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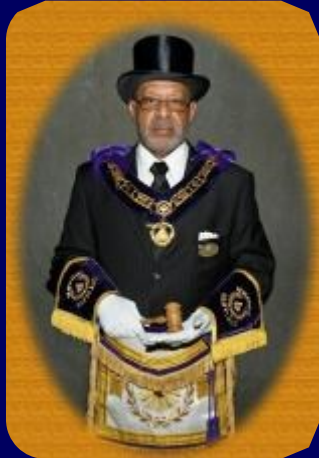


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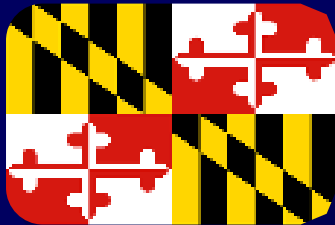
**Maryland’s Prince Hall Family Newsletter**

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65th Edition



*The Honorable Melvin M. Thorpe,  
Most Worshipful Grand Master*



**“You are the  
supporting pillars of  
this Grand Lodge”.**

**A Message from The Honorable Melvin M. Thorpe,  
Most Worshipful Grand Master**

My dear Maryland Prince Hall Masonic Family, as we come to the close of another Masonic year, let me take this brief opportunity to express my sincerest appreciation and thanks for your support this year.

**Fraternally,**

**MWGM Melvin M. Thorpe**

Your support of the grand Lodge initiatives has assisted in the accomplishment of this administrations development of the grand lodge forward progress.

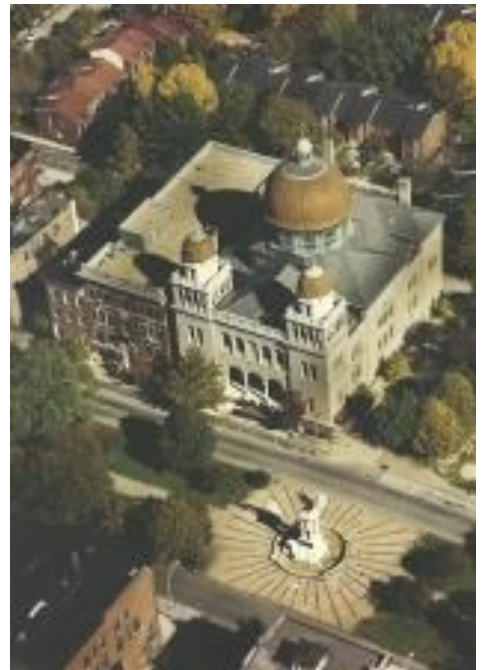


This is in no way a retirement writing for me. Just my feeble attempt to let you all know that I feel the love and support of many of you. I am fully aware that there are some that are not fully in tune with the mission of this grand lodge or the vision of this Grand Master. However, the mass of brothers and sisters that are outweigh the few that are not.

I have, since my election attempted to bring this jurisdiction together as a family. We continually strive to regenerate a cohesive working relationship with all concordant bodies within the jurisdiction and the Prince Hall solidarity. Through my visitations with other jurisdictions, we have improved our relationships and regained the reputation that Maryland once enjoyed.

Brothers and sisters, as we embark on this new Masonic year, lets continue to assist and support the grand lodge, the grand lodge officers and most especially embrace the strategic plan and the forward movement of this great jurisdiction. You are the supporting pillars of this Grand Lodge.

God bless you all and once again thank you for the support, friendship and love.



# One Team – One Mission



The Honorable Melvin M. Thorpe  
Most Worshipful Grand Master

## **The Honorable Melvin M. Thorpe, Most Worshipful 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.”



## Deputy Grand Master's Corner

By RW Lee A. Taylor, Jr. DGM

*“Sometimes We Forget From Whence We Came.”*



*RW Lee A. Taylor, Jr.  
Deputy Grand Master*

*“Let us rededicate our actions to take the fraternity to the next level.”*

*The future of Prince Hall Masonry is in our hands, let us “Uphold the Principles of Price Hall Freemasonry.”*

What is a Grand Lodge of Freemasons? A Grand Lodge of Freemasons is the supreme authority over Masonic Lodges and Masons within a specified jurisdiction.

To understand this we must go back in time while at the altar, we vowed to begin our ascension to a higher place where the tenets and precepts of Freemasonry would carry us.

We go back to that place when the full knowledge of what was yet to come was unknown to us.

We go back to where we cannot envision what further conflicts we would have to confront along our journey.

It is there that we innocently entered into a speculative realm and promised to uphold Freemasonry, in the presence of God and man.

There are no institutions Freemasons can ever join that change the commitment taken at the Masonic altar. Freemasonry never claims to intrude upon the civil and administrative authority or practices of other institutions, but it is by moral necessity, that Grand Lodges must fulfill its duty to oversee the building of the man, who walked out on faith with full expectations of moral guardianship by the Grand Lodge.

There is no optional literary work that supersedes the Holy Bible, which is the inerrant Word of God. And if on purpose or by chance, you have learned in some measure the legacy of Prince Hall and the motivation and purposes of our founder, then you can

appreciate that any organization that bears his name must stand on the single foundation on which he built our Order.

We must be reminded of an old Negro spiritual, “Let Us Go Back to Our Father’s Praying Ground.” It is there that we might once again find the place where the altar once was anchored; it is there that we might once again kneel and rededicate ourselves to the principles and tenets of Prince Hall Freemasonry.

The tenets of Prince Hall Freemasonry will protect us from conflict and confusion and peace and harmony will prevail throughout our beloved Prince Hall Family. We must rededicate ourselves to observing all the promises we made in the beginning of our Masonic journeys.

We pray that God will be gracious unto us and keep us steadfast in the path of righteousness. Sometimes we forget from whence we came, but kneeling at the altar has a way of refreshing our memories.

So, to each of us my brothers, go to places where the profane dare not go. Go and work steadfast in the vineyard that Prince Hall has prepared for us. Go and build buildings if we must, but make sure they’re on a sound foundation. We must continue to be one family, or we will have labored in vain.

I thank Bro. Earl T. Tildon of the Jurisdiction for some on the excerpts

**RW Lee A. Taylor,  
Deputy Grand Master**



*RW Noel C. Osborne, Sr.  
Senior Grand Warden*

*“We are the “Critical Link” to ascertain that the principle tenants of Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth are preserved.”*



## Senior Grand Warden’s Corner

*By RW Noel C. Osborne, Sr.*

As this Masonic Year comes to a close – our Strategic Planning Committee and Sub-Committee members continue our concentrated effort in reaching out to the Masonic Districts with Town Hall meetings. Our intent is to spread the Grand Master’s Mission, Vision, Goals and Objects and our way ahead and get the much needed feedback from our membership.

As previously stated we are the **“Critical Link”** to ascertain that the principle tenants of Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth are preserved. Notwithstanding The Honorable Melvin M. Thorpe, Most Worshipful Grand Master has been assiduous in his efforts to move us forward.

The Strategic Planning Committees/ Sub-Committees has done the following in our Town Hall Meetings:

Clearly define the purpose of the M.W.P.H.G.L. and refined our realistic goals and objectives consistent with that mission in a specified time frame within the capacity for implementation.

Communicate the M.W.P.H.G.L. goals and objectives to Districts and Lodges.

Provide a base from which progress can be measured and establish a mechanism for informed change when needed with the input from our members.

We have brought together our best and most reasoned efforts to elaborate on the important value in building a con-

sensus about where an organization is going.

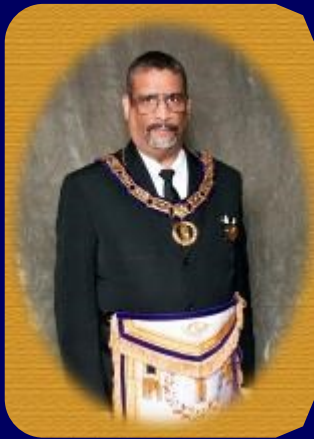
As with any management tool, our Strategic Plan is used for one purpose only: to aid our organization do a better job, to focus our energy and efforts, to ensure that members of the organization are working toward the proper goals, to assess and adjust the M.W.P.H.G.L.'s direction in response to a changing environment. This is a disciplined effort to produce essential choices and proceedings that shape and guide who we are, what we do, and why we do it, with a focus on our future.



I emphasize in closing my continued appreciation for the opportunity to serve each of as your Senior Grand Warden remain steadfast. I remain committed to you all and this great jurisdiction. I moreover further emphasize that our Executive Leadership Team members have the best interest of this jurisdiction at heart. God bless you all!

**“One Mission, One Vision, the Jurisdiction!”**

**Respectfully,  
RW Noel C. Osborne, Sr.  
Senior Grand Warden**



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

*“When you see kids  
having a good time, you  
will feel just as good!”*



## Junior Grand Warden’s Corner

*By RW Philip S. Lewis, Sr.*

**M**y friends!

The 2013 Car Raffle was held on Saturday, September 14, 2013 in the James T. Dorsey Auditorium of the Willard W. Allen Masonic temple, 1307 Eutaw Place, Baltimore at 2PM. Approximately 20 brothers and sisters were present for the drawing.

