



MWPHGL of Ohio Convenes 160th Grand Communications



MW Grand Master Rev. James H. Willis, Sr., is escorted into Grand Lodge Session by Grand Marshal Michael L. Freeman.

By RW Jimmie E. Johnson, Editor

PHGL of Wisconsin, MWPHGL of Connecticut, MWPHGL of West Virginia and the Grand Lodge of Ohio.

Fifty-Year Pins were awarded to two Past Masters from Edward Dugger, Jr. Military Lodge No. 123. They were PM Clarence "Bud" Willis and PM Edward Thomas and to Past Grand Master Kenneth E. Lewis of King David Lodge No. 116. Others receiving this milestone award but were not present included: Julian E. McClain No. 106, Thomas Austin No. 11, Bert Wood No. 115, Milous H. Keith, Jr. No. 21, Charles D. Allen No. 4, Aurby Burton No. 52, James A. Thompson No. 52, Cecil W.

The Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge convened the 160th Annual Communications on July 31 - August 4, 2009, at the Columbus, A Renaissance Hotel, Columbus, Ohio. The Honorable James H. Willis, Sr., MWGM ended his tenure on a high note as he presided over this Grand Session.

Highlights from the Session:

There were many visiting delegations which included the following Jurisdictions: MWPHGL of Massachusetts, MWPHGL of Indiana, MWPHGL of Michigan, MWPHGL of Pennsylvania, MWPHGL of Washington, DC, MW-

Thomas No. 59, George Young No. 66, Raymond E. Howard No. 77, Alton L. Byrd No. 9, Carl D. Jones, Sr. No. 95 and Samuel King No. 95.

During the Scholarship Program on Saturday afternoon, August 1, 2009, RW Ronald A. Ogletree had the pleasure to award scholarships

to 28 new students and 18 continuing education students. These 46 awards totaled \$32,000. He paid tribute to two Past Grand Masters, PGM Robert B. Oglesby who had the vision to start the scholarship program and to PGM Aron Moss, Jr. who was the catalyst that moved the program from

infancy to where it is today. Over the past 28 years, the Prince Hall Scholarship Foundation has awarded 684 scholarships worth over \$525,000.

The 2009 Scholarship Recipients: Tierney Allen, Daejah Alexander, Anthony Benton, (See *Grand Communications*, pg. 5)

Robert L. Jones Elected 59th MW Grand Master



MWGM Robert L. Jones receives oath of office from PMWGM Frederick E. Kelley, Sr.

By RW Jimmie E. Johnson, Editor

During the 160th Grand Communications of the MWPHGL of Ohio, the Honorable Robert L. Jones was duly elected and installed as the 59th Most Worshipful Grand Master of Prince Hall Masons of the Jurisdiction of Ohio on Tuesday, August 4, 2009. A Past Master of Euclid Lodge No. 97, the newly installed MWGM immediately set to work by giving the Craft the theme for his administration: "Keeping the Charge as

We Bridge the Gap," which was inspired by one of the great hymns of the church: "A Charge to Keep."

Some of the goals for this administration include:

- Undertaking of the task to erect or purchase a new Grand East;

full speed and has already implemented the Grand Lodge Strategic Plan that will further enhance the ability of the Grand Lodge to be a viable and visible institution.

The remaining elected Grand Lodge Officers were:

RW Johnny O. Pitts - Deputy Grand Master; RW Darryl R. Smith - Senior Grand Warden; RW Carl A. Williams - Junior Grand Warden; RW Robert Estelle, Grand Lodge Trustee-at-Large; RW James H. Willis, Sr., Grand Lodge Trustee; RW Charles V. Williams, III, Grand Treasurer; and RW Charles G. Smith, Grand Secretary retained their respective offices.



PMWGM Steven Reece, Sr. invests MWGM Jones with the jewel of his office. (Photos by Woodrow Riddle)

- Introduction of a Grand Lodge Education program to train and develop leaders at the subordinate lodge level;

- Improve our image in the community through a Public Relations initiative and community service;

- Develop a unified bookkeeping system and audit process that will be the model for the use of each subordinate lodge throughout the jurisdiction;

- A membership initiative with the goal of doubling our membership in two years;

- Expand the Prince Hall Housing Foundation's operation to each of the seven Masonic Districts;

- Each subordinate Lodge will be required to adopt a school and establish a working relationship and provide documentation of the same to the District Administrative Officer;

The Most Worshipful Grand Master has hit the ground at



The Apron is then placed on MWGM Jones.



First Lady Mrs. Jay Jones congratulates her husband, MWGM Robert L. Jones, during the public installation.

Elected Imperial Commandress Imperial Court Daughters of Isis



Ohio's own Dt. Charlesena H. Smith, #73, was elected as the 2009-2011 Imperial Commandress of the Imperial Court, Daughters of Isis, at the Imperial Session held at Atlanta, Georgia, in August. Dt. Smith's theme is: "Giving with Commitment, Unity, Loyalty and Love." Her motto is: "With Unity We Can Move Mountains." Dt. Smith's program thrusts are: education, health, youth/Isisettes, elderly, homeless, adopt-a-school, and women in transition.

We congratulate Dt. Smith on the culmination of her long journey to become Imperial Commandress.



MWGM Robert L. Jones with the gavel of authority in his very capable hands.

From the Desk of the MW Grand Master... MW Robert L. Jones, #79

“Keeping the Charge as We Bridge the Gap”

First, I thank the Grand Architect of the Universe who is the giver of every good and perfect gift for allowing me to serve you as your Grand Master. Next, I thank you, my Brethren, for showing the confidence in me to elect me as your leader. I am humbled by this honor and committed to the task ahead. Thanks.

I would also like to extend a profound thanks to all who supported the efforts of Euclid Lodge No. 97 as they sponsored the Recognition Banquet held on November 7th. Whether you came to honor the Grand Master or to socialize with Bob Jones, I am acutely aware of the economic sacrifice made by all in attendance. It was a tremendous show of love, respect and selflessness on your part. We pray that it was enjoyable for you as well.

Please know that we are constantly attempting to improve our communications with the membership and to bring programs that will benefit the Brethren. Make sure that you study and participate in the programs such as the Discount Benefits Plan, the travel club, and to fill out the membership questionnaire that are a part of this edition of *The Lamp*. There is more to come as we attempt to move forward.

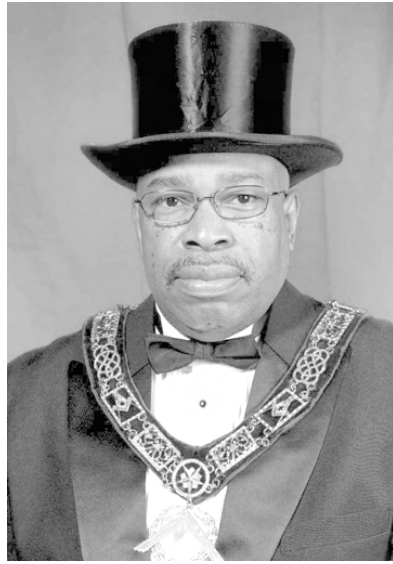
I ask for your support of all of our programs and initiatives and welcome all positive input and suggestions.

A Special Communication of the Grand Lodge will be held on March 6, 2010, at the Eastmoor Middle School in Columbus, Ohio at 8:00 a.m. At this time we will adopt the revised by-laws and consider the adoption of a Grand Lodge Building Program.

Jay and I thank you for all the kindnesses and affection that you have extended to us. May the Grand Master of the Universe continue to bless you all.

Fraternally,

Robert L. Jones
MW Grand Master



Ready or Not...

For more than a year leading up to my husband’s ascent to MW Grand Master, people kept asking me: “Are you ready?” My often unvoiced response was also in the form of a question “ready for what?” Even when I gave voice to it, I didn’t get a very definitive answer other than laughter. It seems that, unlike the Grand Master’s position, there was nothing clearly spelled out for what a “first lady” should be or do. Fortunately, I had enough sense to observe and develop relationships with some of the preceding first ladies who, without even knowing it, imparted a wealth of knowledge to me. I saw and experienced, in them, wonderful manifestations of courage, courtesy, compassion, concern, confidence and class, exuding from an inner strength worthy of emulation.

But in seeking direction for this new status, I look first to the word of God and find that my role and primary duty has not changed; I am to be my husband’s “Completer.” Okay, I can already hear some of the more liberated women groaning and saying “where is she going with this and what does it have to do with anything.” Trust me, I’ve struggled with similar thoughts but have always had to come back to God’s purpose for woman.

Psalms 139:14 tells me that I am fearfully and wonderfully made — you are too. I’m sure we can all agree that God made everything on purpose and He makes nothing by accident. That’s

what I want to address here. Ladies, stay with me on this — I promise not to be preachy — but I want to share where I am on this “First Lady” thing based on what God created the first lady (Eve) to be.

First, let me say that God didn’t create man for you. Yes! you heard me right. God created woman to be a helpmate for man. You see ladies, I believe God saved the best for last ... woman... created after everything else because man was incomplete. Seemingly, he had it all right there in the garden — every perfect thing and direct fellowship with God. But God saw that something was missing ... He wanted Adam to have the best of everything and have every desire met. So, to top off a perfect world He created woman FOR THE MAN.

Let’s put it this way, woman comes to an incomplete man, completes him, and then reaps the benefits. It’s her job to be the aggressor, to complete man so he can lead her, but he needs woman to start him! Man needed someone to see how much he could lift and to say “you are so strong,” but there was no one to boost his ego. Maybe he took a lap around the garden and there was no one to say... “Wow, you are the fastest runner I know!” God made woman to sit on the sidelines and cheer when a man succeeds. God made a woman to sit in the audience while her husband speaks and say, “That’s the best speaker in the world.” Okay, maybe I’m



getting carried away here but you get the idea. God knew man needed help, so he made woman. He made her to be man’s helpmate. God made woman for man! The word “helpmate” means “completer,” like finishing a circle ...a completion. No, God didn’t see a child needing care and say “I’m going to send somebody down to take care of that child.” He didn’t say, “that baby’s diaper needs changing, I’ll create someone to take care of that.” Nor did He say “there’s a dirty house, I’ll send someone to clean” (thank you, Lord). And as much as we would like to believe this He didn’t say, “I’m going to send her down for man to love and protect.” God didn’t send you down to be helped; God sent you down to help.

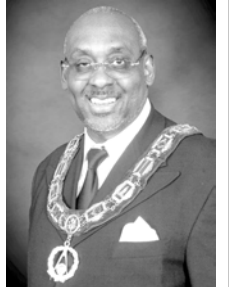
Of course there isn’t a “women’s libber” alive that sees any truth in what I’m trying to say here. Even I must admit that I’m still a work in progress, but in ex-



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aming the tenets of Freemasonry as it aligns with God’s word, it is evident that man is positioned by God to lead, and woman to follow. So ladies, like it or lump it, that’s how God ordained it and we’ll continue to feel frustrated in our roles until we do it God’s way.

Having said all that, Grand Master, I publicly pledge my full support as “helpmate” as you enter this new phase of responsibility in your life. Remember though, I’m a First Lady “under construction” so be patient with me, otherwise I may need to increase the frequency of my “retail therapy” to get me through this. Seriously, I promise to do all within my power to represent you and the

Grand Lodge well by drawing upon the Spirit within — I know I can’t go wrong with that.

Now, the holiday season has come and gone, however, I still pray God’s richest blessings upon each of you. Whether you celebrated Christmas, Kwanzaa, Hanukkah or did not celebrate at all, reach out to those who are less fortunate than you are. It is at this time of year, more than any other, that our belief in “The Fatherhood of God and The Brotherhood of Man” manifest itself in our interactions with others.

“The Blessings God gives to us are the Blessings we give to others.”

Be Blessed and Be a Blessing,
Jay Jones

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A Tribute to the MW Grand Master From a Senior Past Master of Euclid Lodge No. 97

(Tribute as presented at MWGM's Recognition Banquet)

Before I proceed I must confess that I stand before you with a great sense of gratitude and compassion for those who saw the necessity to revise the rules of protocol for public recognition, so that I without fear or reservation can boldly stand before you and simply say "Protocol having been established..." I recognize our Most Worshipful Grand Master, Robert L. Jones.

Brothers, Sisters, family, friends, in-laws and outlaws with a hearty "Good evening," I greet and applaud the Masonic family in its entirety from east to west and west to east; from the burning sands of the Sahara to the ebb and flow of the restless seas. Because of you and your relationship to me the words that I speak are from my heart.

When asked to give reflections as a representative of Euclid Lodge No. 97, my thoughts were directed as to what exercise could I give to relieve myself of this awesome responsibility: the weakness and coarseness of my voice, the uncertainty of my steps or the senility of my thoughts. But the die had been cast and the chair declared that in spite of the excuses, "You are the one." I was quickly reminded that I had reached the third stage of my life and I now stand in childlike obedience to the one who once was obedient to me.

Be patient with me for I am beginning to learn the blessedness of old age: "You can get away with stuff." Seniors have a natural excuse. You can always say "I forgot." But if you forget to say I forgot, don't worry because there are always others who have an excuse for you. If the word Alzheimers seems to be too vulgar, there are those who can really adorn and beautify that which seems to be vulgar into, "Oh, he's just having a senior moment," when in reality all of my moments are now senior moments.

So, why am I at this place and at this time? My thoughts are directed in many metaphorical reasons. Have I come to toast or to roast Brother Jones? Have I come to hail him or bury him? In my searching I found solace in the Holy Word as recorded in John 1:46, when Nathaniel questioned the validity of Jesus' ministry. He asked, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" To which Phillip replied, "Come and see." To those who would question the steadfastness of Euclid Lodge No. 97 or the capable leadership of Brother Robert Jones, we say unto you, "Come and see."

Upon reflection I can remem-

ber how Brother Jones, in his Masonic infancy was so impressed by our ritualistic work that you could see the gleam in his eyes, and the eagerness in his heart to be all that he could be as a Mason. After he became a Master Mason, we could see that he was destined for greatness. He became very proficient in all of the degrees of Masonry and it seemed as if he had unconsciously assumed the character of Julius Caesar — "Vini, vidi, vici — "I came, I saw, I conquered."

In all of his endeavors there were two incidents when I feared that we had lost him. The first incident occurred as Brother Jones was making his way to the middle chamber and he had to cross a Waterford. In order to do so he had to give a word of recognition. This indeed was a problem because from his infancy Brother Jones had a lisp of the tongue and occasionally he crossed his B's with his T's which caused him to fall among those who could not frame to pronounce the required word articulately which almost cost him his life. Brother Henry Sims came to his rescue with the admonition, "Brethren, we will help him across, but with 'caution'."

