



## NEW GRAND EAST — 3987 E. Main St., Columbus, Ohio

On November 19, 1949 the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge Free and Accepted Masons for the State of Ohio voted to purchase the property located at 50 Hamilton Park, Columbus, Ohio, for: "The price of \$40,000.00, payable as follows: \$10,000 in cash, \$30,000 notes secured by first mortgage to the seller, interest at 5% per annum, principal to be adjusted monthly; note to include prepayment privilege and proportionate deduction of monthly payment upon reduction of principal to \$25,000 and \$10,000 if desired. The purchase of said premises is to be completed and consummated on or before June 1, 1950."

Such was the establishment of the first headquarters for the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Ohio. It was significant and historic in and of itself, having occurred in the 150th year of our existence.

On April 30, 2010, we acquired the property located at 3987 E. Main Street in Whitehall, a suburb of Columbus. My Brothers

and Sisters the Prince Hall Family in Ohio can be proud of this accomplishment. The property is located on five plus acres with parking spaces for approximately 300 cars. It has 2,000 square feet of office space that can be used immediately with some minor repairs, up-to-date restroom facilities and 92,000 square feet of remaining space that can be developed as we see fit. The possibilities for this facility are numerous.

The vision with the firm of Moody Nolan as the architect is to develop the property as follows:

- Two meeting spaces that will be large enough to house the Annual Communications of the Grand Lodge and the Grand Chapter simultaneously. Each Grand Body in the Prince Hall Family will be able to hold simultaneous Grand Communications. It will also be used as a banquet facility for rental income.

- One commercial kitchen.
- Provide corporate office space for each of the Grand Bodies comprising the Prince Hall



Architect rendering of proposed frontal view of new Grand Lodge.

Family.

- Storage space for the records and archives of each Grand Body of the Prince Hall Family.
- A library for the use of our members and to maintain a historical record of Prince Hall Masonry in Ohio.
- A social lounge for our members.
- Lease space for revenue to maintain and improve the property. This may be office space or retail spaces.

### MUST BE SELF-SUSTAINING

Please be aware that it is critical that we have a property that produces revenue and is self-sustaining. It is no longer viable to attempt to maintain our property with membership dues as our primary source of income. We will solicit legitimate businesses and organizations to become our tenants as well as seek partnerships with local governments. We have engaged Robert Weiler Group of Columbus as our listing agent. Each member of the Prince Hall Family is welcome to become a part owner in the property as an investor. We welcome any serious discussions and proposals that will assist in reaching our goal.

We want to use as many of our Brothers and Sisters with skills and expertise as possible to do as much work as can be practically done by us during the develop-

ment of the property. Electricians, plumbers, drywall installers, carpenters, architects, engineers of all types, painters, concrete and brick masons, laborers and other workers and skills will be needed to complete the project. We are asking every member to volunteer at least a minimum of eight hours of your skill or discipline to this project. Please submit your name and your trade, skill or discipline and the amount of time that you can or are willing to donate. Brothers and Sisters we need this type of help in addition to your finances to make this work quickly and expeditiously.

The original goal (it remains the same) is to pay off the purchase amount (\$316,000.00) so that we own the property free and clear with all of the incoming funds going towards the renovation. At this juncture we are in critical need of money. We have requested that each Brother and Sister contribute a minimum of \$300.00. To date we have received \$82,000.00 in donations including a \$1,000 donation from one Grand Lodge, \$300.00 donations from two Grand Lodges and one Grand Master and \$500.00 donations from three MW Past Grand Masters and a \$100.00 donation from an Assistant CCFC. Of this amount approximately \$78,000 has been spent for project fees, maintenance, insurance and mort-

gage payments on the temporary financing. Brothers and Sisters I am humbly requesting that we submit our \$300.00 donations ASAP to the office of the Grand Secretary at 50 Hamilton Park, Columbus, Ohio 43203. I am pleading for those who can do more to do so at this time because we know that there are some who will not be able to contribute. For those who do not have the requested amount, I implore you to do the best that you can, whether it is \$5, \$10, \$20, \$25, etc. Though we are asking for your giving to be in a lump sum; however, we will certainly accept your gift over time — every little bit helps. A list of donors as of June 22, 2011 is published on page 3.

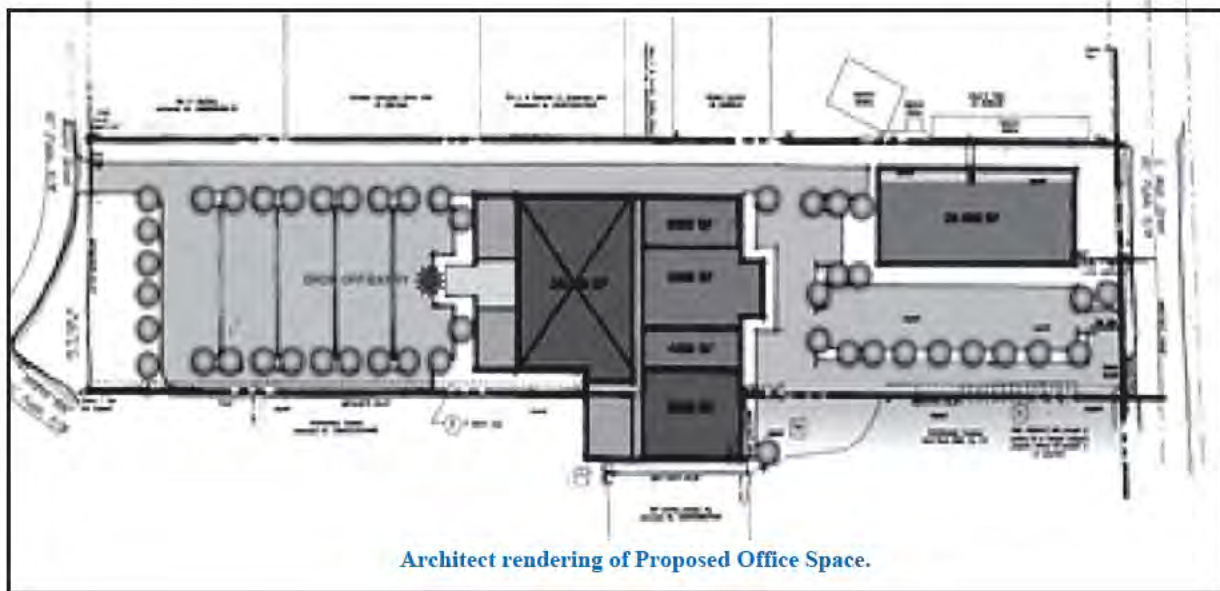
Brothers and Sisters, these are the worst of times and the best of times and certainly they try our souls, but adversity can bring out the best in us and I am confident that we will be a shining light in these dark economical times by coming together as one. If you have any questions or concerns or if you have any suggestions, please let us know and we, Trustees, GLDF Committee members and Building Commission members, will be happy to dialogue with you.

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

### GWP Kennedy C. McCall Honored At Banquet



Grand Worthy Patron Kennedy C. McCall (l.) was honored at a Recognition Banquet on March 26, 2011, at Columbus, Ohio. Above GWP McCall is shown with MW Grand Master Robert L. Jones. Story and additional photos on pages 14-15. Photo by Woodrow Riddle, Jr.



Architect rendering of Proposed Office Space.

## From the Desk of the MW Grand Master...

**PM ROBERT L. JONES**  
**MOST WORSHIPFUL GRAND MASTER**



*"To every thing there is a season, and a time for every purpose under the Heaven."* Ecclesiastes 3:1

Our time as Grand Master is fast approaching an end. Where did the time go? First I want to thank all the Brothers and Sisters of this great Jurisdiction for all the kindnesses and courtesies that you extended to Jay and me during these last two years. I am particularly grateful for the queenly manner that you showed toward Jay. It surely made the journey pleasurable and one that will never be forgotten. Thanks.

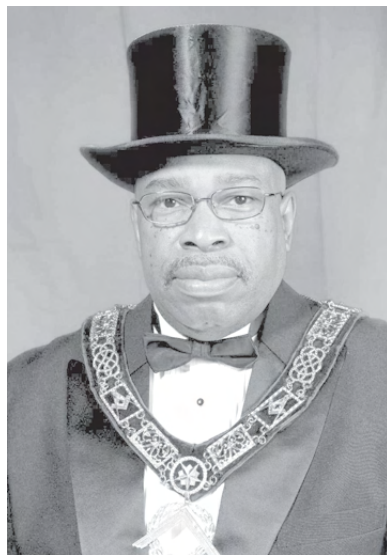
Brothers, we did our best to serve with fervency and zeal. We promised to all that we would not embarrass our beloved Prince Hall Grand Lodge and Freemasonry. We avowed to be fair and just in our dealings. It was our intention to lead by example. We tried to provide leadership by traveling the roads not so well-traveled, but by blazing trails over paths that few have gone before in our beloved Fraternity. How successful we were is to be determined by you and history as it is recorded. We promised our best efforts and we pray that they were good enough.

I am truly thankful to all of the Elected and Appointed Grand Lodge Officers who worked so tirelessly and selflessly to raise the bar in this Grand Lodge. Much was expected and they were up to the task. I am particularly grateful to RW Brother Johnny O. Pitts, Sr., who is a diligent and dutiful worker on whom I could totally depend. RW Brothers Darryl R. Smith, Carl A. Williams are a tandem of which you can be proud. The tenacity and knowledge that they bring to the table in accomplishing their tasks is indescribable. I had no problem or worry when assigning them duties or leaving the care of Grand Lodge business in their most capable hands. My special thanks to RW Grand Treasurer Charles V. Williams, III, who has done a yeoman's job; his spirit of cooperation and responsiveness, and his integrity bring added distinction to that office. And in RW Charles G. Smith, Grand Secretary, I challenge any Grand Lodge anywhere to introduce a more efficient Grand Secretary. These Brothers along with Trustee-at-Large Kelvin J. Davis, Sr., a very valuable member of the team; Trustee MWPGM Rev. James H. Willis, Sr., Grand Attorney Alvertis Bishop, Jr., GLDF Committee members Chester C. Christie, who is a great asset to this Grand Lodge; Leo C. Beavers, Robert M. Estelle and Lonnie Jones, II, have all helped to make the last two years memorable and productive. I can't forget the ones who toil tirelessly in thankless jobs: the Grand Lecturer, RW Keith A. Perkins, Chief Administrative Officer Robert H. Carpenter and the Deputy Grand Lecturers and District Administrative Officers. What a fine group of Brothers and dedicated, committed workers. Thank you all.

I believe that the Grand Architect of the Universe orchestrates all good things and that He does everything for a reason. He brought all of us together at the appropriate time and I think that we have accomplished what He willed for us up to this point. I recently mused to the Deputy Grand Master that like David, who wasn't allowed to build the Temple, maybe I had done something at sometime that warranted that the New Grand East was not completed under my leadership. Or like Moses, who wasn't allowed to go over into the Promised Land, I wouldn't be allowed to complete the designs on the trestle board. But whatever the case may or may not be, I am satisfied that He has allowed me see the Promised Land! I am okay with that and I am satisfied that the incoming administration and subsequent ones will complete the designs and we will be successful. I only ask that you give them the tools to work with to do the job and that you be good followers.

Lest I ramble, let me conclude by once again saying thanks to all of you. God bless you, your families, God bless this Grand Lodge and God Bless Freemasonry everywhere.

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



## From the Desk of the RW Senior Grand Warden

**DARRYL R. SMITH, PM, #121**

*"And God saw everything that He made, and behold, it was very good."*

~ Genesis 1:31

We give thanks to the Grand Architect of the Universe for His continuous blessings and to you, my Brothers, for your continued prayers and support. It has been a great privilege and honor to serve this Prince Hall Grand Lodge. Working with committed and dedicated Brothers made it an added joy.

We must as a Prince Hall Grand Body, continue to promote Economic Development, emphasizing that a strong financial and social commitment within our communities that would bring awareness to the political leaders so that they may position themselves to assist in our endeavors to assist in our growth and self-motivation for our continued success.

I have had the pleasure of meeting with several of our political leaders to explain the mission of this Grand Body to strengthen the educational outreach to our youth with our Adopt-a-School Program, and the

several scholarships that is provided by the Prince Scholarship Foundation throughout the jurisdiction of Ohio.

Brothers, it is imperative that we step up our community activities and our visibility in the community throughout this state. Such activities can ensure our relevance and our continued existence. It can prove to be one of our most effective means in developing interest in becoming a Prince Hall Mason.

The vision and direction of the Grand Lodge and Subordinate Lodges must be a collective effort. No one person knows everything. We must promote the principle of who can best work and best agree. We need and encourage your input. We must take care to impress upon newly made Brothers the tenets and principals of the Order. We must extend the hand of friendship and Brotherly love.

MWGM Paul W. Robinson of Michigan said it best in his annual address: "Each of us, regardless of our ties and affiliations to other Masonic related houses and bodies, must remember that we are Prince Hall Masons first. This does not diminish our affection for the other. However, let us not forget from whence we came."

The Blue House is our Mother and she needs our attention and care. She took us to the Temple where we were taught the lessons of the ages. We are bound by the Cable Tow, One to the Other, as Brothers ...One House, One Temple, and One Family.

Respectfully and Fraternaly,  
**RW Darryl R Smith, PM #121**  
**Right Worshipful Senior Grand Warden**



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## From the Desk of RW Deputy Grand Master

**JOHNNY O. PITTS, SR., PM #7**

Greetings Brothers:

As this Masonic year approaches an end, I thank each of you who have given unwavering support to the Grand Lodge. It has been a tremendous year of advancement, as well as, a redirection of the Grand Lodge toward long range future success.

Please become more involved with our programs, Brothers, in particular, the Building Fund Campaign. The completion of the new Grand Lodge edifice could be the most important project that we have undertaken in the last twenty-five years. Successful completion would mean financial stability for generations of Prince Hall Masons in the Jurisdiction of Ohio.

I thank you individually and collectively for your support of my office, and I look forward to continuing my service to each of you, our Grand Lodge and the Prince Hall Masonic Fraternity, in general. God bless you.

**RW Johnny O. Pitts, PM #7**

## From the Desk of RW Junior Grand Warden

**CARL A. WILLIAMS**

*"Jesus said unto him: You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and all your mind."* Matthew 22:37

First and foremost giving praise to Him from whom all our blessings flow. It has been a great privilege and pleasure to serve this august body.

As we come to the close of another Masonic year it is well to reflect on what has been the progress of our Grand Lodge. A year nearer — to what? A year further — from what? A year richer — in what?

Happily I am privileged to report a year nearer to the universal allegiance to our principals, further from misconceptions and richer in the achievement of our purpose.

Under the leadership of our Most Worshipful Grand Master Robert (See *Junior Grand Warden*, page 3)



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**From the Desk of the Editor...**

**A Plea From the Editor to the Lodge Secretaries**

To all of the very capable Brothers who are serving as Lodge Secretaries:

First let me say that as a former Lodge Secretary, current Royal Arch Chapter Secretary, Assistant Secretary for my Consistory, Assistant Grand Secretary for the Ohio Council of Deliberation and Church Clerk, I have walked a mile in your shoes. I do understand the job that you are doing and appreciate the talent, time and effort it takes to be a good secretary so this plea is not meant to impose upon you in any way, but to get your assistance to help alleviate a small problem that we have.

I have been inundated with calls, e-mails and text messages and stopped almost everywhere I go by our Lodge widows and some Brothers who are no longer receiving *The Lamp*, so let me explain and appeal to you for help.

It has been our custom that for each widow whose husband passed while in good standing in his Blue House, that the widow will continue to receive *The Lamp* until she passes or for some reason, no longer wishes to receive it. We use the current (at the time of mailing) database maintained by the Grand Secretary's office to mail *The Lamp*. We need your assistance in keeping the **widow's listing current** because we have no idea who the widows are and where they live. Each Lodge Secretary has to maintain a current roster of its members. It is your responsibility to get any changes of addresses to the Grand Secretary as soon as the changes are known in order for the Grand Lodge to maintain an up-to-date database.