The results were as following:

**1st prize (2013 Cadillac XTS)**

Mr. Ken McClanahan—Ticket 52920  
Seller: J.A. Mingo Consistory No. 334

**2nd prize (\$2,500)**

Ms. Sandra Parker—Ticket 55487

**3rd prize (\$1,500)**

Mrs. C.L. Napper—Ticket 03415

**Special drawing of five \$100 prizes**

David Alston, 18739  
Jason Jenkins 08179  
Dez Moore 47581  
Norma Jenkins 06787  
Marlene Owens 01612

Family Members! This is the single most important fund raiser of this Grand Lodge. Our Annual Car Raffle. Your participation helped us raise over \$130k. What does it go to? Last year’s heating costs were over \$43k alone. This year’s winter is projected to be even colder. Rentals by lodges and other entities generate less than \$20k. That still leaves a deficit. How do we cover that deficit? Other expenses involve donations to charity, salaries for our employees, improvements to the Grand Lodge, and office supplies. We’ve had a few fund-raisers but as we did one year by hosting two Gospel Concerts and because of the poor support we made only \$8k and spent one week later \$11k for repairs to our elevator. We’ve asked for suggestions for an alternative fund-raiser. RW Anthony Thorpe came up with a Chocolate and Cream Bash but only netted \$2k profit. Our Grand Master’s Ball only broke even. We still are open to sug-

gestions to equal what our Car Raffle produces. Please help.

Special thanks to RW Andrew Pryor, RW William Davidson, RW James Vaughn, and WM Carroll Martin for their assistance to work on this project. A BIG thank you to Brother Walt Harrison, who worked for Capitol Cadillac and made the deal with the dealership to get the vehicle and allow us to use the vehicle for demonstration purposes at no cost. Unfortunately, Brother Harrison suffered a heart attack recently. Please keep him in your prayers!

The 2013 Prince Hall Day cookout was held on Saturday, September 7, 2013 at Lamont’s Entertainment Complex, 4400 Livingston Road, Brandy Wine, MD between 1-5PM with a number of games and rides, along with food.

All Lodges donated towards this event to offset the costs of food, and entertainment. All Lodges responded and we had 100% participation to pay for the event. However, sponsorship of bringing children to the event was not as great. We hosted nearly 200 children. Special thanks for the busload of children sponsored by RW C.A.Turner, and the brothers of the Third Masonic District.

Thanks to WM Harold Robinson and the brothers of King Solomon Lodge No. 7; brothers from Beehive Lodge No. 66; and host of volunteers from the 4th, 5th, 6th, and 10th Masonic Districts for clean-up, set-up, etc. Sister Cecelia Vanderhall as Trudy the Clown, who gave out a ton of school supplies. The young lady who did face painting. Crew Chiefs, RWs James Lundy, Leroy King, Andy Pryor, Stephen Bush, Eugene Bradford, and Gregory Williams. Our photographer for the day, RW Emanuel Stanley. Our MWGM’s cousin who brought out a number antique cars on display. Mrs Joyce Thorpe, organizer; Past Matron Gloria Jolly, who fixed the side dishes; and my wife, who manned the food stations for the chaperones; and the GLO’s wives who donated desserts.

But most especially to the kids, because the event was for the children. It is called the Prince Hall Day Cookout!

Our lodges now are into the Annual elections of their new administrations. Choose wisely! As these new leaders will lead into the new Masonic Year. They must prepare themselves to actively participate into overall Annual Grand Lodge Communication. Our Most Worshipful Grand Master will provide us some recommendations for

the New Year. They vote for you, and whatever the vote is, we must all abide by that decision.

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

## Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Maryland 2013 Car Raffle Winners

**Grand Prize: Mr. Kenneth E. McClanahan**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Prize: Ms. Sandra Parker**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Prize: Mrs. C. L. Napper**

**Special Drawing for five \$100 Prizes:**

- David Alston
- Jason Jenkins
- Dez Moore
- Norma Jenkins
- Marlene Owens



### **TEN MASTER MASONS**

*Ten Master Masons, happy, doing fine;  
One listened to a rumor, then there were nine.*

*Nine Master Masons, faithful, never late;  
One didn't like the Master, then there were eight.*

*Eight Master Masons, on their way to heaven;  
One joined too many clubs, then there were seven.*

*Seven Master Masons, life dealt some hard licks;  
One grew discouraged, then there were six.*

*Six Master Masons, all very much alive;  
One lost his interest, then there were five.*

*Five Master Masons, wishing there were more;  
Got into a great dispute, then there were four.*

*Four Master Masons, busy as could be;  
One didn't like the programs, then there were three.*

*Three Master Masons, was one of them you?  
One grew tired of all the work, then there were two.*

*Two Master Masons with so much to be done;  
One said What's the use, then there was one.*

*One Master Mason, found a brother -- true!  
Brought him to the Lodge, then there were two.*

*Two Master Masons didn't find work a bore;  
Each brought another, then there were four.*

*Four Master Masons saved their Lodge's fate;  
By showing others kindness, then there were eight.*

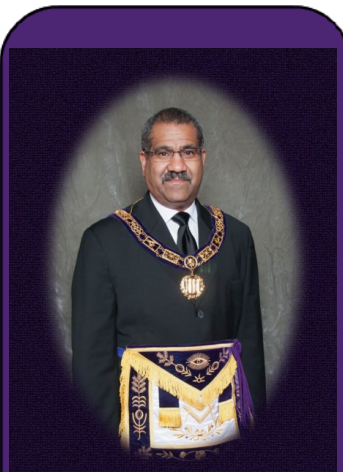
*Eight Master Masons, loving their Lodges bright sheen;  
Talked so much about it, they soon counted sixteen.*

*Sixteen Master Masons, to their obligations true;  
Were pleased when their number went to thirty-two.*

*So we can't put our troubles at the Lodge's door;  
It's our fault for harming the Lodge we adore.*

*Don't fuss about the programs or the Master'' in the East;  
Keep your obligation by serving even the very least.*

-Author Unknown



*RW Nicholas Padilla, Jr.  
Grand Chaplain*

*We start as babes, we  
mature, we grow toward  
manhood, we err, we  
stumble. But we are  
always instructed, always  
disciplined  
—if we “abide in him.”*



## Grand Chaplain's Corner

*By RW Nicholas Padilla, Jr. Grand Chaplain*

*“Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in Me.”*

*— John 15:4*

### Will You Abide in HIM?

Communion with Christ is a certain cure for every ill. Whether it be the wormwood of woe, or the cloying surfeit of earthly delight, close fellowship with the Lord Jesus will take bitterness from the one, and satiety from the other.

Live near to Jesus, Christian, and it is a matter of secondary importance whether thou livest on the mountain of honor or in the valley of humiliation. Living near to Jesus, thou art covered with the wings of God, and underneath thee are the everlasting arms.

Let nothing keep thee from that hallowed intercourse, which is the choice privilege of a soul wedded to the well-beloved. Be not content with an interview now and then, but seek always to retain his company, for only in his presence hast thou either comfort or safety. Jesus should not be unto us a friend who calls upon us now and then, but one with whom we walk evermore.

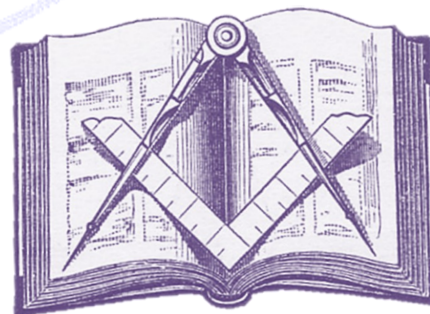
Now Jesus is the ‘true’ vine (15:1–17). He is the genuine Israel, who will produce the fruit of goodness and love. His friends are the branches of this vine, and his Father is the gardener who tends them. The purpose of the vine is to bear fruit. The gardener cuts off the branches which are barren or rotten. He gently cleans the other branches, to keep them free from disease. So it is with God, as he purifies, nourishes and corrects his people.

For the branches, the secret of fruitfulness is to remain fully connected to the vine. Jesus urges his friends to share his life and draw their strength from his teaching. If they do, they will be wonder-

fully fruitful and bring untold credit to God. The vine is a picture of love at work. Jesus gives his life for his friends, just as a vine pours life into its fruit. The life of Jesus is rooted in the love of God; a love he produces in his friends by laying down his life for them. Now they must continue his love. The fruit of their love will be in obeying the Father's will, putting one another first and sharing the life of Jesus with the whole world.

Truth for today.—There really are no options as to the demands of discipleship. No one can follow Jesus on his own terms. Jesus himself defined the terms. The word “disciple” means learner. When we bear that name, we do not declare ourselves to be saints. What we have said is that we go to school to him. We learn from him. We start as babes, we mature, we grow toward manhood, we err, we stumble. But we are always instructed, always disciplined—if we “abide in him.”

Will You Abide in HIM?





***Myra Grand Chapter***  
*Order of the Eastern Star*  
*Prince Hall Affiliated*  
*State of Maryland and Jurisdiction*

***PROCLAMATION***

*To: All Present and Past Grand Officers of Myra Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, Prince Hall Affiliated, Jurisdiction of Maryland; All Worthy Matrons, Worthy Patrons, Associate Matrons, Associate Patrons, Officers and Members of Constituent Chapters owing allegiance thereto,*

*Greetings:*

*By virtue of the power in us vested I, Faye H. Williams, Grand Worthy Matron, and I, Herman I. Williams, Grand Worthy Patron, do hereby proclaim the convening of the One Hundred and Seventeenth Annual Grand Session of Myra Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, Prince Hall Affiliated, Jurisdiction of Maryland, on November 14<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup>, 2013 at the Baltimore Washington International Marriott Hotel, Linthium, Maryland.*

*Myra Grand Chapter's 117<sup>th</sup> Annual Grand Session is open to all members in good standing of the Order of the Eastern Star. We encourage the participation of all Sisters and Brothers. It is our desire that this 117<sup>th</sup> Annual Grand Session be spiritual and harmonious for all attendees.*



# 2013 European Grand Visitation



From left to right: DDGM Carlos Johnson (District 14, Italy), DDGM John R. Woodbridge (District 12, Europe), GWP Herman I. Williams, GWM Faye H. Williams, MWGM Melvin M. Thorpe, RW Eddie Harris, SADDGM, (District 12, Europe), GAM Carol D. Simon, GAP Kevin Cunningham, REDDGHP Samuel Dantzler, and DDGM Lonsdale E. Skinner (District 13, England).

