



MWPH Grand Lodge of Ohio Convenes 161st Grand Communication

By RW Jay Johnson, Editor

"Keeping the Charge as We Bridge the Gap" is the theme of our Most Worshipful Grand Master Robert L. Jones and he carried his theme out to perfection as the Prince Hall Masons descended on the City of Cincinnati from July 31 - August 4, 2010, for the 161st Grand Communication of the MWPH Grand Lodge of Ohio.

The Grand Session began on Saturday afternoon at the Millennium Hotel when the Prince Hall Scholarship Foundation presented its 2010 Aron Moss, Jr. Awards Program. During the program we received the annual Foundation message from the Executive Director, Mr. Ronald A. Ogletree, who then presided over the presentation of the Scholarship Awards. This year the Foundation gave scholarships to 19 first-time students and 24 continuing education students for a total of \$27,600.00. A special award of \$500.00 was also presented to Wilberforce University.

The keynote speaker was Mr. Mycal J. Carr, a Huber Heights Wayne High School graduate who received his scholarship and continuing support throughout his college career, graduating from Howard University with a degree in Accounting. He has accepted employment with the Department

of Homeland Security, Immigration Customs and Enforcement which is an internship program for a Federal Career.

The majority of the scholarship funds are derived by holding a raffle each year and this year was no exception. Over 55,000 tickets were distributed and over 40,000 tickets were sold with the Outstanding Individual Ticket sales award again going to Rev. Ralph Clay of Trinity Lodge No. 9, Portsmouth, OH, who sold 1704 tickets. The Outstanding Lodge ticket sales awards went to the following lodges by category: Small Lodge (8-44 members) Trinity #9, 94.63% sold; runner-up John Washington #92, 58.33% sold; Medium Lodge (45 -107 members) King David #116, 30.25% sold; runner-up Composite #108, 22.99% sold; and Large Lodge (108 members and above) Amazon #4, 18.57% sold; runner-up Ecclesiastes #120, 17.57% sold.



Grand Lodge Trustees and Economic Development Fund Officers.

On Saturday evening, MWGM Jones and many others attended the Macy's Music Festival at Paul Brown Stadium and enjoyed the performances of such artists as: Erykah Badu, K'John, Raheem Devaughn, En Vogue and Frankie Beverly & Maze. Not only was the show entertaining, but profitable for the Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter as we had purchased a reserved section, especially for the Prince Hall family and friends.

On Sunday morning, after enjoying another fine breakfast and program from Amaranth Grand Chapter, we attended the Annual Divine Service and were blessed with the melodious singing of the Amaranth Grand Chapter Mass Choir, followed by the sermon and Holy Communion.

Then on Sunday evening, the Memorial Degree Team held its Candlelight Service to pay tribute



MW Grand Master Robert L. Jones congratulates PM W. Irvin Deese, #2, as he presents him with his 50 year pin at the 161st Grand Communication.



(Photos by RW Woodron Riddle, Jr., Grand Photographer)

to our deceased Brothers who were called from labor to rest since our last Grand Communications. Words cannot adequately describe

how eloquent and how somber this team performed the work this year and is a testament to the hard work (See *Grand Lodge*, page 7)

Season's Greetings

Jay and I would like to extend the warmest of holiday greetings to each and every member of the Prince Hall Family. It goes without saying that as Baptist Christians we celebrate the birth of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. We thank God for sending His Son for our redemption and that of all mankind.

We pray for unity among our Prince Hall Family and mankind everywhere. We trust that our Masonic training will help us to better understand the solid foundation that a firm and abiding trust in the Grand Architect of the Universe provides. This faith will help us to bridge the existing gaps of policy and administrations in the several denominations where we worship that serve to keep us separated and hinder us from achieving true unity and brotherhood.

Freemasonry traditionally brings together men of every country, sect and opinion and conciliates true friendship and tolerance among those who might not otherwise ever



connect in this life. So, since we recognize that we may have among our membership those who practice Islam, Judaism, Hinduism, Buddhism or some other religion, it matters not to us whether you celebrate Christmas, Hanukah, Ramadan, Kwanza or some other celebration. We wish you and your family peace, love and a prosperous and happy 2011. Happy holidays to all!

PM Robert L. and Mrs. Jay Jones Most Worshipful Grand Master

Governor Strickland Signs HB 27 Authorizing Prince Hall License Plates

By RW Jay Johnson, Editor

MW Grand Master Robert L. Jones, accompanied by MWPGM Rev. James H. Willis and several other members of the MWPH Grand Lodge of Ohio journeyed to the State Capitol in Columbus to witness the signing of HB 27 which authorizes the production and issuance of a Prince Hall license plate on Wednesday, June 23, 2010. This is a momentous occasion in the history of this Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge.



MWPGM Willis receives ceremonial signing pen from Congresswoman Brown.



This plate will look good on every PH Mason's automobile. This is a momentous occasion in the history of this Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge.



MWGM Robert L. Jones holds HB 27 and MWPGM James H. Willis, Sr., has a replica of the PH license plate.

This initiative commenced in the administration of MWPGM James H. Willis, Sr. via an idea from PM Andrew White, #120. State Representative Edna Brown of Toledo was instrumental in getting this legislation passed along with the diligence and tenacity of MW Brother Willis. They are to be commended for their efforts.

Members in attendance at the ceremonial signing were: MWGM Robert L. Jones, MWPGM James H. Willis, Sr., RW Johnny O. Pitts, RW Darryl R. Smith, RW Robert Estelle, RW Robert Carpenter, RW Eldred Jones, RW Ronald A. Ogletree and W. Bro. Reginald Oliver who took the photographs of this historical event.

(Editor's Note: The license plate is in full production and it took less than 10 days for me to receive mine and yes, they can be personalized.)

From the Desk of the MW Grand Master...

PM ROBERT L. JONES
MOST WORSHIPFUL GRAND MASTER



First, I give thanks to the Grand Architect of the Universe from whom all blessings flow. We were allowed to have a productive and harmonious 161st Annual Grand Communication. Yes, there were some minor problems as with any endeavor, but for the most part this was a highly successful Communication. It was our goal to make this session informative, educational and enjoyable; we wanted to give everyone some personal motivation to attend. The initial reports are positive, but we ask you to forward your critique to this office or to one of the other Elected or Appointed Grand Lodge Officers so that we can continue the evaluation process as we plan for 2011.

You, the Brethren, are to be commended for without your financial participation we would not have had the success that we did enjoy at this Communication. I thank you for your concern and your personal sacrifice during these difficult economic times. Because of your efforts this Grand Communication paid for itself. This is a historical landmark occurrence in my estimation! The usual procedure after the Grand Communication is to spend valuable resources in amounts from \$25,000 to \$40,000 to make up the deficit. However, the registration of some 302 Brothers (and our OES Sisters) eliminated that need this year.

The Macy's Music Festival event was successful as well and we think that the Brothers and Sisters enjoyed some relaxation before tackling the business at hand. In 2011 in Columbus at the Renaissance Hotel we will have another evening of relaxation. Gerald Alston, the lead singer for the Manhattans, and Wilbert Longmire, nationally known jazz guitarist, will perform for us on Saturday, August 6th. There will be a limited time when tickets will be available only to our Masons and Eastern Stars; after that we will market to the public. There will only be 600 tickets available for this event. More information will be posted.

We continue to work toward the completion of the 3987 E. Main Street property in Whitehall. We have received the rezoning approval, completed geotechnical studies which we hope will allow for the permanent financing by the time you read this. Brothers, we still need for us to step up as members of this great Jurisdiction and financially support this project. If you can't make the requested donation in a lump sum, please consider a systematic donating plan that will best fit your circumstances and that of the project. If you have questions, concerns or suggestions, please don't hesitate to communicate them to any of your Grand Lodge Officers, this office or to the Building Commission Chairman, Past Master Father Benjamin E.K. Speare-Hardy, II, #115.

Lastly, there are many changes that we are attempting to make. These changes are not directed at individuals, though individuals will be affected, but they are directed at the culture in which we operate as Prince Hall Masons. Some changes are dictated by government agencies and the legal system, but others are required by the times in which we live and must be made to make our Freemasonry relevant to the times, our members and prospective members. Please don't rail against the changes until you get a complete understanding; please consult with this office and those of your Elected and Appointed Grand Lodge Officers first.

On behalf of my wife, Jay, and myself I thank you for all of your kindness and courtesy during this past year. The invitations were too numerous and the time lacking which prevented us from fellowshiping with all of you. We hope that we can do a little better in this area this year.

May the Grand Architect of the Universe bless us individually and collectively.

PM Robert L. Jones, #97
Most Worshipful Grand Master



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From the Desk of the Editor...

First, let me offer a heartfelt THANK YOU to the Editor-in-Chief, MWGM Robert L. Jones and to the Grand Trustees of the MWPHGL of Ohio for the outstanding support that you have rendered to *The Lamp* Staff this past year. Truly, you have made our work as a team most delightful and pleasant and words cannot adequately express our sincere appreciation for all that you have done.

We also thank each and every member of the "PHamily" who submitted articles for publication as this is the second issue for this calendar year and we have had great material to publish to let our readers see the great work that is transpiring in the Jurisdiction of Ohio in all facets of the Masonic Family.

Finally, we sincerely thank those organizations that have made mon- (See Editor, Page 4)



From the Desk of RW Deputy Grand Master

JOHNNY O. PITTS, SR., PM #7

Greetings Brothers,

As this holiday season progresses, I am reminded of its true meaning, "the birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ." During all of the hustle and bustle of the holidays, I remind each of us to make time to remember this, and to give God praise for all that He has done during this past year. I encourage each of us to be excited for what God plans to do in 2011, for the best is yet to come.

I am grateful for the support you have shown me and my office. Your assistance and cooperation has been and remains invaluable. My prayer is that God will bless you, your families and your loved ones during this season and throughout 2011. May your new year be filled with God's favor, benefit, increase and overflow, in Jesus name!



I wish all of you a very Merry Christmas and a safe, prosperous and Happy New Year. God bless you!

Johnny O. Pitts, Sr., PM #7
RW Deputy Grand Master
MWPHGL of Ohio, F&AM



From the Desk of the RW Senior Grand Warden

DARRYL R. SMITH, PM, #121

Greetings:

I simply want to thank you for another great year, your support, and the privilege of allowing me to serve as your Right Worshipful Senior Grand Warden.

Much has been accomplished in 2009-2010 under the great leadership of our Most Worshipful Grand Master the Honorable Robert L. Jones. But as I have heard from Brothers and Sisters around the State of Ohio, victories of this magnitude result from trust and respect earned over the years for one another. God works with quality and not quantity! He does not need a lot to get things done. Our works must be real for God! The Lord is not concerned about our positions, but He is concerned about our dispositions!

I believe most of you are aware that conversations have been taking place since May of this year about the feasibility and the increased value that the New Grand Lodge Headquarters brings to the future of Prince Hall Masonry not just in Ohio, but around the world.

I would like to thank those Brothers and Sisters who continue to be involved in discussions to help gain understanding and share insights. This conversational process has been going on for the past few months and I commend all parties for sharing open and honest views on this subject. These conversations will continue to make certain we gather input to make this project most successful. We don't have all of the answers to all the questions right now and frankly many of the answers will be found by working together through a transition period before all elements of the project are fully developed and completed.

Completing the designs on our Trestle Board for our new Grand Lodge Headquarters as you all know, doesn't come without some degree of alarm and sense of uncertainty. It also does not make for easy decisions. The easy decision would be to maintain status quo and not rock the boat. The Brothers and Sisters of our collective communities throughout the State expects us to consider new ways to conduct our business, do what makes sense, be responsible and don't compromise on our ability to deliver on expectations.

Our achievements in 2009-2010 reinforced that trust and respect within our communities. Since the day I first occupied the Office of Right Worshipful Junior Grand Warden I have felt honored and privileged to be associated with such a devoted and talented organization. Those feelings have never waned and remain as strong as ever. Thank you for all you do and continue to do to serve God, our communities, our families and Prince Hall Masonry here in Ohio!

Have a great Holiday with your family and friends and remember to pray for everyone!
God Bless You All,

Darryl R. Smith, 33°, PM #121, RW Senior Grand Warden, MWPHGL of Ohio F&AM



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From the Desk of the Grand Chaplain...

R.W. WILTON E. BLAKE, I

As we celebrate the coming of Jesus Christ, we MUST remember that Jesus is the reason for the season. Let us not take Christ out of Christmas. We should bring to Christ our best gift, which is ourselves. As we give gifts to our family and friends, which is a way of showing our love, please remember that God gave us His very best gift — Jesus Christ. The Holy Word says, "That God so loved the world that He gave..". The economy may be bad and you may not have the money to buy the kind of gifts you would like to give — just give your LOVE. Your sincere love is better than any earthy gift that you can give. Please remember those that are in need. May the Christmas joy be yours, and may you and your loved ones have a Happy Holiday Season.

New Year's eve is the time to bid farewell to the old year and welcome the coming year. It is the time to forget and get past memories that are no longer useful or worth pondering upon. It is the time for new beginnings and new starts in life. A New Year has a message for each of us. One should let go of the past that has bad memories and accept what has happened, has happened for some reason. Instead of clinging onto your past and things that have gone, it is better to let go.

There is an old saying that goes, "Don't cry because it is over, smile because it happened." This essentially means that there is no use crying over spilt milk. You cannot turn back time and do things that would benefit you. New Year is the time to start a fresh and do things that would make someone else smile. Make a pledge to make at least one person happy. You will see the difference it can make in both your lives. The essential message of 2011 is to let go of the past and embrace life as it comes to you. You will be happier and merrier that way.

Please remember the words of the Apostle Paul, "Brothers and Sisters, I count not myself to have apprehended, but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before. I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus."

~ (Philippians 3:13-14)

Joann and I wish to all our Sisters and Brothers the very best in 2011.

REV. WILTON E. BLAKE, I

RW Grand Chaplain, MWPB Grand Lodge of Ohio



Two Stalwart Masons Are Called to Eternal Reward

Dedicated to the Memory of ERNEST WOODY TERRY

Sovereign Grand Inspector General (S.G.I.G.) Ernest W. Terry and Most Worshipful Past Grand Master was born in Memphis, Tennessee. He married Mildred McKinney also of Memphis.

In 1952 he was initiated into William T. Boyd Lodge No. 79, and served as Worshipful Master. Other Masonic Affiliations: Past High Priest of Cuyahoga Chapter No. 36, Royal Arch Mason; member of Bezaleel Consistory No. 15, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite of Free Masonry; Sir Knight of Emmanuel Commandery No. 32, Knight Templar; member of Wisdom Chapter No. 51, O.E.S.; Companion of Adoniram Council No. 1, Royal and Select Mason; Illustrious Past Potentate of El Hasa Temple No. 28; and Past Deputy of the Desert of Ohio, A.E.A.O.N.M.S.

The ultimate honor that he attained was being elected "Most Worshipful Grand Master of Masons for the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Ohio" in August, 1989. He was coroneted a 33° Degree Mason, A.A.S.R. in



May 1973. Elevated to the position of Illustrious Deputy of the Orient and Most Illustrious Commander-in-Chief in May 1996, a position he held until his health began to fail.

He was a man of intense Love for the Fraternity, deep compassion for humanity and a firm believer in God.

"FAREWELL" Most Worshipful and Illustrious Brother Ernest W. Terry.

By S.G.I.G. Sidney D. Broadnax, Jr., 33°, Ill. Deputy of the Orient of Ohio & MW Past Grand Master

IN MEMORIUM

ROYAL SLADE McLEAN "A Master Mason's Master Mason" October 5, 1917 - November 13, 2010



Brothers:

A pillar and stalwart Mason in the Prince Hall Jurisdiction of Ohio was called from labor to refreshment on November 13th, Brother Royal S. McLean. In my thirty years of involvement in our Order, I have met many good men. However, in my opinion, I have only met two Brothers who I believe epitomizes Prince Hall and

who we are, as Masons — Hathaway Meadows and Royal McLean.

These Brothers' commitment to Fraternal relationship, Charity and Benevolence is unparalleled. They alone, have served as the District's Sick and Distress Committee for many years. It didn't matter what Lodge or what the need, they always gave of themselves to meet it.

Royal, the "human dance machine" will always be remembered for the above, as well as, his love for dancing with every lady at the party, his love for the clowns unit of Alla Baba Temple, and his always having something to sell you!

My heart is greatly touched by this loss, that I believe is without measure and profoundly impacts Samaritan Lodge No. 117, the Third Masonic District and our Grand Lodge. My life has been enriched by my interactions with Brother Royal and I grieve for all of us.

Please remember, Royal, his family and the loss to our beloved Order in your prayers to Almighty God.

Thank you, Brothers.

RW Johnny O. Pitts, Sr. #7

Deputy Grand Master, MWPBGL of Ohio, F & A M

(Editor's note: In the month of October, I arrived home to receive a message from Brother Royal McLean to call him as soon as possible. I called immediately and here are his last words to me: "I just finished reading my copy of The Lamp and I just wanted to call you to let you know that was the best paper I have read in my Masonic career. The pictures were very bright and the paper was very interesting. I read it from beginning to end." All I can say is "Thank you, Brother Royal McLean for your inspiring words and I know that I speak for many when I say — you will be missed! Rest in peace, my friend." - Jay Johnson)

PH Family of Cincinnati Holds Thanksgiving Basket Distribution

The Prince Hall Family of Greater Cincinnati (Masons, Order of Eastern Stars, Shriners, etc.) conducted its 10th Annual Thanksgiving Basket Distribution, and for the 10th year it was a success. Five hundred plus baskets were constructed and distributed over a two day period at the Bond Hill Recreation Center, 1501 Elizabeth Place, Cincinnati, Ohio.

Under the leadership and guidance of Past Masters Kenneth McCullars and Otis Elam, a well-oiled machine has been created and the daunting tasks necessary for success have been converted to a shared activity full of excitement, fun and harmony. With the assistance of approximately 200 Masonic family volunteers, Brothers and Sisters worked tirelessly to make this project a success, but none worked harder

than the MW Grand Master, Robert L. Jones. The MW Grand Master didn't shy away from any task requiring attention and motivated volunteers by the personal energy he demonstrated to keep the pace needed to get the job done.

