

# THE LAMP

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“Building on The Firm Foundation of Our Historic Legacy”

## Greetings from the Desk of the 64th Most Worshipful Grand Master.

*“Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not to thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths” Proverbs 3: 5-6*

I greet you in the matchless name of our Lord and Savior Jesus. Allow me again to thank you for the honor you have bestowed upon me and for the privilege of serving this great Jurisdiction as the 64th Most Worshipful Grand Master. It is with a deep sense of humility, honor, pride and privilege that I have accepted this extraordinary and exalted honor. The MW Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Ohio is 171 years old and it has forged a great and historic legacy. A legacy that boasts of being the Mother of several Grand Lodges throughout our great nation, in the Northern as well as the Southern jurisdiction. We are privileged to have had great Grand Masters with great vision. We revere them for the roles they played in forging our great legacy; one we have the privilege of inheriting. However, it has been, and continues to be our obligation to build upon this great and historic legacy and strive to be transformative.

The past 11 months has presented our Order with challenges, the likes of which we have not seen in our lifetime and the world has not seen in over a century. In addition to the Pandemic created by the novel Coronavirus COVID-19, we have been plagued by the not so novel social Pandemic of Institutional Racism and Social Injustice. But, by the Grace of God, and the extraordinary efforts of our Brothers and sisters throughout the Prince Hall Phamily, we have been able to address many of the needs in our communities. I could not be prouder of the Ohio Prince Hall Masonic Phamily and our response. We have provided assistance and support to first responders and front line service providers to help combat the ravages of the Coronavirus Pandemic. We have also provided assistance and support to our sick and shut in, our Widows and others within our Order who were directly impacted by the Pandemic.

In the wake of the murder of George Floyd, I issued a statement condemning the acts of brutality that led to his death and further pledged to consistently speak out against and fight institutional racism with whatever resources we have at our disposal. In furtherance of this pledge, Master Masons in virtually every District throughout this Jurisdiction engaged in peaceful protests, marches, and assemblies in support of Racial Justice and Equity and against discriminatory policing practices and other racial disparities. All was done decently and in order. Prince Hall and those who came before us to establish the proud and historic legacy upon which we continue to build would demand nothing less of their Lagatees.

The Voter Awareness/ Voter Education Committee has been one of our most active and engaged committees. They have done an extraordinary job of ensuring that both the Masonic family and the communities we serve were provided valuable and timely information on absentee voting and all other aspects of exercising the sacred right to vote. Their efforts, in large measure, contributed to the historic level of turn out in the most consequential election of our lifetime. We thank them for honoring the legacy of our late Brother Hon. John R. Lewis.

The Scholarship Foundation Fundraiser was a tremendous success. The Fundraiser Committee did an extraordinary job under some of the most challenging circumstances. The Campaign successfully raised in excess of \$44,000.00 during a time when the need of our recipients and their families was at its greatest. I thank you for your efforts in support of the Prince Hall Scholarship Foundation.

These things that we have accomplished thus far, individually and collectively, are the things that affect positive change in the condition of individuals, families, and neighborhoods; the kind of impactful change exemplified by our Founder and Patriarch, Prince Hall. I thank the Prince Hall Phamily for your laudable efforts to date, but there is still much work yet to be done. Let us strive to continue to emulate that which he exemplified.

This Edition of the Lamp will attempt to capture many of the activities that have occurred since our last Publication. It is, however, virtually impossible to capture them all in one Edition.

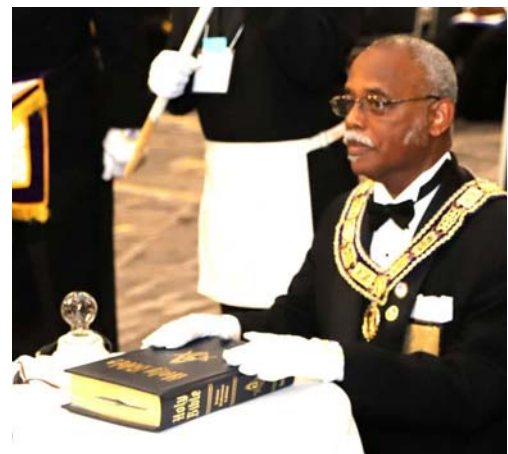
First Lady Cheryl and I are eternally grateful for all of the Love and Support shown to us and our entire family during the Recognition Banquet Weekend celebration. We also thank you for the courtesies and amenities extended to us as we traveled to various events and activities throughout the jurisdiction prior to the onset of the Pandemic. It is our prayer that God will richly bless each of you and your families. May his grace and mercy and his favor abound within the Prince Hall Family, and may his hand of protection cover us all.

I remain Respectfully and Fraternally,

Chester C. Christie

Chester C. Christie, PM #7

MW Grand Master, MWPGL of Ohio F&AM



## FROM THE DESK OF THE RW Deputy Grand Master Jerry R. Ellerson

*"But those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary; they will walk and not be faint." - Isaiah 40:31*

By the time you read this the Holidays will have already passed. I pray that you celebrated the Holiday Season with loving family and friends; great fellowship, and embracing a spirit of gratitude! We have all sacrificed time spent together in fellowship with one another. Due to our joint commitment to stay safe and well during this COVID pandemic, we have made it to this New Year of 2021. This is the time as individuals we make new resolutions for a better future. It is a time for planning and setting goals for the New Year. While doing so, I urge each Lodge to seriously plan for financial sustainability. Each Brother must submit their individual dues in a timely manner. Each Lodge must ensure that the quarterly returns are submitted in a timely manner. Your Grand Lodge depends on the subordinate lodges to pay their per capita tax on time in order to operate and continue to do the good works of this Grand Lodge.

The New Year challenges our Grand Master, the Honorable Chester C. Christie and all the Trustees of this Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Ohio. This administration is looking for ways to stay within budget and contribute to the stability and growth of our Grand Lodge.

Congratulations to all newly elected officers and those who were retained. It is my sincere wish and prayer that all your endeavors will be met with success. May the Grand Architect of the Universe continue to shower His blessings on each and every one of you.

Karen and I both hope that this New Year finds you and your families covered with peace and joy. We solicit your continued vigilance to social distancing, washing your hands, and wearing your masks. Looking forward to the time where we fellowship and meet face to face.

Fraternally Submitted,  
Jerry R. Ellerson, PM #76  
RW Deputy Grand Master



## FROM THE DESK OF THE RW Junior Grand Warden Maurio D. Powell

*"Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths." - Proverbs 3:5-6*

Greetings Brethren,

First and foremost, giving ALL Praise & Glory to the Grand Architect of the Universe from whom all blessings flow.

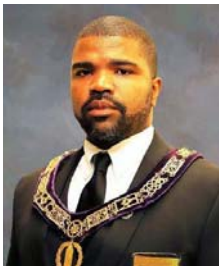
I would like to thank the Brethren of The Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Ohio, for bestowing your trust in me and electing me as Right Worshipful Junior Grand Warden at our 170th Annual Grand Communications. It is truly a humbling feat and I am both honored and motivated to continue to serve our Grand Lodge.

It is with great humility and joy, that one of my duties as RW Junior Grand Warden is to serve as the Liaison for The Order of Pythagorans. The Order of Pythagorans is instrumental in serving the Youth of our communities. As a well-organized and supervised program, it promotes various traits including health, social activity, education and all-around development of boys throughout Ohio. I look forward to working with the Junior Wardens and Brethren across the Jurisdiction, as we contribute to building better sons of today, and men of tomorrow.

While we were met with a worldwide pandemic over the last year, tenacity and decorum prevails, and we continue to press on. I pray continued health and prosperity to the members and families of the MWPGLOH.

Under the leadership of our Most Worshipful Grand Master, the Honorable Chester C. Christie, it is an honor to continue "Building on the Firm Foundation of our Historic Legacy".

Fraternally,  
RW Maurio D. Powell, PM #52  
RW Junior Grand Warden



## FROM THE DESK OF THE Right Worshipful Senior Grand Warden Bob Estelle

First giving honor to the Grand Architect of the Universe for whom all blessings flow. I give thanks to all my brothers for the confidence you have placed in me by electing me as your Right Worshipful Senior Grand Warden. I continue to reach out to the members and hopefully I have gained additional wisdom and look forward to sharing it with you all as we travel down this road together.

