation all of the programs in the world are a waste of time.

Brothers, within the Masonic Body there are teachers, doctors, lawyers, policeman, preachers, carpenters, me-

chanics, and electricians, just to name a few. You and I have a lot to share with our young men of today. The Bible tells us that whatever our hands find good to do, do it. I am asking every Brother in every Lodge to sponsor at least one Knight. You can make a difference in your community and in the future of lives in years to come.

If we can assist you in any way, please do not hesitate to contact one of the Knight Advisors and we will be glad to help you set up your Knight program or you can work with us. We look forward to working with you in sharing ideals, wisdom, knowledge and experience. Thank you for your support of our young men in your community.

THE GOAL FOR THE KOP

On behalf of the Maryland State Supreme Council, Board of Directors and members of the Local Councils of the Knights of Pythagoras, it is indeed a great privilege and honor to welcome you to the our page.

Our goal is to provide information to the Prince Hall Family and the general public. Additionally, we provide this site to inform and educate those who are curious about our organization.

Certainly, we invite each of you to contact us and make inquiries or suggestions that will help us to support and guide the youth of Maryland.

Below you will find a suggestion for the establishment of regional councils for the KOP. These regions will be under the leadership of the DDGM's of the Districts within.

It is suggested that we divide Maryland Knights Of Pythagoras into five (5) regions, with each District providing a minimum of one (1) Master Mason to the Regions "Board Of Regents". It is further recommended that the Chairman of the Board be listed as an appointed Grand Lodge position", "Regional Director", with the responsibility of overseeing the activities of the Regional Council(s) and reporting the same to the State Director.

	Region I	Region II	Region III	Region IV	Overseas V
Districts	1, 3, 6	11, 15, 16	2, 4, 5, 10	7, 8, 9	12, 13, 14, 17

Local Councils may opt to establish their own councils if they desire to operate separately

The Knights of Pythagoras

Emblem



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PYTHAGORAS WAS A GREEK PHILOSOPHER WHO WORKED IN THE FIELDS OF MUSIC, MATHEMATICS AND ASTRONOMY. HIS FAMOUS THEOREM CALLED THE PYTHAGOREAN THEOREM IS “THE SQUARE DESCRIBED UPON THE HYPOTENUSE OF A PLANE RIGHT ANGLED TRIANGLE IS EQUAL TO THE SUM OF THE SQUARES DESCRIBED UPON THE OTHER TWO SIDES.”

TWO CIRCLES – A CLOSED CURVE WHICH EVERY POINT OF WHICH IS EQUAL.

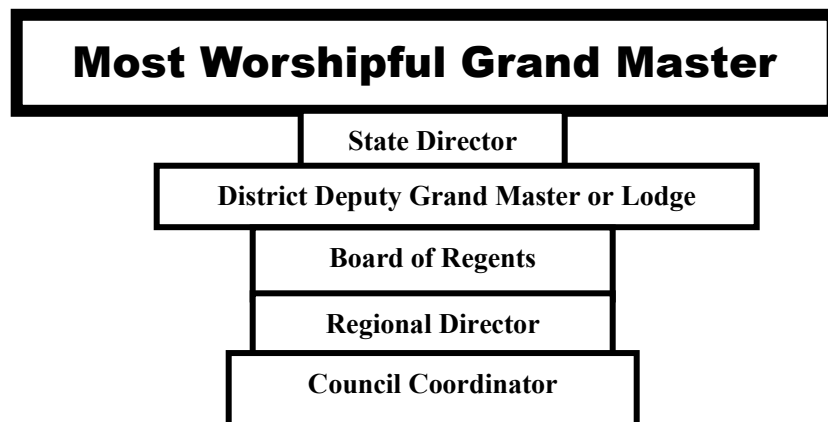
TWO TRIANGLES – A FIGURE THAT HAS TWO SIDES.

MOON – A HEAVENLY BODY THAT REVOLVES ABOUT THE EARTH GIVING OFF LIGHT RAYS.

