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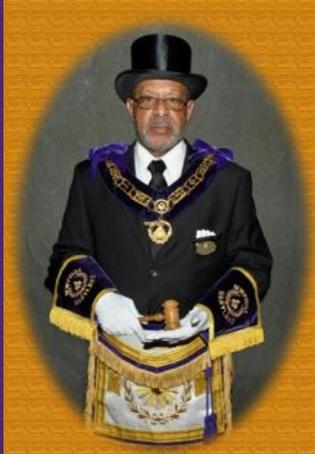


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Maryland’s Prince Hall Family Newsletter

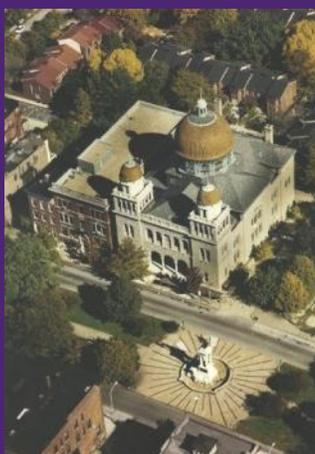
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59th Edition



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

My dear brothers and sisters, during the 164th Annual Grand Lodge Communication and the Second Constituent Lodge Workshop held respectively, December 2011 and March 2012, major amendments and changes were made to the Constitution of our great jurisdiction. These amendments additionally caused many of the Standard Operating Procedures (SOP’s) to be included in the constitution. The changes, amendments and inclusions necessitated changes in how we do business and how we conduct ourselves in Maryland.

I am asking all to obtain copies of the changes to the constitution, acquire an updated protocol manual and familiarize yourselves with the changes and updates. Become knowledgeable of both so you can assist me in my vision of being uniformed both ritualistically and administratively within the jurisdiction.

This administration is making unannounced visitations of constituent lodges and attempting to attend as many social functions of lodges and concordant bodies as possible. During the visitations the Elected Grand Lodge Officers, Grand Inspector and Grand Lecturer are evaluating the performances of the constituent lodge lines and membership, not to act as an inspection, but to provide assistance and guidance in the ritualistic and administrative performance of the lodges.

This administration has pledged to serve the craft.

In the last few months, a number of stalwart brothers and sisters have transitioned to their celestial lodges and chapters to receive their just reward. As our members transition, we must educate and motive our younger brothers and sisters, enabling them with the knowledge, initiative and enthusiasm to lead our fraternity and cause the Prince Hall Masonic family to grow and progress and not become extinct as so many other organizations have. Brothers and sisters I implore you to pick up the banner of our order, become more involved in the operation of your lodges and chapters.

The Grand Lodge has several major initiatives on the trestle board for the near future. A couple of which is referenced in this edition of the newsletter. You will receive notification of and information relative to the level of support of the craft from your respective leaders. We need you and your support to ensure that all events of this grand lodge are successful.

Let us continue to remember in our daily devotion, those who protect our way of life, those who have paid the ultimate sacrifice, our sick and shut-in, our widows and widowers, our families and our brothers and sisters.

In closing, **thank you for all you do!**

Most Worshipful Melvin M. Thorpe, Grand Master Vision Statement

“That the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge be uniformed ritualistically and administratively throughout the entire Jurisdiction. To bring the Jurisdiction financially solvent by the year 2013.”

Grand Lodge Mission Statement

The Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, Maryland and its Jurisdiction, Incorporated 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 and solid family values and endeavor significantly to aid in the uplifting of humanity.

Grand Lodge Vision Statement

“Our vision is focused on community stewardship, activities to benefit society, and a commitment to building Brotherhood making Prince Hall Masonry in Maryland sustainable while inculcating and exercising the Principle Tenets (Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth) by our words and actions for the betterment of our brothers and all mankind.”

“The Old Masters Wages”

Author Unknown

I met a dear old man today,
who wore a Masonic pin,

The word, the sign the token,
The sweet Masonic prayer,

You see, I've carried my obligations,
For almost fifty years,

It was old and faded like the man,
It's edges were worn quite thin.

The vow that all have taken,
Who've climbed the inner stair.

It has helped me through the hardships
and the failures full of tears.

I approached the park bench where he
sat,
To give the old brother his due,



Now I'm losing my mind and body,
Death is near but I don't despair,

I said, "I see you've traveled East,"
He said, "I have, have you."

I've lived my life upon the level,
And I'm dying upon the square.

I said, "I have, and in my day Before
the all seeing sun,

Sometimes the greatest lessons
Are those that are learned anew,

I played in the rubble, with Jubala,
Jubalo and Jubalum."

And the old man in the park today
has changed my point of view.

He shouted, "don't laugh at the work
my son,

To all Masonic brothers,
The only secret is to care,

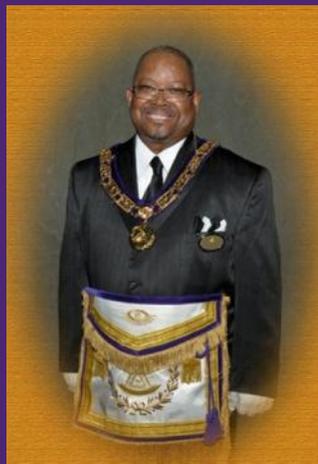
It's good and sweet and true,
And if you've traveled as you said,
You should give these things their
due."

The wages of a Mason,
are never paid in gold,
but the gain comes from contentment,
when you're weak and growing old.

May you live your life upon the level,
May you part upon the square.

Deputy Grand Master's Corner

"What came you here to do?"



*RW Steven G. Collier
Deputy Grand Master*

"Change will not come if we wait for some other person or some other time. We are the ones we've been waiting for. We are the change that we seek."

President Barack Obama

~*~

"We must commit to the forward progress of Masonry in Maryland."

By RW Steven G. Collier, DGM

In looking at the hour glass as a useful tool to measure our time – see how swiftly the sands flow. It was only weeks ago that we all had various discussions with family and friends about winter and when we could expect snow. Well, that was not to be for the 2011-2012 Winter Season was one of the warmest recorded in history. Every time there was a possible wintery mix forecast it was interrupted by unseasonable weather with temps as high as 60-70° degrees during the peak winter months. Winter is giving way to early flower blooms giving notice that Spring is almost here.

Over the past few months we have witnessed the home going of some brothers, sisters, and dearly departed loved ones. Day light savings time will be in effect on March 11th and we will spring forward to adjust ourselves to 1 hour's less sleep. There is so much work to be done.

With the passage of time we have increasing numbers of brothers and sisters experiencing the infirmities of life and "... the almond trees shall flourish..." (Eccles 12:5). They now are no longer attending meetings and functions as they once did. Shall we forget about them? I think not!

As our lodge and chapter leadership begins to take on youth and our seasoned members become "sideliners" those who once loved coming out to meetings to fellowship, support, contribute and mentor may be forgotten or become known as the ones who just send in their dues. Some of our members who are aging or ill may not be able to drive anymore. They could even be in the hospital, nursing home or

rehabilitation. What have you done with your time to advance our cause as a benevolent fraternity of brothers? Many would appreciate a visit, phone call or offer of a ride to lodge meetings. In the arena of community involvement there is a need for voter registration assistance, youth mentoring, feeding the homeless and deeds that aid in the "uplifting of humanity".

Have you mentored a child or supported our various youth groups (KOP, OES)? The Grand Lodge Strategic Planning Committee is at a critical point with its assigned task to develop a long term strategic plan; "Develop the Strategies to achieve the Vision". In doing so we have identified several key goal areas that we are concentrating on to develop our strategies, goals and objectives:

1. Community/Public Relations
2. Membership
3. Leadership
4. Finances.

While accompanying MWGM Melvin M. Thorpe, the elected and appointed grand lodge officer staff on "unannounced" lodge visitations we see just how much work really needs to be done. Utilizing the Grand Master's approach to our visitations we can observe conditions just the way they really are. By showing up unannounced, there is neither "window dressing" nor rehearsal for how to properly receive the Grand Master (hint).

The purpose of these lodge visits are not to embarrass the Worshipful Master, lodge officers, members or to chastise anyone. We are your elected leaders and brothers who come out to support and to serve you, and not to be served. The Grand Lecturer

and Grand Inspector observe the ritualistic work and perform a cursory records inspection respectively. Some of the glaring discrepancies are the need for better record keeping and the craft to support its Worshipful Master, officers, lodge events and programs. In some cases the lodge officers are either too junior or too "seasoned". In the "junior" scenarios we observe stagnation in vision due to resistance by the seasoned Past Masters and brothers. In the opposite scenario, we observe stagnation due to Past Masters serving multiple years due to no membership increase. Some lodges barely have enough members present to open, others are over the top in indebtedness and some are just barely operating financially.

We need to protect and maintain our assets. If you are in a lodge that is fortunate to have its own lodge/Masonic temple; then you should treat your property like you do your own homes. When something is broke...fix it. Do not wait for someone else to do your job. If a light bulb

blows out, replace it. If your walls/lodge needs a coat of paint, paint it.

If you look at a relatively successful lodge you will see a lodge that performs its own degree work, has instruction, and has the support of its craft through meeting financial obligations and good attendance. "What came you here to do?" It is time for each of us to be held accountable for our future. It is not the Grand Lodges fault if you have no candidates in waiting for the EA, FC, and MM degrees. Constituent lodges make masons...some make Masters.

God Bless each and every one of you.

Please remember our sick and shut ins.

Respectfully,

R.W. Steven G. Collier
Deputy Grand Master

On Leadership & Vision

*"Where there is no **vision** the people perish."*
— Proverbs 29:1

"Big thinking precedes great achievement."
— Wilferd Peterson

*"The future belongs to those who **see** possibilities before they become obvious."*
— John Scully

*"**Vision** is the art of seeing the invisible."*
— Jonathan Swift

*"All of the great **leaders** have had one characteristic in common: it was the willingness to confront unequivocally the major anxiety of their people in their time. This, and not much else, is the essence of **leadership**."*
— John Kenneth Galbraith

*"The task of **leadership** is not to put greatness into humanity, but to elicit it, for the greatness is already there."*
— John Buchan

*"You do not **lead** by hitting people over the head — that's assault, not **leadership**."*
— Dwight D. Eisenhower

*"Great **leaders** are almost always great simplifiers, who can cut through argument, debate, and doubt to offer a solution everybody can understand."*
— General Colin Powell

*"The first responsibility of a **leader** is to define reality. The last is to say thank you. In between, the **leader** is a servant."*
— Max DePree

"There is no power on earth that can neutralize the influence of a high, simple, and useful life."
— Booker T. Washington

"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful committed citizens can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has."
— Margaret Mead

***Leadership** is the capacity to translate **vision** into reality.*
— Warren Bennis

"We have a 'strategic' plan. It's called doing things."
— Herb Kelleher

"Knowledge speaks, but wisdom listens."
— Jimi Hendrix

Junior Grand Warden's Corner

YOU'D LOOK GOOD DRIVING THIS 2012 CADILLAC CTS!