The second incident occurred as Brother Jones had completed his devotion to God and was confronted by three strong men who demanded of him a request that he could not fulfill. This was the first time that I witnessed the broad and welcoming smile of Brother Jones deflate into a frown of utter fear.

From his helpless infancy as an Entered Apprentice seeking light in Masonry, to the crowning of his head with the laurel wreath of vic-

tory and his breast adorned with the diadem of a potentate and his head and shoulders capped with the insignia as first Brother of the Prince Hall Family of Ohio, Brother Jones has steadfastly kept his footing and maintained the dignity of our profession and has earned the love and respect that you have so graciously bestowed upon him.

Euclid Lodge No. 97 please stand. Most Worshipful Grand Master Robert L. Jones, we the members of Euclid Lodge No. 97 extend our congratulations to you on becoming the 59th Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Prince Hall Family of Ohio. We wish you God speed in all of your endeavors to lead this august body to nobler deeds, higher heights and greater achievements. Listen to the voice within you for "the steps of a good man are ordered by the Lord." Therefore we salute you with a hearty "All hail, all hail, all hail."

I close my remarks with an ode to Euclid Lodge No. 97 with the words and tune taken from "O Little Town of Bethlehem."

Oh, Little Lodge of West
College Hill

How still we see thee lie
Above thy deep and dreamless
sleep

The Silent stars go by
Yet in thy dark streets shineth
A ray of hope and light
The hopes and fears of all your
years are met

In thee this night.

Thank you.

PM Andrew S. Price, No. 97



MW Grand Master Robert L. Jones, his wife, Jay, and children.

Euclid Lodge Hosts Gala Testimonial Weekend to Honor MWGM Robert L. Jones

By RW Jay Johnson, Editor

Prince Hall Freemasons, Eastern Stars, family and friends descended upon the Sheraton Cincinnati North Hotel during the weekend of November 6-7, 2009, to celebrate the election and installation of Most Worshipful Brother Robert L. Jones as the 59th Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Ohio.

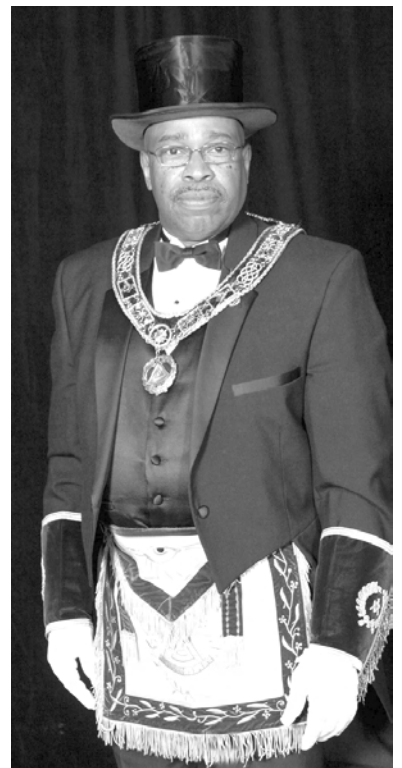
Hosted by Euclid Lodge No. 97 and assisted by Heavenly Star Chapter No. 97, the Gala Weekend was enlightening, enjoyable and entertaining as the hosts left no stone unturned.

The banquet began with the usual ceremonies of reception of the dais guests, followed by introductions of the Masonic Dignitaries who were present.

Then came the enlightenment as Past Master Andrew S. Price gave reflections on MWGM Jones from the Lodge. His words were truly awesome and the entire text of his remarks is published in *The Lamp* (to the left) for all to enjoy.

The remarks from his children Stephanie, Bobby, Drew and Erik and the smooth sounds of the Muzic Company (provided by his wife Jay) were enjoyable and well received. The crowning moments were provided when Mrs. Marie Murray, Amber Murray and Ethel Hill joined as a trio to sing "We Give You Praise" — WOW, what voices!

All of the Grand Heads of Houses of the Ohio Prince Hall Masonic family were in attendance. In addition to those VIPs, we had present Daughter Charlesena H. Smith, Imperial Commandress, Imperial Court, Daughters of Isis (from the Jurisdiction of OH), Noble Homer Buchanan, Imperial Chief Rabban, AEAONMS, Inc. (also



MW Grand Master Robert L. Jones in the regalia of his office.

from the OH Jurisdiction) along with visiting Most Worshipful Grand Masters MW Brother Darrell Morton of Indiana, MW Brother Frank Humphrey of Wisconsin (President of the Midwest Conference of Grand Masters), and MW Brother Hugh Harlan of Kentucky. Traveling with them were: RW Otis Dotson, DGM - IN, RW Thomas S. Loving, DGM - KY, RW Dwight Barnett, GSW - KY, RW Jonathan Bryant, JGW - KY and MWPGM Pink J. Garner - KY.

Also present were Grand Worthy Matron Kay F. Anderson, Grand Worthy Patron Gerald S. Friason and all of the Grand Trustees of Amaranth Grand Chapter, OES.

The evening was capped off with entertainment by The Subject Band who entertained those who stayed overnight in the hotel and there were plenty of refreshments.

The "First Couple,"
MW Grand Master
Robert L. Jones and
his lovely wife, Mrs.
Jay Jones.



(Photos by
Woodrow
Riddle, Jr.,
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Pictorial of MW Grand Master's Recognition Banquet...



MWGM with elected Grand Lodge Trustees and the GLDF Trustees. Seated (l. to r.) RW Grand Secretary Charles G. Smith, RW Deputy Grand Master Johnny O. Pitts, Sr., MWGM Robert L. Jones, RW Senior Grand Warden, Darryl R. Smith, RW Junior Grand Warden Carl A. Williams, RW Grand Treasurer Charles V. Williams, III. Standing: GLDF Trustee RW Kelvin J. Davis, RW Grand Trustee PGM Rev. James H. Willis, Sr., and GLDF Trustee RW Leo C. Beavers.



The Pillars of Ohio Prince Hall Masonry — the Past Grand Masters with MWGM Jones. (Photos by Woodrow Riddle, Jr.)



MW Grand Master Jones with the Most Valiant Grand Master Counselor, Most Venerable Grand Chapter, Order of Pythagorans, Gregory Head, Jr., and Director of Youth Activities, RW Curtis Campbell and members of the Advisory Board.



Appointed Grand Lodge Officers.



The Grand Master's Blue House — members of Euclid Lodge No. 97



MWGM Jones with the Grand Trustees of Amaranth Grand Chapter. Seated (l. to r.) Grand Conductress Loling M. Sawyer; Grand Worthy Patron Gerald S. Friason; MWGM Jones; Grand Worthy Matron Kay F. Anderson; and Grand Associate Matron Beverly J. Beavers. Standing: Grand Sentinel Arnet W. Sanders; Grand Associate Conductress Jacquelyn E. Harris; Grand Treasurer Patricia A.P. Taylor; Grand Secretary Betty A. Bradshaw; and Grand Attorney Freddie Springfield.



(Left) MWGM with his OES Chapter, Heavenly Star No. 97

(Below) Extended family members of MW Grand Master Robert L. Jones.



Past Grand Worthy Matrons and Past Grand Worthy Patrons with MWGM Jones. Seated (l. to r.) Zeda K Roberson, Janet M. Gee Jordan, MWGM Jones, Bernice M. Wells, and Thomasine G. Allen. Standing: Brian T. Moragne, Stephen P. Blackwell, Sr., Jimmie E. Johnson, and Ray S. Robinson.



Grand Communications...

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Patrick Blanks, Brooke Buck, Ashleigh Butler, Derek Conti, Dana Crockett, Kelvin Davis, Jr., Michael Gammo, David Gant, Stephanie Greenlaw, Khyara Harris, Briana Henry, Joseph Jablonski, Howard Johnson, Bryon Keeling, Courtney Kenney, Luke Kwiotkowski, Jasmine Shells, Shayna Smith, Gregory Snead, II, Patrick Stewart, Curtis Walker, Regan Williams, Emerald Woodberry, Bobbie Woodcock and Rachael Woods.

The 2009 Continuing Awards went to: Francosca Adams, Tiffany Akpan, Kylee Barnett,

Roderick Blount, Jessica Byrd, Michael Daniels, Michael Davis, Adrienne Fairbanks, Brittany Greenwood, Gabrielle Jackson, Eric Kidd, Danika Logan-Windom, Keenan Mauli, Adam McCabe, Olivia Moragne, Victoria Phifer, Julian Strother and Gabriel Washington.

At the Sunday evening Memorial Service, the Grand Lodge Memorial Team, under the direction of RW Robert M. Estelle, Jr., again conducted the Lodge of Sorrow as 86 Brothers who were called from Labor to Reward since our last Grand Session, were memorialized.

A Black and White Ball was held Saturday evening. Above are RW Grand Secretary George G. Smith and Mrs. Lynne Smith; RWDGM Robert L. Jones and Mrs. Jay Jones; MWGM James H. Willis, Sr., and Mrs. Linnie Willis; and PGM Sidney D. Broadnax, Jr. and Mrs. Marcia Broadnax. (Photo by Richard Maxey)



Knights Templar prepare to escort the MWGM into the Memorial Service. (Photo by Reggie Oliver)



MWPHGL Trustees at Divine Service. (Photo by Richard Maxey)



MWGM Rev. James H. Willis, Sr., give his final Allocation as Grand Master.



Amaranth Grand Chapter At Sunday morning Divine Service.



Grand Lodge Memorial team lead by RW Robert L. Estelle, Jr. (c.)

MWGM Willis stands proudly with 50-year pin recipients MWPGM Kenneth E. Lewis, PM Clarence "Bud" Willis and PM Edward Thomas. These three brothers also served their country with distinguished service as career members of the United States Air Force.

(Photo by Woodrow Riddle, Jr.)



Ms. Uneen Williams (c.) accepts a \$1400 check on behalf of "The Sisters Network," Cincinnati, for Breast Cancer Reserach and support. Presenting the donation are MWGM Willis and GWM Kay F. Anderson.



At the Awards Banquet MWGM Willis and GWM Anderson serenade the audience for the last time as a leadership team. They were known as the "singing Grand Master and Grand Worthy Matron."

First Lady Mrs. Jay Jones presents outgoing First Lady Mrs. Linnie Willis with a gift from the Trustees' wives.



MWGM Willis receives his Past Grand Master's pin from MWPGM Warren Whitley of Washington, DC.

(Above l.) Roderick Blount, who is attending Ohio State University, accepts a Continuing Education Scholarship Award from RW Ronald A. Ogletree, at the "Aron Moss, Jr. Scholarship Program." (C.) Eric Kidd, Kent State University accepts Continuing Education Scholarship, and (r.) Tierney Allen, Mt. Union College, accepts award. (Photos by Woodrow Riddle)



The Wall was opened and both the Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter hosted a joint visit from the Prince Hall Masonic Family — Grand Head of Houses or their representatives.



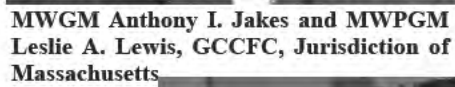
MWGM Charles A. Bishop and delegation from Pennsylvania: RW Leonard Heard, DGM, RW Murphy A. Keller, III, SGW, RW Joseph B. Jefferson, JGM, MWPGM Samuel King and MWPGM George Calloway.



MWGM Darrell Morton leads delegation from Indiana: RW Otis Dotson, DGM, RW Clyde Bailey, SGW, RW Gary Williams, JGW, RW Leroy Wilson, Jr., Grand Secretary; RW Ryan L. Johnson, Chair, Transportation, and RW Richard C. Watson, Security.



MWGM Frank Humphrey (President, Midwest Conference of Grand Masters), and delegation from Wisconsin, RW Micah Tharpe, GJD.



MWGM Anthony I. Jakes and MWPGM Leslie A. Lewis, GCCFC, Jurisdiction of Massachusetts
RWDGM Paul Robinson and delegation from Michigan: RW Derrick G. Paige, SGW and RW Tyrone Hampton, JGW.



MWGM Michael L. Ferguson and delegation from Connecticut, MWPGM Lewis Myrick, Sr. and RW John D. Ferguson, Adm. Asst. to MWGM.



(Above) RWDGM Terry W. Posey and visiting delegation from the Grand Lodge of Ohio: RW Gary L. McElfresh, Grand Chaplain, RW Timothy L. Joliff, Grand Tiler and MWPGM George O. Braatz, Grand Secretary.



(R.) RW Bro. William Zimmerman, Grand Youth Director, MWPHGL of West Virginia.

(R.) MWPGM Warre R. Whitley, GCCFC, Jurisdiction of Washington, DC, accompanied by MWPGM Aaron R. Jordan and MWPGM J. Raymond Murray.



MWGM Rev. James H. Willis, Sr., presents the two First Ladies, his wife, Mrs. Linnie Willis (c.) and GWM Kay F. Anderson (l.) with red roses during the Joint Visitation.

Amaranth Grand Chapter Convenes 122nd Grand Communications

By Jay Johnson, Editor
Grand Worthy Matron Kay F. Anderson and the Grand Trustees of Amaranth Grand Chapter, OES, PHA, gathered at the Columbus, A Renaissance Hotel, in Downtown Columbus, Ohio, where the 122nd Grand Chapter Session was held from July 31 - August 4, 2009.

The preliminary events leading to the opening began on Saturday evening with the Grand Trustees presence at the Scholarship Awards Program.

Later Saturday evening, a Gala "Black & White" Ball was held in one of the ballrooms of the hotel and the Grand Chapter and Grand Lodge Trustees, along with many of the Brothers and Sisters who were on site, adorned themselves in their dressiest wardrobe of black and white attire and danced to the soulful sounds of a live band.

On Sunday morning, the OES Awards Breakfast was held to honor all current and former Grand Nurses for the many years of excellent medical service they have provided during the Grand Sessions. Those nurses honored were: Pearl Bertman, Phoenix No. 96, Joann Blake, POV No. 71, Dicey A. Crain, Queen Elizabeth No. 9, Ruth G. Mosley, Ecclesiastes No. 101, Anne Wilson Robinson, St. Elizabeth No. 6, Mary E. Sanford, Sheba No. 14, Vivian White, Equity No. 102 and Marie Willingham, Elisha No. 89.

Highlights of the Breakfast included the "Ray of Son Shine" Mime Ministry from 2nd Baptist Church, Middletown, OH, who

were simply awesome and brought the audience to their feet with tears as they performed to the songs "His Eye is on the Sparrow" and "I Give You Praise."

Grand Royal Queen, Te'Andra Wilson, Grand Girls Assembly, displayed the family talent with her version of "The Rainbow" and Amaranth Grand Chapter's own Keynotes Jeannie Elam, Juanita Bradley and B. Wayne McLaughlin, rendered their version of "Walk With Me."

