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FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS
OF MARYLAND AND ITS JURISDICTION, INC.

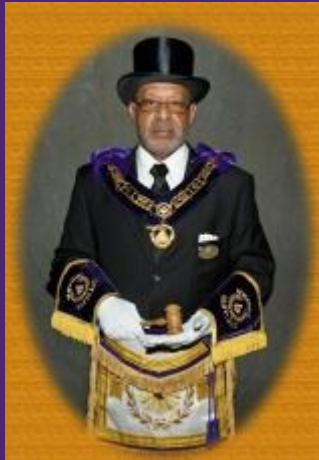


“The Light”

Maryland’s Prince Hall Family Newsletter

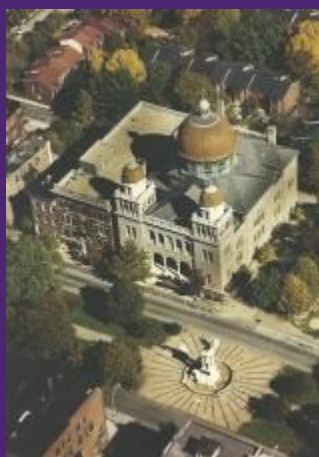
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60th Edition



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

To the Maryland Prince Hall Family, It has been eighteen months since I had the pleasure and honor of being elected the twenty-fourth Most Worshipful Grand Master of this great jurisdiction. During these months, I have learned the true meaning of learning to subdue my passions and improving myself in Masonry.

The Maryland Prince Hall Jurisdiction is a family and as a family, we have experienced and endured the many pleasures, trials and sorrows that most families go through. However as long as we continue to maintain the brother and sisterly love that is the teaching of this time-honored institution we as a family can and will weather any storm.

I have enjoyed many lodge visitations, official visitations of Myra Grand Chapter and concordant bodies and as I make these visits, I continually express during my remarks, the sentiments of bringing our jurisdiction and this fraternity together as a family. I know that there are some that do not feel the same and are attempting to undermine the efforts of this administration. My brothers and sisters, rest assured that I am fully aware of the personal agendas to cause discord and family separation. This administration has pledged to work as a team to cause the Grand Lodge Mission Statement, Vision and the vision of this grand master to come to fruition. We continually meet and strategize to develop plans that will be beneficial to this grand lodge and jurisdiction. The Strategic Planning committee, chaired by Deputy Grand Master Steven G. Collier, is hard at work laying the groundwork for a sound and optimistic future of this grand jurisdiction. The several fund-raising projects currently in progress, with your support and efforts will derive sufficient revenue to bring our grand lodge solvent by 2013 as stated in my vision.

We have a major facility renovation project in development that will require total commitment and support of you my sisters and brothers. I am asking that we all step to the plate and

exhaust every means to make this effort successful.

This year as in 2008 is one of the most important election years in history. Realizing that our fraternity is a non-partisan organization, I am in no way attempting to influence your vote in November. However, I am whole-heartedly encouraging you to exercise your right to cast your ballot for the candidate of your choice. Additionally, that you encourage your family and friends that are eligible to register and vote.

The Social Actions Committee chaired by RW James Scott and the Voter Registration program spearheaded by RW Eastern Stewart has developed a voter registration program for the Grand Lodge. The details of the program were presented to the craft at the 2nd Constituent Lodge Workshop and now are posted on the grand lodge website. The committee has informed me that there has been little or no response from the districts and lodges. I am pleading with each of you to review the posted grand lodge Voter Registration program and exhaust every effort to vote and be part of this important electoral process.

In closing, we have lost several stalwart brothers and sisters of this jurisdiction in the last several months. Let us keep their love ones in our prayers and hearts. May we always pay homage to their names and memory as we progress in this jurisdiction. Continue to love, praise and support the men and women who protect our way of life. Love and cherish the love ones of those that gave their all and paid the ultimate sacrifice. May the Great Architect of the Universe keep and bless them and give them their just reward. Amen (So Mote It Be)

Fraternally and sincerely,

MWGM Melvin M. Thorpe

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

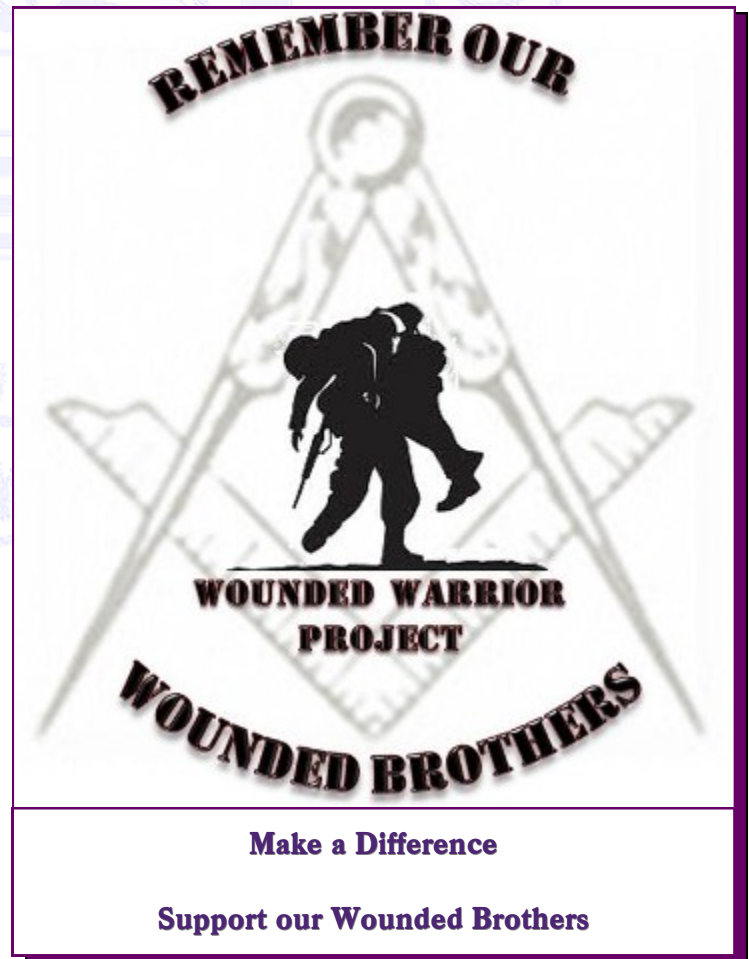
“Our vision is focused on community stewardship, activities to benefit society, and a commitment to building Brotherhood making Prince Hall Masonry in Maryland sustainable while inculcating and exercising the Principle Tenets (Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth) by our words and actions for the betterment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

The Purpose of Freemasonry

The purpose of Masonry is ‘self-improvement’ - not in the material sense, but in the intellectual, moral and philosophic sense of developing the whole persona and psyche so as, in the beautiful and emotive language of our ritual, ‘to fit our minds as living stones, for that spiritual building, that house not made with hands, eternal in the Heavens.’

Such a hypothetical whole and complete person must, in his journey through life, and in his interaction with others, make a more extensive contribution to society in general. Thus realizing and fulfilling his expressed wish on initiation, to become ‘more extensively useful amongst his fellow-men.’

Such are the lofty, lawful and laudable aspirations of the Order.



Deputy Grand Master's Corner

"What came you here to do?"

By RW Steven G. Collier, DGM



RW Steven G. Collier
Deputy Grand Master

"Are leaders born or do they create themselves?"



Since our last newsletter I have had the pleasure of accompanying Most Worshipful Melvin M. Thorpe, Grand Master along with various brothers and sisters comprising the delegations to the 93rd Annual Conference of Grand Masters in Phoenix, Arizona and to Baton Rouge, for the 149th Annual Communication of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Louisiana (LA). Both trips provided insight to our need to broaden our efforts in the various programs and our strategic goal initiatives.

I believe one area that will define us as an organization in the future will be youth mentorship. MWGM Thorpe has directed that our youth directors both KOP and OES develop a plan to conduct a youth summit as early as August of this year. This is an activity that MWGM Thorpe is passionate about and has focused his attention to making this happen. I urge all of us to support this worthy investment in our program and youth mentoring efforts.

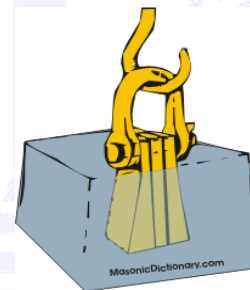
During our June 7-10 visitation to Louisiana's Grand Lodge Session I was impressed by their annual youth events held at "Camp Chicota". Camp Chicota is a hundred plus acre location in a Louisiana parish where the MWPHGL of LA sponsors youth events, concerts, etc. and just finished an \$80K swimming pool upgrade. We have had similar resources in the past and if we are ever to have them again it is incumbent on all of us to work together towards the Grand Master's and the jurisdiction's visions.

Strategic Goal Areas:

- Leadership Development
- Finances
- Public Relations and Community Involvement
- Human Resources

The Long Term Strategic Planning Committee is working hard to finalize the jurisdiction's long term strategic plan. We are currently working on the action plans for the aforementioned goal areas. Our initiatives will involve all stages of the craft and all levels of leadership. It is important that moving forward we are mindful of our resources, responsible with finances and assets, involved in our communities and develop our leaders.