As we enter the new year of 2021, let us be thankful for surviving 2020.

What a difference a day can make. The year 2020 has been one heck of a year and 2021 may be just as challenging. Uncertainty and looking ahead will be difficult. We can however continue to move forward by focusing on what we can do and not on what we can't. We do however need your help. As our numbers continue to decline, we have less very dedicated people like you to count on. **"If everyone does a little, it keeps a few from having to do a lot."**

**Yes, I'm talking directly to you!** Someone who would take the time to read this article are the people that truly have our Grand Lodges interest to heart. I truly appreciate all that you continue to do in your lodges and ask that you continue to work hard and improve your work to show others who have not been quite as dedicated to see that **"It can be done"** You just need to continue to have faith in each other and inspire others through your hard work.

During the last several months Zoom meetings have become our means of communications. It has been a difficult learning curve for all of us but has also opened new possibilities. I have also had the privilege of traveling to various jurisdictions prior to this pandemic and represent my office along with MWGM Christie and the other Trustees. It has truly been a learning experience and I appreciate the opportunity to be permitted to travel along with the team. The interaction with the various officers has been exciting. It is great to be able to see the activities of the other Grand Bodies and the way business transactions are handled. It has allowed me to gain experience on how to handle issues that come before the craft.

My wife Pam and I look forward to the journey ahead and ask for your continued prayers as we move down the road and assist our MWGM accomplish the goals of this administration. Let's continue to make the balance of 2021 a year of excitement, coming together on one accord and making a difference. This will allow this Grand Lodge to be the best it can be as we continue **"Building on the firm foundation of our historic legacy."**

May God bless you and heaven smile upon you as we make history together.

Respectfully submitted,  
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January 21, 2021

## Don't go without God

A message by Rev. Dr. James H. Willis, Sr.

R.W. Grand Chaplain of The Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Ohio

*SCRIPTURE: And he said, My presence shall go with thee, and I will give thee rest. Exodus 33:14.*

**Introduction** — My Brothers and My Sisters ...we are in the beginning of a brand New Year (2021) and we thank God for allowing us one more day...As we have approached this end we are on board again, and as Masons and Eastern Stars, we are blessed to have one more chance... We are grateful for **All** of the Associate Grand Chaplains that we have across the state... Even though God Called our Past Grand Chaplain home from labor to reward, Bishop Ellis... We were still able to pray during this past year as a group, and God Blessed us, because He was in the midst.

Many parents have watched their children step into their futures only to see them years later, totally different from the way they left... Some never saw or heard from their children again. It was if they had stepped into a different world and left them behind... What am I saying? As Brothers and Sisters, we have made it through 2020 with eight months of the COVID-19 and God kept a hedge around us. Many were sick, some passed away, but God never left us... He said He would never leave us, nor would He forsake us, and it is true that He has proven to do just that. Even though we were in the midst of the pandemic, God never left us. That tells us that we must pray to God for guidance... If the truth be told, many of us don't pray to God for guidance, we try to wing it on our own. Let's take advantage of the opportunities that we have before us here in 2021...

Tragically, many also have left God behind... Stepping into your future without God should never be an option for believers... It is very little we can do in any given year that does not require the miraculous intervention of the divine. Whether it's putting a safety net around our homes or creating opportunities for us on the job, God is busy 24 /7, making things happen for His people... That's what He did for us last year in the midst of all that took place across the Country and He will continue to do this year ... The song writer says "without Him, we will surely fail.

As Brothers and Sisters of this Masonic Family... we approach the New Year with renewed hope and enthusiasm... No matter what prospect the future offers, we should not step into it, leaving our faith and trust in God behind...

**Exposition** — This text focuses on a promise made to Moses by God Himself... It was a promise that His presence would be with the people as they travel into the land of Promise... During the desert journey, Moses realized that to continue he *must* experience the accompanying Presence of God... Therefore, he went into the Tabernacle to commune with God and sought His favor... When Moses went in the Tabernacle, the people stood to reverence this divine meeting and the Pillar of Cloud, that guided them by day, hovered over the Tabernacle. God and Moses had a heart to heart talk in which Moses plead for God's presence as the people faced the unknown. In response to Moses' earnest request, God reassured him, in *Exodus 33:14* "**My Presence will go with you, and I will give you rest.**"

I write this message to let you know that this New Year God promised His presence to the people back then and He will do the same thing for us this coming Year even with all that we have been through during 2020...

God's Promise of His presence came with the infallibility of a prophecy and the sovereignty of a fiat: "My presence shall go with thee." It is personal, intimate, minute, and appropriate...

With that Promise, Moses was confident that Israel's journey into the land of Promise would be a blessed pilgrimage... I serve notice to tell you that have been elected to your office for the incoming Year, that you need to look to God for help and "Don't go without Him."

Let us look at some of the ...Reasons we need God...

**POINT #1 — WE NEED GOD TO LIFT OUR SPIRITS:** When Israel saw the approaching armies of Egypt, their spirits dropped low. They believed that all was lost and that there was no hope. While God stood between them

and destruction, He provided strong support for them as they wondered how they would make it. It was Moses who ultimately declared, "Stand Still and see the salvation of the Lord." He has given us emotional support, as well...

This has been a challenging year for some of us in our Lodges and Chapters... Some of our families encountered physical sickness and death during this COVID season... Others experienced strained relationships... Most believers will quickly testify that if it had not been for the Lord on their side, they would not have been able to stand the trials and difficulties of these tough moments...

Despite the enemy behind us and the Red Sea in front of us, we have been sustained by the eternal presence of God this past year... Many of us don't believe it... When difficult times were upon us, God was there like a wall of fire to protect us... Someone can recall how the Lord lifted a burden from your shoulder and gave them renewed strength in the midst of weakness... When Jesus told His disciples ... in *Matthew 28:20* "**Lo, I'll be with you always**" that meant exactly what it said, He planned to be with us continually protecting our back. .... We need the presence of God to continually lift our spirit and remind us that we are never alone...

**POINT #2 — WE NEED GOD TO PROVIDE FOR US:** No matter how successful we may appear in our Lodges and Chapters and it's evident that we are still meeting virtual ... we always need God's help... God has been faithful in providing us with all the resources we needed in the past just as He did Israel when it moved through the wilderness for forty years. During that entire time, they depended upon the faithfulness of God...

In the wilderness, Israel found that God provided them food, on time every day; even though they complained about it.

He fixed it such that the material that formed their tents held up for 40 years with no need of repair. He arranged it so that they wore the same shoes and clothes for decades and they never wore out. The food came on time every day. There was water just when they needed it most. God was faithful to Israel as he provided for them in ways no one could explain.

He has been faithful to us in the same way. No matter how we look at it, we have been blessed by the powerful hand of God...

There are so many intangibles and unforeseen elements that we face in our journey that we can't handle it well, in the spirit of godly submission, without God's help.

We need help with Lodges and Chapters... We need help with our finances... We need help with our health...

We need help in so many ways that we continuously sing with the songwriter, "I need thee, oh I need thee. Every hour, I need thee. O bless me now my savior, I come to thee."

**POINT#3 — WE NEED GOD FOR PEACE AND REST:** We cannot go into this New Year (2021) without God because He, and He alone can give us peace and rest... Peace of mind is rooted in assurance... Those who know that God is providing, protecting, and guiding have an element of confidence that is more valuable than gold...

This is the assurance that we have that as we go forward, that the Lord Himself will keep us company.

His presence, which includes His favor, His fellowship, His care, and His power, shall be ever with us in every one of our marching's. This means far more than it says; for, in fact, it means all things. If we have God present with us, we have possession of heaven and earth. **Go with me, Lord, and then command me where**



*thou wilt!*

That knowledge gives us peace of mind and makes it possible for us to rest easy, even in high blood pressure moments. His presence will cause us to rest even when we are in stressful situations. Rest comes from the Comforter, from the Prince of Peace.

It is an assurance worth singing about. That's why the songwriter wrote, "Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine. Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine. Heir of salvation, purchase of God... Born of his spirit... Washed in his blood."

We need God for peace and rest in the coming days; we dare not go forward without Him...

**One of the main things we need to do is to praise God as we go forward.**

Finally, my brothers and my sisters, as we go into this New Year, we should praise God all the way... Every time we get a new member in the Chapter or the Lodge, we should praise the Lord...