## ***LAST NIGHT I KNELT WHERE HIRAM KNELT***

*Last night I knelt where Hiram knelt  
and took an obligation  
today I'm closer to my God  
and I'm a Master Mason*

*Tho' heretofore my fellow men  
seemed each one like the other  
today I search each one apart  
I'm looking for my brother*

*And as I feel his friendly grip  
it fills my heart with pride  
I know that while I'm on the square  
that he is by my side*

*His footsteps on my errand go  
if I should such require:  
His prayers will lead in my behalf  
if I should so desire*

*My words are safe within his breast  
as though within my own  
his hand forever at my back  
to help me safely home*

*Good counsel whispers in my ear  
and warns of any danger  
By square and compass, Brother now!  
Who once would call me stranger*

*I might have lived a moral life  
and risen to distinction  
Without my Brothers helping hand  
and fellowship of Masons*

*But God, who knows how hard it is  
to resist life's temptations  
knows why I knelt where Hiram knelt  
and took that obligation.*

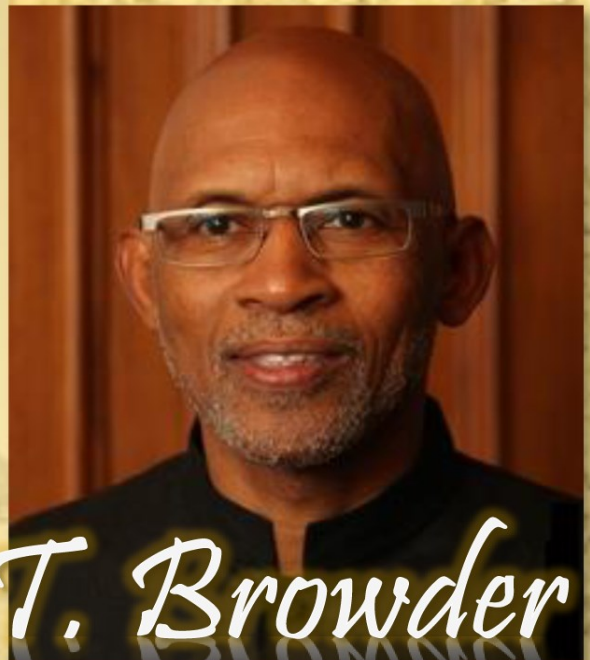
*By Pat M. Armstrong*

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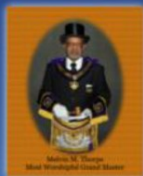


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# Universal Lodge No. 14 Celebrates its 149th Anniversary

By PM Michael Hinton

As the Worshipful Master of Universal Lodge No. 14, I thought it would be nice to share some of our history. Next year we will be celebrating 150 years as a Lodge. When I reflect on this, it makes me very proud to be associated with the Lodge. I fondly remember when I was a little boy coming to the Lodge with my grandmother to get crab cakes and chicken dinners. Now, I would like to share the story of how it began almost 149 years ago.

From *“The Other Annapolis”* by Philip L. Brown: “It is generally accepted that Prince Hall, the son of Thomas Prince Hall, an Englishman, was the first Negro in America to be made a Mason. He and 14 other men of color were initiated in a lodge of Free Masons at Boston Harbor. Fortified and authorized by a charter, these men planted the seed of legitimate Masonry in America. The Prince Hall group is the only group to receive a charter from the Grand Lodge of England”.

“The Annapolis Lodge, Universal Lodge No. 14, was formed by residents of this city at Newport, R.I., in the form of a club in 1864. This organization took place in Newport because the men who constituted the club were at the time in the U.S. Navy. The whole idea was conceived in Annapolis. The birth of the Lodge would have been in Annapolis, but the Civil War broke out and the men were sent elsewhere. After the war, they returned to their homes and on November 15, 1865 they were warranted in Annapolis. The officers were: Thomas Young, Worshipful Master, William H. Dorsey, Senior Warden, and George Thornley, Junior Warden. The lodge was re-warranted in 1876”.

The Universal Lodge No. 14 Temple is located at 64 Clay Street, Annapolis and is registered as a national historic building.



As it stands, Universal is a very long way from its glory days. We, like so many lodges are in need of many repairs (after 150 yrs). A leaky roof, peeling paint, and a new furnace and hot water heater are some of the items that are sorely needed.

At this point, we have only our brothers to turn to. If anyone would like to give donations to assist with these repairs, please contact any member of Universal Lodge No.14.

## Mount Lebanon Lodge No. 22 Celebrates its 145th Anniversary

As Worshipful Master of Mount Lebanon Lodge No. 22, or any other Lodge, it is a very humbling experience to say the least. Not only have you gained the trust and support of the Craft, you have also become a part of history that will continue long after your tenure as Master of the Lodge. However, it is truly humbling to be Master of the 22nd Lodge of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Maryland. On October 23, 2013, Mount Lebanon Lodge will celebrate its 145th Anniversary, making it one of the oldest Lodges in existence in Prince Hall Masonry in the state of Maryland.

In September 1868, a group of Master Masons from various Prince Hall Lodges in Baltimore City met at the Oak Street A.M.E. Church. These Master Masons were dissatisfied with their lodges and felt that the organization of a new lodge was in order. After prayer and deliberation, they decided the new lodge should be called "Mount Lebanon". This name was in reference to the "good strong timber" from Mt. Lebanon, used in the building of King Solo-

mon's Temple. Their petition was granted by the Grand Master and on October 23, 1868, Mount Lebanon Lodge, the twenty-second Prince Hall Lodge in Baltimore City was formerly chartered. It is the desire of the present members of Mount Lebanon that in all their endeavors, they remember they are to be "good strong timber".

This is our history, and it should be taught to every man that becomes a member of Mount Lebanon Lodge No. 22. It is our job, as Master Masons, to preserve the history of any Lodge that you become a member, so that future generations may one day become Master Masons. My Grandfather was Worshipful Master, and now, I sit in East of the same Lodge he was a member. Happy Anniversary Mount Lebanon Lodge No. 22, and I hope the Grand Architect of the Universe blesses us with many more!





## Maceo Boston Jr. Lodge No. 145 Celebrates its 25th Anniversary

By RW Ervin Kelly – September 17, 2013

Maceo Boston Jr. Lodge No. 145 has been practicing freemasonry and dispensing charity in Howard County Maryland for a quarter of a century.

On September 14, 2013, Maceo Boston Jr. Lodge No. 145 celebrated its 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary at the Sheraton Hotel in Columbia, Maryland. During this auspicious occasion the Lodge also honored its two living founding members, [the Honorable Melvin M. Thorpe, Most Worshipful Grand Master, and](#) Past Master Marshall Smith.

After several months of planning, the Officers and members of Maceo Boston Jr. Lodge No. 145 presented the Founding Members, family, friends and guests, a night to remember. Upon arriving at the beautiful Sheraton Hotel in Columbia, Maryland, their guest were escorted to the main ballroom, where they were presented with the red carpet treatment and a fine wine glass memento from the Lodge to memorialize their 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. It didn't stop there. The Brothers of Maceo Boston Jr. Lodge No. 145 treated their guests to a scrumptious three entrée buffet that pleased every palate, as well as, several complimentary glasses of potent potables of their choice.

***"This was a very classy affair... Maceo Boston Brothers know how to put on a party..." –Sadiki H.***

The evening continued with a well orchestrated program that honored the entire Lodge as well as the past and present founding members. As the names of the founding members were read in memoriam, a very distinct ringing of the bells after each name read gave all a resounding and nostalgic reminder of those Brothers that had the vision and fortitude to start this Columbia, MD-based Lodge. Sadly, Past Master Marshall Smith's wife, Sister

Lola, fell extremely ill. He was not present for the festivities and to receive his honors as a founding member. Although not present, he was not forgotten by his Brothers. The Worshipful Master, Carroll Martin, vows to hold a special ceremony for him at a later date. The Lodge was also presented a Proclamation from the Office of the County Executive, Ken Ulman, proclaiming that September 14, 2013 was Maceo Boston Jr. Lodge No. 145 Day in Howard County, Maryland.

***"The Red Carpet was beautiful. I felt like I was at a Hollywood Event...Very NICE!!" –Michelle B.***



After the official program, Maceo Boston Jr. Lodge No. 145 brought on the excitement. They entertained their guest with the comedy stylings of Comedian Timmy Hall, lots of dancing, several door prizes, multiple 50/50 drawings and an exciting game similar to, and fashioned after, the game show, "Let's Make a Deal" where even more money was given to the guest present.

The Worshipful Master Carroll Martin, as well as, the Officers and Members of Maceo Boston Jr. Lodge No. 145 would like to thank all those that came out to celebrate their 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.



# Maceo Boston Jr. Lodge No. 145 Celebrates its 25th Anniversary

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# J.J. Shanks 137

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August 2013

## The community matters

Jessie J. Shanks Lodge No. 137 have been hosting an annual Picnic for over 30 years in the Harford County Community. Over the years hundreds of community members look forward to the invitation and they show up in the masses to participate in the event. Amongst the attendees were The Honorable Melvin M. Thorpe, Most Worshipful Grand Master, the Aberdeen Proving Ground Garrison Commander and our AF& AM brothers from Harford County.

