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FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS  
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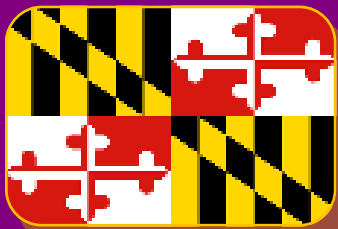
Maryland’s Prince Hall Family Newsletter

January 2014

66th 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, with sincere humility I thank you for the trust, confidence and love that you have reposed in me by re-electing me to lead this great jurisdiction for another year.

The 166<sup>th</sup> Annual Grand Lodge Communication was event-filled and enjoyable. We had a number of conservators of freemasonry to grace our dais. All of whom applauded our jurisdiction for hosting an outstanding session. For me to stand in the east and observe Grand Worthy Matron Carol D. Simon lead 198 sisters and brothers of Myra Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star into the chambers, fulfilling the promise she made to me in November was mesmerizing. My sisters and brothers of Myra Grand Chapter thank you for making the 166<sup>th</sup> Annual session the best I have experienced in 38 years. To the concordant bodies and the Nobles and daughters of the Desert of Maryland, thank you for gracing the 166<sup>th</sup> session with your presence.

My brothers and sisters as we begin this year, we have a major concern on the trestle board that has to be addressed immediately. Our magnificent edifice (as beautiful as it is), is in dire need of repair and renovation. This administration strategizes daily attempting to develop plans to garner the necessary funds to accomplish the major task of renovating our temple. I ask that you continue to support the several fundraisers of the grand lodge as we attempt to build the coffers of the grand lodge to move forward in the renovations.

We are in the process of distributing the raffle tickets for our Annual Grand Lodge Car Raffle. I know that this is a sore subject for some. However, I remind you that the raffle is our major fundraiser that provides the necessary funds that assist in maintaining our edifice and sustaining the daily operation of our grand lodge. We **NEED** you to embrace

this endeavor and sell all tickets. Together we can make this a successful venture.

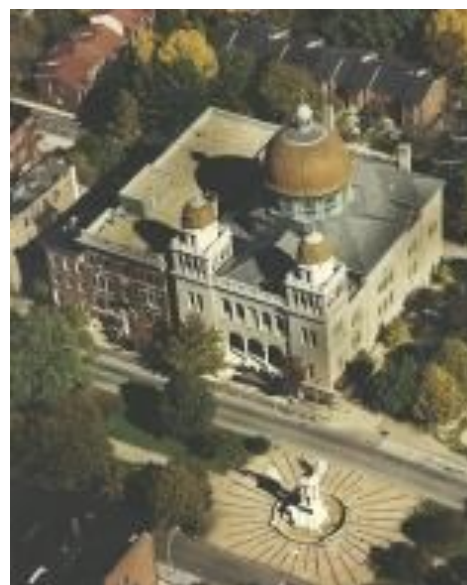
Along with the several fundraisers, the Strategic Planning Committee chaired by Senior Grand Warden Noel C. Osborne will be hosting a number of town hall meetings throughout the jurisdiction. The primary purpose of these town hall meetings is to provide you (the jurisdiction) with insight of our planned way ahead and to give you the opportunity to voice your concerns and to provide your input. I only ask that you respect the committee in their presentations and give your earnest opinions and support.

**One Team One Mission!!!**

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

Fraternally,

MWGM Melvin M. Thorpe  
Let’s Finish What God Started!





**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

***"Thank You!"***

*By RW Lee A. Taylor, Jr. DGM*

To the Honorable Melvin M. Thorpe, Most Worshipful Grand Master, the present and past elected and appointed officers of the MWPHGL of MD, all of my Brothers, I thank you for your support in re-electing me as the Deputy Grand Master of one of the strongest Masonic jurisdictions in the Prince Hall Masonic family. I will continue to serve MWGM Thorpe, the MWPHGL of MD and the Brothers of this jurisdiction to the best of my ability.

In the 4th chapter of Proverbs it says, "Wisdom is the principal thing; therefore get wisdom: and with all thy getting, get understanding." Brothers, we should use this scripture while making decisions relating to our Lodges and Grand Lodge affairs.

We must work to rebuild our once progressive organization and to get rid of the public's question, "has anyone seen that ancient and honorable fraternity, Prince Hall Masonry?" 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 churches and communities. It is time for US to recommit ourselves to improving our lodges and being visible in our churches and communities. We must be good and true men. We cannot be insensitive of our obligations which devolve our capacities, nor of our responsibilities for the faithful discharge of the important duties which we are obligated to uphold. It should be our honor, reputation and usefulness to spread and communicate light instructions to the brethren of our jurisdiction. Impress upon them the dignity and high importance of Masonry, and seriously admonish them never to disgrace it.

Let us rebuild the structure and give nothing away free. Rebuilding the structure means caring for the initiated Brother as much as we care for the uninitiated. It means building upon the foundation of the individual, giving away nothing for free. It means to not treat the degrees like a business transaction. If we treat them as a business transaction, our lodges will quickly grow smaller. Show the petitioners the value for each degree.

We, the current members of Freemasonry, must get back to the roots of what influenced us to join. We did it because our close ideal of a good man was a Freemason. They were strong men in the community supporting the youth programs, churches, little league coaches, and honest law enforcers. What made Masonry stay is because we became the men whom we mentioned above. We must get off the constitutions, teach the principles, and not be afraid of the changes we would like to implement. Live today, plan for tomorrow, but don't let worry and anxiety steal your joy

May God continue to bless MWGM Melvin M. Thorpe, our Brothers, Sisters, and the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Maryland.