Masonic Note: A "Lewis"; an iron clamp used to lift up a block of stone. Also the term in Masonry for the son of a Freemason who is often permitted to join the craft at an age younger than tradition requires.



The words Lewis and Louveteau, which, in their original meaning, import two very different things, have in Masonry an equivalent signification - the former being used in English, the

latter in French, to designate the son of a Mason.

The English word "Lewis" is a term belonging to operative Masonry, and signifies an iron cramp, which is inserted in a cavity prepared for the purpose in a large stone, so as to give attachment to a pulley and hook, whereby the stone may be conveniently raised to any height, and deposited in its proper position. In this country the Lewis has not been adopted as a symbol in Freemasonry, but in the English ritual it is found among the emblems placed upon the tracing board of the Entered Apprentice, and is used in that degree as a symbol of strength, because, by its assistance, the operative Mason is enabled to lift the heaviest stones with a comparatively trifling exertion of physical power. Extending the symbolic allusion still further,

the son of a Mason is in England called a Lewis," because it is his duty to support the sinking powers and aid the failing strength of his father, or, as Oliver has expressed it, "to bear the burden and heat of the day, that his parents may rest in their old age, thus rendering the evening of their lives peaceful and happy."

Source: MasonicDictionary.com

I wish everyone a happy and safe summer season. All work and no play makes not only "Jack a dull boy", it makes us all dull. Have some fun with family whenever

possible. They are the mainstay in your lives and will be there when all else and everyone is gone. Remember, tomorrow is not promised. God bless those that have lost loved ones.

PLEASE REGISTER AND VOTE....!!!!

Respectfully,

RW Steven G. Collier
Deputy Grand Master

On Youth

"Good habits formed at youth make all the difference."

~ Aristotle

"Some old men, continually praise the time of their youth. In fact, you would almost think that there were no fools in their days, but unluckily they themselves are left as an example."

~ Alexander Pope

"Youth is happy because it has the capacity to see beauty. Anyone who keeps the ability to see beauty never grows old."

~ Franz Kafka

The Little Boy and the Old Man

Said the little boy, "Sometimes I drop my spoon."

Said the old man, "I do that too."

The little boy whispered, "I wet my pants."

I do that too," laughed the little old man.

Said the little boy, "I often cry."

The old man nodded, "So do I."

But worst of all," said the boy, "it seems

Grown-ups don't pay attention to me."

And he felt the warmth of a wrinkled old hand.

I know what you mean," said the little old man."

~ Shel Silverstein

"When I look back, I am so impressed again with the life-giving power of literature. If I were a young person today, trying to gain a sense of myself in the world, I would do that again by reading, just as I did when I was young."

~ Maya Angelou

"A primary object should be the education of our youth in the science of government. In a republic, what species of knowledge can be equally important? And what duty more pressing than communicating it to those who are to be the future guardians of the liberties of the country?"

~ George Washington

"It takes a very long time to become young."

~ Pablo Picasso

"You are only young once, but you can stay immature indefinitely."

~ Ogden Nash

"There is a fountain of youth: it is your mind, your talents, the creativity you bring to your life and the lives of people you love. When you learn to tap this source, you will truly have defeated age."

~ Sophia Loren

"Enjoy your youth. You'll never be younger than you are at this very moment."

~ Chad Sugg

"Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth, while the evil days come not, nor the years draw nigh, when thou shalt say, I have no pleasure in them."

~ Ecclesiastes 12

Senior Grand Warden's Corner

By RW Lee A. Taylor Jr.



At the Annual graduation of the 2011-12 Wardens class from the Lodges of Instruction I had the pleasure of being the keynote speaker. I was able to pass on to the Wardens some of the things they may see if elected to the Oriental Chair. I ended my speech by stating the following.

“We must work to rebuild this progressive organization founded by our forefathers. We must work to get rid of the public’s question, “has anyone seen that ancient and honorable fraternity, Prince Hall Masonry, and all of its greatness and glory?” The answer we hear today is, “not since they stopped practicing what they were taught during their initiation, passing and raising.” As men and Masons our word is our bond. A pledge or promise to do something. This question will remain about us until WE improve and prove ourselves in Masonry and in our communities. It is time for US to recommit ourselves to improving our lodges and being visible in our churches and communities.”

I look to the East and what do I see? THE SQUARE, COMPASS AND THE LETTER “G”;

I look to the East and what do I hear? PASSWORDS, WATCHWORDS AND THEIR INVALUABLE LESSONS THAT SURVIVE FROM YEAR TO YEAR;

I look to the East and I ask myself, “what is it I should know? THE ANSWER IS THE LESSONS OF THE SYMBOLIC DEGREES, AND HOW THEY HELP YOU AS AN INDIVIDUAL TO LOVE, LIVE AND GROW.

My Brothers, Master Masons works of service to each other and our communities is never done.

Master Masons walk the steps, 3, 5 and 7. We have been tried, never denied and are ready to be tried again.

Brothers, let’s not let Prince Hall Masonry die.

Fraternally,

**RW Lee A. Taylor, Jr.
Senior Grand Warden**



*RW Lee A. Taylor, Jr.
Senior Grand Warden*

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Junior Grand Warden's Corner

By RW Philip S. Lewis, Sr.



So many things to accomplish and so little time to accomplish it! Our Masonic Year is rapidly coming to the end, and we still have many things to finish.

It's June going into July, where normally we hold our annual elections within our lodges. One administration finishes its year, as the other prepares to begin. But not this year, the year is not over yet!

In July we honor our Widows with a luncheon, and each WM should be there in support. On July 28th we will conduct a major clean-up/fix-up in our temple (that's the SGW's birthday!). We need the help of at least five brothers per lodge to make it effective. We haven't had one in three years. Will you be there?

Our annual PH Day cookout for at-risk children on September 8th; and the PH Day church service honoring our founder on the next day.

The GL Annual Car Raffle drawing on September 15th! "Brother, you'd look good driving that 2012 Cadillac CTS!" September 29th is the final due date for ads to our Souvenir Journal for the GMs' Ball.

Now for the BIG finish! In October and we hold elections for lodge officers! And a new administration, with a new WM, new Wardens, and new plans for the future! First order of business is the celebration of our GM's Ball at the downtown Hilton hotel on November 3rd; end of the Year returns; and going to the GL Session in Ocean City. Wow, that was quick, but are we prepared?

Some will look at these events as obstacles too big to overcome. Maybe mountains, but they are really molehills. Most of our brothers have paid their dues to June 30th. So a great suggestion is to use these months of

June, July, August and September as a time to hold some fund-raisers.

Our biggest fund-raising event available to each lodge is the Car Raffle and take advantage of that 60/40 split of tickets. No tickets to print JUST SELL your tickets and MAKE that money!

This is a good time to review your dues structure. Some lodges barely collect enough to cover their operating expenses. How do you survive? Brothers cannot pay the same dues structures, they paid 25 years ago.

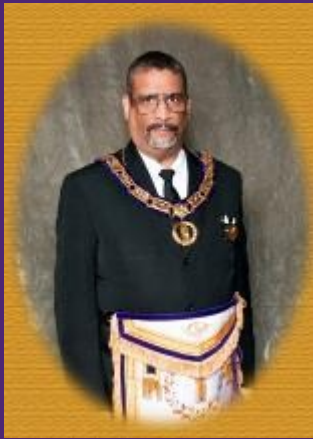
How does your lodge pay its rent; utilities; contribute to charitable or community activities; or give Thanksgiving or Christmas charity baskets? What does your lodge contribute to your community? Does your contribution come from the faithful few? PH Masons promise to help, aid, and assist. Brothers have stepped up to help accomplish much, including working on the a/c system; or the dining room floor; and elsewhere.

We, all can contribute through the "Buy a Brick" program. So we, as PH Masons, can better this World. We can do it in Baltimore City, northern Maryland, Western shore, Eastern shore, and in Southern Maryland. A lot is ahead of us, and we can grow and succeed together.

God Bless you and yours! Remember our sick and pray for them! And remember those who have gone on ahead of us! Those are the brothers that paved the way for us to follow!

Respectfully,

**RW Philip S. Lewis, Sr.
Junior Grand Warden**



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Junior Grand Warden*

"How can I help you?"



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

“Get Back To The Basics.”

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.

Recently while discussing the fraternity with some brothers a thought came across my mind. The statement is very simplistic, “GET BACK TO THE BASICS”. What do I mean by this comment one may ask? Well, as Freemasons we put much emphases on ritualistic memorization. As we know the ritualistic work must be performed from memory without aid of the ritual.

However, we tend to overlook a very critical aspect of our craft; that of “understanding, practicing and living” our ritual. We must apply, just as much if not more time to understanding the ritual, as we do to memorizing it. Here’s what happens once we further our understanding of our ritual. We become better enabled to “teach” the ritual. The more we teach the ritual, the better Freemasons we become. We’re taught that as we increase in knowledge we will improve in social intercourse, but the key is “increase in knowledge”. We must continue to practice memorization, but we must understand what we’re memorizing.