## Posing for pictures from left to Right

R.W. Noel C. Osborne Sr., SGW; The Honorable Melvin M. Thorpe, Most Worshipful Grand Master; Brother Thurman Davis, Worshipful Master Jessie J. Shanks Lodge No. 137; RW Jessie J. Shanks Sr., Northern Region Grand Lecture Emeritus, COL Gregory R. McClinton, Garrison Commander Aberdeen Proving Ground Maryland and his wife Vicky Arnette McClinton.



**MW Grand Master supporting Jessie J. Shanks Lodge No. 137 at the 2013 Annual Picnic**



# Jessie J. Shanks Lodge No. 137 Celebrates it Annual Picnic

This year's annual picnic was a huge success with an estimated total of 150 people in attendance.





**MYRA GRAND CHAPTER OES  
CHURCH VISITATION  
SUPPORT PROVIDED BY MWPHGL**



*On 14 July 2013  
The Honorable  
Melvin M.  
Thorpe Most  
Worshipful  
Grand Master  
and a delegation  
of Maryland  
Masons accom-*

*panied Grand  
Worthy Faye H.  
Williams and  
Grand Worthy  
Patron Herman I.  
Williams to Mt.  
Olive Baptist  
Church in Bruns-  
wick Maryland.*

*This was a joyous  
occasion for the  
Jurisdiction of  
Maryland and  
the Sisters and  
Brothers that at-  
tended were  
pleased.*



Author: RW Noel C. Osborne Sr.

## **Posing for Pictures following the Sermon**

From left to right, Brother Herman I. Williams, Grand Worthy Patron; Sister Faye H. Williams, Grand Worthy Matron; The Honorable Melvin M. Thorpe, Most Worshipful Grand Master; Reverend Aaron Moye and Sir Knight Gerald Matthews.



**God is  
Good, All  
the Time**

Author: RW Noel C. Osborne Sr.

# **We Showed Up and Showed Out to support our community**

## **Psalms 133 The Blessings of Brotherly Unity A Song of degrees of David**

**Behold, how good and how pleasant it is  
For brethren to dwell together in unity!  
It is like the precious ointment upon the head,  
even Aaron's beard:  
That went down to the skirts of his garments;  
As the dew of Hermon,  
And as the dew that descended upon the mountains of Zion:  
For there the Lord commanded the blessing,  
even life for evermore**



Author: RW Noel C. Osborne Sr.

## Singing Joyful Songs onto the Lord



### The Choir

The Melvin M. Thorpe Gospel Choir sang during the church visitation. The harmonious music was embraced by the Pastor and church staff as well as the brothers and sisters accompanying the Most Worshipful Grand Master and the Grand Worthy Matron and Patron of Myra Grand Chapter Order of the Eastern.

## Prayers Changes Things



### Prayers

The Reverend Brother Joshua Slack, Assistant Grand Chaplain, Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Maryland was invited to a seat on the dais by Pastor Moyer of Mount Olive Baptist Church following a heartfelt prayer.

Author: RW Noel C. Osborne Sr.



**MYRA GRAND CHAPTER  
O.E.S., P.H.A.  
Instructions for Completing  
Election Nomination Request Form**

Myra Grand Chapter is considering using electronic voting during the 117<sup>th</sup> Annual Grand Session. Additional information will be forthcoming on the process and demonstrations will be given to ensure those eligible to vote are properly trained in the process. As there will be no nominations from the floor, any eligible member wishing to be considered for nomination must have completed and return the Nomination for Elected Officers Form.

Prior to completing the Election Nomination Request Form read Myra Grand Chapter's Constitution and By-Laws, Article VI – Officers, Qualification for Office, Sections 2 through 9 to ensure you qualify for the position you seek, then follow the directions below.

It is very important to indicate the name of the office for which the nominee's name is placed in nomination. The offices are:

<b>Grand Associate Patron</b>	<b>Grand Associate Conductress</b>	<b>Grand Secretary</b>
<b>Grand Treasurer</b>	<b>Grand Financial Secretary</b>	<b>Grand Assistant Secretary</b>
<b>Grand Trustee – Chair</b>	<b>Grand Trustee - North</b>	<b>Grand Trustee South</b>

1. Select the position you desire and are eligible to hold.
2. Indicate if you are a past matron or past patron and your dues are current.
3. Indicate the Grand Chapter Elected position(s) you hold or held.
4. Indicate the Grand Appointed Office(s) you hold or held.
5. Indicate the Grand Committee Appointment(s) you hold or held.
6. **On reverse side of the Nomination Form you may provide any additional information you want the Election Committee to know about you.**
7. Please note: two signatures are required on the form (***Nominated by***).

Mail completed nomination form to Myra Grand Chapter at the address indicated to be received by **October 15, 2013**.

The nominee will be notified if the qualifications have not been met.

Faye H. Williams  
Grand Worthy Matron

Herman I. Williams  
Grand Worthy Patron  
August 2013



# MYRA GRAND CHAPTER

Order of the Eastern Star, P. H. A.

## NOMINATION for ELECTED OFFICERS FORM

Refer to Article VI, Sections 2 through 9, of Myra Grand Chapter's Constitution and By-Laws for Qualification for Office.

Nomination for the office of \_\_\_\_\_

NOMINEE: \_\_\_\_\_ Chapter: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone (home) \_\_\_\_\_ (cell) \_\_\_\_\_

Nominated by \_\_\_\_\_ Nominated by \_\_\_\_\_

Date Form Submitted: \_\_\_\_\_

Have you served as a  
Worthy Matron or Worthy Patron:  Yes  No Dues paid for year 2013  Yes  No

Grand Chapter Elected Position(s) Held (List and give years): \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Grand Appointed Office(s) Held (List and give years): \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Grand Committee Appointment(s) (List and give years): \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Mail completed nomination form to: Myra Grand Chapter, Attn: Election Committee,  
1307 Eutaw Place, Baltimore, MD 21217 not later than October 15, 2013.

DO NOT WRITE BELOW THIS LINE  
Do not write below the line

Election Committee's Review and Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Eligible for requested position(s):  Yes  No Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Verified by: \_\_\_\_\_

Grand Secretary

\_\_\_\_\_

Date

Sis. Faye H. Williams, Grand Worthy Matron

Bro. Herman I. Williams, Grand Worthy Patron

August 2013

## The Sixth Masonic District Partners with Susquehanna Lodge No. 130 AF&AM in an “Open House” Affair.

On Saturday, April 6, 2103 the Sixth Masonic District, through prior authorization gained through RWCCFC Pryor, partnered with Susquehanna Lodge No. 130 of the Ancient Free and Accept Masons of Havre de Grace, MD for their “Open House” affair.

Collectively, we used the joint venture to help and assist in educating and providing information to eligible young men seeking the understanding and wisdom of Free Masonry.

During the open house, officers and members of both entities were available to welcome visitors and prospective applicant’s alike. The Open House was a great opportunity for anyone interested in learning more about Freemasonry to meet and speak with Masons in the community.

This was truly a great opportunity to fellowship with our Ancient Free and Accepted brethren, and also, to show them that we are equally committed to this great Fraternity of ours.



*Left to Right: JW Patrick Sybolt, ADDGM Clarence Miller Jr, Sec John Ford and WM Mark Fayer Sr.*



*Bottom Left to Right: WM Herb Anderson, JW Patrick Sybolt, RW Jessie J. Shanks Sr. Sec. John Ford and WM Thurman Davis. Top Left: RW Charles Corum and WM Mark Fayer Sr.*

### You Only Get One Wish...

The Worshipful Master of our Lodge found a bottle with a Genie in it. In accordance with custom, the Genie offered to grant him a wish.

"OK," said the WM, "I've always wanted to go to Hawaii, but I hate to fly. So my wish is for you to build a bridge so I can drive to Hawaii."

"I can't do that!!!" exclaimed the Genie. "Don't you know that's impossible? No Genie could do that. It's too far, the water is too deep, it's just

totally beyond anybody's power. You will have to make another wish."

"OK," said the Master. "I wish that at our next Stated Meeting all the old PMs would just get along and not cause any trouble, not have to tell us how they did it their year, not complain about the ritual, not put down the current officers ... just sit on the sidelines and behave!"

"Hmmmm," said the Genie. "Do you want that bridge with 2 lanes or 4??"



## 6th Masonic District Delegation Presents Plaque to the Honorable David Craig, Executive, Harford County, Maryland

On Thursday, May 23, 2013, an authorized delegation consisting of RW Harold. Jones, RWE John. P. Bryant, RW Charles Corum, Bro. Charles Fuller, PM William Chapman and RW Rev. Dr. Cordell Hunter met with The Honorable David Craig, Executive, Harford County, Maryland. The delegation presented a plaque to him from the 6th Masonic District, F&AM, PHA, in recognition of his outstanding accomplishments in government and his contributions that enhanced overarching relations with fellow Ancient and Free Masons, particularly in Harford County Maryland.



*Left to Right PM William Chapman, Honorable. David Craig, RW John Bryant and RW Rev. Dr. Cordell Hunter*



*Left to Right: RW Charles Corum, Bro Charles Fuller, PM William Chapman, Hon. David Craig RW Rev Cordell Hunter, RW John Bryant and RW Harold Jones*

He was quite delighted by the presentation and expressed his gratitude for our thoughtfulness and generosity . Further a check in the amount of \$5,000.00, was made out to the 6th Masonic District, to assist in the restoration of the 6th Masonic District Building, located at 550 Girard St. Havre de Grace, Maryland.