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



*RW Lee A. Taylor, Jr.*

***"We must be good and true men. "***

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



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

*“The Community  
is our focus*

*Service  
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*Professionalism  
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*Partnership  
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## Senior Grand Warden’s Corner

*By RW Noel C. Osborne, Sr.*

**B**rothers all; I thank each and every one of you for your trust and confidence in my knowledge, skills and ability and for re-electing me to this position as your Senior Grand Warden for this, our Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Maryland. I fully acknowledge that to serve in this capacity is indeed a privilege and I will continue to press forward in support of each of you and this amazing Jurisdiction. I remain humbled at the opportunity to serve in this capacity and I will continue to render maximum support to our jurisdiction, the Honorable Melvin M. Thorpe, Most Worshipful Grand Master, and to you, our membership as a whole.

Over the past year I have embraced several internal appointments in support of the craft of our Jurisdiction:

1. Masonic Education Committee Chair with Lodges of Instructions Oversight.
2. Grand Master’s Address Chair.
3. Strategic Planning Committee Chair.

I look forward to working with each of you in our many endeavors. I solicit your ideas to assist our jurisdiction in strengthening our programs, policies, processes, procedures and systems. Please know that to achieve our Mission and Vision of this Jurisdiction the following values must be affirmed:

- The Community - is our focus
- Service - is our business
- Professionalism - is our hallmark
- Our Membership – is and must remain our greatest asset
- Partnership - is the key to our success
- and Integrity, teamwork and leadership - form our Masonic foundation

For us to grow we must realize that none of us are better than the other. We are only different. We must also respect our differences in order to capitalize on the true meaning of “TEAM”.



Players play but team wins. I am here to serve each of you. If there is anything that I can do to assist you in our Masonic travels please do not hesitate to contact me and I will hasten to your support.

**God Bless and Happy New Year.**

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



# Congratulations to Myra Grand Chapter's GWM Carol D. Simon and GWP Kevin Cunningham



## MISSION STATEMENT

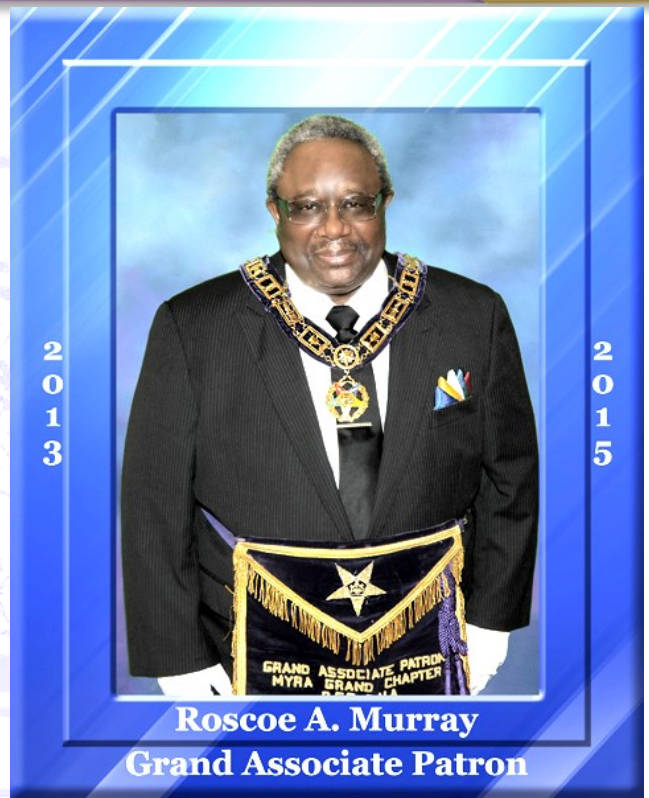
Striving For Excellence: Caring more than others think is Wise, Risking more than others think is Safe, Dreaming more than others think is Practical, and Expecting more than others think is Possible.

## GOALS

- ◆ Keep an open channel of communication between Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge and Myra Grand Chapter to achieve our common goal.
- ◆ Open the awareness of Love Respect and Accountability due to our Sisters and Brothers. Increase membership in the Jurisdiction.
- ◆ Enhance the knowledge of our leaders

*But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength: They shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint. (Isaiah 40:31)*

# Congratulations to Myra Grand Chapter's Elected Grand Chapter Officers





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*Cynthia Henderson*  
*Grand Treasurer*



*LaVerne P. Evans*  
*Grand Secretary*



*Janette Randal*  
*Grand Chairman of Trustees*



*Beverly Scroggins*  
*Grand Trustee (South)*

*Betty Royal*  
*Grand Trustee (North)*



## Congratulations to Myra Grand Chapter's Appointed Grand Chapter Officers

### **Grand Star Points**

Grand Adah - Y. Michelle Dowleyne  
Grand Ruth - Paula Eason  
Grand Esther - LaVonne Smalls  
Grand Martha - Karen Daughton-Thomas  
Grand Electa - Gloria Criss

### **Grand Flag Bearers**

Grand Christian Flag - Desirae Williams (25)  
Grand US Flag - Barbara Johnson-Hamilton  
Grand OES Flag - Jeanette Cain

### **Grand Chaplain**

Grand Chaplain - Grace Brooks

### **Grand Marshals**

Grand Marshal in the East - Joyce Ellison  
Grand Marshal in the West - J. Elaine Bennett

### **Grand Warder and Grand Sentinel**

Grand Warder - Carolyn Bowens  
Grand Sentinel - Charles Lewis

### **Grand Musician**

Grand Musician - Millard Reid

### **Grand Lecturers**

Grand Lecturer - Joycelyn H. Johnson  
Grand Associate Lecturer - Alberta Smith-Colden  
Deputy Grand Lecturer - Nathaniel Scroggins