I challenge each Worshipful Master and lodge to ensure that we never stray away from those lectures within our lodge rooms. These lectures and lessons are paramount to the advancement and ritualistic stability of our fraternity. Second, I challenge each District to develop a “District

Degree Team” set with the goals of conferring all three ancient craft degrees. While studying the ritual to prepare for degree work use this time to also “teach” the lessons therein inculcated within the degree. This will ensure a virtuous cycle of knowledgeable brothers within our lodges. Third, take pride in your degree work. Finally, study something of Masonic nature every day. Just spend a few hours reading something about the craft and sharing it with others. Again I say **“Get Back To The Basics”**.



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

Prince Hall Masonry Fosters Strong Family Values

By Bro. Jacob Gadson, Jr.

GOD favors those who are Faithful, Worship Him, and intercede on His behalf.

- Faithful
- Worship
- Intercession

The PHA Masonic Family, under the leadership of MW Melvin M. Thorpe, Grand Master is truly blessed of GOD.

The Masonic Family has six (6) husband and wife families in leadership roles in the Maryland Jurisdiction. Faye and Herman Williams are the Grand Matron and Grand Patron of the Myra Grand Chapter OES PHA. Altomease E. Gordon and Cornelius L. Gordon, Sr. are the Worthy Matron and Worthy Patron of Electa Chapter No. 1; Chelly and Carl Jones are the Worthy Matron and Worthy Patron of Queen Esther Chapter No. 2; Tamika and James Jackson are the Worthy Matron and Worthy Patron of Zorah Chapter No. 36; Gloria J. Wallace and Russell W. Wallace are the Worthy Matron and Worthy Patron of Magdalene Chapter No. 45; and Romanda and James Fabian are the Worthy Matron and Worthy Patron of Amulet Chapter No. 85.

The Maryland PHA Masonic Family under the leadership of MWGM Melvin M. Thorpe is an Afro-centric organization of the highest ethical and moral values, the men, women, and young people who are members of the Masonic Lodge of Maryland are Good Citizens, Good Husbands and Wives, and Good Fathers and Mothers.



The 164th Annual Celebration of the Festival of the Holy Saints John

By RW Odell Wilson Jr. – Assistant to Grand Master

When a Masonic Hall has been erected, it is dedicated with certain well-known and impressive ceremonies, to Masonry, Virtue, and Universal Benevolence.

Lodges, however, are differently dedicated. Anciently, they were dedicated to King Solomon, as the founder of ancient craft masonry, and the first Most Excellent Grand Master. Christian Lodges are generally dedicated to St. John the Baptist and St. John the Evangelist; and in every well regulated lodge, there is exhibited a certain point within a circle embordered by two perpendicular lines which represents these two saints.

St. John the Baptist, whose festival falls on the 24th of June, and St. John the Evangelist, whose festival occurs on the 27th of December, have been selected by Christian Masons as the patrons of their order; and to them, under the appellation of the “Holy Saints John,” all Christian lodges should be dedicated.

History was made Sunday, June 24, 2012, when the MWGM of Maryland (Melvin M. Thorpe) and the MWGM of Washington, D.C., MacKinnon W. Myers, marched in solidarity in celebration of the Festival of the Holy Saints John Parade.



MWGMs Myers and Thorpe

The parade began with the Sons of Solomon Motorcycle Club leading the marchers to the Vermont Avenue Baptist Church located at 1630 Vermont Avenue, NW, Washington, DC. Members from the MD Jurisdiction riding with the Sons of Solomon were RWGS William “Bill” Davidson III, RWDGGM Noel Osborne, and RWAGI David Crawford.

Accompany the MWGM Thorpe in the parade were RWGJW Phillip S. Lewis, RWAGM Odell W. Wilson, and RWAGL Frank Wright.

The day ended with a stirring message delivered to the congregation by the Reverend Cornelius R. Wheeler, Senior Pastor at Vermont Avenue Baptist Church.



Grand Lodge Group Photo in front of the MWPHGL of D.C.



MWGM Melvin M. Thorpe under the arch.

149th Annual Session of the MWPHGL of Louisiana held 7-10 June 2012

By RW Steven G. Collier. – Deputy Grand Master

On 7 June 2012, the delegation from the MWPHGL of MD and Myra Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, State of Maryland consisting of Most Worshipful Melvin M. Thorpe, Grand Master, Right Worshipful Steven G. Collier, Deputy Grand Master, Grand Worthy Matron Faye H. Williams, and Grand Worthy Patron Herman I. Williams travelled to Baton Rouge, LA to attend the respective sessions.



Rain, rain and more rain was the forecast and order of the day for the 149th Annual Communication of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge (MWPHGL) and the 74th Annual Communication of Esther Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, Inc. PHA, Louisiana Jurisdiction held on 7 – 10 June 2012.



The annual communications were led by the Most Worshipful Dr. A. Ralph Slaughter, Grand Master, Grand Worthy Matron Elvera R. Shannon, and Grand Worthy Patron Joseph Lewis, Jr. respectively. GWM Faye H. Williams and GWP Herman I. Williams attend the Annual Communication of Esther Grand Chapter.

The Marriott, Baton Rouge and the Crown Plaza were both used for the respective sessions and agenda activities. This is the 2nd year in a row that our jurisdiction has travelled to Louisiana to attend their annual communications.

On both occasions we were personally greeted at the Airport by M.W. Ralph Slaughter, Grand Master and then escorted to the hotels. This is rare hospitality and treatment that did not go unnoticed.



On Thursday evening, June 7th, we attended a very impressive Lodge of Sorrow program. In Louisiana the ceremony is conducted by the Grand Lodge Elected and Appointed officers without reading their respective parts. They have a large core of members in the Knights Templar (Pelican Grand Commandery KT) who also were highly motivated and very impressive in precision movements during the ceremony led by Right Eminent Grand Commander Jeffrey “Beez” Beasley. Congratulations are extended to both Grand Masters.





On Friday, June 8, 2012, MWGM Thorpe was presented with a certificate as an Honorary Past Grand Master of Louisiana by MWGM Slaughter. In turn MWGM Slaughter was presented with an Honorary Membership certificate by MWGM Thorpe. Also on Friday, all elected grand lodge officers were constitutionally reelected to office.

On Saturday, June 9, 2012, we attended the annual Dr. Ralph Slaughter Oratorical Contest. This year there were six contestants and three trophy prizes. It was refreshing to see these young men compete and speak intelligently on the topics provided. One such topic was “Bridging the Gap between the Hip Hop and the Older Generation.” All contestants were winners and one of them has aspirations of becoming the President of the United States.

The jurisdiction of Louisiana is making great progress in the area of youth mentoring with their programs. The jurisdiction also owns a youth Camp “Chicota” in Louisiana.



During hospitality MWGM Thorpe and I had the opportunity to dine on Red Beans and Rice and “Boudin”. Boudin was originally found and produced from pork rice and vegetables in the butcher shops of south Louisiana. Boudin along with other Cajun Meats and Sausages varied greatly from family to family, in recipes, seasoning choices, and the ways they are made. All are unique and authentic to Louisiana and unmatched as a culinary delight.

This visitation was enjoyable, enlightening and strengthened fraternal relations between both jurisdictions. The craft in Louisiana were as gracious to have us as we were to be in attendance.



A special thank you goes to RW David Lewis, DDGM, 1st Masonic District, LA who personally provided us with transportation and assistance throughout our visitation. RW Lewis has unselfishly performed this task without hesitation for the past 2 years.



**93rd Conference of Grand Masters (CofGMs)
64th Prince Hall Conference of Grand Matrons and Grand Patrons
15-20 May 2012, Phoenix, Arizona**

By RW Steven G. Collier, Deputy Grand Master



2012 Conference of Prince Hall Masons Class of Most Worshipful Grand Masters (MW Melvin M. Thorpe, Grand Master pictured standing 3rd from right).

On Tuesday, May 15, 2012, a Maryland delegation led by MW Melvin M. Thorpe, Grand Master, MWPHGL of MD, Sis. Faye H. Williams and Bro. Herman I. Williams, Myra Grand Chapter, OES travelled to Phoenix, Arizona to attend the subject conferences. The CofGM's was held at the Marriott Crescent Hotel and hosted by MW John E. Miller, Grand Master, Arizona. The Presiding conference officers were MW Wilbert M. Curtis, Grand Master, Texas and President, CofGMs and Sis. Winnie R. Johnson, GWM, Arkansas and President, Conference of Grand Matrons. As excerpted from the CofGM's website:

The Conference of Grand Masters Prince Hall Masons, Inc. consists of Grand Masters of the Jurisdictions that make up the Prince Hall Masonic Family.

The purpose of the Conference is to foster progress and well being for Prince Hall Masons wherever dispersed around the globe. It is an advisory board, assuming no powers except those agreed upon by the Grand Masters when in attendance at any one meeting.

The objective of the Conference of Grand Masters Prince Hall Masons, Inc. shall be to perpetuate fraternal harmony among the Grand Lodges of the Jurisdictions; to share constructive ideas; to promote and encourage community involvement with the business sector; to conduct educational workshops/seminars; to support charitable agencies that assist those persons less fortunate than ourselves; and to extend strong educational support to our youth.