By RW Philip S. Lewis, Sr.

That's right; our MWPHGL 2012 Annual Car raffle is on-going. First prize is a 2012 Cadillac CTS! Second prize is \$2,500. Third prize is \$1,500. And three chances for only \$5.00. The drawing will be on September 15, 2012. Get your ticket today because "You'd look good driving a 2012 Cadillac CTS!" Often duplicated and imitated, but this is the original. 2012 Cadillac CTS.

Important news!

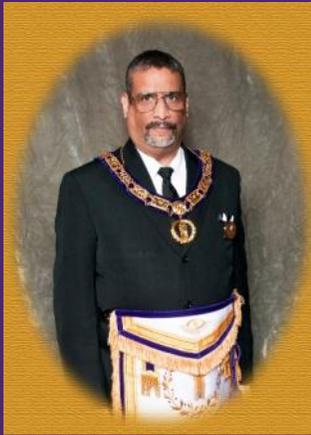
We heard your requests about the Trustee's Dinner Dance. We are holding a Grand Master's Ball on November 3rd at the Hilton Hotel, downtown Baltimore. We are planning to present a souvenir journal to accompany this gala event. More information coming so look for it! Put the date on your calendar, come out, enjoy yourself and meet and greet your Grand Master. You'd look good driving up in your new 2012 Cadillac CTS!

Wow the Masonic Year has changed. Current Worshipful Masters have to remain in place until their successor is elected and

installed in October. Congrats! So you have more time to complete those things on your trestle board and make them successes. You have seven months to go, make them your pride and joy. Leave a legacy for all others to follow.

Recently we have had a number of unannounced visits to lodges, and our theme is "How can I help you?" That's my motto. The MWGM asks that question. Our DGM asks that question. Our SGW asks that question. We are here to serve you, but when we ask the question, no one ever responds. How can I help you? Sometimes obstacles look as big as mountains, but are they molehills? Some say we owe so much, have so few members able to help, most of our members are getting too old, or we can't find young men. Our DDGMs should be recognizing that and working towards helping. Again we are here to help, but if no one asks, then how can we help? Obstacles can be overcome when we work towards accomplishing the goal.

God Bless you and keep you and yours!



RW Philip S. Lewis
Junior Grand Warden

"How can I help you?"

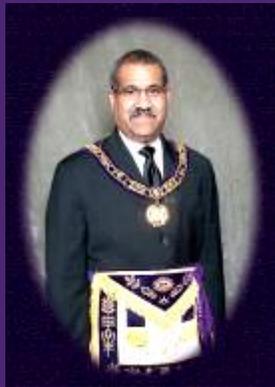
MOST WORSHIPFUL PRINCE HALL
GRAND LODGE OF MARYLAND

YOU COULD WIN THIS FIRST PRIZE
2012 CADILLAC CTS

2012 Annual Raffle

IF THE WINNER ELECTS NO TO ACCEPT THE CAR, THAT PERSON CAN RECEIVE A \$20,000 CASH PAYOUT
SECOND PRIZE: \$2,500 • THIRD PRIZE \$1,500

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RW Nicholas Padilla, Jr.
Grand Chaplain

“There is no purer or more thrilling delight to be known on this side of heaven than that of having Christ’s joy fulfilled in us, that our joy may be full.”



Grand Chaplain’s Corner

By RW Nicholas Padilla, Jr. Grand Chaplain

“My grace is sufficient for thee.” — 2 Corinthians 12:9

If none of God’s saints were poor and tried, we should not know half so well the consolations of divine grace. When we find the wanderer who has not where to lay his head, who yet can say, “Still will I trust in the Lord;” when we see the pauper starving on when we see the pauper starving on bread and water, who still glories in Jesus; when we see the bereaved widow overwhelmed in affliction, and yet having faith in Christ, oh! what honor it reflects on the gospel. God’s grace is illustrated and magnified in the poverty and trials of believers. Saints bear up under every discouragement, believing that all things work together for their good, and that out of apparent evils a real blessing shall ultimately spring—that their God will either work a deliverance for them speedily, or most assuredly support them in the trouble, as long as he is pleased to keep them in it. This patience of the saints proves the power of divine grace. There is a lighthouse out at sea: it is a calm night—I cannot tell whether the edifice is firm; the tempest must rage about it, and then I shall know whether it will stand. So with the

Spirit’s work: if it were not on many occasions surrounded with tempestuous waters, we should not know that it was true and strong; if the winds did not blow upon it, we should not know how firm and secure it was. The master-works of God are those men who stand in the midst of difficulties, steadfast, unlovable

“Calm mid the bewildering cry, Confident of victory.”

He who would glorify his God must set his account upon meeting with many trials. No man can be illustrious before the Lord unless his conflicts be many. If then, yours be a much-tried path, rejoice in it, because you will the better show forth the all-sufficient grace of God. As for his failing you, never dream of it—hate the thought. The God who has been sufficient until now, should be trusted to the end.

Will you trust Him?

“I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.” - Philippians 4:13

On Charity:

“Charity and personal force are the only investments worth anything.”

~ Walt Whitman

“The life of a man consists not in seeing visions and in dreaming dreams, but in active charity and in willing service”

~ Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

“Where there is charity and wisdom, there is neither fear nor ignorance.”

~ St. Francis of Assisi

“Every good act is charity. A man’s true wealth hereafter is the good that he does in this world to his fellows.”

~ Moliere

“Order your soul; reduce your wants; live in charity; associate in Christian community; obey the laws; trust in Providence.”

~ Saint Augustine

“Charity is injurious unless it helps the recipient to become independent of it.”

~ John D. Rockefeller

“Charity begins at home, but should not end there”

~ Proverb

“May your charity increase as much as your wealth”

~ Proverb

“Those who are happiest are those who do the most for others.”

~ Booker T. Washington

Grand Lecturer's Corner

"Uniformity, Consistency and Professionalism"

A Word from the Grand Lecturer

By RW Purnell J. Carter, Sr., Grand Lecturer

First and foremost, I give the honor and praise to my Lord and Savior for continuing to bless me, my family and our great Fraternity. To the Most Worshipful Melvin M. Thorpe, Grand Master and all brothers & sisters, I pray that the G.A.O.T.U. continues to bless each of you.

In our never ending quest for knowledge or 'further light in Masonry', my studies have brought me back to our Founding Father the Honorable Prince Hall. In order to understand the magnitude of his achievements one must focus on the time period in which he lived. However, to formulate a greater understanding of the man we only need to look at "his" words. I would like to share with you the following from our beloved founder in the year of 1792 some 220 years ago and I hope it helps to revitalize all of our commitments to Freemasonry.

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Prince Hall, A Charge Delivered to the Brethren of the African Lodge. On the 25th of June, 1792

Dear and well beloved Brethren of the African Lodge, as through the goodness and mercy of God, we are once more met together, in order to celebrate the Festival of St. John the Baptist; it is requisite that we should on these public days, and when we appear in form, give some reason as a foundation for our so doing, but as this has been already done, in a discourse delivered in substance by our late Reverend Brother John Marrant, and now in print.

I shall at this time endeavor to raise part of the superstructure, for howsoever good the foundation may be, yet without this it will only prove a Babel. I shall therefore endeavor to shew the duty of a Mason; and the first thing is, that he believes in one Supreme Being, that he is the great Architect of this visible world, and that he governs all things here below by his almighty power, and his watchful eye is over all our works. Again we must be good subjects to the laws of the land in which we dwell, giving honor to our lawful Governors and Magistrates, giving honor to whom honor is due; and that we have no hand in any plots or conspiracies or rebellion, or side or assist in them: for when we consider the blood shed, the devastation of towns and

cities that hath been done by them, what heart can be so hard as not to pity those our distress[ed] brethren, and keep at the greatest distance from them. However just it may be on the side of the oppress[ed], yet it doth not in the least, or rather ought not, abate that love and fellow-feeling which we ought to have for our brother fellow men.

The next thing is love and benevolence to all the whole family of mankind, as God's make and creation, therefore we ought to love them all, for love or hatred is of the whole kind, for if I love a man for the sake of the image of God which is on him, I must love all, for he made all, and upholds all, and we are dependent upon him for all we do enjoy and expect to enjoy in this world and that which is to come.— Therefore he will help and assist all his fellow-men in distress, let them be of what color or nation they may, yea even our very enemies, much more a brother Mason. I shall therefore give you a few instances of this from Holy Writ, and first, how did Abraham prevent the storm, or rebellion that was rising between Lot's servants and his?

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*RW Purnell J. Carter, Sr.
Grand Lecturer*

"If we continue to work together in unity, truth and brotherly love, we will conquer any and all challenges whilst overcoming the obstacles!"

Mid-Atlantic Conference Of Grand Masters, Grand Worthy Matrons and Grand Worthy Patrons

Newport News, Va 22-24 March 2012

By RW Steven G. Collier, Deputy Grand Master

On March 22-24, 2012, Most Worshipful Grand Master Melvin M. Thorpe accompanied by a delegation of elected and appointed Grand Lodge officers participated in the 2012 Mid-Atlantic Conference of Grand Masters, Grand Worthy Matrons and Grand Worthy Patrons.

The conference was held at the Marriott Center City, Newport News, Virginia. Also participating in the conference were Grand Worthy Matron Faye H. Williams and Grand Worthy Patron Herman I. Williams from Myra Grand Chapter, OES. They were accompanied by a large delegation of brothers and sisters from Myra Grand, to include, the Associate Grand Matron Carol Simon, AGP Kevin Cunningham and numerous Past Grand Worthy Matrons.



