



MWGM James H. Willis, Sr., Makes 35 Masons at Sight

~ WELCOME NEW MASTER MASONS ~

Saturday, November 8, 2008, Fairborn, Ohio...

February 23, 2008, Cleveland, Ohio...



Twenty-one distinguished men from throughout the Jurisdiction of Ohio were made Masons at Sight by MWGM Willis. Included in the group were businessmen, elected politicians and several clergymen, including five Pastors from the 4th Masonic District. At the Hope Hotel and Conference Center, Fairborn, Ohio, The Most Worshipful Grand Master James H. Willis, Sr., caused Edward Dugger, Jr. Military Lodge No. 123, to open an Occasional Grand Lodge for the express purpose of making Masons at Sight. They were, first row, l. to r.: (1) Reverend Dr. John Freeman, Pastor of United AME Church, Xenia; (2) Reverend Bruce Jones, Pastor of Mt. Carmel Missionary Baptist Church, Springfield; (4) MWGM Willis; (5) Reverend K. Edwin Bryant, Pastor of Mt. Pisgah Baptist Church, Dayton; (6) Reverend Dr. P. E. Henderson, Jr., Pastor of Corinthian Baptist Church, Dayton; and (7) Reverend Chad A. White, Sr., Pastor of Mt. Carmel Missionary Baptist Church, Dayton.



RW Jay Johnson, PM, No. 123, gives the Apron Presentation to the candidates. Photos by RW Woodrow Riddle, Jr.,

By RW Melvin Russell
MW Grand Master James H. Willis Sr. created 14 Master Masons at Sight in Cleveland, Ohio, on February 23, 2008. The highlight of the ceremony was that two of the newly made Master Masons were the sons of the MW Grand Master. The four Worshipful Masters, Senior and Junior Wardens of the Cleveland PH Symbolic Masonic Lodges performed the three degrees administered.

The Degree Team consisted of WM William Boyd Jr., No. 79; SW Larry Lovelace, No. 79; JW Richard Johnson, No. 79; WM Carlwin Collins, No. 52; SW Erick Elder, No. 52; JW Edward Davis, No. 52; WM Kalvin Brown, No. 11; SW Mark Ledger, No. 11; JW Erik Warren, No. 11; WM Damon Johnson, No. 120; SW Clarence King, No. 120; JW Andrew D. White, No. 120; Chaplain Robert Acree, No. 120; and PM Paul Hunt, No. 79.

RW Melvin L. Russell, No. 79, presided over the affair under the auspices of the RW Grand Lecturer Carl A. Williams, No. 120.

Over 100 Brothers and Grand Lodge officers were on hand traveling from Akron, Warren, Toledo, Sandusky, Elyria and even as far as Columbus to witness this historic event. The Deputy Grand Lecturers, RW Jerry Ellerton, RW James Provitt and RW Marlon Shockley were also proud to be in attendance.

Congratulations go out to these newly made Master Masons: Shelby Willis, No. 4; James H. Willis Jr., No. 4; Darryl L. Reed, No. 4; John Algee, No. 4; David Taylor, No. 4; Daniel Goosby, No. 11; Bruce Jackson, No. 11; Mark Perkins, No. 52; Marice Hadden, No. 87; Woodrow Davis, No. 87; Curtis Allen, No. 87; Timothy Butler, No. 108; Larry Wallace, No. 120; and Johnny J. Brewington, No. 120.

Below: MW Grand Master Willis places Grand Lodge pins on his sons, James H. Willis, Jr. (r.) and Shelby Willis (l.), both of who were made Masons at Sight.

Grand Worthy Matron Kay Anderson Honored at Banquet



Grand Worthy Matron Kay F. Anderson, No. 104, was honored at a Recognition Banquet held the weekend of November 6-7, 2008. Above GWM Anderson and Amaranth Grand Chapter Trustees.

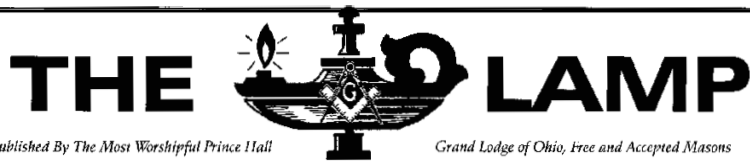
2008-2009 Grand Trustees (Seated l. to r.) Grand Associate Patron Kennedy C. McCall, Grand Associate Matron Beverly J. Beavers, GWM Anderson, Grand Worthy Patron Gerald S. Friason, Grand Conductress, Loling Sawyer. Standing: Grand Sentinel Arnet Sanders, Grand Associate Conductress Jacqueline E. Harris, Grand Treasurer, Patricia A.P. Taylor, Grand Secretary Betty A. Bradshaw, and Grand Attorney Freddie Springfield.

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Newly made Masons at Sight along with Degree Team.

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From the Desk of the Editor...

RW Jimmie E. Johnson, Editor

Greetings to the Prince Hall Family:

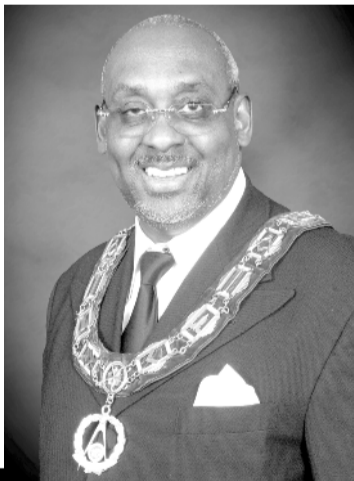
This edition of The Lamp includes all unpublished material that I have received from January 2008 through December 2008. In order to accommodate as many articles as possible, we have limited the words and tried to tell most of the stories through pictorial display.

The Lamp Staff promises that we will continue to work with the Editor-in-Chief (MWGM) and the Grand Lodge

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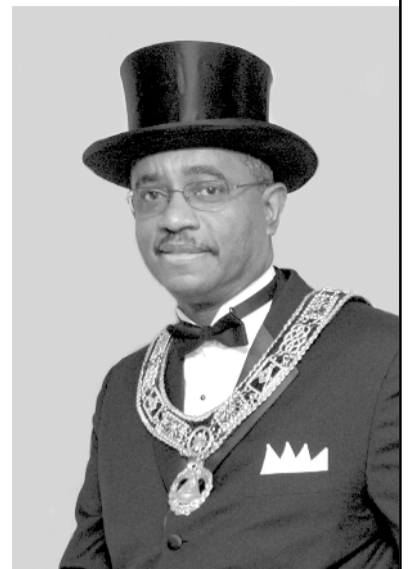
From the Desk of the MW Grand Master...
REV. JAMES H. WILLIS SR., #4

On behalf of the elected Grand Trustees of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Ohio and from Linnie and me, we wish for each of you a Most Prosperous New Year and hope that your blessings continue to flow as God has promised to supply our every need.

December 22, 2008

Proclamation JHW-1-2009

Worshipful Masters, Past Masters, Senior and Junior Wardens, All Past Grand Masters, All Grand Lodge Trustees, Grand Lodge Officers Present and Past, All Heads of Subordinate Lodges of the Most Worshipful Prince hall Grand Lodge of Ohio



Greetings:

Pursuant to Article 5, Section 2 of the Constitution of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Ohio, a Special Communication of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge will be convened on Saturday March 7, 2009 at the at the Eastmoor Middle School, 3450 Medway Ave, Columbus, OH 43213.

The business at hand will be the presentation and acting upon a recommendation pertaining to the Per Capita Tax assessments of the Grand Lodge. At the 159th Annual Communications, it was stated in the Most Worshipful Grand Master's Allocation, that a committee would be appointed to review our Grand Lodge financial structure, and make recommendations pertaining to the Per Capita Tax. The committee has performed the task assigned to them, and their findings and recommendations are ready for presentation for your consideration and action.

Therefore, be it resolved that the officers and members of the 3rd Masonic District, under the directions of R.W. Deputy Grand Lecturer Albert D. Francis will open a lodge of Master Masons at 10:00 a.m. The Grand Lodge Officers and The Most Worshipful Grand Master will be received at 10:30 a.m at which time an Occasional Grand Lodge will convene.

Be it further resolved, that each Brother will pay a registration fee of \$15.00 in attendance.

Be it further resolved, that there will be a Pythagorans' Advisor's Workshop Overview take place at 1:00 p.m, followed by an Advisor's Banquet to be held later that same evening. Time and place to be announced by the R.W. Director of Youth Activities, Ben Moore.

"RECLAIM, REVITALIZE, RETURN"

Take due and timely notice of the foregoing and govern yourselves accordingly.

Given under my hand and private seal of the Grand Master at Toledo, Ohio this 22 Day of December AD 2008, AL 2008.

Fraternally,
Rev. James H. Willis, Sr.
Most Worshipful Grand Master



Scholarship Raffle Winners Announced

The Annual Prince Hall Scholarship Foundation raffle was held on Sunday May 18, 2008, at the Grand East with the following Brothers in attendance: Charles Allen - No. 4, Charles Smith, Grand Secretary - No. 7, Robert Lynch - No. 89, Sim Sankey - No. 89, Ronald Smith - No. 89, Webster Tyson - No. 89 and Ronald A. Ogletree - No. 115, Director, PH Scholarship Foundation.