The objective of the Conference of Grand Matrons and Grand Patrons shall be to perpetuate fraternal harmony among Grand Matrons and Grand Patrons of the Jurisdictions; to share constructive ideas; to promote and encourage community involvement with the business sector; to conduct educational workshops/seminars; to support charitable agencies that assist those persons less fortunate than ourselves; and to extend strong educational support to our youth through annual scholarships.

The Conference of Grand Masters is composed of regional representatives or chairman from the following regions; North-East, **Mid-Atlantic**, South-East, Mid-West, South-West, Pacific-Rim, and Four Corners. During the conference each regional chairman along with his committee

93rd Conference of Grand Masters, continued

members (regional Grand Masters) presented a “white” paper report. The topics of these white papers are either assigned by the Conference President or generated by the regional conferences and submitted for discussion in the national forum. One such topic was generated by correspondence submitted by Imperial Potentate Donald R. Parks, A.E.A.O.N.M.S., Inc. “What is the Relationship between the Shrine and Prince Hall Masonry?”

Other topics discussed were administrative corrections to forms, jurisdictional proclamations to name Prince Hall a “Founding Father”, concerns with regard to bogus organizations and a variety of other topics. There were committee reports presented and an excellent power point presentation by Sir KT. Bazemore of NC. During the conference there were workshops for the Grand Wardens, Treasurers, Secretaries and for the Chairmen, Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

Although the agenda covered most of Thursday-Saturday time there was an opportunity on Wednesday, May 16th, for those that wanted to take the 3-4 hr bus trip to the Grand Canyon. In my opinion the trip was worth the time to see God’s awesome creation. The known history of the Grand Canyon area stretches back 10,500 years, when the first evidence of human presence in the area is found. Native Americans have inhabited the Grand Canyon and the area now covered by Grand Canyon National Park for at least the last 4,000 of those years.

The Buffalo Soldiers Motorcycle Club presented the colors at the joint banquet held and were well received by all. There were several member veterans that served this country with distinction. A check in the amount of \$3,000 was presented on behalf of the CofCMs to a youth mentoring program sponsored by the Buffalo Soldiers in Arizona.



Buffalo Soldiers Motorcycle Club of Arizona Color Guard. (Standing in the middle is PM Oliver Sewell, a former member of Maryland Jurisdiction now resides in Phoenix, Arizona)



93rd Conference of Grand Masters, continued



93rd Conference of Grand Masters, continued



Elected and Appointed Grand Lodge Officers at the Joint Memorial Service and opening ceremonies.

93rd Conference of Grand Masters, continued



Pictured: Placing a flower are GWM Faye H. Williams and GWP Herman I. Williams at the Joint Conference of Grand Masters, Grand Matrons and Grand Patrons' Memorial Service, Friday, May 18, 2012, Phoenix, AZ.



Pictured (l to r)
RW Deputy Grand Masters John T. Doles, DC and RW Steven G. Collier, Maryland

93rd Conference of Grand Masters, continued



2012 Lodges of Instruction (LOI) Graduation

By *RW Otis Wilson*
Director, Lodges of Instruction

The 2012 LOI annual graduation was held at the Grand Lodge on Friday, May 11 at 7:00 pm. Approximately 100 Brothers, Elected and Appointed Grand Lodge Officers, family members and friends attended to commemorate and congratulate the evening's honorees. The guest speaker was RW Lee A. Taylor, Senior Grand Warden. He provided the graduates with vital information that would propel them to becoming successful Worshipful Masters. He drew upon his many years of experience as a Past District Deputy Grand Master. The RW District Deputy Grand Masters personally thanked and awarded their respective graduates. On behalf of the LOI Staff, we wish each graduate well as they continue their journey to the East. The rich tradition and success of this jurisdiction continues...



RW Otis Wilson, Director LOI, addresses Wardens



The LOI Class of 2012 Graduates

2012 Lodges of Instruction (LOI) Graduation, continued



LOI Director, LOI WMs, DDGMs and SGW



RW Lee A. Taylor, Jr., Senior Grand Warden Provides keynote speech.



RW Purnell J. Carter, Sr. Grand Lecturer, Introduces Keynote Speaker, RWGSW Lee A. Taylor, Jr.



The LOI Class of 2012 Graduates is as follows:

District 1- Baltimore City

RW Kevin Barney, District Deputy Grand Master

Senior Warden Thomas Reeder, Zion #4

Junior Warden Dennis King, King David #18

District 2 – Carroll, Frederick, Montgomery & Washington Counties

RW Andre' L. Atkinson, District Deputy Grand Master

Senior Warden Rodney M. James, Fredericktonian #12

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Junior Warden Timothy J. Battle, Enterprise #3

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Senior Warden Joseph E. Bove, Charles H. Wesley #147

Junior Warden Ivory Traynham, Bee Hive #66

Junior Warden Warren Jones, E. Jerry Williams #141

Junior Warden Donnell Jenkins, Ronald E. McNair #146

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Brother Marcus D. Johnson, E. Jerry Williams #141

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Senior Warden Julian Grant, Joseph A. Egan #104

District 6 – Harford County

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Senior Warden Thurman A. Davis, Jessie J. Shanks #137

Junior Warden Calvin N. Tinson, Jessie J. Shanks #137

2012 Lodges of Instruction (LOI) Graduation, continued



The Wardens Listen to the Keynote Speaker During the Graduation Ceremony

District 8 – Wicomico, Worcester Counties

RW Isaac B. White, DDGM

Junior Warden Kelvin Branch, LaMech #30 – **Warden of the Year, Eastern Shore Region**

District 9 – Wicomico, Somerset & Worcester Counties

RW Clement L. Johnson, Sr., DDGM

Senior Warden Mitchell Randall, Union #33

Senior Warden Steven Mills, Unionville #45

District 10 – Anne Arundel County

RW Ronald E. Clarke, District Deputy Grand Master

Senior Warden Bantu Opiotennione, Rising Sun #46

Senior Warden Steve C. Isom, William T. Wallace #134

– **Warden of the Year, Southern Region**



*Senior Warden Steve C. Isom, William T. Wallace #134
Warden of the Year, Southern Region*

District 11 – Baltimore City

RW Darryl X. Wise, DDGM

Junior Warden Philippe D. Thomas, William F. Taylor 57

District 16 – Baltimore City - RW Kermit Smith, DDGM

Senior Warden Jerwan Bethel, St. John 5

Senior Warden Everett K. Smith, Sr., Mt. Lebanon 22 –

Warden of the Year, Baltimore Region

Senior Warden Keith Butler, Prince Hall 38

Junior Warden Derek N. Collins, Morning Star 44

Junior Warden Robie Butler, Corinthian 62



*Senior Warden Everett K. Smith, Sr., Mt. Lebanon 22
Warden of the Year, Baltimore Region*

Voter Registration Events

By RW Eastern G. Stewart, Jr.,
and RW Jim Scott, Director, Committee on Social Actions

PLAN:

1. Host general workshop briefing on Voter Registration Processes and Procedures through the local Baltimore City Voter Registration Office.
2. Provide information to respective District Deputies on the Voter Registration Program.
3. Solicit the assistance of the District Deputies in identifying representatives from within the respective lodges within their respective districts to effectuate a voter registration program within their lodge through coordination at the district level.
4. Provide coordination with appointed District representatives to provide proper voter registration training to identify volunteers from the respective Lodges.
5. Establish and implement at the Lodge level one venue with the local community to perform voter registration.
6. Establish and implement at the District level one combined voter registration event within the District geographical area.
7. Solicit all Districts to have representatives from their respective lodges to attend this training session. Training session will be free and takes approximately 90 minutes. Volunteers after receiving this training will be certified to register voters throughout the State of Maryland.
8. Point of Contact for MWPHGLMD for this program is: RW Eastern G. Stewart, Jr., (301) 860-0696, Cell # (202) 352-8000, email: Misrt213@hotmail.com
9. District Deputies are responsible for ensuring they are reporting to the Grand Master in their reports the progress and actions pertaining to voter registration within their respective Districts.



Voter Registration Training on July 14th at the 9201 Basil Court Largo, Maryland @ 1:30 PM. It is very important that you be on time. We will start by 1:40 PM. No one will be allowed into the training once we have begun. NO EXCEPTIONS. We will post the next training date in August.

Voter Registration Drives at the Capital Blvd Jazz Night series 12th and 19th 6:30- 8:30 PM.

Voter Registration Drive Booker T. Homes Community Day July 14th 10:00AM - 4:00 PM (housing development off of Martin Luther King Highway) Please email me if you are available to assist in any of these events.

Please reach out to your home churches to host Voter Registration Drives. I have a list of churches that I am currently contacting.

Let me know if anyone is available to help make calls and send out letters next week. I will be in the office July 11, 2012 @ 6:00 PM if you are available to help me in this effort. It would make the process go a lot faster and smoother if we had a member of the church to help move the process along.