# William T. Wallace Lodge No. 134 Visits Solomon Lodge No. 121 (AF&AM) for their Commemoration of Prince Hall Masonry

## Prince Hall Masonry

By Brother Samuel "JR" Lee (AF&AM)

Brethren,

At a recent communication, it was my pleasure to give a talk on Prince Hall Masonry. In addition to being a topic of great interest personally, it likewise was a subject that a majority of the members of Solomons No. 121 AF&AM specifically expressed a profound interest in as well. The tangible enthusiasm and zealous support of our lecture series during our regular communications covering diverse topics, to include Prince Hall Masonry, manifests a healthy abundance in one of the cornerstones of our craft...The desire for further light. This exemplifies but just one of the many reasons I am proud to be a member of our Lodge.

The journey in creating the presentation was as enjoyable for me as the knowledge gained from it. During the course of preparing, a Google search revealed MWPGM Jack Biggs's significant involvement in bridging the shameful gap between AF&AM and Prince Masons. From an email, came a phone call that evolved into an unexpected invitation to his home. Brother Biggs and I talked all afternoon about the history between Prince Hall masonry and AF&AM in Maryland. My wonderful visit concluded with gifts, to include, a signed copy of the document he helped draft solidifying the recognition agreement between the two bodies. I'll never forget his graciousness and hospitality.



Additionally, I had the pleasure of meeting with Prince Hall Brothers from William T. Wallace Lodge No. 134. In particular their Worshipful Master, Steve Isom, sat down with me one day during lunch and provided me with some valuable insight and knowledge from their perspective of the fraternity. I attribute any authenticity of my presentation to him.

This experience culminated with visits from MWPGM Jack Biggs and Brothers from William T. Wallace Lodge No. 134 during the night of my presentation. We sat together... we broke bread together ...we laughed together...we learned together. Thus highlighting, for me, one of the principle purposes of our institution.... [Fellowship](#).



*"Behold! How good and how pleasant it is for Brethren to dwell together in unity!" - Psalms 133*

# MWPHGLMD Order of the Knights of Pythagoras and Myra Grand Chapter Youth Fraternity Visit the MWPHGL of North Carolina Oder of the Knights of Pythagoras and Gleaners Annual Assemblage.



First we extend a heartfelt thank you to the members of the MWPHGL of MD and Myra Grand Chapter Order of the Eastern Stars for your donations to make this trip possible.

The Maryland delegation consisted of our DGM Lee A.

Chapter, Jaiyln Nero, Darin Tobias, Kailyn Nero, Holiday Glenn No. 12, PM Barbara Johnson-Hamilton, Kamora Tony, Zoyah Williams, Betty M. Goode No. 14, PM Mary Hamilton, Dalonie Hamilton, , Gaskins-Shade -Woods No. 15, WM Vanessa Bennett, Myra Perrin,

Caliah Rhinehart, Kennedy Rhinehart, Brown-Taylor-Bratcher No. 16, Sister Camila Smith, Noah Ferguson, Zion Ferguson, Jadia Smith, Whitney Fowlkes.



Weeks before the Assemblage the North Carolina State Director for the Order of the Knights of Pythagoras, RW Elijah Bazemore and the Maryland State Director KOP, RW Julio Martinez, were in communication. RW Martinez gathered the information (full name, Gender & Shirt sizes) on

Taylor, GWP Herman I. Williams, The Grand Supervisor of the OES Youth Fraternity, PM Cecilia Vandervall , her husband Grand Co-Supervisor, PM William Vandervall, and the following Chapters: Phillip Butler No.1, PM Shelby Fossil, Carolyn Vandervall, Mia Jackson, Serena Greene, Knox Brooks-Cary No. 9; PM LaVerne P. Evans, Grand Secretary for Myra Grand



who was attending and submitted the information to RW Bazemore, who was communicating with his staff and the Gleaners. However, for some unforeseen circumstance there was a break in communications in North Carolina and no packets were prepared for the Myra Grand Chapter Youth Fraternity Girls. We also found out that unlike Myra Grand Chapter youth Fraternity where the boys and girls are members, North Carolina Gleaners is for the girls and the KOP is for the boys. RW Martinez having previously attended the NC Assemblage was unaware of this since he had attended the KOP meetings only. However, RW Bazemore made arraignments for the Boys to be knighted upon arrival if it was ok with their parents.

Upon arrival, we were received with open arms. North Carolina book two hotels side by side, one for the girls and the other for the boys. The registration was performed in the hotel for the boys and due to the large amount of attendees the picture badges too longer than expected. Once we got our badges and rooms, the Maryland members were knighted by the North Carolina Knights of Pythagoras. Those knighted were GWP Herman I. Williams, PM William Vandervall, Darin Tobias, Noah Ferguson, Zion Ferguson, and Dalonie Hamilton.

During the break the Maryland delegation went to out to eat at CiCi's Pizza



The different regions hold their own competitions and the winners come to the assemblage to compete for State Champions. Although our girls did not compete, they were allowed to participate and they did a great Job; Jai-yn Nero and Kennedy Rhinehart participated as singers and Mia Jackson and Carolyn Vandervall participated as Dancers.

On Friday morning after breakfast, the 2nd General Session was opened. Committees were formed to cover Nominations, Time & Place and Credentials. Nominations were taken from the floor for the offices of the Grand Council, and then those desiring to run for office had the opportunity give reasons why they should be considered to hold office. Voting would take place on Saturday Morning.



We then went to lunch and changed into casual clothes to attend the afternoon workshops and hear motivational speakers. One of the guest speakers was the Assistant Director of Admissions for NC Central College. He very creatively discussed the score that Universities and colleges are looking for, giving 8th graders information to guide their decisions now for tomorrow. He had great interaction and participation.



The Second guest speaker, Teresa Lewis, had played NCAA basketball. She discussed how to overcome hard time and had everyone laughing through the whole

presentation. Then MWGM Milton F, Fitch and GWM Margaret S. Dixon had a review discussion with the attendees on what had gone right, what had not and what can be done to make it better. Both MWGM Fitch and GWM Dixon answered questions and offered explanations, while promising to come back to them with answers and take the discussion to the adult membership.

They were received with a standing ovation. They formed in front of the head table where everyone took pictures. The meal was a buffet and after the meal there was the presentation of the awards to the winners of the competitions. Ms Jaiyln Nero, Ms Kennedy Rhinehart, Ms Mia Jackson and Ms Carolyn Vandervall were presented Certificates of Special Recognition for their participation.



That evening was the Banquet, where all of the Knights of Pythagoras were asked to march into the Banquet.



# Veterans Affairs



*This new segment provides information of interest to our PHA Family members who are Active Duty and Retired Military. I hope you find it informative and beneficial—RW Steve C. Isom*

## Where to Get Help



### Veterans

If you are in crisis, please call 911, go to your nearest Emergency Room, or call the Veterans Crisis Line available 24/7 at 1-800-273-8255. Veterans press “1” after you call.

You can also chat live online with a crisis counselor 24/7 by visiting the Veterans Crisis Line\* website.

- ◆ National Call Center for Homeless Veterans: If you are a Veteran who is homeless or at risk of becoming homeless, you can contact the National VA Call Center 24/7 at 1-877-424-3838 (also intended for Veterans families, VA Medical Centers, federal, state and local partners, community agencies, service providers and others in the community). You can also chat live online 24/7 through the Homeless Veterans Chat service.
- ◆ DoD/VA Suicide Outreach: Resources for Suicide Prevention\*: You will find ready access to hotlines, treatments, professional resources, forums and multiple media designed to link you to others. This site supports all Service Branches, the National Guard and the Reserves, Veterans, families and providers.
- ◆ DCoE Outreach Center\*: The Defense Centers of Excellence for Psychological Health and Traumatic Brain Injury (DCoE) runs a resource center that provides information and resources about psychological health (PH), post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), and traumatic brain injury (TBI). The center can be contacted 24/7 by phone at 866-966-1020, by e-mail at [resources@dcoeoutreach.org](mailto:resources@dcoeoutreach.org), or you can also go to DCoE Outreach Center Live Chat.
- ◆ Military OneSource\*: Military OneSource is a free service provided by the Department of Defense to Service Members and their families to help with a broad range of concerns. Call and talk anytime, 24/7 at 1-800-342-9647.
- ◆ National Resource Directory (NRD)\*: The NRD is a website for connecting wounded warriors, Service Members, Veterans, and their families with those who support them. It provides access to services and resources at the national, state and local levels to support recovery, rehabilitation and community reintegration. Visitors can find information on a variety of topics including benefits & compensation, education & training, employment, family & caregiver support, health, homeless assistance, housing, transportation & travel, and other services & resources. The NRD is a partnership among the Departments of Defense, Labor and Veterans Affairs.

## DDGM Maurice A. Thorpe, Command Sergeant Major, USA, Recognized for Outstanding Service & Accomplishments, Receives 2nd Legion of Merit Award

On July 2, 2013, Command Sergeants Major (DDGM-at-Large) Maurice A. Thorpe, Maceo Boston Jr. Lodge No. 145, relinquished his responsibility as the Seventh Brigade Command Sergeants Major of the U. S. Army 5th Recruiting Brigade, San Antonio, Texas, where he served as the Senior Non-Commissioned Officer since August 2011.



This august ceremony was held at the historic Alamo, San Antonio Texas. Present for the ceremony was his father, The Honorable Melvin M. Thorpe, Most Worshipful Grand Master, his mother and the First Lady of Maryland, Joyce C. Thorpe, his wife Jennifer, his son Chantz, Brigade Commander Colonel Wayne Magee, Jr., a number of his colleagues and peers Command Sergeants Majors, the officers, civilians, and enlisted members of the 5th Recruiting Brigade. Additional attendees included distinguished dignitaries Major General James Wells, Commander 75th Training Command, Command Sergeants Major Hugh Rhodes, CSM Army North and Grand Inspector General Julian Jenkins, Jurisdiction of Texas, and several of friends and neighbors.