The Grand Worthy Matron, Kay F. Anderson and Most Worshipful Grand Master Rev. James H. Willis, Sr., then presented to Ms. Uinee Williams of "The Sisters Network" of Cincinnati a check for \$1400.00 for Breast Cancer.

PM JoAnn Slade, Chairperson, and her committee were commended for an outstanding Awards Breakfast.

Other highlights of the 122nd Grand Session included visiting delegations:

GWM L.C. Caldwell and WP Thomas Vaughan and the delegation from Pennsylvania; GWM Barbara DeVaughan and delegation from Massachusetts; GWM Melinda Evans, GWP John Richmond and the delegation from Indiana; GWM Juanita Bright from the Jurisdiction of North Carolina; GWM Diane Hearn and the delegation from Washington, DC.

The Scholarship Committee awarded seven scholarships worth \$3,500.00 to deserving students.

For the 4th consecutive year, Ruth Chapter has captured the crown and cape belonging to Ms. Amaranth as PM Margaret Bohanon for the second year, reigns as Ms. Amaranth by turning in \$2,500 to Amaranth Grand Chapter.



35-50 Year Pins Awarded...

Thirty-five year pins were awarded to: Gwendolyn Means, Evelyn Mobley, both from No. 2; Lillie Cooper, No. 19; Mattie Jones, No. 31; Grace Sewell, No. 47; Eunice Craig, No. 96; Inostine Jackson and Wila Stevens, No. 66; Leila Frazier, No. 71; Ronald A. Ogletree, Laura Ogletree, Marvin Anderson, and Mildred Lindsay, No. 95; Jimmie E. Johnson, No. 104; Susie Jones, #97. Awarded 50-year pins were: Lillie Smith, No. 19; Elizabeth Wright, No. 47; Sadie Parks, No. 66; Mary Jack-



son, No. 86; Ruby Jones, No. 71; Veetta Terrell and Laura Coleman, No. 83.

35-50 Year Pins Awarded.

OES Recognition Breakfast



(Above) The OES Recognition Breakfast honored all Grand Nurses, past and present. (Below) Mimes from Middletown awe those present.



OES visiting delegations were received at the altar and introduced by Grand Conductress Loling Sawyer. (Photo by VJ Thomas)

5th Masonic District Observes PH Americanism Day



RW Deputy Grand Lecturer Jerry Ellerson and Administrative Officer James K. Willis march into St. John's AME Church, Akron, Ohio, under the escort of Eminent Grand Commander Aaron Ray and the Knights Templar.



Reverend Arthur Green, Pastor of St. John's AME Church, welcomes the 5th Masonic District dignitaries to his church.

Golden Moment for a Master Mason...



RW Deputy Grand Lecturer Melvin L. Russell, 7th Masonic District, proudly pins Bro. Aurby Burton with his 50-year pin, while WM Erick Elder, Eureka Lodge No. 52 and RW Carl A. Williams, Junior Grand Warden look on. (Photo by Ival Angel)



Reverend Arthur Green welcomes the female Heads of Houses, which included members of Heroines of Templar Crusades, OES and Grand Girls Assembly. (Photos by Eric Kidd, Sr.)

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From the MWPH Grand Lodge Trustees...

From the Desk of the RW Grand Senior Warden



Greetings and Happy New Year!

It is certainly with humility and pride to have received your vote of confidence and become your Right Worshipful Senior Grand Warden. Words cannot begin to express my appreciation for this privilege and honor, and you have my solemn pledge that I will do my utmost for The Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Ohio, F&AM during my term of office.

There are many ancient and worldly philosophies pertaining to most anything, some simple and obvious, others less so. Take for example a rope has two ends — one at each end. The glass is half empty or half full, or if you're an engineer, the glass is too big. Your birthday marks both the end of one year and start of another, and so it is with life a series of endings and new beginnings, and so it is with today.

My pilgrimage trail actually began 28 years ago when I took my Obligations along with other Master Masons. Most retreated back into their daily lives, but for me, The Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Ohio, F&AM continued to reveal new and exciting things to "spur" my zeal and activity for the Order. Of course all during my pilgrimage to this very moment in my life, there have been many mentors keeping me inspired and focused. We all have them.

My father, PM John R. Smith, and PMWGM Aron Moss, Jr. Their words of wisdom first came to me while as a new Master Mason struggling with the words in Ritual and the Obligations in an unfamiliar ritual, they said... "Masonry is a progressive science. You acquire it in little pieces." I'm still learning and my father still mentors me. I will always be indebted to them for this service.

Also PM William L. Jackson. His wisdom was more straight forward. While still in my informative years and trying to get a handle on this Masonry thing, he would approach me and say "I'm watching you." And he continues to this day to remind me of that. Thank you for all your wise counsel.

So I stand here today before you: still liking it, still learning, and still being watched. I could not have asked for better preparation, and I could not be blessed with a more energetic and devoted Brothers of the MWPHGL of Ohio.

I think it is proper for us as Masons in this modern day and age to fully appreciate the ever-growing constraints placed on our time by our families, careers, and other Masonic duties, and therefore must be more effective in the management of our resources. We must remain resilient in the face of a deteriorating society, and we must call upon our faith more and more to see us through each day. We cannot solve, or even hope to solve, all our problems in one fell swoop or hold out for some magic solution. We can only do what we can, but our past gives us the skills to do just that. It is up to us as to how best to use them.

And with this vision, I believe we can elevate the MWPHGL of Ohio to a more visible and prominent role among Masons and non-Masons as well, and by working together, as a team and as a family, we will be better enabled to carry the tenets of Masonry proudly.

With my Lord and Savior ever before me to light my path; and with your help, I know we will have a great year together. I again thank you for the honor and will ever remain humbled by the confidence you have all reposed in me.

God Bless you all and hope you had a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

**Darryl R. Smith, 33°
RW Senior Grand Warden**

From the Desk of RW Grand Secretary

Prince Hall Grand Lodge
Members,

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- Latest News on travel industry updates and alerts
- Save your travel preferences and searches
- Record frequent flyer / rewards accounts
- Free Travel alert / flight change notification

(See *PH Travel*, page 9)

From the Desk of the RW Deputy Grand Master

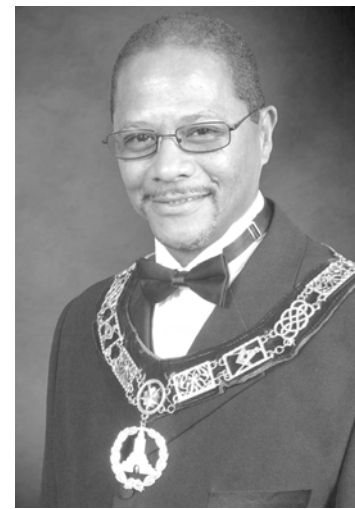
Greetings Brethren,

As 2009 draws to a close and we prepare for 2010, I thank you for the privilege and honor to serve this Grand Lodge as RW Deputy Grand Master. Our MW Grand Master and Trustees have accelerated our pace in an effort to help restore a pattern of continued progress for the MWPHGL of Ohio. However, these efforts will be in vain without the participation and support of each and every one of us. We are praying for your support and charge you to stand up and be counted in that number.

Although, we often say that "Jesus is the reason for the season," I submit that every day is the right season for acknowledging and serving the Lord. While these are not the best of economic times, allow me to encourage you and your families to **PRESS ON** and **PRESS THROUGH** by praying to and praising God often, for He has surely kept us in the midst of it all. Be blessed, my Brothers, not stressed!

I pray that you and your families had a Merry Christmas and a safe, joyous and prosperous New Year! We are looking forward with anticipation of your unwavering support for our Grand Lodge programs, our MW Grand Master and our Trustees. God bless each of you, God bless our Grand Lodge, and God bless these United States of America.

**Fraternally and respectfully yours,
RW Johnny O. Pitts, Deputy Grand Master**



From the Desk of the RW Junior Grand Warden

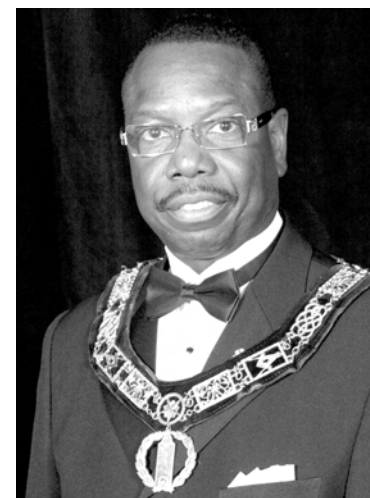
Greetings to the Prince Hall
Family:

"I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help, my help cometh from the LORD which made heaven and earth." PSALMS 121:1-2

First and foremost, I would like to give thanks to the Grand Architect of the Universe for His divine intervention, and direction which caused me to be part of this august fraternity. It is with a profound sense of gratitude and humility that I accept the office of Junior Grand Warden. The craft has bestowed this great honor upon me and I will, to the utmost of my ability, endeavor to fulfill the expectations that you have entrusted in me. I promise to faithfully perform my duties and support our Most Worshipful Grand Master and Trustees in their projects and programs. It is my fervent prayer that as we work together on one accord our Grand Lodge will maintain the premier status that it has so rightfully earned.

I am truly looking forward to working with the Pythagorans as their liaison and administrator. RW Curtis Campbell, Director of Youth Activities, has hit the ground running with projects, plans and fundraisers to keep our Youth organization as a role model for the country. Special thanks and kudos go to RW Darryl R. Smith, Senior Grand Warden, and RW Ben Moore, Jr., Past Director of Youth Activities, for bringing the youth finances from the red into the black and establishing it as a 501C-3. I would also like to recognize and applaud W. Brother Mark D. Wells, Chairman of the Exemption Committee, RW Antonio Caffey, Director of the History Department, RW Charles Davis, Director of the Mentorship Program and RW Jason R. Dunn, Director of Public Relations and Publicity. Working with these Brothers assures me of the success of the goals of the MW Grand Lodge and the Most Worshipful Grand Master.

**Fraternally submitted,
Carl A. Williams
RW Junior Grand Warden**



PH TRAVEL---

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Support for our Organization — if you have additional questions please contact Mark Garrett (614) 732-3568, info@mark-anthonygarrett.net. Please give PHAOHIO World Travel as your reference along with your name and contact information.

Submitted by
Charles G. Smith
RW Grand Secretary

(Behalf of the MW Grand Master Robert L. Jones and the Trustees of the MWPHGL of OH, PHA, Inc.)

From the Desk of the Grand Director of Youth Activities

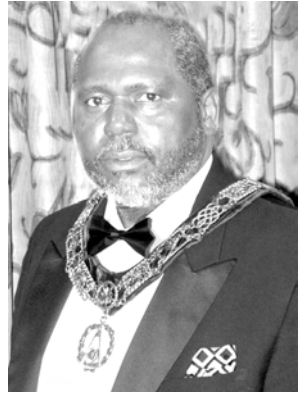
Greetings,

I would like to thank all the Brothers who attended our Directors' meeting in September. "If I Can Help Somebody," is my theme for my tenure. In keeping with it, I hope I can be a help to the companions in the State of Ohio. This will happen with the support from our Brothers, Sisters, and others supporting our fundraisers, gloves and raffle ticket sales. At this time I would like to thank PGM Charles W. Hales and RW Ival Angel for their generous donation to help make our glove project a success. Special thanks

to Special Advisor Roderick Tatum, chairman of our glove project and Trell Meeks, chairman of the raffle tickets. Brothers this is what we need, your support.

One of my goals is to increase our membership, we are off to a good start. In October we had a statewide investiture and we brought in nineteen new companions. Lake Erie also brought in fourteen new members. We are in the process of the reactivation of Eleven Letters Chapter in Dayton, with the help of our RW Senior Grand Warden Darryl Smith.

Listed below are a few more



things that must be done.

- Generating funds to help pay taxes, allowing more money for chapter activities, which will make more young men want to join.
- To assist our hardship com-

(See *Youth Activities*, page 11)

Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Ohio Member Questionnaire

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____ CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

LODGE NAME _____ LODGE NO. _____

LODGE TITLE/OFFICE _____

NO. OF YEARS IN MASONRY _____ AGE _____

Use the back of this sheet for comments or attach comments to this sheet.

If the Grand Lodge made a discount benefit services package covering everything from prescription drugs to emergency road service, for use by you and your family, could you use these benefit? Yes _____ No _____

Would you use free access to a BOARD CERTIFIED PHYSICIAN if a program were made available to you and your family through an affordable discount benefit services package? Yes _____ No _____

Would a discount benefit services package containing low out-of-pocket co-pays be of use to you and your family? Yes _____ No _____

Would you purchase a benefits program containing major discounts on eyeglasses and other eye services for you and your family? Yes _____ No _____

Would you purchase a benefits program containing major discounts on prescription drugs for you and your family? Yes _____ No _____

Would a discount benefits containing unlimited roadside assistance be of value to you and your family? Yes _____ No _____

Is \$10.00 per month too expensive for you to have access to a discount benefits package that will do all these things for you and your family? Yes _____ No _____

If the Grand Lodge partnered to make such a discount benefits package available for you and your family, would you purchase it? Yes _____ No _____

THANK YOU, BROTHERS, FOR YOUR PARTICIPATION IN THIS SURVEY QUESTIONNAIRE

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Cornerstone Laying in Cleveland...



The four Symbolic Lodges of Cleveland helped to return the cornerstone at Mt. Olive Missionary Baptist Church in Cleveland, Ohio, on Sunday, October 11, 2009. Pastor Larry L. Harris, Sr., with Worshipful Master Larry Lovelace of William T. Boyd Lodge No. 79, PGM Embie R. Bostic and Worshipful Master Clarence King of Ecclesiastes Lodge No. 120, as they wait for the cornerstone to be brought out of the church.



Worshipful Master Mark A. Ledger of Excelsior Lodge No. 11 applies the level to the cornerstone. Worshipful Master Eric Elder, Eureka Lodge No. 52, then applied the mortar to the cornerstone.



Rev. Larry L. Harris, Sr. instructs the Deacons of Mt. Olive Missionary Baptist Church on replacing the cornerstone.



(L. to r.) WM Gregory W. Adams, Sr., PM Arlin Jackson, Mayor Phyllis Pennewitt, and MWGM Rev. James H. Willis, Sr.

MWGM Jones Makes Masons At Sight ...



MW Grand Master Robert L. Jones traveled to Cleveland on Saturday, October 10, 2009, where he made four Master Masons at sight. The candidates were: Reverend George O. Steward, Pastor of Zion Chapel Baptist Church, to Excelsior Lodge No. 11; Bishop J. Delano Ellis II, Pastor of Pentecostal Church of Christ and Mr. Scott Woodson Davis, Esq., to Eureka Lodge No. 52; and Mr. Anthony Peoples to Ecclesiastes Lodge No. 120.