The conference agenda included Grand Master's, OES and joint Workshops.



A banquet was held on Friday evening with an outstanding sermon by the guest speaker.



Some of the topics of discussion included the Knights of Pythagoras (KOP), Voter Registration efforts, the status of the KYCH (Knights York Cross of Honor) in the various jurisdictions, uniformity of demits and clarification of the information (dates) required for forms such as deceased grand lodge officers form, etc. Some of the most productive discussions involved a concerted effort by the regional jurisdictions to move forward aggressively with the KOP Directors.



There was an excellent power point presentation given by KT Bazemore of North Carolina. All participants were treated very well in Virginia with hospitality, hugs as they say it "fist bumps".

Grand Lodge and Myra Grand Chapter, OES Attends Arkansas' 140th Grand Session on February, 23-26, 2012

By R.W. Steven G. Collier, Deputy Grand Master

During February 23-26, 2012, I again had the pleasure of accompanying M.W. Melvin M. Thorpe, Grand Master to Arkansas for their 140th Annual Grand Session held at 2906 East Harding Avenue, Pine Bluff, Arkansas hosted by the MW Cleveland K. Wilson, Grand Master and the brothers and sisters of Arkansas.



On Friday, 24 February, MWGM Thorpe and I were received in open session by MWGM Wilson.



This year MWGM Thorpe and I were pleased to be accompanied by Sister Faye H. Williams, Grand Worthy Matron and Bro. Herman I. Williams, Grand Worthy Patron, Myra Grand Chapter, OES.

By Saturday, 25 February, MWGM Wilson had the pleasure and honor to receive a total of 11 visiting Jurisdictions which included: Maryland, District of Columbia, Oklahoma, Texas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Missouri, Washington, South Carolina, Tennessee, and Florida.



During our visitation the agenda included a memorial service, session opening, business/committee reports, hospitality, an invitation only Fish Fry, GL officer nominations/elections and a Saturday night banquet.



Congratulations to MWGM Cleveland Wilson and Grand Worthy Matron Winnie Johnson who retained their respective offices in the midst of candidate opposition. Just about the entire remaining line of Elected Grand Lodge officers are new or moved up one seat.



An opportunity presented itself at the Fish Fry hospitality when I had the opportunity to sit down with an energetic Worshipful Master and two brothers from the jurisdiction of Missouri. After he and two of his lodge members purchased a total of 12 raffle tickets (4 tickets each) from me our conversation turned to fundraising opportunities. This conversation resulted in a request for 1,000 of our GL Car Raffle Tickets!

MWGM Thorpe joined in as we sat in amazement and listened to this WM's plan to sell our tickets as a lodge fundraiser and raise \$2,000. This once again reaffirmed our belief that if you present the raffle tickets and get them out of your lodges, brief cases, pockets or wherever, they will sell.

While in Arkansas, I personally experienced great success in selling our GL Car Raffle tickets. I sold tickets while socializing, while standing in the lunch line, and just about any time I said to someone..."you would sure look good driving this new Cadillac...I'll give you 3 chances to win/own it for just \$5."



MWGM Thorpe had several Grand Masters approach him and request hundreds of additional of first issues of raffle tickets for their jurisdictions to raise funds.

Congratulations to the brothers and sisters of the Arkansas Jurisdiction for their successful sessions.

"Marjorie T. Lancaster Chapter No. 84 Hosts its Annual Prayer Luncheon"

By RW Steven G. Collier, Deputy Grand Master

On Sunday, February 12, 2012, Marjorie T. Lancaster Chapter No. 84, Order of the Eastern Stars hosted its Annual Prayer Luncheon at the Roscoe C. Cartwright Masonic Temple in Accokeek, Maryland.

The program was filled with scripture reading, prayer, song and the "word". Worthy Matron Joyce Ellison, Worthy Patron Keith Anderson and the committee are to be commended for a beautiful afternoon. The lunch meal was delicious and in abundance.

All attendees were also full from the inspirational teachings of the key note speaker; Ms. Darnesia Harvey, daughter of RW Walter Harvey, Asst. Grand Chaplain and Sis. Don Y. Harvey, PWM. The program included several performances by the Cartwright Singers who provided "toe" tapping and hand clapping selections.



WM Ellison gave remarks and provided appreciation to all in attendance for their support of the program. She gave a special recognition to the chapter's name sake, Sis. Marjorie T. Lancaster (seated in picture) who also was in attendance for the program. It was an extreme honor and privilege to have her present. Grand Associate Matron Carol D. Simon and Grand Associate Patron Kevin Cunningham represented Myra Grand Chapter and brought greetings and salutations.

RW Steven G. Collier, Deputy Grand Master and a member of Marjorie T. Lancaster Chapter No. 84, made remarks and represented MW Melvin M. Thorpe, Grand Master. DGM Collier gave praise, recognition and congratulatory remarks to the Worthy Matron, Worthy Patron, and committee members. He also encouraged those in attendance to support each other's endeavors and to always put your best foot forward in whatever you do.

Sixth Masonic District Celebrates St. John's Day

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

On December 18, 2011 the Sixth Masonic District celebrated St. John's Day at Union United Methodist Church in Aberdeen, MD with Reverend Grandison Jones Pastor. Chesapeake Lodge No. 48 was the host lodge, lead by Worshipful Master Lionel Jones who presided over the service.



Rev. Jones presented a soul stirring message regarding the wearing of clean clothes. He suggested that as soon as we put on clothes they become dirty and that we should be sure to have not only clean clothes but clean souls.



In attendance was DDGM Noel C. Osborne, Sr. of the Sixth Masonic District, Worshipful Master Clarence Miller Jr., of Deer Creek Lodge #103 with his craft; Worshipful Master Willie Colvin of Jessie J. Shanks Lodge No. 137 and his craft; Worthy Matron Beatrice Scunion of Evening Star #20; Worthy Matron Jeanette Cain of Venus Chapter #56; Past DDGM Mary Paschal of Venus Chapter #56; Royal Grand Matron Joan Campbell of Naomi Grand Court Ladies of the Circle of Perfection; Most Excellent Grand High Priest Medford J. Campbell, Hiram Holy Grand Chapter, Holy Royal Arch Masons; Past Grand High Priest Theodore Chase; Excellent High Priest Gerald Matthews, Boaz Chapter #21, Noel C. Osborne, Jr. Knights of Pythagoras Charlie Smith Council #2.



We would like to thank Reverend Grandison Jones and his congregation for allowing us to share St's. Johns Day with them. Christian fellowship was felt by all. Let us not forget the scrumptious meal that was served by the culinary staff led by Bro. Terrance Thompson.



We look forward to sharing in future endeavors with Union United Methodist Church and its community. Our donation to Union United Methodist Church surpassed \$400.00.



Past Master James D. Branner, Called From Labor to Reward, Goes Home to His Beloved Tennessee

At 5:45 A.M., on the first day of this year, Past Master James D. Branner lost his long and arduous battle with pancreatic cancer, at Harford Memorial Hospital, in Havre De Grace, Maryland. Past Master Branner was initiated, passed and raised in Prince Hall Military Lodge #140, of the Oklahoma Jurisdiction, in Frankfurt Germany. He was also a member Jessie J. Shanks Lodge No. 137, Aberdeen, Maryland, Prince Hall Military Consistory #304 (Germany), ASWAN Temple #115, Nobles Of the Mystic Shrine (Germany), and a member of the United Supreme Council, Southern Jurisdiction 33rd Degree.

Schools, and an effort he supported until his death. He was always active in his support of Lodge projects and fundraisers until his health began to decline. When he could no longer accomplish tasks himself, he gave good direction to brothers and supervised very well. He was a part of the committee that decorated the ward winning float that Jessie J. Shanks Lodge No. 137 entered in the annual 4th of July Parade in Havre De Grace, Maryland's annual parade. His winning smile and quick wit will be missed.



Past Master Branner worked tirelessly in the community and with Jessie J. Shanks Lodge No. 137. His exceptional work as Secretary of the Lodge merited the respect of his brothers. He was unanimously recommended by the craft of Jessie J. Shanks Lodge to be honored by the conferring of the Past Master's Degree. That request was favorably received by Grand Master Daniels and the Degree was conferred upon him. Past Master Branner continued to serve as the Lodge Secretary for more than 10 years. Additionally, he served the 6th Masonic District, as the District Secretary, until he started to have health issues. He was a mentor to the current District Secretary. His work ethic was unsurpassed and is the standard that all lodge secretaries should strive to achieve. Past Master Branner was a Mason's Mason.

Past Master Branner collaborated with Past Master Shanks and other members of Jessie J. Shanks Lodge No. 137 to provide annual scholarships to deserving high school students in the Harford County, Maryland, High

Additionally, Past Master Branner was active in many Civic organizations and his church. He was an active member of the Protestant men of the Chapel at the Aberdeen Proving Ground chapel. He was a life member of the NAACP. He also belonged to numerous veteran and Military organizations, and was a life member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Viet Nam Veterans of America, Disabled American Veterans Association, and Sergeant Major Association. He was a member of the First Cavalry Division Association and the American Legion.

His home going services were conducted in the Russell Chapel AME Zion Church in Rogersville, Tennessee on the 14th of January. RW Jessie J. Shanks, RW Gerald Matthews, PM James Carr, and PM Robert D. Hubbard, all members of Jessie J. Shanks Lodge #137, traveled to Rogersville, Tennessee for his home-going services. PM Branner was laid to rest in his home- town of Kingsport, Tennessee in the East Lawn Memorial Park with full military and Masonic honors

DEER CREEK LODGE NO. 103 Christmas Dinner Dance

On Saturday, December 17 2011 Deer Creek Lodge No. 103 held their Third Annually Christmas Dinner Dance in honor of all their surviving widows. The event was held at the Clarion Hotel and Ballroom in Aberdeen MD and was a prodigious success under the leadership of Worshipful Master Clarence R. Miller Jr.



A few of those in attendance to celebrate the evening and its festivities were, Right Worshipful Noel C. Osborne Sr., District Deputy Grand Master and spouse, Right Worshipful Robert Hubbard, previous Assistant District Deputy Grand Master and spouse.