Giant Food - Voter Registration Drives

July 21st and 28th I would like to host four Voter Registration Drives in different locations. The following areas are targeted: Hyattsville, Marlow Heights, Laurel and Suitland. If you are available and can help man the tables for a hour or two please email me your availability. I will need team captains for each location the time slot will be 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM.

We are 90 days away from the deadline to submit new Voter Registration Applications October 16th, 2012. To date we have certified almost 100 Voter Registration Volunteers and 91 voter registrations applications turned into the Board of Elections. If each person would commit to registering 100 persons we can reach our goal of registering 10,000 new voters.

Remember when providing Voter Registration it is a NON-PARTISAN activity.

Vote! It's Your Civic Duty

Rising Sun Lodge No. 46 Sponsors Voter Registration Drive

*By WM Zebbie D. Atkinson IV
Rising Sun Lodge No. 46 - District 10
Severna Park, MD*

PM Ralph R. Thomas, Sr., the Treasurer of Rising Sun Lodge No. 46, a certified voter registration volunteer, partnered with NAACP Anne Arundel County, Alpha Phi Alpha and Alpha Kappa Alpha to register 403 students from all 12 high schools in Anne Arundel County from February to May 2012.



Pictured are Ms. Barbara Hill of NAACP and PM Ralph R. Thomas, Sr. of Rising Sun Lodge No. 46. They are reviewing a voter application submitted by a student from Glen Burnie High School while 6 other students fill out voter applications.

Between June and September of this year, the voter registration team is scheduled to register voters at 7 community day events.

PM Thomas has also trained 6 community volunteers to become certified voter registration volunteers and is also scheduled to train community volunteers prior to community day events.

Rising Sun Lodge No. 46 commends P.M. Thomas for his tireless community service efforts and honors his commitment to registering voters in our communities.

Community Service

Welcome to Severna Park!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

By WM Zebbie D. Atkinson IV

Rising Sun Lodge No. 46 - District 10

Have you ever driven into a community and seen all the organizations that the communities Chamber of Commerce has posted on their "Welcome Sign"?.....Well you can add Rising Sun Lodge No. 46 to the list.

Earlier this year the Severna Park Chamber of Commerce approached Rising Sun's PM George H. Williams Sr. about an opportunity to place information pertaining to the lodge on its welcome signs. The lodge jumped at the chance and commissioned PM Williams to find a sign company that could produce a sign (to our liking) that fit the Chambers requirements. With some very helpful input from the lodge we were able to give PM Williams our final design and in short order he had gotten the signs back from the sign company.



The Rising Sun Lodge No. 46 signs can be seen at the following: "Greater Severna Park Chamber of Commerce - Welcome you to Severna" sign locations:

- ◆ Southbound Ritchie Hwy (Rt. 2) - South of Earleigh Heights Plaza-strip mall which is across highway from Earleigh Heights Volunteer Fire Co.
- ◆ Northbound Ritchie Hwy (Rt. 2) - Front of College Village-strip mall which is across highway from FishPaws Market Place.
- ◆ Eastbound Benfield Road - East of Governor Stone Pkwy which is entrance to Shipley's Choice-(toward Severna Park High School).

Thanks to the hard work of PM George H. Williams

Windsor Hills End of Year Cookout

*By JW Philippe Thomas
William F. Taylor Lodge No. 57*

In its continuing effort to spread friendship and brotherly love throughout the community, William F. Taylor Lodge #57 participated in Windsor Hills Elementary/Middle School's annual End of Year Cookout on Friday June 1, 2012. Worshipful Master William B. Moore, Junior Warden Philippe Thomas, Past Master Michael Bradley, Past Master Herbert Evans, and Past Master Danny Adams were in attendance grilling hot dogs and hamburgers for the children.

Principal Eunice Davage-Jones and teacher Tia Perry expressed their thanks for the lodge's continued participation in their annual event. Members of the Windsor Hills Community Association were also in attendance performing various activities with the children. Several members of the association expressed how excited and proud they were to see Black men doing something positive in their neighborhood and for our children.

Participation in this cookout has been an annual tradition for William F. Taylor for the past 12 years. In 2000, Past Master Robsol Pinkett, then Worshipful Master of the lodge, volunteered the services of the brethren of 57 to help serve the children of Windsor Hills during their annual event. Every year since, William F. Taylor has helped Winsor Hills with this activity by donating food and grilling it for the children. This year, William F. Taylor donated \$100 worth of food, which was matched by its Senior Master of Ceremonies Donrell Johnson, and enough bread items to accommodate the hot dogs and hamburgers by Worshipful Master Moore.



Front Row – PM Danny Adams, Principal Eunice Davage-Jones, and School Staff Mr. Arnett. Second Row – WM William Moore, JW Philippe Thomas, PM Herbert Evans, Teacher Tia Perry, and PM Michael Bradley



Elementary school students enjoying the food.



Worshipful Master William Moore on the grill



PM Herbert Evans watching the grill.

John A. Holmes Lodge No. 89 PHA, F&AM Supports American Cancer Society's "Relay For Life"



On June 30th, 2012, the Brothers of John A. Holmes Lodge No. 89 made a difference by teaming up to participate in the American Cancer Society's Relay For Life at the Parkville Armory.

At the event, the team camped out overnight and took turns walking around the track to raise money and awareness to help the American Cancer Society create a world with less cancer and more birth-days.

LaMech Lodge No. 30 Member Celebrate 50 years as a Mason

By JW Kelvin M. Branch

LaMech Lodge #30 is filled with good brothers who enjoy masonry, the fellowships, and learning the experience of masonry through the elder craft. Brother Marion Barkley is one of four of LaMech's 50 year brothers. I had the privilege of speaking with Brother Barkley to get a little history to present all his accolades and accomplishments throughout his travels in Masonry all the way up to his thirty-third degree. It was a joyous time speaking with Brother Barkley via telephone. He was very excited to have been chosen to represent LaMech and give his background/travels through Masonry.

Brother Barkley was first initiated into Prince Hall Masonry through LaMech Lodge #30 in 1957. Here is where he begins his travel in Masonry, and his growth within the Fraternity. Brother Barkley quickly went through the ranks of JW, SW, and ending up in the East, thus giving him the opportunity to expand within Masonry. In 1961, he became an active member of King David Consistory #284, Valley of Salisbury. He quickly moved through the ranks

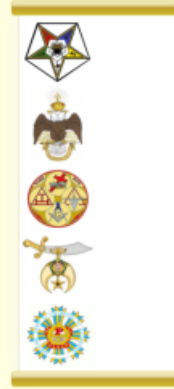
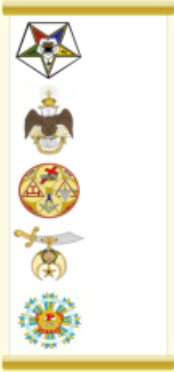
ending up as the Commander In Chief of King David Consistory #284. As he continued to grow in Masonry, he had one more thirst to quench which drove him to continue on to his thirty-third degree.

In 1967, Brother Barkley became a member of the Supreme Council of thirty-third degree of Masonry. He stated to me the next several years were some of his best years, which included being elected as JGW, and SGW. Due to an unexpected illness, Bro. Barkley had to step down as the SGW. In the interim, he has been a member of the GL Staff for 30 years to present. About five years ago, under the leadership of MWGM Redden (now MWPGM), Bro. Barkley was made an Honorary PGM of Maryland. Also noted was the opportunity to serve under four GMs during his tenure on the GL Staff. This is truly notable to have been able to do so because he was exposed to four different styles of leaderships.

Finally, at the end of our discussion Brother Barkley stated he really enjoys Masonry. This is why he still comes out to the meetings of LaMech Lodge

#30, King David Consistory #284, and GL functions. The fellowship, comradery, and the friendships have far surpassed anything he could imagine in Prince Hall Masonry. He had the opportunity to meet and discuss various topics with men of very diverse backgrounds. During his travels as a working Mason of the GL Staff, he had the opportunity to travel overseas to England, Germany, and Italy.

In conclusion, the overall experience of talking with one of our elder lodge members has further lit a fire for my desire of Masonry. This has truly been a wonderful experience of doing a small interview on Bro. Barkley. This is dedicated to those who have paved the way and continue to pave the way for Prince Hall Masonry. Like our motto states "Taking Good Men and Making them Better!" This is a testament to me having been 3 years into my short span of being a Master Mason.



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## *Myra Grand Chapter District Five Members Receive “Love Offerings”*

*By DDGM Michelle I. Smack*

**M**embers of District Five which consists of the following Chapters: Bathsheba #4, Naomi #16, Sunlight #43, Starlight Chapter #44, Lily of the Valley #47 and Friendship #57 presented gift bags to members who are in nursing homes to remind them that they are loved and missed by their Chapters.