In addition, each Lodge should identify all current widows whose husbands were active (dues paid) at the time of their death. At the end of your Lodge roster, add the names of your widows complete with street address, city, state, zip code and lodge number followed by W (for widow). Please see sample of how the entry should look below i.e.:

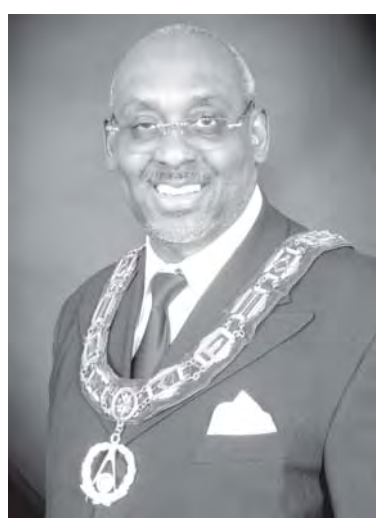
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Thank you in advance for your cooperation in this matter and I'm sure the widows that you add to the roster, the brothers whose addresses you correct and most of all the Grand Trustees will appreciate your efforts to correct this deficiency.

**RW Jimmie E. "Jay" Johnson**  
Editor



**Junior Grand Warden---**

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L. Jones our achievements have been of substantial character. Our Grand Lodge success is built upon the firmest of all foundations; that of practical idealism. Through the diligent work of the Trustees, Economic Development, the Building Committees, as well as the support of the craft, the vision of the new Grand East is steadily on its way to fruition. In every field our aim has been for strength, stability and lofty purpose, rather than numerical growth.

By this yardstick of measurement, I believe this year has been one of which we should be proud. We enjoy a pleasing post, a calm present and an inviting future. The past provides principles and policies for purposeful undertakings. With these as our guide, the present has made marked progress along the highway of creditable accomplishments that are yet to come.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the various committees and their chairmen that I worked with as their liaison or administrator. There is nothing more rewarding than having the opportunity of working with the Pythagorans and mentoring high school students.

With great humility I thank each and every Brother and Sister for the respect, courtesy, love and amenities extended to this office. I tried to the utmost of my ability to fulfill the expectations and duties that you entrusted in me. It is my fervent prayer that we and the Grand Lodge work together on one accord; and that God bless you and your families.

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

### Voter Awareness — Registration, Issues and Voting

As of March 17 a renewed VOTER AWARENESS (VA) team has been informing the craft of issues relating to current legislation and the importance of being educated regarding the voting process on a weekly basis. There have been nine weekly installments submitted by the VA team with information about Senate Bill 5 which was signed into law by the governor and for which petitions are being passed to place it on the November General Election Ballot for repeal, absentee ballot information, early voting instructions, the Photo ID Bill, House Bill 36 (Calamity Days), Senate Bill 90 (Estate Tax), and direction on the Secretary of State website [www.sos.state.oh.us](http://www.sos.state.oh.us). Additional articles will be submitted each Wednesday.

Over the next year there will be a concentrated effort to maximize voter registration in every lodge across Ohio including our extended families, friends and neighbors in preparation for the 2012 Presidential Election. As you can imagine this will be an enormous undertaking to ensure that we are not only registered to vote but that we actually get our communities to the polls prior to and on election day.

**The VOTER AWARENESS TEAM consists of Co-chairman W. Michael Henry, PM #15, Co-chairman Dale Henry, Senior Warden #15, Bob Hadley, PM # 106, Lashawn Butler, PM #60 and Gregory Flowers, PM #87, Kelvin Davis, PM #106 (RW Trustee-At-Large).**

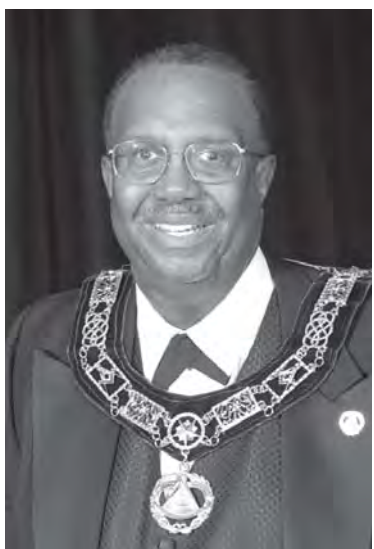
- 08/01/2010 2010 Divine Service
- 08/01/2010 Amaranth Grand Chapter
- 08/01/2010 Robert & Geraldine Jones
- 08/03/2010 Council of Deliberation
- 08/05/2010 Bishop J. Delano Ellis, III
- 08/31/2010 Juanita C. Wood
- 02/19/2011 Charles & Charlesena Smith
- 03/25/2011 Jimmie E. & Alice Jean Johnson

## From the Desk of the Grand Chaplain...

R.W. WILTON E. BLAKE, I

### Dedicated Commitment

Luke 14: 26-27



Webster's dictionary defines the word 'Commitment' as; something that takes up time or energy, devotion or dedication to a cause. Numerous motivations prompt commitment. Promises, a pledge, a vow, an obligation, all of these words define a commitment. At the time of Christ, there was often one motivation for commitment; life or death! In Palestine the Jews were feeling the grinding pressure of the Roman Empire. They had lost their pride as a nation, a people "chosen of God." Consequently, they were always looking for a leader to be committed to, one who would rescue them from their national dilemma. Many would-be messiahs and saviors came and gathered their disciples around them. But sooner or later, they were discovered to be weak pretenders. Disillusioned, the people recovered but still waited for some leader who would give them hope.

Then Jesus came along and all that changed. Never had the people experienced anyone like Him. He was the essence of kindness and humility, yet He had a commanding authority. Most of the time He spoke quietly and unpretentiously, yet His words pierced the heart.

The scripture states; "If anyone comes to me and does not hate his father ...mother...wife...children...brothers...sisters, yes, even his own life he cannot be my disciple." Did Jesus really mean you must hate all of these people in order to follow Him? Of course not! Jesus is not advocating active, deliberate hatred for one's loved ones. Jesus just laid down the conditions for discipleship. All He wanted was to be first in our lives. Putting God first does not come easy, nor does it come naturally. Family, self, possessions — none of these are ours to do with as we please. In Christ, we submit all to His service, and His wishes. Jesus offers us the possibility of actually being able to not only live a life but to dedicate it, to give it a purpose and direction beyond mere survival, to make a difference.

Following Jesus involves every aspect of our lives. A committed relationship with Jesus changes all other relationships. "Anyone who does not carry his cross and follow me cannot be my disciple." This seems like such a high price, an impossible demand. But when we see ourselves as He sees us, it is not really so high a price at all. It humbles us to think that Jesus thinks we are worth it and worthy of Him. You and I as Christians must commit to follow Jesus regardless of the cost; that is true commitment.

God has blessed us with a great gift of a new Grand Lodge Building that can be a blessing to our young Brothers and Sisters who will follow after us. We should have the commitment to share our God-given resources so we can be proud of our Grand Lodge Building.

Will you PLEASE make a commitment to support the Grand Lodge New Building Program by giving \$1.00 per day for one year. If you will commit to this plan the Grand Lodge thanks you, I thank you, and God will bless you for you COMMITMENT.

## ~ IN MEMORIAM ~



### SGIG OLIVER W. SUMLIN, 33°

Oliver W. Sumlin was born July 2, 1923 in Dayton, OH and peacefully departed this life on May 12, 2011. Oliver graduated from Dunbar High School and Central State University receiving a B.S. Degree in Business Administration. He worked for the Federal Government for 33 years as a Supervisory Accountant, Budget Analyst and Management Analyst. When he retired he was Administrator of the Management Information System at the Defense Electronics Supply Center in Dayton.

His Masonic affiliations included: Past Grand Master, Past Housing Administrator, member of the Grand Officer's Report Committee, the Codification Committee and was a 57-year member of Ancient Square Lodge No. 40, where he served as Worshipful Master in 1961. He served Miami Consistory #26 as Commander-in-Chief in 1969, was a member of Burning Bush Chapter #7, Royal Arch Masons, Boone Commandery #27, Knights Templar and Honorary Past Potentate of Amer Temple #107. He was made an Honorary Past Grand Master in 2003 by MWPGM Sidney D. Broadnax, Jr.

Oliver was a life member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Life Member of the NAACP, Urban League, YMCA and Central State University Alumni Association; Past Chairman of the Montgomery County Selective Service Board and President of the Dayton City Planning Board.

He was elevated to the rank of 33° Grand Inspector General in 1973 and was coroneted a Sovereign Grand Inspector General of the United Supreme Council, Northern Jurisdiction. Oliver served as the Chairman of the United Supreme Council Finance Committee where he was presented the prestigious Gold Medal Achievement Award. He later served with distinction as the Illustrious Deputy of the Orient of Ohio from 1989 to 1996.



### PGWM MAGGIE F. BUCHANAN-MOON

Past Grand Worthy Matron Maggie F. Buchanan-Moon passed away January 30, 2011. Born in South Carolina, she moved to Dayton at an early age. Maggie attended Dayton schools and held a degree in Business Management from Antioch University. She retired as Tax Commissioner Agent for the State of Ohio. In retirement, she was the CEO/Owner of Magna Tax Consultants. She was an usher at Corinthian Baptist Church until relocating to Cincinnati where she joined Jereal Missionary Baptist Church.

Maggie was a charter member and first Worthy Matron of Equity Chapter #102. She was appointed Grand Deputy of OES District #5, by PGM Cora L. Lounds and PGM Erma R. Jones. She was elected the 39th Grand Worthy Matron of Amaranth Grand Chapter in 1986. She was a charter member of Truth Guild #2, Heroines of Templar Crusades and served as the first Princess Captain in 1983. She became the Grand Princess Captain of Prince Hall Grand Guild, Heroines of Templar Crusades in 1985. She then became the International Grand Princess Commandress of International Grand Court Cyrene Crusaders in 1994. Maggie served as Illustrious Commandress of Amer Court #65 in 1987; Most Ancient Matron of Burning Bush Court #3 in 1988; and Loyal Lady Ruler of Miami Assembly #22 in 1990. She also was elected Chairman of Midwest Regional Conference of Grand Chapters, OES, PHA.

Maggie leaves to cherish her memory Brother Ralph L. Moon, Jr., two children and three grandchildren. Maggie consistently reminded us that "Because He Lives" we can face tomorrow. Her "frank accounting" and accountability will be greatly missed by all who knew her.

By M. Francine Washington, PM, #102

## MWPHGL of Ohio Holds a Well Attended Statewide Workshop

By RW Jay Johnson, Editor

Several hundred Prince Hall Masons of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Ohio made the trek to Columbus, Ohio, on Saturday, March 5, 2011, to participate in the annual Statewide Workshop.

The workshop agenda began with the statement of purpose from MWGM Robert L. Jones, followed by an update from the Building Commission Chairman, PM Benjamin E.K. Speare-Hardy, II, #115. After PM Speare-Hardy concluded, RW Antonio Caffey, Di-

rector of the Masonic Education Department, gave an extensive presentation on the work that the Department has done to prepare material to be used to further the Masonic knowledge of the Craft as they journey through the three symbolic degrees. This was a most informative and professionally prepared presentation and the members of the Craft were excited to find this information forthcoming.

After the joint session was completed, there were several individual workshops specifically designed for Secretaries and Treasurers which



Grand Trustees and MWPGMs in attendance as MW Bro. Kenneth E. Lewis, MWPGM, makes presentation.

Photos by Reggie Oliver, W. Assoc. Grand Photographer

were conducted by the Grand Secretary RW Charles G. Smith and Grand Treasurer RW Charles V. Williams, III, jointly and a session

for the Masters and Wardens which was presented by the Grand Trustees and Past Grand Masters.

At the conclusion of the workshop, a tour of the newly acquired Grand Lodge Headquarters located

at 3987 E. Main Street was provided to those wanting to see the building.



This is just approximately one-third of the Brothers in attendance at the workshop.



Front and back images of the Medallion that is being presented to contributors to the Building Fund Campaign.



Most Worshipful Grand Master Robert L. Jones states the purpose of the Statewide Workshop, and expressed his pleasure in seeing so many of the Brothers in attendance.

The Most Worshipful...

Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Ohio

...Free and Accepted Masons



“Keeping the Charge as We Bridge the Gap”

January 7, 2011

PROCLAMATION RLJ-2011-1

By the virtue and authority vested in me as the Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Ohio; Free and Accepted Masons, Know Ye that I, Robert L. Jones; do hereby proclaim that the One Hundred and Sixty-Second (162nd) Annual Communication of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Ohio, Free and Accepted Masons shall convene at the Renaissance Hotel, 50 North Third Street, Columbus, Ohio, August 6 through August 9, 2011.

I do further prodaim that the Craft and guests join us for the Grand Lodge Divine Service, August 7, 2011 at 11:00 a.m. in the Main Ballroom. Assembly time for the Brethren to march to the Memorial Service is 5:00 p.m. The Memorial Service will be held in the Main Ballroom at 7:00 p.m.

I do further declare and ordain that a Lodge of Master Masons will open at 8:00 a.m. Monday, August 8, 2011 by the Third Masonic District under the direction of Right Worshipful Rufus F. Gripper, Deputy Grand Lecturer for District No. 3, with all Grand Lodge Officers and subordinate Lodge representatives participating. The Most Worshipful Grand Master will be received at 9:00 a.m. The business will continue until completion on Tuesday, August 9, 2011. Please note that the Grand Chaplain and his Associates will conduct a devotional period from 7:30 a.m. to 8:00 a.m. on both Monday and Tuesday.

It is directed that all Worshipful Masters, Wardens and Past Masters, in good standing, are to be present and are hereby directed to register with the Credentials Committee as soon as possible upon arrival. All other Master Masons in good standing are encouraged to register and to attend.

Advance registration - \$70.00. on-site \$90.00 for Grand Lodge registrants. An additional \$5.00 is required for Eastern Star Brethren. Non-voting registration - \$45.00. Additional Banquet tickets maybe purchased at a cost of \$45.00 each.

There will be a Master Mason Raising from 8:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. on Saturday, August 6, 2011, at a location to be posted on the hotel information system. Following the raising there will be a Secretary's/Treasurer's Workshop from 1:00 p.m. until 3:00 p.m. at a hotel location to be posted on the hotel information system.

**ALL MEETINGS, WORKSHOPS AND ACTIVITIES WILL START ON TIME.**

Proper attire for the Raising, Memorial Service and Grand Communication will be Masonic Dress: Dark suit, white shirt and dark tie; black shoes, white gloves and apron.

All Elected Grand Lodge Officers are to be formally attired in tails with black accessories for the Sunday Memorial Service; tails with white accessories for the Monday session and tuxedos for the Tuesday session. Most Worshipful Past Grand Masters and Past Grand Masters have the option of choosing their mode of dress for these occasions.

Appointed Grand Lodge Officers may choose their mode of dress for the Sunday Memorial Service; however, tuxedos with black accessories are required for the Monday session.

Proper attire for the Monday Banquet is a white dinner jacket with black accessories. Masonic dress is always appropriate.

This proclamation is to be read at the business and work night communications during the months of February, March, April, May, June and July.

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

Given under my hand and under the Private Seal of the Grand Master hereto attached at Cincinnati, Ohio, on this 7th Day of January; A.D. 2011, A.L. 6011.

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

**From the Office of Youth Enrichment....**  
**EMBIE R. BOSTIC, PM, #120**  
**MW PAST GRAND MASTER**

**MWPH Grand Lodge Youth Enrichment Fund**

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Thank You

January 23, 2011

To The Worshipful Masters, Wardens, Past Masters and Brethren of the Subordinate Lodges owing Allegiance to the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Ohio Free and Accepted Masons

Dear Brethren:

I am proud to announce that at the 2011 Grand Communication on Saturday, August 9, 2011, the Grand Lodge will sponsor an entertainment show featuring nationally known musician Wilbert Longmire and his band and the featured attraction Gerald Alston, re-noun lead singer of the Manhattans. Brother Longmire is a member of St. John's Lodge No. 3 of Cincinnati and Brother Alston is a Prince Hall Mason from the Jurisdiction of New Jersey.