The 2008 Raffle winners were:
1st Prize: Morris W. Lee, Youngstown, OH - \$3000.00.
2nd Prize: Jimmie Hughes, Youngstown, OH - \$1750.00.
3rd Prize: Ashley Bell, Canton, OH - \$750.00.
4th Prize: Julius Hudson, Day-

ton, OH - \$500.00.

My sincere thanks to all who supported this Grand Lodge fund raiser that assist our youth to con-

tinue their education beyond high school. Congratulations to the winners!

Submitted by Ronald A. Ogletree



MW Grand Master James H. Willis, Sr. accompanied by elected and appointed Grand Lodge officers at the Master Mason at Sight ceremony held in Cleveland, Ohio.

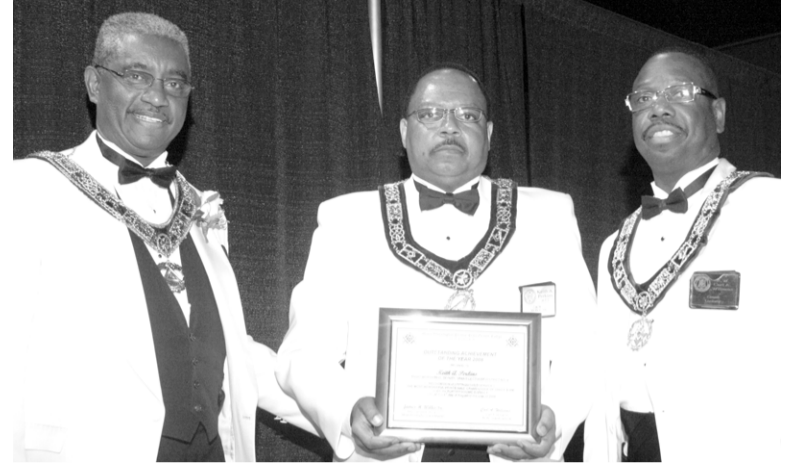
Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Ohio Convenes 159th Grand Communication



MWGM Willis escorted down the parade route by Senior and Junior Grand Deacons.



MWGM James H. Willis Sr. with visiting Grand Masters Samuel King (l.) MWPHGL of PA and Ronald Winnett, MWGL of Ohio.



MWGM James H. Willis, Sr. (l.) presents Special Achievement Award to RWDGL Keith A. Perkins, 4th Masonic Dist. (c.), while RW Grand Lecturer Carl A. Williams (r.) looks on.

Eminent Grand Commander, Knights Templar, William C. Parker and the Ohio Grand Commandery, escort the Craft down the parade route.



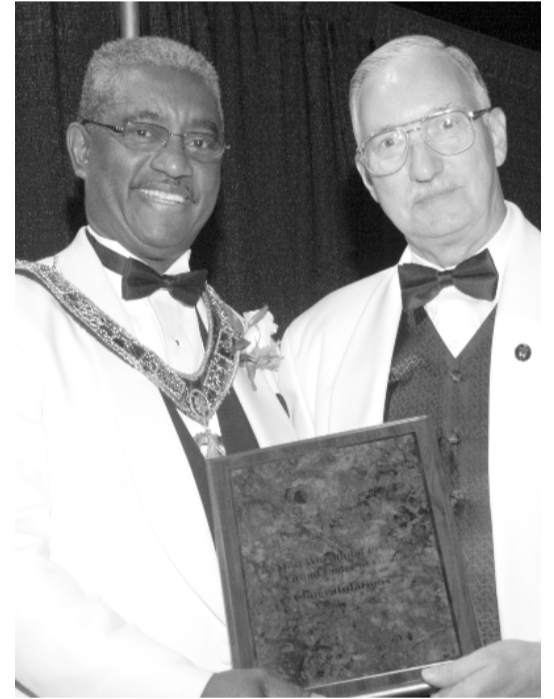
(Photo below) Master Masons of the MWPHGL of Ohio parade through downtown Toledo and into the Park Inn Hotel for Memorial Services.



MWGM Willis and RWGL Carl A. Williams present the "Deputy of the Year" award to RW B. Wayne McLaughlin, RWDGL, 2nd Masonic Dist.



MW Grand Master James H. Willis, Sr. receives Proclamation from the City of Toledo.



MW Grand Master Ronald Winnett, MW Grand Lodge of Ohio, presents a plaque to MWGM Willis.

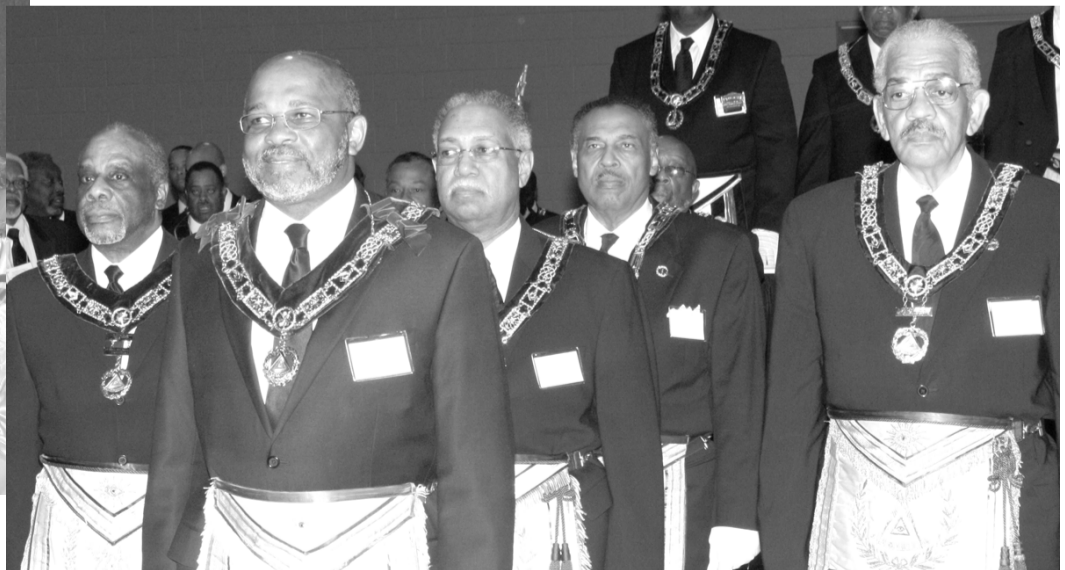
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MWGM Willis surprises his First Lady, Sister Linnie Willis with a bouquet of red roses.



MWGM Willis presents GWM Zeda K. Roberson with a bouquet of red roses.



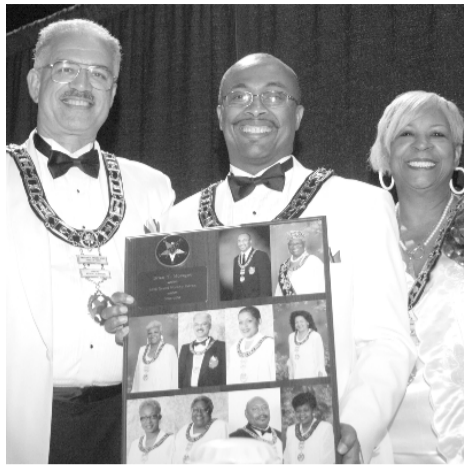
Visiting delegation from the Jurisdiction of Washington, DC is received at the altar.



Amaranth Grand Chapter Hosts 121st Grand Communication in Toledo



GWP - E l e c t Gerald S. Friason and GWM-Elect Kay F. Anderson present beautiful plaques from the Grand Trustees to the outgoing GWM Zeda K. Roberson (l.) and outgoing GWP Brian T. Moragne (r.).



Visiting delegation from Georgiana Thomas Grand Chapter of the District of Columbia.



Past Grand Worthy Matrons in attendance (l. to r.): Betty Jean Cousins, Thomasine G. Allen, Janet M. Gee-Jordan, Karen A. James, Bernice M. Wells, Maggie F. Moon, Daisy L. Lewis and Dr. Gloria S. Malone.



Visiting delegation from Deborah Grand Chapter from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Pictorial Review of 121st Grand Communication August 2-6, 2008, Toledo, Ohio



Past Grand Patrons in attendance (l. to r.): Keith D. Clark, Sr., Ray S. Robinson, Albert L. Lewis, Wilse Simpson, Charles E. Williams, Stephen P. Blackwell, Sr., Jimmie E. Johnson, and Jerry D. Springer.



Amaranth Grand Chapter's Gospel Choir, under the direction of Grand Choir Director, PM Lucy "Deanie" Harvey, #104 (seated l.) and accompanist RW Grand Attorney Alvertis Bishop (standing l.), prepares to render songs during the Divine Service on Sunday morning.

Amaranth Grand Chapter Elects New Leaders



GWP Gerald S. Friason is installed at the altar assisted by PGM Thomasine G. Allen, installing Marshal.



GWM Kay F. Anderson makes her first trip through the Labyrinth to the Grand East to receive her Crown and Sash.



Installing Grand Patron Jimmie E. Johnson (l.) GWP Friason, MWGM James H. Willis, Sr. and Junior PGWP Brian Moragne prepare to give Grand Honors to Grand Worthy Matron, Kay F. Anderson.



(Photo l.) New kid on the block, Jacqueline E. Harris, Deborah Chapter #19, was elected Grand Associate Conductress.