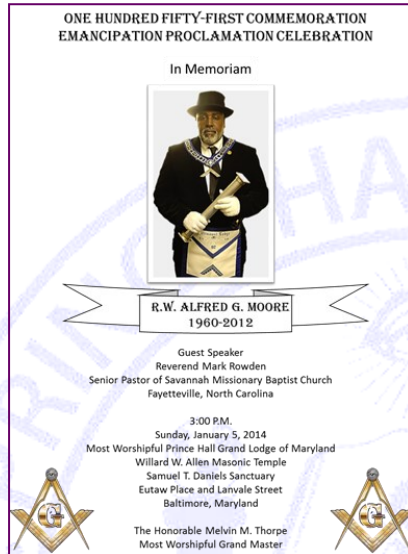


# MWPHGLMD Celebrates the 151st Emancipation Proclamation in Style



By PM Ivory G. Traynham

Despite the frigid temperatures in the area, the Brothers and Sisters of the Maryland Jurisdiction joined together at the Samuel T. Daniels Sanctuary on January 5 to commemorate the Emancipation Address written by President Abraham Lincoln. The event was dedicated to the memory of our departed Grand Lecturer RW Alfred "A.G." Moore.



duct, and the time and effort he spent while a member of this Jurisdiction.

RW Deputy Grand Master Lee A. Taylor introduced the afternoon's orator, Rev Mark Rowden. Rev. Rowden spoke about the emancipation, and how it led to the formation of the United States Colored Troops during the Civil War. He also referred to the 14th and 15th chapters of Exodus and compared the trials of the children of Israel to our present-day trials here in America and how we need to rely on God to bring us out of the wilderness and make our "bitter water sweet".

RW (Rev.) Todd Yeary spoke about how we need to get engaged in the political process now, and not wait until June. We should ask our prospective elected officials "What Are They Doing for Us In January?"

*WM Reginald Baker (Roscoe C. Cartwright #129) and WM Janelle Pittman (Marjorie T. Lancaster #84) entering the Sanctuary for the Emancipation Day Service*

The Brothers and Sisters of the Jurisdiction, along with the other dignitaries and guests, filled the Sanctuary to near capacity and there was a sense throughout the crowd that this was going to be a special event, and the celebration was that and more.

The program's presiding officer, Sir Knight Nicholas Padilla III, son of RW Nicholas Padilla, Jr., MWPHGLMD Grand Chaplain, performed superbly as he kept the program going smoothly. The Princess Matrons from the Myra Grand Youth Fraternity and Sir Knights from the Knights of Pythagoras presented the Welcome Address and Response, the reading of the Emancipation Proclamation and the Response to the Emancipation titled "What it Means to Me".

The blessings continued in song as the Cartwright Singers definitely moved the audience with several selections and we also were also treated to a song from Mrs. Tammy Padilla. RW PGM LeOtha Hull presented the five MWPHGLMD Scholarship recipients to the audience. Each student received a \$3000.00 scholarship award. All the dignitaries on the dais were recognized, to include the visiting Grand Masters from Virginia, the District of Columbia and the A.F. &A.M. of Maryland.

RW Senior Grand Warden Noel C. Osborne, Sr. read the memorial to RW GL "A.G". Moore. RW Moore was a stalwart member of this Jurisdiction and his presence is still strongly felt today, and will be for many years to come. He continues to serve as a shining example of what a Mason should be and he is truly missed. Today's ceremonies were held in his honor based on his exemplary con-





# MWPHGLMD Celebrates the 151st Emancipation Proclamation in Style (cont.)



The Honorable (RW) Nathaniel J. McFadden, Maryland State Senate Majority Leader, encouraged the craft to reach out and keep making a difference in the community and he thanked everyone for coming out this evening. Other visitors gave brief closing remarks, including the Honorable Gerald E. Piepiora, MWGM of MWGLMD, A.F. & A.M. who commented on the brotherhood and fellowship that now exists between all houses of our two respective organizations. MWGM Thorpe also congratulated everyone involved in bringing the program together and expressed his thanks to all the Brothers and Sisters for attending.

*SGW Noel C. Osborne addresses the audience*



*MWGM Thorpe & the Emancipation Celebration Speaker, Rev. Mark Rowden*



*The MWPHGLMD Scholarship Recipients*



*Mrs. Tammy Padilla blesses the audience in song*





# *Cruising Extraordinary*

Myra Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, PHA, MD



## **Southern Caribbean Cruise**

**April 18, 2015**

### **8-Day Southern Caribbean Cruise From Ft. Lauderdale FL**

DAY	PORT	ARRIVE	DEPART
Saturday – 4/18	Ft. Lauderdale		4:00
Sunday – 4/19	Fun Day At Sea		
Monday – 4/20	Grand Turk	7:00	2:00
Tuesday – 4/21	La Romana, Dominican Republic	9:00	4:00
Wednesday – 4/22	Curacao	1:00	11:00
Thursday – 4/23	Aruba	8:00	4:00
Friday – 4/24	Fun Day At Sea		
Saturday – 4/25	Fun Day At Sea		
Sunday – 4/26	Ft. Lauderdale	8:00	

**Prices are per person:**

Includes Cruise, Gratuities, Port Charges, Transfers, Taxes and Fees  
(Vacation protection not included)

	<i>Interior</i>	<i>Ocean View</i>	<i>Balcony</i>	<i>Suite</i>
<b>Occupancy:</b>				
Double	\$1105	\$1235	\$1585	\$2195

***“Deposits are due January 31, 2014”***

**1<sup>st</sup> \$50** deposit per person for Interior, Ocean View, Balcony; \$300 deposit per person for Suites  
Due January 31, 2014

**2<sup>nd</sup> \$250** deposit per person due July 25, 2014

**Balance Due January 23, 2015**

**\$50 per person non-refundable cancellation fee**

ALL PAYMENTS MUST BE MADE BY: Credit Card, Personal Check, Money Order and/OR Cashiers Check

Make all payments payable to: Myra Grand Chapter, O.E.S., P.H.A.