Tickets are available now at the cost of \$35.00 each and you may contact RW Chief Adaninistrative Officer Robert H. Carpenter at (513) 884-1955, to find out where the tickets may be purchased. Sister Jacqueline E. Harris, Grand Conductress of Amaranth Grand Chapter also has tickets. There are only 600 tickets available and they will exclusively be available to Prince Hall Masons and Eastern Stars of this Jurisdiction until April 30, 2011; if tickets remain after April 30, they will be made available to the general public. No tickets vnll be sold at the door.

This will be an exciting and enjoyable show and we urge you to purchase your tickets early. They will be available via the Grand Communication registration form. We look forward to a wonderful fulfilled evening of entertainment. Please join the Grand Master, the Grand Worthy Matron, Sister Beverly J. Beavers, and the Trustees of the Grand Lodge and Amaranth Grand Chapter for this historic event.

Take due anal timely notice and govern yourselves accordingly.

**Fraternally;**

**Robert L. Jones, PM #97**  
**MW Grand Master**

January 23, 2011

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Dear Brethren:

Owing to the fact that there is a substantial portion of our membership that does not possess enough life insurance to cover the expenses encompassing funeral and burial services for them at their death and there is a good population in the membership which has no life insurance coverage at all, I have granted approval from the Office of the Grand Master to Sister Glenda Buchanan, wife of Past Grand Master Homer L. Buchanan, to contact the Lodges in this Jurisdiction. She will be asking for a time to make a presentation to the Brethren that will give them an opportunity to purchase life insurance for them and their families. It will be your discretion as to the time and place of this meeting and it will be of no expense to the Lodge. Sister Buchanan is employed with Western Southern Life Insurance Company of Cincinnati.

Brethren; throughout my Masonic career I have personally witnessed and took part in the "passing of the hat" to help pay the costs of burying members of the Jurisdiction of Ohio; this shouldn't be! When one dies in such destitute circumstances, it leaves a tremendous burden on his surviving family members AND his Prince Hall Masonic Brethren. Many times the family looks to his Lodge Brothers to come through for them and if they can't deliver, it gives the Lodge a serious public relations problem with that particular family that sometimes passes from generation to generation. Such a situation is not fair to the family or to the Lodge.

Brethren, please give Sister Buchanan the opportunity to make her presentation to you; it may be helpful even if it only benefits one member. You are under no obligation to purchase the products that she is promoting and the Grand Lodge gets no commission, promotion fee or rebate from this initiative.

Take due and timely notice and govern yourselves accordingly.

**Fraternally,**  
**PM Robert L. Jones #97**  
**MW Grand Master**

**From the Office of Youth Enrichment....**  
**EMBIE R. BOSTIC, PM, #120**  
**MW PAST GRAND MASTER**

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Greetings:

As you are aware, The Youth Enrichment Fund [501(C3)] is intended exclusively for charitable purposes. This fund will ensure that future generations of youth benefit from Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge programs. This fund was founded to assist The Prince Hall Scholarship Foundation, organizations in the Community throughout the State of Ohio, in addition to the Order of Pythagorans.

A donation form (left) is for your convenience. Please make copies and distribute them to your members, all donations are tax deductible. Our donations have been very low this year so please do not lay this article and form to the side. Any amount you give will be greatly appreciated.

Thank you in advance for your support and gen-

erous contributions. Remember this is your organization and its success depends on us all.

**Fraternally,**  
**Embie R. Bostic, MWPGM**  
**Chairman**

# First Annual Joint Table Lodge



On May 21, 2011 in the City of Loveland, Ohio, a Joint Table Lodge was observed. The Brethren of the First District MW Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Ohio Free & Accepted Masons and First District of MW Grand Lodge of Ohio Free & Accepted Masons, convened in due form to display an example of the rich heritage enjoyed by the universal Brotherhood of Freemasonry.

After a hearty invocation by the RW Rev. Wilton Blake I, Grand Chaplain, (MWPHGL of Ohio), a repast was prepared by Brothers David Henn, Brian Adams and others. The Table Lodge was called to order for opening by WM Herb Louis (MWGL of Ohio). Invitation of blessing to Supreme Ruler was expressed by the Grand Chaplain. Proceedings to continue were established by a wonderful team consisting of WM Herb Louis (MWGL of Ohio), SW Antwan O'Neal (MWPHGL of Ohio) and JW Ryan Thompson (MWGL of Ohio). Our voices were then lifted in song.

The Craft began with the Ceremony of the Seven Toasts. This is the time where we lift our hearts and well wishes to items that bind our great fraternal structure. As the evening was coming to a close, remarks were made by Representative of the MWGL of Ohio, PM Doug Sun-nenburg, Vice President of the First Masonic District Officers Association. Deputy of the Orient for the Ohio Scottish Rite Masons, PH, gave remarks to remind all Masons to plant a positive garden of good and wholesome deeds. The Honorable Robert L. Jones Most Worshipful Grand Master of the MWPHGL of Ohio gave remarks and wished for a great event

**Brethren of the First Masonic District, MWPH Grand Lodge of Ohio F&AM, and First District of MW Grand Lodge of Ohio F&AM gather for First Annual Joint Table Lodge.**

and continued fellowship of this Table Lodge for years to come. A table Lodge was closed in ritualistic form and the meeting was adjourned.

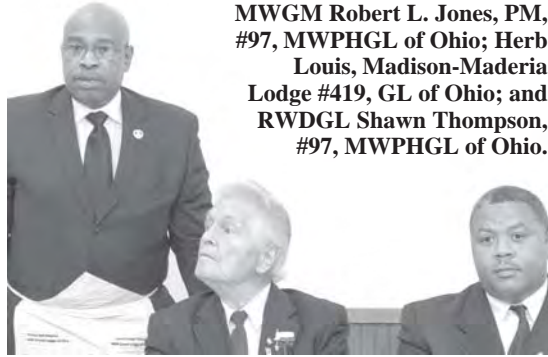
Our ancient Brethren of France held such Table Lodge meetings dating as early as the 1700s. The endeavor of a charge to keep for strengthening the devotion that Masons held for their Lodge and Country was paramount. All performed with second gain of increasing unity and fellowship of our great Craft.



**PM Douglas Sunnenberg, President of First Masonic District Officers Assoc., MWGL of Ohio, gave remarks.**

Special thanks to Committee members represented by MWPH Grand Lodge of Ohio: PM Stephen P. Blackwell, Sr., PM Eddie Mallory, PM Clamion M. Marshall, PM Charles E. Williams, PM Timothy Collier, WM Gregory Allen, Bro. David Beard, Bro. Lester L. Robinson, and Bro. Duane Roebuck.

Members represented by Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Ohio: PM Rev. Mendle Adams, PM Dave Buken, PM David Fine, PM Theodore Vinegar, PM Jesse Mc-



**MWGM Robert L. Jones, PM, #97, MWPHGL of Ohio; Herb Louis, Madison-Maderia Lodge #419, GL of Ohio; and RWDGL Shawn Thompson, #97, MWPHGL of Ohio.**

**PM Sidney D. Broadnax, Jr., III, Deputy of the Orient of Ohio, AASR, PHA gave remarks.**



Whorter Bro. Tony J. Percifield, Bro. David M. Wise, and Bro. Larry Bramlage.

2011 Officers: Worshipful Master Herb Louis; Senior Warden Antwan O'Neal; Junior Warden Ryan Thompson; Treasurer, David Buken; Secretary, Frank Bowen; Chaplain, Rev. Wilton Blake, I and Chaplain Rev. Mendle Adams; Senior Deacon, Tony Koontz; Junior Deacon, Thomas Bell; Senior Steward, Duane Roebuck; Junior Steward, David Fine; Tyler Delbert Thomas, Degree Team PM Kenneth McCullars, Programs PM Ernest Farrier.

Thanks to Madisonville-Madeira Lodge members, 11665 Lebanon Road, Loveland, Ohio, for hosting this occasion!

*By PM Timothy Collier*

## Phoenix Lodge #112 Receives Community Service Awards

The Brothers of Phoenix Lodge #112 recently received an award for their Community Service from the Joy Park Community Recreation Center. On March 3, 2011, PM Les Powell, PM Otis Beecher, PM Robert Curley Jr., PM Redgi Price and

SW Nathan Manson attended a fantastic dinner, sponsored by Joy Park, to be recognized for the Lodge's continued support of the Community Center throughout the year.

The Lodge has donated eggs for

the annual Easter Program, turkeys for the Thanksgiving Community Dinner, ran a Summer Lunch Program at Spring Hill Apartments and supported the Black History Program presented by the Center, for a number of years. The Center's Director offered thanks for the continued involvement and the leadership shown by the willingness to not only donate, but to also participate, in their various programs.

In the past year the Lodge has also received awards from Patterson Park Community Recreation Center and the I-CARE Program of the Ohio Grand Lodge for support



**The Joy Park Dinner was attended by (front, l. to r.): PM Redgi Price, PM Otis Beecher. Back row: Councilman Ernie Davis, Staff member Pat Littlejohn, PM Les Powell, SW Nathan Manson, PM Robert Curley, Jr. and Joy Park Community Council President Charles White.**

## Highlights of the Southern District Meeting

The Southern District Meeting, which includes Masonic Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4, was held on Saturday, January 15, 2011 in Chillicothe, OH, hosted by the Brothers of the 2nd Masonic District. There were 135 persons in attendance with 128 from the Southern District and seven from the Northern District. It was impressive to note that 29 of the 32 lodges comprising the Southern District were represented and 26 of the 29 were represented by the Worshipful Masters.

Following the traditional agenda of devotions, ritualistic opening and reception of the Grand Lodge officers, the Worshipful Masters gave their lodge reports.

Each of the Southern District's Lodges made a Masonic Educational presentations as follows: RWDGL Rufus Gripper, District

No. 3 gave a presentation titled "What a Mason Is." It was positive and motivational. RW Charles V. Williams, III, Grand Treasurer, gave the lecture for the 4th District titled "Masonry"; RWDGL Shawn Thompson gave the presentation for the 1st District on the "Precepts of the 3rd Degree;" and a team made up of RWDGL McLaughlin and the Worshipful Masters of the 2nd District presented "Solomon's Temple Prayer."

MWGM Robert L. Jones concluded the meeting with his comments on the general status of the Grand Lodge and reiterated that his vision of growth and progress of Prince Hall Masonry in Ohio was still strong and unwavering.

Lunch was served by the Sisters of St. Elizabeth Chapter No. 6, OES, PHA.



**MWGM Robert L. Jones is received at the altar.**



**PM Robert J. Robinson, Sr., Past DGL, District #2, is recognized.**



**All MWPHGL of Ohio Trustees in attendance were recognized.**



**It is heartwarming to see so many Brothers in attendance at the Southern District Meeting.**

*By RW B. Wayne McLaughlin, RWDGL #2  
Photos by Reggie Oliver, W. Assoc. Gr. Photographer*

and participation in their programs. Other community service projects the Lodge has been a part of include Habitat for Humanity, Akron Public School Book Bag Project, Akron Public School Reading Achievement Award,

Community Playground Build and Pop Can Tab donations to the Burn Unit at Children's Hospital. WM Talmange Grace and the Brothers of Phoenix Lodge believe that service to the community is a vital part of Masonry.



**Visitors and Guests at the Joy Park dinner.**

## “A Celebration Through Music and Dance”

# 4th Masonic and 5th OES Districts Prince Hall Family Observes Black History Month

By RWDGL Eldred J. Jones

The Prince Hall Family of the 4th Masonic and 5th OES Districts came together on February 27, 2011, at the Dayton Prince Hall Masonic Temple, to celebrate Black History Month in grand style. The well attended celebration titled, “A Celebration Through Music and Dance,” showcased some of the talented brothers and sisters within our districts and recognized contributions of members of the community.

The moving invocation was given by Bro. Charles Reed, Grand Sentinel of Amaranth Grand Chapter, OES, PHA, Jurisdiction of Ohio, followed by Bro. Tyrone Bonner # 15 with the National Anthem. Throughout the program members of the Prince Hall family entertained the group with music tied to our past struggles and our many successes. The Chantresses of Amer Court No. 65, DOI, Bro. Tyrone Bonner No. 15 and Sis. Kay F. Anderson, PGWM, No. 104, beautifully sang songs that were favorites of all and inspired those in attendance to sing along. A group of young ladies from St. Timothy Missionary Baptist Church Mime Ministry gracefully performed to a standing ovation.



Sis. Candace M. Moore, Grand Deputy OES District No. 5, and RW Eldred J. Jones, Deputy Grand Lecturer of the 4th Masonic District.



RW Darryl R. Smith, SGW, MWPGL of Ohio giving remarks.



Dayton City Commissioner Dean Lovelace of Equity Lodge #121, sharing historical moments of the city.



(Left) Guest speaker former State Senator Fred Strahorn, Harmony Lodge No. 77, spoke on family values and historical issues affecting us all.



The Chantresses of Amer Court No. 65, Daughters of Isis, entertained the Prince Hall Family with several musical selections.



Brother Tyrone Bonner, Champion Lodge #15, opened with the National Anthem.



Bro. Charles Reed, Grand Sentinel, Amaranth Grand Chapter, OES, gave the invocation and benediction.



Worshipful Masters of the 4th Masonic District are (l. to r.): Robet Small, #115; William Benyard, #121; John Watters, #23; Russell A. Patterson, #21; RWDGL Eldred Jones; RWSGW Darryl R. Smith; Ezra Thomas, #83; David Webb, #18; and Nathaniel Benn, #123.



(L. to r.): WM John Watters, #23; PM Keith D. Clark, Sr., #23; RW Eldred J. Jones, DGL, Dist. #4; Bro. Thomas Taylor; and RW SGW Darryl R. Smith, presents the Masonic Bible to Bro. Taylor.



Bro. Thomas Taylor, No. 77, oldest member of 4th Masonic District, at 102.

(Right) WM Nathaniel C. Benn, Edward Dugger Military Lodge #123, served as Master of Ceremony.

Dr. Richard Gordon, Jr. and son, Richard III, both of Golden Square No. 23, shared health information useful to the community, which was followed by guest speakers Dean Lovelace, Dayton City Commissioner (Equity No. 121) and former State Senator Fred Strahorn (Harmony No.77).

A special presentation was given to Bro. Thomas Taylor, No. 77, for being the oldest member of the 4th Masonic District at 102 years young. Bro. Taylor stated that he believes his longevity is a result of getting plenty of rest, eating healthy and treating everyone with compassion and respect.

Remarks were given by Sis. Candace Moore, Grand Deputy of the 5th OES District, RW Darryl R. Smith, SGW of the MWPGL of Ohio and RW Eldred J. Jones, Deputy Grand Lecturer of the 4th

Masonic District. The recurring message during remarks was that each person contributes to our history in their own way and that by working together as members of the Prince Hall Family, we can grow closer and achieve increased success in all our endeavors and show the world how good and pleasant it is to dwell together in unity.

## Arts & Science Lodge #792, MWGL of Ohio, Visits Samaritan Lodge #117, F&AM, PH



On February 3, 2011, Brothers from Arts & Science Lodge #792 F&AM, Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Ohio, came to visit Samaritan Lodge #117 F&AM, PH, returning a visit that Samaritan made to their lodge last year. The Worshipful Master of Arts & Science Lodge #792 F&AM, is Daniel Hrinko and the Worshipful Master of Samaritan Lodge #117, PH, is Roderick Q. Blount, Jr.

The turnout was great. The fellowship began with a delicious potluck meal with food spread out on three tables. The meal was followed by the regularly stated meeting. Brothers took time to remember our last financial charter member, PM Royal McLean, who

passed away shortly after Samaritan Lodge’s 50th Anniversary, on October 23, 2010. The highlight of the evening was the discussion about the similarities and differences between both lodges. We found that there were more things we had in common than different. Members of both Lodges agreed that they would meet again.