(Photo r.) Another new kid on the block, Arnet Sanders, Wisdom Chapter #51, was elected Grand Sentinel. Bro. Sanders served for years as the Chief of Internal Security for the MWPHGL of Ohio.



(Above) Worthy Matron Karla Goldsby (l.) presented GWM Anderson her sash from Ruth Chapter No. 104, while Worshipful Master Carlton Johnston (r.), presented the beautiful crown that was purchased by Edward Dugger Lodge No. 123.



(Photo l.) Newly installed Grand Worthy Patron Gerald S. Friason and Grand Worthy Matron Kay F. Anderson pose for first official photo.

(Photo r.) GWM Anderson gave an emotional acceptance address, preceded by the song "Never Could Have Made It." Here she is joined by her family.

Photos by RW Woodrow Riddle, Jr., GP



Ruth Chapter No. 104 Honors 38th GWM Kay F. Anderson

By PGWP Jay Johnson, No. 104
During the weekend of November 7-9, 2008, approximately 500 people gathered at the Hope Hotel and Conference Center, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio, to pay tribute to Sister Kay Frances Anderson, 38th Grand Worthy Matron of Amaranth Grand Chapter, Inc., Order of the Eastern Star for the Jurisdiction of Ohio.

weekend that will be immortalized by those in attendance for years to come.

Highlights of the weekend included a "Real Texas Barbeque" on Friday evening complete with a Western decor and the guests attired in their finest Western gear. On Saturday morning, Ruth Chapter No. 104 hosted a "Gospel Fest" with Gospel singing, Praise Dancers, and a delightful repast. Then on Saturday evening, the Grand Worthy Matron was feted with a gala banquet which included 100 percent participation by Grand Heads of Houses regaled in the colors and jewels of their high office.

DJ William Spence provided some soulful dancing music for Friday and Saturday evenings and everyone had a great time.

Ruth Chapter No. 104 hosted the "Gala Weekend Extraordinaire" with assistance from the Brothers of Edward Dugger, Jr. Military Lodge No. 123.

The General Chairperson, Past Grand Deputy Alice Jean Johnson and her committee left no stone unturned as they rolled out the red carpet for guests and truly lavished their Grand Worthy Matron with grace and style during a



Grand Worthy Matron's immediate family pose proudly with their "KayKay" as they affectionately call her.



Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons in attendance were (seated l. to r.) PGWMs Zeda K. Roberson, Thomasine G. Allen, Karen A. James, Gloria S. Malone, GWM Anderson, Daisy L. Lewis, Janet N. Gee-Jordan and Betty Jean Cousins. Standing: PGWPs Rev. Brian T. Moragne, Charles E. Williams, Jerry D. Springer, Albert L. Lewis, Keith D. Clark, Sr., Ray S. Robinson and Jimmie E. Johnson.



GWM Anderson with MWGM James H. Willis, Sr.



GWM Anderson (c.) poses with members of Ruth Chapter No. 104, hosts for the gala weekend.



GWM Anderson with "Kay's Krème de la Krème" - Grand Deputies of Amaranth Grand Chapter. (L. to r.) Janice M. Williams, Dist. #2; Barbara A. Walker, Dist. #3; Gwen S. McLaughlin, Dist. #4; Barbara Hudson-Banner, Dist. #5; and Angel Q. Lungelow-Cooper, Dist. #6. Not pictured: Diane P. Jofferion, Dist. #1.



GWM Anderson and "Kay's Karats" - Grand Girls Assembly Advisory Board. (L. to r.) Robin Allen-Mack, Grand Director of Youth Activities; and GADYAs Lisa Hunt, Dist. #1; Carla Sykes, Dist. #2; LaKeitha Johnson, Dist. #3; Georgetta Fountain-Harris, Dist. #4; Mary Ann Wilkins, Dist. #5; and Margaret Farrier, Grand Asst. to the GDYA.



(Photo r.) GWM Kay Anderson with special friend, Sir Knight Arper Tentman, Jr., Grand Royal Advisor, Prince Hall Grand Guild, TC.



(Above) GWM Anderson and Brothers of Edward Dugger Military Lodge No. 123, co-hosts.

Photos by RW Woodrow Riddle, Jr.

Prince Hall Masons Participate in the Bicentennial Celebration of the Grand Lodge of F&AM of Ohio

By RW Jay Johnson, Editor
Over 500 Prince Hall Masons, Eastern Stars and Youth organizations descended on the Capital City of Columbus to participate in the Bicentennial Celebration of the Grand Lodge of Ohio, Free and Accepted Masons on June 21, 2008.

To mark their 200th Anniversary, the Grand Lodge of Ohio scheduled a Reenactment Ceremony of the Cornerstone Laying for the Ohio Statehouse. Most Worshipful Grand Master, Ronald L. Winnett extended the invitation to MWGM James H. Willis, Sr. to participate and in turn, Grand Master Willis asked the members of the Prince Hall Family to support him in this milestone endeavor.

In speaking personally with the organizer of the event, he informed me that they were expecting approximately 200 - 300 persons total and that is how many chairs they had set up on the lawn of the Ohio Statehouse. To say he was in shock is to put it mildly, when over 500 members of the Prince Hall Family joined approximately 1200 - 1500 members of the Ohio Masonic Family to boast a crowd of nearly 2000 persons.

MWGM Willis and Grand Worthy Matron Zeda K. Roberson were dashing and beautiful as they rode down High Street in their convertible automobiles to the cheers of everybody along the parade site, including shoppers and others who stopped what they were doing to view the parade.



MWGM James H. Willis, Sr. rides tall as he leads the procession of PH Masons. Grand Marshal Michael L. Freeman leads the Brothers.



(L.) MWGM Willis addresses the audience at the Cornerstone Laying Ceremony.



(R.) GWM Zeda K. Roberson, GAM Kay F. Anderson (in auto), GAP Gerald S. Friason (l) in the Parade. GWM was driven by her daughter, Sister Lynn Roberson.

Photos below Grand Officers of MWPHGL and GL of Ohio and Amaranth Grand Trustees.



MWGM Ronald Winnett greets MWGM Willis on stage. Photos by RW Woodrow Riddle, Jr.



Ohio Delegation Attends Indiana Grand Session

(L.) GWP Brian T. Moragne, GWP James Woodard of Indiana during Grand Lodge Memorial Service.



(L.) MWGM Willis addresses the Indiana Grand Session. (Upper r.): MWGM Humphrey of Wisconsin and MWGM Willis enjoy lunch with GWM Debra Merriwether and Deputy Grand Master Darrell E. Morton, Sr. of Indiana. (R.) GWM Zeda K. Roberson and GWP Brian T. Moragne are received by PH Grand Chapter, OES, Jurisdiction of Indiana.



Grand Lodge Statewide Workshop



A representative of Melaleuca (The Wellness Company) gave a presentation. RWDGL Wayne McLaughlin, Dist. #2, was the first person to sign up for the special rate of one cent.



Master Masons from across the state converged at Columbus, Ohio for the Annual Grand Lodge Statewide Workshop on Saturday, March 1, 2008. (Above) MWGM James H. Willis, Sr. (r.) and Grand Trustees kickoff the workshop.



(Above) RW Charles G. Smith, Grand Secretary presides over the Lodge Secretary's Workshop. (R.) RW Charles V. Williams, III, Grand Treasurer, presides over the Lodge Treasurer's Workshop. The workshop was well attended. Photos by RW Woodrow Riddle, Jr.



4th Masonic District and 5th OES District Present Black History Program



RWDGL Keith A. Perkins
Photos by V.J. Thomas

By RW Jay Johnson, Editor
Where best to honor our Black Heritage than the National Afro-American Museum and Cultural Center, located in Wilberforce, Ohio, near two historically Black Universities (Central State and Wilberforce). That is exactly where approximately 150 Brothers and Sisters of the 4th Masonic and 5th OES Districts braved the cold, but sunny, weather to journey on February 10, 2008, to participate in an awesome program.

Led by RWDGL Keith A. Perkins and Grand Deputy Kimberley Hardnick, the entire

program was inspirational, motivational and informational, highlighted by the Theatrical Production - "If Anybody Asks You Who I Am, Tell Them I Am a Child of God," directed by Worthy Matron Karla Goldsby of Ruth Chapter #104. This was followed by the public presentation of the 20th Degree by members of Wilberforce Lodge #21 under the auspices of Miami Consistory #26. Those present were treated to

two beautiful selections by Ms. Avianna McDaniel Blake, a student at Wilberforce University. Editor's Note: Ms. Blake went on to become Ms. Wilberforce University, aided by members of Ruth Chapter #104 who provided her wardrobe, and funds to compete - WM Karla Goldsby, PGWP Jay Johnson, and Sis. Juanita Bradley (Ms. Amaranth).



4th/5th Districts Masonic Family in attendance at the Black History program.

4th Masonic/5th OES Districts Celebrate St. John the Evangelist Day

RWDGL Keith A. Perkins and members of the 4th and 5th Masonic and OES Districts joined with the congregation of the Mt. Carmel Missionary Baptist Church to celebrate St. John the Evangelist Day on Sunday, December 14, 2008.