God promised Israel that as they marched forward into the unknown that He would be with them every step of the way... **All along the way**, He performed miracles for them... **Along the way**, He opened up the Red Sea, and they crossed on dry land... **Along the way**, He provided meat for them to eat and bread from heaven.

We have the assurance that what God did for Israel that He'll do for us today.

As we go into this New Year, we should be prepared to praise Him for every miracle He performs...

We should be prepared to acknowledge His mighty acts as He rolls back the Sea of Impossibility and rains down blessings on us... We should be prepared to praise Him for guiding with a spiritual cloud by day and a spiritual fire by night...

**For everything He's going to do, we should praise Him...**



# Grand Worthy Matron of Amaranth Grand Chapter

*Elected and Installed on December 31, 2020*



Worthy Matron Augustine Little, Unity Chapter #95

Worthy Patron Bob Estelle, Unity Chapter #95

# Departing With Love, Renae Willis 43rd Grand Worthy Matron

To the Members of Amaranth Grand Chapter:

We have reached the end of my tenure today and all I can say is WOW, what an awesome experience! I cannot express strongly enough the appreciation I feel for the love and support that I have received during my time in office. My journey began when elected as Grand Associate Conductress on 8/7/12 and progressing through the positions, culminating with my election to the office of Grand Worthy Matron on 8/6/2018. I am honored to have been elected to that position and for your confidence in my ability to lead this Organization. I pray that I have done some good things for the elevation of Amaranth Grand Chapter during my term. My final report will appear in our 2020 Proceedings but for now I just want to express my gratitude to the Grand Trustee Board, (Gregory L. Allen, Patricia A.P. Taylor, Carlwin A. Collins, Regina R. Harper, Gloria R. Rodgers, Joanne Fitzpatrick, Shelia J. Francis, Dr. Richard E. Gordon & Atty. Freddie Springfield); Grand Deputies (Celeste Travis, Mona Atley, Yolanda Bennett, Adrienne Edwards, Glenda Buchanan, Georgetta Fountain-Harris, Pauline Crockett & Wendy Davis); Administrative Officers (Carmen M. Willis, Deanna M. Gaskins & Karla Goldsby-Jones); District Administrators (Jewell Showers, Tanya Roach, Danita Snead, Vivian Hawkins, M. Francine Washington, Linda Williams & Gwen McLaughlin); May Chapter No. 62; and to all of the Appointed Officers/Committees who worked hard for the success of this Administration, and last but not least to my husband, James K. Willis for always having my back. We have established bonds that will last a lifetime and that I will forever cherish. Unfortunately, Covid-19 raised it's ugly head and prevented us from assembling where I could hug each of you as I exit this position. I wish each of you Peace, Love & Prosperity going forward.

Thank you to Prince Hall Grand Lodge and the Most Worshipful Grand Masters that I had the pleasure of sharing my tenure with, Kelvin J. Davis & Chester C. Christie. I congratulate the incoming Amaranth Grand Chapter Administration and wish you much success and God's blessings as you continue to work in the best interest of the members of Amaranth Grand Chapter Inc., Order of the Eastern Star, PHA.

I will be right there behind you in my new place as the junior Past Grand Worthy Matron!

Departing With Love,  
Renae Willis  
43rd Grand Worthy Matron



# Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge Annual Grand Communication



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*Pictured (Left to Right): RWGSW Jerry R Ellerson, RWGTAL Maurio D Powell, MWGM Kelvin J. Davis, Edward M. Brooks, Recording Secretary (Pennsylvania), RWDGM Chester C. Christie, RWJGW Robert Estelle*



## Travels of the Trustees

### “Building on The Firm Foundation of Our Historic Legacy”

*“Under the leadership of MW Past Grand Master Kelvin J. Davis and MW Grand Master Chester C. Christie, the Grand Lodge Trustees have continued the tradition of traveling to and fellowshipping with the various Masonic Jurisdictions. From August 2017 until the beginning of the Pandemic, the Trustees have traveled to numerous Jurisdictions for their Annual Communications, Midwest Conferences, and National Conferences. We look forward to resuming our travels soon. The Trustees are pictured at the 103<sup>rd</sup> and 104<sup>th</sup> Annual Communication of the MWPGL of Pennsylvania, our Mother Jurisdiction, in 2018 and 2019.*



# District Meetings





## Triple C 2019 Banquet Weekend Honoring Most Worshipful Grand Master Chester C. Christie

Royal Blue was in the air for the unusually mild November weekend as the Prince Hall family gathered together for another auspicious occasion. Brothers and sisters traveled from far and wide to celebrate our Most Worshipful Grand Master the Honorable Chester C. Christie.

The weekend started with a visit to Club Triple C on Friday night. The crowd was pleasantly entertained by the sounds of the Columbus jazz band Copacetic. Comedian Reggie Pace brought some light and laughter which definitely heightened the mood.

Saturday afternoon brought the artistic side out as members acted in short skits and portrayed notable Prince Hall Masons and Eastern Stars down through the ages.. As the evening fell upon us, everyone donned their formal attire for the banquet. After numerous Masonic and Civic dignitaries were introduced and welcomed into the banquet hall, our 64th Most Worshipful Grand Master and First Lady Cheryl Christie were very graciously received. The agenda for the evening included remarks from the foundations of our fraternal order, Family, Church and Masonic family. Setting a definite understanding of why our beloved Grand Master is firmly rooted.

Everyone enjoyed the opportunity to let their hair down and enjoy evening hospitality and socialize with old friends while making new ones. As the weekend concluded with a delicious breakfast on Sunday, the time to depart and return to our destinations fell quickly upon us. A wonderful time was had by all.



# Breakfast and Worship Service



# Memorial Service





## 2018 Charity Walk

Grand Master Hon. Kelvin J. Davis and First Lady Karen Davis, Grand Worthy Matron Jeanette Langford, Grand Trustees Renae Willis, GAM; Gregory Allen, GAP; Patricia A.P. Taylor, GCC, Regina Harper, GAC and Carlwin Collins, GS, Freddie Springfield, G Atty; Joanne Fitzgerald, GT; Grand Chairperson PGD Cosandra Wheeler, Co-Chairs Roxie Headen and Marva Jordan and Committee Member Pat Cousley and a host of Sisters, Brothers and Girls Assembly members gathered at Fountain Square for Amaranth Grand Chapter's Annual Walk with the Stars for a Cure on Saturday, August 4th. The event started with a Prayer Circle of Remembrance at 9AM led by Grand Sentinel Carlwin Collins – a group photo was taken and the walkers set off for the one-mile walk through downtown Cincinnati. Recipients of this year's donations which were presented at the Annual R. Jane Faithful OES Breakfast on Sunday, August 5th were Southern Ohio Medical Center Cancer Hospice, The Leja Bulela Water Project, African American Alzheimer's Association of Columbus and The Ghana School Project. The Annual Walk has generated funds in excess of \$15,000 since its inception and continues to grow each year.



## OES 2018 Breakfast

Amaranth Grand Chapter has been blessed to have Secretaries that have served their Chapters for 10 years or more and for their dedicated service they were honored at the Annual R. Jane Faithful O.E.S. Breakfast with a keepsake rose from our Grand Worthy Matron Jeanette R. Langford. Sister Edna Beasley of Wesley Smith No. 90 has retired from her position and Sister Mary Culver of May Chapter No. 62 who was unable to attend served her chapter for 35 years. There were 19 Secretaries past and Present honored.



# Amaranth Grand Chapter Annual Communications



## 50 Year Members Lamp List

*PGWM Sis Daisy L. Lewis, #100  
Sis. Mary Parks, PM #100 Sis. Mary Culver, PM #47*

Those receiving 50 year pins and certificates were  
Sis. Gwendolyn Means, #2, Sis. Evelyn Mobley #2,  
Sis. Lucile Nared #2, Sis. Nancy Carr #19, Sis. Lois Blunt #47,  
Sis. Mary F. Culver #47, Sis. Bertha Roberts #47,  
Sis. Patricia Hill #55, Sis. Bernice Wells, PGWM #58,  
Sis. Dorothy Turner #71, Sis. Annie B. Hicks #89,  
Sis. Margaret Williams #89, Bro. Kenneth Lewis #100,  
Sis. Daisy L Lewis, PGWM #100 and Sis. Mary Parks #100.