In 2001, then MW Grand Master Sidney D. Broadnax, Jr., observing the efforts of individual lodges in the 1st Masonic District to serve the community at Thanksgiving, provided the necessary leadership to create a new model that has proven to be more efficient and cost effective. By pooling resources, the program has grown from distributing 167 baskets the first year, to distributing over 500 baskets this past weekend. Such growth success led MW Grand Master Robert L. Jones to envision the program growing to the 1000 basket distribution level in the future. Currently, all funding is provided by the Prince Hall

Masonic Family, and the food costs have been reduced thanks to the relationships that have been developed with community vendors supportive of this activity and the consistency of the activity's leadership.

While this year's program was clearly a success, the Prince Hall Family, recognizes the need to do more. It is hoped that as the program develops corporate assistance one day will allow for its envisioned expansion. It should be noted that the unique success of this program was recognized by the attendance of four Past MW Grand Masters: MW Past Grand Master Chester C. Pryor II, MW Past Grand Master Steven Reece, Sr., MW Past Grand Master Sidney D. Broadnax, Jr. and MW Grand Master Robert L. Jones.

Submitted by
Brother Frank H. Bowen, Jr.
True American Lodge #2
Program Media Coordinator

Ecclesiastes Lodge #120 and Ecclesiastes Chapter #101 Prepare Christmas Baskets.

Every year Ecclesiastes Lodge and Ecclesiastes Chapter donate Christmas baskets which consist of turkeys and all the fixings, including desert. The baskets are given to the widows of the Lodge and sick and shut-in members of the chapter, as well as less fortunate fami-

lies within the community. The Lodge and Chapter teamed together to make this year more than exceptional.

(Photo r.) Worshipful Master William Walker and Worthy Matron Valencia D. Meeks took a moment to show



off the Census 2010 bags donated for their use in preparing the baskets. Donating the baskets has become a yearly event for Sisters and Brothers.

(Photo r.) Chairperson for the event was Past Master Maurice Hereford, who is checking the list of recipients to be sure they don't miss anyone.

(Photo extreme r.) WM Meeks preparing the Christmas cards that accompany the baskets



Sisters and Brothers working together to ensure each basket is carefully put together.



Submitted by Sis. Valencia Meek
Photos by: Sis. Sandra Hill

Prince Hall Masons Invited to Forest City Lodge #388



Three Prince Hall Grand Lodge Officers were invited to witness the Inspection of Forest City Lodge #388 on May 5, 2010, by Mitchell L. Alperin, the RW District Deputy Grand Master of the 22nd Masonic District. RW Alperin and Forest City Lodge are members of the Grand Lodge of Ohio, F&AM. Above are (l. to r.) RW Carl A. Williams, RW Junior Grand Warden (PHA); RW Mitchell Alperin, RW DDGM; Worshipful Master Allen Hammes, Forest City Lodge #388; Robert C. Hager, RW DDGM; and RW Melvin Russell, RW Deputy Grand Lecturer, Distict #7 (PHA). (Photo by RW AP, Ival Angel)

5th Masonic District Observes St. John's Day

Pride of the Valley Lodge #80 hosted the 5th Masonic District's observance of St. John the Baptist Day on June 27, 2010, in Mansfield, OH.

Some of the dignitaries in attendance are: PM Jim Brown, #112; WM Eric Kidd, Sr., #76; RWDGL Jerry Ellerson, #76; RW Junior Grand Warden, Carl A. Williams, #120; RW Administrative Officer for 5th District James K. Willis, #80; WM Peter Bucey, #112; PM Karen Bryant, #47; PM Jean Roberts, #47; Karen Ellerson, AM, #47; Crystal Conway, #47; and PM Mary Culver, #47.



(R.) RWDGL Jerry Ellerson offers Samos Chapter Master Counselor Armond Stephens the opportunity to speak during the service.



Worship in Dance as the Craft looks on. (Submitted by Eric Kidd, Sr.)

GWPs Visit PGP Emerson Ballard During OCD Session

While in Toledo attending the Ohio Council of Deliberation, Grand Worthy Patron Kennedy C. McCall and several of the Past Grand Worthy Patrons received permission from the Deputy of the Orient to be excused from the Commanders of the Rite meeting to visit with their friend and frater, PGWP (GIG) Emerson D. Ballard. They found him to be in good spirits and on the way to recovery. Those making the visit were: PGWP (ME Grand High Priest) (GIG) Ray S. Robinson, PGWP (SGIG) Stephen P. Blackwell, Sr., PGWP (Most Worthy Grand Joshua) (GIG) Jerry D. Springer, PGWP (GIG) Jerry Friason and Grand Associate Patron (GIG) Arnet Sanders.



Edward Dugger, Jr. Lodge #123 Awards 2010 Scholarship

The following high school graduate was selected to receive an Edward Dugger, Jr. Military Lodge No. 123 scholarship award of \$500.00 for the 2010 Academic Year.

TENESHIA N. PETERSON, a graduate of Trotwood-Madison High School, Dayton, OH, has a GPA of 3.15 and she ranked 28th of a class of 213 students. Teneshia is a member of the National Honor Society, the Art Club, and played varsity softball for three years. She received several academic student awards. She served as a volunteer at the 2009 United States Air Force Marathon and performed community service at Haywood Middle School in Springfield. She participated in the Upward Bound Program at Wittenberg and Wright State Universities. She has been accepted to attend Wright State University where she plans to major in chemistry, with a goal of obtaining a master's degree and becoming a crime lab analyst.

Her counselor and teachers noted that Teneshia was an "outstanding student and an exemplary human being, a leader who is always willing to give her assistance to her fellow classmates."



TENESHIA N. PETERSON

Ancient Square Lodge #40 Presents 50-Year Pin



(L. to r.) PM George Sherer, Jr., PM Melvyn Huguely, Bro. John Cardwell (honoree), WM Glenn Beach, RW Eldred J. Jones, and PM George Goolsby.

Members of Ancient Square Lodge #40, along with the RW Deputy Grand Lecturer of the 4th Masonic District presented Brother John W. Cardwell with his 50-year pin and certificate from the MWP HGL of Ohio, on October 1, 2010. Brother Cardwell was also presented a 50-year certificate from Ancient Square Lodge #40. RWDGL Eldred J. Jones made the presentation on behalf of the MWP HGL of Ohio. Mrs. Mary D. Kirkland-Ellis was given the honor of placing the 50-year pin on Brother Cardwell.



(R.) RWDGL Eldred J. Jones presents 50-year certificate and pin.



Sis. Mary D. Kirkland-Ellis pins 50-year pin on Bro. Cardwell.

(Submitted by PM George Goolsby)

4th Masonic and 5th OES Districts Observe St. John the Baptist Day



Masons being lead to their reserved seats by Marshal.

By RW Jay Johnson, Editor

The 4th Masonic District, led by RW Deputy Grand Lecturer Eldred J. Jones and the 5th OES District led by Grand Deputy OES, Barbara Hudson-Banner, along with the concordant and appendant bodies of the Prince Hall Masonic Family assembled together to worship with the Corinthian Baptist Church congregation in Dayton, Ohio, where the Reverend Bro. P.E. Henderson, Jr. is Pastor. Corinthian is the home church of our Senior Grand Warden, RW Darryl R. Smith and others in the Prince Hall family.

This particular Sunday was Youth Day and we were indeed blessed by the Youth Choir, the Praise Dancers and especially the message from a young guest Minister who delivered a powerful sermon.

We were especially pleased to see all of the high school graduates and the scholarships that they received from the church and other organizations. One young man received a scholarship worth over \$400,000.00 - wow!



The Masonic Family was welcomed with open arms and the church was filled to capacity.



Dr. P.E. Henderson receives the Prince Hall family, shown with GWM Kay F. Anderson, RWDGL Eldred J. Jones, and WM of Equity Lodge.

Editor...

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etary contributions per the Grand Master's request in order to help defray some of the costs of publication for the Grand Lodge.

As we are into the Christmas Season, let us continually be mindful of the fact that the season is not about gifts that we receive from others, no — not even about gifts that we are fortunate enough to bestow to our family and friends, but about the "GREATEST GIFT" that has ever been given — for God so loved the world, that He gave his ONLY BEGOTTEN SON, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

Merry CHRISTmas and wishing for each of you a prosperous and Happy New Year.

RW Jay Johnson
Editor
and The Lamp Staff

Gift of PM's Apron is Given to Worshipful Master Fanon Rucker



(L. to r.) PM Hilton Duckworth, PM Evelyn McKinney and Worshipful Master Fanon Rucker.

On April 24, 2010, Pride of the Valley Chapter No. 71 Order of Eastern Star, made its annual visit to Pride of the Valley Lodge No. 95. Past Matron Evelyn W. McKinney, having been impressed with the assistance she and her family received from the Lodge and most especially the kind and thoughtful aid provided by the Worshipful Master, Fanon Rucker, during the illness of her late husband, PM Curtis McKinney, she wanted to show her and the family's appreciation by presenting him a gift of the Past Master's Apron so ably worn by PM McKinney. The apron was presented for such disposition as the Worshipful Master deems appro-

priate.

The presentation was made by Past Master Hilton Duckworth after briefly highlighting, in terms of the ceremony being open to the general public, the significance of the Past Master's Apron and the honor that PM McKinney brought to it. PM Duckworth noted the numerous Masonic organizations PM McKinney belonged to. For his service to Pride of the Valley Lodge No. 95, Brother McKinney's apron was presented in recognition of his dedicated leadership. After serving his Lodge as its Master, he went on to become a Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Right Eminent Grand Commander and was elevated to the 33° and last Degree of Scottish Rite Masonry.

Akron Lodges Provide Back to School Supplies



WM Eric Kidd, SW Demond Dobson, Bro. Davidson, Bro. Foster, Bro. Trice, Bro. Strode, Bro. Mason and Bro. Lindsey enjoy the children at Helen Arnold School.

The brothers of Mt. Calvary Lodge #76 and Phoenix Lodge #112 of Akron provided book bags, pencils and other school supplies to the kids of Helen Arnold school on Saturday, September 11, 2010, as they prepared to go back to school. The school hosted a back to school supply give away day for their students. There were several events that took place during the day. One of the main events of the day was the Teen Rap Gospel

show. This group of teens performed inspirational gospel raps that talked about helping kids today. Free haircuts were also given to over 40 kids. This was a great time for both Mt. Calvary Lodge #76 and Phoenix Lodge #112 to come together in a time of need and help these students. The children also had the opportunity to take home clothing that was brought in by many of the parents. Overall, this was a fulfilled day. The food



This was a successful project judging by the size of the crowd.

Phoenix Lodge #112 Book Bag Project

The fourth annual Book Bag Project was again sponsored by Phoenix Lodge #112, Akron, OH. This year the project donated a total of 125 bags to five different schools. The five schools were: Smith Elementary, Robinson Elementary, Akron Opportunity Center, Rimer Elementary and Helen Arnold Elementary. Each school received a total of 25 bags to distribute to their most needy children. Each bag contained school supplies consisting of two subject folders, one subject notebook, three pencils, one ink pen, one box of crayons, one glue stick, one ruler, one pair of scissors and three pencil erasers.

This project is done completely by donations from Brothers of Phoenix Lodge #112 (PHA), Mt. Akra Lodge #680, Star Lodge #187, Barberton Lodge #750 (all of the Ohio Grand Lodge), their families, friends, and the community. The project, which began on August 1st was completed with the packing and delivery of the Bags on Sept. 9th, 11th and 12th, 2010. The Book Bag Committee would like to publicly thank those who donated. The hope in future years is to be able to get more support for this project from the community. Although we are pleased that each year the donation has increased, we do believe we can do more. The need is there and is seen more and more each year. Because of this, the goal for next year will be 150-200 bags. We look forward to your support and welcome other groups that may wish to partner with us in this project.

Thanks to all those who participated in making this project a huge success.

Article & Photos by PM Redgi Price
Phoenix Lodge #112



Rimer Elementary School



Smith Elementary School



Akron Opportunity Center



Helen Arnold Elementary School



Robinson Elementary School

Mt. Calvary Lodge #76 Serves the Community

WM Eric Kidd Sr #76, SD Lamont Brown, Chaplain Delmar Foster #76, PM Aaron Ray #112, and Michael Sykes #76 volunteered their time serving food to the Southside community in Akron, OH, on Saturday, November 20, 2010. The brothers helped with preparing meals and assisted the Evangelistic Ministry at Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church. Sister Carla L. Sykes, GD of Youth Activities and members of the church told Bro. Kidd about their annual community service event and Mt. Calvary immediately answered their call to service. Over 350 people were served and Rev. Curtis A. Minter, pastor was very thankful that the brothers came out to help.



By Carla L. Sykes, GD of Youth Activities
Photos by WM Eric Kidd Sr. #76



for this event was provided by Helen Arnold School.



Bro. Davidson, SW Dobson, Bro. Mason and Bro. Foster handing out school supplies

Jewel Chapter #20 Presents 25/35 Year Pins

Worthy Matron Delores M. Bates presented to members their 35-year pins and certificates (awarded by Grand Worthy Matron Kay F. Anderson at the 123rd Grand Communication in August) to Sis. Anna Jones, PM and Bro. Carmen Williamson. Absent were Sis. Ethel Adams, PM and Bro. Clarence Walker, Jr. Presentation of 25-year pins and certificates were made to Sis. Mamie Hart, PM and Sis. Gloria Tisdale, PM (in her

absence).

Bro. Carmen Williamson gave an excellent presentation of our history. This is a total of 190 years of good works in the organization and the community. We are proud and honored to have them as our members. There was a photo session by Bro. Kermit Phillips and Bro. Carmen Williamson prior to the meeting followed by a repast.

Submitted by PM Mary A. Wilkins
Recording Secretary



From the Desk of the Grand Orator...

RW FANON RUCKER

On January 12, 2010, the world shook violently with a magnitude seven earthquake in the small poor nation of Haiti. MW Grand Master Robert L. Jones pointed out in his allocution, it is estimated that over two hundred fifty thousand people lost their lives, a million made homeless and hundreds of thousands injured. The worldwide outpouring of support and supplies to one of the globe's poorest nations was a particularly visible testament to the sympathetic nurturing spirit that exists in most humans.

Our Masonic charge encourages us to be particularly charitable to those less fortunate than ourselves, and thanks to the purposeful leadership of our Grand Master, the MWPH Grand Lodge of Ohio, collected and sent donations to our distressed Brothers and Sisters. The needs of the tiny nation were magnified due to the extremely destitute conditions of its people. But, there is a reason Masons should be particularly protective and empathetic toward Haiti.

In 1791, Haiti experienced the only successful slave revolt in the Western hemisphere. Following the example, and riding the wave, of independence created by America fifteen years earlier and by the French Revolution some two years prior, an ex-slave, a devout Christian and a courageous, fearless leader by the name of Toussaint L'Ouverture broke the chains of manumission for his people. The armies led by this man defeated the Spanish, the French and Napoleon's army. Many have called this respected man "The Black Napoleon" — we, as Masons, call him Brother — yes, Brother.

L'Ouverture established Haiti as the first Black Free Independent Nation in the New World. No doubt the embarrassment over their defeat would ultimately contribute to it being closed off and choked by leaders of those hypocritical nations who also had shaken oppressive hands and then sought to keep Haiti from experiencing prosperity for doing the same thing.

Around the same time as Brother L'Ouverture was leading Haiti, another brave individual was seeking independence and freedom for another group of downtrodden and oppressed citizens. The man, Prince Hall, the country, the United States, Boston, Massachusetts in

the late 1780's; the people were African Americans, who in 1787 were identified in the Constitution as 3/5 of a human beings. In these early times, Prince Hall petitioned the State Legislature to grant freedom to African Americans, permit them to be educated equally with their White counterparts and have a country of their own to go to.

Ironically and interestingly, in 1797, a Prince Hall lodge was opened in Philadelphia with a charter received from the Grand Lodge and signed by Grand Master Prince Hall. This new lodge in Philadelphia had as its Worshipful Master and Treasurer Episcopal Priests by the names Brother Absalom Jones and Brother Richard Allen — of course, we now know these Brothers to have subsequently been the founders of the African Methodist Episcopal Church — the oldest African-American church here in Cincinnati bearing the name of Richard Allen.

Perhaps you and I have had a similar encounter — the other day a friend sent me a text and asked how I was doing — in undirected response, I said, "I'm existing" — but Brothers, isn't there so much more to a purpose driven life than just "existing?" Would our esteemed founder have ever been satisfied on any given day by simply just "existing?" We are not unfamiliar with the names and accomplishments of people like Garret Morgan, John Johnson, Elijah Muhammad, Matthew Henson and Thurgood Marshall — these men accomplished great things during their lifetimes. These and hundreds of others are excellent members and representatives of our Ancient and Noble Fraternity — in fact, if you are like me, when people flatteringly mention Founders of this Nation or names like Marcus Garvey, you proudly offer that you are fastened by the bonds of the Order to these great men. But, acknowledging the charges we all received to diligently study the Great Light, to cheerfully and freely uplift and give to the downtrodden, to Live our Lives upon the Square — when we open our eyes each day are we living to the absolute fullest extent we are capable of?

We know that one day we will each be standing before the great white throne, there to receive judgment for deeds done while here in the body, but can you honestly say that great Masons throughout his-

tory, men of commitment, men of God, Fearless men, men of liberty and freedom, of equality, men of genius — will those Masons who repeated the same obligations that you took, be as proud to proclaim You as their Brother as proudly as you are to declare the same of them?

This is not a question to be asked of your Worshipful Master, the Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Lecturer or the Grand Master, but of EVERY brother who walked three, five and seven steps in their journey to the Middle Chamber, and who successfully recited the tiler's oath and were accepted with full rights and privileges as a Master Mason.