*Pictured from left to right: DDGM Michelle Smack, DDGAM Rosemary Hudson and District Five Charity Committee Chairperson Lillie Giddens.*



*Most Worshipful Grand Master Melvin M. Thorpe*

*cordially invites you to attend the*



*2012 Widows Luncheon*



*on Saturday, July 14, 2012*

*at 3:00 pm*

*Melvin M. Thorpe Fellowship Hall  
Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge  
1307 Eutaw Place  
Baltimore, MD 21217*



*RSVP to Ms. Johnson @ 410-669-4966/67  
By June 29, 2012*

**“Heal the past, love the present, dream the future”**

**“If you love life, life will love you back”**

**“Don’t count the days, make the days count”**

**“Good times become good memories, Bad times become good lesson”**

**“Look to the future as that is where you will spend the rest of your life”**

**“People are lonely because they build walls instead of bridges”**

**“The world is like a mirror if you face it smiling, it smiles right back”**

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*Learn to do well; seek judgment, relieve the oppressed, judge the fatherless, plead for the widow. ~ Isaiah 1:17*

## **Bee Hive Lodge No. 66 – Fourth District** *“Brothers of Bee Hive No. 66 keep things buzzing...”*

*By JW Ivory G Traynham*

**O**n April 28, Bee Hive held its Annual Master Mason Ball at the Waldorf Jaycees in Waldorf, MD. This year we honored five of our esteemed Brothers who recently surpassed 50 years in Prince Hall Masonry. Bro. Frederick Hamn, and PMs Richard Marbray, James Hawkins, Walter Hawkins and Jasper Phelps are not only much of the history of our great lodge, but our motivation to stay the course and continue to be the best Masons that we can be, and for that we are eternally in their debt. We also recognized several of our Past Masters for their invaluable contributions to the craft. The event was attended by the MWGM Melvin M. Thorpe, Deputy Grand Master Steven G. Collier, and other worthy Brothers, family and friends.



*MWGM Thorpe, DGM Collier, Honorees and Bee Hive Brothers.*



*MWGM Thorpe Presenting PM Phelps his certificate and plaque.*

***“Brothers of Bee Hive No. 66 keep things buzzing...”***



*Bro. Dale Weaver with the Shad*



*Baking the Shad*



*Prepping the Shad on the Oak Boards*



*Bro. Waters applying the basting sauce*

**I**t is our custom each year at the Memorial Day weekend, the Brothers of Bee Hive #66 get together and host a “Shad Bake” for the community. This year was no exception!

The 93rd Annual Shad bake consisted of the ritual of placing the Shad on seasoned oak boards around a blazing fire and letting the delicious fish “bake all night” under the watchful eye of the brethren. The event drew members of the Masonic family from all over, from the fellowship on Friday night to the actual sale of the Shad Dinners throughout the day on Saturday.

The event was initiated the same year of the Lodge’s inception (1919) and has continued each year without fail; we enjoy the food, fellowship and teamwork it takes to put on this event and we fully intend on carrying it on well into the foreseeable future!

Also, in May and June, Bee Hive was fortunate and blessed to initiate ten new Brothers into our glorious Fraternity.

With their assistance and enthusiasm, and the blessings of the GAOTU, we will continue to march forward into the future. We also continued our community service by awarding three scholarships to deserving graduating high school seniors.

***The “Busy Bees” of Bee Hive 66 are on the move!***

## STILL BUZZING AT THE "HIVE"

By JW Ivory G Traynham

On March 20, 2012 Bee Hive #66 received a request from Ms. Ethel Johnson, Program Director of the Eva Turner Head Start Program in Waldorf, MD. The request was to provide Easter Baskets for the children in the program. The Head Start Program services families and children from very low income, social and economic conditions. The program also helps to encourage parents in these conditions to learn how to overcome their hardships.

We delivered a total of 58 baskets to the children prior to their Spring Break vacation. Many of the children may not have received anything during the season had it not been for our efforts. Ms. Johnson and her staff were so excited and appreciative of the Lodge's gift to the children. The children were so excited they couldn't wait to take the baskets home and tell their parents all about them. Great Job Brothers!!!



*Ms. Johnson informs the brothers about the program*



*More baskets from the Easter Bunnies"*

On March 29, several brothers from Bee Hive Lodge #66 delivered Easter baskets to the children in the program, making sure each child had at least one basket to take home.



*SW Walton and Brothers handing out Easter Baskets*





## *Seventh Masonic District Participates in 13th Annual Black History Month Event*

*By DDGM Melvin Shorter*

**M**ost Worshipful Grand Lodge of Maryland Prince Hall Masons, Seventh Masonic District Lodges of Kent, Queen Anne's, Talbot, Caroline and Dorchester Counties participated in the 13th Annual Black History month breakfast sponsored by the Chesapeake College Multicultural Advisory Committee. The breakfast benefits the J.C. Gibson Memorial Book Fund. District Lodge members prepared and served the breakfast.

The key note speaker for the benefit was Dr. David Wilson, President of Morgan State University Baltimore, MD. Music was render by the Union Baptist Mass Choir of Easton, MD. This is an annual community involvement activity for the District.



*Breakfast Attendees Passing Through Buffet Line*



*Dr. David Wilson, President Morgan State University*



*Melvin Shorter #101 and Lamont Taylor #93*



*Union Baptist Mass Choir*



*James Bounds #101 and Walter Pauls III #101*

## 7th District Black History Month Event, continued



Tyrone Brown #101, Lamont Cooke #101  
and James Thompson #101



James Sampson #101 and James Thompson #101



Melvin Shorter #101 and Rufus Sampson #50



Rev. Alice Hutchins, Chairperson, Multicultural Advisor  
Committee; Ronald Blake, President of UHURU, and Dr.  
David Wilson, President Morgan State University

### **O**n Friendship

*"Friendship is born at that moment when one person says to another: 'What! You too? I thought I was the only one.'"* ~ C.S. Lewis

*"Don't walk behind me; I may not lead. Don't walk in front of me; I may not follow. Just walk beside me and be my friend."* ~ Albert Camus

*"A friend is someone who knows all about you and still loves you."* ~ Elbert Hubbard

*"It is not a lack of love, but a lack of friendship that makes unhappy marriages."* ~ Friedrich Nietzsche

*"There is nothing I would not do for those who are really my friends. I have no notion of loving people by halves, it is not my nature."* ~ Jane Austen

*"It's the friends you can call up at 4 a.m. that matter."* ~ Marlene Dietrich

## ***District Sixteen—Community Service in Action: Brethren Present for “Comcast Cares Day 2012”***

*By WM Tommy R. Davis (90)  
Bro. Marvin Reid (90)  
16th DDGM Kermit Smith*

Since 2001, the Comcast Corporation has solicited volunteers from various organizations to help community's nationwide rehabilitate, clean and spruce up their local schools and public spaces. This year was no exception. On April 21, 2012, the Comcast Corporation held its 11<sup>th</sup> annual Comcast Cares Day community service project at the Gwynn's Falls Elementary School in the City of Baltimore. In commemoration of this year's theme "Earth Day", over 200 volunteers planted trees, removed weeds and placed mulch around the school to beautify its campus. The school's administration and city officials were grateful for the work done.

Representatives from the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Maryland and Jurisdiction, Inc. were on hand to assist in ensuring that this community service project was a success. Participating in this project were brethren from Tuscan Lodge #90, Mount Lebanon Lodge #22, Corinthians Lodge #62 and DDGM Kermit Smith. Even though they received short notice, these brothers worked diligently and assisted in getting this work completed ahead of schedule. This was a testament to their commitment to community service. In addition, members from the following Greek-lettered organizations participated in this community service project: Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc., Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc., Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. and a host of family and friends.

The coordinator for this community service project was extremely appreciative of the work done and the number of volunteers that participated. With the assistance of brethren from the various lodges mentioned, the City of



Baltimore led the region in the number of community volunteers overall. A big **"Thank You"** goes out to all the brothers who sacrificed their time in helping make this endeavor a success – **JOB WELL DONE!**

In attendance were lodges:

Tuscan Lodge # 90 WM Tommy R Davis  
Corinthians Lodge # 62 WM Phillip Robinson  
Mt Lebanon Lodge # 22 WM Tony Hodge  
Sixteenth District DDGM Kermit Smith

With a Special Thanks to PM Clarence Traynham (62), SD Theo Price (62), JS Anthony Hilton (90), JD Dion Stinnett (90), Bro. Marvin Reid (90), JW Stephon Boleware (22) and FCS Bro. Damion Tatum, Bro. James Mason, and Bro. Keith Stanley (22)

### **Community Service in Action!**

## 2012 Grand Lodge Charity Raffle

Raffle tickets are available at a cost of \$5.00 per ticket. Each Ticket offers the purchaser three chances to win. Tickets are available at the Prince Hall Masonic Lodges and its concordant bodies in the jurisdictions of Maryland.

If the winner elects not to accept the car, that person can receive a \$20,000 cash payout. Second prize is \$2,500 and third prize is \$1,500. The seller of the first prize winning ticket will receive \$500.

The drawing will be held 2:00 PM, September 15, 2012, at the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge, 1307 Eutaw Place, Baltimore, Maryland. You need not be present to win.