### 2011 Scholarship Raffle Winners Announced

The annual drawing for the Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Ohio Scholarship Raffle was held on May 15, 2011, at Grand Lodge Headquarters in Columbus, Ohio. Present to witness the drawing were: RW Ronald L. Ogletree, #115 (Director of Scholarship Foundation); RW Charles G. Smith, #7 (Grand Secretary); Brother Jerry N. Minter, #7 (Junior Warden); Brother Antwan L. Horston, #117 (Junior Warden); and Sister Donna Marshall, #3 (Past Matron). The winners were:

- Larkin Banks, Cincinnati, OH -1st Prize - \$3,000.00
- Josiah Morgan, Middletown, OH - 2nd Prize - \$1,750.00
- J. D. Ellis, Cleveland, OH - 3rd Prize - \$750.00
- Dwaine Parks, Cleveland, OH - 4th Prize - \$500.00

# Akron Past Masters' Council Hosts 11th Awards Ceremony and Dinner Dance



On February 5, 2011 the Akron Past Masters Council held their 11th Annual PM Dinner Dance. Akron City Council President Marco Somerville and the Toth Brothers, Russ and Steve, owners of Toth Buick were awarded the 2011 Community Service Award. These awards were presented to them by RWDGL Jerry Ellerson PM #76, PM Dwight Morton #76 and PM Aaron Ray #112. (Photos above and left.)



PM Eric Kidd Sr. #76 and WM Demond Dobson #76 presented the award plaque for Mt. Calvary Lodge Master Mason of the Year for 2010 to Bro. Raymond Trice.



PM Peter Bucey and WM Talmadge Grace presents Phoenix Lodge Master of the Year 2010 plaque to Bro. Nathan Manson.



PM Eric Kidd #76 (photo left) and PM Peter Bucey (above) were both presented with their PM Aprons and award plaques during the dinner dance. A few of the dignitaries in attendance at the Dinner Dance were RWDGL 5th District Jerry Ellerson, Grand Worthy Matron Sis. Beverly J. Beavers, Amaranth Grand Chapter, OES, RW Leo C. Beavers, RW EDF Trustee, WM Emma Benson of Phoenix Chapter #96 and WM Karen Ellerson of Mary Chapter #47.

By Eric Kidd, Sr., PM, #76

Photos by Bro. Fred Henderson, #112



# Youth Hold 20th Annual MLK Dinner Dance

The 1st and 4th Youth Districts held their 20th Annual Martin L. King, Jr. Dinner/Dance, on Sunday, January 16, 2011, at Veterans Memorial Hall in Cincinnati Ohio. Master of Ceremony, R.V. Grand Recorder Malcolm Prophett and Mistress of Ceremony, Grand Royal Princess N'Dea Richardson served for the evening.



Princess Tammara Jones, Bethune/Wright Assembly #49, speaks on how Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. impacted her and the world at the same time by his words and actions.



Master and Mistress of Ceremonies, Grand Royal Princess N'Dea Richardson and RV Grand Recorder Malcolm Prophett did a masterful job.

# Mt. Calvary Lodge #76 Assists Adopt-A-Highway Program

Mount Calvary Lodge No. 76, of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Ohio, Akron, Ohio, has adopted a two-mile stretch of I-77. On Saturday, May 21st members of the lodge performed their first roadside cleanup. The stretch of highway assigned to them is between Ridge Road and Cleveland Massillon Road.

The first Adopt-A-Highway program was started in 1985 by the Texas Department of Transportation. Ohioans traveling through Texas saw the blue and white signs and litter free roads. Upon returning to Ohio some wrote letters to the Governor about starting about



PM Eric Kidd, Sr. picking up trash along I-77.



starting an Adopt-A-Highway program here.

After a successful pilot program in the fall of 1989 and as more people found out about the program and interest spread. The Adopt-A-Highway became official and was implemented statewide the following spring.



The program was introduced to the lodge by Brother James Neloms, Junior Deacon, pictured here with Brother Terry Mason, Sr. Brother Neloms research the requirements for adopting-a-highway and coordinated with the Department of Transportation to make it a reality.



Volunteer groups adopt a two mile section or an interchange along a State Route, United States Route or Interstate. Groups who sign up with the program adopt for two years and pick up a minimum of four times each year. The Department of Transportation provided safety training, trash bags, safety vests and two signs to be used at the beginning of the two mile section. Above (l. to r.) Robert Garnett, Senior Deacon; Ruben Simmons, Senior Stewart; Shawn L. Strode, Secretary; Lamont Blackmon, Senior Warden; James Neloms, Junior Deacon; Terry Mason, Sr., and Dwight Morton, PM.

Article by Shawn L. Strode; Photos by Eric Kidd, Sr.



today's world because of Dr. King.

The occasion was well attended with the presence of MWGM Robert L. Jones, Grand Worthy Matron, Beverly J. Beavers, Most Valiant Grand Master Counselor, Kenneth Davis, Grand Royal Princess N'Dea Richardson, and OES Director of Youth Activities Carla Sykes.

The 1st District Order of Pythagorans and 4th District Girls Assembly are very appreciative for all the support given in making this such a great success.



The M.V. Grand Master Counselor Kenneth Davis speaking on how the life of Dr. King has effected his life in today's world.



### Mt. Calvary's Adopt-A School Program

Helen Arnold Learning Center School of Akron, Ohio (Mt. Calvary Lodge #76's Adopt-A-School program), held its 3rd Annual Spring Fest Dance on April 29, 2011. During the dance Worship-

ful Master Demond Dobson presented Principal LaMonica Davis and teacher, Carla Pitts, with a monetary donation from the lodge. This donation helped with some of the expenses of the dance.



(L. to r.) PM Eric Kidd, Sr.; WM Demond Dobson; Teacher Tarik West; Marshal, Raymond Trice; Tyler, Samuel Lindsey; take a group photo during the Helen Arnold School Spring Fest Dance.

### MV Grand Master Counselor's Workshop Held

By MVGMC Kenneth Davis  
The Order of Pythagorans held its annual Most Valiant Grand Master Counselor's Workshop on February 15, 2011, in Columbus Ohio. The workshop turned out to be a success. The companions in attendance at the workshop let the advisors and the other companions know who the next true Pythagorans really are. The exciting thing about this Order is that the number of faithful companions is growing. The skills they have displayed throughout the year have been amazing.

The theme of the workshop was "Leadership" and how to interpret

that into the organization. To be able to show courage, to learn and listen, to perform public speaking, and to have faith. There were activities for the companions to participate in and to speak to the audience. Practicing is perfection and that's what this workshop was all about. The confidence of the companions helped make the production of the workshop easier and the ability to be performed better.

Thanks goes to the Grand Council; Kamree Maull, RV Grand Sr. Counselor; Gunnar Francis, RV Grand Deputy Counselor; Malcolm Prohett, RV Grand Recorder; and Gary George, RV Grand Treasurer, for the contributions that they gave during the workshop.

The next major event for the Pythagorans is the Annual Grand Session and we think it will be one of the best in years, for participation and growth. The various Lodges throughout the state need to continue their support of the youth organizations.



MVGMC Kenneth Davis in front of the audience with the power point presentation behind him. RVG Sr. Counselor Kamree Maull is writing down pointers and thoughts of the audience.

### Akron PMs' Council Supports Youth Groups



The Akron Past Masters' Council displayed the true meaning of leadership when they presented donations of \$200 each to the Mahalia Jackson and Christine Powers Girls Assemblies; Samos Chapter, Order of Pythagorans and Al Kaf Temple Youth group. Above are members of Akron's Past Masters' Council with members of the Girls Assemblies, Order of Pythagorans and Al Kaf Youth group.



Mahalia Jackson Girls Assembly Princesses Aries Brown and Mika Rigby with Mother Advisor Sis. Clarice Rigby, accepting \$200 donation from the Past Masters' Council.

Photos and Article by PM Eric Kidd, Sr.



Samos Chapter's President, Companion D.J. Johnson accepts \$200 donation from Akron Past Masters' Council member RWDGL Jerry Ellerson, #76, PM Price #112; PM Meeks, #76, and PM Kidd, #76.

### Phoenix 112's Easter Egg Donation Project

The Brothers of Phoenix Lodge #112 recently completed its annual Easter Egg Donation Project. With a monetary donation from Mt. Calvary Lodge #76 and generous egg donations from store managers Andy Bell of Giant Eagle and Frank Ratika of Dave's Market, the project was a huge success. A total of 154 dozen eggs were distributed to seven community churches and three community groups. Those receiving eggs this year for their Easter Egg Hunt activities were: Joy Park Community Center, 25 dozen; Patterson Park Community Center, 10 dozen; Youth Rally Against Gun Violence, 24 dozen; Greater Baptist Temple, 15 dozen; Mt. Zion Baptist Church, 10 dozen; Mt. Haven Missionary Baptist Church, 20 dozen; United Baptist Church, 10 dozen; New Trinity Baptist Church, 10 dozen; True Covenant Missionary Church, 15 dozen; and Mt. Carmel Baptist Church, 15 dozen.

The Lodge would like to again thank Andy and Frank for the continued assistance their stores have provided yearly for this project. Without their help we would not be able to help so many groups. Lodge members have been told by many of the groups served that without this donation they would be unable to provide their programs for the children.



Easter Egg donation from Dave's Market: (l. to r.): JW Peter Bucey, SW Nathan Manson, PM Leon Portis, Store Manager Frank Ratika, PM Redgi Price, Bro. George Bowens, and PM Les Powell.



Easter Egg donation from Giant Eagle: (l. to r.): JW Peter Bucey, PM Les Powell, PM Leon Potris, Store Manager Andy Bell, PM Redgi Price, Bro. George Bowens, and SW Nathan Manson.



(Photo left) The November 13, 2010, successful Planning Session for the Youth Grand Session was attended by Grand Girls Assembly, Pythagoran members, along with the Grand Council Advisors. In front are Directors of Youth Activities Curtis Campbell and Carla Sykes. Also in attendance were Junior Grand Warden, RW Carl A. Williams, and Grand Worthy Matron Sister Beverly J. Beavers. The standout attendance will guarantee a great Grand Youth Session to be held in July, 2011.

## Akron Masonic Youth Groups Host 8th Black History Program

The Akron Masonic Youth Group which includes Mahalia Jackson #17, Christine Powers #42 - Girls Assemblies, and Samos Chapter, Order of Pythagorans, held their Annual Black History Program on Sunday, February 27, 2011 at 4:00 p.m. at the Young Adult Learning Center (formerly known as Central-Hower High School).

This year's theme was "Knowledge is Power — In Order to Determine Your Future, You Must Understand Your Past!" The program consisted of an awards ceremony recognizing the achievements, contributions, and successes of Great African Americans throughout history in the areas of aviation, athletics, business, Civil Rights, education, innovation, medicine, poetry, and politics. The program also included a special feature — two formal debates given by our teenage Princesses and Companions moderated by Larry W. Johnson, Jr. The two debate topics were:

- African American Entertainers and Sports Figures have an obligation to give back to the community, and;

- Rap/Hip Hop Music has an adverse effect on our youth.

The debates were very comprehensive, direct, and tense at times, but it allowed the youth to articulate their thoughts and support their opinions with factual information, evidence, and documentation.

Special recognition was also given to Sister Ruth Travis, Edith Lampkin, Pearl Burton, Effie Nash and Larry W. Johnson, Sr. for their contributions to the youth in the Akron area through charity, education, and community service.

Mahalia Jackson Girls Assembly #17 is sponsored by Mary Chapter #47, OES, PHA and Christine Powers Girls Assembly #42, is sponsored by Phoenix Chapter #96, OES, PHA, subsidiaries of Grand Girls Assembly, State of Ohio and Amaranth Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, Inc., respectfully. Samos Chapter is sponsored by Mt. Calvary Lodge #76 and Phoenix Lodge #112 of the Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Ohio, Free and Accepted Masons.

The Annual Black History Program has been in existence for the past eight years. Each year the youth decide on and develop their



Group photo of the youth who participated in the program along with their Advisors.

own program; the Advisors assist in the development but the program itself is constructed based upon the creativity and initiatives of the youth. The goal and purpose of this program is to teach the youth about their history and help them understand that they are history in the making!

A special "thanks" goes out to Larry W. Johnson, Jr. for allowing us to use his facility and to the parents and the community for their continued support of our youth.

By Carla L. Sykes,  
Grand Director of Youth Activities,  
Photos by Eric Kidd, Sr.,  
District Youth Supervisor



Special recognition awards were given to Sisters Ruth Travis, Edith Lampkin, Pearl Burton, Effie Nash and PM Bro. Larry W. Johnson, Sr., #112, for their contributions to the youth. The awards were presented by Bro. Leo Beavers, RWGLD Trustee, and Grand Worthy Matron Sis. Beverly J. Beavers.

## Wilma Williams Girls Assembly #15 Hosts Prayer Breakfast



Wilma Williams Girls Assembly No. 15 held its Prayer Breakfast at Lee Chapel A.M.E. Church in O'Bryonville, on Saturday, April 30, 2011.

Royal Princess, Princess Taliyah Godfrey served as Mistress of Ceremony. The Princesses, who also were hostesses, wore corsages that symbolized the colors of Girls Assembly — white, yellow and blue. The Pythagoreans of Star of David Chapter, sponsored by Wesley Smith Lodge No. 107, also served as hosts.

The event was very well attended by Princesses from the 4th District, the Grand Associate Director of Youth Activities for District No. 4, Mrs. Ruth Beasley, Ms. Beverly A. Blalock, representing the Grand Worthy Matron, Mrs. Beverly J. Beavers, members of the sponsor-

ing chapter, Wesley Smith No. 90 and Worthy Matron, Ms. I. Jean Smith, Worthy Matrons and members of the 6th District, families and friends.

The Grand Royal Princess, Princess N'Dea Richardson from Pride of the Valley Girls Assembly No. 7, was the guest speaker. Various Princesses from the district also participated in the program.

Numerous door prizes were given out. Afterwards the princesses helped to prepare and served a delicious breakfast that was enjoyed by all.

The Royal Queen, Princess Maresa Castleberry and her committee along with their advisors, did a wonderful job putting together this beautiful event.

By Georgetta Fountain-Harris,  
PGADYA #4

### Winning Poem...

#### "His"tory

History? Her story? My Story?  
OUR story, OUR struggle  
Trace us back, back to where  
we're from  
Motherland or Sweet America  
Forced, abused, mistreated  
But our strength and will to  
survive  
Led us to accomplish, to thrive  
From bondage to breakthroughs  
From rags to riches  
Langston and Maya  
Thurgood and Garrett  
Each wall they faced  
Set the pace  
For our new generation  
Brown vs. Board?  
Plessy vs. Ferguson  
We laugh in the face  
Of the hate of a race  
We tear down the walls  
DESPITE the flaws  
On an ever so unbalanced  
society  
"A Hope in the Unseen"  
Is what I was given  
The spirit of being driven  
Aspirations, Inspiration  
Where I need to be  
Thank God almighty  
For history, Her story  
My story, OUR story

By Leah Sawyer

### Waiting to Hear Results...

#### Dream

By Leah Sawyer

What happens to a dream  
deferred  
Where do I go when my  
dream dies  
My heart dwells on the very  
figment  
My brain swells with the idea  
All the aspirations melting  
away  
My future flashes before my  
eyes  
I hold steadfast to my  
memories  
Let them propel my thoughts  
So that my dreams stretch  
further

## Spotlight on Youth

By Jay Johnson, Editor

Leah Sawyer, Grand Princess Gatekeeper for Grand Girls Assembly, State of Ohio, and the daughter of Grand Associate Matron Loling M. Sawyer and Mr. David Sawyer, recently won first prize in the Kroger — "I Can Make History Contest" in the Poetry Division, Sophomore level. Her prize was a laptop computer, computer bag and software along with a reusable Archie Griffin grocery bag, first place Blue Ribbon and Certificate. Archie Griffin, the only two-time Heisman Trophy

Winner (The OSU), was the speaker and presented the awards. This was a Tri-State competition with students from Ohio, Michigan and West Virginia competing.

Leah, who has a 4.167 grade point average, has been writing poetry since she was old enough to write and was first published in the *Columbus Dispatch* in the NOW Section when she was 11 years old.

Leah also submitted another poem into another contest titled "DREAM" and the results of that contest have not been announced.



Leah Sawyer, Grand Princess Gatekeeper, Grand Girls Assembly with Mr. Archie Griffin, displays Blue Ribbon and Certificate. Sharing in the joy is Leah's sister, ????

Calling my name  
"Here I am" it says  
"Work Harder  
Run Faster"

Those around me kick dirt on  
my name  
Only to sprout a morning  
glory  
Oppression is my fertilizer  
My dream no more  
Though dead it is not  
It is my reality  
Alive and well  
It is a constant reminder  
I am success

The Prince Hall Family  
Congratulates a very  
talented young lady,  
Leah Sawyer!