Brothers, when the last of these lesser lights is extinguished and the trestle board of this Grand Lodge has been wiped clean, return to your lodges with a renewed commitment to our purposes, to our principles. Be deliberate in your efforts to make someone else's life better. Do something meaningful for the children you see in your neighborhood who have lost hope, initiate an effort to make contact with the lodge widows once a week, visit the elderly Brothers in your lodge each month or simply commit to pick people up and drive them to the polls on election day to support the local school levy that will, consistent with Prince Hall's desire, ensure the equal education

of the next generation.

Brothers, we proclaim that our hope is that people will observe that when we are made a Mason, we made a better man. . . let us ensure the truth of that declaration, let us stop just looking good. . .and sounding good ...but let us **DO good**... and then proudly be able to proclaim — Yes! I am a Freemason! God Bless!



MWPH Grand Lodge Youth Enrichment Program

On behalf of your generosity, we were able to give \$4,000.00 to The Prince Hall Scholarship Foundation for which we thank you. In addition, the Pythagorans are a 501 C3. This fund is available to assist some of their needs.

To recap, this 501 C3 endowment fund is housed at the Cleveland Foundation, the nation's oldest and second largest community foundation with assets over \$1.4 billion dollars. The partnership with the Foundation provides financial, administrative, and development support for the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge's longstanding tradition of generous community donations, leadership and educational programs. This fund will ensure that future generations

of our youth will benefit from these programs. Let me reassure you the Youth Enrichment Fund was founded to serve the **entire** State of Ohio, not just the Cleveland communities.

I realize the economic condition of these times, however, the need can never be greater than the present to support the needs for higher education. Below is a donation form, please make copies and distribute them to your members and non-members. All donations are tax deductible.

This same information and form is on our Grand Lodge Web Site under the Education Section. Fraternally,
Embie R. Bostic, MWPGM Chairperson

Yes! I Am a Freemason!

Presidents, Inventors, Judges, Religious Leaders, and Freedom Fighters are counted amongst our number.

By name, we claim George Washington, Garret Morgan, Thurgood Marshall, Richard Allen and Touissant L'Ouverture

Believe what you will...there is an undeniable link between these men of great accomplishment and our Dear Fraternity. Yes! I am a Freemason!

Passionately seeking to live a life built upon a strong foundation of moral principle By operation helping the world evolve and revolve,

By speculation encouraging others to build their Spiritual Temples For God, For Neighbor, For Country, For Self — Yes! I am a Freemason! God (by whose name I humbly bow) first, Family second, Noble causes and the world's needs third Taking time to study the Liberal Arts, Architecture, Geometry So as to apply those lessons and lectures to our own purpose directed Life — Yes! I am a Freemason!

Ever searching for the Light that Wisdom provides Ever seeking to make Good Men better Ever hoping that Justice and Equality will prevail over oppression and injustice Ever extending a token to a worthy Brother Ever cheerfully assisting those in less fortunate circumstances than I find myself — Yes! I am a Freemason!

No! I am not involved in a conspiracy to usher in the New World Order with Jay-Z and Beyonce and George Bush No1. I do not know how to turn metal to gold No! I do not worship Satan Yes! I believe in God Yes! I am a Christian Yes! I am a Freemason!



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Fraternally,

Embie R. Bostic, PGM
Chairperson

Thank You

GRAND LODGE ---

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and practice that they endure to perform this work for the public in an outstanding manner, since this may be the first experience that someone might have had to observe Masonry in a public setting.

The members of this outstanding team are: Robert M. Estelle, Jr., #115, Grand Master; Samuel Taylor, #67, Grand Orator; Jerry D. Springer, #121, Grand Chaplain; Dion Branham, #1, Grand Senior Warden; Carl A. Washington, #121, Grand Junior Warden; Robert W. Lynch, #89, Grand Senior Deacon; William V. Thompson, #67, Grand Junior Deacon; Lonnie Jones, II, #106, Grand Marshal; Jerry Glover, Jr., #83, Grand Secretary; Albert Francis, #116, Grand Treasurer; Gregory Allen, #1, Royal Arch Mason; Ernest Neilson, III, #77, Royal & Select Mason; Villani J. Thomas, #83, Sir Knight Mason; James H. Willis, Jr., #4, Sublime Prince Mason, John M. Bolton, #3, Noble Mason; Nathaniel L. Overstreet, #115, Guard; Eldred J. Jones, #77, Alternate.

There were many visiting delega-

MW Grand Master Robert L. Jones being greeted by RW Deputy Grand Lecturer, District #4, Eldred J. Jones.



MW Grand Master Robert L. Jones presents a gift to Grand Worthy Matron Kay F. Anderson on behalf of himself and his wife, Jay.

tions from the following jurisdictions: MWPHGL of Massachusetts; MWPHGL of Pennsylvania; MWPHGL of Indiana; MWPHGL of District of Columbia; MWPHGL of Wisconsin; MWPHGL of Michigan; MWPHGL of Kentucky; MWPHGL of New Jersey; MWPHGL of South Carolina; and the Grand Lodge of Ohio.

Twenty-three Master Masons were blessed to achieve 50 years of Masonic Service and their names have been inscribed into the annals of this Grand Lodge. They are Brothers: Dennis E. Boyd #104, Leroy Carroll and Richard McCrary #106, William Richardson and Quincy B. Ruffin, Sr. #107, James O. Gilford #120, Clarence E. Willis #123, Harlen G. Smoot #18, Clamion M. Marshall #2, John W.

Kendall, Calvin T. Lee and Frederick Walker #21, Wesley O. Boykin #4, John W. Cardwell #40, Herald L. Smith #42, Freddie Cooper #52, Edward W. Thorn #64, Wilder C. Lynch #73, Samuel B. Jordan #77, Fred-erick D. Jenkins #79, Benjamin J. Carson, Jr. #89, Charles Tubbs #9 and William Turner #95.



50-Year recipients PMs Clamion Marshall, John Kendall, Ben Carson, flanked by MWGM Jones and RW Grand Secretary George Smith.



RW Grand Chaplain Wilton E. Blake, I, preached at Divine Services.



Executive Dir. PH Scholarship Foundation Ronald A. Ogletree recognizes lodges with highest ticket sales.



MWGM Jones escorted to Memorial Service.



Knights Templar escort parade of Master Masons to Candlelight Service.

(Photos by RW Woodrow Riddle, Jr.)



2010 Memorial Service team led by RW Robert M. Estelle, Jr.



Officers and members in attendance at the 161st Grand Communication of the MWPH Grand Lodge of Ohio.

Amaranth Grand Chapter Hosts 123rd Grand Communication

BY RW JAY JOHNSON

The 123rd Grand Communication was held at the Millennium Hotel Cincinnati, Ohio, from July 31 - August 4, 2010.

The session got off to a wonderful start with the Annual OES Breakfast that honored PGWM Peggy A. Edwards (in memoriam) and PGWP Keith D. Clark, Sr. on Sunday morning that was again well attended.

On Monday, we witnessed the Opening Team from the 6th OES District execute a flawless opening from beginning to end and the 123rd Annual Session was underway. After the reception of the Grand Worthy Patron, Brother Gerald S. Friason followed by the Grand Worthy Matron, Sister Kay F. Anderson, and the Grand Trustees of Amaranth Grand Chapter, the Credentials Committee reported that enough Chapters were registered, signed in, and the necessary officers being present, the Grand Worthy Matron then declared the session open in due order.

Highlights of the Grand Session included the reception of Foreign Jurisdictions, the awarding of 35 and 50 year pins, the reception of the Grand Heads of Houses, crowning of the King and Queen of Amaranth Grand Chapter and the election and installation of officers.

As the Past Grand Worthy Matrons and Past Grand Worthy Patrons were received and just prior to their entering the East through the labyrinth to take their seats, they were allowed to stop at the altar and pay homage to one of the members of their ranks who had been called from labor to reward in the person of PGWP Albert Robinson of Youngstown.

At the banquet on Monday evening a first was recorded in that Amaranth Grand Chapter was permitted to have ample time to make some much deserved presentations to some outstanding Sisters and Brothers of the Order.

The newly crowned "King" and "Queen" of Amaranth Grand Chapter for 2010-2011 is a husband and wife team, John V. and Elaine G. Hoytt of Queen Elizabeth Chapter No. 9, Cleveland, OH.



Sister Beverly J. Beavers, Grand Associate Matron (l.) and Bro. Kennedy C. McCall, Grand Associate Patron presents photo plaques to Grand Worthy Matron Kay F. Anderson and Grand Worthy Patron Gerald S. Friason during Awards Banquet.



Grand Worthy Matron Kay F. Anderson, MW Grand Master Robert L. Jones, and Grand Worthy Patron Gerald S. Friason.



The Elegant Ladies of Distinction, Past Grand Worthy Matrons.

The new administration was duly elected and installed. They are: Sister Beverly J. Beavers, #47, Grand Worthy Matron; Brother Kennedy C. McCall, #6, Grand Worthy Patron; Sister Loling M. Sawyer, #3, Grand Associate Matron; Brother Arnet W. Sanders, #51, Grand Associate Patron; Sister Jacqueline E. Harris, #19, Grand Conductress; Sister Jeanette Langford, #14, Grand Associate Conductress; Sister Patricia A. Taylor, #95, Grand Treasurer; Sister Betty A. Bradshaw, #19, Grand Secretary; and Sister Freddie Springfield, #69, Grand Attorney (Appointed).



MW Grand Master Robert L. Jones, Grand Lodge Trustees and visiting Grand Masters visit the Grand Chapter.



The "Distinguished Gentleman's Club aka the Past Grand Worthy Patrons.



E. Grand Commander Aaron Ray, KT; Grand Thirce III. Master Warren Fitzpatrick, R&SM; with VIP guest from the General Grand Court, Ladies of the Circle of Perfection.



OES NEWS

From the Office of the Grand Worthy Matron

"The Lord is my light and my salvation whom shall I fear; the Lord is the strength of my life whom shall I be afraid."

First, giving all honor and praise to our Heavenly Father, I want to thank everyone for your acts of kindness thus far.

Thanks again for electing me the 39th Grand Worthy Matron and attending the banquet that was given in my honor on November 5, 2010. The banquet was more than I would have imagined it to be. Thanks to Mary Chapter No. 47 and Mount Calvary Lodge No. 76.

On November 13, 2010, we had a workshop for the Outreach Program for the Northern and Southern Districts. It was held at 988 E. Long Street, Columbus, OH. I was very pleased with the attendance at the workshop. Each person came prepared with their ideas on how to reach out to our senior citizens, schools and family. Each month we will be out in the community. Our prayer is that many of you would please join us.

On February 26, 2011 we will have our Annual Workshop. It will be held at the Sherwood Middle School located at 1400 Shady Lane Road, Columbus, Ohio. We are planning a very informative meeting which will include classrooms for Worthy Matrons and Associate Matrons, Conductresses and Associate Conductresses Marshals, Secretaries, Treasurers, Girls' Assemblies, new members, Worthy Patrons and Associate Patrons, and the Chairman for the Nurses will also have a classroom — so don't miss out.

I would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Fraternally,
Beverly J. Beavers
Grand Worthy Matron



Visiting delegation from Washington, DC.



Visiting GWM/GWP and delegation from PA.



Grand Royal Advisor Glenn R. Rollins and Grand Princess Captain Juanita Wood, HOTC.



Imperial Deputy of the Desert Leonard Foster, AEAONMS and Imperial Commandress Dt. Charlesena H. Smith, DOI.



MVGM Counselor Kenneth Davis, Order of Pythagorans and Grand Royal Queen Tyler Cromwell, Grand Girls Assembly.



Opening team Worthy Matron and Worthy Patron.



(Photo 1.) Visiting Grand Worthy Matron from MA being escorted by Sis. Loling Sawyer, Grand Conductress.

(Photos by RWGP Woodrow Riddle, Jr.)



GWM Beverly J. Beavers Honored at Recognition Banquet

By RW Jay Johnson, Editor

On the weekend of November 5 - 7, 2010, guests from as far West as California and South to Georgia and from all points within the boundaries of Ohio, journeyed to Westlake, Ohio, to celebrate the Recognition Banquet honoring Sister Beverly J. Beavers, the 39th Grand Worthy Matron of Amaranth Grand Chapter, Inc., Order of Eastern Star, PHA.

This "Grand" event was hosted to perfection by Mary Chapter No. 47 and Mt. Calvary Lodge No. 76 who left no stone unturned in rolling out the red carpet to the guests who arrived at the Holiday Inn Cleveland West via train, plane and automobile.

Friday evening, hosted by Mt. Calvary Lodge, was touted as an "Evening with Grand Worthy Matron Beverly Beavers" and began with a "Meet and Greet" period held in the Grand Ballroom of the hotel followed by a delicious Soul Food Dinner Buffet. As the guests ate dinner, they were entertained by Brother Sterling Williams of Mt. Calvary Lodge with melodious sounds from his saxophone. The Brothers of Mt. Calvary took hosting to another level as they provided table service to all of the guests for beverages for the entire evening.

After dinner, the crowd enjoyed an assortment of beverages while listening to "JAZZ" with Patricia Harris, who was accompanied on keyboard by Mr. Drene Ivy.

During this period there was also a Parade of the Red Hat Society of Akron and the Traveling Red Hatters from Ohio and other jurisdictions. They were led by "Queen Mother" Sharon Coleman of Cincinnati, who stated that their motto is "we do what we want whenever we want." They presented GWM Beavers a Red Boa to drape over her shoulders.

Believe it or not, the evening was just warming up as our favorite DJ, "Ironman" William Spence turned up the volume and pumped out the sounds of the favorite line dances to the delight of the crowd who had been sitting for quite some time.

Meanwhile, upstairs on the 3rd

floor, another Cool Jazz & Oldies But Goodies set was underway spearheaded by Brother Cornelius Showers. The set featured the Reid Project, with Mr. Lonnie Reid on guitar; Mr. Keith Daniels on percussions, Mr. Tim Jackson, Jr. on guitar, Brother Cornelius Showers on saxophone and clarinet and the lovely Ms. Ree-C Pearl, vocalist. This group jammed so well that no one wanted them to quit, even as the hour grew later and later.

Saturday morning the Worthy Matrons of District #1 hosted a luncheon just prior to the "Praise and Worship" Service emceed by PM Carla Sykes and Brother Trell Meeks.

The program consisted of several soloists who rendered some of the favorite gospel selections and a mime presentation from Princess Erin Stephens of Gloria J. Lamom Girls Assembly #45.

The evening saw the Grand Ballroom filled to capacity with family, friends, Masonic dignitaries and other well-wishers as the Recognition Banquet got underway.

GWM Beavers was surprised right away with a guest appearance by her former Pastor, Reverend Dr. Otis Moss, Jr., who stopped by to offer his congratulations.

Other highlights of the evening included reflections from PGWM Karen James - OES; Mrs. Exagen Stradford - church member; Mr. Raymond Poole - professional; Mrs. LaVerna Elder - friend; Mrs. Zeda K. Roberson - friend; and from her oldest son from Atlanta, Georgia - Mr. George Davis, who spoke for the family.

A slideshow was projected to show GWM Beavers interacting with her family and from her younger days.

Musical selections were beautifully done by Sister Lisa Bostick, #51, PM Janice Sweatt, #55 and Sister Bertha Pickett, #101.

The Most Worshipful Grand Master, Robert L. Jones, as always, gave profound, light-hearted and comical remarks in his most eloquent manner and the banquet concluded with remarks from the honoree, GWM Beavers.



GWM Beverly J. Beavers with members of her family.

Sunday morning many of the guests enjoyed the hotel restaurant's buffet breakfast before departing to their various destinations.

Mary Chapter No. 47 and Mt. Calvary Lodge No. 76, you did the Grand Worthy Matron proud and it was an event she will remember for the rest of her life.

(Photo r.) Amaranth Grand Chapter Grand Trustees.

(Photo below) Grand Heads of Houses show their support of Grand Worthy Matron Beavers.



Grand Worthy Patron Kennedy C. McCall and Grand Worthy Matron Beverly J. Beavers.



(L.) MW Grand Master Robert L. Jones congratulates Grand Worthy Matron Beverly J. Beavers.

(Photos by RW Ival Angel)



OES Grand Deputies were indeed "Grand" in their beautiful red dresses.



(Photo L.) GWM Beavers with Grand Youth Advisor and Grand Associate Youth Advisors.



"First" husband RW Leo C. Beavers proudly supports his lovely wife as she begins her reign.



Pillars of Amaranth Grand Chapter Past Grand Worthy Matrons and Past Grand Worthy Patrons with GWM Beavers.



Members of Mary Chapter No. 47, which was the hosting chapter along with Mt. Calvary Lodge No. 76.

OES Breakfast Pays Tribute to PGWP Keith D. Clark, Sr., and PGWM Peggy A. Edwards (In Memoriam)

By RW Jay Johnson, Editor

As is the usual custom on Sunday morning during the Annual Grand Communications, Amaranth Grand Chapter hosts a breakfast and either recognizes some deserving individuals (unsung sisters and brothers) or a Past Grand Worthy Matron and Past Grand Worthy Patron team. This year was no exception as we gathered to give thanks to Past Grand Worthy Patron Keith D. Clark, Sr. for his tireless efforts on behalf of Amaranth Grand Chapter and to remember his Grand Worthy Matron, the late Sister Peggy A. Edwards.

The program was indeed put together in a most thoughtful manner by the Past Grand Deputies of this administration along with several others who were close friends and volunteered to serve on the committee.

For PGWP Clark, Sister Bertha Pickett, the Songbird of the North, sang his favorite song and he was presented with a special ring, designed by PP Eston "Lucky" Wilson and other gifts from his family and friends.

PGWP Clark then gave a very moving and sincere tribute to his friend, PGWM Peggy A. Edwards in a manner that only a person who knew her very personally could do.

Her very best friend, PGWM Valda Lewis of the Jurisdiction of Indiana, could not be present but she texted a most warm and touching tribute to her friend which was read at the breakfast by yours truly and is included in its full content in this article.