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## *Maryland Prince Hall Masons Receive Montford Point Marines Congressional Gold Medal*

*By RW Steven G. Collier, Deputy Grand Master  
Brother C. Warren Frazier, Pythagoras Lodge No. 74*

From 1798 to 1942, the Marine Corps denied African-Americans the opportunity to serve as Marines. However, in 1942, President Franklin D. Roosevelt established a presidential directive giving African-American men an opportunity to be recruited into the Marine Corps. These African-Americans, coming from every state in the Union, were not sent to the traditional boot camps of Parris Island, South Carolina and San Diego, California. Instead, African-American Marine recruits were segregated and assigned to basic training at Montford Point, a newly established site at Camp Lejeune, North Carolina. Before the gates closed in 1949, approximately 20,000 African-American recruits received training at Montford Point Camp. These Marines served honorably in Saipan, Guam, Tinian, Peleliu, Iwo Jima and Okinawa.

During World War II, the initial intent of Marine Corps leadership was to discharge these African-American Marines after the war and return them to civilian life, thereby leaving the Marine Corps an all-white service. Once given the chance to prove themselves, it became impossible to deny the fact that African-American Marines were just as capable as all other Marines, regardless of race, color, creed or national origin.

The Marines who trained at Montford Point served with honor, courage and commitment in defense of freedom as a part of the 'Greatest Generation' and beyond. Their perseverance in the midst of adversity is a shining testament to their undaunted character and sacrifice-endavors that led our nation to victory and forever pulled down racial barriers that existed in the military.

During the week of 25 June, a number of events occurred, to include the awarding of the Congressional Gold Medal and a parade at Marine Barracks 8th & I, Washington, DC to recognize their military service alongside other famous World War II groups, such as the Navajo Code Talkers and the Tuskegee Airmen. One of several Montford Point Marines to receive the Congressional Gold Medal was none other than Brother Charles E. Frazier of Pythagoras Lodge No. 74, 2nd Masonic District.

Bro. Frazier is 87 yrs old. He was raised in Pythagoras Lodge #74 in 1979. His other affiliations are; charter member King Solomon Chapter, Holy Royal Arch Masons, 1999, Western Maryland Consistory #270, 1988, Anwar Temple #219, 1989, and he became a Grand Inspector General in 2006.



*Brother Frazier MBks Medal Ceremony*

Brother Frazier enlisted in the Marine Corps in February, 1944. He is pictured with other survivors of the Battle of Iwo Jima at the Marine Corps War Memorial taken in March 2012. Bro. Frazier is one of only two Montgomery County survivors of Iwo Jima and the armed occupation of the Empire of Japan.



*Brother Frazier Receiving Gold Medal*

He is pictured with MPM John Henry Chaney, 92 years Old. According to his son, Bro. C. Warren Frazier, #74, his father Charles E. Frazier is one of 20 Maryland Montford Point Marines to receive this honor. "Of the 20 Maryland MPMs I met four that were Prince Hall Masons" said Bro. C. Warren Frazier.

## *Maryland Prince Hall Masons Receive Montford Point Marines Congressional Gold Medal*

The events to honor the Montford Point Marines at Marine Barracks 8th & I on 28 June 2012, were attended by the Commandant of the Marine Corps, General James F. Amos and top General Officers from Headquarters, U.S. Marine Corps. One of the Generals that attended is the top ranking black Marine; Lieutenant General (3-stars) Willie J. Williams, Director, Marine Corps Staff. Please join me in congratulating these Marines on receiving the Congressional Gold Medal for their historic contributions and sacrifices made to the United States and to the World. God Bless them all as well as all who serve our country in uniform past and present.



*Congressional Gold Medal*



*Iwo Jima Reunion*



*MD MPM Group*



*Montgomery County MPMs*

**Semper Fidelis – Always Faithful.**

*Maryland Prince Hall Masons Receive  
Montford Point Marines Congressional Gold Medal*



*Brother Frazier Receiving the Congressional Gold Medal*



*Brother Frazier Reflecting on MBks Parade*



*HQMC General Officers and Director Marine Corps Staff*



*MB 8th & I Medal Parade*

**Semper Fidelis**



*Montford Point Staff Noncommissioned Officer*

**Always Faithful**

## Joining Hands in Community Service "Christmas In April"

By DT Alberta Smith-Colden, PC/PM House Captain  
DT. Carol D. Simon, PC/PM House Captain

On Saturday, April 28, 2012, Daughters of TUWA Court No. 210, Daughter of Isis, Nobles of TUWA Temple No. 228, A.E.A.O.N.M.S., Master Masons of E. Jerry Williams, Masonic Lodge No. 141, PHA, 4th Masonic District, MWPHGL, Realtors of Prince George's County Association of Realtors, Colossal Contractors (Professional Painters), Mr. Kevin McDonald and Professional Carpenters (E. Jerry Williams Lodge No. 141) Mr. Eric Janifer, Noble Donald Bell (donation of a washing machine from S. H. Chapman's Electrical and many unskilled workers including teenagers who volunteered their services, worked together at 5307 Marlain Street, Temple Hills, Maryland (Prince George's County) to clean, replace and repair items necessary to make an elderly citizen's home more livable.



This year we were delighted to have one of the Masonic Lodge members (E. Jerry Williams Lodge No. 141) volunteer to work with us. We are both Past Matrons of the Order of Eastern Star Chapters in Prince George's County and having the Brothers working with us added a new dimension to what we believe community service is all about.



The "Christmas In April" project in Prince George's County, Maryland is a Countywide program. TUWA Court No. 210, DOI's involvement started in 2002, and broadened to include the Nobles of TUWA Temple No. 228. DT Alberta Smith-Colden, PC, Imperial Deputy of the Oasis of Annapolis and DT Carol D. Simon, PC, Imperial Directress of Bicycles Unit has worked together on this project as House Captains over the past ten years. Each year other organizations and professional businesses that we are involved with have sent volunteers to help us with the project.



We sincerely thank each volunteer for their dedication and support. We look forward to having you share this experience with us next year.

**THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!**  
**Peace and Love**  
**Alberta & Carol**





## ***Thomas H. Kiah No. 101 Seventh Masonic District, Commemorates its 74th Anniversary Annual Memorial Service***

*By PM Melvin J. Shorter*

Thomas H. Kiah No. 101 Rock Hall, Maryland Seventh Masonic District, held its 74<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Annual Memorial Service at St. George United Methodist Church, Worton, Maryland, Rev. Anthony Brown, Pastor. The annual memorial service commemorates our name sake Dr. Thomas Henry Kiah; founder, Elmer T. Hawkins and all deceased Masonic Brothers. This year's memorial service was in memory of P.M. Gilbert C. Hynson Sr.; St. George U.M. Church was P.M. Hynson's home church. Members of Thomas H. Kiah No. 101 were joined by Sister Chapter Sarah E. Travers Chapter No. 50 O.E.S. P.M. Hynson was a Worthy Patron for 18 years for Sarah E. Travers Chapter 50. Service was conducted by P.M. Melvin J. Shorter of Thomas H. Kiah No. 101.





## A MASON'S HEALTH

### **Topic: Cancer**

#### **Cancer Update from Johns Hopkins:**

1. Every person has cancer cells in the body. These cancer cells do not show up in the standard tests until they have multiplied to a few billion. When doctors tell cancer patients that there are no more cancer cells in their bodies after treatment, it just means the tests are unable to detect the cancer cells because they have not reached the detectable size.
2. Cancer cells occur between 6 to more than 10 times in a person's lifetime.
3. When the person's immune system is strong the cancer cells will be destroyed and prevented from multiplying and forming tumors.
4. When a person has cancer it is believed that the person has nutritional deficiencies. These could be due to genetic, but also to environmental, food and lifestyle factors.
5. To overcome the nutritional deficiencies, changing diet to eat more adequately and healthy, 4-5 times/day and by including supplements the immune system will be strengthened.
6. Chemotherapy involves poisoning the rapidly-growing cancer cells and also destroys rapidly-growing healthy cells in the bone marrow, gastrointestinal tract etc., and can cause organ damage, like liver, kidneys, heart, lungs etc.
7. Radiation, while destroying cancer cells, also burns, scars and damages healthy cells, tissues and organs.
8. Initial treatment with chemotherapy and radiation will often reduce tumor size, however prolonged use of chemotherapy and radiation will not result in more tumor destruction.
9. When the body has too much toxic burden from chemotherapy and radiation the immune system is either compromised or destroyed, hence the person can succumb to various kinds of infections and complications.
10. Chemotherapy and radiation can cause cancer cells to mutate and become resistant and difficult to destroy. Surgery can also cause cancer cells to spread to other sites.
11. An effective way to battle cancer is to starve the cancer cells by not feeding it with the foods it needs to multiply.