Those in attendance included RW Perkins, RWDGL, 4th Masonic District; PGM Jesse L. Russell; RW GDLF Trustee Arlin E. Jackson; Sir Knight Arper Tentman, Jr., Grand Royal Advisor, Prince Hall Grand Guild, Heroines of Templar Crusades; Eminent Grand Commander Will-

iam C. Parker, Knights Templar (also Grand Thrice Illustrious Master, Royal & Select Masters); Knight Jerry D. Springer, Deputy Grand Joshua, Heroines of Jericho; Kay F. Anderson, Grand Worthy Matron; Jacqueline E. Harris, Grand Associate Conductress; Betty A. Bradshaw, Grand Secretary; Patricia A. Taylor, Grand Treasurer; M. Francine Washington, Grand Princess Captain, PH Grand Guild; and Mary Louise Brookins, Most Ancient Grand Matron, Heroines of Jericho.

Reverend Brother Chad A. White, Sr. delivered a most powerful sermon to the congregation and visitors and invited them to return to Mt. Carmel any time.



RWDGL Keith A. Perkins prepares brothers to line up to enter the sanctuary.



Members enter the sanctuary prior to the service.



(R.) Rev. (Brother) Chad A. White, Sr. preached a powerful sermon. (L.) PM Stephanie Godwin comes down for special prayer.

(Far r.) GWM Kay F. Anderson, GAC Jacqueline E. Harris and Gr. Treasurer Patricia Taylor.



6th Annual Brotherhood Night

By Eldred J. Jones
RW Associate Editor

The 6th Annual Brotherhood Night took place Saturday, November 22, 2008, at the majestic Cincinnati Masonic Center of the 1st Masonic District of the Grand Lodge of Ohio in downtown Cincinnati, Ohio. The Grand Lodge of Ohio and The Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Ohio have been on a mission to promote unity and brotherhood between the respective organizations and weave the success of this endeavor throughout our community.

This year's theme, "Bringing Unity Into Our Community" was well chosen and artfully planned and conducted by the 1st Masonic District of each Grand body. Upon entering the Masonic Center, the brethren and their guests were warmly greeted by members of the Grand Lodge of Ohio and then by members of The Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge. Illustrious Stephen P. Blackwell, Sr., one of the past honorees, and Bro. Maxwell G. Davis, both from the 1st Prince Hall Masonic district, were on the front line, registering the brethren for Lodge meeting.

While guests enjoyed the comforts and amenities of the hospitality room, officers representing Lodges from both organizations opened a Lodge of Master Masons shortly after 4:00 p.m. Most Worshipful Grand Master Charles R. Murphy and Grand Officers of The Grand Lodge of Ohio, Free and Accepted Masons, were introduced at the altar and given appropriate honors, followed by the introduction of Prince Hall affiliated Grand Heads of Houses. Most Worshipful Grand Master, Rev. James H. Willis, Sr. and elected and appointed Grand Officers of The Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Ohio were then introduced and received their proper honors. The Lodge was then closed in due form.

Upon entering the main cathedral, the multicultural University of Dayton's Ebony Heritage Singers filled the cathedral with their melodic voices creating an atmosphere of "Unity in our Commu-

nity" that automatically inspired one to reach out to everyone in the room. RW Grand Chaplain, Rev. Wilton C. Blake, I, welcomed everyone and served as Master of Ceremonies.

The first speaker was the Rev. Jason Wilson, who was overwhelmed by the presence of the combined leadership in the room and the honor he felt being among us. He spoke on finding the value in one another and using strength, our strengths, to accomplish great things. The next speaker, the Rev. Henry Swan, encouraged us to "love all men and honor brotherhood" and alluded that the "hood" in brotherhood makes all of us our brother's keeper. Rabbi Moshe "Tom" Heyn, moved by the spirit in the room, was inspired with a new appreciation for unity and diversity. The next speaker, the Rev. Joseph Pennington, spoke of how at the age of 19, Dr. Martin Luther King's "I have a Dream" speech in 1963, transformed his life. He became an advocate for civil rights and believed that being an example and modeling his life toward the dream will keep it from being lost.

Bishop E. Lynn Brown told a story about a young man falling down a well and crying out for help until several men came to his aid. Each of the men had a length of rope, which individually, wasn't long enough to pull him out but by working together, they were able to rescue the young man and pull him to safety. The moral

of the story; we all need to tie our ropes together to be able to work together for the purpose of brotherhood.

Since the inception of Brotherhood Night, a worthy brother from each of the Grand Bodies has received recognition for their contributions to Masonry and the community. This year, Dr. Chester C. Pryor, II, PGM of the MWPB Grand Lodge of Ohio and MW Brother Michael A. Himes, PGM of The Grand Lodge of Ohio, Free and Accepted Masons, were recipients of the 2008 award. The historic moment was captured as they lit the ceremonial candle symbolizing unity and brotherhood.

Also, each year the proceeds from this event are donated to charity. The recipients of this year's donation were: The Masonic Learning Center for Dyslexia, The Prince Hall Scholarship Foundation, The Neediest Kids of All and The Grand Lodge Foundation of Ohio.

After remarks and congratulations from Ill. William R. Powers, Jr. 33°, of the Supreme Council, AASR of Cincinnati and Ill. Sidney D. Broadnax, Jr. 33°, of The United Supreme Council, AASR of Freemasonry, PHA, NJ, USA, MW Grand Master Rev. James H. Willis, Sr. was introduced and encouraged us to use our talents for the glory of God and each other.

MW Grand Master Charles R. Murphy and MW Grand Master Rev. James H. Willis, Sr., exchange greetings before the main program.



2008 honorees PGM Dr. Chester C. Pryor, II and PGM Michael A. Himes lit the ceremonial candle.

MW Grand Master Charles R. Murphy encouraged us to "tie our ropes together" and continue to practice Freemasonry.

A delicious dinner followed and throughout the room you could see and hear people, having met for the first time, reach-

ing out to one another. An inspiring evening, the feeling of unity and brotherhood and a glimmer of hope that "The Dream" is still alive makes us look forward to next year's event. Until then, "tie your ropes together."

Akron Masonic Family Promotes Reading at Local Schools



The Brothers of the Akron Masonic Family, which consists of Phoenix Lodge #112, Mt. Calvary Lodge #76 and the Past Masters Council, promoted reading at three local schools by recognizing and presenting Certificates of Achievement to the participants.

(Above) The Brothers with teachers, principals and Top Reader Award Winners at Smith Elementary.



(R.) Top Reader Awards Winners at Steward Elementary.



Ill. Sidney D. Broadnax, Jr., Deputy of the Orient of Ohio, USC, AASR, NJ, USA during final remarks.



Charity recipients: The Neediest Kids of All received by Mr. Steve Simpson; the PH Scholarship Foundation received by Bro. Ronald A. Ogletree; Grand Lodge Foundation of Ohio received by MWGM Charles Murphy; and the Masonic Learning Center for Dyslexia.



Brothers, principal and Top Reader Award Winners at Erie Island Elementary. All schools are in the Akron community.



Ohio Delegation Attends 89th PH Conference of Grand Masters and 60th Conference of Grand Matrons and Grand Patrons

By RW Jay Johnson, Editor

A contingent of 18 delegates, led by MWGM James H. Willis, Sr., GWM Zeda K. Roberson and GWP Brian T. Moragne, attended the Conference of Grand Masters and Conference of Grand Matrons and Grand Patrons held May 15-18, 2008, at the Galt House Hotel and Suites in Louisville, KY.

Those in attendance representing the MWPHGL of Ohio were MWGM Willis, Deputy Grand Master Robert L. Jones, Past Grand Masters Gregory S. Snead, Sidney D. Broadnax, Jr. and Kenneth E. Lewis.

Representing Amaranth Grand Chapter were GWM Zeda K. Roberson, GWP Brian T. Moragne, GAM Kay F. Anderson, GAP Gerald S. Friason, GC Beverly J. Beavers, GAC Loling Sawyer, Grand Treasurer Patricia Taylor, Grand Sentinel Kennedy C. McCall, Past Grand Matrons Daisy L. Lewis, Maggie Moon, Peggy Edwards, Thomasine G. Allen and Past Grand Patron Jimmie E. Johnson.

MWGM Willis gave the sermon during the Memorial tribute to those Past Grand Masters, Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons who were called to their eternal home since the last conference. His sermon was taken from 2nd Timothy 4:6-8 and he



MWGM James H. Willis, Sr. with Honorable Carol Powell-Lexing (attorney for the Jena Six) who presented a White Paper to the conference. (Note: After her presentation, both Sovereign Grand Commanders pledged donations from their respective jurisdictions, the Jurisdiction of New York pledged \$10,000 and the Conference of Grand Masters gave \$5000 to the "Monitors of Justice" program to assist in defending the Jena Six.

spoke from the subject "How to Face Death with Confidence." Those memorialized from Ohio were Past Grand Masters Curvis Rhyne and Robert Alston and Past Grand Patron William George Jenkins.

Other highlights of the Conference includes our own Grand

Worthy Patron Brian T. Moragne being reelected to serve another term as Grand Associate Patron of the Conference of Eastern Stars, Past Grand Matron Peggy Edwards as Chairperson of Ways and Means, hosting a most outstanding hospitality on Friday evening with the Queen's Contest, A National State Theme Table



Delegation from Ohio pauses to take a photo with Congressman Kweisi Mfume. (L. to r.) PGM Kenneth E. Lewis, PGM Sidney D. Broadnax, Jr., Congressman Kweisi Mfume, MWGM James H. Willis, Sr. and RW DGM Robert L. Jones.