August 1, 2010

"From the rising of the sun to the setting of the same the name of the Lord is to be praised."

"To Sister Kay F. Anderson, Grand Worthy Matron, Bro. Gerald Friason, Grand Worthy Patron, Past Grand Worthy Matrons, Past Grand Worthy Patrons, officers and members of Amaranth Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, Ohio Jurisdiction. I deeply regret not being able to attend your annual breakfast this morning. Thank you, Thank you, Thank you Sister Anderson, for thinking of me and inviting me to the celebration of the life of my sister, my friend, Past Grand Worthy Matron Peggy Ann Edwards.

"I met Sister Edwards in Indiana in July of 1995, and from that day until October 16, 2009, we were more than just friends. We traveled

from the North to the South to the West and finally to the Grand East together. She was, every other year, one office ahead of me, but she would always reach back and offer whatever assistance and advice she could give. I was her "Little Sissy." Our travels took us to such places as Pennsylvania, Kentucky, Michigan, Illinois, Wisconsin, Washington DC, North and South Carolina, and in May of 2002 to the National Conference in Las Vegas, Nevada, where I was elected as the Grand Worthy Matron of that conference due to her dauntless efforts on my behalf.

Because of our friendship several young women; Jewel, Angel, Flora, Anjanette and Vicky just to name a few, have formed an impenetrable bond that will have a lasting impact not only on their personal lives but also on the Prince Hall bodies of their respective jurisdictions. Her legacy will be carried on because of the impact she had on their lives.

The last time I spoke with my Sister Peggy, the week of October

10th, we talked mainly about her health, but also about how she was going to have the mighty Past Grand Worthy Matrons of the Midwest join her on this very day to help you celebrate her 10th anniversary as Grand Worthy Matron of Amaranth Grand Chapter.

God had other plans.

Our Heavenly Father brings people into our lives sometimes for a reason, sometimes for a season and on very special occasions for a lifetime. Although our reason for being together had passed, as did the season, in the twinkling of an eye our lifetime together passed all too quickly. I continually praise God for the time we had together. Let us not feel sad on this day, because if you knew Peggy, like I knew Peggy, that is not how she would have it. So please join me today as I rejoice and am glad in the fact that I was allowed into her life and she into mine.

Humbly submitted,
Sister Valda A. Lewis,
Past Grand Worthy Matron
Indiana Jurisdiction



(Above) PP Eston "Lucky" Wilson presents PGWP Keith D. Clark, Sr., with a one-of-a-kind ring that he designed.



(R.) PM Willie Mae Brown, #20 served masterfully as Mistress of Ceremonies. Those present at the affair were decked out in the chosen color of yellow for 2000-2002. PM Brown commented that when she gazed out at those present it look as if the sun was shining in the room.

(Photos by RW Woodrow Riddle, Jr., Grand Photographer)



PGWP Keith D. Clark, Sr. with four of his Past Grand Deputies, two sons of PGWM Peggy A. Edwards, along with PM Jewel Crosby and PM Lottie Otey.

April is Child Abuse Month



Ecclesiastes Chapter No. 101 along with Gloria J. Lamson Assembly No. 45, made pinwheels for Providence House during the month of April to help spread awareness of Child Abuse. Each pinwheel represented a phone call that was made to the child abuse hotline.

For the entire month, the pinwheels will be displayed along the escalators at Tower City Center Mall in downtown Cleveland, Ohio

Ecclesiastes Chapter Holds Easter Egg Hunt



The Brothers and Sisters of Ecclesiastes Chapter No. 101 sponsored a free Easter Egg Hunt for both members of the Order and the community. Pictured are members of Gloria J. Lamson Girls Assembly No. 45 and members of the Chapter who made this event a success.

Ecclesiastes Chapter Holds Gift Wrapping Party at Skating Rink



Members of Ecclesiastes Chapter busily wrapping gifts for less fortunate family.

Worthy Matron Sister Valencia D. Meeks chose to do something a little different for both the chapter and community. "I wanted to have a party with a purpose," said Sis. Meeks. "In past years the Chapter was known to hold Christmas parties, but never really having a purpose except to fellowship. This year instead of buying gifts for each other we adopted a family."

Sister Loma Curry contacted several organizations and was able to find a less fortunate family for the Chapter to assist. Each member was asked to purchase a gift(s) for the family and bring them to the party unwrapped. Members were able to play games, skate, eat and yet wrap gifts for the family. "We definitely made their Christmas special," states WM Meeks, "and we had a good time doing it." Among those participating were Sisters Patricia Heard, Yvonne Bell, Nicole Shanklin, Sandra Hill, Dionne Hereford, Jewel Showers, Verdella Bohannon, Patricia Symonette, AnnCarla Jones and Brothers Cornelius Showers and Maurice Hereford.

Ruth Chapter No. 104 Celebrates 25th Anniversary

By: PGWP Jay Johnson

A beautiful crowd of over 100 persons assembled at the Hope Hotel and Conference Center, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base on Friday, September 3, 2010, to join in the celebration of the 25th Anniversary of Ruth Chapter No. 104 or "Baby Ruth" as they are fondly called, yet the "baby" has now grown into full adulthood.

The special invited guests for the evening included: GWM Beverly J. Beavers and her husband RW Leo C. Beavers, GDLF Trustee; GWP Kennedy C. McCall; Past Grand Worthy Matron Daisy L. Lewis (the "Mother of Ruth Chapter") and her husband MWPGM Kenneth E. Lewis; and PGWP Stephen P. Blackwell, Sr. and his wife, PM Joyce Blackwell. Other Grand Chapter Trustees in attendance were: Grand Conductress Jacqueline E. Harris, Grand Associate Conductress Jeanette Langford and Grand Secretary Betty A. Bradshaw.

Past Grand Deputy Kimberly A. Hardnick served as our outstanding Mistress of Ceremonies for the affair and highlights of the program included vocal presentations by the newly formed "Ruth Chapter Ensemble" led by PGWM Kay F. Anderson and accompanied by Minister (Brother) Theo Shelton on piano. A soul food dinner was enjoyed by all.

During the program, we presented Charter Member Certificates and 25-Year Certificates and Pins to each deserving member. The Certificates were one of a kind created by Ruth Chapter's first secretary, Sister Joan O. Wilson of J&L Graphics. Each person present also received a commemorative 25th Anniversary Book Marker also created by Sister Wilson.

Past Grand Worthy Matron Lewis gave her reflections on the instituting of this new chapter 25 years ago under the direction of her Grand Worthy Patron, the late Brother William George Jenkins. She had much praise and offered her sincere congratulations for all of the many accomplishments as a Chapter and for the many individuals who have made significant contributions to Amaranth Grand Chapter and the Order of Eastern Star. She presented to Worthy Ma-

tron Charisma Ramey a beautiful love donation which the chapter will use to purchase something that will be dedicated to her and perpetuate her name forever in the records of Ruth Chapter.

The Chapter's first Worthy Matron, Sister Candace M. Moore, then gave her reflections on being the first Worthy Matron of the Chapter and serving two terms with her husband PP Thomas H. Moore as her Worthy Patron.

Ruth Chapter No. 104 was instituted on Sunday, February 24, 1985 in Xenia, OH, under the authority of Grand Worthy Patron William G. Jenkins. Sister Vivian L. White, Equity No. 102 was serving as the Grand Deputy of the 5th District and assembled the three degree teams who exemplified to perfection, the OES, Queen of the South and Amaranth Degrees.

Since its inception, Ruth Chapter has matured into a dedicated and hard-working Chapter, working tirelessly in the community with such projects as visiting the sick and shut-ins in Nursing Homes by bringing some cheer into their lives, providing Thanksgiving and Christmas baskets and toys to needy families, working with the Marines for Toys for Tots program, feeding the homeless at the daytime homeless shelter, donating to various and many different charities and other projects too numerous to name.

In its short life span, the Chapter has produced two elected of-



PGWM Daisy L. Lewis presents love gift, as WM Ramey accepts on behalf of the Chapter.

ficers, Past Grand Worthy Patron Jimmie E. Johnson and Past Grand Worthy Matron Kay F. Anderson, two Past Grand Deputies, Alice Jean Johnson and Kimberly Hardnick, two Grand Chairpersons of Arrangements, two Grand Choir Directors, a Grand Warder, a Grand Associate Director of Youth Activities, two Grand Chaplains, a Grand Soloist, two "Miss Amaranths," Sister Juanita Bradley and Sister Margaret Bohanon, who both carried the title for two consecutive years each for a total 4-year reign in Ruth Chapter and many other Grand Officer appointments.

Since this was a holiday weekend (Labor Day), the evening concluded with dancing to the soulful sounds of our DJ - Mr. "Billy T."



General Chairperson PGD A. Jean Johnson and WM Charisma Ramey.



The new OES administration's debut outing since their election, was led by Grand Worthy Matron, Beverly J. Beavers.



Charter members of Ruth Chapter, who are still active in the Order, received certificates from PGWM Lewis.



Members of Ruth Chapter receive their 25-year pins and certificates from PGWM Daisy L. Lewis.

OES Outreach Committee: "If I Can Help Somebody, Then My Living Will Not Be In Vain"

Grand Worthy Matron, Beverly J. Beavers, lives her life according to her favorite song, "If I Can Help Somebody, Then My Living Will Not Be In Vain." This is ever present with her Outreach Committee.

The morning of November 13, 2010, found the Grand Worthy Matron, her Administrative Team, and the 2010-2012 Outreach Committee, hard at work at St. Mark's Lodge in Columbus, OH. The committee, composed of Sisters from diverse backgrounds, all with a proven track record and commitment to civic engagement, met to plan monthly outreach activities for the Northern and Southern OES districts for the next two years. Janice M. Bostic, Past Grand Treasurer, is the Northern District Committee Chair, and Constance Kendall is the Southern District Committee Chair.

The Grand Worthy Matron has asked the committee to plan monthly activities that focus on youth (mentoring), health (Alzheimer's Disease, asthma, cancer, and diabetes, which have impacted the lives of many of our members and their families), community needs (food assistance, visiting those in nursing facilities), and assisting our members (helping with caregiving responsibilities, providing respite to those who are



GWM Beavers leads by example as she pays visit to PGWM Alice V. Kelley.

caregivers). The committee's charge is to make a difference in the lives of our members and our communities.

Leading by example, at the conclusion of the meeting, the Grand Worthy Matron, accompanied by Francine Eppinger, Worthy Matron Wisdom #51; Grand Security, Cosandra Wheeler, Worthy Matron Bethel No. 58; and Grand Community Service, Joan Hampton-Past Matron, Wisdom No. 51; and Administrative Assistant District #1 visited Past Grand Worthy Matron Alice V. Kelly, Esther Chapter No.3, who is currently residing in a nursing facility in Columbus, OH.

SAVE THE DATE: August 6, 2011, for the first annual OES Breast Cancer Awareness Walk. Watch for details.



Many sisters turned out for the Outreach Planning meeting.

Submitted By Deborah Willis Russell

Golden Star Chapter #1 Visits Sick & Shut-ins

Golden Star Chapter #1, Order of Eastern Star, Springfield, OH, visited seven of their sick and shut-ins. Pictured left to right is Past Matron Josephine Core; Worthy Matron Phyllis Locke; Past Patron

Aquilla W. Portis; and Past Matron Carolyn Henry. Others not pictured, visited and presented flowers, foot throws, and Eastern Star cups, were Past Matron Natella Tyler, Past Matron Jeanette Allen, Past Matron Betty Burks, Past Matron Julia House, Past Matron Iva Murph and Sister Jane Williams.

Submitted by Michael Henry, PP



Celebrating Sixty Years of Marriage



MR. AND MRS. JAMES B. MURRAY, SR.

Brother James B. Murray, Sr. and his wife, Minnie, were honored with a 60th wedding anniversary celebration hosted by their ten children and sixteen grandchildren on Saturday, October 23, 2010. The

joyous and festive occasion was held at the St. Ilija in Cincinnati.

Brother and Mrs. Murray were married on October 21, 1950, in Sparta, Georgia, and moved to Cincinnati in 1955. The first three children, Geraldine (Jay) Jones, Robert (Donna) and Leon (Regina) were born in Sparta and the last seven, Mary Ann (Leon), Barbara (Maurice), Loretta (Byron), Marie, Cathy (Marvin), James (Shawnetta) and Keith (Brandy) were born in Cincinnati. They also have 23 grandchildren and 17 great grandchildren.

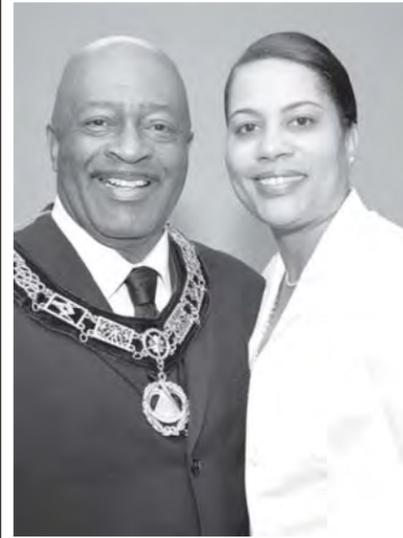
The affair was attended by over 200 guests of family and friends who were entertained by a live band, The Music Company, a DJ and the family. The dinner of roast beef, chicken, mashed potatoes, shrimp, salads, hors d'oeuvres and desserts was prepared by the family.

Brother Murray is a 35 year member of Euclid Lodge No. 97 and the father of Worshipful Master James B. Murray, Jr. He also has three grandsons, Bobby, Drew and Erik Jones, who are members and is the uncle of the Senior Warden (Brother Mack Griffin), and the Secretary (PM Shannon M. Murray, Sr.). He has one granddaughter, Amber R. Murray, who is a member of Heavenly Star Chapter No. 97, OES.

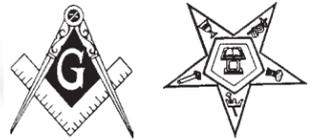
Congratulations to Brother James and Mrs. Minnie Murray and to their children and family on such an auspicious and noteworthy landmark in their lives.

(Editor's Note: Brother and Mrs. Murray are the parents of 1st Lady Mrs. Jay Jones.)

Congratulations to the Newlyweds



Congratulations are in order to MW Past Grand Master Steven Reece, Sr. and Mrs. Michelle Reece on their recent nuptials. Bro. Reece is a Past Master of Gothic Lodge No. 122. Mrs. Reece is the Conductress of Gothic Chapter No. 99, in Cincinnati, OH.



PHA Family Sends Best Wishes to...

MW Past Grand Master William A. McClain and his wife, Mrs. Roberta McClain on celebrating 67 years of marriage November 11, 2010. MWPGM McClain served the MWPH Grand Lodge as Grand Master from 1977 - 1979

Bro. Robert Wright, of Elisha Lodge No. 106 recently retired from the Cincinnati Fire Department after 13 years. He served as the first African-American Fire Chief in the Cincinnati area. Congratulations!

Ruth Chapter No. 104 "Strides" For Breast Cancer Awareness

Eight members of Ruth Chapter No. 104, OES, and two members from Golden Star Girls' Assembly, participated in the 5K Breast Cancer Awareness Walk that was held in Dayton, OH, recently and for the second year in a row, the project was a huge success.

This year 41 members of the Chapter and 2 non-members anted up \$625.00 to surpass last year's take and to make the Chapter one of the leaders in donations towards this project in the City of Dayton.

Those participating in the walk were: WM Charisma Ramey, PM Candace Moore (Grand Deputy), PM V. Nadine Hill, PP Charles V. Williams, III, Sister Dorothy Toliver, Sister Shatoya Hill, Sister Carol Prewitt, Sister Simone Stone and two members of Girls Assembly, Don'Taisha Green and Taylor Whitaker. *By PM V. Nadine Hill*



IN MEMORIAM

PGWP ALBERT A. ROBINSON 1974-76



On March 31, 2010, the most senior Past Grand Worthy Patron, Albert A. Robinson, of Youngstown, Ohio, was called from labor to reward. Brother Robinson was born on December 20, 1922 in Alamo, GA.

He worked for U.S. Steel Corporation as a welder, retiring in 1980, then began a second career with the Lordstown Assembly Plant (General Motors), retiring again in 2008 after 25 years of service.

Brother Robinson was a member of the Centenary United Methodist Church, where he was a Lay Leader, Trustee, Chairman of the Administrative Board, Choir, Commission of Religion and Race, and served as the first Chairman for the Black Methodist for Church Re-

newal. Brother Albert Robinson was a Past Master of Covenant Lodge #59 (1965), Past Patron of Covenant Chapter #48, OES, and served as the 28th Grand Worthy Patron of Amaranth Grand Chapter from 1974-1976 with PGWM Alice V. Kelley.

He was an avid collector, collecting both coins and sports cards.

PGWM RUTH JANE FAITHFUL 1968-1970

Amaranth Grand Chapter experienced the loss of its most senior Past Grand Worthy Matron as we mourn the death of PGWM R. Jane Faithful of Star of Bethlehem Chapter #53, Bridgeport, Ohio, who was called to eternal rest on December 3, 2010.



Sister Faithful was born June 8,

Kudos to Sister Juanita Bradley "Woman of the Year - 2010"



SISTER JUANITA BRADLEY Congratulations to Sister Juanita Bradley for a job well done! Sister Bradley was selected as "Woman

of the Year - 2010" by "Think TV, Channel 16."

Sister Bradley is a member and serves as Treasurer of Ruth Chapter No. 104, and is the Chairperson of the Needy Families Committee for General Daniel "Chappie" James American Legion Post 776. She was selected because of her service to the community, leadership, and contributions to women's health awareness.

She served in many community positions which included, president of the PTA; member and leader of Mount Zion Baptist Church.

One of Sister Faithful's greatest honor was to serve as the 18th Grand Worthy Matron of Amaranth Grand Chapter with Brother Frank Transue as her Grand Worthy Patron.