STARS - LUMINOUS BODIES SEEN IN THE HEAVENS, WHICH ARE VISIBLE AT NIGHT.

CROWN – THE POWER OF AUTHORITY.

ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE OF The Knights Of Pythagoras



KOP Local Council

The State Administrative Body of the Knights Of Pythagoras

BOARD OF REGENTS

1. The State Board of Regents is presided over by the State Director, who is appointed by the Most Worshipful Grand Master.
2. The state Director will appoint, with the suggestions of the District Deputy Grand Master(s) and with the concurrence of the Most Worshipful Grand Master all members of the State Board of Regents.
3. The State Board of Regents will consist of not less than six (6) Master Masons interested in the general welfare of youth
4. The State Board of Regents will be responsible for assisting the State Director in establishing local Councils of the Knights Of Pythagoreans. This assistance is **ONLY** provided at the request of the State Director
5. The State Board of Regents may assist the State Director in planning for an **Annual Summer Encampment for Youth Knights**.
6. The State Director, with the concurrence of the Most Worshipful Grand Master **WILL** make the final decision in terms of the direction of the Knights Of Pythagoras program.

Additionally, the State Director will maintain continuous communication with the Most Worshipful Grand Master. The Most Worshipful Grand Master should be kept apprised of **ALL** activities of Councils, and his wishes concurred with.

The State Director is directly responsible to the Most Worshipful Grand Master

The State Director must be very “Accessible”, and plan for various “outreach activities and programs” for youth”.

Local Council’s Board of Regents

1. The Council Board of Regents is presided over by a Chairman (should be a Past Master), who is appointed by the Regions District Deputy Grand Masters. This position should be a Appointed Grand Lodge Position, with the title of Right Worshipful, with all of the responsibilities of that title.

2. The Local Board of Regents will consist of not less than six (6) Master Masons interested in the general welfare of Youth.
3. It is important for all members to be appointed to a sub-committee, which is vital to the successful operation of our Youth Council. (*i.e.: Ritualistic Committee, Program Committee, Membership Committee, Fund Raising Committee, Finance Committee, etc.*)

The Local Board of Regents will be responsible to the sponsoring Masonic District for immediate supervision of all Youth activities and programs.

Operation of Local Board Of Regents

1. The Chairman of the Local Board of Regents will be directly responsible to the District Deputy Grand Master(s)
2. The State Director should be kept apprised of All activities pertaining to Youth Programs.
3. All Local Youth activities outside of regular meetings **MUST** first have “Dispensation” from the Grand Lodge. All Councils are subject to the same dispensation rules as Lodges.
4. All local Youth activities must be in line with the over all State Wide Youth activities and programs,
5. The Local Board of Regents will be responsible to the local sponsoring District(s) or Masonic Lodge for direct supervision of all Youth activities.
6. All local Youth activities must be in line with the over all Statewide Youth activities and programs. This is not to inhibit Local councils from creating their own individual identities. (i.e. Shirts, special local activities, sports, fishing, etc.)
7. The Local Council may be named in memory of a deceased person, or a place.
8. The local Council’s Board of Regents has the responsibilities of supervising and directing the Council. All activities **MUST** be in concert with State activities, and reported to state Director..
9. As the Local Board of Regents conducts the affairs of the Youth Council- composed of Youth between the ages of five (5) and nineteen (19) years old- each member must have unmistakable duties or responsibilities to ensure that all work is performed in a effective manner.

The Local Council shall work towards having their Council represented at the Annual Summer Encampment.

OFFICERS OF LOCAL KOP COUNCILS

While Youth Officers are encouraged to conduct the business of the Council, they are always under the supervision of Master Masons who serve as **Coordinators**. Elected Officers **MUST** be at least twelve (12) years of age and have an aptitude for "Public Speaking", he must be of clean speech and present himself in a pleasant manner.

The Master Knight – Serves as presiding officer, spearheads the group, conducts or presides at all meetings of the Council and performs all duties attendant upon the president or head of an organization. He must work closely with the Advisor.