MWGM James H. Willis, Sr. with two Sovereign Grand Commanders, SGC Deary Vaughn, AASR, Southern Jurisdiction and SGC Solomon Wallace, AASR, Northern Jurisdiction.

Photos by PGM Greg Snead



Contest and Louisville rendition of the Broadway Play, "Dreamgirls" which was produced by Mr. Troy Bell and performed by S.O.S. of Louisville.

Reverend Dr. Kevin Cosby, pastor of St. Stephen Baptist Church, was the keynote speaker at the Saturday evening banquet and he was in a word — awesome.



MWGM Willis preached an awesome sermon, "How to Face Death with Confidence" during the Memorial Program.

36th Midwest Regional Conference Held in Bloomington, Minnesota

Members of the Jurisdiction of Ohio attended the 36th Midwest Regional Conference of Grand Masters and the 21st Midwest Regional Conference of Grand Chapters and Eastern Stars on March 13-16, 2008, in Bloomington, Minnesota.

Highlights of the conference included MWGM James H. Willis, Sr., delivering the sermon on Saturday morning. He spoke eloquently on the subject "Going Back to the Power Source."

During the Conference of

Grand Chapters, Grand Worthy Patron Brian T. Moragne presided as Vice President of the Conference and Past Grand Patron Jimmie E. Johnson was elected to a three-year term on the Steering Committee, joining Past Grand Matron Thomasine G. Allen, who was elected at last year's conference and has two years remaining on her term.

MWGM James H. Willis, Sr., at the Grand Master's head table.



(Photo above) Amaranth Grand Chapter delegation at the luncheon.

(Photo r.) Grand Worthy Matron Zeda K. Roberson smiles as she prepares to represent Amaranth Grand Chapter at conference.

(L.) Grand Lodge Trustees prepare to enter the meeting room.

Photos by PGP Jay Johnson



Prince Hall Masons from Akron Attend NAACP Breakfast

Prince Hall Masons from both Lodges in Akron, Mount Calvary No. 76 and Phoenix No. 112, were on hand to honor Sandra K. Stubbs-Pitts at the first annual NAACP State M.A.D. Making a Difference Breakfast. The breakfast was held at Tangiers Restaurant Saturday, March 29, 2008.

The theme was "Building Stronger Families." The breakfast occurred simultaneously throughout the entire State of Ohio, featuring students who demonstrated family unity through an oratorical and poster contest. Cities involved included Dayton, Steubenville, Sandusky, Dover, South Eastern, East Liverpool, Oxford and Elyria.

The proceeds from the breakfast will be used at the local level to create meaningful activities that will successfully enhance family lifestyle.

NAACP President Ophelia Averitt took the opportunity to in-



Guest speaker was Akron Public Schools Superintendent Dr. Sylvester Small pictured here with two award recipients. They were judged on their essays or posters submitted with the theme "Building Stronger Families." A scholarship honoring Sandra K. Stubbs-Pitts will be established at the state level.

vite all the politicians in office or seeking office, to please stand, give their name and titles.



(L. to r.): Eric Kidd, Sr.; Mike Sykes; Richard E. Miller (#76); Malcolm Costa, President/CEO Akron Summit Community Action, Inc.; Senator Tom Sawyer; Judge Linda Teodosio; Carl Cole, NAACP Board member; Judge Eve Belfance; Judge Carola Moore; Shawn L. Strode; and Otis Beecher (#112). Photos by Eric Kidd, Sr.

(L. to r.) Mike Sykes; Otis Beecher (#112); Carl Cole with NAACP President, Ms. Ophelia Averitt; Richard E. Miller, #76; Eric Kidd, Sr.; Shawn L. Strode; Judge Eve Belfance; and Judge Carla Moore.



Mt. Calvary Lodge #76 and Phoenix Lodge #112 of Akron Hosts Past Master's Dinner Dance



(Photo L.) WM Richard Miller, #76, presents Past Master's Apron to Brother Trell Meeks, 2007 Worshipful Master.

(Photo R.) WM Otis Beecher, #112, presents Past Master's Apron to Brother Robert Curry, 2007 Worshipful Master.

(Below L.) WM Trell Meeks #76, presents Brother Eric Kidd, Sr., his second consecutive Lodge "Master Mason of the Year" award. WM Meeks also presented Mrs. Javonia Kidd with a dozen roses.



(R.) WM Otis Beecher #112, presents Brother Peter Bucey the Lodge "Master Mason of the Year" award.

Submitted by Eric Kidd, Sr.

(Photo r.) MW Grand Master Willis with newly raised Master Masons from Columbus.

Southern Masonic District Meeting



RW Michael L. Freeman leads MWGM James H. Willis Sr. and Grand Trustees.



(Photo l.) RW Bro. J.R. Davis speaks of his years as a Pythagorean, as RW Ernest Farrier, and members of the Pythagorans look on.



PGM Sidney D. Broadnax, Jr. was guest speaker for the occasion. PGM Broadnax also introduced the presenter (l.).



Southern District Masons in attendance at the District meeting.

Trinity Lodge No. 9 Dedicates New Lodge Hall



The newly constructed Lodge Hall — a great accomplishment for one of the smallest, but hardest working lodges in Ohio.



WM of Trinity Lodge #9, Roy Burns, Sr., speaks to audience during dedication ceremony.



MWGM Willis congratulates WM Roy Burns, Sr., of Trinity Lodge #9, as they prepare to enter their new Lodge home.

Photos by Villani J. Thomas, Associate Grand Photographer



PM Jeanette Langford speaks on behalf of Sheba Chapter No. 14.



RW Carlton Cave, Associate Grand Chaplain, offers prayer of consecration and dedication of the new Lodge Hall.



MAPH Grand Court, H of J Elects New Leaders

Elected to serve the Most Ancient Prince Hall Grand Court, Heroines of Jericho, State of Ohio and its Jurisdiction, for the ensuing two years, are Knight Rufus Duhart, Most Worthy Grand Joshua and Heroine Mary Louise Brookins, Most Ancient Grand Matron.



PH Grand Guild Elects New Leaders

Elected to serve the Ohio Prince Hall Grand Guild, Heroines of Templar Crusades are Sir Knight Arper Tentman, Jr., Grand Royal Advisor and Princess M. Francine Washington, Grand Princess Captain.



Next Lamp Deadline will be announced on PH Website.

Trotwood, Ohio Resident Receives USC Scholarship



GIG Ronald A. Ogletree presented a \$1000.00 scholarship to Ms. Breyana Lacy on behalf of SGIG Sidney D. Broadnax, Jr., Deputy of the Orient of Ohio, on Saturday, July 20, 2008. The United Supreme Council, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, Northern Jurisdiction, Prince Hall Affiliation awarded the scholarship during its 12th Annual Session held

in Cincinnati, Ohio in May 2008. Ms. Lacy is a resident of Trotwood, Ohio and a recent graduate of Thurgood Marshall High School, Dayton, Ohio.

The presentation was made at the St. Margaret's Episcopal Church, Trotwood, Ohio where GIG (Father) Benjamin Speare-Hardy, II, serves as Rector.



(L. to r.) GIG Fr. Benjamin E.K. Speare-Hardy, II, GIG Ronald A. Ogletree, Ms. Breyana Lacy, Mrs. Sheree Lacy, GIG Willie A. Terrell, Jr., and SP Harry H. Wise.

Northeastern Ohio Preceptory Legion of Honor Investiture



Legion of Honor recipients for the PH Grand Lodge of Ohio, John D. Covington, Ray S. Robinson and Melvin L. Russell.

On September 20, 2008, Ray S. Robinson and seven Brothers were awarded the coveted Legion of Honor Award by the Northeastern Ohio Preceptory, Legion of Honor, Order of DeMolay of the Grand Lodge of Ohio. The ceremony was performed in the DeMolay Room of the Cleveland Masonic and Performing Arts center. This award is given to those Brothers who are recognized for their service to the youth organizations under the Grand Lodge of Ohio and the Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Ohio. This is the highest award given by the Grand Lodge of Ohio. Ray Robinson is the fourth member from the ranks of the Prince Hall Grand Lodge to be rewarded for his years of service and his dedication to the Order of Pythagorans and to youth overall. He has been involved for over 30 years. Brothers John D. Covington, Ernest D. Farrier and Melvin L. Russell have also earned this prestigious award in prior years.



Legion of Honor Class of September 20, 2008.

Ohio Hosts 127th Session of United Supreme Council, AASR, PHA, NJ

By GIG Jay Johnson

Those present literally experienced "A Taste of Cincinnati" from Friday, May 23 through Tuesday, May 27, 2008, as the Fraters of the United Supreme Council and the ladies of the Order of the Golden Circle descended on downtown Cincinnati to convene the 127th Annual Session of the United Supreme Council.

The Illustrious Deputy of the Orient, SGIG Sidney D. Broadnax, Jr. and the Ohio Council of Deliberation put its best foot forward as the session produced several firsts for the Supreme Council.

For the first time ever, four Sovereign Grand Commanders were present or represented, with our own SGC Solomon Wallace receiving SGC Deary Vaughn of the Southern Jurisdiction, PHA; SGC John W. McNaughton, Jr. of the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction; and Illustrious Brother Robert Hanna, representing SGC Ron Seals of the Southern Masonic Jurisdiction.