103 also presented roses to the spouses of RW Osborne Sr., RW Hubbard, WM Jones, WM Miller Jr., and WM Colvin as a token of our revered appreciation and love for their perpetual support.



Past Masters Calvin Greene and William Gover were honored with a presentation of their Life Membership Certificate from the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Maryland for 50 years of service in Freemasonry. Both Past Masters remain currently active in all Lodge operations.



The members of Deer Creek Lodge No. 103 consider this commitment a “labor of love” to embrace and honor their widows during the Holiday Season with an event attended by family and friends. The major highlighted revelry of the evening is the presentation to the widows during which they are honored with a heartwarming appreciation speech from WM Miller Jr., followed with a bouquet of long stem roses and gifts for each. Deer Creek Lodge No.



Members of Chesapeake Lodge No. 48 and Jessie J Shanks Lodge No. 137 were in attendance in support of this annual event that exemplifies our dedication to the Sixth Masonic District. The evening was full of fun, laughter and dancing, a good time was had by all.

Honoring Our Widows and Life Members

Team Six Supports Community Service Event

This event was a food drive for needy families in the Columbia Maryland area held on the 22nd of November 2011. This effort was coordinated by CIC Charles Johnson, and supported by I.H. Clayborn Consistory, the membership of several Masonic lodges in the Columbia Area, and Members of the 6th Masonic District Staff and members of Chesapeake Lodge No. 48, Deer Creek Lodge No. 103, and Jessie J. Shanks Lodge No. 137-- (Team 6).



These brothers unloaded trucks and assisted in the distribution of over 600 Turkeys and Food Baskets... **“Yes God is Good”**



DDGM Noel C. Osborne, Sr., was the catalyst for the efforts and the 6th Masonic District’s involvement. He requested assistance in this endeavor from the district staff and from the membership of the three constituent lodges in the 6th District. Team 6 answered the call and on the 22nd of November 15 brothers from “Team 6” drove from Harford County to Columbia, Maryland, to support the request for assistance.



Jessie J. Shanks Lodge No. 137's 10th Annual "Thanks Banquet"

Jessie J. Shanks Lodge No. 137 celebrated its tenth annual "Thanks Banquet" on the 22nd of October 2011 at the Bayou Restaurant in Havre De Grace, Maryland. The theme for this year's celebration "Holding On To God's Unchanging Hand" was excellently covered by the speaker for the evening Reverend George Winkfield, from John Wesley United Methodist Church.

Further evidence of the unity and harmony that existed at this celebration, it was attended by dignitaries from the Masonic Family, the local clergy, local city officials, family and friends. Most Worshipful Grand Master Melvin Thorpe and his wife (MWPHGL-Maryland and Jurisdiction), Grand Worthy Matron Juanita L. Clark and her Husband (Myra Grand Chapter), District Deputy Grand Master Noel C. Osborne Sr.,

(6th Masonic District) and his Wife, RW Edward Faulkner and his wife (District Grand Inspector, AF&AM, Susquehanna Lodge No. 130), Mayor Michael Bennett, City of Aberdeen, Maryland, were just a few of the dignitaries in attendance for the evening.

The highlight of the evening was the presentation of awards and gifts to show appreciation for those present. Citations were presented to Grand Master Thorpe and the elected members of his staff by Mayor Michael Bennett. Citations were also presented to the Grand Master and his staff from the city of Havre De Grace, Maryland. DDGM Osborne, made presentations to the members of the 6th District staff and to the constituent lodges. One of the highlights was the presentation of the First Annual John Paul Bryant Award for Masonic

proficiency to Brother Lamont Lawrence, from Deer Creek Lodge No. 103.

After DDGM Osborne's introduction of the Most Worshipful Grand Master, Grand Master Thorpe addressed the audience. He gave inspiring remarks and thanked Mayor Bennett for personally presenting the citations from the City of Aberdeen. He also thanked RW Edward Faulkner for attending the event along with the Worshipful Master of Susquehanna Lodge No. 130. He briefly spoke of the pact of recognition between the two Masonic bodies in the state and remarked that his presence was evidence of its success.

After the benediction by Reverend Winkfield, the event closed and a joyous time was shared by all in attendance.

District Seven—Eastern Shore

Thomas H. Kiah Lodge No. 101 Presents Christmas Baskets to Needy Families

By PM Melvin J. Shorter

Members of Thomas H. Kiah No. 101 Prince Hall Masons F.&A.M. Rock Hall, Maryland membership from Kent and Queen Anne's counties assembled Christmas baskets for needy families of Kent and Queen Anne's counties; also the lodge presents fruit baskets to widows of all deceased mason of the lodge as Christmas gifts. This is one of the lodge's annual community activities.



Members present are (front, L-R) James Bounds, Randolph Goldsborough, Gilbert Hynson, Holton Kennedy, and Melvin Shorter; (back, L-R) Orlando McElroy, Walter Pauls III, James Thompson, Elbert Hicks and Earl Taylor.

LaMech Lodge No. 30: A Lodge on the Move!

Isaac B. White, DDGM 8th Masonic District, Salisbury, Maryland

LaMech Lodge No. 30 Continues Leadership in Community Service

By WM James N. Taylor, Sr.

On October 15, 2011 the men of LaMech Lodge No. 30 spent an early morning beautifying Emerson Hargrove Park located on Booth Street, Salisbury, MD. This is one of our many community service projects we do monthly, as a collective body. To help assist in making this project a success a couple of the brother came out to provide support for the Lodge. In attendance was: Bro. Toni Miller, P.M. Robert Perry, Bro. Dennis Farrell, Bro. Fernandez Bateson, Bro. Gary Price, Bro. Mike Turner, and F.C. Aydolotte DaSheilds.

This past weekend's community service project for LaMech Lodge No. 30 has provided the great opportunity for fellowship, fun, and most of all showing Masonry is about more than just the men who wear black suits all the time. We had the opportunity to educate various men and women passing by inquiring about who we represented for the cleanup. As our motto states **2B1ASK1**, in doing so we as a group have enlighten quite a few individuals who were interested in Masonry.

100% of LaMech Lodge No. 30 Members Support Salvation Army's "Ringing of the Bells"

By JW Kelvin M. Branch

Each year for the month of December, every brother of LaMech Lodge No. 30 donates a portion of their time for a program called Salvation Army ringing of the bells. This past year was a very special year for LaMech Lodge No. 30 due in part to a 100% participation of the brotherhood. This has been a vision of every PM, and to date with the current WM James N. Taylor, Sr. Truly setting an example for all the other Lodges on the Eastern Shore to shoot for the goal of 100% participation.

Every brother donated at least 2-3 hours of their time which is a great representation of Masonry. This shows the public; Prince Hall Masonry is about more than just wearing a black suit all the time. It has allowed the brotherhood to give more insight into black masonry, its origin, and mostly how good men get together to fellowship amongst each other.

It's a great feeling to various individuals and venues asking for us to come back the next year since they enjoyed our presence. This is a true testament the public pays attention to masonry and what it stands for. Also in talking to the public we were able to educate a lot of people who really didn't understand masonry as well as potential men who were interested in masonry, not knowing how to get started. LaMech has seen an increase in application submissions and has found a good method to helping us keep our membership

growing in our Lodge. We are truly living by the creed **2B1ASK1**, taking good men and making them better.

LaMech Lodge No. 30 Participates in "Operation Teddy Bear"

By JW Kelvin M. Branch

On December 4, 2011, the men of LaMech Lodge No. 30 participated in the 28th annual "Operation Teddy Bear" event sponsored by Perdue Farms, Incorporated held at the Holly Center.

The brothers who are truck drivers give generously of their time each year by bringing their decorated eighteen-wheeler trucks to give rides to the people at Holly Center and Community clients. This round trip consists of an 11-mile ride in the truck cabs and the event marks the opening day of their holiday season!

This is a volunteer event in which LaMech Lodge No. 30 has been involved in for the past 3 years speaks volumes in the craft. It's a true testimony to the spirit of giving during the holiday season and to the other brothers who assist behind the scenes along with staff, volunteers, residents and Perdue Farms, Incorporated to help make this event a success for all those involved.

LaMech Lodge No. 30 Supports Deer's Head Hospital and Anchorage Nursing Home

By JW Kelvin M. Branch

Throughout the year, the Men of LaMech Lodge No. 30 conduct regular visits to Deer's Head Hospital and Anchorage Nursing Home to volunteer our time. In conducting these volunteer efforts gives us the opportunity to assist those person who have reach the point in their life, and are unable to do things they once could for whatever the reason may be. Most importantly the individuals we've come into contact with simply just want the companionship by way of simple conversations, sharing stories, and telling of past stories from childhood. Many of the individuals, we encounter are wheel chair bound, bed ridden, or have a visual impairment which prevents them from doing some of the things normally done on a routine bases.

The residents of the two facilities enjoy the activity, and reading time we share with them. It is truly a blessing the love and companionship reciprocated by our presence. As the Men of LaMech Lodge No. 30 continue our charge for excellence we always keep in mind to give back what has been given to us. Where each day is born of new life, so live it, seize it and most of all enjoy it. Proverbs 29:18 tells us: "Where there is no vision, the people perish". The Men of LaMech definitely have a vision and strive to see it through every day.

LaMech Lodge No. 30: A Lodge on the Move!

LaMech Lodge No. 30 Members Celebrate 50 years as Masons

By JW Kelvin M. Branch

It is with proud honor and pleasure to submit the names of three distinguished men of LaMech Lodge No. 30 located in Salisbury, Maryland, who have reached a half century mark in our dear old fraternity. These brothers have worked tirelessly for the continuing upliftment of Prince Hall Masonry, and the brothers who have come behind them. Even at the 50 year mark these brothers are still going strong for their love and dedication to Masonry. It has truly been a blessing and inspiration to me (JW Branch), to continue to grow and learn more in Prince Hall Masonry. I tend to enjoy the stories of the bonding of brothers around the region, networking, and the building

of never ending relationships. This is the oldest Fraternity known to man, and it's been able to sustain itself through the wise, intelligent and Godly men who have been incorporated into it.

I present the names of LaMech Lodge No. 30 members who have achieved the 50 year mark: R.W.G.M.E. Marion Barkly, Bro. Frank Jones, and Bro. Oswald Martin. The men of LaMech Lodge No. 30 salute these brothers for their love of Masonry, and dedication and endless work in the past as well as the present.