## Results of Pythagorean Raffle



On Saturday December 18, 2010, the RW Director of Youth Activities Curtis Campbell had three newly made Pythagorean Companions draw the winning raffle tickets. The drawing was monitored by District Youth Supervisor Mark A. Ledger, Advisor Anthony Lindsay and Grand Advisory Council Secretary Melvin L. Russell. The three tickets picked came from almost two thousand entries.

The Grand Advisory Council of the Most Venerable Grand Chapter Order of Pythagorans wants to express their gratitude and thanks to all of the Lodges, Councils, Commanderies, Shriners, Chapters and Consistories that participated. Below is the list of winners and the cities from which they reside.

First Prize - Camcorder, Kenneth Robinson, Cleveland  
Second Place - Flat Screen TV, B. Dobson, Akron  
Third Place - GPS, Samaritan Lodge, Columbus

Next Deadline  
For THE LAMP  
November 15, 2011

## Joint Lodge/chapter Recognition Program Held by Edw. Dugger #123 and Ruth #104

Edward Dugger Jr. Military Lodge #123 and Ruth Chapter #104 OES held a joint lodge and chapter recognition social at Huber Heights Lodge #777 in Huber Heights, Ohio on April 3, 2011. Opening remarks were provided by Bro. Arnold Whatley and Sis. Barbara J.T. Newell who served as Master and Mistress of Ceremonies respectively. Musical selections were rendered by Sis. Juanita Bradley, former Grand Soloist for Amaranth Grand Chapter. The 2010 honorees included Sis. Charisma Ramey, Worthy Matron, Bro. Jimmie E. Johnson, Worthy Patron, and Bro. Ronald Bellows, Worshipful Master. An evening of good food and fellowship was enjoyed by more than 60 people.



PM Ronald Bellows receives his Past Master's Apron from WM Nathaniel C. Benn.

PP/PGWP Jay Johnson received a love donation for his many terms serving as Worthy Patron.



(Photo left): SW Arnold Whatley and Conductress Barbara Newell served as MCs for the program. Sis. Newell and JW Michael L. Freeman, PP, were the Co-Chairpersons for the function.

(Below): Head Table Guests - PM Cheryl Cokely-Benn, #102; PM Ronald Bellows; PM Vanetta Bellows; PM Charisma Ramey; PM A. Jean Johnson and PGWP Jay Johnson.

Photos by PM Charles V. Williams, III



PM Charisma Ramey receives her Past Matron Sash from WM MaryGene Baldwin.



## Grand Royal Queen Princess Tyler L. Cromwell

Ms. Tyler L. Cromwell is the daughter of Regina M. Lurry (Past Matron and current GADYA of District #3), Leon Cromwell (deceased), Darin Lurry (Past Master), and Linda Cromwell. She is also the granddaughter of Paul Mitchell (Past Grand Master of West Virginia), Janie Mitchell (Past Matron and Past Grand Deputy of West Virginia), Leslie Williams, and Elizabeth Mauldon. Princess Cromwell was born into a family of Masonic affiliations and now she herself is involved.

Princess Cromwell has been a member of Esther Girls Assembly #28, Columbus, Ohio, for seven years. She has held the positions: Royal Queen two years, Royal Princess, Princess Scribe, Princess Exchequer, Princess Guide, and Truth. She has also been a member of Grand Girls Assembly for three years. She served as Grand Princess Exchequer (2008-2009), Grand Princess Scribe (2009-2010), and currently sits as the Grand Royal Queen for the State of Ohio.

Besides her active membership in Girls Assembly, Tyler is a member of Delta Gems, three years, and the National Honor Society, two years. In all of these organizations, Tyler is involved in many community service projects.

For her senior year in high school Tyler applied to the Seniors to Sophomore Program, a program where seniors in high school are dually enrolled as freshman in college. She was chosen along with 30 other students out of thousands of



PRINCESS TYLER L. CROMWELL

applicants for the 2010-2011 year. She excelled through the program at Ohio Dominican University, making the Dean's List for both her Fall and Spring Semester. Academics has always been a priority in her life and she graduated this June as sixth in her senior class of 185 students.

Princess Cromwell has been accepted into seven colleges: Purdue University, Hampton University, Howard University, Kent State University, Ohio Dominican University, North Carolina A&T University, and Otterbein University. She will be attending North Carolina A&T in the fall and will major in nursing. Her goal is to work in the maternity ward, and become a neonatal nurse practitioner. She is certainly on the path to success.

## Grand Girls Assembly Hosts 25th Debutante Ball

The officers and members of Grand Girls Assembly, State of Ohio hosted our 25th Annual Debutante Ball, on April 9, 2011, presenting the 2011 Debutantes. This auspicious occasion took place at the Holiday Inn Worthington, 7007 North High Street, Worthington, Ohio.

This year there were three debutantes who were presented and collectively they raised over \$4,000. The honored debutantes were:

- Tyler Cromwell - Esther Girls Assembly #29;
- Latisha Jones - Mahalia Jackson Girls Assembly #17; and
- Leah Ledbetter - Bethune/Wright Girls Assembly #49.

Grand Girls Assembly also paid special tribute to "In Memory" of Past Grand Worthy Matron Maggie F. Moon for her numerous contributions toward the youth and for her vision of expanding the Debutante Ball to be a Statewide celebration.

The evening was led by Mistress of Ceremonies Princess Chrystal Gaiter, Grand Princess Scribe, who with her beautiful smile and charming personality kept the audience entertained. The introduction was followed by a powerful prayer by Princess Leah Sawyer, Grand Princess Gatekeeper, and a very warm welcome by Princess N'Dea Richardson, Grand Royal Princess. Princess Timiney Richardson, Grand Princess Exchequer, had the awesome responsibility of introducing the young dignitaries (future leaders) while Sister Jeanette Langford, Grand Associate Conductress, followed with the introduction of Amaranth Grand Chapter officers and dignitaries. Princess Leah Ledbetter was crowned Miss Debutante 2011.

The 2011 Debutante Ball was simply amazing.

By Carla Sykes  
Grand Dir. of Youth Activities

## Ruth Chapter #104 Supports Ronald McDonald House

Members of the Community Involvement and Charity Committee of Ruth Chapter No. 104, visited Ronald McDonald House of Dayton, on May 25, 2011. Ruth Chapter responded to their call for assistance for food and nonfood items. The committee members were provided a tour of the facility by one of their guest service man-

agers Susan Pleiss. They also had the opportunity to meet the executive director, Rita Cyr who expressed her sincere appreciation for Ruth Chapter's donation of laundry detergent, Clorox, paper plates, napkins, heavy duty plastic cutlery, disposable bowls, coffee creamer, and sugar.

Ruth Chapter will continue to support Ronald McDonald House through their Pull Tab Program which brings in almost \$14,000 a year.

Sisters Prewitt and Fields with some of the items donated to the Ronald McDonald House of Dayton.

By Carol Prewitt



(L. to r.) Sister Bernice Fields, Rita Cyr, Executive Director, and Sister Carol Prewitt.



Sister Carol Prewitt with Susan Pleiss, Guest Services Manager of Ronald McDonald House of Dayton.



## Ruth Chapter Donates to Children's Medical Center

The Community Involvement and Charity Committee visited The Children's Medical Center of Dayton on March 11, 2011. They were provided with a tour of the new section of the facility by Karen Church, Volunteer Coordinator. Committee members presented Ms. Church with 25 hats and 16 blankets for the children. Committee members also volunteered their time to prepare 150 emergency packets which are required documents for family members to complete before their children may be seen by a doctor and/or admitted to the hospital. Members who visited were Sis. MaryGene Baldwin, Worthy Matron, Sis. Bernice Fields, (Ruth) and Sis. Carol Prewitt, Associate Conductress, Chairperson of the committee.





## OES NEWS

### From the Desk of the Grand Worthy Matron...

Sister Beverly J. Beavers

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

First giving all honor and praise to our Heavenly Father..

February 26, 2011 we had our Annual Workshop. It was held at the Sherwood Middle School located at 1400 Shady Lane Road in Columbus, Ohio. It was a very informative meeting. We had over 435 registered for this meeting. I would like to thank all of the presenters for the classroom work. They did an outstanding job. Next year we will have our Annual Workshop the second weekend in April. Everyone was happy with this decision.

Our outreach program throughout the state is working very well in the north and south. We have visited families that are in need, schools, senior citizen homes, food banks, just to name a few. Amaranth Grand Chapter Outreach will be working with other organizations on the Orphan Foundation of America; the mission is to help former foster youth find pathways to success through higher education.

Please don't forget our "Cancer for Cure Walk" in August at Grand Chapter — check with your chapters for the forms.

Esther Day was held June 12, 2011, in Columbus, Ohio. We thank you for your attendance.

Our Scholarship Committee held a stay-at-home concert on July 9, 2011, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. Where held? Your Home. Why: To raise funds for the scholarship. Cost: To be determined by you. Send all donations to Barbara King, 4579 Powell Road, Huber Heights, Oh 45424. Please help our the students.

As you see we are doing a lot of things in Amaranth Grand Chapter. I am very excited about all of this and more. I pray that everyone had a Happy Easter, and a Happy Mother's and Father's Day.

Please don't forget the Breakfast in August at Grand Chapter Session. If you are a cancer survivor, we would like to recognize you at the breakfast.

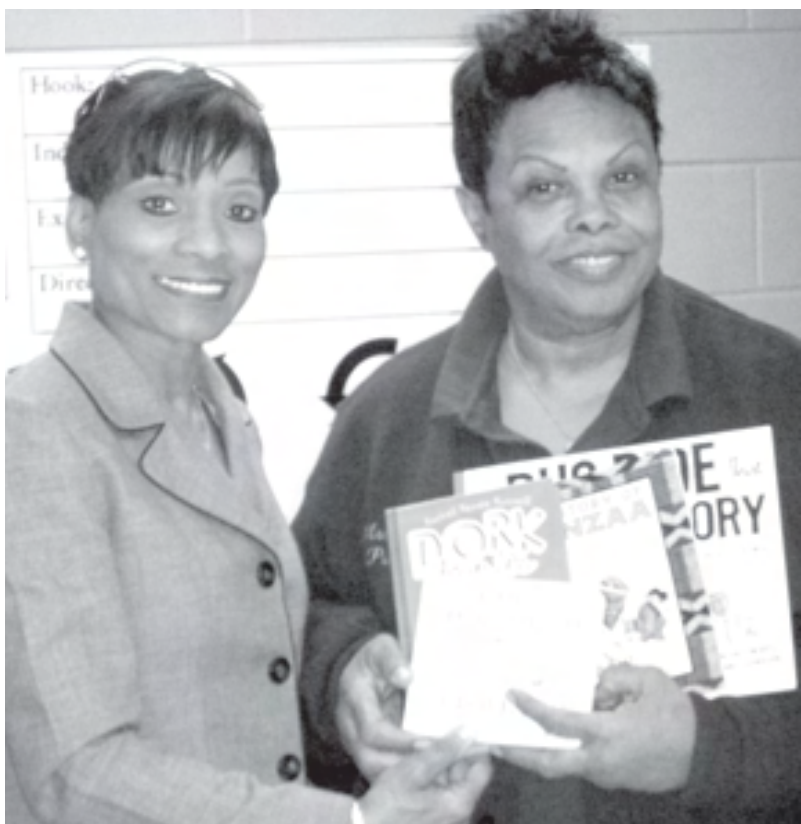
Please attend your Chapter Meetings and find out all of the good things we will be doing for Amaranth Grand Chapter.

I am very proud to be the Grand Worthy Matron of this Great State, and I love each and every one of you.

Fraternally,  
Beverly J. Beavers  
Grand Worthy Matron



### Ruth Chapter's Community Involvement Activities



Sister Carol Prewitt, Associate Conductress, (l.) represented Ruth Chapter's Community Involvement and Charity Committee on April 21, 2011 at Charity Adams Early Academy for Girls where she presented books for the students to Ms. Shirlette "Peggy" Burks, Principal (r.). The books were presented in support of the school's Principal's Book Club. The book club was cre-

ated to encourage terrific discussion, inspire creativity, and discover the world of literature. Sis. Prewitt also toured the renovated sections and new additions to the facility. Approximately 20,000 square feet was added to the existing school building. Ms. Burks was very appreciative of Ruth Chapter's interest and consideration of their school.



**Amaranth Grand Chapter Inc.**  
**Order Of Eastern Star PHA**  
For the state of Ohio and its Jurisdiction  
Office of Grand Worthy Matron Beverly J. Beavers  
13538 Sherwood Circle, Garfield Heights oh 44125

February 4, 2011

#### PROCLAMATION BJB-2011-1

To the Worthy Matrons, Worthy Patrons, All Grand Officers Present and Past Officers and Members of Subordinate Chapters of Amaranth Grand Chapter, Inc. OES, PHA State of Ohio and its Jurisdictions

Greetings:

PURSUANT TO Article 10, Section 1 of the Constitution and By-Laws of Amaranth Grand Chapter, Inc., Order of the Eastern Star, PHA, State of Ohio **KNOW YE THAT I, BEVERLY J. BEAVERS**, do hereby proclaim the 124th Annual Communication of Amaranth Grand Chapter Order of the Eastern Star Prince Hall Affiliate shall convene at the Renaissance Hotel Columbus, Ohio August 6th through, August 9th.

All sisters are invited to assemble at 6:00 p.m. for the Annual Masonic Memorial Service. **ALL ELECTED GRAND OFFICERS; PAST GRAND MATRONS OF AMARANTH GRAND CHAPTER AND VISITING JURISDICTIONS** will assemble at the hotel. **The MEMORIAL SERVICES WILL BE HELD ON AUGUST 7, 2011 AT 7:00 p.m.**

I do further ordain and decree that AMARANTH GRAND CHAPTER will officially open at 8:30 AM. Devotions will commence at 8:00 a.m., led by the Grand Chaplain Sister Gloria J. Tisdale.

**PROPER ATTIRE:** for all female Elected Grand Officers, Past Grand Matrons, Grand Deputies and Grand Youth Advisors will be long white dresses with the proper accessories. All other sisters will wear short white dresses with sleeves or white suits with all white accessories. All Brothers will wear proper Masonic attire as directed by the Most Worshipful Grand Master.

**ANNUAL RETURNS:** All annual returns and tax payments are to be sent to the GRAND SECRETARY, SISTER BETTY A BRADSHAW, AT 5030 DONLAW DR. DAYTON, OH 45417, on or before July 15, no taxes will be accepted at Grand Chapter.

**REGISTRATION FEE:** Advance \$70.00, On-site \$90.00 for all sisters and \$5.00 for all Brothers. Non Voting Sisters may register for \$45.00 however a banquet ticket will not be included. All checks and money orders are to be made payable to **Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Ohio** and mailed to the local Chairperson Sister Brenda Ledbetter Ross of Utopia Chapter #76 at 50 Hamilton Park Suite #6 Columbus, OH 43203.

**ANNUAL AWARDS BREAKFAST:** Will be held on Sunday Morning at 8:00 AM. This year we will be recognizing all O.E.S surviving cancer members. Tickets are \$25.00 each. Sister Alice Jean Johnson is the Chairperson.

**THIRTY-FIVE AND FIFTY YEAR PINS:** Please submit the names of those members eligible to receive 35 & 50 year pins to this office no later than June 30, 2011, either by mail 13538 Sherwood Circle Garfield Hts., Ohio 44125 or by e-mail [msbb15@ksbcglobal.net](mailto:msbb15@ksbcglobal.net) It is the responsibility of the chapter to verify eligibility.

**RESOLUTIONS:** Any resolution, which would amend, revise or alter Amaranth Grand Chapter's By-Laws must be typewritten in triplicate and sent to the Grand Secretary, Sister Betty A. Bradshaw no later than ten (10) days before the session, the name of the author endorsed thereon.

**APPEALS AND GRIEVANCE:** Communication regarding Appeals and Grievances must be sent to the Grand Chairperson Brother Ray S. Robinson, P.O. box 46373 Bedford Heights Oh 44146.