#### **\*CANCER CELLS FEED ON:**

- a. Sugar substitutes like NutraSweet, Equal, Spoonful, etc. made with Aspartame. A better natural substitute would be Manuka honey or molasses, but only in very small amounts. Table salt has a chemical added to make it white in color; a better alternative is Bragg's aminos or sea salt.
- b. Milk causes the body to produce mucus, especially in the gastro-intestinal tract. Cancer feeds on mucus. By cutting off milk and substituting with unsweetened soy milk cancer cells are being starved.
- c. Cancer cells thrive in an acid environment. A meat-based diet is acidic and it is best to eat fish, and a little other meat, like chicken. Meat also contains livestock antibiotics, growth hormones and parasites, which are all harmful, especially to people with cancer.
- d. A diet made of 80% fresh vegetables and juice, whole grains, seeds, nuts and fruit help put the body maintain an alkaline environment. About 20% can be from cooked food including beans. Fresh vegetable juices provide live enzymes that are easily absorbed and reach down to cellular levels within 15 minutes to nourish and en-

hance growth of healthy cells. To obtain live enzymes for building healthy cells try and drink fresh vegetable juice (most vegetables including bean sprouts), and eat some raw vegetables 2 or 3 times a day. Enzymes are destroyed at temperatures of 104 degrees F (40 degrees C).

e. Avoid coffee, tea, and chocolate, which have high caffeine levels. Green tea is a better alternative and has cancer fighting properties. It is best to drink purified or filtered water, to avoid known toxins and heavy metals in tap water. Distilled water is acidic, avoid it.

12. Meat protein is difficult to digest and requires a lot of digestive enzymes. Undigested meat remaining in the intestines becomes putrefied and leads to more toxic buildup.

13. Cancer cell walls have a tough protein covering. By refraining from or eating less meat it frees more enzymes to attack the protein walls of cancer cells and allows the body's white blood cells to destroy the cancer cells.

14. Some supplements build up the immune system (IP6 (Inositol hexaphosphate), Florssence, Essiac, anti-oxidants, vitamins, minerals, EFAs etc.) to enable the bodies own killer white blood cells to destroy cancer cells.. Other supplements like vitamin E are known to cause apoptosis, or programmed cell death, the body's normal method of disposing of damaged, unwanted, or unneeded cells.

15. Cancer is a disease of the mind, body, and spirit.

A proactive and positive spirit will help the cancer warrior be a survivor. Anger, un-forgiveness and bitterness puts the body into a stressful and acidic environment. Learn to have a loving and forgiving spirit. Learn to relax and enjoy life.

16. Cancer cells cannot thrive in an oxygenated environment. Exercising daily and deep breathing help to get more oxygen down to the cellular level. Oxygen therapy is another means employed to destroy cancer cells.

**No plastic containers in the microwave; no water bottles in the freezer; and no plastic wrap in the microwave.**

Johns Hopkins and Bethesda Naval/Walter Reed Army Medical Center are circulating this information in their newsletters . Dioxin chemicals cause cancer, especially breast cancer. Dioxins are highly poisonous to the cells of our bodies. Don't freeze your plastic bottles with water in them as this releases dioxins from the plastic.

Recently, Dr Edward Fujimoto, Wellness Program Manager at Castle Hospital, was on a TV program to explain this health hazard. He talked about dioxins and how bad they are for us. He said that we should not be heating our food in the microwave using plastic containers. This especially applies to foods that contain fat. He said that the combination of fat, high heat, and plastics releases dioxin into the food and ultimately into the cells of the body. Instead, he recommends using glass, such as Corning Ware, Pyrex or ceramic containers for heating food. You get the same results, only without the dioxin. So things such as TV dinners, instant ramen and soups, etc., should be removed from the container and heated in something else. Paper isn't bad but you don't know what is in the paper. It's just safer to use tempered glass, Corning Ware, etc. He reminded us that a while ago some of the fast food restaurants moved away from the foam containers to paper; the dioxin problem is one of the reasons.

Also, he pointed out that plastic wrap, such as Saran, is just as dangerous when placed over foods to be cooked in the microwave. As the food is nuked, the high heat causes poisonous toxins to actually melt out of the plastic wrap and drip into the food. Cover food with a paper towel instead.

**Please share the knowledge with your friends and family.**

## *Fight Back Against Online Scams, Hackers and Cyber Attackers*

Everyday we fight a never-ending war against a slew of online scams that include computer viruses, malicious software and phishing scams.

Attacks by cyber thieves have become more frequent, evolving into complex schemes and duping even the smartest cyber savvy computer users. Brothers, we must always be on the lookout for the latest phishing scams, disguised as convincing emails or mock websites, which scam people into revealing personal information leaving them vulnerable to crimes such as ID theft. The following is the first in a series of advisories on protecting you and your family against cyber threats. Take heed.



[www.bytecrime.org](http://www.bytecrime.org)

# CYBER SAFETY CHECKLIST

## For the Home User with Kids

- Parents, educate yourselves first:** Know about online predators, financial scams, viruses, cyber-bullying and the pervasiveness of pornography on the Internet.
- Talk to your child:** Open communication between parents and children is important to keeping your kids safe. Ensure that they can talk to you about things on the Web that make them feel uncomfortable.
- Monitor your children:** Consider options like sharing an email account, checking your browser's history, keep the computer in a common room and maintaining access to your kids' accounts.
- Recommend kid directories:** There are a number of search sites geared for children. Others are targeted at teens.
- Parental control software:** One option is to purchase software that establishes computer user time limits and controls access to sites, games, chat, and file sharing. It can be adapted to offer different levels of control for different ages of children.
- Install the right defensive software:** Make sure you have quality anti-virus, anti-spyware, spam blocker, and a personal firewall, and keep security patches up-to-date.
- Carefully select mobile devices:** Look for digital device models that are "child-safe," which often don't provide camera or Web access. Some child-safe phones even let parents limit the numbers the phone can call.

### Tell the Kids

- Don't give out personal information:** Make sure to never give out your name, email, home address, phone number, account numbers, Social Security number, picture or any other personal information.
- Look out for Internet scams:** Online criminals think of clever ways to rob you. Don't get lured in by emails telling sad stories, giving away money or promising fun times.
- Take care when shopping online:** Check with your parents first and then only buy from trusted online stores.
- Don't open unknown email:** If you have no idea where an email comes from, take the safe course and delete it before opening it.
- Treat IM seriously:** If your business uses instant messaging treat it just as you would email and stay on guard from dangerous software.
- Beware of file sharing:** Discuss file sharing with your parents first and if they're okay with it, make sure to scan your downloaded files for viruses.
- Create smart passwords:** Your online and computer passwords should be at least 8 characters long and include letters, numbers and symbols. Use different passwords for different accounts, change them every 90 days and never share them with anyone.



## ***Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge, F.&A.M.***

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MW Melvin M. Thorpe,  
Grand Master

To: All Owing Allegiance to the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Maryland and Jurisdiction, Inc.

From: RW Philip S. Lewis Sr.  
Junior Grand Warden

The Grand Master's Ball Committee proposes, as a fundraising activity, to offer a Souvenir Journal to Constituent Lodges, Concordant and Affiliate Bodies, Corporations, Commercial Entities, friends, families and neighbors.

The GM's Ball Committee anticipates in excess of nine hundred (900) members; their families and friends will attend the gala event, which they may reference when seeking to patronize various businesses and services that have demonstrated their commitment to the greater Prince Hall Masonic community. Proceeds from this fundraising activity will support the MWPHGLMD General Fund.

We hope that you will strongly consider supporting this endeavor by purchasing an Ad for your Lodge, Chapter, Council, Temple, Consistory, Camp, Court, business, or organization, etc.

The Officers of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Maryland and Jurisdiction, Inc. solicit your assistance as we continue our benevolent and charitable activities and foster opportunities for our youth and improvements in our community.

Attached is an Ad price sheet indicating the fee for various Ad sizes. We would prefer that your Ads be photo ready in final form, however we will be glad to create your Ad based on the information you provide.

If you have questions about the Souvenir Journal, please contact RW JGW Philip S. Lewis Sr at [Junior\\_Grand\\_Warden@mwphglmd.org](mailto:Junior_Grand_Warden@mwphglmd.org) or 410-551-1577.

Fraternally;

RW Philip S. Lewis, Sr.  
Junior Grand Warden  
Souvenir Journal Committee, Chair  
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# ADVERTISING CONTRACT

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## Answers to the 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

### DOWN

- 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
- 1 Ablaze
- 2 Meted
- 3 Fawn's mom
- 4 Goofs
- 5 Wardens 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 Rive



# *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).

### **Writing Style**

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.

### **Submission Constraints**

- It is the responsibility of the submitter to follow any internal management requirements for submitting/approving articles prior to their publication (local approval authorities include: DDGM, Worshipful Master, Worthy Matron, Worthy Patron, Ill 1st Lieutenant Commander, High Priest, Potentate, etc.).
- Include the Point of contact (name, title, email address, phone number), organization and article approver.
- Copyrighted material must include written authorization or approval by the copyright holder.

### **Format**

- Microsoft Word with 12 point font is preferred, however PDF files are acceptable.
- All photos **must** have captions and if practical, include the names of each person shown, as appropriate.
- Photo file formats: JPEG, PNG, BMP, TIFF, and PDF.

### **Note**

The Editorial Staff will endeavor to preserve the essence of an author's original submission; however, we reserve the right to abbreviate, append, delete, or otherwise edit all articles to enhance readability, or to engender clarity, succinctness, or suitability.

Please email your inputs directly to the Editor at [scisom357@yahoo.com](mailto:scisom357@yahoo.com).

Most Respectfully,



Bro. Steve C. Isom— Editor

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