For additional information and to make payment arrangements please call

*Chairperson, PM Jacqueline Veenev (410) 758-0974*

*Co-Chairperson, PM Joyce I. Dyson (301) 904-0298*

The Honorable Melvin M. Thorpe, Most Worshipful Grand Master

Sis. Carol D. Simon, Grand Worthy Matron

Bro. Kevin Cunningham, Grand Worthy Patron

# Bee Hive Lodge No. 66 4th Masonic District Annual Crab Feast



By PM Ivory G. Traynham

In what has become our “Grand Finale” of the Masonic year, the brothers of Bee Hive #66 once again held their Crab Feast on Oct 6th at Bee Hive Lodge. There was plenty of good fun, food, fellowship, music and CRABS!!! We were blessed to have a capacity filled event that consisted of brothers and sisters from across the jurisdiction truly enjoying each other’s company. Also in attendance were three current Prince Hall Grand Masters: The Honorable Melvin M. Thorpe (Maryland), MWGM Milton Fitch (North Carolina) and MWGM John Doles (District of Columbia). The fun and food lasted well into the evening and culminated another great year in the Hive. Proceeds from the event went to our community efforts. We thank the G.A.O.T.U. for giving us the resources and opportunity to be a positive force in our community and we pledge to do even more in the upcoming year.



*MWGM's Thorpe, Fitch & Doles*



*Sisters of Magdalene Chapter 45*



*PDGM & Mrs. Collier*



*Patrons enjoying themselves, and MWGM getting his groove on!*





# Bee Hive Lodge No. 66 Senior Citizens Dinner



By PM Ivory G. Traynham

On November 16, the brothers of Bee Hive held their Senior Citizen Dinner at Bee Hive Lodge 66. We open our doors to host this event every year to feed the seniors of our community. This year we fed over 200 individuals. The brothers donated all the items for the meal as well as doing all the cooking and serving. All the attendees were very pleased with the hospitality!



*PDDGM Lancaster, PM Marbray and WM Carl Fields*



*WM LaTonja Moore & Truth Chapter #19*



# Truth Chapter No. 19 Celebrates Its 92nd Anniversary



*LaTonja T. Moore, Worthy Matron*

On December 21, 2013, TRUTH CHAPTER No.19 celebrated our 92nd Anniversary Celebration, "The House That TRUTH Built, Continuing The Legacy". It was a Great Celebration that our Chairperson Conductress Hines and her committee put together. We honored ALL of our Past Matron's and Past Patron's. There was a SPECIAL tribute to our oldest living member Sis. Pearl Furey, who went from Labor to Reward just days before the event at the age of 107.

We the officers and members of TRUTH CHAPTER NO.19 will continue to serve our community and do our absolute best to live our lives in TRUTH and Honor and Dignity.



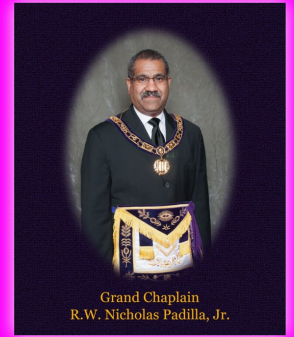
The Grand Worthy Matron, Carol D Simon, Grand Worthy Patron, Kevin Cunningham, RW DGM Lee A. Taylor, DDGAM Sherri Offer, Grand Treasurer Cynthia Henderson (Honoree) were all in attendance.



We were truly blessed in The Word by our very own Rev. PM Ruby Thomas. WM Vanessa Bennett of Fidelity Chapter blessed us with her beautiful rendition of "I Won't Complain".







Grand Chaplain  
R.W. Nicholas Padilla, Jr.

## ***CONGRATULATIONS RW NICHOLAS PADILLA, JR GRAND CHAPLAIN***

RW Nicholas Padilla was appointed as a Deputy Assistant Inspector General for Investigation in November 2013. RW Padilla shares oversight of the headquarters Office of Investigation functions, which include the headquarters Operations Division and the Special Investigations Division. RW Padilla assists with the oversight of the local field offices and has joint responsibility over the Office of Investigation's major fraud initiatives, computer forensics, annual budget, and internal affairs investigations. RW Padilla has more than 33 years of extensive law enforcement experience across the Federal Government and U.S. military.



***RWJGW Emanuel J. Stanley***



# The William T. Wallace Lodge #134 Ft. Meade, MD (10<sup>th</sup> Masonic District)



By Bro. Stacy L. Merriwether, Senior Warden



From left to right: Bro Bobby Glenn (Marshall); JW Roderic Mauldin; RW Lucky O'Connor (ADDGM, 10<sup>th</sup> Masonic District); WM Dennis Graham; SW Stacy Merriwether (Photo by SW Merriwether)

The first quarter of Masonic Year 2014 started off with a bang for the newly elected and appointed officers, as well as, members of William T. Wallace Lodge #134 (WTW134). The first endeavor was to engage in community service by volunteering at the Anne Arundel County Food Bank on November 15, 2013 (see photo above).

The Food Bank had been instrumental in the Lodge's ability to provide meals for those less fortunate during last year's holiday season. WM Graham wanted to pay back the Food Bank with an offering of giving as a token of the Lodge's appreciation for all that the Food Bank has done. Needless to say, the relationship between the two entities has been bolstered, and both entities vowed to continue to serve the community together with vim and vigor.

On November 19, 2013, WM Graham and SW Merriwether collected and delivered four Thanksgiving Baskets to a few Widows of the Lodge and a Brother in need. All were very thankful and grateful for the efforts of WM Graham and SW Merriwether on behalf of WTW134. The baskets were graciously donated by Sister Cynthia Brooks of the Bea Gaddy Family Center.

On November 20, 2013, the Brothers of WTW134 increased its presence in the community by donating 10 turkeys to the We Care Foundation of Annapolis, MD. The foundation sent communication to the Lodge asking for assistance in their efforts to provide for families in need in the community, and the Brothers of WTW134 accordingly responded (see photo at top right).