The ceremony was conducted in the presence of approximately 50 Brothers including Grand Lodge officers: RW Junior Grand Warden, Carl A. Williams; RW Grand Trustee, Leo C. Beavers; RW Deputy Grand Lecturer Melvin L. Russell, 7th District; RW Roney Holland; RW Harry Cook, III; RW Ival Angel; RW Lee D. Anderson, Jr.; RW Harold R. Wilson; RW Alfred L. Walton; RW Wilmore Larry; and RW Edward Washington. Also present were: Worshipful Master Eric Elder of Eureka Lodge No. 52; Worshipful Master Lawrence Lovelace, Wm. T. Boyd Lodge No. 79; and Worshipful Master Regdi Price, Phoenix Lodge No. 112.

Wilberforce Lodge Celebrates Sesquicentennial

Members of Wilberforce Lodge No. 21, with MWGM, the Honorable Rev. James H. Willis, Sr. (c.)



It was a momentous day in Xenia Ohio, on June 27, 2009, as Wilberforce Lodge No. 21 celebrated its 150th Anniversary. This august occasion was well attended by members of the Xenia and Wilberforce communities, members of the Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Ohio and the Fourth Masonic District, including the Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Ohio, the Honorable Rev. James H. Willis Sr., RW Junior Grand Warden PM Darryl R. Smith, RW Deputy Grand Lecturer Fourth Masonic District, PM Keith A. Perkins, and the Mayor of Xenia, Ohio Mrs. Phyllis Pennewitt.

Master of Ceremonies, PM Arlin Jackson, No. 21, started the occasion by introducing the dignitaries and highlighting the history of Wilberforce Lodge. Under the authority of Honorable Grand Master Richard Howell Gleaves at Grand Lodge Session held in Xenia, Ohio, on the day and year of June 21, 1859, Wilberforce Lodge No. 21 was chartered. That declaration made Wilberforce Lodge the seventh lodge to be chartered within the State of Ohio between 1849 and 1859. Throughout history, Wilberforce Lodge No. 21 has been the host city of many Grand Lodge Sessions, beginning in 1859 until 1904 being the high point; when the Grand Lodge was given the opportunity of laying the Cornerstone at the Carnegie Library on the campus of Wilberforce University. This tradition of Wilberforce

Lodge hosting Grand Lodge Sessions continued until the 1960s after which a new tradition of rotating the sessions around the state began.

This great history was not lost as MWGM Rev. James H. Willis Sr., guest speaker, reflected on the important affects of Masonry in the community and the vital contributions Wilberforce Lodge has made in Xenia, Ohio throughout its 150 years history. In like manner, the Worshipful Master of Wilberforce Lodge, WM Gregory W. Adams Sr., was humbled by the rich, inspiring, and prominent history of the lodge and expressed great reward in serving as Master of this historically celebrated Lodge during its Sesquicentennial Anniversary. He admonished members to carry this rich history into the next 150 years.

On a bright and pleasant note, one of the major highlights of the evening, the Mayor of Xenia, Ohio, declared and proclaimed

June 21st as Wilberforce Lodge No. 21 Day in the City of Xenia, Ohio. A certificate, signed, sealed, and presented by Mayor Pennewitt was accepted on behalf of the Lodge by MWGM Rev. James H. Willis Sr., WM Gregory W. Adams Sr., and the Master of Ceremonies PM Arlin Jackson. The Lodge also received Certificates of Recognition from the State of Ohio by Gov. Ted Strickland and from the Commissioners of Greene County, Ohio.

The MWGM Rev. James H. Willis, Sr. had the opportunity of presenting a 50-year pin to PM Calvin Blunt, in recognition of his service to Wilberforce Lodge. The occasion was rounded by refreshments and a renewed zeal by members of the Lodge to continue to walk in the light while there is light, and to regulate their lives by the line of rectitude and truth; thereby fitting their lives as living stones for that House not built with hands.

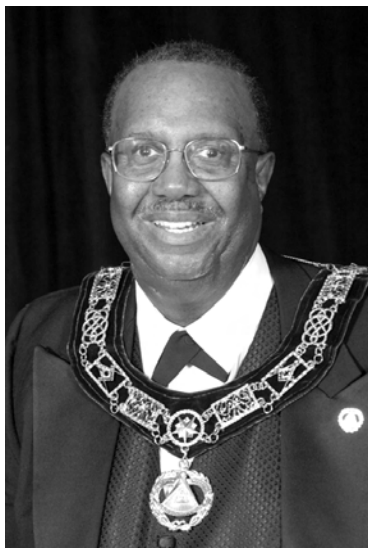
Submitted by Foday Sulimani



Guests at the Sesquicentennial Celebration of Wilberforce Lodge.

From the Desk of the Grand Chaplain

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 earthly give 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 Merry Christmas.

New Year 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. 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 afresh 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 2010 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 2010.

**Yours in Christ's Name,
Rev. Wilton E. Blake, I
RW Grand Chaplain**

Mount Calvary Lodge No. 76 Confers Master Mason Degree

History was made on Saturday, October 17, 2009, when Mount Calvary Lodge No. 76, with the assistance of Phoenix Lodge No. 112, conferred the Degree of Master Mason on 30 Fellow Crafts.

The Akron Prince Hall Masonic Temple was deemed too small to

perform the degree on so many Fellow Crafts, so the degree was put on at Mount Akra Lodge No. 680, of the Grand Lodge F&AM of Ohio. Over the years Mount Calvary, Phoenix and Mount Akra have established a relationship where the three Lodges visit each other on a regular basis.

There were 30 Fellow Crafts raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason, 19 from Mount Calvary No. 76, nine from Phoenix No. 112, both of Akron and one each from Mount Olive No. 66 of Alliance and Evergreen No. 101 of Ravenna.

The Raising held special significance to two Master Masons from Mount Calvary Lodge, Gerald Gould and John C. Bell. They were made Master Masons At Sight by PMWGM Rev. James H. Willis, Sr., on July 21, 2009, in Toledo, Ohio. Both opted to be raised with the other brethren to bring their journey full circle.

The Master Masons raised represented four Lodges in the 5th Masonic District and include

Dameon Sommerville, Delmore Foster, Dennis Stone, Leon G. Hill, Anthony Collins, Andrea Long, Hezekiah M. Davidson, Howard Vaughn, Jabari Brightwell, James Neloms, Kevin Banks, Michael Simmons, Ruben Simmons, Raymond Trice, Sedra Taylor, Terrell Powe, Justin Snipes all of Mount Calvary No. 76. Representing Phoenix No. 112 were Darius Peterson, James L. Brewer, Jr., Marquel Brewer, Chris Henderson, Steve Rive, James Don-

ovan Cleghorn'Lee, G. Wesley Robinson, Ronald Taylor, Sr. and Demetrius Bell. Representing Evergreen No. 101 was Michael O'Neil.

Distinguished guests present were RW James K. Willis, 5th District Administrator; PM Jerry R. Ellerson, RWDGL 5th District; WM Redgi Blue, No. 66, WM Al Brown Jr. No. 76, WM Perkins Pringle No. 101, WM Redgi Price, No. 112, WM James Brumbaugh No. 680, Sec. Bob Krosnic

No. 750, and PM Aaron Ray, Right Eminent Grand Commander.

During closing remarks by RWDGL Jerry Ellerson, a moment of silence was taken on behalf of Brother Benjamin C. Dawson. He was a Mount Calvary Fellow Craft who passed away suddenly September 10, 2009.

After a long day, the Lodge was closed at 3:00 p.m. and many of the brethren stayed afterwards for the repast and fellowship that followed.

*Submitted by Shawn L. Strobe, No. 76
Photo by Eric Kidd, Sr., No. 76*

The Last Deadline — In Memoriam: SGIG Kenneth E. Long

SGIG Kenneth E. Long, Photographer Extraordinaire, met his last deadline on Monday, December 7, 2009, when he answered the final call from his Heavenly Father and put down his camera forever as he moved from this terrestrial home to his celestial home on high.

SGIG Long was a Prince Hall Mason for over 50 years, becoming a Master Mason in April 1955 as a member of Harmony Lodge No. 77. He distinguished himself within the Jurisdiction of Ohio, and indeed throughout the United States, with his totally professional ability to produce photographs of such outstanding quality that he served the MWPHGL of Ohio as Associate Grand Photographer and later as Grand Photographer for many years until his health declined and he was named Grand Photographer Emeritus.

SGIG Long also served as Imperial Deputy Photographer for the Ancient Egyptian Arabic Order Nobles Mystic Shrine, Prince Hall Affiliated, attached to the Public Relations Department, and was Chief Photographer for the United Supreme Council, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, Northern Jurisdiction, PHA for many years.

Kenny was a mentor to many fledging photographers and taught them the tricks of the trade to produce quality photographs as one of his passions was reading every available article about the latest in photography. Kenny was a humorist and one of his favorite sayings as he photographed you was, "I can guarantee you a good picture, but I can't guarantee that you will look any better — the camera takes what it sees."

He also served on *The Lamp* staff as Associate Editor and was later named Associate Editor Emeritus. His contributions to this publication totally enhanced the quality such that it was sought after by Jurisdictions from throughout the Prince Hall Masonic communities. Totally professional, he would spend countless hours being sure that each photograph he turned in for publication was properly identified.

Kenny was a true Mason, a dedicated photographer and when a friend, it was a friend for life, but most of all he was a family man. If I may borrow from the words of Mr. Bob Hope — from the entire *Lamp* staff and all Grand Lodge Photographers, Kenny — "Thanks for the memories."

Jay Johnson, Editor

"Thank You..."

The family of Brother Kenneth E. Long acknowledges our sincere thanks and appreciation to the entire Prince Hall Masonic Family for the many kind words and expressions of sympathy, cards, tributes, love donations and letter of condolence, to help make his homegoing easier for us to bear.

May God Bless You All!
**Sister Alma M. Long and
Kenneth Alan Long**



Youth Activities---

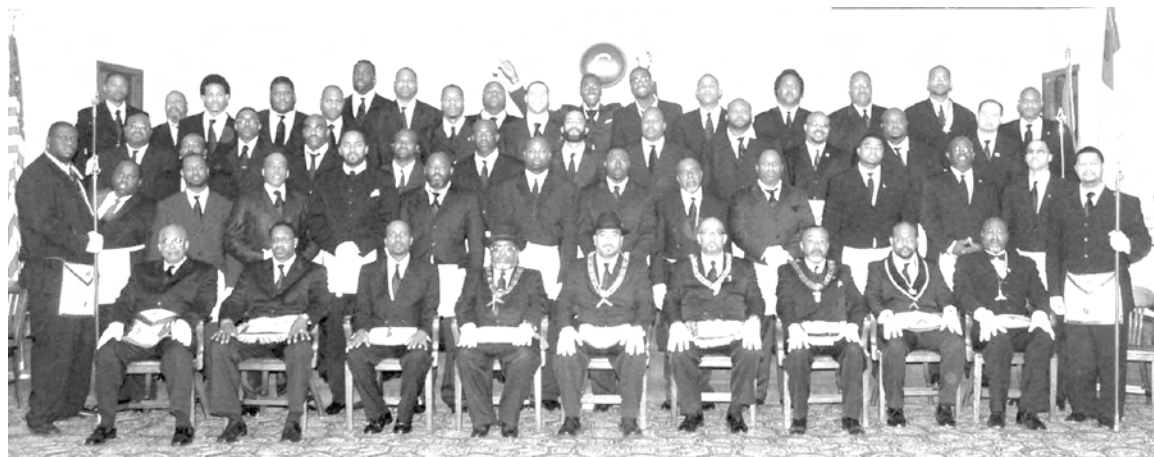
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panion in attending Grand Session.

- Asking our Brothers to reopen closed chapters.
- If no chapter in your Lodge support another chapter.
- Have a state wide open house.
- Have Brothers bring in sons, grandsons, nephews and friends.

I am praying with the help and good counsel of all Grand Advisory Council members and the Junior Grand Warden that my tenure will be successful.

Sincerely,
**Bro. Curtis Campbell
RW Director of Youth
Activities**



Mt. Calvary Lodge No. 76 with newly made Master Masons.

Edward Dugger, Jr. Military Lodge Presents 25-Year Pins



Worshipful Master Carlton Johnston presented four of the stalwarts of Edward Dugger Lodge No. 123 and indeed the Prince Hall Family, with a milestone in Masonry by pinning them with their 25-year pin, honoring their long and distinguished service to the Prince Hall Masonic Family.

Receiving their award from left to right: PM Michael L. Freeman, Grand Marshal of the MWPHGL of Ohio; PM Arper Tentman, Jr., who served as RW Administrative Officer for the 4th Masonic District and is a Past Most Worthy Grand Joshua, Heroines of Jericho, Past ME Grand High Priest

and the current Grand Royal Advisor for the Heroines of Templar Crusades; WM Carlton Johnston; PM Joseph E. Toliver, Jr. who has served as RWDGL, 4th Masonic District, Past Grand Worthy Joshua, Heroines of Jericho, Past ME Grand High Priest and is the current Chief Administrative Officer to the ME Grand High Priest; and PM William K. Harvey, who has served for many years as Chairman of the Codification Committee for the MWPHGL and is a Past ME Grand High Priest and Grand Marshal for the MEPHGC of Ohio, Royal Arch Masons.

Mason on the Move... Working in Our Communities

Grand Inspector General Willie A. Terrell, Jr., a Title 1 Regional Parent Resource Teacher for the Dayton Public Schools, was recently awarded the Meritorious Service Award at the 58th Dayton Unit NAACP Freedom Fund Banquet on October 23, 2009. This award was given by Derrick L. Foward, M.C.E, the current President of the Dayton Unit NAACP.



GIG WILLIE A. TERRELL, JR.

GIG Terrell received this award for his remarkable professionalism as a Trailblazing Scholarship Chairman; supporting the vision, mission, goals and objectives of the NAACP. He has distinguished himself as a "Leader" who has aroused the "conscience of a nation," in Dayton, Ohio's community.

GIG Terrell serves the NAACP in several capacities. He is an elected member of the NAACP Executive Committee, Chairs the Freedom Fund

Souvenir Journal and Chairs the Scholarship Committee. He is a Life Member of the NAACP and a Golden Life Heritage Member of the NAACP. He is a former Membership Chairperson and served on the Education Committee.

Ruth Chapter Strides to Make a Difference

Ruth Chapter No. 104 Striders presented themselves at the Dayton Dragons Fifth/Third Field, to participate in a 5K Walk sponsored by the American Cancer Society. The theme was "Making Strides Against Breast Cancer."



Pride of Ohio Lodge No. 80 Supports Community

Pride of Ohio Lodge No. 80, under the leadership of Worshipful Master Ernest Gordon, is doing charitable work within the Mansfield community. They have become a business partner of the Mansfield City Schools, Alternative School, "Adopt-a-School" initiative.