SGC McNaughton recalled when PSGC Robert O. Ralston received permission in September 1994 from the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction to enter into conversation with the Northern Jurisdiction of Prince Hall Scottish Rite Masons for recognition. An historic meeting took place in Cincinnati in December 1994 and the rest is history.

Another significant moment for this annual session was the formation of the first Thirty-Third Degree Team, who exemplified the entire degree from memory to 248 members of the class.

The following fraters comprised the degree team: Director - SGIG Stephen P. Blackwell, #26; Co-Director - GIG Arnold W. Scott, #20; Advisor - SGIG Kenneth E. Lewis, #21; Grand Master of Ceremonies - SGIG Frederick E. Kelley, Sr., #21; Assistant GM of Ceremonies - GIG Jerry D. Springer, #26; Coordinator - SGIG Jesse L. Russell, #26; Coordinator - SGIG Van C. Barnette, #26; Coordinator - SGIG Clarence J. Walker, Jr., #24; Coordinator - SGIG Carl A. Williams, #15; Coordinator - GIG Rollin F. Kelley, Jr., #21.

Team Members: GIG Arnold W. Scott, #20 - Sovereign Grand Commander; GIG Robert J. Fletcher, #20 - Sovereign Grand Commander; GIG Donovan Nolcox, #26 - Alternate; GIG Kelvin J. Davis, #20 - Alternate; GIG Zenie E. Barnett, #20 - Sovereign Grand Commander; GIG Charles E. Williams, #20 - First Obligation; GIG Robert B. Lane, #20 - Alternate; GIG Richard C. Day, #21 - Second Obligation; GIG Maxwell G. Davis, #20 -

Third Obligation; GIG Robert M. Estelle, Jr., #26 - Lt. Grand Commander; GIG George L. Goolsby, #26 - Lt. Grand Commander; GIG Ronald A. Ogletree, #26 - Grand Standard Bearer; GIG Emerson D. Ballard, #24 - Grand Captain of the Guard; GIG Melvin L. Russell, #15 - Optional Interpolation; GIG Grant Lowery, #15 - Alternate; GIG Frederick Douglass, #15 - Grand Prior; GIG Johnnie O. Pitts, Sr., #21 - Grand Marshal; GIG Curtis McKinney, Sr., #20 - Captain of the Honor Guard; GIG John R. Davis, #20 - Honor Guard Member; GIG James Brown, #15 - Honor Guard Member; GIG Thomas G. Graham, #26 - Honor Guard Member; GIG Aaron Ray, #15 - Honor Guard Member.

Highlights of the 127th Annual Session included MWGM Rev. James H. Willis, Sr. giving the sermon on Sunday morning during Worship Service.

Also, the spectacular reception held at the African American Heritage & Freedom Center hosted by GIG Carl Lindner (Northern Masonic Jurisdiction) and SGIG Steven Reece, Sr. (Northern Jurisdiction, PHA). The reception included a guided tour of the Freedom Center and plenty of refreshments.



The Thirty-Third Degree Team of the Ohio Council of Deliberation.



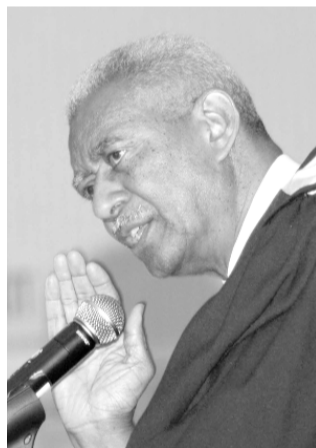
SGC Solomon Wallace escorts MWGM Willis into the Chamber Room.



SGC Solomon Wallace and SGIG Sidney D. Broadnax, Jr. enjoy conversation at the banquet.



SGIG Sidney D. Broadnax, Jr. and MWGM James H. Willis, Sr. enjoy hospitality at the African American Heritage and Freedom Center.



SGIG Rev. Dr. Otis Moss, Grand Prior, delivers the Memorial Service message.



MWGM Willis at banquet. At the podium is SGIG Broadnax preparing to get the festivities started.



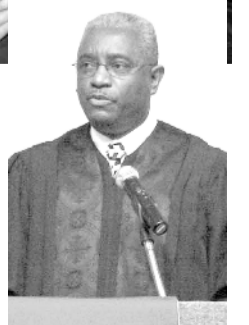
(Photo L.) SGIG Broadnax, GIG John D. Covington, Jr. and MWGM Willis stop to view the display featuring PGM Steven Reece, Sr., who has been enshrined in the Heritage and Freedom Center along with Bro. Carl Lindner.



(Photo L.) Mrs. Marcia Broadnax and SGIG Sidney D. Broadnax, Jr. at Deputy's Breakfast.



(Above) Visiting Sovereign Grand Commanders at Memorial Service.



(Photo R.) MWGM Rev. James H. Willis, Sr. preached the Sunday morning message.

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



SGLLR Alma M. Long Feted At Recognition Banquet

By Joan O. Wilson
OES Assoc. Editor

Miami Assembly No. 22, Order of the Golden Circle members honored one of their own, State Grand Loyal Lady Ruler Alma M. Long (c.) Ohio Grand Assembly, Order of the Golden Circle, at a Recognition Banquet held Saturday, October, 25, 2008, at the Holiday Inn, Dayton-Fairborn. It was a festive evening as guests were greeted with gold and white decorations accented by twinkling white lights as they entered the banquet room. LL Barbara Winston, No. 22, (seated 1.) was crowned Miss Ohio Grand Assembly.



(Photo L.) SGIG Sidney D. Broadnax, Jr., III, Deputy of the Orient of Ohio, greeted SGLLR Long, praised her leadership of the Ohio Grand Assembly, and presented her with a gift.



(Photo R.) Mr. Kenneth Alan Long (r.), who escorted his mother to the dais, made heartfelt remarks and presented her with a bouquet of red roses.



MW Grand Master Rev. James H. Willis, Sr. gave warm remarks to SGLLR Long.

(Photos by RW Richard Maxey
Assoc. Gr. Photographer)

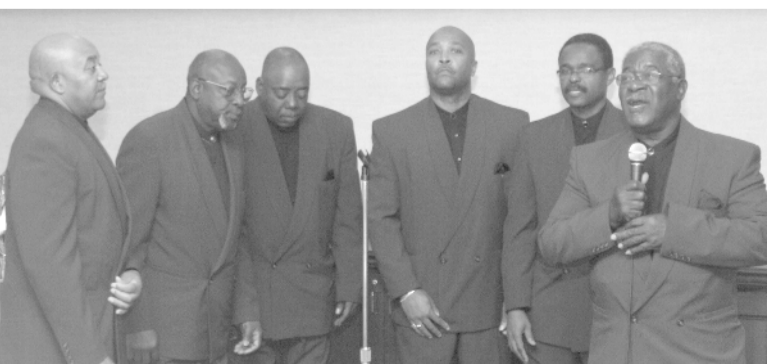


LL Dorothy M. Dunford (r.) served as General Chairperson of the banquet. Co-Chairs were LL Maggie J. Parks (l.), Loyal Lady Ruler of Miami Assembly, LL Barbara J. Rutledge and LL Zenobia Horton.



(Photo R.) SGLLR Long was showered with gifts which included a pictorial plaque of her 2008 officers and Proclamations from several government officials. LL Karla Goldsby (l.) made the beautiful decorations.

(L.) LL Jacqueline E. Harris, No. 22, served as Mistress of Ceremonies. Invocation was given by Rev. Melvin Jackson, Assoc. Pastor, Tabernacle Baptist Church, SGLLR Long's home church.



The Harmonizers from St. Timothy Baptist Church, sang several soul-stirring hymns.



Submitted by
Ill. Melvin L. Russell.
Photos by
Ill. Woodrow Riddle, Jr.

MEGHP Charles V. Williams, III, Honored at Testimonial

By PHP Joseph E. Toliver, Jr.
 Lincoln Chapter No. 2, Royal Arch Masons, sponsored a testimonial banquet for ME Grand High Priest Charles V. Williams, III, on Saturday, April 26, at the Dayton North Holiday Inn. The room was filled with many dignitaries, Grand Heads of Masonic Houses and members of the Prince Hall Family from throughout the state and a visiting jurisdiction.

Dais guests were escorted into the banquet room promptly at 7 p.m. by Companions William Harvey and Michael Freeman who served as Marshals. The Master of Ceremonies was Companion Arlin Jackson. Following reception of the honoree MEGHP Charles V/ Williams, III, a Flag Ceremony was conducted by ROTC students from the Thurgood Marshall High School, Dayton and narrated by Companion Jimmie Johnson. After the Pledge of Allegiance by the audience, the welcome was given by Companion Edward Thomas, Excellent High Priest, and the invocation was given by Companion Victor E. Cole. Following dinner, a musical selection was sung by Ms. Barbara Newell, Greater Galilee Baptist Church. Several Proclamations were acknowledged by Companion Joseph Toliver, banquet chairperson.

Reflections of MEGHP Williams were shared by Ms. Catherine Bell, his sister and daughters, Mrs. Monique Cochran and Ms. Michelle Williams. Mr. Anderson Travis, Greater Galilee Baptist Church rendered a musical selection.