CSM Maurice A. Thorpe was lauded and recognized for his outstanding service and accomplishments as the Senior Enlisted Advisor of the 5th Recruiting Brigade and was awarded the Legion of Merit 2nd Award.



CSM Thorpe will now depart for his new assignment as a Senior Instructor, United States Army Command Sergeants Major Academy, Ft. Bliss, Texas.

Also depicted is CSM Thorpe's wife Jennifer being awarded the Units Distinguished Service Award for support.



# Affordable Care Act Won't Change Your VA Benefits

**H**ow does the upcoming rollout of the Affordable Care Act, AKA “Obamacare” affect military veterans? Are their VA benefits changing? What should veterans do if they’re uninsured now?

The Department of Veterans Affairs earlier this month sent out a letter to veterans explaining their options under the Affordable Care Act. Nationally, 8.7 million veterans are enrolled in the VA health program.

First, the 2010 law won't change VA benefits. And if a vet is enrolled in VA health care, that coverage meets the standards for the health reform law's insurance requirement. So that veteran will not face any penalties for not having health insurance in 2014.

That's one reason the Department of Veterans Affairs expects to see its veteran patient population grow by about 66,000, a senior VA official told Congress in April.

According to the Urban Institute, there are an estimated 1.3 million uninsured veterans under age 65 in the United States, constituting roughly 10 percent of the non-elderly veteran population nationally.

Most uninsured veterans are eligible for VA health care, federal officials say.

In the recent letter, the VA urges all qualified people who have no coverage to enroll in its health care system. There are no enrollment fees, monthly premiums or deductibles, and most veterans have no co-pays. (Some vets who have sufficient means pay modest co-pays.) Because enrollment takes time due to the need to verify eligibility, it's best to sign up quickly.

Not everyone who has served in uniform qualifies for VA health care.

“It's a common misconception that everyone gets VA coverage,” said Amanda Ptashkin of the consumer advocacy group Georgians for a Healthy Future.

One major group who do not meet the basic eligibility requirement for VA care are Reserve or National Guard vets who served on active duty for training purposes only.

Overall, a veteran's eligibility is determined by length of active service, type of discharge, service-connected disabilities, and income level, among other factors. Contrary to one common myth, war service is not required; there are many peacetime veterans in the VA health system.

But not all veterans who are eligible for VA care are enrolled. Genevieve Kenney of the Urban Institute's Health Policy Center, who has co-authored studies on uninsured veterans, said that one possible explanation is that some uninsured vets who could qualify may not be aware that VA coverage is available to them.

Kenney adds that ACA-related changes, such as the availability of trained navigators, the screening of applications for a variety of programs, along with the fact that VA coverage will satisfy the individual mandate, could raise veterans' enrollment in VA services.

More than 300,000 children of veterans and more than 600,000 spouses of veterans are uninsured, and most are not eligible for VA care, Kenney noted.

She says that more than 40 percent of uninsured veterans and more than 50 percent of uninsured family members report having unmet health care needs.

Veterans and their families who aren't eligible for VA benefits could go to the health insurance exchange. But another option, gaining Medicaid coverage, is limited in states that aren't expanding the program.

Here are some ways to enroll in VA care or determine your eligibility:

- Visit [www.va.gov/healthbenefits/enroll](http://www.va.gov/healthbenefits/enroll);
- Call 1-877-222-VETS (8387);
- Visit a local VA health care facility.

## **VA Health Care System**

Baltimore: VA Maryland Health Care System

## **VA Medical Center**

Baltimore: Baltimore VA Medical Center - VA Maryland Health Care System

Baltimore: Loch Raven VA Community Living & Rehabilitation Center

Perry Point: Perry Point VA Medical Center - VA Maryland Health Care System

## **Community Based Outpatient Clinic**



Baltimore: Loch Raven VA Outpatient Clinic  
 Cambridge: Cambridge VA Outpatient Clinic  
 Camp Springs: Southern PG County Outpatient Clinic  
 Charlotte Hall: Southern MD VA Outpatient Clinic  
 Cumberland: Cumberland Outpatient Clinic  
 Fort Howard: Fort Howard VA Outpatient Clinic  
 Fort Meade: Fort Meade VA Outpatient Clinic  
 Frederick: Fort Detrick VA Outpatient Clinic  
 Glen Burnie: Glen Burnie VA Outpatient Clinic  
 Greenbelt: Community Clinic-Greenbelt  
 Hagerstown: Hagerstown Outpatient Clinic  
 Pocomoke: Pocomoke City VA Outpatient Clinic

**Vet Center**

Aberdeen: Aberdeen Vet Center Outstation  
 Annapolis: Annapolis Vet Center  
 Baltimore: Baltimore Vet Center  
 Cambridge: Cambridge Vet Center Outstation  
 Clinton: Prince George County Vet Center  
 Dundalk: Baltimore County - Dundalk Vet Center  
 Elkton: Elkton Vet Center  
 Silver Spring: Silver Spring Vet Center  
 Towson: 1B RCS Mid-Atlantic Region

**VISN**

Linthicum: VISN 5: VA Capitol Health Care Network

**Veterans Benefits Administration**

Regional Office Skip Regional Office  
 Baltimore: Baltimore Regional Office

**Intake Site**

: Bethesda NNH (No MOU)  
 Aberdeen Proving Ground: Aberdeen Proving Ground  
 Annapolis: Annapolis Naval Station/USNA  
 Baltimore: Curtis Bay Coast Guard  
 Fort Detrick: Fort Detrick  
 Fort Meade: Fort Meade  
 Indian Head: Indian Head Naval Ord  
 NAS Patuxent River: Patuxent River Naval Air Station  
 Andrews AFB: Andrews Air Force Base  
 Bethesda: Walter Reed National Military Medical Center

**National Cemetery Administration**

National Cemetery  
 Annapolis: Annapolis National Cemetery  
 Baltimore: Baltimore National Cemetery  
 Baltimore: Loudon Park National Cemetery

**Veterans Affairs Central Offices**

VA Central Offices  
 Frederick: VA Acquisition Academy  
 Silver Spring: Construction & Facilities Management Regional Office - East

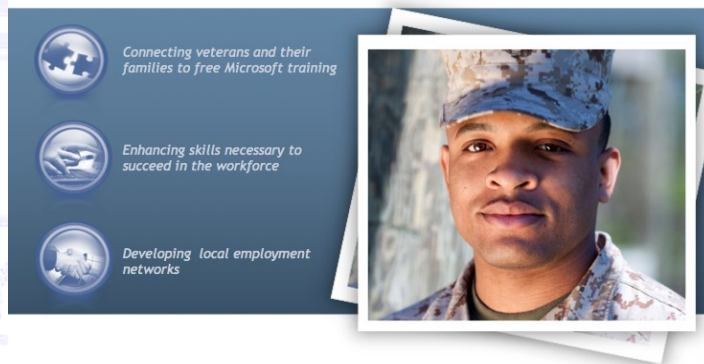
**ELEVATE Orientation**

October 23rd, 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

In cooperation with the Microsoft Corporation, the SkillSource Group now offers local veterans and their eligible spouses information on vouchers for free IT training and certification exams designed to help build the skills employers want. These certificates will expire at the end of 2013 so be sure to grab them now.

Register at this website: <https://www.eventbrite.com/event/8840274499>

**MICROSOFT ELEVATE AMERICA**  
 IT TRAINING FOR VETERANS



**Event Details**

More than half of today's jobs, in all industries, require some technology skills. Get the IT skills, training and resources you need to stay competitive within the workforce. Learn information on earning an **MOS Microsoft Office Specialist Certification** for Business or a **MCTS Microsoft Certified Technology Specialist Certification** in:

- Active Directory
- Server Administration
- SQL Server
- Windows 7



**Free live web seminars for transitioning military, veterans and military spouses seeking advice and guidance in the areas of Employment, Education and/or Entrepreneurship**

Topic	Date	Time	Presenter
Meet the Military Recruiters from PNC (Overview of Careers in Retail Banking)	Tue, Oct 15	3:00 – 4:00 pm ET	Chris Phillips (Military Recruiter for PNC and Marine Corps Veteran)
Out of Uniform: Preparing for a Successful Transition	Wed, Oct 16	11:30 am – 12:30 pm ET	Tom Wolfe (Career Coach and Navy Veteran)
How to Tailor Your Resume to the Job Vacancy Announcement (Defense Contractor positions)	Thu, Oct 17	9:00 – 10:00 am ET	Bruce Benedict (Certified Professional Resume Writer and Army Veteran)
Meet the Military Recruiters from PNC (Overview of Careers in Mortgage Lending)	Tue, Oct 22	3:00 – 4:00 pm ET	Chris Phillips (Military Recruiter for PNC and Marine Corps Veteran)
Meet the Military Recruiters from PNC (Overview of Careers in Wealth Management)	Tue, Oct 29	3:00 – 4:00 pm ET	Chris Phillips (Military Recruiter for PNC and Marine Corps Veteran)
Boots 2 Biz Presents: A Franchise Bootcamp (Is Franchising Right for Me?)	Wed, Nov 13	11:30 am – 12:30 pm ET	Bill Williams (Franchise coach, entrepreneur and Army Veteran)

**To register for any upcoming session please go to**  
**[www.MilitaryTransitionAdvisors.com](http://www.MilitaryTransitionAdvisors.com)**

*If government IT network firewalls prevent you from viewing the webinar on your computer, register anyway and use the phone number provided in your confirmation email to listen to the session over the phone.*

*We will send you the handouts after the session concludes.*

# A Veteran, a Dog and a Lifesaving Story

*Good Brothers and Sisters, many of our members, both male and female, are veterans who have served, or are currently serving in military units around the world, but especially in Iraq and Afghanistan.*

*Several weeks ago a retired Vietnam-era Colonel and close friend emailed me a copy of the article below titled, "A Veteran, a Dog and a Lifesaving Story" which was featured on the WTOP website on Tuesday, 24 September 2013. After reading it I was compelled to write and ask the author, Dr. Katy Nelson, for permission to re-post the article in this quarterly magazine, as it is very relevant to some of our veteran members who are experiencing post traumatic stress disorders from their experiences in Iraq and Afghanistan.*

*I received permission from the author and the segment editor at WTOP to repost it. I pray you find it informative and beneficial.*

*RW Steve C. Isom*

By Dr. Katy Nelson, special to [wtop.com](http://wtop.com)

WASHINGTON - Capt. Jason Haag, a medically retired United States Marine Corps veteran, bravely served three tours of duty overseas. But when he returned home to Fredericksburg, Va., from his last deployment in 2011, he found himself unable to leave his basement for almost two years.