A family historian, Sister Faithful traced her lineage to the Thomas Jefferson/Sally Hemming clan.

GIG Willie A. Terrell, Jr. Presented "BRAVO! Community Role Model Award"

GIG Willie A. Terrell, Jr., a member of Harmony Lodge No.77, Miami Consistory No.26 and a Title I Regional Parent Resource Teacher for the Dayton Public Schools, was recently awarded the "BRAVO! Community Role Model Award." BRAVO is a fashion show fundraiser for The Dayton Opera Guild. For 23 years the Dayton Opera Guild has recognized community leaders. Brother Terrell was one of the recipients of the award on October 1, 2010.

Terrell has received awards which include: Omega Psi Phi Xi Iota Iota Chapter's, Omega Man of the Year; Superior Service Award; and Founder's Award, He was listed in the 2005-2006 Success Guide "Focus on African Americans in Education;" a 2006 Heart of Gold Award given by Eta Phi Beta Sorority; 2006 Top Ten African American Male Award, given by Parity, Inc.; Community Service Award given by Harmony Lodge #77; Outstanding Service Award by United Health Solution; 2007 Labor Leader Award, The Coalition of Black Trade Unionist; 2007 Strong Men and Women of Excellence Award, by the SCLC Women's Division; 2007 NAACP Life Time Achievement Award; 2008 Community Service Award,



GIG WILLIE A. TERRELL, JR.

by The National Pan-Hellenic Council North Central Region; 2008 NAACP Life Golden Heritage Award; 2009 Meritorious Service Award, by The Dayton Unit NAACP; 2010 Honoree of the Brother Raymond Fitz Educational Leadership Award, by the 24th Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday Celebration Committee.

Terrell received his Bachelor of Science Degree in Social Studies from Central State University in Wilberforce, Ohio; Master of Education from Miami University, in Oxford, Ohio; and a Master of Education from Wright State University in Dayton, Ohio. He has Certification/License from the State of Ohio Department of Education in several areas: Social Studies Comprehensive, High School Principal, Supervisor, Pupil Personnel, Staff Personnel, and Instructional Services.

He is a 33° Mason; a member of Harmony Lodge #77; Burning Bush #7; Miami Consistory #26; and Amer Temple #107. Willie is a life member of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity; a Past Chapter President of Xi Iota Iota Chapter of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. He is a life member of several civic organizations: NAACP, SCLC, Urban League, Doris L. Allen Minority Caucus/DEA, the Association for the Study of African American Life and History, Central State University Alumni Association and Wright State University Alumni Association.

YOUTH NEWS

From the Desk of Most Valiant Grand Master Counselor: KENNETH DAVIS

Theme: "Success is realized beyond the limits of your mind"



To the Prince Hall Masonic family of Ohio:

I bring you greetings as your new Most Valiant Grand Master Counselor and I would like to say thank you for the confidence that you placed in me and allows me the great opportunity to preside in this honored seat. Now, it is time for all Companions to work together to raise our Order of Pythagorans to a higher level.

One of my goals is to reach out to each and every Chapter. I will endeavor to visit every chapter within the State of Ohio that is considered an active chapter. Before visiting I will need your Chapter's election results before September 30, 2010. Be sure that the addresses and phone numbers are current.

The local Chapters seem to have many problems and I hope that working with each Master Counselor within their own environment, several of these internal problems may be solved. **First**, I need each chapter to look at their schedules for the year of 2010-2011 and send it to me. **Second**, select three meeting dates that are spread out through the year where I and my Right Valiant Grand Recorder can come and visit. **Third**, I will notify the Master Counselor informing him which of the three dates I choose to visit. During my visit, I will check on each chapter's treasurer's books, look over their Chapter book, watch their Chapter opening and give ideas for the things their chapter needs to improve upon before next Grand Session. Also while visiting each chapter, the Grand Recorder will take notes on all of the things that were discussed and I will take the notes with me and send a letter of evaluation back to this chapter within two weeks.

This year, the Order of Pythagorans will change from just every chapter for themselves, to an Order of one vision and one goal. We will focus on rebuilding the whole of the Order statewide. That can only start if the Grand Chapter gets involved with all of the local chapters' activities.

Thanks again for your support and the great opportunity to be your leader. Let us all be ready for a great, united and successful year in our statewide Order of Pythagorans.

MVGM Counselor and Elected Grand Chapter Officers

 Kenneth Davis MVGM Master Counselor	 Kamree Maull RVG Sr. Counselor	 Austin Reed RVG Jr. Counselor
 Malcolm Prophett RVG Recorder	 Gary George RVG Treasurer	 Gunner Francis RVG Deputy Counselor

Pythagorans Host 2010 Session at Central State University



By MVGMC Kenneth Davis

We are truly grateful for all of the blessings that were given to us this past year during the Annual Combined Grand Session held at Central State University July 8-11, 2010.

There were many highlights during Grand Session, but the two that stood out the most was the Divine Service and the visitation of the Demolay to our annual function. The Divine Service stood out above all of the other ceremonies and activities because of the many beautiful voices that were heard singing in special ways. It was so wonderful seeing the faces of the Princesses and Companions singing while nervous and shy, then gaining their confidence to sing their hearts out with enthusiasm. The Divine Service guest speaker, Pastor Corey Johnson, gave a magnificent sermon. Pastor Johnson made sure that his speech related to the youth. Stating that everyone needs to get their own personal "pretty boy swag" on with God, trying to make all of us at this age understand and be attentive during the whole sermon.

The second thing that stood out was being able to have the Ohio Demolay at our Grand Session, bringing their new look on how things are done in meetings and banquets. Being on time to everything by getting there at least ten minutes early, sending the message that we, as an Order, need to learn from the skills that they have developed.

Saturday morning the elections went very well during the meeting. Kenneth Davis was elected Most Valiant Grand Master Counselor. Kamree Maull was elected RV Grand Senior Counselor, Austin Reed RV Grand Junior Counselor, Gary George the RV Grand Treasurer, Malcolm Prophett the RV Grand Recorder, and finally Gunner Francis the RV Grand Deputy Counselor. These companions are some of the most skilled in the Order and they know how to get things done because of their experience and dedication.

With the new Grand Council administration, there is going to be a new list of goals that has not been used since the year of Past MVGMC James Davis in the 1970's. The way that we have to bring the local chapters under the wing of the state, meaning that the Grand Council is going to help and support the local chapters around the state; by visiting each of the local chapters meetings about three times this 2010-2011 year and take notes on what that chapter needs to improve on and what they actually would need some help on. This is suppose to get more Companions to join the Order and to get the whole state ready to make the 2011 Grand Session the best one since the turn of the order.

Thanks! to Prince Hall Chapter for the beautiful opening that they performed and congratulations to the 2010 Chapter of the Year, Samos Chapter. Also to all of the advisors who helped in making the year the way it was and to the hardest working man, the Right Worshipful Director of Youth Activities Bro. Curtis Campbell.

As we head into this New Year, hopefully, we will improve on our attendance, dedication, and being together as one, making this a year for **"unification, understanding and most importantly fun."**



RW Kelvin J. Davis proudly places the Golden Beret on the newly elected Most Valiant Grand Master Counselor, Kenneth Davis, his son.



MVGMC Kenneth Davis and Grand Royal Queen Tyler Cromwell. (Photos by RW Woodrow Riddle, Jr.)



These "dapper" young Pythagorans look like promising Masons in their tuxedos.

Members from Lake Erie Chapter Order of Pythagorans, ten members of the Girls' Assembly, fifteen male and female advisors, and ten other children and parents. In the foreground is Companion Kevin Pruitt, Valiant Master Counselor of Lake Erie Chapter.

Members from Lake Erie Chapter enjoyed the game and were on the edge of their seats as the Gladiators played defense.

(Photo r.) Lake Erie Chapter President Brother Eric Warren spoke with the Gladiators' salesman, Mr. Mike Dempsey, who states that these are the kind of activities that will help our youth groups become stronger in the City of Cleveland. Mr. Dempsey thanked Bro. Warren for bringing such a large group to the game. Lake Erie Chapter's name was displayed on the marquee that evening. To make the night complete the Cleveland Gladiators won and it was an enjoyable night out for youth and advisors.



Article/photos by Mark A. Ledger

Lake Erie Chapter's Family Night



Lake Erie Chapter, Order of Pythagorans, along with members of Cleveland Girls Assemblies attended the Cleveland Gladiators Arena football game on Friday, June 4, 2010. It was a family night which included parents, relatives and friends. (Above) Those in attendance at the entrance to Quicken Loans Arena was fifteen Companions from Lake Erie Chapter Order of Pythagorans, ten members of the Girls' Assembly, fifteen male and female advisors, and ten other children and parents. In the foreground is Companion Kevin Pruitt, Valiant Master Counselor of Lake Erie Chapter.



Girls' Assembly 2010 Grand Session



Grand Session 2010 was held at Central State University from July 8 through July 11, 2010. The session was very informative and enlightening for both the Princesses and Advisors. There were over 150 Princesses, Advisors, and OES Officers and members in attendance.

The highlights of the weekend are as follows:

Spelling Contest:

Youth Division (Ages 8-12 years)

1. Niaya Bowen - Bethune/Wright #49
2. Kayara Hicks - Christine Powers #42

3. Mauriyai Harris - Gloria J. Lamont #45, Honorable Mention

Junior Division (Ages 13-15 years)

1. Amia Jones - Bethune/Wright #49
2. Leah Sawyer - Esther Assembly #28

3. Qwinata Johnson - Bethune/Wright #49, Honorable Mention

Senior Division (Ages 16-18 years)

1. Jerayl Thomas - Bethune/Wright #49
2. Rena Pittman - Grace #51
3. Rayvin Wolmack - Gloria J. Lamont #45, Honorable Mention

African-American History Contest:

Youth Division (Ages 8-12 years)

1. Keyandra Reese - Gloria J. Lamont #45
2. Calise Lungelow - Pride of the Valley #7

3. Jada Gwen - Christine Powers #42, Honorable Mention

Junior Division (Ages 13-15 years)

1. N'Dea Richardson - Pride of Valley #7
2. Tammara Jones - Bethune/Wright #49

3. Leah Sawyer - Esther #28,



2010-2011 Grand Girls Assembly Officers

- Grand Royal Queen — Tyler Cromwell - District #3
- Grand Royal Princess — N'Dea Richardson - District #4
- Grand Princess Scribe — Crystal Gaiter - District #1
- Grand Prince Exchequer — Timiney Richardson - District #5
- Grand Princess Guide — LaTisha Jones - District #2
- Grand Princess Gatekeeper — Leah Sawyer - District #3

Honorable Mention

Senior Division (Ages 16-18 years)

1. MeLisa Burt - Pride of the Valley #7
2. Sukara Dean - Vaughn Smith #40
3. Jerayl Thomas - Bethune/Wright #49, Honorable Mention

Math Contest:

Youth Division (Ages 8-12 years)

1. Janel Link - Esther #28
2. Daneigh Whitside -
3. Keyandra Reese - Gloria J. Lamont #45, Honorable Mention

Junior Division (Ages 13-15 years)

1. Chrystal Gaiter - Gloria J. Lamont #45
2. Cioney Carter - Bethune/Wright #49

3. Dayton Julien - Gloria J. Lamont #45, Honorable Mention

Senior Division (Ages 16-18 years)

1. MeLisa Burt - Pride of the Valley #7
2. Jerayl Thomas - Bethune/Wright #49
3. Taylor Brown - Grace #51, Honorable Mention

Talent Contest:

Youth Division (Ages 8-12 years)

1. Chase Pope - Sheba #18
2. Keyara Hicks - Christine Powers #42

Junior Division (Ages 13-15 years)

1. Leah Sawyer & Mikea Armstrong - Ester #28
2. Tracey Wiehe - Bethune/Wright #49

Senior Division (Ages 16-18 years)

1. Erin Stephens - Gloria J. Lamont #45
2. Rayanna Hahn - Bethune/Wright #49
3. LaTisha Jones - Mahalia Jackson #17

Penny Wars Competition:

Fundraising activity for Grand Girls Assembly District #1

Miss Debutante:

- Jasmine Miller, District #1 - Phyllis Wheatley #39
- Derin Fletcher, District #2 - Mahalia Jackson #17 (Presented)
- Tyshawn Luther, District #4 - Bethune/Wright #49

Jerayl Thomas, District #4 - Bethune/Wright #49
2010 Miss Debutante

Princess of the Year:

Leah Sawyer - Esther #28

Miss Girls Assembly:

Lacy Bell - Golden Star #50

Grand Girls Assembly Scholarship Recipients:

- Jasmine Miller, District #1 - Phyllis Wheatley #39
- Derin Fletcher, District #2 - Mahalia Jackson #17
- Jerayl Thomas, District #4 - Bethune/Wright #49

Assembly of the Year - Scrapbook Results:

1. Bethune/Wright #49

Acknowledgment of the two new Assemblies activated as of 2010

- Grace #51 - District #3
- Wilma Williams #15 - District #4

Fall Class of Miami Consistory No. 26 The Van C. Barnette Class of 2010



Illustrious Commander-in-Chief Villani J. Thomas flanked by SGIG Ronald A. Ogletree and SGIG Van C. Barnette pose with the Fall Class of Miami Consistory No. 26. The class members are: Richard Gordon, III, #23; Christopher Dixon, #18; Cecil Crump, #18; John Little, II, #18; Nathaniel Moore, Sr., #18; Armiya Muhammed, #121; Darrell Sutton, #40; James Williams, #115; and André Harris, #458. The event took place November 6, 2010 in Dayton, Ohio.

Miami Consistory Invited to Dayton Consistory for "Four Chaplains" Degree

By GIG Jay Johnson, Assistant Secretary

Approximately 20-25 Fraters of Miami Consistory visited Dayton Consistory, on Thursday, November 11, 2010, to witness the exemplification of the Chief of the Tabernacle, 23°, which has now been revised by the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction to honor "The Four Chaplains," Reverend George L. Fox, a Methodist Minister, Rabbi Alexander D. Goode, a Jewish Rabbi, Reverend Clark V. Poling, a minister of the Dutch Reformed Church and Father John P. Washington, a Roman Catholic Priest who gave the ultimate sacrifice aboard the USAT Dorchester during WW II. (Editor's Note: Please Google USS Dorchester and read the complete story — it is one of great courage, faith and sacrifice.)

The entire day, including the degree was dedicated to Veterans' Day and all in attendance were genuinely impressed with the total production.

After a delicious dinner, we retired upstairs into the Scottish Rite Auditorium and the first part of the program included the opening of Dayton Consistory by Illustrious Commander-in-Chief Bro. Donald W. Mumford, 32°.

A short musical program was then presented featuring a full Military Color Guard representing each branch of service. After the *Star-Spangled Banner*, the soloist sang the theme song for each branch of the military and as the song for your branch of service was being sung, all veterans were asked to stand and be recognized for their service to the country.

The candidates were then obligated and the exemplar was conducted through the ceremonies of the 23° which consisted of eight scenes in full costume and an epilogue.

Among those in the traveling party from Miami Consistory #26 included Illustrious Commander-in-Chief, GIG Villani J. Thomas; SGIG Van C. Barnette; SGIG Ronald A. Ogletree; Grand Inspectors General George Goolsby; Robert M. Estelle, Jr., Arlin E. Jackson, Jimmie E. Johnson, Darryl R. Smith, Willie J. Fulton, Eldred J. Jones, Keith A. Perkins, Charles V. Williams, III, Keith D. Clark, Sr., Fred Conway, Jr., and John Kendall, and Sublime Princes David Webb, SP Raymond Johns, and Anthony Reynolds.

This is truly an inspirational degree, because it tells the story of four men of valor whose total sacrifice for the love of their country has been immortalized forever as they were posthumously awarded the "Chaplains' Award for Heroism" in 1961. This award does not appear on any military ribbon charts and they are the only persons who will ever receive it.



SGIG Van C. Barnette, SGIG Douglas Kaylor, SP David Webb, and SGIG Ronald A. Ogletree.



SGIG Douglas Kaylor, Active for Dayton Consistory invited Miami Consistory to the "Four Chaplains" Degree ceremony.