Reverend Doctor Lewis N. Watson, a Man of God, and a True Mason.

By WM James N. Taylor Sr.

Reverend Doctor Lewis N. Watson, a man of GOD, loving father to one son Kenneth and two daughters Amaris and Christina, and the humble pastor of the First Baptist Church located in Salisbury, Maryland.

He was born in Selbyville, DE to Lewis N. and Lottie Watson-Harmon. His family relocated to Salisbury when he was very young. There, he attended the Public school of Wicomico County.

Upon graduating from high school, Rev. Watson matriculated at Salisbury State University and the University of Maryland Eastern Shore, Princess Anne, MD where he earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in Special Education in May 1986. Rev. Watson earned an Associate of Arts Degree in Mortuary Science from the Catonsville Community College, Catonsville, MD.

Prior to his graduation from UMES, Rev. Judson C. Mills ordained him in April 1982, the pastor of First Baptist at that time. Shortly thereafter,



he became Co-Pastor of First Baptist. After the demise of Rev. Mills in October 1988, Rev. Watson was chosen and called to carry on the mission of First Baptist as Pastor on December 5, 1988.

Rev. Watson fulfilled a dream, and along with his wife, the former Talana D. Everett, establishing the Lewis N. Watson Funeral Home in Salisbury, MD in July 1986. Rev. Watson has grown professionally and theologically whereby attending St. Mary's Seminary and University in Baltimore, MD and earning a Master of Ministry Degree in Christian Education from the Chesapeake Bible Seminary, Queenstown, MD, a

Master of Divinity Degree from Shiloh Theological Seminary in Stafford, VA, and an Honorary Doctorate of Divinity Degree from Virginia University in Lynchburg, VA.

Currently Rev. Watson is a long standing member of LaMech Lodge No. 30 since the early 80's as well as various other organizations: Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Inc., National Baptist Convention USA, Kingdom Association of Covenant Pastors, NAACP, Outstanding Young Men of America, Life Member of National Registry Who's Who 1997, Maryland Funeral Directors and Morticians Association (serving as Chaplain), and a member of the National Funeral Directors and Morticians Associations.

The 4th Masonic District Leads Procession at the Rededication of the Mt. Calvary Missionary Baptist Church in Temple Hills, MD



Fairmount Lodge No. 92 Serves its Community During The Holidays “It Is More Important to Give, Than to Receive”

By WM Wayne Wright
Fairmount Lodge No. 92

During the holiday season Fairmount Lodge No. 92 proves this to be true year after year. During the Thanksgiving holiday, the brothers of Fairmount Lodge in conjunction with the SHARE Food Network and the Past Masters’ Council of the Lodge, we were able to provide all the fixin’ for a Thanksgiving dinner to more than 20 residents of the Fairmount Heights community. The names were provided to the lodge by the Town of Fairmount Heights and New Born Church of God located next door to the lodge hall. The brothers of the lodge got together on Sunday, November 20th and packed each of the boxes with the items necessary to assisting a family with having a Thanksgiving meal. The brothers personally delivered each box of food to the families ensuring the recipients could attach a name and a face to those who wanted to ensure these families had a happy Thanksgiving.

ranging from 2 months to 15 years old to the lodge, along with their female guardians for this momentous occasion. Including the children more than 50 residents of Shepherd’s Cove, were shuttled to Fairmount Lodge Hall by the members of Fairmount and Columbine, where they ate a delicious breakfast, sang Christmas carols and then received their gifts from Santa himself. The female guardians were not left out of this event; each one was presented with necessary toiletries as a gift from the sisters of Columbine. Each child and female guardian went back to the shelter very happy and the members of the lodge were filled with a certain sense of pride that we were able to provide others with a Christmas.



*Worthy Matron Latanza Wilson and
Worthy Patron Louis Johnson.*



Santa Claus—Bro. Michael Crider-Bey.



Worshipful Master Wayne Wright.

The brothers of Fairmount Lodge No. 92 and the sisters of Columbine Chapter No. 46 did not stop there; like the brothers of Fairmount have done for the last 10 years we continued to have our annual “Breakfast with Santa” celebration. This is an event where we invite the woman of Shepherd Cove, a women’s shelter in the community to the lodge, give them a great breakfast prepared by Bro. Donald Younger, let them meet Santa Claus and then help him present each child present with a age appropriate, gender specific gift. This year Fairmount Lodge No. 92 and Columbine Chapter No. 46 on Saturday, December 17, we were able to bring more than 25 children ages

CHARLES H. WESLEY MASONIC LODGE HISTORY

“A Lodge Determined to Make a Difference”

For several years there had been extensive discussions between Grand Master Samuel T. Daniels, District Deputy Grand Master George E. Moore, and members of the Craft, that there was a need to create a Lodge in the northern Prince George's County region with the recent relocation of Roscoe C. Cartwright from Upper Marlboro to Accokeek, Maryland. It was sometime in early June, 1988, under the leadership of RW Dwight Reynolds and the blessings of the Grand Lodge, several members of the Prince Hall Family gathered at Bowie State University in an upper room of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Communications Arts Center to discuss the possibility of establishing a Lodge at the University. Others in attendance were George T. Austin, Silas Butler, James Cooper, Charles A Guilford, James Henderson, Milton A. Jews, Clarence Knight, William Singleton, Robert Ward, Ronald Watson and Glenn Williams (most of these Brothers were active members of RC. Cartwright Lodge No. 129).

Several meetings followed, but it was not until February 1, 1989, did the first official meeting of the group take place whereby the following officers were elected: President, Silas Butler; Vice-President, Charles Guilford; Secretary, Ronald Watson; Treasurer, Glenn Williams; and Membership Chairman, James Henderson. Work began immediately on drafting procedures, letters requesting demits, and a meeting place. Guidelines for by-laws/constitution, dues structure, chartering, community outreach programs, lodge furnishings, proficiency and study group lessons were also discussed ... it was indeed a very long evening.

It was also at this meeting of February 1, 1989, that RW Dwight O. Reynolds read a letter addressed to OM Samuel T. Daniels and DDGM George E. Moore (4th Masonic District) requesting a dispensation to form a Masonic Study Club for the express purpose of forming a Masonic lodge on the campus of Bowie State University. Southern Uni-

versity is the only other known historical black institution with a Masonic lodge on its campus. The question of a name for the Club was debated. Brother James Cooper suggested that the Club/Lodge be named after a distinguished prominent Black man. The names of Don S. Goodloe, founding principal of Bowie Normal School, Bowie State College, and Charles H. Wesley, noted scholar/historian/author/educator/minister and Prince Hall Mason were placed in nomination. The Brothers unanimously chose Dr. Charles H. Wesley. Brother Charles Guilford was given the responsibility of contacting Mrs. Dorothy Porter Wesley, the widow of Dr. Wesley, to get permission to use his name in the endeavor. The letter requesting noted permission was sent to Mrs. Wesley in late February, 1989, but she was on extensive travel, thus a verbal approval (via telephone) was not given until May, 1989, which was followed by written authorization in July, 1990.

By late Spring, 1989, the Study Club had received approval from the Grand Lodge to officially become the Charles H. Wesley Masonic Study Club on the grounds of Bowie State University in Bowie, Maryland. The Study Club numbered fifteen. The Grand Lodge was ready to extend a Charter to the Club at the 1989 (142nd) Annual Communication, but the Study Club wanted to make sure that all was in order and that the Charles H. Wesley Masonic Lodge would have a strong and sustaining foundation when it opened its first communication as a Lodge.

During the next twelve months demits were granted, lodge furnishings were gifted from area lodges, meeting place established, dues structure adopted, visitation to local Lodges for Masonic education was instituted, and realistic goals and objectives were developed. The basic philosophy established by the Study Club was to “teach and practice good Freemasonry” at all of its meetings.



On July 1, 1990, the MWPHGL of the State of Maryland and its Jurisdiction issued a Charter for the establishment of the Charles H. Wesley Masonic Lodge No. 147 at Bowie, Maryland. The Charter was formally presented to the first three principle officers of the Lodge (Silas Butler, Master; Charles Guilford, Senior Warden and George Austin, Junior Warden) at the 143rd Annual Grand Lodge Session in Hagerstown, Maryland in August, 1990. The Charter bears the signatures of Samuel T. Daniels, Grand Master; LeOtha N. Hull, Deputy Grand Master, Leroy A. Lassiter, Senior Grand Warden; Paul A Smith, Junior Grand Warden; Ronald X. Scott, Grand Treasurer, and David R Ross, Grand Secretary. The Charter ceremony was a grand event. It was quite evident that the decision to wait another year before requesting a Charter was indeed a very “wise” decision. The Charter Members are: George T. Austin, Silas A Butler, James Cooper, Charles E. Gould, Charles A Guilford II, Milton A. Jews, Dwight G. Reynolds, Walter Turner and Robert Ward.

Although Wesley received moral, physical and financial support from many lodges, it must be noted that Roscoe C. Cartwright Lodge No. 129 gave more than its fair-share of commitment and support to the establishment of Charles H. Wesley Masonic Lodge No. 147. There will always be a “special relationship” between these two lodges. Thus are the humble beginnings of Charles H. Wesley Lodge No. 147, a Lodge determined to make a difference.

Rising Sun No. 46 (Tenth District) Widows Brunch

By JW Douglas Steele

On Saturday, February 11, 2012, the Brothers of Rising Sun No. 46, under the direction of WM Zebbie D. Atkinson, IV, sponsored a brunch for the widows of the lodge. The event was held at Old Country Buffet, in Annapolis, Maryland. Several lovely of our ladies attended, as well as various family members of lodge brothers, and were treated to a delicious brunch on a chilly winter morning.

After some words of greeting from WM Atkinson and PM Ralph Thomas Sr. the brothers in attendance were introduced to the ladies, who were then presented with lovely tote bags as small tokens of affection and remembrance.

Rising Sun was also blessed to have three generations of family at this event, pictured lower right. "Three generations of family that exemplify the best qualities of Masonry, and the Order of the Eastern Star. Wise instruction and steadfast love continue to strengthen the Adams Family, both young and old...." were the sentiments as SD Craig Stewart reflected on this occasion.