JW Mauldin presents 10 turkeys to staff members of the We Care Foundation of Annapolis, MD. (Photo by JW Mauldin)

As a token of appreciation for Sister Brooks' willingness to help, WTW134 donated money and time to the Bea Gaddy Family Center (see photo below). On November 26, 2013, SW Merriwether led a delegation of Brothers that assisted the Center with preparations for its upcoming annual Thanksgiving meal provided for the less fortunate in the community.



WM Graham provides donation to Sis Cynthia Brooks (Photo by SW Merriwether)

In early December the administration and several Brothers of WTW134 headed to Ocean City, MD for the 166th Annual Communication of the MWPGLMD. During the session, PM Steve Isom received the "Mason of the Year"



Award. WM Graham was presented with his Lodge of Instruction completion certificate. SW Merriwether received his patent appointing him as the Equal Opportunity Director for the Jurisdiction.

Although WTW134 did not win the award for best hospitality room, the countless number of visitors and return visitors during the entire weekend was award enough. Word quickly spread, via the check-in desk and visitors, about how turned up the hospitality suite was. As a result, it was dubbed "Club 134" by those in attendance, which indicates that WTW134's name will go down in session lore as the best ever! Great job JW Mauldin and staff!!

On December 22, 2013, WTW134 held its annual Christmas Party at Burba Lake Cottage, Ft. Meade, MD. This year it was in conjunction with Amulet Chapter #85 (OES). In addition to the approximately 80 people in attendance, the Honorable Melvin M. Thorpe, MWGM, MWPHGLMD, honored all with his presence. GWM Carol D. Simon, Myra Grand Chapter (OES), also attended. DDGM Ron E. Clarke, 10th Masonic District, graced us with his presence. Kudos to the joint committee for putting together an awesome event (see photo below)!

WTW134 will hold its 2nd Annual Super Bowl Party in the Melvin M. Thorpe Fellowship of the MWPHGLMD on February 2, 2014 from 4 pm until 12 am. Tickets are \$20. There will be a free buffet and beer (while they last). It is also a BYOB event with free set ups. The pre-party starts promptly at 4 pm with entertainment provided by DJs Mundo and SLiM. Contact JW Mauldin for more info at [juniorwarden@wtwallace134.org](mailto:juniorwarden@wtwallace134.org).

The Brothers of WTW134 will continue to raise the bar of what it means to be a Maryland Prince Hall Mason with the work we will continue to perform. We are the epitome of a Beehive and double-dog dare you to be like us!! Let's all work together with rebuilding our fraternity's reputation throughout the Jurisdiction.



*Photo courtesy of Bro Michael Bertty II*



## *THE EGYPTIAN ORIGINS OF OPERATIVE & SPECULATIVE FREEMASONRY LECTURE*

On Sunday October 27, 2013 at 2p.m. the Office of the Grand Lecturer sponsored a lecture by noted author, historian & Egyptologist Mr. Anthony T. Browder. The event was held in the Melvin M. Thorpe Fellowship Hall and was well attended by at least 145 Brothers, Sisters & guests. For over two hours Mr. Browder expounded upon the similarities between the builders of the Egypt and its correlation to Freemasonry. The Honorable Melvin M. Thorpe, Most Worshipful Grand Master, Right Worshipful Lee A. Taylor, Deputy Grand Master, Right Worshipful Steven G. Collier, Past Deputy Grand Master, Right Worshipful Harold Gordon, Past Grand Secretary, Right Worshipful Stephen Bush, Deputy Grand Inspector, the Grand Lecturer of New Jersey, the Assistant Grand Lecturer from D.C., the Imperial Deputy for the Desert of New York DOI, HPIC Phyllis Y. Johnson and a whole host of guest enjoyed an inspiring and enlightening message from Mr. Browder. The response was overwhelming and there was a request to do another. We have already approached Mr. Browder and another speaker to come out in 2014. We thank our Grand Master for his trust and confidence to approve this lecture. We thank everyone who supported the endeavor.

**RWJGW Emanuel J. Stanley**





*MWGM Melvin M. Thorpe & Anthony T. Browder*



*L-R RWGL Stanley; RWDGI Bush; DGL Smith, Sr; MWGM Thorpe; Mr. Browder; DGM Taylor; RWCCFC Pryor; AGL Haynie; AGL Boseman*





"One of the most Profound Brothers that I have ever met. A man named Anthony T. Browder. I happened to be one of the Blessed Brothers to actually meet him after his Lecture. I bought some of his books & didn't know then exactly how much history this Brother has. Spends the majority of his time in Egypt doing a lot of work with Tombs. Check him out!!!" SW Omar Smith (Enterprise Lodge No. 3)

"Mr. Browder gave an outstanding lecture. I walked away having learned so much that I want to see if we can have him speak in New York. Thank you for giving me the opportunity to hear him speak and to meet him personally."

HPIC Phyllis Y. Johnson Imperial deputy for the desert of New York (DOI).



*Brothers assisting Mr. Browder with historical timeline scroll*







## ***MASONIC RECOGNITION UPDATE***

As Chairman of The Committee on Masonic Recognition I am pleased to report that we are now in fraternal amity with the following Jurisdictions:

- Grand Lodge AF&AM of the District of Columbia
- Grand Lodge AF&AM of Virginia
- Grand Lodge AF&AM of Connecticut.



***RWJGW Emanuel J. Stanley***





# The Honorable Melvin M. Thorpe 2013 NAACP Thurgood Marshall Honoree



Peter Franchot  
Comptroller

November 5, 2013

Grand Master Melvin Thorpe  
Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons  
Prince Hall Grand Lodge  
1307 Eutaw Place  
Baltimore, MD 21217

Dear Mr. Thorpe:

*Melvin,*

Congratulations on being recognized as a 2013 NAACP Thurgood Marshall honoree by the Baltimore branch of the NAACP. You must be pleased that your highly regarded work in advancing the ideals, vision and mission of the NAACP has been rewarded with this prestigious honor.