Haag -- who was struggling with PTSD, traumatic brain injury and the pain that resulted from the injuries he sustained during his time in Iraq and Afghanistan -- was taking 31 pills each day. He slept with a gun underneath his pillow and he drank at least a dozen beers a night.

His relationship with his family was also suffering. Haag never made it to a single one of his three children's ball games, and he struggled to even walk down the street to get a soft drink from the local convenience store.

He felt as though his family was better off without him. After all, his wife took care of the children and the children took care of their school work. Haag was completely disconnected and his life quickly became the four walls of his basement.

Like many returning soldiers, Haag reached a breaking point -- he contemplated suicide. That's when he decided to do something, for fear of not living to see another year of his children's lives.

He'd seen a neighbor with a service dog, and decided to Google service dogs for veterans. He discovered four organizations and called all of them. The first three told him that he'd be put on a waiting list and he could check back in approximately three years.

But Haag knew he didn't have that long to wait. He called [K9s for Warriors](#), a Florida-based nonprofit organization



founded by Shari Duval that provides service dogs, at no cost, to returning heroes who suffer from PTSD and other injuries sustained while serving our country in conflicts post-9/11.

The organization told Haag he could get into a class in six months. Until that day came, K9s for Warriors called Haag to check in each week until he was able to make it down to Florida to meet his new companion and complete the organization's three-week training program.

This three-week program is an integral part of the K9s for Warriors' mission. While it's a time for the soldiers to bond with their carefully-matched dogs, it's also an opportunity for them to network with other servicemen and women who suffer from similar issues.

Ninety-five percent of the dogs utilized by K9s for Warriors are from shelters.

"In other words, we save the dogs, the dogs save the warriors," says Sandi Capra, director of development for K9s for Warriors.

For Wendy Diamond, best-selling author and founder of [AnimalFair.com](http://AnimalFair.com), K9s for Warriors is a cause close to her heart.

"When I learned the staggering fact that every 65 minutes, one of our veterans takes his own life, I knew I had to do something," Diamond says.

Instead of a typical nationwide book tour to promote her book, "How to Train Your Boss to Rollover," Diamond chose a targeted 10-city tour, where all stops are fundraisers for K9s for Warriors.

"My goal is that in every city we go to, we raise enough money for at least one local veteran to get his own service dog," Diamond says.

So far, she's accomplished that goal and then some. With only three cities out of 10 completed, Diamond has raised more than \$135,000 -- enough for almost 14 soldiers to receive a service dog.

K9s for Warriors is currently taking applications from D.C.-area veterans with PTSD or traumatic brain injury to receive a service dog. If you, or someone you know, would like to apply, you can find more information at the K9s for Warriors [website](#).

Those with doubts on the effectiveness of this program can just ask Capt. Haag.

"There's no doubt that Axel (Haag's dog) saved my life," Haag says. "If I didn't have him ... If I didn't have him, I wouldn't be standing here today. It's just nice to know I've got a battle buddy with me again. He watches my back, he protects me. He's changed my life and the lives of my entire family."

Capt. Jason Haag is a hero, a dad, a husband, a partner to his dog, and now, the coach of his 8-year-old son's baseball team. He's also a passionate speaker about the life-saving benefits of "dogs, not drugs."



The National Association of Black Veteran's (NABVETS) Region VIII (Maryland, Washington, DC, Virginia and North Carolina) shared their thoughts with Washington on benefit cuts as a bargaining chip during budget negotiations.



# Support of Thai Blind School

*(Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth”)*

RW Sylvester Cash has been working diligently with the Brothers of Siam Military Lodge No. 30 of The M.W.P.H.G.L. of Delaware, located in Bangkok Thailand. This Lodge is small in number but under the Vision and Leadership of Worshipful Master Dr. Jerome Banks, they are displaying what Masons are suppose to be about, the inculcation and practice of those truly commendable virtues, **Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth.**



Recently, he assisted them in their fundraiser to support one of the Blind Schools in Thailand, Pattaya Redemptorist School For The Blind, located in Pattaya and also a Refuge Program in Bangkok.



This school is under the Royal Patronage of Her Royal Highest Princess Maha Chakri Sirindhom. This Lodge does not wait for program to come to them, they seek them out and get working. The Brothers were able to donate 10000 baht (\$334.00 USD) to the each program.

The Brothers took a two hour trip to Pattaya, south of Bangkok to and upon arriving at the Blind school met with the Director, Ms. Aurora Lee



Sribuapun and Staff, toured the school, and enter acted we the students in at musical concert and in an vocational activity.



The Director, who is also blind, informed us that she is actually Chinese, but she was raised by Americans and studied four years in the United States and a few years in Canada, to earn her Masters Degree, before returning to Thailand to start this school. She has over 125 student there at this school who come from all parts of Thailand. They range for age 3 to 25, but those that come who are older are not turned away. They are given formal educations and vocational educational skills so that they can earn money to support themselves and also skills to be able to take care of themselves and their families.

Lead by the Senior Warden, the Brothers , after enter acting with the students, felt the needed to dig a little deeper and donated an additional 7,500 Baht (\$250 USD) to the 10,000 Baht (\$334.00 USD) of Essential Items they had brought to Blind School originally.

We were able to deliver the following items requested, to the Blind School in Pattaya:

- 11- Dozen flip flops
- 10- Bottles of decongestant
- 3- Big bottles Dettol Disinfectant
- 14- Bottles of shampoos
- 14- Bottles of Dishwashing liquid.

*“Do The Damn Thing”*

*Hi Jerome,  
I wanted to update you on the \$10K you all donated at the last event. We have purchased a fan for the pre-school, clothing for a few students (see photo), and the remaining \$3-4k went back in to help with monthly rent and food sponsorships*

# The Seniors Corner

*“Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth...”Ecclesiastes 12:1*

## AARP Maryland Marks Social Security’s 78<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

*Noting Social Security’s importance to millions of Americans including almost 650,000 Marylanders, AARP continues work to protect and strengthen the program.*

*On the eve of the 78th anniversary of the creation of Social Security, which provides an average monthly retirement benefit of \$1,291 to 649, 913 Marylanders, AARP Executive Vice President Nancy LeaMond shares the following column this week.*

In the years since President Franklin D. Roosevelt signed the legislation creating Social Security, it has become the foundation of retirement security in America, lifting tens of millions of seniors, as well as widows, children and people with disabilities, out of poverty. Declining pensions, inadequate savings, shrinking home values, and a difficult job market mean that the promise of Social Security will become increasingly important as today’s workers approach retirement.

Yet, some in Washington want to cut this invaluable program to reduce the deficit. Social Security is a self-financed program, not a piggy bank for deficit reduction. That’s why AARP is fighting to stop Congress and the President from cutting Social Security benefits using the ‘chained CPI,’ a change that would hurt seniors already in retirement as well as veterans, women, children and disabled Americans. Just last week, AARP volunteers delivered to Congress more than 1.5 million signed petitions opposing the chained CPI.

Social Security is too important to rush changes like the chained CPI, or increasing the eligibility age, into a budget deal. As we look to address Social Security’s long-term financial challenges, we must think of the current and future beneficiaries who have earned their benefits and rely on them. Any adjustments to Social Security will affect individuals, families, businesses and our economy as a whole. That’s why AARP is calling for a separate debate about responsible solutions that will ensure Social Security’s strength for current and future generations.

For 78 years, Americans have found peace of mind and a measure of financial stability in the modest but critical benefits provided by Social Security. As we reflect on its remarkable success, AARP looks forward to engaging with elected officials, business and non-profit leaders, and the American people in an open, honest conversation about how to strengthen Social Security for the future.

For more information visit [www.aarp.org/earnedaday](http://www.aarp.org/earnedaday) or contact AARP MD Advocacy Director, Tammy Bresnahan at (410) 530-7285 or [tbresnahan@aarp.org](mailto:tbresnahan@aarp.org).



# For Seniors Only

## Baltimore City Council President Young and Delegate Branch Newest AARP MD Members!



AARP MD volunteer Reggie Frazier (top, left) and AARP MD State President Clarence "Tiger" Davis (top, right) present Baltimore City Council President Bernard "Jack" Young (top, center) with an AARP t-shirt after he completed the AARP membership application.

Davis and Frazier also welcomed Delegate Talmadge Branch (bottom photo, second from right) with his t-shirt while he completes his membership application.