**BY-LAWS:** Worthy Matrons, any request for changes in your chapter by-laws must be done by mailing five (6) copies to the Grand Worthy Patron, Kennedy McCall 6 Oakwood Dr, Chillicothe, Oh 45601, before our Annual Session. Your proposed By-Laws must be read in your chapter at three (3) Business Meetings, Prior to the third reading, your entire membership must be notified in writing to be present to vote on the propose changes, Proposed changes when submitted to the committee must be signed by the Worthy Matron and Secretary and the Seal of the chapter affixed.

**SCHOLARSHIP:** Please adhere to the guidelines and deadline date. Sister Barbara King, of Unity Chapter is the Grand Chairperson. If you have any questions she may be reached by calling (937) 233-6672.

**ARTS AND CRAFTS:** please bring all items and or Monetary donations for arts and crafts by 8:00 Am Monday Morning. All items are to be pre-priced and tag with chapter name and number. The Grand Chairperson is Sister Edna Rogers-Williams of Gothic #99.

**SOUVENIR JOURNAL:** We urge your participation. Please make all checks/money orders payable to the MWPHGL and send all Journal Ads and money to the Grand Conductress Sister Jacqueline Harris, 1768 Academy PL. Dayton, Ohio 45406

**NECROLOGY:** The Chairperson, Sister Linda Davis is requesting the names of your deceased members to be sent to her at 10583 Chelmsford, Cincinnati, Ohio 45240 by June 30, 2011. She can be reached at 513-825-8735.

**Historiographer:** The Chairperson Brother PGWP Keith D. Clark, Sr. Send any current history 810 Glensdel Dr., Dayton, Ohio 45417.

Take due and timely notice of the foregoing and govern yourselves accordingly. This proclamation is to be read at each business meeting beginning March through June 2011.

**GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND THE PRIVATE SEAL OF THE GRAND WORTHY MATRON HERETO ATTACHED AT COLUMBUS, OHIO ON THIS 4th DAY OF February 2011.**

Fraternally,  
Beverly J. Beavers  
Grand Worthy Matron

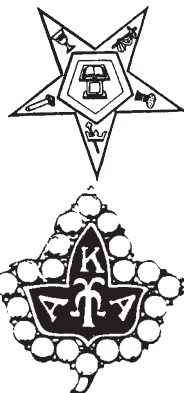
### Two African American Women Fraternal Organizations Join Forces

Two of the oldest fraternal organizations for African American Women; **The Order of the Eastern Star** (1874), and Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Incorporated (1908) are partnering for a Statewide Community Service Project.

The first day of college is a major milestone in anyone's life, but the day you graduate is even bigger. For a young person who grew up in foster care, both the first and last day of college require huge leaps of faith and the support of a caring community.

Amaranth Grand Chapter OES PHA for the State of Ohio and its Jurisdiction, has partnered with the **Orphan Foundation of America** (OFA) for a Statewide Community Outreach Project to provide care packages for Ohio foster care students enrolled in colleges, universities or trade schools in the state of Ohio. Joining us in our efforts is Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., Lambda Phi Omega Chapter (Cleveland, OH).

The Orphan Foundation of America (OFA) is the largest non-profit organization providing supports and funding to foster children through mentoring, internships, scholarships and tangible supports. OFA students have a 70% graduation rate after five years — three times that of independent students. To the thousands of young people who receive funding



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## Ruth Chapter No. 104 — “Pray Without Ceasing”

Ruth Chapter held a Prayer Breakfast at the Hope Hotel and Conference Center, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, on May 14, 2011. The theme was “Pray Without Ceasing.” The supporting scripture was 1st Thessalonians 5:17.



Mrs. Charlotte D. McGuire receives flowers from AM Robin Fields-Pearson, Mistress of Ceremonies.

Keynote speaker was Mrs. Charlotte McGuire, First Lady of Joshua Christian Ministries in Kettering, Ohio. Entertainment was provided by Allen Burney, musical selection; Marcy Walker, praise dance; and Tamara Jackson aka “Mother Jenkins,” Christian



Mr. Allen A. Burney, guest soloist, with WM MaryGene Baldwin.

comedians. There were vendors for our shopping pleasure and door prizes for the lucky winners. A morning with a wonderful message about prayer, good food, entertainment and fellowship was enjoyed.



Ms. Tamara Jackson, aka “Mother Jenkins,” had the audience roaring with laughter as she entertained us with her “Gospel Comedy Act.” By Carol Prewitt



Ms. Mercy Walker of OIC Dance Ministries performed a beautiful dance routine.

## Fraternal Organizations---

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and services from OFA, care packages are the crown jewel in OFA’s array of supports. Ask them today or three years after they graduate, and they can describe every item in every package they ever received. Care packages are tangible proof of a caring community and are often just the right encouragement to help a student with no family supports succeed.

We are asking all members to participate in this special effort by collecting and donating items for students’ care packages. Participation is not limited to OES and AKA

members; we encourage you to invite your family, friends, co-workers and employers to join us in this effort. Items needed are school supplies, dorm and personal accessories, prepackaged non-perishable foods, and gift cards.

Items will be collected through August 31, 2011 and can be brought to Grand Communication. Please contact Sister Deborah Willis Russell (216) 932-8098 or [mruss72650@aol.com](mailto:mruss72650@aol.com) for a complete list of items, or to arrange for receipt of your items.

**Thanking You in Advance for Your Support!**

## Community Project...



Adoniram Court #6 and Cuyahoga Court #2 share a Community project serving food to the needy at St. Aloysius Catholic Church. (L. to r.): Royal Matron Carolyn Ray, Royal Matron Dianna Alexander, Her. Debra Miller, Past Royal Perfect Matron and Most Ancient Cynthia Avery-Hunt.

**Next Deadline for The Lamp November 15, 2011**

## Mary Chapter No. 47 Holds Prayer Breakfast



City of Akron officials with Mary Chapter Members: (l. to r.) Jerry Ellerson, WP; Judge Kathryn Michael, Akron Municipal Court; Judge Anna Lisa Williams, Akron Municipal Court; Akron Mayoral candidate Michael Williams; Tara Samples, Bailiff for Judge Michael; Karen Ellerson, WM Mary Chapter #47; and Udora Dorhetso, #47, Chairperson of the event.

Mary Chapter #47, Akron, Ohio, held its 19th Prayer Breakfast at Mt. Zion Baptist Church, 324 Cuyahoga Street, Cleveland, Ohio. Theme for this spirit-filled event was “Encourage Yourself.” Speaker was Minister Peggy Holmes, who embraced our theme with her message on “Encouraging

the Stars.” Worthy Matron Sis. Karen Ellerson and Worthy Patron Bro. Jerry Ellerson, along with the members of Mary Chapter, were delighted to have several members of the Masonic family and the City of Akron community present for this time of fellowship.

By Sis. Udora Dorhetso, #47



Praise Dancer Sis. Shalonda Blackman, from Mary Chapter #47.

Worthy Matrons present were (l. to r.): Elaine G. Hoyt, WM, Queen Elizabeth #9, and also Amaranth Queen; Karen Ellerson, WM Mary #47; and Cheryl White, WM, Bethel #58.



Head table (l. to r. below): Clarice Rigby, Karen A. Ellerson, WM #47; Jerry R. Ellerson, WP, #47; Minister Peggy Holmes; PM Daniel Williams, #76, Co-Chairman; RW Bro. Leo C. Beavers; Bianca Ford; Joshua Dobson, WM, #76.



## Mizpah Chapter #66/Al Asir Court #200 Adopt Local Family

Thursday, December 23, 2010, members of Mizpah Chapter #66 Order of Eastern Stars, PHA, delivered wrapped gifts to the family of Tasharra Bennett.

The Northeast Ohio District of the Amaranth Grand Chapter Order of Eastern Star Community Outreach Program has three members in Mizpah and the Chapter has decided to adopt the family for this year.

They will provide gifts, food,

reading materials, school supplies and whatever it is deemed as a need.

The family consists of six boys — Markielynn, Marcus, Makhi, Malik, Marquis, Muziq, and one girl, Majhia. There were plenty of gifts for all of the children with a small gift for the mother. A turkey was provided by the Chapter as well.

Committee members attending

were Danita Snead, Sandra Davis, Past Worthy Matron and Edwina Whitehead, Past Worthy Matron and local chairperson. Accompanying them was Iliene Provitt, newly installed Worthy Matron of Mizpah Chapter #66 and Gregory S. Snead, Past Patron of Mizpah Chapter #66, who took the pictures.

Al Asir Court #200, Daughters of Isis assisted by donating money for the purchase of gifts.



The Tasharra Bennett family with members of Mizpah Chapter #66.

# Grand Worthy Patron Kennedy C. McCall Honored at Testimonial Banquet

By RW Jay Johnson, Editor

During the beautiful spring weekend of March 25-26, 2011, members of the various Masonic organizations, family and friends journeyed to the Midwest Hotel & Conference Center in the state capital city of Columbus to participate in a gala Testimonial Banquet honoring the 46th Grand Worthy Patron of Amaranth Grand Chapter, OES — Brother Kennedy C. McCall.

Hosted by St. Elizabeth Chapter No. 6, Ionic Lodge No. 6 of Chillicothe and co-hosted by Sheba Chapter No. 14 of Portsmouth, this was a weekend that will be etched into the memory of GWP McCall forever.

Armed with the knowledge that GWP McCall hails from Alabama and enjoys country cooking, the ladies of Sheba Chapter prepared a feast for Friday night hospitality consisting of a "Soul Food" buffet that was delicious, delightful and plentiful. The participants thoroughly enjoyed the following menu: Fried Chicken, Pigs Feet, Barbeque Ribs, Collard Greens, Cabbage, Black-eyed Peas, Candied Yams, Macaroni and Cheese, Cornbread and rolls, assorted desserts and beverages. Friday evening concluded with dancing to the soulful sounds of DJ "Ironman Spence" with a special appearance by "Big Maybelle" (Grand Secretary Betty A. Bradshaw) singing her rendition of "Candy."

On Saturday morning the hosts provided a light Continental Breakfast program that saw PM Anne W. Robinson serving as Mistress of Ceremonies and entertainment provided by the



Grand Worthy Patron Kennedy C. McCall is presented a plaque by his son, Khary, and granddaughter, Essence Desiree.

young ladies of Esther Girls Assembly No. 28. Featured on the program was DeMarco English rendering a most powerful Praise Dance, Leah Sawyer playing a Cello Solo and then joining with Mikea Armstrong in a beautiful Praise Dance. Leah further enthralled the audience with her reading of two poems, both of which she is the author (see article on Leah Sawyer in Youth News on page 10). One of the poems titled "His" story, won 1st prize in the Kroger sponsored "I Can Make History" Poetry Contest and the other titled "Dream" was being considered for a prize in another contest.

At the banquet on Saturday afternoon Past Patron B. Wayne McLaughlin displayed excellent capability as Master of Ceremonies for what proved to be a very inspiring and entertaining program. Participants included PGWM Kay F. Anderson, #104 offering two solos, "My Soul Has Been Anchored" and "Midnight Cry" — both favorites of the Grand Worthy Patron. Proclamations were received from the Governor of Ohio, the Mayors of Chillicothe and Columbus, Ohio, and the Chillicothe City Council. Those giving their reflections about the Grand Worthy Patron were PM Anne Wilson-Robinson as a Chapter member, Rev. Dr. Otis Burton as a church member, Worshipful Master Orlando Crockett as a Mason, PM Jeanette R. Langford, Associate Conduress, as a professional colleague and his son, Khary McCall, spoke for the family.

Mr. DeMarco English again displayed his tremendous talent as a mime as he performed to the song "Thank You for My Life."

Remarks were given by Grand Worthy Matron Beverly J. Beavers and Most Worshipful Grand Master Robert L. Jones and concluded with remarks and gratitude from GWP McCall.



Grand Worthy Patron Ken McCall with members of his family who attended the beautiful banquet.



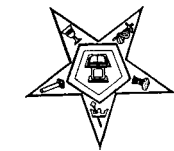
Host Chapter St. Elizabeth No. 6 members with their Grand Worthy Patron Ken McCall.



Host Lodge Ionic No. 6, Chillicothe, Ohio with Grand Worthy Patron McCall.



Co-host Chapter, Sheba No. 14, Portsmouth, Ohio, with Grand Worthy Patron Ken McCall.



Sister Cynthia Hunt presents Grand Worthy Patron McCall his personalized jacket that she had monogrammed.



Most Worshipful Grand Master Robert L. Jones congratulates the Grand Worthy Patron Kennedy C. McCall.

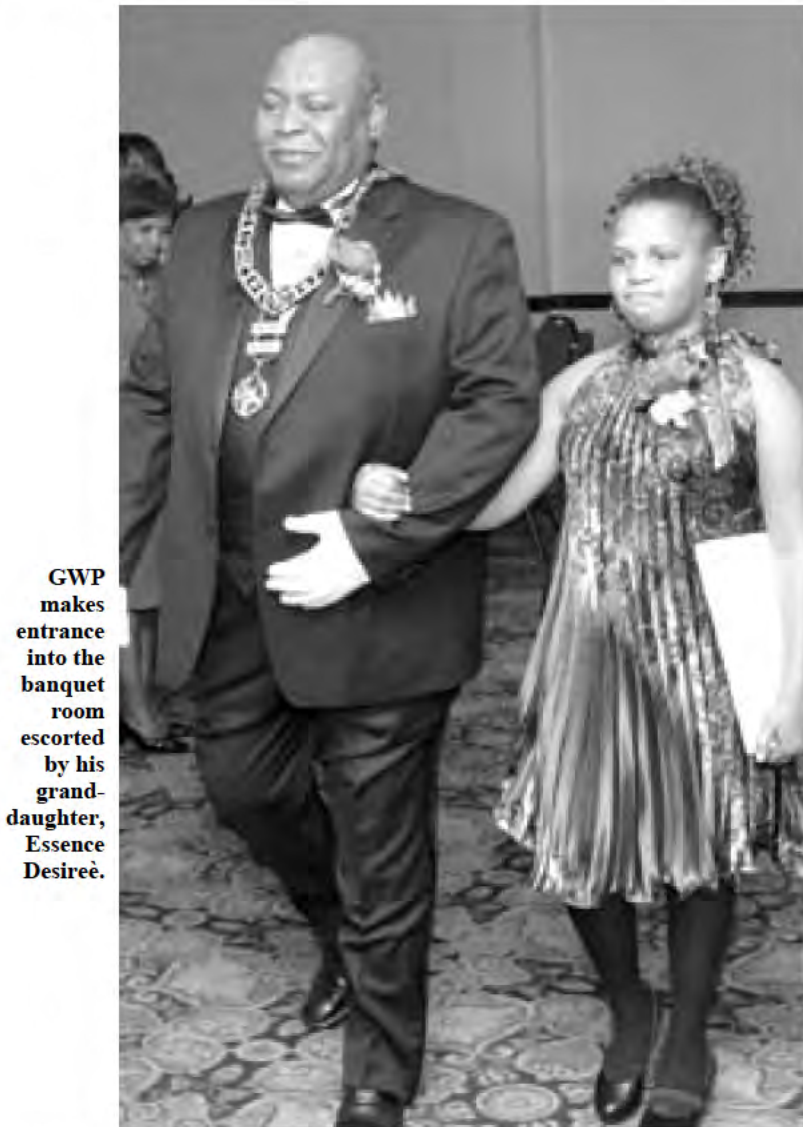


Grand Worthy Patron Kennedy C. McCall with the Grand Trustees of Amaranth Grand Chapter, Inc., OES, PHA.

Photos by RW Woodrow Riddle, Jr., Grand Photographer



2010 - 2012 Grand Deputies surround their Grand Worthy Patron Kennedy C. McCall.



GWP makes entrance into the banquet room escorted by his granddaughter, Essence Desirée.



Grand Worthy Matron Beverly J. Beavers makes a presentation to Grand Worthy Patron Kennedy C. McCall.



GWP and GWM strike a beautiful pose.



(Left) In attendance at the banquet was Ohio's own Imperial Commandress, Dt. Charlesena H. Smith, Imperial Court, DOI.



GWP McCall with Grand Royal Queen Tyler Cromwell, Grand Girls Assembly.