They also recently made a donation to the Culliver Reading Center to use for the many programs they provide in the community. After meeting with Director Inez Shepherd, the members also volunteered to participate in the program by listening to school children read.

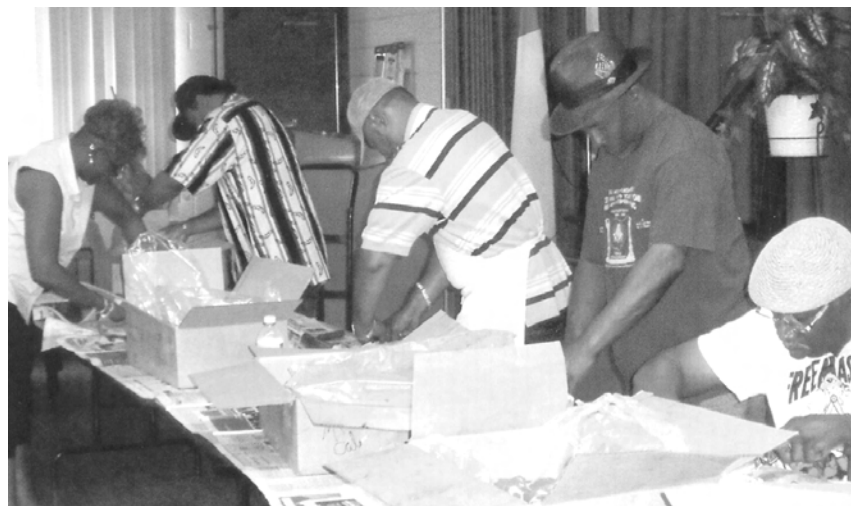
The Mayor of Mansfield, Donald Culliver, after whom the Center is named, was also present.



Pride of Ohio members present a donation to the Culliver Reading Center. (L. to r.): JW Wayne Lindsay, PM Kenneth Abernathy, Inez Shepherd, Director of Culliver Reading Center, RW James K. Willis, DGL, Mayor of Mansfield Donald Culliver, and Worshipful Master Ernest Gordon.

In October 2009, the lodge members came together to assist Mt. Calvary Baptist Church to prepare ribs for their Homecoming celebration.

Submitted by James K. Willis, PM



Members of Pride of Ohio Lodge No. 80 coming together to assist Mt. Calvary Baptist Church. (L. to r.) Laverne Westerfield, PM Charles (Butch) Bradley, RW James K. Willis, Bro. L.V. Fisher and PM Robert Westerfield.

Ruth Chapter No. 104 Gains Ten New Members



Ruth Chapter Gains ten new members. They are pictured with Worthy Matron V. Nadine Hill (l.) and PP Joseph Toliver, Worthy Patron.

During the open season declared by MWGM Rev. James H. Willis, Sr., Ruth Chapter No. 104, was blessed to gain ten new members, nine sisters and one brother. Joining the Chapter this year were: Bro. Carlton Johnston, who was the sitting Worshipful Master of Edward Dugger, Jr. Military

Lodge No. 123 (not shown) and shown below (from left to right): WM V. Nadine Hill, Alicia Townsend, Kelly Watts, Barbara Newell, DaKeshia Streeter, Simone Stone, Delia Abbott, Shatoya Hill, Carol Prewitt, Avianna Blake and WP Joseph Toliver.

Their proficiency was, in a word "AWESOME" in all three degrees and not only did they learn the work, they studied the biblical references to each of the Five Heroines of the Order. Their instructors were PM Karla Goldsby Jones and Sister Robin Fields-Pearson.

Amaranth Grand Chapter, watch out for these young ladies as they bring a wealth of talent to our Order, including one who is Choir Director at her Church and one who is a trained musician. Their enthusiasm and willingness to grow in our Order will certainly take them to heights unknown.

Participating were Worthy Matron V. Nadine Hill, Assoc. Matron Charisma T. Ramey, PM Karla Jones, and two of the candidates, Shatoya Hill (daughter of the WM) and Simone Stone.

Ruth Chapter contributed \$500 in donations.



Photos by PM Karla Jones

By Jay Johnson, Editor

News From Pride of Composite Chapter No. 81



MWGM Rev. James H. Willis, Sr. (c.) visited with Pride of Composite Chapter No. 82, OES, PHA, Toledo, Ohio, on Wednesday, April 15, 2009. Also visiting were members of Jewel Chapter No. 20, OES, PHA.



Pride of Composite Chapter No. 81, members and families of members, assisted the residents of the Women's Homeless Shelter "Sparrow's Nest" in Toledo, Ohio, by donating toiletry items.

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Pride of Composite Chapter No. 81 and Composite Lodge No. 108 participated in the American Heart Association Walk on May 16, 2009.



Mizpah Chapter No. 66 Assists Sick & Shut-In Members

Mizpah Chapter No. 66, Warren, Ohio, under the leadership of Worthy Matron Sandra Davis and Worthy Patron Gregory S. Snead, implemented a program to provide assistance to their sick and shut-in members by making clothes for distribution.

This year-long project was designed to fabricate items for distribution during the Christmas season. PM Quereda Covington stated that "Everyone in the chapter contributed in some manner, whether it was through monetary contributions or the actual making of the lap clothes."

Some of the lap clothes were crocheted and some were knitted, but all were handmade by the members pictured here. The Eastern Star was placed in the center of each and they measured 36 inches by 36 inches or larger.

Sis. Covington said that, "we hope that the individuals who received the lap clothes will enjoy them in the spirit in which they were given, and that is sisterly love."

By PM Quereda Covington

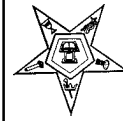


(L. to r.): Sis. Irma Edmondson, PM Beverly A. Williams-Brown, Sis. Joann Stoutamire, PM Quereda Covington and Worthy Matron Sandra Davis.

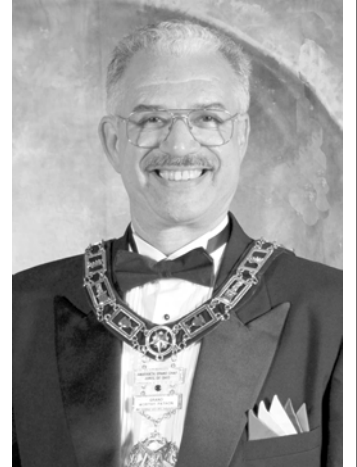
(Photo by Woodrow Riddle)



Mrs. Dorlean Smith, Mrs. Beulah Marcus and Mrs. Edwina Wright, "Golden Advisors."



Amaranth Grand Chapter Order of Eastern Star, PHA



GREETINGS:

Sisters and Brothers of the Order of Eastern Star, Christmas season is upon us with its increased spirit of love and caring for those less fortunate than ourselves.

It fills us with great pride to know that the attributes of Fidelity, Constancy, Loyalty, Love and Faith exemplified through the lives of our five heroines, Adah, Ruth, Esther, Martha and Electa, continues to be taken seriously by our members, who despite some challenges, generally brought Christmas to the needy throughout the year.

We have derived much pleasure from knowing that the Sisters and Brothers have been caring for the needy either on a personal basis or by contributing to the disbursement of Charity and Benevolence.

Christmas then, is a time to reinforce and celebrate with others the good that we do all year on behalf of the Order of Eastern Star.

Let our Christmas story, our Christmas songs and our Christmas spirit, express to others the potential we have for joy and happiness and peace among ourselves and others outside the Order.

As you celebrate, may the spirit of God which passes through all understanding be with you and yours. Remember to "Love One Another."

Hope you had a Merry Christmas and looking forward to a Healthy and Happy New Year.

**Fraternally with Love,
Grand Worthy Matron, Kay F. Anderson
Grand Worthy Patron, Gerald S. Friason**

Tribute to "Golden Advisors"

"Everything Advisors" for Bethune-Wright Girls Assembly No. 49, Cincinnati, Ohio.

How did you find the energy to do all the things you did?

To be teacher, nurse, and counselor to all the many kids. How did you do it? Be a chauffeur, cook, and friend, yet find time for play?

We just can't comprehend. We see now "it was love."

Your inexhaustible love give so generously, made you come whenever called, and for that WE THANK YOU FOR IT ALL!

Under the leadership of St. John Chapter No. 25, the Bethune-Wright Girls Assembly No. 49 received its charter in 1991 under the name of "Mary McLeod Bethune Girls Assembly No. 49." In the year 2004, it was renamed "Bethune-Wright Girls Assembly No. 49" in honor of its founder Sis. Edwina Wright, who along with Sisters Beulah Marcus and Dorlean Smith enriched the lives of young women by always show-

ing their love, understanding, guidance and compassion in a world that is at times challenging and unfulfilling.

They have motivated the members to seek higher goals in their lives by following closely the doctrine prescribed for the Girls Assembly, which are obedience, courage, discretion, faith, integrity and truth. This was clearly shown as under their leadership the Bethune-Wright Girls Assembly was voted "Assembly of the Year," at the Annual Grand Session for 15 years. So after 19 years of service, they retired on September 30, 2009 as Mother Advisors. The Assembly honor their accomplishments with great appreciation and say "Hats Off" for all you are and all that you have done.

The Assembly will always strive to continue the legacy they have paved with their dedication, hard work, and most of all their love. We remain thankful, grateful and blessed.

~ From the members of St. John Chapter No. 25, Cincinnati, OH

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100th ANNIVERSARY

2009

OHIO COUNCIL OF DELIBERATION

Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite Freemasonry, PHA, Northern Jurisdiction, Inc.

October 24-25, 2009
Crowne Plaza Hotel
Cincinnati/Blue Ash, Ohio
Highlights of the 100th
Annual Communication

Devotions were led by Grand Prior, GIG Rev. Wilton E. Blake, 1, No. 20; GIG Fr. Benjamin E.K. Speare-Hardy, II; GIG Rev. Brian T. Moragne, No. 20; GIG Rev. Dr. Charles Holmes, No. 26; and SP Timothy Collier, No. 20.

King Solomon Consistory No. 20 under the leadership of GIG Otis Elam hosted and officially opened the 100th Annual Communication. Under the direction of SGIG Frederick E. Kelley, Sr., Grand Master of Ceremonies of the United Supreme Council (USC) and the Ohio Council of Deliberation (OCD), The Most Illustrious Commander-in-Chief and Deputy of Ohio SGIG Sidney D. Broadnax, Jr. was officially received to conduct the business of this annual session. Also received was Sovereign Grand Commander of the United Supreme Council, AASR, PHA, Northern Jurisdiction, Inc., SGIG Solomon Wallace; and The Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Ohio, the Honorable GIG Robert L. Jones.

OCD officers present were: 1st Lt. Commander GIG Aaron E. Ray No. 5; 2nd Lt. Commander SGIG Stephen P. Blackwell, Sr. No. 26; Grand Minister of State, SGIG Clarence J. Walker, Jr., No. 24; Grand Prior, GIG Wilton E. Blake, 1, No. 20; Grand Treasurer, GIG Arlin Jackson, No. 26; Grand Secretary, GIG Gerald S. Friason, No. 20; Assistant Grand Secretary, GIG Ronald A. Ogletree, No. 26; Assistant Grand Secretary, GIG Charles G. Smith No. 21; Grand Hospitaler, GIG Theodore R. Patton, No. 24; Grand Master of Ceremonies, SGIG Frederick E. Kelley, Sr., No. 21; Assistant Grand Master of Ceremonies, GIG Jerry D. Springer, No. 26; Grand Captain of the Guard, GIG Arnold W. Scott, No. 20; Grand Sentinel, GIG Woodrow Riddle, No. 15; Director of Candle Bearers and Sword Bearers, GIG Thomas G. Graham, No. 26.

Illustrious Commanders-In-Chiefs GIG Reginald A. Blake, Sr., Bezaleel No. 15, Cleveland; GIG Otis Elam, Jr., King Solomon No. 20, Cincinnati; SP Reginald M. Oliver, L.D. Easton No. 21, Columbus; SP Clarence E. Jones, II, St. Matthews No. 24, Toledo; and GIG Maurice Winston, Miami No. 26, Dayton and their Officers and Members were in attendance.

The **Sovereign Grand Inspectors Generals** (SGIG) present: William A. McClain, Constitution of the United Supreme Council (USC); Chester C. Pryor, II, Past



SGIG Sidney D. Broadnax, Jr. III. Deputy of the Orient of Ohio gave his Allocution to the Fraters.

Deputy and Medical Director, United Supreme Council (USC); Charles W. Hales, Convention Director (USC); Carl A. Williams, Asst. Convention Director (USC); Frederick E. Kelley, Sr., Grand Master of Ceremonies, (USC); Kenneth E. Lewis, Grand Standard Bearer, (USC); William F. Crockett, Grand Assoc. Prior, (USC); Clarence J. Walker, Chr., Gold Medal Achievement Award, (USC); Stephen P. Blackwell; and Roland C. McGoodwin.

In attendance were the **Grand Lodge Trustees, Most Worshipful Past Grand Masters, Grand Heads of Houses and Past Grand Worthy Patrons.** Visitors: SGIG Robert P. Lewis, Deputy of the Orient of Michigan and his delegation: SGIG Samuel J.D. Shook, Dean of Instruction (USC); and GIG Robert Meekin, President of the Michigan Commanders of the Rite; Ill. Neil M. Smalley, Deputy of Ohio for the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction and his delegation: Ill. William Powers and Ill. Nicholas Krimm. Under the direction of GIG Thomas G. Graham, No. 26, the Candle and Sword Bearers teams included the following: **The Sword Bearers:** SP James Copeland, No. 20; SP William Heath, No. 24; GIG Melvin L. Russell, No. 15; SP Carlton Johnson, No. 26; SP William Henry, No. 26; GIG Steve Murry, Jr., No. 24; GIG Michael L. Freeman, No. 26; SP Lloyd V. Jones, No. 26; SP Willie F. Chatman, No. 26; GIG William E. Spence, Sr., No. 15; GIG Richard Bowser, No. 26. **The Candle Bearers** SP Gurley M. Ramey, No. 26; GIG Eddie L. Trayvick, No. 26; GIG Willie Fulton: No. 26; GIG Roy Hollis, No. 26; SP Howard Isley, No. 26; GIG Ernest Blount, No. 21; GIG Gary McKinley, No. 21; SP Woodberry Lewis, No. 21; GIG Odell Robinson, Jr., No. 20;

GIG James Shorter, No. 24; SP Ernest Neilson, III, No. 26.

Illustrious Secretaries - GIG Robert Alexander No. 15; SP Freeman Russell No. 20; Rollin F. Kelley, Jr. No. 21; Steve Murry, Jr. No. 24; and GIG Ronald A. Ogletree No. 26, were commended for an outstanding job for the past year.