You epitomize the innovative and progressive leadership we advocate in Maryland and this recognition speaks to your visionary leadership. Please be assured of my deepest appreciation for your achievement.

Again, I extend my congratulations and best wishes to you for continued success in all your endeavors at the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons and if I can ever be of assistance to you, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

*Peter Franchot*  
Peter Franchot  
Comptroller

*Congrats!*

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# Jessie J. Shanks Lodge No. 137 Hosts its 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Celebration of Thanks Banquet



On Saturday, October 19, 2013 Jessie J Shanks Lodge No. 137, celebrated its 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Celebration of Thanks Banquet at the Bayou Restaurant in Havre De Grace, Maryland.

The celebrations theme was “Giving Thanks to the Lord for He is good, His faithful love endures forever”. The speaker of the hour was Rev. Joshua J. Slack Sr. Assistant Grand Lodge Chaplain, and a member of Jessie J Shanks Lodge No. 137, brought forth a very powerful message.

Following the message, Worshipful Master Mac McClarin presented Senior Grand Warden Noel C. Osborne Sr. and Right Worshipful Jessie J. Shanks Sr. with a Meritorious Service Award.

Letters of Appreciation were presented to Right Worshipful Willie L. Colvin, Right Worshipful Charles Corum and Brother Charles Fuller.

District Deputy Grand Master Wayne B. Smith presented The Honorable Melvin M. Thorpe Most Worshipful Grand Master with a Certificate of Appreciation. The award read “For your leadership, support and guidance provided to Officers and Members of the Sixth Masonic District.”

Other awards DDGM Smith presented were as follows:

**Sixth Masonic District Grand Lodge Officer of the Year**

RW Gerald C. Matthews, Dist. Special Project Officer  
Jessie J. Shanks Lodge No. 137

**Sixth Masonic District Worshipful Master of the Year**

Worshipful Master Calvin Tinson III  
Deer Creek Lodge No. 103  
Worshipful Master Thurman Davis  
Jessie J. Shanks Lodge No. 137

**Sixth Masonic District Warden of the Year**

Senior Warden George Hudson  
Chesapeake Lodge No. 48  
Senior Warden Mac McClarin  
Jessie J Shanks Lodge No. 137

**Sixth Masonic District Treasurer. of the Year**

Past Master Harold Jones  
Jessie J Shanks Lodge No. 137

**Sixth Masonic District Secretary. the Year**

Brother Charles Fuller  
Jessie J. Shanks Lodge No. 137

**Sixth Masonic District John Paul Bryant 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Award for Ritualistic Proficiency**

Rev. Brother Joshua J Slack Sr.  
Jessie J. Shanks Lodge No. 137

**District Deputy Grand Master Special Recognition Award**

Right Worshipful Dr. Cordell E. Hunter  
Jessie J Shanks Lodge No. 137

However, the highlight of the evening was when The Honorable Melvin M. Thorpe Most Worshipful Grand Master bestow Past Master honors to Rev. Joshua Slack Sr. Rev. Slack was very humble and excited to receive this prestigious honor. It was a excellent ending to a beauty evening.



*The Honorable Melvin M Thorpe Most Worshipful Grand Master establishing protocol; left is Past Master Paul Kearney of Jessie J. Shanks Lodge No. 137.*



*Rev Joshua J. Slack Sr. Assistant Grand Chaplain*



*continuation...* **Jessie J. Shanks Lodge No. 137**  
**Hosts its**  
**12<sup>th</sup> Annual Celebration of Thanks Banquet**



*(L-R) Worshipful Master Mac McClarin of Jessie J. Shanks Lodge No. 137 presents SGW Noel C. Osborne Sr. Meritorious Service Award. SGW Osborne is a member of Jessie J. Shanks Lodge.*



Our leader District Deputy Grand Master Wayne B. Smith Sixth Masonic District. Preparing to present the District awards.



Worshipful Master Mac McClarin of Jessie J. Shanks Lodge No. 137 presents RW Jessie J. Shanks Sr. Meritorious Service Award, who is seated .



*(L-R) DDGM Smith presents The Honorable Melvin M Thorpe Most Worshipful Grand Master with a Certificate of Appreciation .*



SW Antonio Cintron presented Letters of Appreciation to RW Willie L. Colvin, RW Charles Corum and Charles Fuller. (L-R) RW Colvin, SW Cintron, RW Corum and Bro. Fuller.



*(L-R) Grand Worthy Matron Carol D. Simon and Grand Worthy Patron Kevin Cunningham .*



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DDGM Smith presents WM Thurman Davis Sixth Masonic District Worshipful Master of the Year .



DDGM Smith presents PM Harold Jones Sixth Masonic District Treasurer of the Year.



DDGM Smith presents SW George Hudson with Sixth Masonic District Warden of the Year award .



DDGM Smith presents Bro. Charles Fuller Sixth Masonic District Secretary of the Year.



DDGM Smith presents SW Mac McClarin with Sixth Masonic District Warden of the Year award



DDGM Smith presents Rev. Brother Joshua J. Slack Sr. Sixth Masonic District John Paul Bryant 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Award for Ritualistic Proficiency.



# National Mentoring Month

January is National Mentoring Month and there is no better time to learn about the many ways in which you can reap the positive benefits of mentoring a young Master Mason.

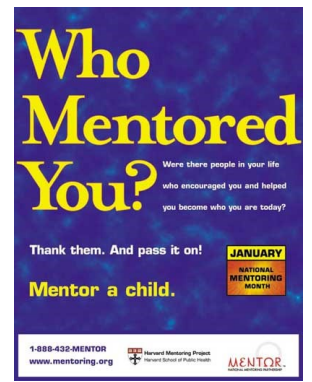
A mentor is defined as someone who offers knowledge, insight, and perspective and shares their wisdom, experience, and expertise in order to facilitate personal and professional growth in another individual.