Following presentations from various attendees, EHP Edward Thomas presented the MEGHP Williams for his remarks, who thanked his family, the attendees for their participation and the committee who put this event together. He presented his wife Mrs. Marie Williams a bouquet of roses.

Vice Ancient Matron Mary Brookins gave remarks on behalf of the MAPH Grand Court Heroines of Jericho. Companion Darryl R. Smith, gave remarks

and introduced the MWGM Hon. Rev. James H. Willis, Sr., who gave final comments. The Grand Master noted the many years of service and various responsibilities that MEGHP Williams assumed during his Masonry years. He was highly complimentary of the way the banquet was conducted and noted that the entire program was completed in two hours, a state record.

The benediction was given by Companion Victor E. Cole, concluding a successful and enjoyable banquet for Lincoln Chapter No. 2.

Among those present was Past Most Excellent Grand High Priest James MacDonald, representing the Grand Chapter of Ohio, and the Most Excellent Grand High Priest Donald E. Croom, from the jurisdiction of Kentucky.

Grand Heads of Houses present were Most Worshipful Grand Master Rev. James H. Willis, Sr.; Grand Worthy Matron Zeda K. Roberson; Grand Worthy Patron Rev. Brian T. Moragne; Vice Ancient Matron Mary Louise Brookins; Vice Grand Joshua Rufus T. Duhart; Deputy of the Orient SGIG Sidney D. Broadnax, Jr.; State Grand Loyal Lady Alma M. Long; President of the Commanders of the Rite Clamion Marshall; Eminent Grand Commander William C. Parker; Grand Princess Captain DeNoris Brown; Grand Royal Advisor Michael Bess; Eminent Prior William Watkins; and Imperial Assistant Rabban Homer L. Buchanan.



MEGHP Charles V. Williams, III, with members of Lincoln Chapter No. 2, Royal Arch Masons, his home Chapter and hosts for the event.



MEGHP Williams and Past Grand High Priests of the MEGHGC of Ohio, RAM and Past Most Excellent Grand High Priest James MacDonald, representing the Grand Chapter of Ohio, RAM.

MEGHP Williams and members of his immediate and extended family.



MEGHP Williams welcomes MEGHP Donald Croom from the Jurisdiction of Kentucky.

(Photo r.) MEGHP Williams with MWGM James H. Willis, Sr. (MWGHP Williams is also the RW Grand Treasurer for the MWPHGL of Ohio.

PHP Arlin Jackson did a superb job as Master of Ceremonies. He is RE Deputy Grand Lecturer for the 2nd Capitular District.



Members of the Thurgood Marshall High School Army ROTC Unit, Dayton, present the Colors and Flag Ceremony, with PHP Jay Johnson narrating a history of the flags.



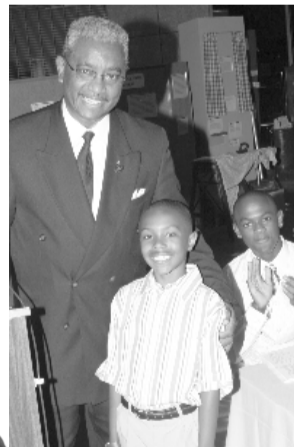
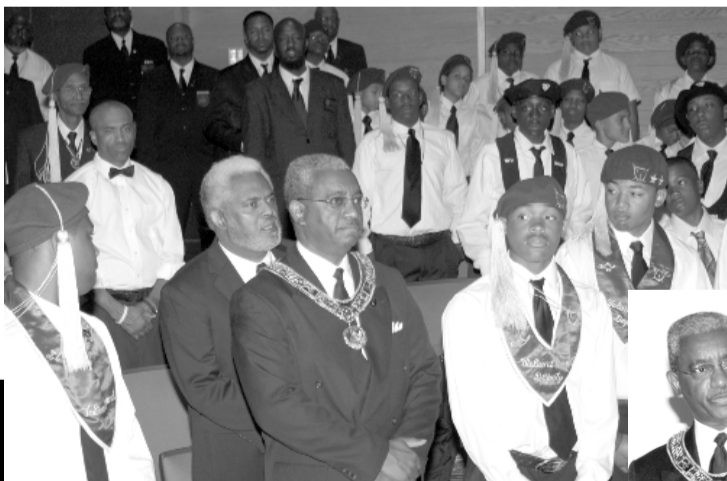
MEGHP Williams with appointed Grand Chapter officers.



MWPH GRAND LODGE OF OHIO 2009 CALENDAR

- JANUARY**
 18 - Martin Luther King Youth Dinner & Dance 1st & 4th Districts, Cincinnati, OH
 23-24 - MWPHGL/Amaranth Grand Communication Planning Session, Columbus, OH
 31 - Shrine/Dt. of Isis Gala Day Planning Session, Cleveland, OH
- FEBRUARY**
 8th-14th Statewide Black History Program Each District
 14 - Grand Guild Southern District, Indianapolis, IN
 21 - M.I. Royal & Select Masters' Grand Council District Meeting, Springfield, OH Masonic Temple - 9 a.m.
 20-21 - Sinai Temple #59 Potentate Ball, Cincinnati, OH
 23 - Taylor Guild Black History Program Columbus, OH; St. Mark's Temple 3 p.m.
 28 - OES Workshop; Location TBA
- MARCH**
 7 - MWPHGL Grand Lodge Workshop, Columbus, OH
 7 - OES 3rd District Meeting, Girls Assembly #2 Location TBA
 12-14 - Midwest Grand Masters and Grand Matrons Conference, Chicago, IL
 14 - Shrine and DOI Joint Desert Conference, Toledo, OH
 14 - Mecca Temple #43 Potentate Ball, Toledo, OH
 19 - USC, AASR Northern Jurisdiction Ceremony of Remembrance, Statewide
 20- 21 - Grand Worthy Patron's Banquet, Cincinnati OH; Marriott N.
 21 - Midwest Shrine Coalition, TBA
 28 - OES 4th District Meeting & Girls Assembly #3, Location TBA
 28 - Grand Girls Assembly Debutants Ball, Location TBA
 29 - Prince Hall Grand Guild Southern District Meeting, TBA
 29 - OES Hattie B. Alexander Day, Statewide
- APRIL**
 4 - OES District #2 Meeting, Location TBA
 4 - King Solomon #20 100th Anniversary Celebration, Cincinnati, OH, Embassy Suites
 5-11 - Holy Week, Statewide
 10 - Good Friday Service, Statewide
 11 - MWPHGL Southern District Meeting, Cincinnati, OH
 12 - Easter Sunrise Service, Statewide
 18 - OES District #6 Meeting & Girls Assembly #4, Location TBA
 18 - Grand Commandry Northern District Meeting, Canton, OH
 24-25 - Grand Convocation, Royal Arch Masons & H of J Joint Banquet, Dayton, OH
 26 - Grand Convocation Heroines of Jericho, Dayton, OH
- MAY**
 2 - OES 1st District Meeting & Girls Assembly #1 & #5, Cleveland, OH
 2 - MWPHGL Northern District Meeting, Cleveland, OH
 9 - Grand Guild Northern District Meeting, Cleveland, OH
 9 - A1 Kaf Temple #109 Potentate Ball, Akron, OH
 10 - Harmony Lodge #77 Mother's Day Banquet, Dayton
 14-16 - Conference of Grand Masters, Sacramento, CA
 16-18 - Grand Council Royal & Select Masters Grand Thrice Ill. Master's Banquet, Dayton, OH
 17 - Feast of Isis, Daughters of Isis, Worldwide
 17 - PH Scholarship Raffle Drawing, Columbus, OH; Grand Lodge HDQ
 22-26 - United Supreme Council AASR Northern Jurisdiction Convention, Rochester, NY
 30 - OES District #5 Meeting, TBA
 31 - Whit Sunday, Statewide
- JUNE**
 5-7 - Shrine/Dts. of Isis Gala Days, Cleveland, OH
 7 - Jubilee Day, Statewide
 7 - Royal Arch Zerubbabel Day, Statewide
 13-14 - Alpha Priory #1 Convocation, Fairborn OH; Hope Hotel
 14 - OES Esther Day, Statewide, Columbus, OH
 19-20 - Alla Baba Temple #53 Potentate Ball, Columbus, OH;
 24-26 - Grand Encampment Knights Templar & International Grand Court of Cyrene, Dallas, TX
- JULY**
 9-12 - Pythagorans & Girls Assembly Youth Grand Session, Wilberforce, OH; Central State University
 18-20 - Grand Convocation Knights Templar and Grand Guild; Grand Princess Captain & Grand Royal Advisor Banquet, Dayton, OH
 25 - Akbar Temple & Akbar Court #33 Joint Ball, Springfield, OH
 25 - Heroines of Jericho Northern District Prayer Breakfast Cleveland, OH
- AUGUST**
 July 31-Aug. 4 - 160th Grand Communication Prince Hall Grand Lodge & 122nd Amaranth Grand Chapter, Columbus, OH; Renaissance Hotel
 14-20 - 116th Imperial Session AEAONMS & Daughters of Isis, Atlanta, GA.
- SEPTEMBER**
 5 - Past Potentates of Sinai Temple Annual Banquet, Cincinnati, OH
 12 - Sinai Court #35 Commandress Ball, Cincinnati, OH
 12 - El Hasa #28 Temple Potentate Ball, Cleveland, OH
 13 - Prince Hall Americanism Day, Statewide
 19 - Amer Court #65 Commandress Ball, Dayton, OH
 19 - Most Ancient Heroines of Jericho Prayer Breakfast, Southern District, Dayton, OH
 26 - A1 LaLim Temple #223 Potentate Ball, Elyria, OH
 TBA - Alla Baba Court #75, Columbus, OH
 26 - Heads of Houses Calendar Meeting, Columbus, OH GLHQ
- OCTOBER**
 3 - Grand Guild Annual Workshop, Cleveland, OH
 10 - William T. Boyd Lodge #79 Past Master's Ball, Cleveland, OH
 10 - Mecca Court #73 Commandress Ball, Toledo, OH
 10 - Nobles Fall Desert Conference, Toledo, OH
 16 - King Solomon #87 Banquet, Warren, OH
 17 - Heroines of Jericho School of Instruction, Dayton, OH
 17 - Harmony Lodge #77 Master's Ball, Dayton, OH
 17 - Al Kaf Court #144 Commandress Ball, Akron, OH
 24-25 - Ohio Council of Deliberation & Order of the Golden Circle, State Grand Loyal Lady Ruler Banquet (Oct. 24), Cincinnati, OH; Crown Plaza, Pfeiffer Rd.
- NOVEMBER**
 TBA - MWGM Testimonial Banquet, Cincinnati, OH
 21 - Brotherhood Night, Cincinnati, OH;
 21 - Amer Temple #107 Potentate's Ball, Dayton, OH
 28 - Most Illustrious Grand Council R&SM Workshop, TBA
- DECEMBER**
 5 - El Hasa Court #47 Commandress Ball, Cleveland, OH
 20 - St. John Evangelist Day, Statewide
 25 - Knights Templar Christmas Observance, Worldwide