## 35 and 25 Year Members

Amaranth Grand Chapter presented 41 member with their 35 year membership pin and 69 members with 25 year membership pin.



# Amaranth Grand Chapter Annual Communications



## OES 2018 Elections



On Tuesday, August 7, 2018 the following Sisters and Brothers were elected and installed as leaders of Amaranth Grand Chapter, OES, Jurisdiction of Ohio for the ensuing year:

**Grand Worthy Matron**  
Sister Renae Willis

**Grand Treasurer**  
Sister Joann Fitzpartick

**Grand Worthy Patron**  
Brother Gregory Allen

**Grand Secretary**  
Sister Sheila Frances

**Grand Associate Matron**  
Sister Patricia A. P. Taylor

**Grand Sentinel**  
Brother (Dr.) Richard Gordon, Jr.

**Grand Associate Patron**  
Brother Carlwin Collins

**Electing Patron**  
PGWP Brian T. Moragne

**Grand Conductress**  
Sister Regina Harper

**Installing Patron**  
PGWP Jay Johnson

**Grand Associate Conductress**  
Sister Gloria Rodgers





# Jeanette Langford Diamond Club

The 131st Annual Communication of Amaranth Grand Chapter, Inc. Order of Eastern Star Prince Hall Affiliate convened at the Hilton Cincinnati Netherland Plaza, August 4, 2018 through August 7th, 2018. Past Grand Worthy Matron Jeanette R. Langford (2016-2018) closed out her tenure with several events.

“We are thankful to God for what He allowed us to do and to the membership for all their hard work over the past two years. We are looking forward to continuing to work with the new administration as they elevate Amaranth Grand Chapter to its next level of excellence,” said PGWM Jeanette R. Langford.

Several workshops were held covering Financial Help workshop, Healthy Hair Workshop and the Ice Cream Social.



# Pythagorans

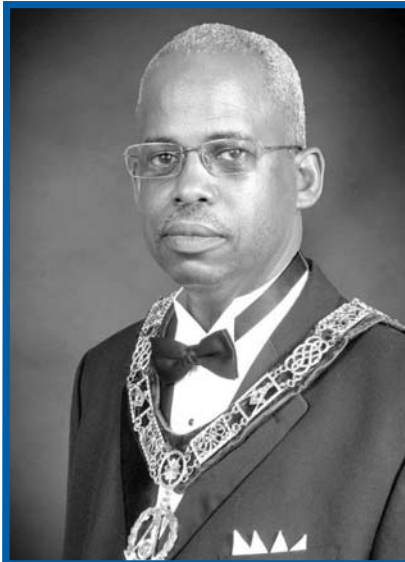


# Grand Girls' Assembly

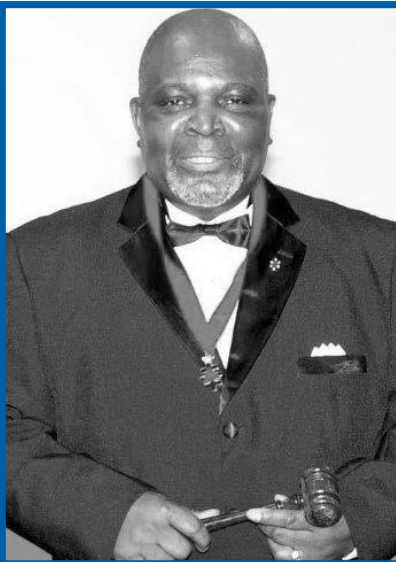


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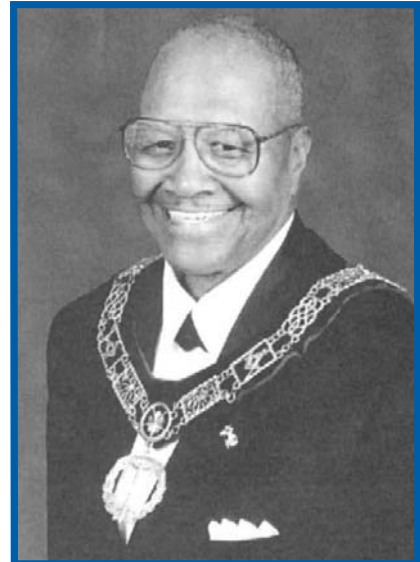
Notable Deaths since last issue of The Lamp



**RW Marlon Shockley**  
 March 30, 1957 – August 15, 2017  
 Served The Mwphgl of Ohio as  
 Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Lecturer  
 7th Masonic District



**SGIG/ PMEGC Reginald A. Blake, Sr.**  
 January 11, 1954 – December 13, 2017  
 Past Most Eminent Grand Commander  
 Prince Hall Grand Commandery  
 of Ohio, Knights Templar  
 Past Very Eminent Preceptor of  
 Hannibal Tabernacle No. 78  
 Holy Royal Arch Knights Templar Priests



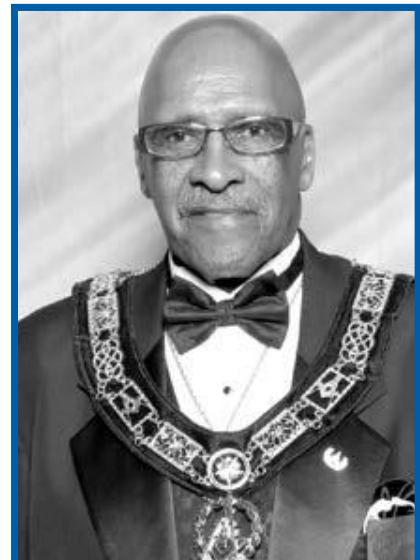
**PMWGJ/RW James R. Brown, Sr.**  
 July 30, 1932 – November 25, 2017  
 Served The Most Ancient Prince Hall Grand  
 Court as Most Worthy Grand Joshua  
 Served The Mwphgl of Ohio as  
 Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Lecturer  
 5th Masonic District &  
 Right Worshipful Grand Trustee-at-Large



**MWPGM Heywood Pullen, Sr.**  
 July 18, 1925 – April 1, 2018  
 Served as Most Worshipful Grand Master  
 1991 – 1993



**PGWM/PMAGM Beverly J. Beavers**  
 February 16, 1941 – July 7, 2018  
 Past Most Ancient Grand Matron  
 Served as Grand Worthy Matron  
 2010 – 2012



**PMWGJ/RW Leo C. Beavers**  
 April 22, 1926 – September 27, 2018  
 Served The Most Ancient  
 Prince Hall Grand Court  
 as Most Worthy Grand Joshua  
 Served many years as member of the  
 Grand Lodge Development Fund Committee

# IN MEMORIAM

Notable Deaths since last issue of The Lamp



**RW Oliver Wendell Cousins, Jr.**

*November 30, 1941 – December 28, 2018*

*Served The Mwphgl of Ohio Many Years  
as Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Lecturer  
2nd Masonic District*



**PGWM Bernice M. Wells**

*July 3, 1928 – August 10, 2019*

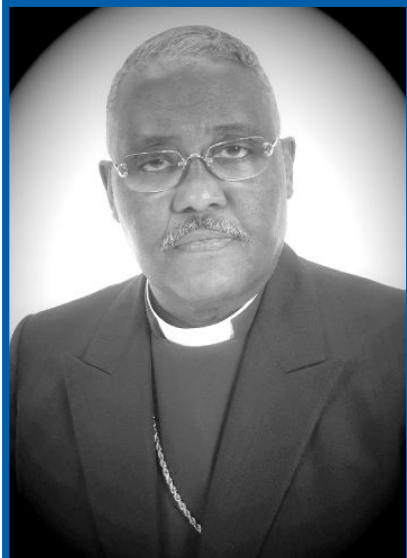
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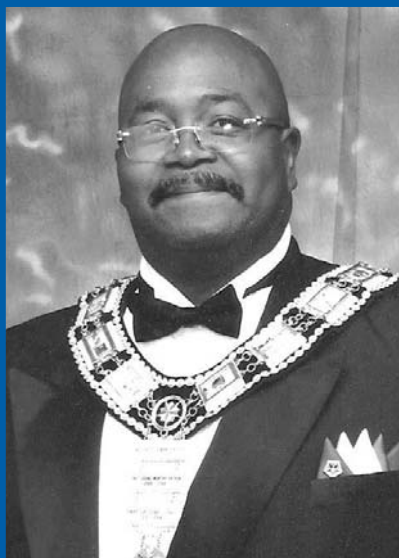
*Served as Grand Worthy Patron  
1988 – 1990*