“We need your service, right now, in this moment—our moment—in history. I’m not going to tell you what your role should be; that’s for you to discover. But I am going to ask you to play your part; ask you to stand up; ask you to put your foot firmly into the current of history.” Barack Obama, Colorado Springs, July 2, 2008

**BE THE CHANGE:  
MENTOR A CHILD**

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# Sixth Masonic District Celebrates St. John's Day Service



The Sixth Masonic District celebrated St John's Day Service on Sunday 15 Dec 2013 at John Wesley United Methodist Church in Abingdon Maryland. The host Lodge for this event was Jessie J. Shanks Lodge No137., Bro Mac McClarin, Worshipful Master. The message was delivered by Rev. Dr. Roy Nutter, Assoc. Pastor of Magochick Baptist Church Hanover, VA.

He delivered an outstanding message on Faith, Hope, Charity and his text was taken from the Book of Luke. His topic was not only beneficial to the Masonic Family, but also to all present. We were told that love should not be talked about, but lived. Love is action, and not just a word to be used, but to be shown through an action. We should all love one another, as Christ loved us.

Once the sermon was concluded Worship leader RW Willie Colvin ask DDGM Rebecca Settle of OES Seventh District, SGW Noel C Osborne and DDGM Wayne B. Smith offer closing remarks. DDGM Smith thanked Rev. Nutter for the outstanding message and thanked all assemble for their attendance. He especially thanked WM McClarin and RW Colvin for putting the program together. The program and the fellowship was great and we look forward to the next St. John's day which will be held June 2014.



*RWADDGM Clarence R. Miller Jr., reading scripture from the Book of Luke.*



*RW Gerald Matthews reading the purpose of St. John's Day service*



*RW Willie Colvin, Rev Dr. Roy Nutter and RW Joshua Slack Sr.*



*L-R WM Mac McClarin Jessie J. Shanks Lodge No. 137, WM Calvin Tinson III Deer Creek Lodge No. 103, and WM Medford Campbell King David No. 18*



# 6th Masonic District Supports Bea Gaddy Foundation's Thanksgiving Event



One of the most enduring tenets of Freemasonry is a commitment to Masonic Relief: We take responsibility for the well-being of our brothers, our families, and the community as a whole through philanthropy, community involvement, and delivery of excellent care.

Thanksgiving morning November 28, 2013, the Sixth Masonic District along with OES sisters of the Seventh Masonic District travelled to the Bea Gaddy Foundation, located in Baltimore City to retrieve 150 hot meals and 150 bags of grocery. This annual event was started by our previous DDGM Noel C. Osborne Sr. and this event has been continued under the guidance of our present DDGM Wayne B. Smith. The recipient of our commitment to the community is Village at Lakeview Community Center located in Edgewood Maryland.

This is just one way we as the sixth masonic district can give back to our local community throughout the year. We pray that we can continue to provide the necessary needs for the people of our community.



*Village At Lakeview Community Center, Edgewood Maryland*



*L-R SGW Osborne, DDGM Smith, SW McCloud, RW Shanks, RW Colvin, MWGM Thorpe, WM Hudson and RW Slack.*



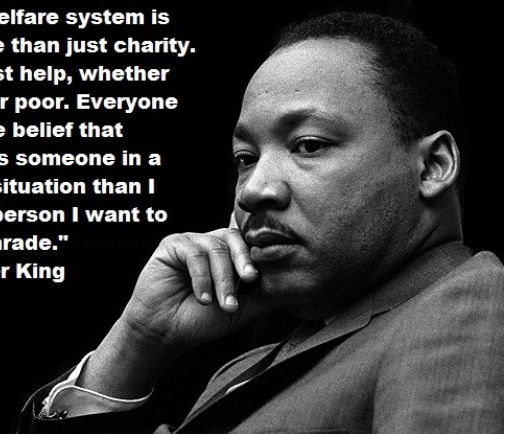
*L-R Cynthia Brooke, SGW Osborne, GWM Simon, DDGM Smith, GWP Cunningham*

**"If you can't feed a hundred people, then just feed one."**

*-Mother Teresa*

**"Our social welfare system is so much more than just charity. Everyone must help, whether you are rich or poor. Everyone must have the belief that there's always someone in a much worse situation than I am, and this person I want to help as a comrade."**

**- Martin Luther King**





# *The Annual Saint John's Day Worship Service*

*hosted by*

*The Most Worshipful Prince  
Hall Grand Lodge of Maryland*

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

*Sunday, June 22, 2014 @ 3:00 pm*

*Willard W. Allen Masonic Temple*

*Samuel T. Daniels Sanctuary*

*Eutaw Place and Lanvale Street*

*Baltimore, Maryland*

*Preacher – Reverend Brother S. Todd Yeary  
Assistant Grand Chaplain*

*Service is open to the public*

*Masonic Processional scheduled to begin at 2:45pm*

*“Psalm 1:1&2 - Blessed is the man, Who walks not in the counsel of the ungodly, Nor stands in the path of sinners, Nor sits in the seat of the scornful; <sup>2</sup> But his delight is in the law of the LORD, And in His law he meditates day and night.”*



# Seventh Masonic District Celebrates St John's Day Service



By SW Elmer Wheeler

Sunday December 22, 2013 the Seventh Masonic district celebrated their annual St. John's Day. Hosted by Thomas H Kiah Lodge No. 101. The St. John's Day service was held at Bethel AME Church in Church Hill, Maryland. The Reverend Ellsworth Tolliver, pastor at Bethel, delivered the sermon titled "A Perpendicular Man". The service was attended by Masonic lodges, as well as sisters from The Order of the Eastern Star, and other constituent lodges. Donations were made to the Trustees of Bethel as well as the Centreville, Grasonville Male Choir who rendered music for the service. **Thomas H. Kiah Lodge No. 101**



# Thomas H. Kiah Lodge No. 101 Donates Charity Baskets



At their last regular meeting of 2013, Thomas H Kiah Lodge No. 101 prepared and past out annual donations of food baskets to six needy local families and fruit baskets to the widows of Thomas H. Kiah Lodge.