Grand Girls Assembly Advisory Board

Sis. Carla L. Sykes-Grand Director of Youth Activities; Sis. Valencia Meeks - Grand Associate Director of Youth Activities #1; Sis. Anita Stephens-Grand Associate Director of Youth Activities #2; Sis. Regina Lurry-Grand Associate Director of Youth Activities #3; Sis. Ruth Beasley-Grand Associate Director of Youth Activities #4; Sis. Tanya Roach-Grand Associate Director of Youth Activities #5; Sis. Lisa Hunt-Special Project Coordinator/Assist to the Director (North); Sis. Margaret Farrier-Special Project Coordinator/Assist to the Director (South)

PH MASONIC FAMILY CALENDAR 2011

JANUARY

8 Pythagorans Workshop Columbus, OH
 8 RAM Grand Trustees' Meeting Teleconference
 15 **Alpha Priory #1 Special Call Meeting** Fairborn, OH
 15 Grand Lodge Southern District Meeting TBA
 21 **Grand Lodge Trustees' Meeting - 7:00 p.m.** Columbus, OH
 21 Grand Chapter Trustees' Meeting 7:00 p.m. Columbus, OH
 21-22 **Grand Communication Planning Session** Cincinnati, OH
 23 1st & 4th District MLK Dinner Dance Cincinnati, OH
 29 Gala Days Planning Session TBA

FEBRUARY

5 MVGMC Meeting Columbus, OH
 6 Statewide Black History Program Each District
 18-19 Sinai Temple Potentate Ball Cincinnati, OH
 26 OES Workshop Columbus, OH
 27 Taylor Guild Black History Program Columbus, OH

MARCH

3 **Grand Lodge Trustees' Meeting** Teleconference
 5 Grand Lodge Workshop/Masters and Wardens Meeting Columbus, OH
 10-13 **Midwest Conference of Grand Masters & Grand Matrons** Detroit, MI
 17 USC Scottish Rite Day of Remembrance Statewide
 17-23 **HOLY WEEK OBSERVANCE** Statewide
 19 Northern and Southern Guilds District Meeting TBA
 19 Grand Girls Assembly Debutante Ball Columbus, OH
 20 Hattie B. Alexander Day Columbus, OH
 22 **Good Friday** Statewide
 24 Knights Templar Easter Sunrise Service Statewide
 26 OES Youth Advisors Meeting, District #3 Columbus, OH
 25-26 Grand Worthy Patron's Recognition Banquet Columbus, OH

APRIL

2 OES 1st District Meeting TBA
 9 OES 4th District Meeting TBA
 16 Pythagoran Day Toledo, OH
 16 Grand Lodge Northern District Meeting TBA
 29 GCGCHRAM Midwest Alliance Meeting Cleveland, OH
 29 Amaranth Gr. Ch. Trustees' Meeting Columbus, OH
 30 **MEPH Grand Chapter RAM Grand Convocation** Cleveland, OH
 30 **Most Ancient Grand Matron Recognition Banquet** Cleveland, OH
 30 OES 6th District Meeting TBA
 30 **Gen. Grand Convocation KYCH, USA, PHA** Los Angeles, CA

MAY

1 **MAPH Grand Court Heroines of Jericho Grand Convocation** Cleveland, OH
 7 OES 3rd District Meeting TBA
 7 Grand Commandry Knights Templar Northern/Southern District Meeting TBA
 12-15 **Grand Masters and Grand Matrons Conference** TBA
 13-15 **Grand Assembly Royal & Select Masters** TBA
 15 Daughters of Isis' Feast of Isis Worldwide
 21 OES 5th District Meeting TBA
 21 Youth Activities Executive Board Meeting Columbus, OH
 22 Whit Sunday Statewide
 27-31 **United Supreme Council, AASR, NJ** Denver, CO

JUNE

2 **Grand Lodge Trustees' Meeting** Columbus, OH
 3-5 Shrine Gala Days / Desert Conference Columbus, OH
 4 Grand Girls Assembly District Meeting Columbus, OH
 5 Shrine Jubilee Day Celebration Worldwide
 12 **Alpha Priory #1 Convocation** Dayton, OH
 11 OES 2nd District Meeting TBA
 12 Esther Day TBA
 17 RAM Grand Trustee Meeting Teleconference
 17-18 Alla Baba Temple #53 Potentate Ball Columbus, OH

JUNE

18 RAM Statewide Exaltation TBA
 18 Pythagoran Statewide District Meeting Columbus, OH
 19 Zerubbabel Day TBA
 25 MWGM / GWM Joint Picnic TBA
 26 **St. John the Baptist Day** Statewide
 28-7/1 **Grand Encampment Knights Templar / Cyrene** Baton Rouge, LA

JULY

2-6 **GCGCHRAM/GCGCHOJ** Baton Rouge, LA
 7-10 **Youth Grand Session Central State University** Xenia, OH
 8 **Grand Lodge Trustees' Meeting** Xenia, OH
 8 Grand Chapter Trustees Meeting Xenia, OH
 15-17 **Grand Conclave Knights Templar / David V. Moore Grand Guild** Akron, OH
 15th **Grand Princess Captain Recognition Banquet** Akron, OH
 15-16 Al Lalim Court #205 Commandress Ball Elyria, OH?
 23 MAPHGC HOJ Northern District Prayer Breakfast TBA
 22-23 Akbar Court #33 / Akbar Temple #41 Joint Ball Springfield, OH

AUGUST

6-9 **Grand Communications-Grand Lodge/Grand Chapter** Columbus, OH
 14-19 **Imperial Council/Imperial Court Sessions** TBA
 20 RAM Grand Trustees' & Grand Officers Meeting Columbus, OH
 27 Heads of Houses Meeting Columbus, OH

SEPTEMBER

2 **Grand Lodge Trustees' Meeting** Columbus, OH
 11 **Prince Hall and Americanism Day** Statewide
 16-17 Amer Court #65 Commandress Ball Dayton, OH
 17 Grand Chapter Trustees' Meeting Columbus, OH
 17 Pythagoran Advisory Meeting Cleveland, OH
 17 RAM Workshop/RAM Statewide High Priesthood Degree Columbus, OH
 23-24 Alla Baba Court #75 Commandress Ball Columbus, OH
 24 Prince Hall HOJ Southern Prayer Breakfast TBA
 24 Youth Grand Session Pre-planning meeting Columbus, OH

OCTOBER

1-2 Sinai Court #35 Commandress Ball Cincinnati, OH
 5 HOJ School of Instruction TBA
 7-8 Mecca Court #73 Commandress Ball Toledo, OH
 8 Miami Consistory #26 100th Anniversary Program Fairborn, OH
 8 William T. Boyd #79 Past Master's Ball Cleveland, OH
 8 Grand Guild School of Instruction TBA
 14-15 Al Kaf Court #144 Commandress Ball Akron, OH
 15 HOJ School of Instruction TBA
 22-23 **Ohio Council of Deliberation/Ohio Gr. Assembly** Columbus, OH
 28-29 A1 Asir Court #200 Commandress Ball Youngtown, OH
 29 Pythagoran District Meeting Columbus, OH

NOVEMBER

4-6 **Grand Master's Recognition Banquet** Columbus, OH
 12 Brotherhood Night Cincinnati, OH
 12 Pythagoran & Grand Girls Assembly Planning Session Columbus, OH
 12 RAM Northern District Meeting TBA

DECEMBER

3 RAM Southern District Meeting TBA
 3-4 El Hasa Court #47 Commandress Ball Cleveland, OH
 18 **St. John the Evangelist Day** Statewide
 25 Knights Templar Christmas Observance Worldwide

Any updates or changes please forward to the office of the Grand Secretary. You may fax (614) 221-7760 or email to: mwphgloh@sbcglobal.net



Charles G. Smith,
 RW Grand Secretary
 Robert L. Jones, MWGM
 of MWPHGL of OH

Miami Consistory #26 and Miami Assembly #22 Enjoy Annual Christmas Party in Dayton

On the first Sunday in December each year, Miami Consistory No. 26 and Miami Assembly No. 22, come together to share a Christmas Dinner immediately following the 4th Masonic and 5th OES District's Calendar Planning Meeting.

This year was no exception and the Christmas Party was well attended by members, families and friends and even Santa himself made a special appearance.

Miami Consistory was under the leadership of GIG Villani J. Thomas for the year and Miami Assembly was ably led by Loyal Lady Ruler A. Jean Johnson.

During the party, LL Arthurine Shepard was responsible for the entertainment and she led the partygoers in the game of "Don't Forget the Lyrics" using Christmas Carols as the songs. DJ, LL Helen McCann, provided the music for the game and it was very entertain-

ing as the Loyal Ladies and Fraters tried to sing to the CD while remembering the lyrics to the song and during a certain spot, the music would turn off and they had to keep singing. Many prizes were awarded to the brave souls who volunteered to participate.

After a traditional Christmas dinner of turkey and dressing, green beans, candied yams and all the trimmings and assorted desserts, door prizes and poinsettias were given to the lucky ticket holders.

PGWM Kay F. Anderson delighted the crowd with a very comical rendition of "Santa Baby."



(Above) LLR A. Jean Johnson asks Santa for something that she's not going to get!



C-in-C VJ Thomas - hey! you're kinda big to be sitting on Santa's lap!



There was no music for this young lady, but she sang the entire song including the verse and chorus and won her prize.



(L.) Santa's helpers pass out the goodies.



(Photos by VJ Thomas)



(L.) LL Sophia Martin and LL Arthurine Shepard lead the game "Don't Forget the Lyrics."

101st Annual Ohio Council of Deliberation

October 23-24, 2010

Park Inn Hotel, Toledo, Ohio
By SGIG Sidney D. Broadnax, Jr.
III. Deputy of the Orient

Devotions: 8:30 a.m. The 101st Annual Session began with devotions led by the devotional team consisting of: SP Rev. Wayne McLaughlin #21, GIG Roderick Tatum #24, GIG Jack Tisdale #24, Alfonzo Johnson, Willie Johnson, Kermit Phillips, SP William Heath, Sr. #24, and GIG Elder Carlton Cave #21.

Ritualistic Opening: 9:10 a.m. of the 101st Annual Session of the Ohio Council of Deliberation was performed by Illustrious Commander-in-Chief, SP William Heath, Sr.; and members of St. Matthews Consistory No. 24. The opening team consisted of: SP William H. Heath, Sr. - Illustrious Commander-in-Chief; SP Golwin L. Williams - 1st Lt. Commander; SP Donald C. Scott - 2nd Lt. Commander; SP James C. Hopkins Treasurer; GIG Steve Murry, Jr. - Secretary; SP William C. Wedley - Captain of the Guard; GIG Roderick D. Tatum Prior; GIG Roderick D. Tatum - Master of Ceremonies; GIG Jack Tisdale - Sentinel.

The Most Illustrious Commander-in-Chief/Deputy of the Ohio AASR, NJ - PHA, SGIG Sidney D. Broadnax, Jr. was received to preside over this annual meeting. Illustrious Commanders-in-Chief of the Consistories, present were GIG Melvin L. Russell, Bezaleel #15; GIG Arnold Scott, King Solomon #20; GIG Gary McKinley, L.D. Easton #21; SP William Heath, St. Matthews #24; and GIG Villani J. Thomas Miami #26.

The Ohio Council of Deliberation (OCD) officers present were: GIG Aaron E. Ray #15, 1st Lt. Commander; GIG Ezell Sampson #26, 2nd Lt. Commander; GIG Gerald S. Friason #20, III. Grand Secretary, GIG Arlin Jackson #26, III. Grand Treasurer; SGIG Clarence J. Walker, Jr. #24, III. Grand Minister of State; III. Grand Prior-pro-tem GIG Carlton Cave; GIG Arnold W. Scott #20, III. Captain of the Guard; GIG Thomas Graham #26, Director Sword/Candle Bearers; GIG Theodore Patton #24, III. Grand Hospitalitor; GIG George W. King #26, III. Grand Engineer & Architect; III. Grand Sentinel pro-tem GIG Eldred J. Jones; SGIG Frederick E. Kelley, Sr. #21, III. Grand Master of Ceremonies; SGIG Ronald A. Ogletree #26, III. Assistant Grand Secretary; GIG Jimmie E. Johnson #26, III. Assistant Grand Secretary; GIG Charles G. Smith #21, III. Assistant Grand Secretary; SGIG Charles W. Hales #15, Convention Director; and SGIG Carl A. Williams #15, Assistant Convention Director.

Reception of the Sovereign Grand Inspectors General was as follows: SGIG Chester C. Pryor, II #20, Active; SGIG Frederick E. Kelley, Sr. #21, Active; SGIG Stephen P. Blackwell, Sr. #26, Emeriti; SGIG Clarence J. Walker, Jr. #24, Emeriti; SGIG Charles Richardson #15, Emeriti; SGIG Carl A. Williams #15, Emeriti; SGIG Ronald A. Ogletree #26, Emeriti; SGIG Kenneth E. Lewis #21, Emeriti; SGIG Gregory S. Snead #15, Emeriti; SGIG Steven



Reece, Sr. #20, Emeriti. Excused - Judge William A. McClain, Rev. William F. Crockett, Rev. Otis Moss, Jr. and Oliver W. Sumlin.

Reception of Grand Heads of Houses were as follows: GIG Kennedy C. McCall, Grand Worthy Patron, OES; GIG Ray S. Robinson, M.E. Grand High Priest RAM; GIG Eston W. Wilson, Eminent Prior, Alpha Priory No. 1 KYCH; GIG Aaron E. Ray, Jr., E. Grand Commander, Knights Templar; GIG Jerry D. Springer, M. Worthy Grand Joshua, HoJ; GIG Warren Fitzpatrick, Grand Thrice Illustrious Master, R&SM; GIG Clamion Marshall, President, Ohio Commanders of the Rite; and GIG Glenn R. Rollins, Grand Royal Advisor, HoTC.

Visiting Delegations were: III. William F. Powers, Deputy of the Orient for the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction, State of Ohio; SGIG Samuel J. D. Shook, Dean of Instructions for the USC, representing the Deputy of the Orient of Michigan; and SGIG Robert P. Meekins, President of the Michigan Commanders of the Rite.

Reception of the Representative of the Sovereign Grand Commander was our very own SGIG Charles W. Hales, Active. The MW Grand Master of the MWPH Grand Lodge of Ohio, the Honorable Robert L. Jones, was escorted into the Consistorial Chamber room along with GIG Johnny O. Pitts, Sr., RW Deputy Grand Master; GIG Darryl R. Smith, RWJGW; SGIG Carl L. Williams, RWJGW; GIG Charles V. Williams III, Grand Treasurer; GIG Charles G. Smith, Grand Secretary; GIG Kelvin J. Davis Trustee-at-Large; MWPGM, GIG Rev. James Willis, Sr.; MWPGM, GIG Embie R. Bostic; GIG Robert M. Estelle; and GIG Leo Beavers, GLDF Trustees.

The following Past Grand Masters present were: SGIG Kenneth E. Lewis, SGIG Dr. Chester C. Pryor I, SGIG Steven Reece, Sr., SGIG Frederick E. Kelley, GIG Embie R. Bostic, SGIG Sidney D. Broadnax, Jr., SGIG Gregory S. Snead, GIG Rev. James H. Willis, Sr., SGIG Charles W. Hales, and SGIG Clarence W. Walker.

III. Grand Master of Ceremonies, SGIG Frederick E. Kelley, Sr. #21; Assistant GIG Jerry D. Springer #26, and the Sword Bearers and Candle Bearers under the direction of GIG Thomas Graham #26, did an outstanding job in presenting the dignitaries.

III. Commander-in-Chief SP William Heath, Sr. #24, welcomed everyone in attendance.

The Most Illustrious Commander-in-Chief/III. Deputy of the Orient SGIG Sidney D. Broadnax, Jr. rendered his 2010 Allocation

which contained the following: The State of the Nation; State of the Order; State of the Orient; Ohio Commander of the Rite; Necrology; Scholarship Commission; Educational Committee; Order of the Golden Circle; Fraternal Relations and the Ohio Masonic Home Retirement Village and other Senior Services open to all members of the PH Masonic Family. His recommendations included donations to the following: United Supreme Council Benevolent Fund; PHGL Lamp publication; Ohio Grand Assembly Scholarship Fund and to Grand Lodge Building Fund.

Saturday reports included - Credentials - GIG Waldo Nolcox, Chairman; SP Gurley Ramey, GIG Leo C. Beavers, and GIG William Dungy. III. Grand Secretary Report - by GIG Gerald S. Friason #20; III. Grand Treasurer Report - GIG Arlin Jackson #26; Audit Committee Report - GIG Fred Conway, Jr. GIG Kennedy C. McCall, GIG Archie D. Johnson #20, and the III. Commanders-in-Chief and their Secretaries.

Deputy Sidney Broadnax presented the members of the Winston O. Williams 33° Class of 2010. Present were: GIG Rev. Roderick Tatum #24, GIG Reginald Oliver #21, GIG Villani Thomas #26, GIG James K. Willis #21, GIG Warren Fitzpatrick #15, GIG Elijah Mitchell #15, GIG Freeman Russell #20, GIG Thomas Jones #15, GIG Lloyd Jones #26, GIG Carlton Johnston #26.

Remarks: Deputy of the Orient of Ohio, N.M.J. III. William C. Powers; SGIG Samuel J. D. Shook, who represented SGIG Robert P. Lewis Deputy of the Orient of Michigan; and The Honorable Robert L. Jones, MW Grand Master, who emphasized the new building purchase by the Grand Lodge in Whitehall, Ohio. SGIG Broadnax mentioned - SGIG Judge William McClain was honored by the Cincinnati Bar Association at their Annual Meeting October 21, 2010.

The oldest and youngest members present were SGIG Charles Hales #15, actual oldest, 88; SGIG Charles (Chuck) Richardson #15, 86; GIG Leo C. Beavers #15, 85; and SP Eugene Greenfield #21, the youngest at the age of 28.

Day 2 -Sunday, October 24, 2010- Breakfast buffet 7:00 - 8:15 a.m. was free for all registered members of the Council of Deliberation and Ohio Grand Assembly, order of the Golden Circle.

Devotions: 8:30 a.m. The devotional team consisting of: GIG Rev. Roderick Tatum, SP Rev. B. Wayne McLaughlin, GIG Elder Carlton Cave, GIG Rev. C. Robert Lewis, GIG Jack Tisdale, GIG Elijah Johnson, SP Lawrence



III. Deputy of the Orient of Ohio Sidney D. Broadnax, Jr. is presents a plaque for Outstanding Support of the Economic Stimulus Raffle from the III. Deputy of NY, SGIG Grady Edge, as SGC Solomon Wallace looks on.

Coleman, SP William Heath, Sr., SP Kermit Phillips. The message was brought by SP Rev. B. Wayne McLaughlin, "You Don't Know Who I Am" and "You Don't Know My God."

Reception of SGIGs Edward B. Darnell, Orient of Michigan and Steven Reece, Sr., Orient of Ohio.

Committee reports: Budget and Finance Report: GIG Keith A. Perkins and GIG Odell Robinson; Mentorship Program: GIG Mark Ledger #15, SGIG Carl A. Williams #15. The Deputy announced plans to expand the program to other Valleys in the Orient due to the tremendous success of the pilot program in the Valley of Cleveland. Scholarship Commission: SGIG Dr. Chester C. Pryor, II #20, GIG Arlin Jackson #26, GIG E.C. Harrell #24, GIG Louis Crocheron #15, GIG Gerald S. Friason #20 reported a total of \$17,000 was awarded for the 2010-11 school year. Allocation Report: SGIG Stephen P. Blackwell, Sr. #26, SGIG Kenneth E. Lewis #21, and SGIG Steven Reece, Sr. #20. Visitors and Hospitaler report: GIG Darryl R. Smith #26 and Grand Lodge Trustees; Medical Staff Report: SGIG Dr. Chester C. Pryor, II #20, SP Dr. Richard Gordon #26 - Subject: Walking. Educational Report: GIG Frederick Douglas, Jr. #15, GIG Charles V. Williams, III #26, and GIG Melvin Russell #15, presentation on the History of the 20th Degree. The OCD 33rd Degree Team is preparing for the 2014 United Supreme Council Session that will be held in Cincinnati: Director SGIG Stephen P. Blackwell, Sr. #26 and Co-Director GIG Arnold Scott #20. Registration Committee Report: Co-Chairman

GIG Kenneth McCullars #20, did an outstanding job along with his committee GIG Jerry Jones #26 and SP Dante D. Melson #20.