Davis and Frazier showcased AARP at the Lafayette Family Reunion, where members of the community who used to live in Lafayette Projects joined together to form a group called the Lafayette Family Reunion.

Visit [lafayettefamilyreunion.org](http://lafayettefamilyreunion.org) for more.

## AARP to Offer Free Webinar Series on the New Health Care Law!

Sorting through the maze of health issues such as long-term care, Medicare, insurance and health care reform can be confusing. Let AARP's new Health & Medicare webinar series help you make sense of it all. Get your questions answered and learn from leading experts what you can do now to secure your health and your future.

Can't make our webinars on the scheduled day? No worries. Register anyway to receive the link to the webinar recording and listen later at your convenience.

**Preparing for Medicare Open Enrollment**  
Thursday, Oct. 24, 2013, 2 p.m. ET

**Find Your Way Around the Health Care Law**  
Wednesday, Oct. 30, 2013, 7 p.m. ET

**The Health Care Law: What It Means for People With Medicare**  
Thursday, Nov. 14, 2013, 2 p.m. ET

Visit [www.aarp.org/health/health-webinars](http://www.aarp.org/health/health-webinars) to register!

## "Mom Means It – Get Health Insurance"

*AARP Launches E-Card Campaign for Parents to Encourage Young Adult Children to Enroll in Health Insurance*



This week, AARP launched an e-card campaign aimed at moms with adult children, offering a unique way to encourage young adults to purchase health insurance. Recognizing that 8.6 million young adults age 26-34 are uninsured, AARP is encouraging their moms – many of whom are our members – to remind their kids to sign up for insurance as required by the Affordable Care Act.

The e-cards say things like: "As a reward for signing up for health insurance, I'll defriend you on Facebook. You're welcome." and "Shop for a health plan the same way you shop for everything...online, in your underpants."

The e-cards are available at [MomMeansIt.org](http://MomMeansIt.org). If you would like to request an ACA speaker for an event, contact Christy Page at [cpage@aarp.org](mailto:cpage@aarp.org).

## *The Light of MD — The MWPHGLMD Membership Directory & Social Network*

*By RW Gregory L. Ortega*



The Light of MD is the full functioned member's community for the entire Jurisdiction. The idea was to create a Membership Professional Directory that provides the jurisdiction a way to list and view contact information. We also wanted the directory to be interactive enough to allow members to connect with each other similar.

There are many public social media platforms that do this, so we modeled The Light of MD after one of the most popular ones, Facebook. If you are familiar with how Facebook works, then you will be familiar with the Light of MD. We have tried to mirror the functionality as close as legally possible.

The Light of MD does have a feature that Facebook doesn't have and that is the ability to video conference. This is especially useful for holding virtual staff or committee meetings. We have tested this capability with our Lodge for a staff meeting and it works well. If your usual vocation sends you on travel or if you are unable to attend various masonic staff or committee meetings, this is an excellent way to stay connected and actively participate. (Note: we are not advocating the use of this capability for our regular Lodge or Chapter Communications.)

While the online community is in a rough state, we continue to make improvements and updates. We are looking at a new feature that will add screen share, a collaborative whiteboard, and a collaborative document. We want to add a chat function that will enable password protected video conferencing. These enhanced features would mirror virtual collaboration systems such as GoToMeeting and WebEx.

Here is a summary of features being planned:

- One on One Chat
  - \* Newer one on one chat would replace current chat capability for all users.
  - \* Allows for sharing desktop, files one on one, and have a one on one voice and video chat.
- Group Chat
  - \* Users can create public, invitation only and password protected chat rooms. This would be good for Committee meetings, District, Lodge and Chapter Staff Meetings.
  - \* Share screens, whiteboard, video conference, collaborative typing documents.
- Mobile
  - \* Users can download a chat app to chat directly with users on the site.
- Announcements
  - \* Announcements can be sent to all logged in users in real time.
- Chat Rooms
  - \* Can be embedded into the site. Allocating a chat room in each organized group.
- Security
  - \* Chat sessions could be logged and saved.

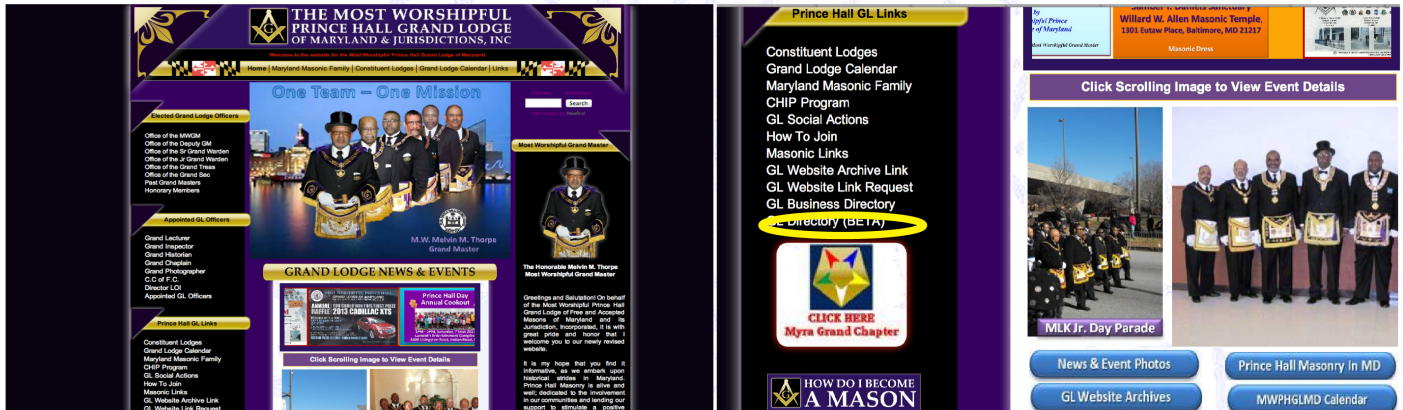


# MWPHGLMD Light of Maryland Membership Directory and Social Network Site Registration Instructions



By RW Gregory L. Ortegae

1. From the MWPHGL of MD homepage (mwphglmd.org) Click the GL Directory (BETA) link. It is located on the left hand side of the page just above the Myra Grand Chapter button. Circled in yellow in the photo below right.



2. The link will take you to the lightofmd.org page. On this page, if you are already a member, you may use your username/email and password to login. If you haven not been through the sign up process yet, please click join. The join button is circled in red in the photo below.

## Light of Md

Please sign in

Remember me  
Forgot Password

Welcome to our community!

Before proceeding you need to register your profile and become our member.

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# Light of MD Registration Instructions

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2. This page is where you will fill out your login information. Select between Master Mason or Eastern Star Account types. Fill in a username, a valid email address and a password. Retype your password and then click continue.

Light of MD Sign In Sign up

FOR TICKETS CONTACT: 410-438-6769 (HENRY SMITH) OR 601-593-2051 (KOAERIC MAUAINI)

Join our fast-growing community. Find new friends, date up, share photo and video. Enjoy!

**Register your profile**

Account Type: Master Mason Choose account type

Basic	
Username	<input type="text"/> <small>Should contain only letters and digits</small>
Email	<input type="text"/> <small>Should be valid</small>
Password	<input type="password"/>
Repeat password	<input type="password"/>

[CONTINUE](#)

3. The rest of your profile is completed here. Beginning with your contact information. This is what the members directory will be filled in with. After contact info, is the Masonic Data. Select your Lodge or Chapter. Fill in any other info you would like. When you are finished, click continue.

Light of MD Sign In Sign up

Gender:  Male  Female

Masonic Data		
Please Select your Lodge	<input type="text" value="Select"/>	Distri 1,2,3
Please Select your Lodge	<input type="text" value="William T. Wallace Lodge #134"/>	Distri 7,8,1
Please Select your Lodge	<input type="text" value="Select"/>	Distri 12,11
Please Select your Lodge	<input type="text" value="Select"/>	Distri 16,11
Date of Raising	<input type="text" value="Jan"/> <input type="text" value="1"/> <input type="text" value="2020"/>	This Date were
Became a Past Master	<input type="text" value="Jan"/> <input type="text" value="1"/> <input type="text" value="2020"/>	
Please select your Eastern Star Chapter	<input type="text" value="Select"/>	Distri 1,2,3
Please select your Eastern Star Chapter	<input type="text" value="Select"/>	Distri 4,5,7

# Light of MD Registration Instructions

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4. This is the last step! Make sure your email address is in the email box and click send. This will send you a verification email. Please be patient. We have noticed that some email systems take longer than others to receive the verification email. If you have not received it in 12 hours, please send an email to [webmaster@wtwallace134.org](mailto:webmaster@wtwallace134.org) and we will verify your email for you.

*Please confirm your email address.*

*Click "Send" button to receive a letter with the confirmation code to your email address.*

*If you don't receive email please add [webmaster@wtwallace134.org](mailto:webmaster@wtwallace134.org) to your whitelist/address book /contact list.*

That's all there is to it. We hope you enjoy the community. If you would like to advertise a Lodge or Chapter event (it's Free!!) Contact RW Ortega at [webmaster@wtwallace134.org](mailto:webmaster@wtwallace134.org). If know of a business that would like to advertise to the entire jurisdiction (for a small fee), please refer them to RW Ortega as well.

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 Eutaw Street  
 Clipart  
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 Clipart  
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Please complete this form along with your check or money order and mail it to:

**MWPHGLMD**  
 1307 Eutaw Place  
 Baltimore, Maryland 21217  
 Attn: RW Bill Davidson, Grand Secretary

# 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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