**RW/SGIG/Bishop J. Delano Ellis**

*December 11, 1944 – September 19, 2020*

*Past Grand Chaplain, Mwphgl of Ohio  
Founding President/Chairman and Archbishop  
Metropolitan of the Joint College of Bishops*



**PGWP Keith D. Clark, Sr.**

*December 6, 1952 – October 14, 2019*

*Served as Grand Worthy Patron  
2000 – 2002*



**PGWM Betty Jean Cousins**

*July 25, 1944 – May 19, 2020*

*Served as Grand Worthy Matron  
2004 – 2006*

# Miami Assembly No. 22 Order of the Golden Circle

## SGIG Carl A. Williams, Deputy of the Orient of Ohio

“Love, Unity, and Peace...that’s what got us here!” was the theme recently as Miami Assembly No. 22 Order of the Golden Circle gathered together with family and friends to celebrate 95 years of dedicated service. The Assembly was first chartered on December 14, 1924. LLR Charisma T. Ramey welcomed all to the celebration and awarded numerous plaques and certificates for outstanding leadership to past Loyal Lady Rulers and PSGLLR’s Barbara King, Martha Moss, Jacqueline Harris, and Lucy “Deanie” Harvey. The program included the melodious stylings of the Gospel Prophets Trio and the songbird herself Loyal Lady Kay F. Anderson. A proclamation was read from the Mayor of Dayton naming August 25, 2019 “Miami Assembly No.22 Order of the Golden Circle Day” in Dayton. The Deputy for the Orient of Ohio Carl A. Williams and SGLLR Yvonne Duhart brought greetings. LLR Ramey, SGLLR Duhart, LL Marcia Broadnax and Mrs. Cheryl Williams received gifts and roses.



*L to R: SGLLR Yvonne Duhart, PLLR’s Kay Anderson, Barbara Hampton, Maggie Parks, Vanetta Bellows, Constance Kendall-Goss, Barbara Wilson, Vanessa Hill & Theresa Ivey-Jones; LLR Charisma Ramey & SGIG Carl A. Williams, Deputy of the Orient.*

LL Theresa Ivey-Jones and LL Marjorie Townes led the audience down memory lane showcasing the assembly’s commitment to community involvement which included Dakota Center-After School Program providing school supplies, Stream Academy-Dayton providing hats, gloves, socks, school supplies, and uniforms, Breast Cancer Awareness featuring survivors; support to “4 Paws for Ability” service dogs for individuals; Ronald McDonald House; American Red Cross; sponsoring Sickle Cell Family Day; Wesley Center Clothing Drive for Women; hosting bingo at nursing homes; showcasing the youth in the community at the “Next Generation” brunch; to name a few. The audience heard a local radio announcement from Ronald McDonald House that thanked Miami Assembly for its support.



*SGLLR Yvonne Duhart (L) and SGIG Carl A. Williams (R) make presentations to PSGLLR’s Barbara A. King, Martha A. Moss, Jacqueline E. Harris and Lucy “Deanie” Harvey while LLR Charisma Ramey looks on.*

This busy assembly has been the home of the Queen of Grand Assembly for six (6) of the last ten years. Two former queens and one former contestant were in attendance and received “Our Queen Forever” certificates. The audience was reminded that the assembly had received increased membership awards in 1984, 1989, 1992, 2001, 2007, 2012, and 2016. Additionally, Miami Assembly has won 1st place in The Ohio Grand Assembly Poster Competition twelve times since 1987. All of the posters were proudly displayed at the anniversary. In attendance were the “youngest” member, LL Ruth Edmonds, who is 99 years young and the most tenured member of the assembly LL Betty Bradshaw. Finally, SGIG Jerry D. Springer led the audience in a toast to the state leaders and to a glorious past. Miami Assembly continues to be a steadfast entity in the Dayton, Ohio community and they have a radio announcement to prove it. Hard at work all the time, the members agree:

“Love, Unity, and Peace...that’s what got us here!”



*Miami Assembly #22, Dayton, Ohio celebrating 95<sup>th</sup> Anniversary with SGLLR Yvonne Duhart and SGIG Carl A. Williams, Deputy of the Orient in attendance. The youngster in the wheel chair sitting left front row is LL Ruth Edmonds who will celebrate her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday on October 13, 2019.*



*SGIG Jerry D. Springer (Grand Master of Ceremonies for USC, N.J.) leads SGLLR Duhart, Deputy of the Orient Williams and LLR Charisma Ramey in the traditional toast of celebration.*



Even though the pandemic of COVID-19 swept through the United States with a vengeance, grinding life as we knew it to a halt, the Orient of Ohio still found a way to improvise, adapt, and overcome in this new normal.

## Happenings Around the Orient

G.I.G. C. Keith Melvin 33° was a guest on the Don Juan Fasho radio show. He was recognized as the Pillar of the Community for the month of June. He also spoke on the necessity of doing things with your community and not to your community—inclusion not interference. This recognition resulted from his establishment of a Drive thru COVID-19 Testing site in partnership with Churches and Health Systems in the Greater Cincinnati area.

S.G.I.G. Steve Reese Sr. 33° is the subject of an inspirational documentary entitled “The Steve Reese Sr. Story: From the Bottom Up” produced by his daughter LL Alicia Reese. It documents Illustrious Reese’s rise as a self-made man and his successes in the masonic order. This documentary is very enlightening and encour-

aging and encapsulates the message of “Never Give Up!” The documentary can be viewed on YouTube in its entirety at the following link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aLz1qtio5dE>.

On Saturday, October 24, 2020, the Orient of Ohio hosted its first virtual Council of Deliberation. As a means of ensuring all participants were comfortable using the Zoom platform the Deputy held a series of Zoom calls leading up to the Annual Session. Consistories and Valleys were encouraged to use the Zoom (or similar) platform in the 2 months preceding. Also the five Commanders of the Rite meetings were held using Zoom.

### LL Violet Clark Turns 100!

It is not every day that we enjoy the privilege knowing someone that has attained the ripe old age of 100 years young! That is a mighty exceptional feat and proof that life is indeed a marathon and not a sprint!

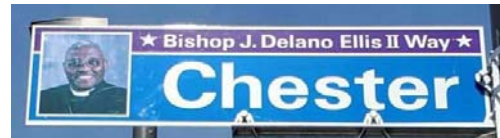
Violet Moss Clark was born in Midland, Pennsylvania, on August 9, 1920, to Elwood Moss Sr. and Lenora Jackson Moss. The family moved to the Warren, Ohio area in 1923. Violet, a member of Second Baptist Church since the age of 12, and a longtime member of Bezaleel Assembly No. 19, was married to the late S.G.I.G. William Clark 33° of Bezaleel Consistory No. 15. Violet is a mother to four children one of whom, LL Beverley Brown, is also a member of Bezaleel Assembly No. 19.

A social distance drive-by birthday celebration was held for LL Clark where she received a Resolution of Recognition in support of her milestone birthday.



L to R: Most Illustrious Commander-in-Chief and Deputy for the Orient of Ohio S.G.I.G. Carl A. Williams 33°; president, Ohio Commanders of the Rite, S.G.I.G. Gregory S. Snead 33°; LL Violet M. Clark; LL Beverley Brown.

Not pictured: S.G.I.G. William E. Spence Sr. 33°



### Honorary Street Renaming for S.G.I.G. Bishop J. Delano Ellis 33°

A street was renamed in honor of S.G.I.G. Bishop J. Delano Ellis II 33°. Chester Avenue in Cleveland, Ohio from 105th to 107th Streets was officially renamed to “Bishop J. Delano Ellis II Way”. This stretch of street fronts the Pentecostal Church of Christ Bishop Ellis has been the Senior Pastor of for the last 30 years. Bishop Ellis serves as the Associate Grand Prior of the United Supreme Council, Northern Jurisdiction; serves as the Illustrious Grand Prior for the Ohio Council of Deliberation; and is a Past Grand Chaplain for the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Ohio.