It is important that the families of our departed brethren know that we have NOT forsaken them, and just as important that the brothers never forget that small tokens of affection that we show to others is but a part of a larger pledge that we all took. The brothers of Rising Sun No. 46 look forward to our next event with our beautiful ladies, and shall keep them in our hearts and prayers.



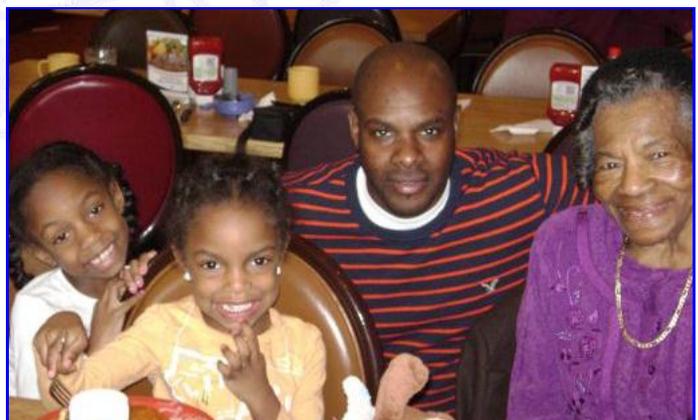
Those in attendance from left to right
Front Row: Kennedy Stewart, Madison Stewart

Middle Row: Ms. Hilarie Jackson (JW Steele's Mother-in-law), PM Esther Hawkins, PM Thelma Cornish, Mrs. Betty Reynolds, PM Elsie Watts, Mrs. Betty Harold Anderson, PM Beulah Adams

Back Row: PM Ralph Thomas Sr., Zebbie Atkinson V, WM Zebbie Atkinson IV, SD Craig Stewart (holding) Taylor Stewart, EA Vernon Murray, JD Kevin Cobb, SS Derek Matthews, JW Douglas Steele, SW Bantu Opiotennione, Ariana Matthews (Miss Teen MD Semi-Finalist), Arrington Matthews, and Tazon White.



Rising Sun No. 46 brothers in attendance from left to right
PM Ralph Thomas Sr., JD Kevin Cobb, SW Bantu Opiotennione, WM Zebbie D. Atkinson IV, JW Douglas Steele, SD Craig Stewart, SS Derek Matthews.



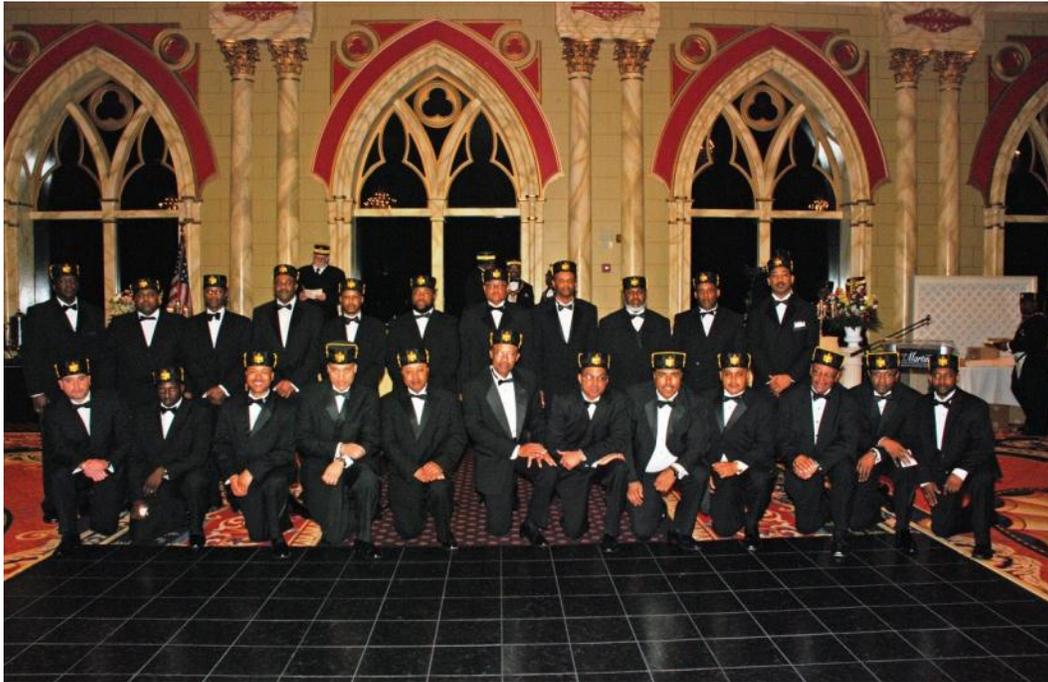
Family First
Kennedy Stewart, Madison Stewart, Craig Stewart and Esther Hawkins, Craig's Great Aunt. Sis Hawkins is a Past Matron of Miriam Chapter No. 24 and also one of the lovely widows of Rising Sun No. 46.

James A. Mingo Consistory No. 334 Welcomes its Newest Sublime Prince's at its Annual Black and Gold Banquet

March 27, 2012

By RW Lee A. Taylor, Senior Grand Warden

The GIG Robert J. Poindexter and GIG Willie J. Jolly Class of 2012 received their crowns at the James A. Mingo Consistory No. 334's Black and Gold Banquet affair held at Camelot's by Martin's in Upper Marlboro. The splendid affair was well attended with the widows, Mrs. Lori Poindexter and Mrs. Gloria Jolly participating in the "capping" ceremony. Both widows also were presented plaques to commemorate this occasion.



Grand Inspectors General Lee A. Taylor, Walter Harvey and James R. Lundy, Sr. were surprised by Illustrious Commander in Chief Sublime Prince Antonio C. Sturgis on being presented the new Commander in Chief's Award for their outstanding service and unwavering dedication over the years.





Willard W. Allen Golden Historical Night & Day

*By Gloria E. Smith, PLLR
State Grand Recording Secretary*

Wednesday, February 17, 2010 was a Historical Golden Night for Willard W. Allen State Grand Assembly. With the assistance of LLR Wanda Gadson and the Officers and Members of Frederick Valley Assembly No. 270, twenty (20) new Loyal Ladies were initiated for the new Assembly, Ladies of the Rite Assembly No. 363.

The Heavenly Dove of Peace circled the following:

Nadia Anderson	Cynthia Brooks	Antoinette Harris
Natasha Avery	Diane Deshazo-Smith	Charlitha Hawkins
Robin Bailey	LaVerne Evans	Michelle Jackson
Vernetia Jackson	Felicia Parrish	Michie Straford
Brenda Lauderdale	Brenda Peltzer	Theresa Tharrington
Katrina Mitchell	Janelle Pittman	Desirae Thorpe
Patricia Vinson-Wallace	Janice Whiteside	

After the Heavenly Dove of Peace had made such a gracious landing on our new Loyal Ladies, SGIG LeRoy A. Lassiter, 33°, Deputy of the Orient of Maryland, GIG Michael B. Allen, 33°, 1st Lt. Commander and GIG Ernest M. Powell, Jr., 33°, 2nd Lt. Commander of the Samuel T. Daniels, Sr. COD of Maryland were escorted to the Altar of Peace and then to the East. SGIG LeRoy A. Lassiter, 33°, Deputy of the Orient gave accolades to LLR Wanda Gadson, Officers and Members of Frederick Valley Assembly No. 270 for the excellent work for the initiation. He also thanked PSGLLR Patricia A. Green and PSGLLR Mary T. James for being mentors and to please continue working with the new Assembly for another year. PSGLLR Mary T. James stated that they would be please to continue on. He also thanked Jr. PSGLLR Elizabeth M. Naylor for her support.

SGLLR Phyllis D. Butler, Willard W. Allen State Grand Assembly, commented that this was a beautiful Golden Night and congratulated the New Loyal Ladies. GWM Juanita L. Clarke, Myra Grand Chapter, OES, commented that this is a Historical Golden Night, a beautiful sight to behold, and wishes nothing but Peace and Unity for the new Loyal Ladies.

Saturday, October 30, 2010 was the Golden Day for the Ladies of the Rite Assembly No. 363.

SGIG LeRoy A. Lassiter, 33°, Deputy of the Orient of Maryland along with MWGM Shelton D. Redden, 33°, MWPHGL of Maryland and SGLLR Phyllis D. Butler, Willard W. Allen State Grand Assembly presented the Ladies of the Rite Assembly with their Charter. Also in attendance was GWM Juanita L. Clarke, Myra Grand Chapter, GIG Michael B. Allen, 33°, 1st Lt. Commander and GIG Ernest M. Powell, 33°, 2nd Lt. Commander of the Samuel T. Daniels, Sr. COD

Officers of Ladies of the Rite Assembly

Elected

Loyal Lady Ruler	LL Geneva E. Rose
Loyal Lady Associate Ruler	LL LaVerne Evans
Loyal Lady Priestess	LL Cynthia Brooks
Loyal Lady Treasurer	LL Charlitha D. Hawkins
Loyal Lady Recording Secretary	LL Antoinette Harris
Loyal Lady Guide	LL Desirae Thorpe

Appointed

Loyal Lady Assistant Secretary	LL Natasha Avery
Loyal Lady Herald	LL Patricia Vinson-Wallace
Loyal Lady Standard Bearer	LL Theresa Tharrington
Loyal Lady Inner Guard	LL Diane Deshazo-Smith
Loyal Lady Outer Guard	LL Janelle Pittman

Congratulations to the Loyal Ladies of the Ladies of the Rite Assembly No. 363. You are the first and last of this Golden Historical Event of Willard W. Allen State Grand Assembly.



A MASON'S HEALTH

Topic: OBESITY

By RW "Doc" Barnett MD, Grand Medical Advisor

Historically, obesity was a disease of the wealthy. Today this is no longer truth due to change in the American diet and eating habits.

27 percent of the American public is overweight, 27% is obese, and 10% morbid obesity (twice your ideal weight). A more accurate determination of your weight is your waist size. Any waist greater than 40 inches in men and 35 inches in women is obesity.

The following conditions are associated with obesity:

- 1) Diabetes;
- 2) Hypertension;
- 3) Heart disease;
- 4) Respiratory problems;
- 5) Sleep apnea;
- 6) Risk of cancer;
- 7) Low sex drive.

These diseases are the main causes of Afro-American deaths.