The Senior Knight – Take over in the absence of the Master Knight. He may also serve as chairman of the Membership Committee.

Junior Knight – Performs all duties of the Master Knight or Senior Knight in their absence. He may also serve as Chairman of the Program Committee.

Knight Recorder – Performs all the duties pertaining to the office of the Secretary. Keeps an adequate record of proceedings; an accurate roll of membership; takes care of the correspondence of the Council, keeps record of the payments made by each Knight.

King Treasurer – Keep an accurate record of all monies received and dispersed by the Council; keep a record of the

payments made by each Knight; keeps an accurate financial card on each Knight.

The following appointed officers are made by the three line officers:

Master Knight appoints the Senior Knight Deacon; Knight Chaplin; Knight Orator; Knight Mentors (9); Knight Sentinel and Knight Organist.

The Senior Knight appoints the Junior Knight Deacon; Knight Marshall and Knight Standard Bearer.

The Junior Knight appoints the Senior and Junior Knight Stewards.

Initiation Fee is now \$15.00, to include, first years dues to the Supreme Council and State Council and a Lapel pin identifying you as a member. Annual Membership dues will be established by Local Councils. For Membership forms, Information Packets, contact your District Deputy Grand Master or you may contact me at:

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AESOP Fables

The Two Dogs

A MAN had two dogs: a Hound, trained to assist him in his sports, and a Housedog, taught to watch the house. When he returned home after a good day's sport, he always gave the Housedog a large share of his spoil. The Hound, feeling much aggrieved at this, reproached his companion, saying, "It is very hard to have all this labor, while you, who do not assist in the chase, luxuriate on the fruits of my exertions." The Housedog replied, "Do not blame me, my friend, but find fault with the master, who has not taught me to labor, but to depend for subsistence on the labor of others."

Moral: Children are not to be blamed for the faults of their parents.

The Thief and His Mother

A BOY stole a lesson-book from one of his schoolfellows and took it home to his Mother. She not only abstained from beating him, but encouraged him. He next time stole a cloak

and brought it to her, and she again commended him. The Youth, advanced to adulthood, proceeded to steal things of still greater value. At last he was caught in the very act, and having his hands bound behind him, was led away to the place of public execution. His Mother followed in the crowd and violently cried out in sorrow, whereupon the young man said, "I wish to say something to my Mother in her ear." She came close to him, and he quickly seized her ear with his teeth and bit it off. The Mother cursed him as an unnatural child, whereon he replied, "Ah! if you had beaten me when I first stole and brought to you that lesson-book, I should not have come to this, nor have been thus led to a disgraceful death."

Moral: Spare the rod, spoil the child.

The Dog and the Wolf

A gaunt Wolf was almost dead with hunger when he happened to meet a House-dog who was passing by. "Ah, Cousin," said the Dog. "I knew how it would be; your irregular life will

soon be the ruin of you. Why do you not work steadily as I do, and get your food regularly given to you?"

"I would have no objection," said the Wolf, "if I could only get a place."

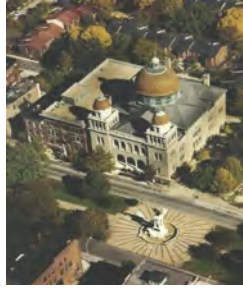
"I will easily arrange that for you," said the Dog; "come with me to my master and you shall share my work."

So the Wolf and the Dog went towards the town together. On the way there the Wolf noticed that the hair on a certain part of the Dog's neck was very much worn away, so he asked him how that had come about.

"Oh, it is nothing," said the Dog. "That is only the place where the collar is put on at night to keep me chained up; it chafes a bit, but one soon gets used to it."

"Is that all?" said the Wolf. "Then good-bye to you, Master Dog."

Moral: Better starve free than be a fat slave.