Youth Grand Session Held at Central State University



Most Venerable Grand Chapter, Order of... and Grand Girls Assembly met at Central... University in July 2008 for their Grand Session. Some photographic... of their activities. Reception of the... James H. Willis, Sr. Pythagorans Grand Session.



(Photo r.) MWGM Willis speaks as MVGMC Dominique Hopkins looks on. (Above) MWGM Willis with Grand Royal Queen Jessica Rice and Most Valiant Grand Master Counselor Hopkins.

Emanuel Commandery Honors Long-Time Members



The Right Eminent Grand Commander William C. Parker and Eminent Grand Prelate Jerry D. Springer visited Emanuel Commandery #2, Cleveland, Ohio. Their mission was to accompany Eminent Commander Melvin Russell, PREGC Ray S. Robinson and E. Deputy Lecturer Michael Bess to the homes of several of Emanuel's senior Sir Knights to present 50-year pins and certificates. (Photo l.) SK William Taylor and (r. photo) Paul Woodring receive their 50-year pins and certificates.

Sir Knight Bennie Harris is presented his 60-year pin and certificate. SK Harris has been a member for 62 years.



Cuyahoga Chapter #36 RAM Holds Exaltation

Thirteen newly exalted Royal Arch Masons were made by Excellent High Priest Melvin L. Russell and the Companions of Cuyahoga Chapter No. 36, RAM, Cleveland, Ohio, on Saturday, October 4, 2008. There were ten candidates from Cuyahoga Chapter and three candidates from Excelsior Chapter No. 39, Warren, Ohio. The degrees of Mark Master, Past Master, Most Excellent Master and Royal Arch Mason was conferred upon Brothers Bernard Ricks, James Provitt, Woodrow Riddle, Jr., Sammy Merchant, Tony Dye, Al Green, Sidney Woods, Kevin McIntyre, Aaron Bankston, Jeffrey A. Jones, Rodney Harris, Steven Jewell and Ceron M. Sims.



Companions of the degree teams were: Melvin L. Russell EHP, Darrell Patterson EK, Darnell Tanner ES, Paul Hunt Capt. of Host, Carl A. Williams PS, Elijah Mitchell Jr. RAC, Kevan Douglas, James Robinson and Simpson Houston as the Grand Masters of the veils. Other Companions included Donald Chapman PHP, Maurice Hereford, Lorenzo Rashid, Gregory Head Sr., Wendall Raimy PHP, Robert Curley EHP Zerubbabel Chapter and David Hampton.

Companion Roney Holland, the Right Excellent Deputy Grand Lecture for the fourth Capitular District and Right Excellent Grand Captain of the Host Ray S. Robinson were also on hand to assist in the Exaltation.

Submitted by Melvin L. Russell, photo by Mark Ledge

Cuyahoga Court #2/Cuyahoga Chapter #36 Observe Palm Sunday

The Companions of Cuyahoga Chapter #36 and the Heroines of Cuyahoga Court #2 of Cleveland, Ohio celebrated Palm Sunday at Calvary Congregational Church. A very stirring sermon was given by Reverend Doctor Mary Harpe who is also Past Most Ancient Matron of Cuyahoga Court. The music was supplied by the church choir and head musician Past General Conference Grand Most Ancient Matron Mrs. Arlene Flowers (Bolden). Those in attendance included Joshua Michael I. Bess, Vice Joshua Reginald Blake Sr., Past Joshua Ray S. Robinson and several Past Most Ancient Matrons along with Most Ancient Matron Joan McKinney and Excellent High Priest Melvin L. Russell.



Ohio PH Grand Guild Visits Michigan Grand Guild

Three Ohio Guilds, H.O.T.C., working under Kentucky's Jurisdiction in 1983, organized PH Grand Guild, Heroines of Templar Crusades, State of Ohio and Jurisdiction, and held the first Grand Conclave August 4, 1984. Michigan's Grand Guild adopted the Ohio Grand Guild as they moved forward in their growth. On April 5, 2008, Gr. Prin. Captain, Pr. DeNoris Brown and Gr. Royal Advisor, S.K. Michael I. Bess, along with their entourage traveled to Michigan's PH Grand Guild Conclave in Flint, MI, for a reconnection with their adopted parent. Michigan's Gr. Prin. Captain, Pr. Lula Aubrey and Gr. Asst. Royal Advisor, S.K. Willie U. Jackson, received the entourage with a warm welcome. Traveling with Gr. Prin. Captain Brown (#3), included Gr. Royal Advisor (#3); Gr. Asst. Princ. Captain, Pr. M. Francine Washington (#2); Past Gr. Prin. Captain & International Altress for the International Grand Court of Cyrene Crusaders, Pr. Mary B. Harpe (#3); Gr. Inside Sent. S.K. Glenn Rollins (#6); Gr. Adm. Asst., South Pr. Barbara Hudson-Banner (#2); Gr. Chair of Arrangements, Pr. Vivian White (#2); Gr. Chair of Necrology & GVAM Pr. Mary Louise Brookins (#3).



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Greetings,

I am Patrick Stewart the newly elected Most Valiant Grand Master Counselor of the Most Venerable Grand Chapter Order of Pythagorans state of Ohio. I am a member of Lake Erie Chapter, Cleveland, Ohio where I've been a member for four years. I am very excited about performing in my new position, and I would like to thank my fellow companions for giving me the opportunity to serve as their leader. During my term, I want to encourage everyone in the Prince Hall Masonic Family, and our personal family, to get involved in helping all of my fellow Pythagorans on their journey to become better sons and better men. We need Advisors who will see our needs and address them through positive programs in the Chapters. We need Advisors that will communicate with our parents to strengthen the success of these programs. We need our parents to help encourage the Companions to make their meetings and participate within their Chapters.



One of my goals this year is to reclaim members who have gone astray due to disinterest or poor management within their Chapters. I want to bring them back so that they can once again be part of this wonderful brotherhood. I want all young men to take advantage of the opportunity of being a Pythagoran. A solution to this is to get our present companions and Chapters more involved in progressive projects so that they can inspire our new Companions and our displaced Companions. In this way our Chapters can grow stronger. I am looking forward to all of the Chapters that are currently functioning, to increase their membership by ten Companions. In order to achieve this goal we need the support of both our families and more dedicated Pythagorans. I promise that I and my fellow Grand Officers will do all in our power to assist in the endeavors of the local Chapters to make their programs a success. Just contact me. To the Prince Hall family, any advice or suggestions or involvement will be welcomed, so feel free to contact us at any time by way of the RWDYA.

I want to take this opportunity to congratulate Miss Tierney Allen, the newly elected Grand Royal Queen of Grand Girls Assembly. I sincerely hope her tenure will be successful. My Grand Officers and I promise to work together with her and her Grand Officers to make our combined functions operate smoothly and efficiently.

I look forward to a wonderful and exciting year with the MWPH Grand Lodge, Amaranth Grand Chapter, Grand Girls Assembly and the Most Venerable Grand Chapter Order of Pythagorans.

Sincerely,
Patrick Stewart, MVGMC 2008- 2009

Grand Girls Assembly 22nd Debutante Ball

Miss Debutante 2008 Princess Andrea M. Boyd, (r.) Past Royal Queen of Gloria J. Lamont Assembly, #45, Cleveland, OH.



Escorts and Princesses (l. to r.) Comp. Eric Kidd, Jr., RV Gr. Senior Counselor, escorting Princess Jazmine Gaines, Gr. Princess Exchequer, Justin Boyd, escorting Princess Andrea Boyd, and Comp. Patrick Blake, RV Gr. Jr. Counselor, escorting Princess Monique McMillian, Gr. Princess Gatekeeper.