The Ohio Commanders of the Rite "Annual Charity" presentation went to the "Josh Project" which is under the direction of Mrs. Wanda Butts. It was in memory of her son who drowned. This project is designed to teach swimming to children to prevent such accidents from happening again. They were selected by the host Commanders of the Rite and presented by President GIG Clamion M. Marshall #20. Necrology: GIG Elder Carlton Cave #21, SP Rev. B. Wayne McLaughlin #21 and SP Lawrence C. Coleman #20. The message was given by GIG Elder Carlton Cave "Send My Mail to My New Address." There was a total of 35 deceased members from October 1, 2009 to September 30, 2010. Bezaleel #15 - 18; King Solomon #20 - 3; L.D. Easton #21 - 5; St. Matthews #24 1; and Miami #26 - 8. Of this total two were SGIGs: Past Deputy of the Orient Ernest Terry #15; and Kenneth E. Long #26. Eight GIG and 25 SP.

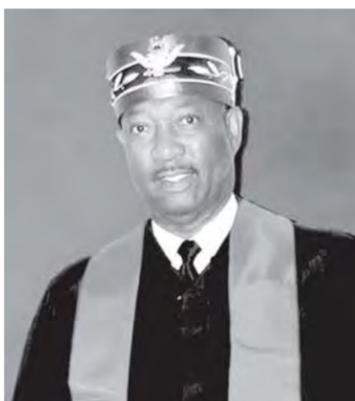
The following were nominated to receive their 33° Degree in the Class of 2012: Bezaleel #15: SP Kevan Douglas, SP Earvin Coleman, SP Carlwin Collins and SP James Ray King Solomon #20: SP Shawn E. Thompson, SP Lawrence C. Coleman and SP Gregory L. Allen. L. D. Easton #21, SP Joe D. Rawls, and SP Sim L. Sankey. St. Matthews #24, SP Robert E. Bills and SP William H. Heath, Sr. Miami #26, SP Mance-don R. Johnson, SP Dr. Richard E. Gordon, Jr. and SP Willie V. Thompson, Jr. SGIG Clarence Walker, after many years as the Grand Minister of State and Grand Orator, stepped down and was awarded Emeritus status.

Elected Ohio Council of Deliberation Officers for 2011: 1st Lt. Commander, GIG Aaron E. Ray #15; 2nd Lt. Commander, GIG Ezell U. Sampson #26; III. Grand Treasurer, GIG Arlin E. Jackson #26; III. Grand Secretary, GIG Gerald S. Friason #20; III. Grand Minister of State & Grand Orator, GIG Theodore R. Patton #24.

Next Annual Meetings are as follows: Columbus - 2011, Cleveland (See Ohio Council of Deliberation, p. 17)



During the 2010 USC Session in Philadelphia, PA, two of Miami Consistory No. 26's fraters were reclassified from GIG to SGIG. They are SGIG Ronald A. Ogletree (l.) III. Secretary and Keeper of Seal & Archives, and SGIG Homer L. Buchanan.



Recognition Banquet Honoring LL Jamessets Royster, SGGLR



SGLLR JAMESSETTA H. ROYSTER

La Paz Assembly No. 35 honored SGLLR Jamesetta Hopson Royster on Saturday, October 23, 2010, at the Park Inn Toledo. LL Royster received a Proclamation from The Honorable Michael P. Bell, Mayor of the City of Toledo, for her outstanding achievements that reflect on the well-being and growth of the Toledo community and its citizens. A Certificate of Commendation from the United State Senate was presented from The Honorable Sherrod Brown, United State Senator; and a Certificate of "Special Congressional Recognition" from The Honorable Marcy Kaptur, United House of Representatives.

Mistress of Ceremony for this elegant evening was PSGLLR Bertha W. Peyton. One of the highlights of the banquet was a

musical selection by Rev. Gregory Meredith "Peace Be Still" which was the State Grand Loyal Lady's focus for the year. This song set the spiritual tone for the entire year. LL Linnie B. Willis and the SGLLR'S children Robert J. Royster, Jr. and Roxanne J. Royster gave special Reflections.

Remarks were given by LL Danielle Shockley the Banquet Chairperson, Beverly Beavers, Grand Worthy Matron; SP William Heath 32°, Commander-in-Chief of St. Matthews Consistory No. 24; SGIG Sidney D. Broadnax, Jr. 33°, Deputy of the Orient of Ohio; SGIG Charles W. Hales 33°, who was representing the Sovereign Grand Commander The Honorable Solomon Wallace 33°; and GIG Johnny O. Pitts, 33°, RW Deputy Grand Master, representing the MWGM The Honorable Robert L. Jones 33°.

The evening was elegant and enjoyed by the many friends and family members who were present to celebrate and honor SGLLR Jamesetta H. Royster.

The Jazz Music was provided by the renowned Calvin Hughes & Company. Calvin Hughes (extended family member) arranged and designed the music to complement the SGLLR'S feelings about life and giving of one's self.

The Banquet Chairperson was LL Danielle Shockley, Arrangement Chairperson L.L. Claudia Roberts, LL Ruler Angeline Murry, Souvenir Chairperson LL Pamela D. Hopkins. and all the Loyal Ladies of La Paz Assembly No. 35 must be commended for the exceptional, thoughtful, and meaningful weekend.

(Photos by Kermit Phillips)



SGIG Sidney D. Broadnax, Jr. III. Deputy of the Orient, offers congratulations and remarks to SGLLR Royster.



SGLLR Royster receives congratulations from her dear friend, Imperial Commandress Dt. Charlesena H. Smith.

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- 2012, and Dayton - 2013.

Remarks by SGIG Charles W. Hales #15, Representative of the Sovereign Grand Commander Solomon Wallace, 33°. He informed us that our Deputy is the number one Deputy in the Northern Jurisdiction as rated by the staff of the Cathedral because of his timely and complete reports. The United Supreme Council will meet in Denver, CO - 1550 Court Street (Sheraton Hotel) in 2011. The room rate is \$109.00 plus tax and there are 850 rooms blocked in one hotel. In closing he emphasized the importance of our vote on Tuesday. Please cast your vote. Deputy Broadnax thanked the Local Chairman GIG Charles Allen #24 and his committee for a job well done hosting this 101st Annual session. Meeting then adjourned.

Highlights of the 39th Session of Ohio Grand Assembly Order of the Golden Circle held October 23-24th 2010. Loyal Lady Ruler Angeline E. Murry and members of LaPaz Assembly No. 35, opened and hosted this Annual Session with State Grand Loyal Lady Ruler Jamesetta Hopson Royster presiding. Loyal Lady Rulers representing their Assemblies were: LL Willie Ruth Dean, Bezaleel No. 19, Cleveland; LL Alice Jean Johnson, Miami Assembly No. 22, Dayton; LL Ruth Ann Beasley, Dove Assembly No. 34, Cincinnati; LL Angeline E. Murry, LaPaz Assembly No. 35, Toledo; and LL Cecilia Lucas, Capital Valley Assembly No. 36, Columbus, Ohio, along with officers and members. Also in attendance were 12 Past State Grand Loyal Lady Rulers and Female Head of Houses.

The Grand Assembly awarded \$3,000 in scholarships. La Paz Assembly No. 35 was awarded "Poster of the Year" for their community

involvement, participation in Grand Assembly and Subordinate Assemblies events. Visitation of Deputy SGIG Sidney D. Broadnax, Jr., and his delegation was well received on Sunday morning. Highlight of his visit was the announcement that Sovereign Grand Commander the Honorable Solomon Wallace bestowed the title of Honorary Past State Grand Loyal Lady Ruler to LL Charlesena H. Smith of La Paz Assembly No. 35. She is serving as the Imperial Commandress, Daughters of Isis of the United States and its Jurisdiction and also was serving as State Grand Loyal Lady Standard Bearer. The Membership Award was given to Bezaleel Assembly No. 19 by GIG George W. King, Chairman of the Membership Award. LL Claudia S. Robert Chairman of Arrangements and the Committee are to be commended for an outstanding job.

Elected Officers of the Ohio Grand Assembly for the Year 2010: State Grand Loyal Lady Ruler, LaVerna Elder, No. 36; Grand Loyal Lady Associate Ruler Carolyn S. Ray, No. 19; Grand Loyal Lady Priestess, Jacqueline E. Harris, No. 22; Grand Loyal Lady Guide, Sharon Coleman, No. 34; Grand Loyal Lady Treasurer, Daisy L. Lewis, No. 36; Grand Loyal Lady Secretary, Patricia A. Johnson, No. 36. Appointed Line Officers: Grand LL Herald, Joyce E. Aldridge, No. 35; LL Standard Bearer, Ruth Keels, No. 36; Grand LL Inner Guard, Betty Williams, No. 19; and Grand LL Outer Guard, Lucy Harvey, No. 22; Grand LL Musician, PSGLLR Bertha W. Peyton, No. 35; Grand Historian, PSGLLR Evelyn McKinney, No. 34; LL Willa Mae Brown, No. 35; Grand Assistant Secretary, Constance Kendall, No. 22; Grand Assistant Guides: LL Vanetta Belows, No. 22 and LL Arthurine Shepard, No. 22.



A proud moment for the SGLLR Jamesetta H. Royster and members of her family.



SGLLR Royster with officers of the Ohio Grand Assembly.



Reception of the MWGM Robert L. Jones and the Grand Lodge Trustees.



SGLLR Royster and members of St. Matthew Consistory #24.

Next Deadline for The Lamp May 15, 2011.



ME Prince Hall Grand Chapter of Ohio Royal Arch Masons Hosts Southern and Northern District Meetings

By RE Jay Johnson, PHGP
Grand Director Publicity
& Public Relations

SOUTHERN DISTRICT — The 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Capitular Districts held their Southern District Meeting on Saturday, November 13, 2010, at Windham Hall, Cincinnati, Ohio, under the direction of Grand Lecturer RE Eston "Lucky" Wilson and Deputy Grand Lecturers RE Donovan L. Nolcox, 2nd District and RE William "Bill" Lucas, 3rd District. RE Rufus T. Duhart, Deputy of the 1st District was hospitalized, but PGHP William Watkins and other Companions from the First District stepped in and did a commendable job in hosting the Southern District Meeting.

After the ritualistic opening led by EHP James C. McCreary and the Companions of Prince White Chapter No. 1, the following groups and individuals were properly received into the Chapter Room: The RE Deputy Grand Lecturers, RE Grand Lecturer, Grand Chapter Trustees, appointed and elected, all Past Grand High Priests and the ME Grand High Priest, Ray S. Robinson.

Highlights of the meeting consisted of a series of lectures: *The Significance of the Number Twelve to a Royal Arch Mason*, by RE Reginald Blake; *The Lost Word*, by RE David W. Murray; *Zerubbabel* by RE William Lucas; *The Penny*, by RE Harvey Walker; *Symbolism of the Veils*, by RE Warren Fitzpatrick; *A Black Gift to Masonry*, by RE Darryl R. Smith. These lectures were contained in a program booklet that was most informative and had much information about Capitular Masonry, including maps, charts and diagrams, a brief history of Royal Arch Masonry, other information on The



ME Grand High Priest
Ray S. Robinson

Triple Tau, Construction of the Ark of the Covenant, an explanation of the Masonic Calendar and finally, a discussion on the Royal Arch Degree.

By Eston Lucky Wilson
RE Grand Lecturer

NORTHERN DISTRICT: The 4th and 5th Capitular Districts held their Northern District Meeting on Saturday, December 4, 2010 at the El Hasa Temple Bldg., 10004 Union Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio, under the direction of RE Grand Lecturer Eston "Lucky" Wilson and RE Grand Trustee-at-Large and Overseer of Dist. #4, Reginald A. Blake, Sr., PHP, #36; RE Past Grand Trustee-at-Large, Gerald Still, PHP, #36; RE Deputy Grand Lecturer, Dist. #5, Harvey Walker, PHP, #39; and RE Deputy Grand Lecturer, Dist. #3, William "Bill" Lucas, PHP, #53.

The ritualistic opening and closing were performed by a combined team lead by Melvin Russell, PHP, #36 as E. High Priest. The ME Grand High Priest, Ray S. Robinson, all Grand Officers Elected and Appointed, Past Grand

RE Grand Lecturer Eston Lucky Wilson, #32; RE Dep. GL District #2, Donovan L. Nolcox, #4; RE Dep. GL, Dist. #3, William Lucas, #53; RE Grand Trustee-at-Large and Overseer of District #4, Reginald A. Blake, Sr., #36; and RE Dep. GL, Dist. #5, Harvey Walker, #33.
Not pictured: RE Dep. GL, Dist. #1, Rufus T. Duhart, #51.



High Priests and Heads of Grand Masonic Bodies, were introduced and given appropriate Grand Honors.

The lectures from the November 13, 2010, Southern Meeting were presented again by the original Lecturers and an expanded power point presentation was led by Comp. Paul L. Hunt, #36 and RE Gerald Still,

PHP, #36. An expanded explanation of the Veils was also given with the assistance from the combined team members and PHP Melvin Russell, #36.

All registered attendees were presented an updated version of the program booklet originally prepared by RE DGL Rufus T. Duhart,

#1 for the Southern District meeting.

The meeting was closed in due form after the ME Grand High Priest gave a stirring talk on future plans for the Grand Chapter in 2011. An outstanding repast was provided at both District meetings and the agendas started and ended on time.

3rd District Exalts 22 Royal Arch Masons

The Third Capitular District came together to Exalt 22 Companions to the Degree of Royal Arch Mason on September 25, 2010. Under the leadership of RE Deputy Grand Lecturer William H. Lucas, with the assistance of High Priests Darrell



Womack of Johnson Chapter #3, D'Juan Hammonds of Lansing

Chapter #11, and William McCoy of John C. Logan Chapter #53, the degrees were conferred in true

Masonic form. "It was a great day for the District," remarked RE Deputy Grand Lecturer Lucas.

Heroines of Jericho United in Prayer

The Heroines of Jericho of the Southern District, Rollin F. Kelley Court #4 (Columbus), Burning Bush Court #3 (Dayton) and Prince White Court #1 (Cincinnati), gathered at the Catering by Design Conference Center on Saturday, September 18, 2010, to unite in Prayer and Thanksgiving to our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

General Chairperson, Heroine Joy C. Jackson, #4, left no stone unturned in planning a most delightful program from the Praise and Worship to the Breakfast Buffet to the very inspiring sermon. It was truly a blessing to witness this program.

The Deputy Grand Lecturer of the Southern District served as Mistress of Ceremonies and the program was off to a great start with Praise and Worship led by Heroines Dorothea Hives, Deane Nolan and Thomasine Allen. Heroine Lucy

"Deanie" Harvey rendered a medley of songs and Worthy Grand Joshua, Jerry D. Springer offered prayer.

After a delicious breakfast, the highlight of the morning was the sermon from Elder Kermetta Folmar, Associate Minister, Oakley Full Gospel Baptist Church, who had been attending a

Revival out-of-state, drove in and came directly to our Prayer Breakfast to render a most powerful sermon.

The morning ended with presentations from the Planning Committee, remarks from the Most Worthy Grand Joshua and our Most Ancient Grand Matron, Heroine Eva Bess.

LL LaVerna Elder Elected SGLLR of Ohio Grand Assembly



SGLLR LaVerna Elder

Loyal Lady LaVerna Elder of Capital Valley Assembly No. 36, was elected and installed as State Grand Loyal Lady Ruler of the Ohio Grand Assembly, Order of the Golden Circle in Toledo, Ohio on October, 24, 2010.

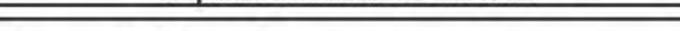
SGLLR LaVerna Elder was born

and raised in Columbus, Ohio, where she completed her high school and continued her education in Business Administration. Married to the late Brother, Carl E. Elder Sr., is the mother of a son, Tommy T. Elder Sr., four grandchildren, and a great-granddaughter. LL Elder retired from Lucent Technology after 35 years of service. She is a member of the New Salem Missionary Baptist Church. Her Masonic affiliations are: Past Matron of Grace Chapter No. 100 O.E.S.; Past Grand Deputy of District No. 4, Order of Easter Star for the State of Ohio; Past Loyal Lady Ruler of Capital Valley Assembly No. 36, Order of the Golden Circle; Past Princess Captain of Taylor Guild No. 6, Temple Crusades; and Honorary Past Commandress of Alla Baba Court No.75, DOI.

Season's Greetings



Charlesena H. Smith (73)
Imperial Commandress and Staff



Season's Greetings

from the MAPH Grand Court Heroines of Jericho

I can do all things through Christ which strengthens me (Phil. 4:13)
Jesus Christ is the reason for the season.

May this holiday season bring you happiness and may the New Year bring Hope, Peace, Joy and Love. Best Wishes for the Holidays!

Heroines Eva L. Bess, MAGM
Knight Jerry D. Springer, MWGJ



*Let us be thankful for all the highs and lows of the past year,
And look forward to the incoming year with
Peace and Happiness.*

Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year!

S.G.I.G. Sidney D. Broadnax, Jr., 33°
Illustrious Deputy - Ohio



My Prayer this Holiday Season
Is for each of us to follow the pattern
Our Lord Jesus Christ set for us
"FORGIVE ONE ANOTHER."
Happy Holidays to All!