The good news is that this disease is under your control.

Here are some suggestions that may help: 1) Eat from a bowl instead of a plate - with chop sticks. **No seconds!!** This will reduce your calories and monthly food bill. 2) Do 10 minutes of Tai Chi per day. 3) Eat slowly 4) Reduce stress which could cause you to eat more.

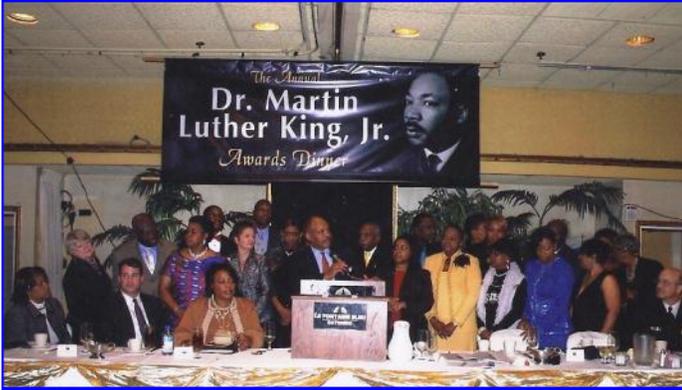
If you have not lost weight from my suggestions, see your doctor, who may recommend a plan consisting of behavior modification, medications, or surgery.

Stay Healthy and God Bless!!

The Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Committee, Inc. of Anne Arundel County Held its 24th annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Dinner Event

By Gloria J Criss, Past Grand Trustee, Myra GC
January 13, 2012, La Fontaine Bleue, Glen Burnie, MD

The annual dinner celebrates Dr. King's birthday and honors members of the community who, through their words, deeds, and actions, have helped to keep his dream alive.



Dr. Martin Luther King Dinner Committee Dias

The awards dinner, founded in 1988 by Annapolis Alderman Carl O. Snowden, is the largest celebration of the birthday of Martin Luther King Jr. in the county.

This year's honorees were Congressman Chris Van Hollen, Lt. Governor Anthony G. Brown, former Anne Arundel County NAACP President Alva Sheppard Johnson, Anne Arundel Community College psychology professor Lou Aymard, Cedar Morris Hill President Geraldine Queen-Lippman, and Capt. Stephen B. Latta, Director of Admissions for the U.S. Naval Academy, Joanna R. Hanes-Lahr, who helped build the first Coretta Scott King Memorial Garden in Maryland, Shuaib Bin Neel of the Concerned Muslims of Annapolis, and community activist Michael McFarland.

Internationally known as one of the most powerful, motivating and life changing orators in the nation today, Dr. King's youngest daughter, Dr. Bernice A. King was the keynote speaker. A graduate of Spellman College, she earned her Masters of Divinity and Doctorate of Law degrees from Emory University, is currently a member of the State Bar of Georgia.

During her keynote speech, she implored the audience to consider her father's dream from a different perspective. She said, "I believe God wants us to shift beyond I Have a Dream", and challenged everyone to walk in the dream and not just talk about the dream.

At the height of her discourse, she passionately inspired the audience with the refrain: "*Walk together children so you don't struggle; talk together children so you don't struggle; pray together children because you will struggle*".

At the end of her keynote, the inspired audience gave Dr. King a standing ovation. It was truly a memorable night for all.



GAWM Carol Simon, Lt. Gov. Anthony Brown & PGT Gloria Criss

Past Worthy Matron Gloria J. Criss, a 1999 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Drum Major Awardee, a 10-year member of the Martin Luther King Dinner, invited Myra Grand Chapter OES and the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Maryland and its Jurisdiction to attend. District Deputy Grand Master Ronald E. Clarke (10th Masonic), represented the Most Worshipful Melvin M. Thorpe, Grand Master, and Grand Associate Worthy Matron Carol Simon represented the Grand Worthy Matron, Faye Williams, at the event.



PGT Gloria Criss and Congress Woman Donna Edwards

The delightful U.S. Naval Academy Gospel Choir provided stirring musical selections.

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Saith Abraham to Lot, *“let there be no strife I pray thee between me and thee, for the land is before us, if you will go to the left, then I will go to the right, and if you will go to the right, then I will go to the left.”* They divided and peace was restored. I will mention the compassion of a blackman to a Prophet of the Lord, Ebedmelech, when he heard that Jeremiah was cast into the dungeon, he made intercession for him to the King, and got liberty to take him out from the jaws of death. See Jer. xxxviii, 7-13.

“Another thing which is the duty of a Mason is, that he pays a strict regard to the stated meetings of the Lodge, for masonry is of a progressive nature, and must be attended to if ever he intends to be a good Mason...”

Also the prophet Elisha after he had led the army of the Eramites blindfold into Samaria, when the King in a deriding manner said, my Father (not considering that he was as much their Father as his) shall I smite, or rather kill them out of the way, as not worthy to live on the same earth, or draw the same air with himself; so

eager was he to shed his brethren's blood, that he repeats his blood-thirsty demand, but the Prophet after reproaching him therefore, answers him no, but set bread and water before them; or in other words, give them a feast and let them go home in peace. See 2 Kings vi, 22-23.

I shall just mention the good deeds of the Samaritan, though at that time they were looked upon as unworthy to eat, drink or trade with their fellowmen, at least by the Jews; see the pity and compassion he had on a poor distress[ed] and half dead stranger, see Luke x. from 30 to 37. See that you endeavor to do so likewise.—But when we consider the amazing condescending love and pity our blessed Lord had on such poor worms as we are, as not only to call us his friends, but his brothers, we are lost and can go no further in holy writ for examples to excite us to the love of our fellow-men.—But I am aware of an objection that may arise (for some men will catch at any thing) that is that they were not all Masons; we allow it, and I say that they were not all Christians, and their benevolence to strangers ought to shame us both, that there is so little, so very little of it to be seen in these enlightened days.

Another thing which is the duty of a Mason is, that he pays a strict regard to the stated meetings of the Lodge, for masonry is of a progressive nature, and must be attended to if ever he intends to be a good Mason; for the man that thinks that because he hath been made a Mason, and is called so, and at the same time will willfully ne-

glect to attend his Lodge, he may be assured he will never make a good Mason, nor ought he to be looked upon as a good member of the craft. For if his example was followed, where would be the Lodge; and besides what a disgrace is it, when we are at our set meetings, to hear that one of our members is at a drinking house, or at a card table, or in some worse company, this brings disgrace on the Craft: Again there are some that attend the Lodge in such a manner that sometimes their absence would be better than their Company (I would not here be understood a brother in disguise, for such an one hath no business on a level floor) for if he hath been displeased abroad or at home, the least thing that is spoken that he thinks not right, or in the least offends him, he will raise his temper to such a height as to destroy the harmony of the whole Lodge; but we have a remedy and every officer ought to see it put in execution. Another thing a Mason ought to observe, is that he should lend his helping hand to a brother in distress, and relieve him; this we may do various ways—for we may sometimes help him to a cup of cold water, and it may be better to him than a cup of wine. Good advice may be sometimes better than feeding his body, helping him to some lawful employment, better than giving him money; so defending his case and standing by him when wrongfully accused, may be better than clothing him; better to save a brother's house when on fire, than to give him one. Thus much may suffice.

I shall now cite some of our fore-fathers, for our imitation: and the first shall be Tertullian, who defended the Christians against their heathen false accusations, whom they charged with treason against the empire and the Emperor, because of their silent meetings: he proved that to be false for this reason, for in their meetings, they were wont to pray for the prosperity of the Empire, of Rome, and him also; and they were accused of being enemies to mankind, how can that be, said he, when their office is to love and pray for all mankind. When they were charged with worshipping the Sun, because they looked towards the East when they prayed; he defended them against this slander also, and proved that they were slandered, slighted and ill-treated, not for any desert of theirs, but only out of hatred of them and their profession. This friend of the distress was born in Carthage in Africa, and died Anno Christi 202.

Take another of the same city, Cyprian, for his fidelity to his profession was such, that he would rather suffer death than betray his trust and the truth of the gospel, or approve of the impious worship of the Gentiles: He was not only Bishop of Carthage, but of Spain and the east, west and northern churches, who died Anno Christi 259.

But I have not time to cite but one more (out of hundreds that I could count of our Fathers, who were not only examples to us, but to many of their nobles and learned); that is, Augustine, who had engraven on his table these words "He that doth love an absent Friend to jeer, May hence depart, no room is for him here". His saying was that sincere and upright Prayer pierceth heaven, and returns not empty. That it was a shelter to the soul. A sacrifice to God and a scourge to the Devil. There is nothing, said he, more abateth pride and sin than the frequent meditation on death; he cannot die ill, that lives well, and seldom doth he die well, that lives ill: Again, if men want wealth, it is not to be unjustly gotten, if they have it they ought by good works to lay it up in heaven: And again he that hath tasted the sweetness of divine love will not care for temporal sweetness. The reasonable soul made in the likeness of God may here find much distraction, but no full satisfaction; not to be without afflictions, but to overcome them, is blessedness. Love is as strong as death; as death kills the body, so love of eternal life kills worldly desires and affections. He called Ingratitude the Devil's sponge, wherewith he wipes out all the favors of the Almighty. His prayer was: Lord give first what thou requirest, and then require of me what thou wilt. This good man died Anno Christi 430.

The next is Fulgentius, his speech was, why travel I in the world which can yield me no future, nor durable reward answerable to my pains? Thought it better to weep well, than to rejoice ill, yet if joy be our desire, how much more excellent is their joy, who have a good conscience before God, who dread nothing but sin, study to do nothing but to accomplish the precepts of Christ. Now therefore let me change my course, and as before I endeavored amongst my noble friends to prove more noble, so now let my care and employment be among the humble and poor servants of Christ, and become more humble that I may help and instruct my poor and distress[ed] brethren.