R.W. Lee A Taylor  
Deputy Grand Master



R.W. EMANUEL STANLEY  
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On behalf of the Honorable Melvin M. Thorpe, MWGM on Wednesday December 11, 2013 the RWDGM Lee A. Taylor, II ; RWJGW Emanuel J. Stanley; RWCCFC Andrew Pryor and RWDGL Randolph S. Smith, Sr. represented the jurisdiction of Maryland at the annual session of the MWPHGL of the District of Columbia.



R.W. Andrew Pryor  
Committee on Foreign Correspondence



R.W. Randolph S. Smith  
Deputy Grand Lecturer

*Submitted by: RWJGW Emanuel J. Stanley*





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## Bro. Bill Crisp Sworn In a Fourth Term on Fayetteville (N.C.) City Council



William (Bill) J. L. Crisp was elected and sworn in for his fourth term on the Fayetteville (N.C.) City Council as the District 6 representative. Bill, formerly from Baltimore, is fully retired from the United States Army and the retail automobile industry.

He is a graduate of the U.S. Army Sergeants Major Academy and has also served at the highest level in the military with the Organization of the Joint Chiefs of Staff (Plans and Policy) in the Pentagon. Brother Crisp (33°) is a former Commander in Chief of James A. Mingo Consistory #334, as well as being a former MWPHGLMD District Deputy at Large. The gentleman holding the Bible is Mr. Edward Dyer, 102 years old and Crisp's oldest voting supporter.







# Health and Wellness



## Tip of the Week - Is your body's engine running too fast? It could be hyperthyroidism!

Your thyroid gland is like the engine in your car. When it is overactive, your metabolism speeds up-leading to weight loss, anxiety, insomnia, rapid heartbeat and loose stools. Hyperthyroidism is a condition that occurs when there is an increased production of thyroid hormones, causing functions of the body to speed up.

The most common symptoms of hyperthyroidism include:

- Irregular heart beat
- Rapid heart rate
- Nervousness/Panic attack
- Weight loss
- Loose stools
- Irritability
- Increased perspiration
- Hand tremors
- Insomnia
- Anxiety
- Fine brittle hair
- Enlarged thyroid gland or goiter
- Exophthalmus (bulging eyes)

A common form of hyperthyroidism is Graves' disease. This is an autoimmune disorder in which antibodies abnormally stimulate the thyroid gland, causing an over production of the thyroid hormone. This type of hyperthyroidism tends to run in families and occurs more often in women.

The diagnosis of hyperthyroidism is confirmed by lab tests that measure the amount of thyroid hormones in your blood. A thyroid scan and/or iodine uptake may also be performed. Untreated, an overactive thyroid can lead to thyrotoxicosis or rarely even a "thyroid storm" which can be life-threatening.

Tip of the Week: Do not ignore symptoms of hyperthyroidism—the longer your metabolism runs at full throttle, the greater your risk of heart problems and total body exhaustion.

External Source: [www.thyroid.org/patients/patient\\_brochures/hyperthyroidism.html](http://www.thyroid.org/patients/patient_brochures/hyperthyroidism.html)

## Tip of the Week: Often unrecognized, hypothyroidism can play havoc with your health!

Is your engine running too slow? It could be hypothyroidism!

It is estimated that 27 million people in the United States, age 12 and over, live with a thyroid condition. When the thyroid doesn't function properly, it can affect every aspect of your health, mood, weight and energy level. Undiagnosed thyroid problems can increase your risk of obesity, heart disease, depression, anxiety, hair loss, sexual dysfunction and infertility.

The thyroid gland is located below the larynx or "Adam's apple." Every cell in the body depends on thyroid hormones for the regulation of metabolism. If the thyroid stops producing sufficient hormones, it becomes hypoactive. Hypothyroidism is the most common undiagnosed condition in women over the age of 35.

Research shows that a family history increases your chance of developing a thyroid problem. Certain medical conditions also increase risk, as does being over 60 years of age.

The most common symptoms of hypothyroidism include:

- Constant fatigue
- Weight gain
- Puffiness or swelling in face, hands or feet
- Feeling cold
- Constipation
- Forgetfulness
- Skin, hair and nail changes (dry and brittle)
- Cholesterol levels increase
- Mood changes
- Infertility
- Sensitivity or fullness in the throat or neck

The diagnosis is often made with a blood test. The common treatment is often a synthetic hormone medication taken orally.

Tip of the Week - If you develop signs of hypothyroidism, keep a journal describing your symptoms and ask your health care provider to evaluate your thyroid levels.

External Source: <http://www.endocrine.niddk.nih.gov/pubs/hypothyroidism/>.

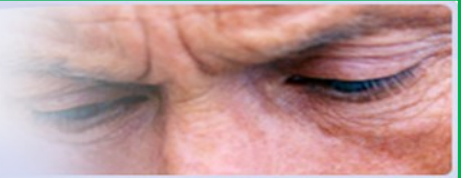
# Veterans Affairs



*This 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*

*Note: This is a repeat of last quarter's information. New info will be provided in our next edition.*

## 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.





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# Maryland's Prince Hall Family Newsletter

## Article Submission Guidance



**To All Maryland Prince Hall Masonic Family Members,**

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

### **Purpose**

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

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

### **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,

RW Steve C. Isom— Editor

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