GWP McCall proudly sits with the MWGM Robert L. Jones and the Grand Lodge Trustees.



Dignitaries in attendance at the "soul food" hospitality provided by the host Chapters and Lodge.



The stalwarts of Amaranth Grand Chapter our Past Grand Worthy Matrons and Past Grand Worthy Patrons with the 2010-2012 Grand Worthy Patron Kennedy C. McCall.



The co-hosts St. Elizabeth Chapter No. 6 and Sheba Chapter No. 14 joined forces to host a fantastic Friday night hospitality



Sis. Loling M. Sawyer, Grand Associate Matron, Amaranth Grand Chapter, presents Proclamation to GWP Kennedy C. McCall, while Master of Ceremonies, WP B. Wayne McLaughlin looks on.



GWP Ken McCall shows GWM Beverly J. Beavers a dance step at Friday night's hospitality.



GWP Ken McCall takes time out to pose with Sis. Gwen McLaughlin, PGD, and Worthy Patron of St. Elizabeth Chapter No. 6, B. Wayne McLaughlin, who served as Master of Ceremonies.



# Amaranth Grand Chapter Order of Eastern Star, PHA Annual Workshop A Success!

Grand Worthy Matron Beverly J. Beavers held the Annual O.E.S. Workshop Saturday February 26, 2011 at Sherwood Middle School in Columbus, Ohio.

The morning started with a Con-



GWM Beverly J. Beavers leads Annual OES Workshop.

tinental Breakfast followed by devotions, led by Sister Janice Sweatt, Lily of the Valley No. 55, along with the Grand Worthy Matron. Grand Associate Matron Loling M. Sawyer served as the Mistress of Ceremony for the morning session. Opening Prayer was rendered by Grand Worthy Patron Kennedy C. McCall, followed with the introduction of Grand Chapter Officers by Grand Conductress Jacqueline E. Harris. Also in attendance were Past Grand Worthy Matrons Daisy L. Lewis 1984-1986, Karen A. James 1996-1998, Janet G. Jordan 1998-2000 and Zeda K. Roberson 2006-2008, Past Grand Worthy Patrons Stephen P. Blackwell, Sr., 1986-1988, Albert L. Lewis 1990-1992, Charles E. Williams 1996-1998, Keith D. Clark Sr. 2000-2002 Jimmie (J.J.) Johnson 2004-2006 and Brian T. Moragne 2006-2008 and Past Grand Masters

GWP Kennedy C. McCall leads workshop for Worthy Patrons and Associate Patrons and sparked a lot of interest..

By Sis. Joan Hampton, Adm. Off. #1

Steven Reece, Sr. 1993-1995, Embie R. Bostic 1999-2001 and Gregory S. Snead 2003-2005.

Grand Worthy Matron announced the workshops and attendees adjourned to their prospective



The OES Annual Workshop attendees broke out into separate sessions.

## Past Grand Deputies of the Sixth District Honored by Pride of Solomon Chapter No. 42

Under the thoughtfulness and skill of Sis. Marci Gardett-Cook, Past Matron of Pride of Solomon Chapter No. 42, who had a vision, "Unity With a Purpose" honoring thirteen Past Grand Deputy's held Saturday, May 14, 2011, at the Doubletree Suites in Cincinnati, Ohio, it became a reality. This was a first and it was a beautiful and elegant luncheon. Skillfully planned by P.M. Marci Cook, chaired by Sis. Lisa Fortè, and co-chaired by Kathy Fortè and Erica Swain.

**The Honoree's:** Mamie L. Truesdale, Heavenly Star Chapter No. 97; Dorothy Buttrom, Wesley Smith Chapter No. 90; M. Darlene Harrison-Logan, Pride of Solomon Chapter No. 42; Linda M. Davis, Pride of the Valley Chapter No. 71;

Mary Francis Dickson, Elisha Chapter No. 89; Janet C. Blannon, St. John Chapter No. 25; Marcia M. Broadnax, St. John Chapter No. 25; Felicia Fletcher, Pride of Solomon Chapter No. 42; Ernestine McCullars, Gothic Chapter No. 99; Olive O. Akemon, St. John Chapter No. 25; Brenda L. Williams, St. John Chapter No. 25; Clara I. Harris, Heavenly Star Chapter No. 97; and Angel Q. Lungelow-Cooper, Pride of the Valley No. 71.

A "Moment of Silence" honoring our deceased Past Grand Deputies: Martha Thompson, No. 25 Sally Berry, No. 25 Anna R. Conley, No. 91 Margaret Grayson, No. 99 Georgia Palmer, No. 71, and Mary F. Carter, No. 25.

The Honorees were awarded a trophy and a Proclamation from the

City of Cincinnati expressing appreciation for their leadership by example, for being a pillar of strength, sound judgment and reason, for displaying the meekness and obedience of Adah; the resourcefulness and sense of loyalty of Ruth; the pride, strength and honor of Esther; the undying unshakable faithfulness of Martha; and the love and hospitality of Electa during their tenure as Grand Deputy of the Sixth District.

"Hat's Off" to Pride of Solomon No. 42 for an enjoyable and eloquent event. Part of the proceeds will be donated to assist "Cincinnati Union Bethel," the oldest non-profit organization in Cincinnati, for a Women's Program called "Off the Street."



Members of Pride of Solomon Chapter No. 42 and Past Grand Deputy's: First row (l. to r.) - Erica Swain, Cochair; PGD Ernestine McCullars; PGD Mamie L. Truesdale; Beverly E. Blalock, Grand Deputy of the 6th District; PGD Dorothy Buttrom; PGD Linda M. Davis. Second row: Sis. Beth Hailstock; P.M. Gloria Fortè; P.M. Marci Gardette-Cook; PGD Olive Akemon, Pat Estes-Matthew, Worthy Matron; PGD Clara I. Harris; PGD Mary Francis Dickson, PGD Janet C. Blannon; PGD Marcia M. Broadnax; Lisa Fortè, Chairperson; Bro. Willie J. Fortè, Associate Patron.

sessions.

Workshops were as follows: Worthy Matron and Associate Matrons; Instructors Past Grand Worthy Matrons Daisy L. Lewis and Zeda K. Roberson. Conductresses, Associate Conductresses and Marshals; Instructors Grand Conductress Jacqueline E. Harris and Grand Associate Conductress Jeanette R. Langford. Secretaries; Instructor Grand Secretary Betty A. Bradshaw. Treasurers; Instructor Grand Treasurer Patricia A.P. Taylor. New Members; Instructors Past Grand Worthy Matrons Karen A. James and Janet Gee-Jordan. Mother Advisors and Assistant Mother Advisors; Instructors Grand Director of Youth Activities Carla Sykes and Past Grand Worthy Matron Thomasine G. Allen. Worthy Patrons and Associate Patrons; Instructors Grand Worthy Patron Kennedy C. McCall and Grand Associate Patron Arnet W. Sanders Jr. Nurses; Instructor Grand Nurse Anne W. Robinson. During the workshops participants had an opportunity to ask questions and watch demonstrations.

At the close of the workshops all returned to the auditorium. Registration report was given, by Sister Kimberly G. Harris, Deborah Chapter No. 19. Sister Harris reported there was a total of 443 registrants. This was a remarkable turn out. Registration report was followed with comments from a representative from each workshop. Few of the comments were: Worthy Matrons: Conflict Management and how to shorten meeting; Conductresses: study degree work, observe, practice and ask questions. Secretaries: discussed importance of getting taxes and 990 in on time. New Members: open enrollment vs.

blood line, dress code and know lessons of the Star Points; Mother Advisors: meeting layout, protocol and proper dress, Worthy Patron/ Associate Patron: Patrons should know Amaranth and Grand Lodge Constitution and Chapter By-laws; and Nurses: what they can do as far as medication. All agreed that workshops were very useful, a wealth of good information.

Announcements were given by Grand Conductress Jacqueline E. Harris, followed by remarks from the Past Grand Worthy Patrons and Past Grand Worthy Matrons. Grand Worthy Patron Kennedy C. McCall thanked everyone for coming and the Past Grand Worthy Patrons for sharing their knowledge.

Grand Worthy Patron introduced the Grand Worthy Matron Beverly J. Beavers, who stated, "I was overjoyed for the attendance and hope everyone had something to take back from the workshop." Grand Worthy Matron thanked the trustees and the Past Grand Worthy Matrons and Patrons. She also announced that due to so many activities the last Saturday in February, next year's OES Workshop will be held the second weekend in April, 2011.

Benediction was given by Grand Sentinel Charles Reed. After the benediction everyone adjourned to the lobby for the drawing of the 50/50 Raffle. This year's winner was Brother James O. Provitt, Associate Patron, Mizpah Chapter No. 66, who won \$1,064.00 of which he donated \$100.00 to the Grand Worthy Matron's Special Project.

Congratulation to the Grand Worthy Matron for a MOST SUCCESSFUL OES WORKSHOP and we will see you next year!

"Back to Basics, Yes We Can -"



(Left) Grand Worthy Matron Beverly J. Beavers checks in to see how individual workshops are coming.

Below: There was little seating left in the school auditorium as OES members gathered to attend the Annual Workshop.







# Education and Mentorship... Yes We Can, Yes We Will!



Bro. Gerard Leslie (c. back) is Principal of Giddings Elementary School



In the City of Cleveland, Thursday, 14 April 2011, Amaranth Grand Chapter, Northern District Community Outreach Committee launched the S.T.A.R.S. [Striving Towards Academic Resilience and Success] Mentoring Program at Giddings Elementary School located in the inner city of Cleveland where Bro. Gerard Leslie, (Excel-sior No. 11, Worshipful Master) serves as principal.

The program was developed by Northern District committee member Sis. Gigi Traore of Queen Eliza-

beth No. 9, and designed to focus on the Grand Worthy Matron's goal of working with schools and young people.

S.T.A.R.S. Mentoring Program's purpose is to mentor young girls in need of guidance, support and empowerment in the areas of academic study, social engagement and self-sustainability. The mission is to engage, prepare and encourage young girls to complete and excel in academic studies, as well as provide a positive and dependable support system.

S.T.A.R.S. Mentoring Program kicked off to great start with a "meet and greet" held at the school and will continue throughout the year with community service projects, exposure trips and relationship building between the students and Eastern Star Sisters. During the "meet and greet" the students and mentors introduced themselves and pearls of wisdom were shared by Sis. Janice Bostic, Committee Chairperson and Sis. Beverly J. Beavers, Grand Worthy

Matron.

The program includes fourteen 7th and 8th grade girls and seven mentors who are as follows: Sis. Deanna Gaskins, Queen Elizabeth No. 9; Sis. Lisa Burks and Sis. Dionna Steplight, Wisdom No. 51; Sis. Christina Humphrey and Sis. Ebony Jackson, Ecclesiastes No. 101, and NDCO Committee persons Sis. Kathy Perry, Ecclesiastes #101, and Sis. Gigi Traore, Queen Elizabeth No. 9.

\*\*\*It is with sadness I report that

Giddings Elementary is one of the Cleveland Municipal School District locations shut down at the close of the academic year due to budget constraints and other factors. This is why it's imperative we as individuals and an organization continue to create vision and support educational institutions and structures. By unity of resources, talent and gifts we can and will improve our society. *Yes We Can and Yes We Will!*

Submitted by MWPGM Embie R. Bostic

## Ecclesiastes Chapter No. 101 Gives Back to the Community

Ecclesiastes Chapter No. 101 hosted their Second Annual Easter Egg Hunt, Saturday April 23, 2011, at Schaffer Memorial Church in Cleveland, Ohio. The event was open to the public and there were approximately 100 children in attendance.

The morning started out with

games, jump rope, hula hoop, just to name a few, with the help of Gloria J. Lamon Girls Assembly No. 45 and, of course, the Easter Bunny, Michael Houston. Games were followed by the big event, the Easter Egg Hunt and the children were off and running in pursuit of finding the Easter goodies.

After the Egg Hunt it was photo time. Children and families had an opportunity to have their pictures

taken with the Easter Bunny.

At the end of the event, each child was given a goodie bag along with a color book, puzzle book, game cards and many more gifts.

This is what Order of Eastern Star is all about, "giving back to the community."

We are looking forward to next year's Easter Egg Hunt. ..



## Emanuel Guild No. 3, H of TC Holds Annual Ball of Joy

Emanuel Guild No. 3, Heroines of Templar Crusades Annual Ball of Joy was held on Saturday, October 30, 2010, at the Mediterranean Party Center in Bedford, Ohio.

Princess Mary B. Harpe, Past Grand Princess Captain presented a dynamic speech for this elegant gold, white, and red "Ball of Joy." Pr. Harpe stated, "the legend of the Ball of Joy is a celebration given to honor the return of the soldiers from the battlefield." The battle was about a war of control taking over parts of the world. When it seemed that so many were falling

and the battle was about to be lost the Crusaders (women) took up the slack and helped to win the battle. The joy of it was the return of the men in whatever condition they seemed to be in." Her main topic was "the Joy of Living." In summary there is joy in this life, joy on this journey and joy down the road. It depends on how you live it, you have to choose.

We were proud to honor our Sir Knights who keep us lifted up in this battle of life. Princess Annie Patrick, Princess Captain, gave spe-

(See Emanuel Guild, page 18)



Above: SK Aaron E. Ray, R.E. Grand Commander, KT; and Pr. Juanita Wood, Grand Princess Captain.

(Right: SK Henry Henderson, Royal Advisor; and Pr. Annie Patrick Princess Captain of Emanuel Guild No. 3.

Article by Pr. Sarah A. Holland





# Ohio Council of Deliberation

Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry, PHA, NJ, USA, Inc.

**S.G.I.G. Sidney D. Broadnax, Jr., 33°**

**Deputy of the Orient for Ohio / Most Illustrious Commander-in-Chief**

TO: All Scottish Rite Masons and Loyal Ladies of the Order of the Golden Circle

The 102nd Annual Session of the Ohio Council of Deliberation, and the 40th Annual Session of the Ohio Grand Assembly Order of the Golden Circle, will be **Saturday, October 22, 2011 and concluding on Sunday, October 23, 2011**, at the Ramada Plaza Hotel & Conference Center, 4900 Sinclair Rd, Columbus, Ohio 43229. Room reservations call - **Ramada Inn 1-614-846-0300**. Room rates - **\$76.00** per night. (For the special rate, please mention - "**Ohio Council of Deliberation**"). Cut-off date for Hotel Reservations is Friday October 7th, 2011. Advance Registration Fee is Forty Dollars (**\$40.00**). On-site Fee is Fifty Dollars (**\$50.00**). Cut-off date for advance is October 15, 2011. Fee includes breakfast on Sunday Morning. See your Secretary for registration form. Check our webpage that will be opening soon.

(Sovereign Grand Inspector General (S.G.I.G.) - Grand Inspector General (G.I.G.))  
**2011 Illustrious Commander-in-Chiefs / Secretaries of the Consistories / meeting times:**

**BEZALEEL CONSISTORY No. 15 - CLEVELAND, OHIO - Meet third Wed.**  
G.I.G. Melvin L. Russell, 33° 8:00 P.M.  
G.I.G. Robert L. Alexander, 33°, Secretary - 10004 Union Avenue

**KING SOLOMON CONSISTORY No. 20 - CINCINNATI, OHIO - Meet 2nd Sun.**  
G.I.G. Ben Moore 33° 3:00 P.M.  
G.I.G. Freeman Russell, 33°, Secretary - 817 Windham Ave.