Thus, my brethren, I have quoted a few of your reverend fathers for your imitation, which I hope you will endeavor to follow, so far as your abilities will permit in your present situation and the disadvantages you labor under on account of your being deprived of the means of education in your younger days, as you see it is at this day with our children, for we see notwithstanding we are rated for that, and other Town charges, we are deprived of that blessing. But be not discouraged, have patience, and look forward to a better day; Hear what the great Architect of the universal world saith, Aethiopia shall stretch forth her hands unto me. Hear also the strange but bold and confident language of J. Husk, who just before the executioner gave the last stroke, said, I challenge you to meet me an hundred years hence. But in the mean time let us lay by our recreations, and all superfluities, so that we may have that

to educate our rising generation, which was spent in those follies. Make you this beginning, and who knows but God may raise up some friend or body of friends, as he did in Philadelphia, to open a School for the blacks here, as that friendly city has done there.

I shall now show you what progress Masonry hath made since the siege and taking of Jerusalem in the year 70, by Titus Vespasian; after a long and bloody siege, a million of souls having been slain or had perished in the city, it was taken by storm and the city set on fire. There was an order of men called the order of St. John, who besides their other engagements, subscribed to another, by which they bound themselves to keep up the war against the Turks. These men defended the temple when on fire, in order to save it, so long, that Titus was amazed and went to see the reason of it; but when he came so near as to behold the Sanctum Sanctorum, he was amazed, and shed tears, and said, no wonder these men should so long to save it. He honored them with many honors, and large contributions were made to that order from many kingdoms; and were also knighted. They continued 88 years in Jerusalem, till that city was again retaken by the Turks, after which they resided 104 years in the Cyrean city of Ptolemy, till the remains of the Holy Conquest were lost. Whereupon they settled on the Island of Cyprus, where they continued 18 years, till they found an opportunity to take the Island Rhodes; being masters of that, they maintained it for 213 years, and from thence they were called knights of Rhodes, till in the year 1530 they took their residence in the Island of Malta, where they have continued to this day, and are distinguished by the name of the knights of Malta. Their first Master was Villaret in the year 1099. Fulco Villaret in the year 1322, took the Island of Rhodes, and was after that distinguished by the title of Grand Master, which hath devolved to his Successors to this day.

Query, Whether at that day, when there was an African church, and perhaps the largest Christian church on earth, whether there was no African of that order; or whether, if they were all whites, they would refuse to accept them as their fellow Christians and brother Masons; or whether there were any so weak, or rather so foolish, as to say, because they were blacks, that would make their lodge or army too common or too cheap? Sure this was not our conduct in the late war; for then they marched shoulder to shoulder, brother soldier and brother soldier, to the field of battle; let who will answer; he that despises a black man for the sake of his color, reproacheth his Maker, and he hath resented it, in the case of Aaron and Miriam. See for this Numbers xii.

But to return: In the year 1787 (the year in which we received our charter) there were 489 lodges under charge of

his late Royal Highness the Duke of Cumberland; whose memory will always be esteemed by every good Mason.

And now, my African brethren, you see what a noble order you are members of. My charge to you is, that you make it your study to live up to the precepts of it, as you know that they are all good; and let it be known this day to the spectators that you have not been to a feast of Bacchus, but to a refreshment with Masons; and see to it that you behave as such, as well at home as abroad; always to keep in your minds the obligations you are under, both to God and your fellow men. And more so, you my dear brethren of Providence, who are at a distance from, and cannot attend the Lodge here but seldom; yet I hope you will endeavor to communicate to us by letters of your welfare; and remember your obligations to each other, and live in peace and love as brethren.—We thank you for your attendance with us this day, and wish you a safe return.

If thus, we by the grace of God, live up to this our Profession; we may cheerfully go the rounds of the compass of this life, having lived according to the plumb line of uprightness, the square of justice, the level of truth and sin-

cerity. And when we are come to the end of time, we may then bid farewell to that delightful Sun and Moon, and the other planets, that move so beautifully round her in their orbits, and all things here below, and ascend to that new Jerusalem, where we shall not want these tapers, for God is the Light thereof; where the Wicked cease from troubling, and where the weary are at rest.

Then shall we hear and see and know, All we desir'd and wish'd below, And every power find sweet employ, In that eternal world of joy. Our flesh shall slumber in the ground, Till the last trumpet's joyful sound, Then burst the chains with sweet surprise, And in our Saviour's image rise.

Source:

Prince Hall, A Charge Delivered to the Brethren of the African Lodge. On the 25th of June, 1792

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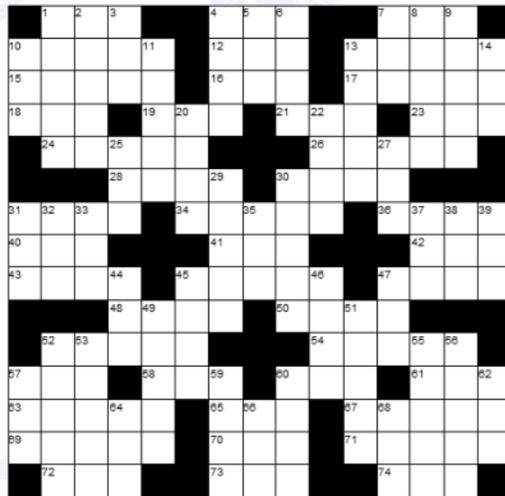
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59th Edition Crossword Puzzle

ACROSS

- 1 Total
- 4 Tree
- 7 Also known as (abbr.)
- 10 In progress
- 12 Move a boat
- 13 Abraham's son
- 15 Doorkeeper of Masonic lodge
- 16 Set up
- 17 Give an angry look
- 18 Before, poetically
- 19 Ship initials
- 21 Bad (prefix)
- 23 Ghost's greeting
- 24 An official proclamation issued by the Grand Master
- 26 One who practices Masonry but has not been regularly initiated or trained
- 28 Duck
- 30 A minor prophet in the Old Testament
- 31 Ancient Egyptian Goddess
- 34 A Volume of Sacred Law
- 36 Whimper
- 40 The Bible, Koran, and Torah are examples of this
- 41 Collect
- 42 Fish eggs
- 43 Shriek
- 45 Con
- 47 Indecent language
- 48 Hole
- 50 Naomi's daughter-in-law
- 52 A formal examination of an organization's accounts or financial situation
- 54 Inflict
- 57 Licensed practical nurse
- 58 Males
- 60 A Templar emblem
- 61 Scarf
- 63 Render capable
- 65 French "yes"
- 67 Tire covering
- 69 Make into a god
- 70 Only
- 71 Natural bumps
- 72 Hubbub
- 73 Neither's partner
- 74 Legume



DOWN

- 1 Ablaze
- 2 Meted
- 3 Fawn's mom
- 4 Goofs
- 5 Warden's training establishment
- 6 He opens and governs the Grand Lodge
- 7 Sign language
- 8 The name of the holy temple of Mecca
- 9 High Priest who spoke for Moses before Pharaoh
- 10 Dined
- 11 Armistice
- 13 Eskimo home
- 14 Executive director
- 20 Prick
- 22 Apex
- 25 That (possessive)
- 27 West southwest
- 29 Masonic Knowledge
- 30 The place where the sacred offerings were presented to God
- 31 Climbing vine
- 32 South southeast
- 33 Unwell
- 35 Honey maker
- 37 Extremity
- 38 Promissory note
- 39 Rent
- 44 Hallucinogen
- 45 Shed
- 46 The valley where Allah called Moses and where he had to take off his sandals
- 47 That girl
- 49 English sailor
- 51 One of the tenets of Masonry
- 52 Sleep disorder
- 53 Refastens
- 55 White poplar
- 56 Australian bear
- 57 Headed
- 59 High-Twelve
- 60 Plane
- 62 Advertisements
- 64 Alien's spaceship
- 66 Card game
- 68 Rve

Answers will be posted in the 60th Edition

ACROSS

- 1 Danish krone (abbr.)
- 4 Sorbet
- 7 Devil
- 12 Anger
- 13 Neither's partner
- 14 Unadorned
- 15 Tree gum
- 16 One of the four cardinal virtues
- 18 Hand lotion brand
- 20 Estimated time of arrival
- 21 Kitchen range
- 22 North and South _____
- 26 Depart suddenly
- 28 Floor covering
- 29 African antelope
- 31 One of the tenets of masonry
- 33 Hubbub
- 34 Most basic
- 35 Releases
- 37 Symbol of industry
- 40 Tackles the quarterback
- 43 Miner's goal
- 44 Save
- 45 Noodle box dinner (2 wds.)
- 50 Constrictor
- 51 Partly frozen rain
- 52 Stinger
- 53 Long-term memory
- 54 Legal document
- 55 Possessive pronoun
- 56 Extra-sensory perception

Answers to the 58th Edition's Crossword Puzzle



DOWN

- 1 Records
- 2 Sauerkraut, informally
- 3 Print
- 4 Turn or bend
- 5 Bird call
- 6 Goof
- 7 Venom
- 8 The place where the sacred offerings were presented to God
- 9 A Templar emblem
- 10 Relief
- 11 Compass point
- 17 Tries to seduce
- 19 Evening
- 22 Entertain
- 23 Ormery
- 24 Cow's chow
- 25 Gone by
- 27 Movie "___ Runs Through It" (2 wds.)
- 29 Gossip
- 30 North by east
- 32 Saucy girls
- 36 Feed
- 38 Inn
- 39 Ireful
- 41 Loops the rope
- 42 Signet
- 45 Pacific Standard Time
- 46 Boxer Muhammad
- 47 Primed
- 48 Kimono sash
- 49 Fisherman's tool

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Maryland's Prince Hall Family Newsletter

Article Submission Guidance

To All Maryland Prince Hall Masonic Family Members,

To facilitate the production of our newsletter, I respectfully offer the following guidance on submitting items for publication.

Purpose

The MWPHGL of MD and its Jurisdiction uses the Maryland PHA Family Newsletter to communicate historically meaningful topics of interest to its constituent bodies, including:

- MWPHGL Initiatives
- Upcoming GL-sponsored Events
- Our Success Stories
- Historically significant items of interest
- Human interest stories of a Masonic nature
- Constituent Lodge and other Masonic Family Member events (e.g. anniversaries, celebrations, community engagements, and galas).

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Whatever topic you choose for your article, there are some basic guidelines to follow:

- Try to include as much of the who, what, where, when, why, and how in your opening sentence.
- Keep sentences short and to the point – concise.
- Though it may be tempting to save the best for last, give the most interesting bits of information up front.
- Make the information interesting so your reader will want to read on.

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- Photo file formats: JPEG, PNG, BMP, TIFF, and PDF.

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