The Ohio Council of Deliberation awarded \$17,500 in scholarships to deserving students throughout Ohio for the ensuing year.

SGIG Carl A. Williams reported that Bezaleel Consistory No. 15 of Cleveland, Ohio, kicked off the "Saving the African American Male: from the Cradle to College" Mentorship Program on Thursday, October 22, 2009, at the John Adams High School of Cleveland, Ohio, with the CEO of the Cleveland Schools, Dr. Eugene T.W. Sanders, who is a member of Bezaleel No. 15; members of No. 15; school officials; TV and News Media.

Ohio Commanders of the Rite 2009 Annual Charity donation was presented to Ms. Lynn Blair of the Diabetes Association by GIG Clamion M. Marshall, No. 20, President. Each year a donation will be made to a charity selected by the host.

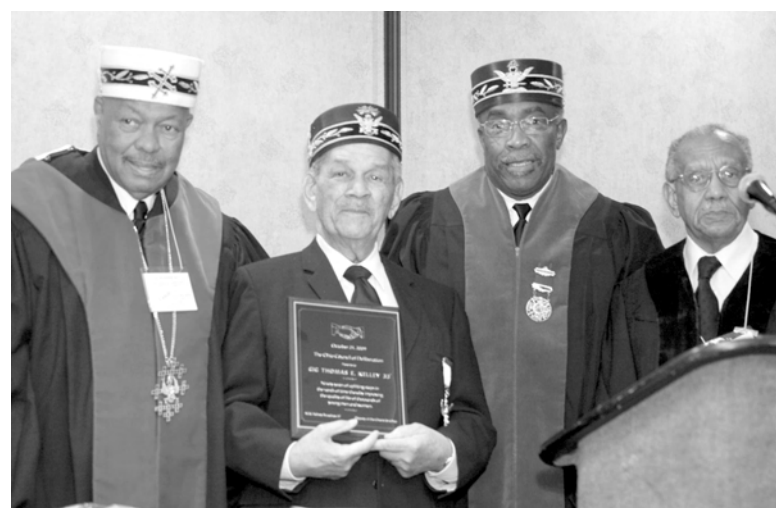
Ohio Council of Deliberation Elected Officers for 2010 - GIG Aaron E. Ray, No. 15 - 1st Lieutenant Commander; GIG Ezel U. Sampson, No. 26 - 2nd Lieutenant Commander; GIG Arlin E. Jackson, No. 26 - Grand Treasurer; GIG Gerald S. Friason, No. 20 - Grand Secretary; SGIG Clarence J. Walker, Jr., No. 24 - Minister of State.



Most Worshipful Grand Master, the Honorable Robert L. Jones during his remarks explained his Building Commission initiative and other programs for the upcoming year. SGIG Solomon Wallace, Sovereign

Grand Commander of the United Supreme Council, AASR, PHA, Northern Jurisdiction, USA, Inc. commended Scottish Rite Masons in Ohio for their support in the national program of the United Supreme Council.

SGIG Solomon Wallace MI Commander-in-Chief United Supreme Council, AASR, PHA, Northern Jurisdiction, Inc. visits Ohio to participate in the 100th Anniversary program.



GIG Thomas Kelly receives an award for 46 years of service to the OCD Scholarship Committee. (Note: GIG Kelley is a classmate of SGC Wallace.)

The Special 100th Anniversary Program co-chaired by S.G.I.G. Chester C. Pryor, II and S.G.I.G. Roland C. McGoodwin was held Saturday 24 at 3:00 pm. Welcome was given by S.G.I.G. Steven P. Blackwell, Sr. Reflections were given by SGIG Frederick E. Kelley, Sr. No. 21 and SGIG Charles W. Hales No. 15. Guest speaker SGIG Solomon Wallace, who brought an inspiring message, was highly surprise one of the honorees, GIG Thomas E. Kelley, was his Thirty-Third Degree (33°) classmate. Special plaques were given to SGIG Steven Reece, Sr. for his visions; and GIG Thomas E. Kelley No. 26 for serving on our Ohio Council of Deliberation Scholarship Commission for over 46 years. Remarks were given by State Grand



SGIG Frederick E. Kelley, Sr., A "master" as Grand Master of Ceremonies.

Loyal Lady Ruler Ruby J. McDaniel; Most Ill. Commander-in-Chief and Deputy of Ohio SGIG Sidney D. Broadnax, Jr. and Most Worshipful Grand Master the Honorable GIG Robert L. Jones.



SGIG Roland C. McGoodwin, along with SGIG Chester C. Pryor, II, served as co-chairs for the celebration.



SGIG Charles W. Hales gave remarks.



Scenes From Ohio Council of Deliberation's 100th Anniversary 1909 - 2009



Highlights of the 38th Session of Ohio Grand Assembly Order of the Golden Circle

Ohio Grand Assembly Order of the Golden Circle held its 38th Grand Session on October 24 - 25, 2009. Loyal Lady Ruler Mabel E. Lewis and members of Dove Assembly No. 34 opened and hosted this Annual Session with State Grand Loyal Lady Ruler Ruby J. McDaniel presiding.

Loyal Lady Rulers representing their Assemblies were: LL Janice Bostic - Bezaleel No. 19, Cleveland; LL Vanetta Bellows - Miami Assembly No. 22, Dayton; LL Mabel E. Lewis - Dove Assembly No. 34, Cincinnati; LL Claudia Roberts LaPaz No. 35,

Toledo; and LL Thelma Thomas - Capital Valley No. 36, Columbus, along with their officers and members.

Also in attendance were Thirteen Past State Grand Loyal Lady Rulers; several female Heads of Houses; several Past Grand Worthy Matrons and the Imperial Commandress. The Grand Assembly awarded \$1,500.00 in scholarships and gave awards in several categories.

Visitation of Deputy Sidney Broadnax and his delegation which included Sovereign Grand Commander Solomon Wallace,

MW Grand Master Robert L. Jones, SGIG Frederick E. Kelley, Sr., and GIG George W. King, Chairman of the Membership Award, were well received on Sunday morning.

LL Linda Davis, Chairman of Arrangements and the committees are to be commended for an outstanding job.

AGIG Sidney D. Broadnax, Jr. escorts LL Beverly Beavers into State Grand Assembly, accompanied by SGC Wallace and others.



LL Jamesetta Hopson Royster Elected State Grand Loyal Lady Ruler

Loyal Lady Jamesetta Hopson Royster of La Paz Assembly No. 35, was elected and installed as State Grand Loyal Lady Ruler of the Ohio Grand Assembly, Order of the Golden Circle in Cincinnati, Ohio, October 25, 2009.

SGLLR Royster was born and raised in Toledo, Ohio, where she received her Bachelor of Arts Degree from Mary Manse College. She received her Master in Education Degree from the University of Toledo; earned additional certification in Statistical Mathematics in the Middle Schools and Career in Counseling from Bowling Green State University. LL Royster retired from the Toledo Public School System in 2001 after 36 years of service. She is a lifelong member of Phillips Temple CME Church. LL Royster is married to Robert J. Royster, Sr., 32°, and they have two children - Robert J. Royster, Jr. and Roxanne J. Royster.



SGLLR Jamesetta Hopson Royster

Her Masonic affiliations are: Past Matron of Pride of Composite Chapter No. 81, OES over 32 years; PLLR of No. 35, Order of the Golden Circle; Past Illustrious Commandress of Mecca Court No. 73, DOI; Past Imperial Deputy of the Oasis of Toledo; Past Royal Queen, Girls Assembly No. 6 (Bell Z. Ballard Assembly No. 6); Past Mother Advisor of Bell Z. Ballard No. 6; member of Ruth Court No. 6, (Northeast Ark Bearer) Heroines of Jericho.

Other elected officers for the Year 2010: Grand Loyal Lady Associate Ruler - LaVerna Elder N,o. 36; Grand Loyal Lady Priestess - Carolyn Ray, No. 19; Grand Loyal Lady Guide - Jacqueline E. Harris No. 22.; Grand Loyal Lady Treasurer, Daisy L. Lewis No. 36; and Grand Loyal Lady Secretary - Patricia A. Johnson No. 36. Appointed line officers: Grand LL Herald - Sharon Coleman No. 34; Grand LL Standard Bearer - Charlesena H. Smith No. 35; Grand LL Inner Guard - Ruth Keels No. 36, and Grand LL Outer Guard - Betty Williams No. 19.

The weekend celebration began on Friday with Dinner, Hospitality and Ice Cream Social hosted by King Solomon Consistory No. 20 and Dove Assembly No. 34.



The Order of the Golden Circle Working in the Communities

Bezaleel Assembly No. 19, Cleveland "We Care" committee, along with LL Ruler Ollie Evans (2008) visited "Laura's Home" a Ministry of the City Mission of Cleveland and presented two dozen blankets to the staff. Laura's is a safe shelter for homeless women and their children. The program includes life skill classes, Chapel, Bible study, work assignments, and computer lab. It also provides Christian discipleship to guide the spiritual well being, skill training for successful independent living job readiness and Christian guidance. There are currently about 50 women and their children. Laura's Home has a capacity of 150 total residents. Last fiscal year the home served 657 women and 389 children.

Miami Assembly No. 22, Dayton - "Community Involvement" committee along with LL Ruler Maggie J. Parks (2008) visited the

Mercy Manor facility. The facility assists women at-risk, providing programs to gain self sufficiency into society. Business suits, hats, coats, shoes and casual clothing were donated.

Dove Assembly No. 34, Cincinnati - "Tools for Schools in the Inner City" committee, along with LL Ruler Mary F. Dickson (2008) presented to the Rothenberg Preparatory Academy needed supplies. They were able to provide everything requested. They are also involved with the "Breakfast with Santa" program.

La Paz Assembly No. 35, Toledo - "Community Involvement" committee along with LL Ruler Myrna Banks (2008) made its annual donation of "pop tabs", two cases of paper plates, and five hundred napkins to the Ronald McDonald House. Also, a presentation was made to the Beach House Shelter, where clothing, shoes, and toiletries were donated.

The Beach House and its 85-year mission provide shelter, food, clothing, counseling and assistance to homeless women, single parents with children and families.

King Solomon Consistory No. 20 Cincinnati - Annual "Breakfast with Santa" is held each year, along with the Renfro/Berry Commanders of the Rite and Sinai Shrine Temple No. 59. They hosted approximately 90-100 children from a pre-selected community in Cincinnati. Santa is played each year by GIG Otis Elam, Sr., Commander-in-Chief (2009). Breakfast is served and each received a bag of toys and along with a few bikes.

These community projects, in addition to others will continue during this 2009 year. Loyal Lady Rulers for 2009 are LL Janice M. Bostic No. 19; LL Vanetta Bellows No. 22; LL Mabel E. Lewis No. 34; LL Claudia Roberts No. 35 and LL Thelma Thomas No. 36.

Recognition Banquet "On The Wings of Doves"

Dove Assembly No. 34 honored SGLLR Ruby J. McDaniel Saturday evening, October 23, 2009. She was showered with gifts and accolades from her family and friends. Remarks were given by her Pastor Rev. Keith D.

Turner, Grand Worthy Matron Kay F. Anderson, Grand Worthy Patron Gerald S. Friason, 33°, Deputy of the Orient, SGIG Sidney D. Broadnax, Jr., 33°; Sovereign Grand Commander, the Honorable Solomon Wallace 33°;



(Above) SGLLR Ruby J. McDaniel receives plaque.
(L.) SGIG Sidney D. Broadnax, Jr., 33°, III, Deputy of the Orient with SGLLR.
(Below) SGLLR with Past State Grand Loyal Lady Rulers..



State Grand Loyal Lady Ruler Ruby J. McDaniel with members of her family.



Bezaleel Consistory No. 15, Cleveland, Ohio, held its Fall Reunion on Saturday, October 10, 2009. Commander-in-Chief Reginald A. Blake, GIG William Spence, 33°, GIG Marshall B. Coney, Jr., 33°, were present. New Sublime Princes were Kolade O. Awoyade, 32° and Wardell Davis, 33°.



"Saving the African American Male"

Scottish Rite Partners with John Adams High School

With every seat filled in the commons area of John Adams High School, rows of young African American students stood with their hands raised in a solemn pledge to learn, to strive, to be victorious over struggles and to become instruments of service to others.

In a protracted partnership with the Cleveland Metropolitan School District, members of the Northern Jurisdiction of the United Supreme Council of the Scottish Rite Free Masonry launched an aggressive mentoring program at John Adams High School with a commitment to provide a full year of mentoring to help African Ameri-

can students stay in school and out of trouble. The program, launched on October 22, 2009, as a plan to provide mentoring and guidance to African American males throughout the school year, is unprecedented at John Adams High School, known years before as a school where trouble abounded.

"A lot of people come to us with wonderful ideas and plans to help our students," said John Adams Principal Donald Jolly, as he stood before the group at the kick-off meeting. "It is rare that an organization steps forward for more than a one or two-day opportunity and commits itself to working with students throughout the year."



Sovereign Grand Commander SGIG Solomon Wallace with SGLLR McDaniel.

Members of the Masonic Scottish Rite fraternity will provide daily tutoring, encouragement, academic support and help with study skills for John Adams' students this year, with a promise to "see the improvement of students from start to finish."

CMSD's Commissioner of Athletics, Leonard B. Jackson, who helped to coordinate the kickoff event, said expectations of the young men participating are high.

"Without great demands, there can be no great achievements," he said. "These mentors will be a powerful tool in helping these young men fulfill their potential."

Jackson said motivation for the program stemmed from research showing that nearly half the population of young people between 10 and 18 live in situations that put them at risk of not living up to their potential.

Member Carl A. Williams, who read the mission of his organization's mentor program at the kick-off meeting, led 45 eager young men present in a mantra he said he hopes they repeat throughout the year: "Stay focused - Don't Settle - Keep Moving."

The importance of using their full potential was the focus of the keynote speaker's address. The Honorable Steven E. Terry, one of only two African American judges presiding over the Common Pleas Court in Cleveland, spoke from his heart about his reason for wanting to work

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with them. "I am here with you today because of what I see in my courtroom every day," said Judge Terry. "You cannot imagine how many times I have seen young men throw their lives away, and why a program like this is so beneficial for young men like you."

Judge Terry shared stories from his courtroom and invited the students to be his guest in court to view the dark path he and others are committed to helping them avoid.

With his closing words, the young men raised their right hands in a collective pledge to follow the mentors on a path that will lead them to "deeper dedication, more blessed preparation and higher education."

The Scottish Rite's mentoring project, says member Carl A. Williams, is aligned with the fraternity's mission to produce "better men in a better world, happier men in a happier world and wiser men in a wiser world."