Most Illustrious Commander-in-Chief and Deputy for the Orient S.G.I.G. Carl A. Williams 33° presented Bishop Ellis with a proclamation announcing the day of the street dedication as “Bishop J. Delano Ellis Day” throughout the Orient of Ohio.



L to R: Most Illustrious Commander-in-Chief and Deputy for the Orient of Ohio S.G.I.G. Carl A. Williams 33°; Dr. Sabrina J. Ellis; G.I.G. Bishop Royal Wilson 33°; S.G.I.G. Bishop J. Delano Ellis II 33°; and G.I.G. Maurio Powell 33°

## A Journey of Faith Describing Sublime Prince Kenneth Smith’s Fight Against COVID-19

Submitted by S.G.I.G. Charles G. Smith 33°



The COVID-19 pandemic has affected the world and the United States especially hard. COVID-19 has affected many lives, loved ones, and our masonic order. L.D. Easton Consistory No. 21 has four of its members affected. One of our members who fought and still is fighting an unbelievable battle against tremendous odds is on his way to a miraculous recovery. Sublime Prince Kenneth Smith 32° is a member of L.D. Easton Consistory No. 21, Valley of Columbus, Orient of Ohio, was nominated to be Elevated to the 33rd degree (Class of 2020).

On March 26, 2020, Ken was admitted to Memorial Hospital in Savannah. Within 2 days he was placed into a medically induced coma to allow his body to fight the coronavirus. Initially his vitals were stable, but by March 30th he needed supplemental oxygen via a ventilator.

Finally, on May 1, 2020, Ken was declared COVID-19 free, but the virus had left his body extremely weak and damaged. Through it all Theresa maintained a positive

attitude with sincere faith in GOD.

The month of June brought improvement and weaning off the ventilator. As Ken regained his strength, he started occupational therapy at the Savannah hospital as the ability to be mobile and communicate had been robbed by COVID-19. With extensive rehabilitation at the hospital Ken improved so much he was transitioned to a center to further assist his rehabilitation on July 18, 2020. Praise the Lord!

This has been a tremendous journey and nothing short of a miracle! Ken was in a Coma for over 2 months!

Ken had a long way to go before he would be allowed to go home (6 to 8 weeks projected) On August 30, he came back home to his friends and family laden with signs, clapping and cheering for his return.

Things have since changed for Ken after he spent 100 days on a ventilator. He is known as the “Miracle Man,” by his doctors and nurses who assisted in his recovery. After being told he would never wake up; be brain dead; and live in a nursing home for the rest of his life...he has defeated the odds through Christ,” says Theresa. Ken is expected to make a full recovery. He says he has God to thank for bringing him safely home.

## The Red House

### Most Excellent Prince Hall Grand Chapter of Ohio Royal Arch Masons

Companion Darryl R. Smith,  
Most Excellent Grand High Priest



I want to give special recognition and thanks to the Companions of Cuyahoga Chapter #36 for hosting two Statewide Exaltations on September 28, 2019 and on November 10, 2018 resulting in 89 new Companions and members to the Most Excellent Prince Hall Grand Chapter of Ohio Royal Arch Masons. I want to thank and acknowledge the Companions of Zerrubbabel Chapter #40 for putting on the Mark Master Degree. Also, I want to give special thanks to Right Excellent Grand Scribe Darrell L. Patterson and Excellent High Priest David Hampton and Companions of Cuyahoga Chapter #36 for the Past Master Degree and the Holy Royal Arch Degree. I want to thank all the Grand Officers who attended and took parts where needed. Congratulations!!!!

The overall state of the order is improving. I want to thank Right Excellent Grand Lecturer Raymond Jeter and his Deputy Grand Lecturers (Companions John W. Watters, Djuan Hammond, William Dunston, Reginald Murray, Kenny Henderson, Sr.), for all their dedicated service to Capitular Masonry in Ohio. The Chapters have improved in filing their returns and paying their Per Capita taxes.

#### SPECIAL RECOGNITION of LIVETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

It is my honor and privilege and with profound respect and humility, I am bestowing the Most Excellent Prince Hall Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Ohio with the "Capitular Masonry Lifetime Achievement Awards" for their untiring and unselfish service to the following distinguished Companions:

- Companion PGHP Rollin F. Kelly, Sr. -RE Grand Treasurer Emeritus
- Companion PGHP Eston Lucky Wilson
- Companion PGHP Dr. Chester C. Pryor, II
- Companion MEPGHP Melvin L. Russell
- Companion REGK Jerry D. Springer
- Companion MEPGHP George Smith



### Banquet honoring Most Ancient Grand Matron Patricia A. P. Taylor and Most Worthy Grand Joshua Joseph Toliver, Jr.

Burning Bush Court stepped out in fine style on Saturday, April 28, 2018 as they welcomed friends and family to the banquet honoring Most Ancient Grand Matron Patricia A. P. Taylor and Most Worthy Grand Joshua Joseph Toliver, Jr. The evening was filled with delightful reflections, delectable food, and endearing best wishes. There was hospitality on Friday and Saturday for all in attendance.



### Burning Bush Initiation June 2018

Burning Bush Court #3 welcomed four new Knights. Initiated were Roy K. Hollis, Thomas Stevens, William Benyard, and Carl Washington. The Worthy Joshua Keith D. Clark, Sr. performed the initiation assisted by members of the Court.

### Banquet honoring General Conference Grand Most Ancient Matron Kay F. Anderson

Burning Bush Court No. 3 put together a fantastic weekend celebration honoring General Conference Grand Most Ancient Matron Kay F. Anderson (also known as the "Silver Fox"). The weekend began with a musical concert presented by the DC Ensemble. The "Silver Fox Fashion Extraordinaire" brunch and fashion show models were from all over the United States. The Celebration Banquet featured the "Silver Fox" and "Silver Fox Substitutes". The hospitality was plentiful throughout the weekend. All in attendance appeared to have a wonderful time.



## Commandry & Guilds



### David V. Moore Grand Guild



### David V. Moore Grand Guild Drill Team gets first place in the Sword and Drill Competition in Nassau, Bahamas

The David V. Moore Grand Guild Drill Team was victorious once again. Four times and counting: Dallas, Nashville, Los Angeles and this year, Nassau, Bahamas. The scene was set, the team was ready, the crowd was screaming and the victory was inevitable. Members of the team were Celestine Travis, Geneva Ellis, Barbara Hudson-Banner, Patricia Cousley, and M. Francine Washington on the floor. Diane Boyd was in the wing and Debra Miller was present as manager, timekeeper, and videographer. A sincere debt of gratitude goes to Drill Instructor Past Right Eminent Grand Commander Melvin Russell. We also thank the Ohio delegation who was in full force with support. The word is the gauntlet has been thrown down for the International Convention in Essington Pennsylvania in 2018. The team will be ready!



### International Grand Court Order of Cyrene Crusaders



Greetings and Happy New Year!  
I am Honored to serve as the 26th. International Grand Princess Commandress of the International Grand Court Order of Cyrene Crusaders, an Auxiliary to the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar United States of America & its Jurisdictions, P.H.A., Inc. I am the third Princess to serve from the Jurisdiction of Ohio. PIGPC Maggie Buchanan (& PIGRA Homer Buchanan) was the first to serve (1970-1972) followed by PIGPC, Rev/Dr. Mary B. Harpe (2011-2013). Pr. M. Francine Washington serves as the Jurisdictional Deputy for Ohio, S.K. Lewis H. Nelson (NC), IGRA, and Most Eminent Grand Master of the Grand Encampment, S.K. Melvin Callahan (TN).

The International Grand Court consists of twenty-six (26) Jurisdictions and the Commonwealth of the Bahamas. Our purpose or focus is on Benevolence, Fraternal Relations, and Fellowship.

The Annual Grand Session for 2021 is scheduled for June 30-July 3, 2021 in Louisville, Kentucky (depending on the Covid-19 Pandemic). Events for the Session are: Joint Memorial Service, Prayer Breakfast, Drill and Sword Competition, Queen and Lady-in-Waiting Contest, Awards Luncheon, Upper Room Service and Black & White Banquet.