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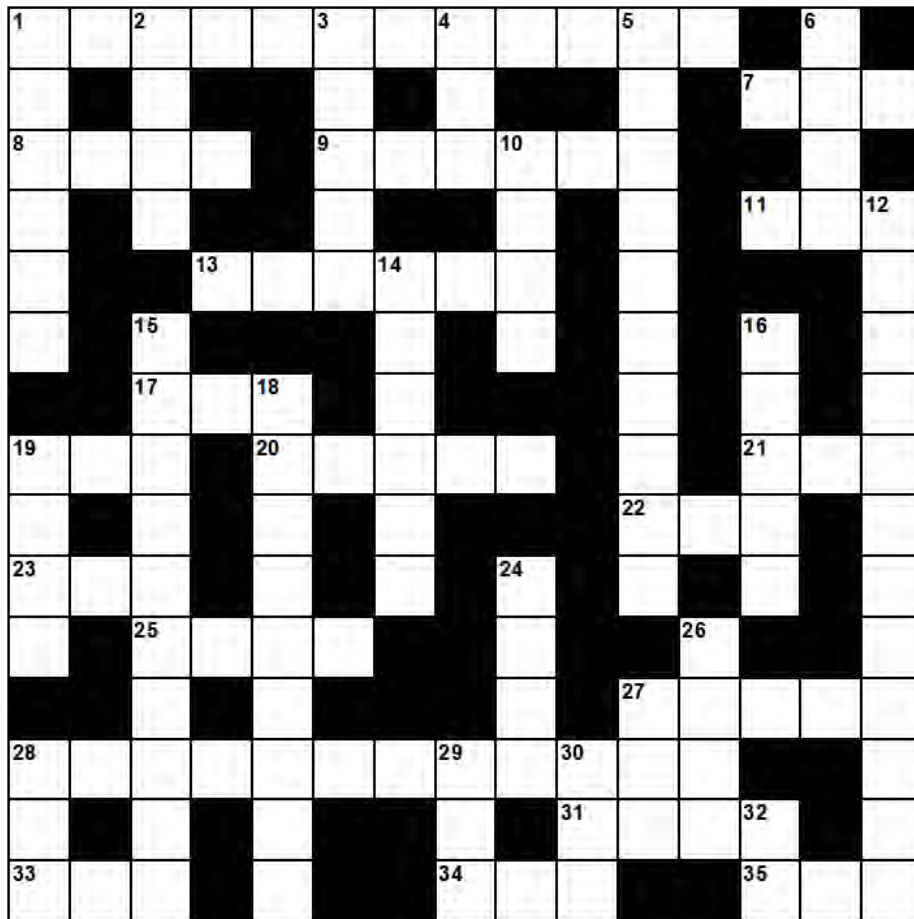
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“THE LIGHT” - Crossword Puzzle no. 001



ACROSS

1. The geographic area over which authority extends
7. A member of the hymenopterous family
8. The left hand pillar that stood at the porch of King Solomon's Temple
9. Jacob's second wife
11. The tenth letter of the Hebrew alphabet
13. "God will establish"
17. AOL is one
19. The part of a corn plant that contains the flowers
20. One of the seven liberal arts and sciences
21. First name of JGW
22. One of the wages of a Fellowcraft
23. Objective
25. Pauley Perrette's fictional character
27. A person of exceptional holiness
28. 10th Masonic District's leader
31. Cost or entry fee
33. In a FC challenge, you are either this or from
34. Digital logic gate: "one or the other but not both"
35. To overcome adversity

DOWN

1. A Ruffian
2. To raise to an upright position
3. One of the five classical orders of architecture
4. Commander in Chief
5. It makes you a Mason
6. Used to indicate a mathematical dividend
10. A round of applause
12. Permission to do that which would otherwise be unauthorized
14. The Scribe
15. The Widow's Son
16. In Song of Solomon, "I am the ___ of the Valley" (var.)
18. The perfect emblem of uprightness
19. An investigation or inspection
24. The residence of King Hiram
26. The WM's station
27. Pride, envy, lust, etc.
28. Noodle soup from SE Asia
29. A unit of illumination
30. Conflict
32. Electronic Warfare

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