Bezaleel Assembly No. 19: 2009 A Year of Service

In keeping with the Loyal Lady Rulers theme of "Love and Kindness," Bezaleel Assembly No. 19 Order of the Golden Circle, under the leadership of LL Janice M. Bostic, Loyal Lady Ruler, successfully completed three community service projects which were self-sustaining and carried out at no cost to the Assembly.

In May, the Assembly hosted a very successful baby shower for Providence House, a children's crisis nursery located in Cleveland, Ohio. Children come to the nursery from throughout the United States staying for up to 60 days while their primary caregivers work to resolve their situations. With the support of members and friends, the Assembly was able to donate over \$2,200 in tangible items and \$325 in a gift card and cash to the nursery.

In September, the Assembly collected 1,442 school supplies which were distributed to two public schools; one in Akron and one in Cleveland. At Nathan L. Glover Community Learning Center located in Akron the Assembly was warmly met by the school's principal, Ms. Rebecca Cacioppo, who thanked the Assembly for its donation explaining the great need of the children for supplies throughout the year as the staff had already distributed all items received at the beginning of the school year.

In Cleveland, the Assembly was greeted by Mrs. Judy Bateman and her fifth grade students at Walton School. The students were very appreciative of the school supplies received and other teachers inquired as to how they could receive items from the Assembly. The Loyal Lady Ruler was invited to tell the children about the organization. She explained the rich history and purpose, and told the students about our Girl's Assembly and Pythagorean youth groups. She also encouraged the students to strive for "A's" utilizing the school supplies they had received and to do their best in all of their endeavors. As the children do daily affirmations, individual affirmation cards had been made for each student. Each student also received a set of five bookmarks in their school colors which had say-

Making donations to the Nathan L. Glover Community Learning Center, Akron, Ohio, were members LL Zenobia Lanthan, Ms. Rebecca Cacioppo, Principal, LL



Deborah Willis-Russell, LL Ruler Janice M. Bostic, LL Geraldine Brandon, LL Mary Ann Cooper, LL Julia Hubbard, and LL Juanita Wood on behalf of Bezaleel Assembly No. 19.

ings from famous persons on the value of books on one side and affirmations on the other side. After spending time with the students, we had the opportunity to meet the Assistant Principal, Mr. William Montoya, who warmly greeted us and thanked us for selecting their school to be the recipient of our gifts explaining that the school is very large and diverse, and the need for support is great. We also met the Principal, Mrs. Janet Moore.

In addition to the school supplies received, the Assembly received financial contributions from friends of the Assembly, who are Cleveland Public School Alumni, who wanted to compliment our efforts by funding a field trip for the Cleveland students. A donation in the amount of \$305 was presented to Mrs. Bateman's class which will be used to defray the cost of the students attending the Cleveland Playhouse. This will be the first time any of the children have seen a live theater performance, and will be the students' only field trip this school year. Our visits to the two schools were most enlightening, as they highlighted the similarities and differences between the two cities, and we were surprised to learn that the mascot for both schools is the Wild Cat.

Bezaleel Assembly's final activity for the year was to visit members who are in long term care in nursing facilities. Each member was presented with a current membership roster, a flowering mum plant, a plastic container with items donated by Assembly members, and a handmade greeting card. Each Loyal Lady also received a framed photograph com-

memorating the visit. It was a pleasure spending time visiting our Loyal Ladies, two of whom will be celebrating their 90th birthday in the April, 2010. Our gift of time was what was most appreciated as the Loyal Ladies, their families, and nursing facility staff understand the real value of these visits is time shared and being fondly remembered.



LL Marie Stringer (seated) is visited by LL Dianna Alexander, Deborah Willis-Russell, and LL Ruler Janice M. Bostic.



LL Cecelia Petty (seated) is visited by LL Deborah Willis-Russell and LL Ruler Janice M. Bostic.



Teacher Mrs. Judy Bateman and her fifth grade class at Walton School, Cleveland, gratefully accepts donation from LL Ruler Janice M. Bostic.



LL Ruler Janice M. Bostic visits LL Ruth Dixon.

Joint Youth Session Meets at CSU



The Annual Combined Session of Grand Girls Assembly and Order of Pythagorans was held at Central State University, Wilberforce, Ohio, on July 9-12, 2009.

The fruitful and joyful session was truly a worthwhile experience for the young ladies and young men who were there. At the end we said goodbye and good luck to our 2008-2009 Grand Officers: Grand Royal Queen Princess - Tierney Allen; Grand Royal Princess - Princess Shayna Smith; Grand Princess Scribe - Princess Jasmine Miller; Grand Princess Exchequer - Princess Tyler Cromwell; Grand Princess Guide - Princess Elizabeth Jones; Grand Princess Gatekeeper - Princess Deajah Alexander; and wished them well for the ensuing year.

With the election of a new slate of Grand Officers, we welcomed the following: Grand Royal Queen for 2009-2010 Princess Te'Andra J. Wilson; Grand Royal Princess - Princess Jasmine Miller; Grand Princess Scribe - Princess Tyler Cromwell; Grand Princess Exchequer - Princess Alexa Storey; Grand Princess Guide - Princess Timiney Richardson; and Grand Princess Gatekeeper - Princess Crystal Gaiter. Princess Ashaunte Hoey, Miss Grand Girls Assembly for 2008-2009 crowned Princess Lacy Bell as Miss Grand Girls Assembly for 2009-2010.

Elected Most Valiant Grand Master Counselor for the Most Venerable Prince Hall Grand Chapter, Order of Pythagorans was Gregory Head, Jr.

Submitted by Lisa Hunt, GADYA

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May 1, 2009**

PMAGM Jeannie Elam Honored at Testimonial

Prince White Court No. 1, Heroines of Jericho hosted a Testimonial Banquet "The Rainbow Connection" at the Crown Plaza Hotel in Cincinnati on Saturday, June 28, 2009, to give accolades to Heroine Jeannie Elam, a Past Most Ancient Grand Matron who served The Most Ancient Prince Hall Grand Court, Heroines of Jericho in 2008.

Following the reception and introduction of the head table guests the invocation was given by Dr. Steven Reece, Sr., PMWGM and a Proclamation from the City of Cincinnati was presented to the Honoree by Mrs. Marcia Broadnax.

Her. M. Darlene Logan, Most Ancient Matron served as the Mistress of Ceremony and Her. Ernestine McCullars gave a the welcome. Her. Tanya Elam delivered a spoken-word tribute followed by Te'Andra Wilson, who sung an ecstatic rendition of "The Rainbow." The GDL Lucy G. Harvey introduced the speaker for the affair, Mrs. Kay F. Anderson, Grand Worthy Matron for Amaranth Grand Chapter, Inc., OES, who sung a beautiful selection and gave words of enlighten joy.

Dr. Steven R. Reece, Sr. eloquently introduced the honoree, noting that her melodious voice has been introduced around the country and that her service to her family, church, fraternal organizations, and community was out-

Honoree Her. Jeannie Elam receives plaque from MWGJ Rufus T. Duhart and MAGM Mary L. Brookins.



Seated (l. to r.): MWGJ Rufus T. Duhart; PMAGM Jeannie Elam; MAM M. Darlene Logan; VAM Ernestine McCullars. Standing: WCS Jewel Crosby and WCT Yvonne Duhart. (Photos by Gary L. Lewis)

standing. PMAGM Elam thanked everyone for their presence and gave a cameo selection. Highlight for the evening was a \$5,000 check presented to MAM Logan by PMAGM Elam for the PWC Academy Day Camp for underprivileged children ages 8 to 12 years in the Cincinnati area. MWGJ Rufus T. Duhart presented

a \$5,000 check for the camp at the Joint Banquet in April for a total of \$10,000.

Remarks were given by MAGM Bilye M. Peeples; General Conference of Grand Court, HOJ; RE Deputy Grand High Priest Robert L. Jones representing MEGHP Charles V. Williams, III; MWGJ Rufus T. DuHart who introduced MAGM Mary L. Brookins and they presented the honoree with a beautiful plaque. Final remarks were given by RW Otis Elam, DGL, who represented MWGM Rev. James H. Willis, Sr. The benediction was given by Rev. James H. Cantrell, Pastor of Zion Baptist Church.

By Her. M. Darlene Logan, MAM

Prayer Before Breakfast

Prince White Court No. 1, Heroines of Jericho, Red & White Gospel Prayer Breakfast was held earlier this year at the Metropolitan CME Church in Cincinnati with PMAGM Her. Jeannie Elam, chairperson.

Kt. Sidney D. Broadnax, Jr. introduced the guest speaker PMWGM Frederick E. Kelley, Sr. and his message was "If you want to call on someone, call on the Lord." Kt. Kelley was happy to see that it was a Gospel Prayer Breakfast, which meant "Good News."

In attendance was PMAGM Her. Mary L. Brookins, MWGJ Kt. Rufus T. DuHart, DGL of the South Her. Lucy G. Harvey, SGLLR Ruby McDaniels, members of Prince White Chapter No. 1, Margaret P. Grayson Girl's Assembly members who served as junior hostesses, invited senior guests and supporters. Her. Mona J. Dickson



PMWGM Frederick E. Kelley, Sr., "The Messenger."



Soloists PMAGM Jeannie Elam and Bro. Timothy Collier.

served as the Mistress of Ceremony for the event. Musical renditions were performed by Bro. Timothy Collier and PMAGM Her. Jeannie Elam.

MAM M. Darlene Logan made the connection between the first Prayer Breakfast in Washington State to the Annual National Prayer Breakfast in DC and how prayers are always in order. Her. Logan thanked the committee for serving a delicious breakfast and PMAGM Elam for a spirit-filled program. Final remarks were given by MWGJ Rufus T. Duhart and MAGM Her. Mary L. Brookins.



(L. to r.): MAM M. Darlene Logan; GDL Lucy Harvey; MAGM Mary L. Brookins; and MWGJ Rufus Duhart.

Ohio PH Grand Guild Heroines of Templar Crusades

The Southern District meeting of the Ohio Prince Hall Grand Guild, Heroines of Templar Crusades, convened in Indianapolis, IN, on February 14, 2009, with Pr. Edna P. Rowley, Grand Deputy Lecturer, Southern District presiding. Devotional service was led by the chaplains of each Guild followed by the ritualistic opening with Gethsemane Guild No. 5 in charge. The Grand Princess Captain, Pr. M. Francine Washington expressed congratulations to the district for "an overwhelmingly successful, enjoyable and enlightening event."

The Northern District meeting convened in Cleveland, OH, on May 9, 2009, with Pr. Eva L. Bess, Grand Deputy Lecturer, Northern District presiding. The meeting kicked off with a very spirit-filled devotional period followed by the ritualistic opening with the Princess Captain and Asst. Royal Advisor of Emanuel Guild No. 3, serving as the presiding officers. The remaining opening team consisted of members from Emanuel Guild No. 3, Golgotha Guild No. 4, and Taylor Guild No. 6. Songbird of the northern district, Pr. Vera Carroll sang several selec-

tions. The special feature was the rendition of the burial service, which was beautifully done as stated by the Grand Princess Captain and Grand Royal Advisor. In attendance were four Past Grand Royal Advisors, five Past Grand Princess Captains and the Right Eminent Grand Commander, SK William C. Parker.

The 26th Annual Grand Conclave was held on July 18, 2009, at Hope Hotel & Banquet Center, Wright Patterson AFB, Ohio. Theme: "HOTC - Helping Others Through Christ."

The meeting was very harmonious, productive and spirit-filled. Pr. Vera Carroll sang "Order My Steps" and Pr. Kay F. Anderson sang "My Soul Has Been Anchored."

The reigning queen for 2009-2010 is Pr. Linda Olverson, Cyrene Guild #1, Cincinnati, Ohio.

Congratulations were extended to the Ohio Grand Guild Drill Team for winning the 2nd place trophy at the Inter-

national Grand Court of Cyrene Crusaders 39th Annual Convocation in Ft. Worth, Texas and also to Pr. Mary B. Harpe, PGPC serving as international Grand Magdalene and Pr. DeNoris Brown, JGPC, serving as International Grand Altess.

It was voted on to change the name of our Ohio Prince Hall Grand Guild to David V. Moore Grand Guild of Ohio in honor of our Right Eminent Grand Commander who issued the 1st Ohio Charter.

The 2009 session was closed in ritualistic order by Pr. M. Francine Washington, Grand Princess Captain. Later that evening a Recognition Banquet was given to honor Pr. M. Francine Washington, Grand Princess Captain and S K Arper Tentman, Jr., Grand Royal Advisor.



Grand Royal Advisor Arper Tentman, Jr. and Grand Princess Captain M. Francine Washington.