The David V. Moore Grand Guild of Ohio has a Nationally acclaimed Drill Team. They have participated in competitions from, CA, NC, PA, TN, TX, and the Bahamas. At the Annual Grand Session in Irving, Texas (2019), they received another First Place Trophy. The Drill Team Captain/Instructor, is Pr. M. Francine Washington and Asst. Drill Instructor, S.K. Melvin Russell.

Pr. DeNoris Brown, IGPC



# Commandry & Guilds

## PRINCESSES AND SIR KNIGHTS:

*"The Only Preparation For Tomorrow Is The Right Use Of Today"*

Greetings:

CONGRATULATIONS to David V. Moore Grand Guild, Heroines of Templar Crusades, State of Ohio and Its Jurisdiction as the WINNER of the Traveling Plaque; being recognized by the International Grand Court Order of Cyrene Crusaders, Auxiliary to the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar for the United States of America and Jurisdiction, P.H.A., Inc., of whom Princess DeNoris Brown serve as International Grand Princess Commandress.

I am profoundly grateful for the service that you continue to give in spite of the pandemic surrounding all of us. also, I am happy to inform you that you have made history as this is the first time for such award.

Appreciation is in order for those Jurisdictions that sent congratulatory remarks to the David V. Moore Grand Guild of Ohio.

Thank you so much for all that you do for David V. Moore Grand Guild! "The saint who satisfies the heart of Jesus will make other saints strong and mature for God".

Yours Under the Sign of the Cross,  
Pr. Willie Ruth Dean. PYCH  
Grand Princess Captain



## Report of Most Illustrious Prince Hall Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters



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The Annual workshop of Prince Hall Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters, hosted by Solomon Johnson Council #4, was held in Dayton on Saturday, Octo-

ber 6, 2018. It was very well attended with approximately fifty people in attendance. The District Deputy's presented the work of their respective districts. The program included the History of Royal and Select Masters.

The 2019 Grand Assembly of the Most Illustrious Prince Hall Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters was held May 19, 2019 at the Hope Hotel in Fairborn OH. Members from Ohio, Colorado, Indiana, Kentucky, Michigan, Missouri, Utah, and Wyoming gathered for the annual Grand Assembly. Grand Thrice Illustrious Mas-

ter Thomas G. Graham was received and conducted the annual meeting. On May 18, 2019 Grand Thrice Illustrious Graham was the honoree at a fabulous banquet held for family, companions, and guests. All enjoyed a scrumptious meal and delightful entertainment.

We congratulate Companion Graham who continues to serve. On June 1, 2019 he was elected Eminent Prior of Alpha Priory #1 Knight York Cross of Honor.

*Submitted by Companion Roy Hollis and Companion Carl Washington*

## Solomon Johnson Council No. 4, Royal and Select Masters

2020 Charles E. Harper, Thrice Illustrious Master 2020  
Thomas G. Graham, Grand Thrice Illustrious Master



# The Purple House: The Ladies of the Circle of Perfection



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**Ruth Edmond**

On October 13, 2017, the Mattie Talbert Circle of Mt. Calvary Missionary Baptist Church in Dayton, Ohio celebrated Mrs. Ruth Edmonds' 98th Birthday with an afternoon of fun, food and fellowship. Mrs. Edmonds children, Phyllis Edmonds, Horace and Victoria Edmonds from Dayton and Helene Edmonds from Las Vegas NV and Mrs. Edmonds sister, Barbara Cross also attended the celebration.

There were other relatives who travelled near and far to join in this auspicious occasion. Mrs. Edmonds' church family, Unity Chapter #95 members and other sisters and brothers from the masonic family were present to salute her. She has been a loyal and dedicated member of the church for many years. Mrs. Edmonds served as Worthy Matron of Unity Chapter No. 95, Order of the Eastern Star.

Pastor Samuel N. Winston Jr., brought greetings on behalf of the church. A trio from the church choir sang "We've Come This Far By Faith". Her daughter-in-law Victoria, and her sister Ruby sang "Job Waited On The Lord". Mrs. Edmonds' niece, Cheryl Brooks, wrote, dedicated and presented a special poem.

Mrs. Edmonds expressed appreciation to everyone for being there to help celebrate her 98 years. She is the oldest member of Mt. Calvary M.B. Church. Special thanks were extended to Mattie Talbert Circle for planning a meaningful and elegant tribute.

Mrs. Edmonds' father, Deacon William Stroud helped build the first church which was initially named Sunlight Baptist Church and later became Mt. Calvary Missionary Baptist Church.



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# Acts of Kindness from the MWPHGL of Ohio

## “Building on The Firm Foundation of Our Historic Legacy”

Since the inception of the COVID-19 Pandemic, Virtual Lodge meetings have enabled us to continue to communicate, plan, and find creative ways to reach out to our communities safely while observing social distancing protocols and wearing face coverings. We have continued to let our light shine in the community through “Acts of Kindness” to those in need and to first responders and front line service providers.

I thank and commend the Brethren for their tangible demonstration of one of the fundamental tenets of Freemasonry; Charity and Benevolence, through the many “Acts of Kindness” throughout the Jurisdiction. In particular I want to commend Dr. Keith Melvin for developing and operating a free COVID-19 drive thru testing site in collaboration with Rev. Damon Lynch, III and Mercy Hospital, serving just under 5,000 patients. I also want to thank and commend RWSGW Robert M. Estelle, Jr. for his enthusiastic promotion of this outreach and his coordination of the effort to capture and chronicle these activities. Some of the activities are pictured below.

# Acts of Kindness

## Operation – Meals on Wheels

The brothers of Ecclesiastes #120, along with the Grand Junior Warden Mario Powell, hit the high rises and provided over 100 hot meals to two senior living facilities in Cleveland, OH. We enjoyed the fellowship and the opportunity to provide a blessing to the residence of these facilities.

Location (1): Kappa House Senior Living Complex– Cleveland, OH Location (2): Union Street Senior Living Complex – Cleveland, OH Brothers: WM Robert Jackson, SW John Summerall, Grand Senior Warden Mario Powell, Eureka Lodge #52 Bro. Stan Wagner, Jerry Nichols, PM



## Operation – “Back To School Supply Drive”

The brothers and sisters of Ecclesiastes 120 and 101 in collaboration with the Urban Survival Coalition Car Club came together to provide over 60 book bags and school supplies to kids in the Mount Pleasant and surrounding areas of Cleveland for the upcoming school year. Mr. Jerome Brown the representative from Urban Survival Coalition Car Club met with us to collect the items Friday, August 14, 2020.

Location: Cleveland, OH

Date: Items collected on July 31, 2020. Distributed on August 15, 2020.



In pictures:  
WM Robert I. Jackson #120 /101  
SW John Summerall #120  
WM Cynthia M. Grant #101  
AM Ronata Parker #101  
Secretary Diane P. Jofferion, PM #101  
Mr. Jerome Brown – Representative of Urban Survival Coalition

Participants: Ecclesiastes Lodge #120, Ecclesiastes Chapter #101



## Sheba Chapter No 14 & Trinity Lodge No. 9

### GIFT OF RINGING for SALVATION ARMY

Lt to rt: Bro. Carlton L. Cave, WP, Grand Worthy Matron Jeanette R. Langford, Casandra Block, PM and Melvin Sweat, WM, Trinity, No 9. The group rang bells for the Salvation Army Christmas Program. The Chapter and Lodge scheduled several sessions for members to lend a hand.



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**A NOTE FROM THE EDITOR**

*RW Jimmie E. "Jay" Johnson, #123*

Brothers, Sisters and Friends – “We’re Back”!

After a brief hiatus of three plus years, having to deal with a myriad of difficulties, medical issues and setbacks and a “changing of the guard” (Publishers) we are finally back up and running and hopefully this little bump in the road will not happen again.

First, I had a series of eye surgeries (glaucoma, cataract and cornea) which caused me to go Emeritus after over 24 years of service as Associate Editor/ Editor of the Lamp.

Second, our long-time Publisher, J & L Graphics decided to give up much of the work they were doing and go into semi-retirement.

Many thanks to RW Brother Eston “Lucky” Wilson and Sister Joan Wilson for over 30 years of support and professionalism in producing the Lamp. Lucky served as Associate Editor/Editor and Joan as Associate Editor for all of those years. “Well done, thou good and faithful servant...”! I still know your number and I will call upon you when I get myself into a jam.