SGLLR LaVerna Elder



The Daughters of Isis received a grand welcome in Tampa, FL, site of the Imperial Court Annual Session in August 2010. The governor proclaimed the day "Imperial Court Daughters of Isis Day," along with many other public officials giving honor to them. Ohio is privileged to have the honor of one of their own reigning during this momentous Centennial Celebration, Dt. Charlesena H. Smith, #73.

One of the most solemn moments was the posting of the new Imperial Court Daughters of Isis

flag and the retirement of the old flag which was performed by Imp. Marshal, Dt. Vivian McGee, #73. The old flag will be placed in the time capsule.

The Big Birthday Gala, the Centennial Charity and Awards Luncheon was an eloquent occasion. Four women from the Tampa area were placed in the Centennial Hall of Fame of Outstanding Women.

The "Phenomenal Woman of the Century," was a tribute to First Lady, Mrs. Michelle Robinson Obama.

Alla Baba Court Provides Treats to Seniors



Nobles and Daughters of Alla Baba Temple #53 and Court #75, Desert of Ohio, Oasis of Columbus, enjoyed an afternoon with the residents of Isabelle Ridgeway Care Center, on June 27, 2010. On this 90+ degree day, the Root Beer and Orange Floats served as a great treat to both the visitors and residents. Not only were the residents greeted with loving kindness, they invited the Nobles and Daughters to sit with them and share stories and speak about current topics of the day. This was a great social and

service project. The Director of the Care Center, commented that this was a special treat that is rarely provided. Isabelle Ridgeway Care Center, located blocks from the Temple, has established a rich heritage from its humble beginnings over ninety years ago.

Isabelle Ridgeway Care Center (IRCC), is a not-for-profit, community owned and operated long term care center that is considered to be a "cornerstone" on the near eastside of Columbus, OH.

Submitted by Deniesha Newby

David V. Moore Grand Guild, H of TC



The David V. Moore Grand Guild of Ohio, met on July 17, 2010, in Akron Ohio. Theme for the Grand Conclave was "Helping Others through Christ." To that end, the Grand Guild made a monetary donation to a cancer support group from Cleveland celebrating the survival of friends and family. Additionally, the Grand Guild gave scholarships to three deserving students. Also, proceeds from the sell of a pristine auto donated through the generosity of the estates of Norma and James A.D. Grimes are planned for further community support.

The "sword" changed hands as

newly elected officers were installed. The new Grand Princess Captain is Juanita C. Wood, Golgotha #3, Akron, OH; Glen R. Rollins, Grand Royal Advisor; Emma Jean Hines, Grand Assistant Princess Captain; Reginald Blake, Grand Assistant Royal Advisor; Thelma C. Davis, Grand 1st Lt.; Karen A. James, Grand 2nd Lt.; and Barbara E. Wilson, Grand Commissary. The Grand Lecturer is Kay F. Anderson, Grand Deputy Lecturers are Patricia Ryan, North and Lucy Deanie Harvey, South.

The Grand Princess Captain's theme is "Growing Together In Unity," which was exemplified at the Annual Workshop held October 2, 2010, in Fairborn, OH.

The Grand Guild drill team hopes to further exemplify the Grand Princess Captain's theme as they vie for the 1st place trophy in the International Grand Court Cyrene Crusaders Annual Sword and Drill Competition to be held in Baton Rouge, LA, June 2011.

The 28th Annual Grand Conclave will convene July 16th in Akron OH.

Solomon Johnson Council #4 and Colour Purple Court #4 Records Historical Visit

By Comp. Jerry D. Springer

Solomon Johnson Council #4 Royal and Select Masters and Colour Purple Court #4, Ladies of the Circle of Perfection, made history by enjoying a first-ever visitation by Colour Purple Court #4 to its sponsoring Council, Solomon Johnson #4. This historic evening of fraternal love and recognition was highlighted by the reception of the Colour Purple Court #4, Ladies of the Circle of Perfection by the Solomon Johnson Council in grand fashion.

Colour Purple Court #4, was led by its presiding officer, Royal Perfect Matron Margaret Bohanon and Royal Chief Advisor Arper Tentman, Jr. The members of the Court were welcomed by Thrice Illustrious Master Dr. James Eddings, Jr. and the officers and members of Solomon Johnson Council #4. Gifts were exchanged, recognition was made to Colour Purple Court as the officially sponsored auxiliary to Solomon Johnson Council, and love was shared by all.

Following this historic reception, a feast of culinary delights was enjoyed. A formal program was then presented featuring the Deputy Master of Solomon Johnson Council, Companion Ernest Neilson, III, as Master of Ceremonies and the General Chairman of the event, and the Principle Conductor of the Work, Companion Russell A. Patterson. The officers of both bodies were introduced.

In attendance at this historic event was Past Grand Thrice Illustrious Master William C. Parker, under whose administration Colour Purple Court #4 received its charter from the MIPH Grand Council Royal and Select Masters, State of Ohio and its Jurisdiction. Also in attendance was the Grand Coordinator of the Circle of Perfection for the State of Ohio, Past Grand Thrice Illustrious Master Jerry D. Springer.

TIM Dr. James Eddings, Jr. the officers and members of Solomon Johnson Council #4 had long awaited this night, which afforded them the opportunity to receive Colour Purple Court #4 for its first-ever visit to the Council. They look forward to this first-ever reception becoming an annual event and urge the support of its companions by becoming members of this the newest member of our Prince Hall Family.

Also attending the event were four PGTI Masters, John H. Holmes, Arlin Jackson, Fred Conway, Jr. Willie J. Fulton, Jr. and Arper Tentman, Jr.

The officers of Colour Purple Court #4: Royal Perfect Matron, Margaret Bohanon; Royal Chief Advisor, Arper Tentman, Jr.; Royal Deputy Matron, Barbara Winston; Royal Principle Conductress, Hulet Gilmer; Royal Associate Conductress, Lucy G. Harvey; Royal Conductress of Ceremonies, Lawyanna Marshall; Royal Treasurer, Betty Murphy Green; Royal Secretary, Vivian L. White; Royal Chaplain, Constance Kendall, Royal Marshal; Royal Steward, Barbara Hudson-Banner; Royal Sentinel, John H. Holmes; PRCA, 1st Royal Advisor, Willie Fulton, Jr.; 2nd Royal Advisor, Fred Conway, Jr.



TIM Dr. James Eddings presents roses to RPM Margaret Bohanon as RCA Arper Tentman, Jr. looks on.



Ladies of Colour Purple Court No. 4, Ladies of the Circle of Perfection.



Solomon Johnson Council #4 and Colour Purple Court #4's first joint visitation and formal recognition by the sponsoring Council.

Photos by V.J. Thomas

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MAPH Grand Court Heroines of Jericho

By M. Francine Washington

The 36th Annual Grand Convocation was held April 25, 2010, in Dayton, OH. The Most Ancient Grand Matron Mary Louise Brookins was delighted to welcome all in attendance including Immediate Past General Grand Conference Grand Most Ancient Matron Heroine Billye Peoples.

The work of the 36th Grand Convocation concluded with the election of officers for 2910-2011. The newly elected officers are: Heroine Eva Bess, Most Ancient Grand Matron; Jerry D. Springer, Most Worthy Grand Joshua; Juanita C. Wood, Vice Ancient Grand Matron; Kennedy C. McCall, Worthy Vice Grand Joshua; Leo C. Beavers, Chaplain; Theodore R. Patton, 1st Court Director; Robert Lynch,

2nd Court Director; Michael I. Bess, 3rd Court Director; Thomasine G. Allen, Worthy Grand Senior Attendant; Patricia A.P. Taylor, Worthy Grand Junior Attendant; Lucy G. Harvey, Worthy Grand Lecturer; Helen Cotton, Secretary; and Joan B. Travis, Treasurer. Grand Deputies are Heroines Wilhemia Tucker, North and Charlene Reese, South.

The Most Ancient Grand Matron has chosen as her theme "Faith, Hope, and Charity." She began putting the theme into action with the Northern Prayer Breakfast held in Akron and the Southern Prayer Breakfast held in Columbus.

Additionally, the Annual School of Instruction was held October 16, 2010 in Columbus, OH, to help increase the knowledge of the Heroines of Jericho.



MAGM Mary Louise Brookins presides over Grand Convocation.

The 2011 Annual Convocation will be held May 1, 2011 at the Doubletree Hotel, Independence OH.



PMAGM Barbara A. King with special guest. PGGCMAGM Billye Peoples.

Photos by Jay Johnson



Heroine Eva Bess and Knight Jerry D. Springer are elected Most Ancient Grand Matron and Most Worthy Grand Joshua.



Alpha Priory No. 1 Holds Election At Annual Conclave

BY ESTON LUCKY WILSON
Chair, Publicity

The Hope Hotel and Conference Center, WPAFB, Fairborn/Dayton, Ohio, was the site of the 23rd Annual Conclave of Alpha Priory No. 1, Knights York Cross of Honour (KYCH), PHA, on Saturday, June 12, 2010. In attendance was the first Grand Master General of The National Governing Body, The Convent General USA, Inc., KYCH, Knight Willie L. Mosley, from Detroit, MI, an active member and Past Eminent Prior of Alpha Priory No. 1, KYCH.

The 23rd Annual Conclave began with a devotional service led by Kt. Prelate Kennedy C. McCall, (OH). The session was opened by E. Prior Rufus T. Duhart. All General Grand, Grand, Past Grand Officers, and Heads of Houses, were escorted into the chamber and given appropriate honors and invited to the East for remarks. The normal order of business was followed until the regular "all you can eat" buffet was served, followed by a photo session.

The Conclave resumed with the conclusion of all reports. Special recognition was given to MWPGM Frederick E. Kelley, Sr., who was MWGM at the time he signed the original Charter of Alpha Priory No. 1 in 1988. Eleven other states now have Priorities. Recognition was also given to MWPGM Sidney D.

Broadnax, Jr., who later granted the Priory official fraternal recognition during his administration. All attendees were provided a copy of an outstanding souvenir journal prepared by Eminent Prior Rufus T. Duhart, with the assistance of Past Eminent Prior William Watkins.

Two Knights were inducted by the ceremony of Investiture, Kt. Ben T. Johnson of Indiana and Kt. Rodford Berry of Ohio. The Necrology ceremony was led by Kt. Kennedy C. McCall (OH), in memory of all deceased Knights.

The election and installation of officers was conducted by Past Eminent Prior Frederick E. Kelley, Sr. The elected officers for 2010-2011 are: Knights Eston Lucky Wilson (OH), Eminent Prior; Michael H. Jordan (MI), Kt. Deputy Prior; Kennedy C. McCall (OH), Kt. Warder; Jerry D. Springer (OH), Kt. Treasurer; William C. Parker (OH), Kt. Registrar; and Reginald A. Blake (OH), Kt. Prelate. The annual Conclave was closed in due form.

NOTICE: The Convent General, KYCH, USA, PHA has suffered the loss of the ME Grand Master General, Adlai S. Coffee (TN) in November 2010. However, plans for the 2011 Convocation are on for Thursday, April 29, and Friday, April 30, 2011, at the Sheraton Hotel near Los Angeles Airport (LAX) in California. Therefore,



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Alpha Priory No. 1, will have a special call meeting on Saturday, January 15, 2011, at the Hope Hotel, WPAFB, Fairborn/Dayton, Ohio. Room rates: \$67 to \$74, call hotel at 937-879-2696.

On October 15, 2010, each member of Alpha Priory No. 1 was sent a package by mail or in person, containing the Proclamation for the special call meeting also registration forms and petitions for membership, which will be voted on at this meeting on January 15th only. If you are a member of Alpha Priory and do not have this package of information please call the Eminent Prior, ASAP 937-369-4960 or E-mail: ELuckyWilson@aol.com. All officers elected and appointed are encouraged to pre-register or notify the Eminent Prior if you cannot be in attendance.

MIPH Grand Council, Royal & Select Masters Hold 90th Grand Assembly

The 90th Annual Grand Assembly of the MIPH Grand Council Royal & Select Masters, was held May 16, 2010, at the Doubletree Hotel, 5801 Southfield Expressway, Detroit, MI. The session began with devotions at 8 a.m. and continued into the ritualistic opening and conducting of all official business including a Necrology Service.

PGTIM Willie L. Mosley, #21, conducted the election and installation of officers. The elected officers for 2011-2011 are: GTIM Warren Fitzpatrick, #24; Dep. Grand Thrice Ill. Master, Charles Fellows, #1; Grand Principle Conductor of the Works, Michael H. Jordan, #30; Grand Treasurer, Fred Conway, Jr., #4; Grand Recorder, William H. McElya, Sr., #14. By Keith D. Clark, Sr., #14 Grand Publicity Chairman



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Noble Homer L. Buchanan Elected Deputy Imperial Potentate AEAONMS



HOMER L. BUCHANAN
Deputy Imperial Potentate
AEAONMS

The Ancient Egyptian Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, PHA, has over 230 Temples and over 200 Courts in fourteen countries and on four continents with membership exceeding 30,000. The Shrine was created in 1893 in Chicago, IL, the Courts (Ladies Auxiliary) was created in 1910. Annual sessions are one of the most sought after conventions in the world because of the financial impact that is brought to the host city (est. from \$8-\$12 million), not only in numbers but the length of our convention.

The Shrine national charity is the Prince Hall Diabetics Initiative and has pledged one million dollars (ten year pledge) toward the eradication of diabetics. There is also a Youth Mentoring program, Pyramid Training program for Officers, Student Aid Program for College Students, Military and Veterans Affairs Dept. to assist retired/retiring veterans and participation in the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. monument erection project in Washington, DC.

As Deputy Imperial Potentate, Noble Buchanan assists the Imperial Potentate in running the organization, taking custody of the Deputies of the Deserts, Oases, Advisors and Organizers, monitor their performance, dedication and reliability. The term is for two years. "I would like to improve the reporting mechanism of these officers in addition to lending support toward training these representatives of the Imperial Potentate, plus increasing membership by creating new members in addition to reclaiming some of our former members," stated Noble Buchanan.

Formal Recognition Granted by MWPH Grand Lodge to Holy Royal Arch Knight Templar Priests (HRAKTP)

At the annual MWPH Grand Communication held August 2010, at Cincinnati, Ohio, MWGM Robert L. Jones, with the stroke of his pen and the approval of the Craft, added Hannibal Tabernacle #78, to the official rolls of approved Masonic Bodies operating within the MWPH Grand Lodge of Ohio's Jurisdiction.

Hannibal Tabernacle #78 was ordained and constituted (UD) on December 3, 2009 at the Lima Ohio Masonic Bldg, by order and invitation of Gerald A. Ford, KG Commander and Grand Preceptor of the Grand College of America, Holy Royal Arch, Knights Templar Priests.

On February 12, 2010, at Alexander, VA, during the Grand Ingathering of the Grand College of America, Hannibal Tabernacle #78, was removed from UD status and presented its Charter as a regularly constituted Tabernacle with 17 Charter members on its rolls. (The maximum Tabernacle membership is 33 total.) The above actions and/or events established Hannibal Tabernacle #78 as the first and only PH affiliated Tabernacle on the books of the Grand College of America, HRAKTP. (Note: See previous article in *The Lamp Winter 2009*, on page 20, "Prince Hall Knights Templar Make History.")

The three officers elected on December 11, 2010 for one year are: Knights Homer L. Buchanan, Very Eminent Preceptor, William C. Parker, Deputy Preceptor; and Keith D. Clark, Sr., Registrar-Treasurer, 810 Glensdel Dr., Dayton, OH 45417.



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\$500 Scholarship Challenge Met By York Rite Masonic Bodies



At the MWPH Grand Lodge Communication Awards Banquet for 2009, Alpha Priory No. 1 made a \$500 donation to the PH Scholarship Foundation and challenged three other York Rite Grand Bodies to donate \$500 each for 2010. The challenge was met at the Awards Banquet in August 2010, when the following officers made a donation of \$500 each on behalf of their Grand Body, to MW Grand Master Robert L. Jones and RW Ronald A. Ogletree, Executive Director, PH Scholarship Foundation. (L. to r.) Eston Lucky Wilson, Grand Eminent Prior, Alpha Priory #1, Knights York Cross of Honour (KYCH); Aaron E. Ray, RE Grand Commander, Ohio PH Grand Commandery, Knights Templar; Warren Fitzpatrick, MI Grand Thrice Ill. Master, MEPH Grand Council, Royal & Select Masters; and Ray S. Robinson, ME Grand High Priest, MEPH Grand Chapter of Ohio Royal Arch Masons. All four pledged their continued support in memory of MWPGM Aron Moss, Jr., #115.

Homer L. Buchanan Heads Grand Encampment of Knights Templar, USA

In July, 2010, Knight Homer L. Buchanan, was elected as The Most Eminent Grand Master of the Prince Hall Affiliated Grand Encampment, USA, PHA, for a term of two years. The Grand Encampment is the national governing body for all PHA Knights Templar Commanderies in the United States of America.

The Grand Encampment has approximately 23 Jurisdiction (or states) within its Order. Each is led by a State Eminent Grand Commander. There is also a Deputy in each Jurisdiction that represents and reports directly to Knight Buchanan. The ME Grand Master's responsibility is to manage the organization's activities, finances and development of programs, set the tone and direction while monitoring the performance of all officers.

Also under its Jurisdiction is the International Grand Court (ladies auxiliary) led by the International Grand Princess Commandress, who has Heroines of Templar Crusade Courts (female) in various Jurisdictions (states).

Master Masons in good standing seeking to become members of the Knights Templar, must first obtain and maintain membership in other primary chivalric Masonic Orders, IE, Royal Arch Mason, Royal & Select Masters, in most Jurisdictions. All appendant, allied and adoptive body membership is by invitation only.

In his acceptance address, Kt. Buchanan, stressed his goals of bolstering the financial conditions, streamlining and improving operations, improve the knowledge of members and non-members of the rich heritage of this Order, while expanding the involvement and support of other organizations, increase visibility inside our various communities.



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