Submitted by Pr. Sarah A. Holland



2010 MASONIC FAMILY CALENDAR

JANUARY		
16	Grand Master's Town Hall Meeting	Cincinnati, OH
17	1st & 4th District MLK Dinner Dance	Cincinnati, OH
22-23	Grand Communication Planning Session	Cincinnati, OH
29-30	Gala Day Planning Session	Springfield, OH
FEBRUARY		
7	Statewide Black History Program	Each District
13	Second Masonic District Meeting	TBA
13	Grand Master's Town Hall Meeting	TBA
19-20	Sinai Temple Potentate Ball	Cincinnati, Ohio
20	Royal & Select Masters Southern District Meeting	TBA
27	OES Workshop	Columbus, OH
28	Taylor Guild Black History Program	Columbus, OH
MARCH		
4	Grand Lodge Trustee Meeting	Columbus, OH
6	Occasional Grand Lodge	Columbus, OH
11-14	Midwest Conference of Grand Masters and Grand Matrons	Omaha, NE
13	Nobles and Daughters Joint Desert Conference	TBA
18	USC Scottish Rite Day of Remembrance	Statewide
19-20	Midwest Shrine Coalition	Louisville, KY
20	Prince Hall Grand Guild Southern District Meeting	Indianapolis, IN
20	Mecca Temple #43 Potentate Ball	Toledo, OH
20	Grand Girls Assembly Debutante Ball	Columbus, OH
21	Hattie B. Alexander Day	Columbus, OH
27	Third Masonic District Meeting	Columbus, OH
27	Grand Master's Town Hall Meeting	TBA
28-Apr 4	HOLY WEEK OBSERVANCE	Statewide
APRIL		
2	Good Friday	Statewide
9-11	Imperial Commandress Testimonial	Romulus, MI
10	Grand Girls Assembly District #1, #2, #5	TBA
17	Girls Assembly Meeting, District #3 & #4	TBA
17	Fourth Masonic District Meeting	TBA
17	Pythagorean Day	Toledo, OH
17	Grand Master's Town Hall Meeting	TBA
24	Grand Convocation, Royal Arch Masons	Dayton, OH
25	Grand Convocation Heroines of Jericho	Dayton, OH
MAY		
1	Fifth Masonic District Meeting	TBA
1	Grand Master's Town Hall Meeting	TBA
1	OES Northern District Meeting #1, #2, #3	TBA
8	A1 Kaf Temple #109 Potentate Ball	Akron, OH
8	Knights Templar Southern District Meeting	TBA
13-15	Grand Masters and Grand Matrons Conference	Boston, MA
14-16	Grand Convocation Royal & Select Masters	TBA
16	Daughters of Isis Feast of Isis	Worldwide
22	Sixth Masonic District Meeting	TBA
22	Grand Master's Town Hall Meeting	TBA
22	OES Southern District Meeting #4, #5, #6	TBA
23	Whit Sunday	Statewide
28- June 1	United Supreme Council	Philadelphia, PA
JUNE		
3	Grand Lodge Trustees Meeting	Columbus, OH
5	Simon #1 Military Ball	Cincinnati, OH
3-5	Shrine Gala Days	Springfield, OH
6	Shrine Jubilee Day Celebration	Worldwide
6	Zerubbabel Day	TBA
11-12	Alpha Priory #1 Convocation	Dayton, OH
13	Esther Day	TBA

18-19	Alla Baba Temple #53 Potentate Ball	Columbus, OH
19	Northern District Meeting Grand Guild	Cleveland, OH
19	Pythagorean District Meeting	Columbus, OH
26	Seventh Masonic District Meeting	TBA
26	Grand Master's Town Hall Meeting	TBA
27	St. John the Baptist Day	Statewide
29-July 3	Grand Encampment Knights Templar & International Court Syrene Crusaders	TBA
JULY		
2-7	General Grand Conference RAM & Heroines of Jericho	Memphis, TN
8-11	Youth Grand Session	Central State
University		
16-18	Grand Guild Grand Conclave Knights Templar, R.E. Grand Commander Testimonial Banquet	Akron, OH
24	MAPHGC HOJ Northern District Prayer Breakfast	TBA
23-24	Akbar Court Commandress Ball	Springfield, OH
25	OES Statewide Project	Columbus, OH
AUGUST		
July 30-Aug 3	Grand Communications - Grand Lodge & Grand Chapter	Cincinnati, OH
14-19	Imperial Council Session	Tampa, FL
	Imperial Court	Tampa, FL
SEPTEMBER		
2	Grand Lodge Trustees Meeting	Columbus, OH
4	Sinai Temple P.P.s Council Testimonial	Cincinnati, OH
4	A1 Asir Court Commandress Ball	Youngstown, OH
11	El Hasa Temple Potentate Ball	Cleveland, OH
11	Sinai Court Commandress Ball	Cincinnati, OH
12	Prince Hall and Americanism Day	Statewide
18	Prince Hall HOJ Southern Prayer Breakfast	TBA
18	Amer Court No. 65 Commandress Ball	Dayton, OH
18	Pythagorean Advisory Meeting	Cleveland, OH
24	Gothic Lodge Recognition Banquet	Cincinnati, OH
24-25	Alla Baba Court #75 Commandress Ball	Columbus, OH
24-25	OES School of Instruction	Columbus, OH
25	Youth Grand Session Pre-planning Meeting	Columbus, OH
OCTOBER		
2	Prince Hall Grand Guild Workshop	TBA
9	Mecca Court #73 Commandress Ball	Toledo, OH
9	Nobles Fall Desert Conference	TBA
9	William T. Boyd #79 Past Master's Ball	Cleveland, OH
16	A1 Kaf Court # 144 Commandress Ball	Akron, OH
16	HOJ School of Instruction	TBA
23-24	Ohio Council of Deliberations & State Loyal Lady Ruler's Banquet	Toledo, OH
30	Pythagorean District Meeting	Columbus, OH
NOVEMBER		
5-6	Grand Worthy Matron's Testimonial	Westlake, OH
	Holiday Inn Westlake	Cincinnati, OH
13	Brotherhood Night	Columbus, OH
13	Pythagorean/Grand Girls Assembly Planning Session	Columbus, OH
20	Amer Temple #107 Potentate Ball	Dayton, OH
DECEMBER		
6	El Hasa Court #47 Commandress Ball	Cleveland, OH
25	Knights Templar Christmas Observance	Worldwide
19	St. John the Evangelist Day	Statewide

NOTE: Any updates or changes please forward to the office of the Grand Secretary so changes can be coordinated with the MWGM Robert L. Jones. You may fax (614) 221-7760 or e-mail to mwphgloh@sbcglobal.net

Summer Day Camp Held by Prince White Court No. 1

By MAM M. Darlene Logan

Prince White Court #1, Heroines of Jericho, was given a \$10,000 grant to hold the PWC Academy Day Camp for underprivileged youth ages 8-12 years in Cincinnati, from July. 13-24, 2009. Her. M. Darlene Logan, MAM noted that, "The strategies for campers were to strengthen their values that fostered growth in the areas of self confidence and esteem, leadership skills that strengthened a sense of responsibility for self and others while emerging intellectual curiosity."

Campers selected were Dy-Mesha Allen, Joshua Gordon, Jaishia Hill, Nalisha Hill, Tre Lamar, Amari Mason, Trinity Phillips, Tyler Riley, Cameron Simons and Jordon Williams. All agreed to the camper's core values of caring, honesty, respect, ingeniousness and to take the learned experiences that were gained and pass them on.

The camp was designed to enrich interest in areas of photography, fine arts, history and museum visits, adventures in science and nature exhibits, arts and craft activities, etiquette dining techniques, an out-of-state travel experience and publish a keepsake book.

Chaperones for the program were MAM Logan, MWJ Rufus T. Duhart, PMAGM Jeannie Elam, PMAM Ernestine McCullars, JA Margaret Farrier, PMAM Mary F. Dickson, PMAM Mona J. Dickson, SA Tanya Elam and Kt. Gary L. Lewis. Jr. Counselors were TeAndra Wilson for the girls and Lawrence Riley IV for the boys.

Campers received daily meals and participated in events and exhibits in the Cincinnati area.

Highlights were a three day trip to the Comfort Inn and Suites, Indianapolis, IN, a travel tote bag with complete toiletry items and two tee shirts.



(Above) Windham Lodge Hall camp home site. (Right top) Campers' outdoor photography instructions by Kt. Gary L. Lewis. (R. bottom) Chaperones PMAM Mary F. Dickson, PMAM Ernestine McCullars, MWGJ Rufus T. Duhart.



Campers visit the Children's Museum in Indianapolis.

Colour Purple Court Hosts Visitor From North Carolina

Members of Colour Purple Court No. 4, Ladies of the Circle of Perfection, Dayton, Ohio, were privileged to receive Honorary Past Royal Grand Perfect Matron Mary E. Anderson, PH Grand Court, Ladies of the Circle

of Perfection, from the Jurisdiction of North Carolina. HPRGPM Anderson was received with appropriate honors. She gave an excellent presentation. This evening also held special significance for

the membership as RM Kay F. Anderson received her Past Royal Perfect Matron Degree.

A repast was enjoyed with fraternal fellowship in November during the regular stated meeting.

First row (l. to r.): HPRGPM Mary E. Anderson, Thrice III. Master William C. Parker, Royal Chief Advisor Arper Tentman, Jr., Royal Perfect Matron Colour Purple Court No. 4, Margaret Bohanon. Second row: Royal Deputy Matron Barbara L. Winston, Royal Principal Conductress Hulet Gilmer, Royal Treasurer Betty Murphy-Green, RM Barbara E. Wilson, Past Chief Advisor John H. Holmes, Second Advisor Fred Conway, Jr. Third row: Ill. Companion Glenn Rollins, Photographer Ill. Companion Villani J. Thomas, RM Dorothea Burton, RM 1-yr. Trustee Mary L. Brookins, RM Donna Wright, RM Stephanie Godwin.





Knights Templar Election at 137th Ohio Grand Convocation

By Kt. Eston Lucky Wilson
RE Grand Historian

The Hope Hotel and Conference Center at Wright Patterson AFB, Dayton, Ohio, was again the site of the Ohio Prince Hall Grand Commandery meeting held July 19, 2009.

After the devotional service stirred the passions of all present. EG Prelate, PREGC Jerry D. Springer, closed the communion.

The Grand Commandery officers, led by REG Captain General Arper Tentman, Jr., opened the conclave in due form and received the RE Grand Commander William C. Parker. The REGC received all elected and appointed officers. He also received all Past REGC and appropriate honors were given.

The REGC William C. Parker gave his annual allusion wherein he named July 19, 2009. as Sir Knight Curtis J. McKinney Day, in honor of PREGC McKinney, who passed away while serving as the REG Treasurer. The REGC recommended that the title of Past Right Eminent Grand Commander be bestowed upon Sir Knight Arper Tentman, Jr., for outstanding service to the Commandery, which was passed by an unanimous vote.

All line officers reports were received and accepted for the record.

Reports were also received from each Eminent Commander, the three Grand Lecturers, REGCCFC, Grand Royal Advisor, Grand Encampment report, Registration and credentials reports.

A report from the Time and Place Committee recommended the Grand Conclave be held in Akron, Ohio for the years 2010 and 2011. The motion passed by a majority vote.

PREGC Homer L. Buchanan gave remarks on behalf of MWGM James H. Willis, Sr. He also presented the Bronze, Silver

and Gold Awards to: Leonadas Nash, Jr., #32 (Gold); Simpson Huston, #32 (Silver); Henry Henderson, #32 (Bronze).

No nominations for "Sir Knight of the Year" were received. Kt. Buchanan announced that Ohio will host the National Grand Encampment in 2012, only three years away.

Notice of name change was given: The Ohio Prince Hall Grand Guild will henceforth be titled as "The David V. Moore Prince Hall Guild of Ohio, PHA."

The Necrology Ceremony was led by Grand Prelate Melvin Hughley.

The election and installation was conducted by PREGC Homer L. Buchanan. The results are:

Aaron E. Ray, Right Eminent Grand Commander; Waldo Nolcox, Very Eminent Deputy Grand Commander; Reginald Blake, Sr., Eminent Grand Generalissimo; Michel R. Woodson-Levy, Eminent Grand Captain General; Melvin L. Russell, Eminent Grand Senior Warden; Michael I. Bess, Eminent Grand Junior Warden; Kennedy C. McCall, Eminent Grand Treasurer; and Larry G. Edwards, Sr., Eminent Grand Recorder.



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History Made by Ohio Prince Hall Knights Templar



On December 12, 2009, Prince of Peace Tabernacle No. X, Holy Royal Arch Knight Templar Priests, operating under special dispensation from The Grand College of America Holy Royal Arch Knight Templar Priests (HRAKTP), where the Grand Preceptor Gerald Alan Ford, 2009-2010, presides, met for the ceremony of ordination at Lima Masonic Center, Lima, Ohio. The Tabernacle was opened at 3 p.m. for the purpose of chartering a new Tabernacle (Hannibal No. 78), the first Prince Hall affiliated Taber-

nacle ever established in the jurisdiction of the MWPHGL of Ohio, PHA.

The Holy Royal Arch Knight Templar Priests is an honorary and invitational organization with membership limitations and cannot be applied for or petitioned. Members are selected and extended invitations on the basis of outstanding performance as a Commander of a Commandery of Knights Templar. The order has historic roots in England that trace back to 1786, with references back to 1686, the tradi-

tional year of revival. The "Priestly Order" was referred to within the ceremonies of "The High Knights Templar" in Ireland in 1755. There are records of the conferral of this Order in the United States during the 1800's but the authority is unknown. The Grand College of America, Holy Royal Arch Knight Templar Priests was formed in the United States in 1931. The limit of Regular Members in a Tabernacle is 33. Invitees are received as Worthy Installed Commanders of Knights Templar and are ordained a Holy Royal Arch Knight Templar Priest obligated and anointed as such after taking part in extensive degree work and presented with the emblem of the Order suspended from a gold ribbon around the neck.

Officers of Hannibal No. 78, were assigned by Grand Preceptor Gerald A. Ford, for 2010 are as follows: Preceptor Homer L. Buchanan; Deputy Preceptor William C. Parker; Treasurer/Registrar Keith D. Clark, Sr.; Reginald Blake, Sr.; Larry G. Edwards, Sr.; Michael L. Freeman; Derrick Grisby; William H. Koon II; James W. Moss, Sr.; Waldo Nolcox; Theodore R. Patton; Melvin L. Russell; Harold Truss; and Eston Lucky Wilson.

Compiled by Kt. Eston Lucky Wilson



Newly installed members of Hannibal No. 78.

Photo by David Kostenski

Al Lalim Temple/Court Hold Joint Ball



Dt. Denise Cannon
Illustrious Commandress

Al Lalim Temple No. 223 and Al Lalim Court No. 205 held a Joint Ball honoring Ill. Potentate Thomas Batie and Ill. Commandress Denise Cannon on September 25-26, 2009.

At the Friday night hospitality the Daughters of Al Lalim Court

were dressed in purple and gold tee shirts compliments of the Ill. Commandress Cannon. Guests enjoyed a delicious meal and danced to the music of the dynamic duo of Nobles David Holloway and William Spence.

The celebration continued on Saturday afternoon with an afternoon hospitality filled with food, music, family, and friends.

The ball on Saturday evening was held at DeLuca's Place in the Park. Highlights of the evening included the reception of the Commandress followed by the reception of the Potentate. Al Lalim Court presented a scholarship to Brittney Blakely.

Among the guests were Dt. Marie Anderson, Deputy for the Desert, DOI; Noble Greg Hopkins, Deputy of the Desert; Noble Homer L. Buchanan, Imperial Chief Rabban; Grand Worthy Matron, Kay F. Anderson; and a large contingency from Aleppo Temple and Court.



Noble Thomas Batie
Illustrious Potentate

Masquerade Ball Held Funds Scholarships

The Mirage Club and Desert Runners hosted its 5th Annual Masquerade Ball on Saturday, October 31, 2009. The event was held at the Mid-Ohio Conference Center in Mansfield, Ohio. Local band Q-Effect provided live music and DJ Rufus Gripper kept everyone on the dance floor. A buffet style meal was provided.

Proceeds supported the scholarship fund of May Chapter No. 62 OES, and the charity fund of Pride of Ohio Lodge No 80. Scholarships were awarded to three 2009 high school graduates DeNeil Dailey, attending The

University of Akron; Lamar "Jamall" Marsh, attending The Ohio State University-Mansfield; and Courtney Ivy, attending The University of Toledo. One continuing scholarship was awarded to Michael Patterson, Jr, a Junior at The Ohio State University, majoring in Architecture.

Mark your calendar for next year, October 30, 2010. For further information, contact Robert Westerfield, Chairperson at 419-610-8798 or Renae Willis, ticket chairperson at 419-756-3777.

Submitted by Renae Willis