Third, we had to locate a new Publisher, Printer, etc. who could produce the Lamp without blowing up the budget. We have found such a person, again one of our own who has the resources to produce a quality paper.

Let me introduce the new Publisher of the Lamp – PM Karla Goldsby Jones of Ruth Chapter #104.

The Publisher is responsible for type setting and layout of the paper. Karla also has the relationship with a printing company in the Dayton area who can provide, CASS Sorting, labeling and printing of the Lamp. Welcome aboard Karla and Charley – looking forward to a long and harmonious working relationship with you.

Brothers and Sisters, we hope you enjoy this somewhat unusual edition, covering 3 plus years and mostly pictorial/historical in nature.

Again, we are back on track and we promise not to be silent again for so long!



**Herd icon Reggie Oliver dies at 66**

By GRANT TRAYLOR  
 Aug 14, 2018 Updated 7 hrs ago

HUNTINGTON - Marshall's football community is mourning the loss of one of its favorite sons.

Reggie Oliver, who served as quarterback of the Young Thundering Herd in 1971, passed away on Tuesday at the age of 66.

Marshall athletics issued a release on Oliver's passing just before 7 p.m. on Tuesday evening.

“We extend out deepest sympathies to Reggie's friends and family,” the release said. “He was one of Marshall's true legends and will sorely be missed by the entire Thundering Herd family.”

Last week, Oliver was hospitalized at Huntsville Hospital in Huntsville, Ala., after suffering a serious head injury following a fall.

On Friday, the Marshall community came together at the Marshall Memorial Fountain outside of the Memorial Student Center and had a candlelight vigil for Oliver, which included Marshall's athletics staff, Marshall head coach Doc Holliday and the entire Marshall football team.

“I'm very saddened by this,” Marshall athletic director Mike Hamrick said by phone on Tuesday. “It just doesn't seem fair.”

Holliday was alerted to Oliver's passing following the team's Tuesday session.

“It's a shame,” Holliday said. “He was a great guy, a great Son of Marshall. He did so much for our program in so many ways.”

The vigil occurred at the same fountain that Oliver delivered a powerful speech to Marshall patrons back on April 28 when Marshall took part in its annual Spring Fountain Celebration to turn on the fountain prior to the annual Green-White Spring Scrimmage.

Holliday noted Oliver's passion as one attribute that immediately stood out when players first met him.

“He always had a smile on his face and was just so positive about everything,” Holliday said. “Every time he spoke, he just had so much passion for everything he did. He was a great, great man that will always be remembered as a great Son of Marshall.”

On that day, Oliver's powerful personality stood out.

As The Herald-Dispatch's Tim Stephens noted, the Tuscaloosa, Ala., native wore a white suit with a green tie and sunglasses to the event and sang the 1970 Clarence Carter hit “Patches” for those in attendance, which was about a boy raised in poverty in Alabama.

“People said not to go to Marshall,” Oliver recalled. “They said, ‘They'll make a wide receiver out of you.’”

As it turned out, Oliver not only became a quarterback for the Young Thundering Herd, he became one of the program's biggest icons, forging Marshall to one of the banner wins in program history.

On Sept. 25, 1971, Oliver connected with freshman fullback Terry Gardner on a play called “213 Bootleg Screen” for a 13-yard touchdown on the game's final play as Marshall upset Xavier, 15-13, in front of an estimated 13,000 fans at Fairfield Stadium in Huntington. It was the first home game for the Herd since the 1970 Marshall plane crash of Southern Airways Flight 932, which occurred on Nov. 14, 1970 on the way back from a 17-14 loss at East Carolina.

Since that time, Oliver served as an assistant coach for the Herd under Sonny Randle and had also served as a teacher at Huntington High.

Oliver later moved to Columbus, but had returned to his home state of Alabama to take care of his mother in recent months.

Noble David W. Murray

*Editor's Note: RW Reggie Oliver had served the MWPHGL of Ohio as one of the Associate Grand Photographers for many years.*

**Scholarship Award Winners - 2020 1st Time Selected Students**

1ST NAME	LAST NAME	COLLEGE	MAJOR	CITY	AWARD
Christian	Bean	Howard University	Music Theatre	Pickerington	
Tre'zhan	Beard	Heidelberg University	Business Management	Chillicothe	\$ 1,000.00
Frank	Bowen, IV	University of Cincinnati	Fine Arts	Cincinnati	\$ 1,000.00
Saniyah	Brandon	University of Toledo	Finance Marketing	Toledo	\$ 1,000.00
Leigh	Burns	Wright State University	Nursing	Cleveland	\$ 1,000.00
Ahtiona	Carter	University of Cincinnati	Biochemistry	Lewis Center	\$ 1,000.00
Patience	Cox	Ohio State University	Film Studies	Groveport	\$ 1,000.00
Braelyn	Ewing	Eastern Michigan	Clinical Laboratory	Dayton	\$ 1,000.00
William	Fields	University of Dayton	Mechanical Engineering	Columbus	\$ 1,000.00
Sedric	Granger	Ohio University	Journalism	New Albany	\$ 1,000.00
Kiasiera	Haygood	Bowling Green State	Medical Lab Science	Fairfield	\$ 1,000.00
Aaron	Holley	Miami/Ohio State	Computer Science	Columbus	\$ 1,000.00
Kiara	Jerdo	University of Louisville	Business Marketing	Cincinnati	\$ 500.00
Andreyon	Malone	Howard University	Nursing	Willowick	\$ 1,000.00
Zion	Moss	Ohio State University	Biology	Trotwood	\$ 1,000.00
Sharaia	Nalls	University of Cincinnati	Criminal Justice	Huber Heights	\$ 1,000.00
Olivia	Rutherford	Bowling Green State	Forensic Science	Grove City	\$ 1,000.00
Myles	Smith	Undecided	Chemistry	Columbus	\$ 1,000.00
Kynalyn	Waderker	Otterbein University	Athletic Training	Belpre	\$ 1,000.00
Terrence	Wrightner	Florida	Exercise Science	Reynoldsburg	\$ 1,000.00
Jordon	Young	Morehouse	Mechanical Engineering	Dayton	\$ 1,000.00

**Scholarship Award Winners - 2020 Continuing Students**

1ST NAME	LAST NAME	COLLEGE	MAJOR	CITY	STATUS	AWARD
Ariana	Avery	Bowling Green Univ.	Psychology	Cincinnati	Soph.	\$ 400.00
VanWayne	Chaney, Jr.	Miami Univ.	Computer Engineering	Solon	Soph.	\$ 400.00
Angelique	Clay	Morehead State	Political Science	Blacklick	Junior	\$ 400.00
Deven	Cobb	Rose-Hulman Institute	Biomedical Engineering	Columbus	Soph.	\$ 400.00
Darah	Daniel	Youngstown Univ.	Marketing Management	Warren	Junior	\$ 400.00
Jaedyn	Gaines	Univ. of Cincinnati	Communication Design	Columbus	Soph.	\$ 400.00
Julian	Hill	Univ. of Cincinnati	Marketing	Toledo	Soph.	\$ 400.00
Lonna	Jones	Bowling Green Univ.	Broadcast Journalism	Cincinnati	Soph.	\$ 400.00
Lynise	Jones	Northern Kentucky Univ.	International Business	Cincinnati	Junior	\$ 400.00
Tyra	Jones	Miami Univ.	Accounting	Cincinnati	Soph.	\$ 400.00
Eylssia	Mason	Notre Dame College	Criminal Justice	Cleveland	Soph.	\$ 400.00
Christopher	Moody	Ohio Univ.	History	Dayton	Soph.	\$ 400.00
Morgan	Payne	Miami Univ.	Speech Pathology	Dayton	Junior	\$ 400.00
Jacques	Peek	Univ. of Akron	Mechanical Engineering	Cincinnati	Senior	\$ 400.00
Chase	Pope	Ohio State Univ.	Accounting	Cincinnati	Soph.	\$ 400.00
Mustapha	Tahiru	Emory Univ.	Chemistry	Columbus	Senior	\$ 400.00
Kayly	Tarrance	Tuskegee Univ.	Occupational Therapy	Vandalia	Junior	\$ 400.00