**L.D. EASTON CONSISTORY No. 21 - COLUMBUS, OHIO - Meet fourth Monday**  
S.P. Eugene Greenfield 32° 7:30 P.M.  
G.I.G. Rollin F. Kelley, Jr., 33°, Secretary - 988 East Long Street

**ST. MATTHEWS CONSISTORY No. 24 - TOLEDO, OHIO - Meet second Wed.**  
S.P. Golwin L Williams 32° 7:00 P.M.  
G.I.G. Steve Murry, 33°, Secretary - 648 North University

**MIAMI CONSISTORY No. 26 - DAYTON, OHIO - Meet first Saturday**  
G.I.G. Ernest Neilson, III, 33° 10:00 A.M.  
S.G.I.G Ronald A. Ogletree, 33°, Secretary - 2531 Germantown Street

**L.L. LaVerna Elder, State Grand Loyal Lady Ruler**  
**2011 Loyal Lady Rulers / Secretaries of the Assemblies / meeting times:**

**BEZALEEL ASSEMBLY No. 19 - CLEVELAND, OHIO - Meet 3rd Wednesday**  
(Jan/Apr/July/Oct) - 7:30 P.M.  
L.L. Thomasine G. Allen, Loyal Lady Ruler  
L.L. Dianna M. Alexander, Secretary - 10004 Union Avenue

**MIAMI ASSEMBLY No. 22 - DAYTON, OHIO - Meet 3rd Sunday**  
(Jan/Apr/July/Oct) - 3:00 P.M.  
L.L. Constance Kendall, Loyal Lady Ruler  
L.L. Arthurine F. Shepard, Secretary - 2531 Germantown Street

**DOVE ASSEMBLY No. 34 - CINCINNATI, OHIO - Meet 4th Sunday (Jan & July)**  
L.L. Fitzgerald Busch, Loyal Lady Ruler & 3rd Sunday (Mar and Sep) - 3:00 P.M.  
L.L. Linda M. Davis, Secretary - 817 Windham Avenue

**La PAZ ASSEMBLY No. 35 - TOLEDO, OHIO - Meet 3rd Saturday (Jan/Mar/June/Sept) - 11:00 A.M.**  
L.L. Danielle Shockley Loyal Lady Ruler - 648 North University Ave.  
L.L. Delores M. Shorter, Secretary

**CAPITAL VALLEY ASSEMBLY No. 36 - COLUMBUS, OHIO - Meet 4th Wed.**  
L.L. Regina Lurry, Loyal Lady Ruler (Jan/Mar/June/Sept) - 7:30 P.M.  
L.L. Patricia A. Johnson, Secretary - 988 East Long Street

Requirement for membership into the Order of the Golden Circle has been extended to any member of the Order of the Eastern Star. Contact any member of the Golden Circle for a petition.

**St. Matthews Consistory No. 24, A.A.S.R. of Freemasonry,**  
**AASR, Orient of Ohio**

For 100 Years of Excellence in Scottish Rite Masonry, P.H.A. (May 1, 1911 to

## Emanuel Guild---

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cial tributes to the Royal Advisor, SK Henry Henderson and the Past Royal Advisors, SK Michael Bess, SK Reginald Blake, SK Embie Bostic, SK Paul Hunt, SK Henry Lewis, SK Elijah Mitchell, SK Ray Robinson, and SK Melvin Russell.

In attendance were Pr. Juanita Wood, Grand Princess Captain, David V. Moore Grand Guild of Ohio and Sir Kt. Aaron E. Ray, Right Eminent Grand Commander, Ohio Prince Hall Grand Com-mandery, Knights Templar.

May 1, 2011), the Officers and Members will have a "**Centennial Celebration and First Annual Past Commanders-in-Chief Recognition Dinner,**" on Friday, September 2, 2011, at 7:00 p.m. at Octagon Hall - 638 N. University Blvd., Toledo, Ohio 43607.

The Officers and Members request the honor of your presence and participation for this momentous milestone. We are planning an exceptional program and great food for this occasion. Donation is \$ 35.00 per ticket which includes one complimentary Commemorative Centennial Goblet. For ticket information, contact S.P. William H. Heath Sr. at 4431 Hill Ave. Apt. H, Toledo, Ohio 43615 or call 419-349-0965. The deadline for tickets will be Friday, August 26, 2011.

Hotel accommodations - **Ramada Hotel and Conference Center - 3536 Secor Rd.** Toledo, Ohio

43606. **For reservations call 1-419-535-7070 - Rates - \$ 65.00** per night plus tax. For special rate, mention St. Matthews Consistory Centennial. The cut-off date for rooms is Friday, August 26, 2011.

To commemorate this special occasion there will be a Souvenir Journal. To secure an ad contact G.I.G. Steve Murry Jr. - 2925 Burnett Place Toledo, Ohio 43610. The deadline - Friday, August 12, 2011. A "**Commemorative Centennial Goblets**" will also be available for sale at a donation \$ 5.00 each. Please contact G.I.G. Theodore R. Patton at 10930 Old State Line Rd., Swanton, Ohio 43558 or call 419-826-9901.

### **Mentoring Program "Saving The African American Male From The Cradle to College"**

Our mission is "**MENTORING**" males 9th - 12th grades. Bezaleel Consistory No. 15 with G.I.G. Leonard B. Jackson, Chairman; G.I.G. Mark A Ledger 33°, Coordinator, is in its second year working with the Cleveland Metropolitan School District. They added the John F. Kennedy High School to go along with their first year John Adams High School.

G.I.G. Rev. Hilton O. Smith, Senior Vice President of Turner Construction Company, spoke to the mentees at John Adam High School on "**Staying the Course.**" At John F. Kennedy High School G.I.G. Councilman Terrell Pruitt from the City of Cleveland spoke the mentees on "**How The Future Is In The Palm of Their Hands.**" At John Adams High School Coach Claude Holland, a 1973 Graduate of John Adams High School and former State Track Coach of John Adams High School, spoke to the mentees on "**Achieving their Goals through Academics and Sports.**" At John F. Kennedy High School Mr. James Boxes, a Neighborhood Community Activist, spoke to the mentees on "**Staying Out of Jail and Drug Free.**" At John Adams High School Mr. Tim Roberts, founder of The B.R.I.C.K. program for the Cleveland, Metropolitan School District, spoke to the mentees on "**Gang Related Activity, and Keeping a Positive Attitude.**" At John F. Kennedy High School, Dr. Terry Butler, Vice President of Youth and Early College Programs at Cuyahoga Community College, spoke to the mentees on "**How A College Education Will Help You Achieve The Things You Want In Life.**"

The Mentors and Mentees of John Adams and John F. Kennedy went to El Hasa Temple No. 28 in Cleveland to help give out Two Thousand (2,000) turkeys to the community with the Masonic Lodges and Eastern Star Chapters of Cleveland. The turkeys were donated by G.I.G. Don King of Bezaleel Consistory No. 15. Members of the Glenville High School football team came out to assist in the turkey give away.

Some of the mentors at John Adams and John F. Kennedy High Schools are: S.G.I.G. Charles W. Hales 33°, S.G.I.G. Carl A. Williams 33°, G.I.G. Mark Ledger 33°, G.I.G. Leo C. Beavers 33°, G.I.G. Hilton B. Smith 33°, G.I.G. Terrell Pruitt 33°, G.I.G. Leonard B. Jackson 33°, S.P. James Robinson 32°, S.P. Damon Johnson 32°, S.P. Derrick Tripp, 32° G.I.G. Louis C. Crocheron 33°, G.I.G. Gregory Clifford 33°, G.I.G. Ival Angel 33°, G.I.G. Rev. Charles Davis, 33°, G.I.G. Calvin Brown 33°, G.I.G. Roy Richardson, 33°, S.P. Eric Warren 32°, S.P. Prestor Pickett 32°, Br. Leonard Patterson Eureka # 52, Br. Edward Hobbs Eureka #52 and Ill. C-in-C G.I.G. Melvin L. Russell 33°.

### **Cleveland York Rite Ladies Groups Perform joint Community Service**

On May 11, 2011 the York Rite Houses, Cuyahoga Court #2 of Cleveland, Ohio, and Adoniram Court #6, also from Cleveland, Ohio, came together under the direction of the Most Ancient Matron Cynthia Avery-Hunt, who is also the Royal Perfect Matron of Adoniram Court #6, to perform a Joint Community Service Project. Food was served to the needy at St. Aloysius Catholic Church. This was their first project together, and was so rewarding that they are looking forward to doing more Community Service together. Their next project is to take clothing to a Battered Women Shelter.

Sis. Cynthia Avery-Hunt, RPM, MAM



**SGIG SIDNEY C. BROADNAX, JR.**

# Orient of Ohio Attends 130th Session of the United Supreme Council in Denver



SGIG Homer L. Buchanan, who is being received as the Most Eminent Grand Master of the Grand Encampment, Knights Templar, USA, PHA, is escorted by Sovereign Grand Commander Solomon Wallace.

By GIG Jay Johnson  
Asst. Grand Secretary, OCD

Many Fraters and Loyal Ladies from the Orient of Ohio journeyed to the "Mile High" City of Denver, Colorado during the Memorial Day Weekend to participate in the 130th Annual Session of the United Supreme Council. The delegation was led by Illustrious Deputy of the Orient, SGIG Sidney D. Broadnax, Jr. Accompanying the Deputy were most of the Sovereign Grand Inspectors General from the Orient, MWGM Robert L. Jones and the Grand Trustees of the MWPHGL of Ohio, SGLLR LaVerna Elder and many of our beautiful Loyal Ladies from the several Golden Circle Assemblies.

The Orient of Ohio has a very visible presence in the United Supreme Council where we find SGIGs Dr. Chester C. Pryor, II and Dr. Roland McGoodwin serving on the USC Medical Staff, SGIG Kenneth E. Lewis serves as Grand Standard Bearer, SGIG Rev. Dr. Otis Moss, Jr. is Grand Prior and delivered an eloquent sermon during the Memorial Service, GIG Rev. Dr. Wilton E. Blake, I, served as Acting Prior during the Morning Worship Service, GIG Jerry D. Springer, Grand Assistant Master of Ceremonies added his usual eloquence to all of the ceremonies where his services were required; GIGs Thomas Graham and Eddie L. Trayvick served as Grand Captain of the Guard and on the Memorial Team respectively.

There were several noteworthy awards presented during this session, notably SGIG Homer L. Buchanan was reclassified from Emeriti to Active and was also awarded the Gold Medal Achievement Award from SGC Solomon Wallace. Our Illustrious Deputy of the Orient, SGIG Sidney D. Broadnax, Jr. received the Sovereign Grand Commander's Service Award.



SGIG (Sir Knight) Homer L. Buchanan addresses the USC chamber audience.



(Photos by Woodrow Riddle, Jr.)

The following Sublime Princes were elevated to the 33° and last degree of Masonry during this session:

**Bezaleel Consistory No. 15 - Cleveland:** Curtis Campbell, Luke D. Davis, Sr., J. Delano Ellis, II, Maurice L. Hereford, Antwan L. Horston, Timothy C. Ivey, Douglas A. Jefferies, Anthony C. Peebles, James L. Robinson, Jr., Eric A. Warren

**King Solomon Consistory No. 20 - Cincinnati:** Timothy Baggett, James W. Copeland, Fanon A. Rucker, Charles T. Walker, Jr.

**L.D. Easton Consistory No. 21 - Columbus:** B. Wayne McLaughlin

**St. Matthews Consistory No. 24 - Toledo:** James G. Hopkins

**Miami Consistory No. 26 - Dayton:** William M. Henry, Charles E. Harper, Ernest Neilson, III, Gurley M. Ramey.



Deputies of the Orients line up to receive their Certificates of Achievement from SGC Solomon Wallace.



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



Members of the Algie S. Oldham Class of 2011 with Deputy of the Orient SGIG Sidney D. Broadnax, Jr. and Most Worshipful Grand Master Robert L. Jones.



Some of the Ohio delegation who attended the USC/Order of the Golden Circle Sessions in Denver, Colorado, led by Deputy of the Orient Sidney D. Broadnax, Jr. and State Grand Loyal Lady Ruler LaVerna Elder respectively.



# 144th Grand Convocation of the Most Excellent Prince Hall Grand Chapter of Ohio, Royal Arch Masons



By RE Jay Johnson, PGHP,  
Grand Chairman of Publicity

The 144th Grand Convocation of the MEPHGC of Ohio, Royal Arch Masons, convened at the Doubletree Hotel, Cleveland South on Saturday, April 30, 2011, with Cuyahoga Chapter No. 36 serving as host chapter.

After an excellent ritualistic opening under the leadership of EHP Reginald Blake, the business of the Grand Chapter was underway with the reception of RE Deputy Grand High Priest Robert L. Jones who was properly received and given Private Grand Honors in the East.

DGHP Jones then received the Grand Chapter Officers and they received Public Grand Honors at the altar followed by the reception of Most Excellent Grand High Priest Ray S. Robinson, who was escorted to the East where he was afforded Private Grand Honors.

MEGHP Robinson received the Past Grand High Priests and they are too numerous to name. They were welcomed into the Chapter Room, given Public Grand Honors

**Visitors from the Most Excellent Grand Chapter of Ohio with the cabinet from the Most Excellent Prince Hall Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons.**



at the altar and seated in the East.

MEGHP Robinson received the following visitors: MEGHP James W. Himmelright, Companion Robert W. Thomas, Grand Captain of the Host and Companion Greg Mummawe, PHP, all from the Most Excellent Grand Chapter of Ohio, Royal Arch Masons. MEGHP

Himmelright was invited to the East where he received Private Grand Honors and gave kindly remarks as he invited the Prince Hall Grand Chapter to his Grand Session.

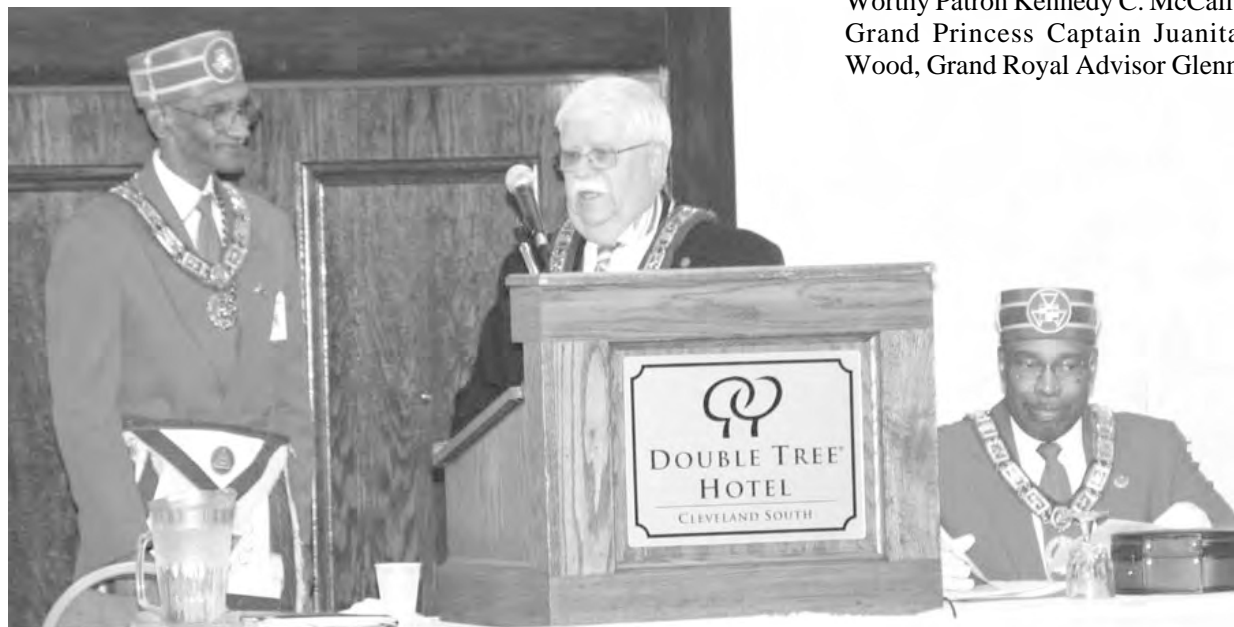
The following Heads of Houses were received: MW Grand Master Robert L. Jones, Grand Worthy Matron Beverly J. Beavers, Grand Worthy Patron Kennedy C. McCall, Grand Princess Captain Juanita Wood, Grand Royal Advisor Glenn

Rollins, Most Ancient Grand Matron Eva Bess, Most Worthy Grand Joshua Jerry D. Springer, Grand Thrice Illustrious Master Warren Fitzpatrick, Eminent Grand Commander Aaron Ray, and Deputy of the Orient SGIG Sidney D. Broadnax, Jr. We were also surprised to receive the International Grand Princess Commandress of the International Grand Court of Cyrene Crusaders in the person of Ohio's own Mary B. Harpe.

MEGHP Robinson recommended and the Grand Chapter approved two Companions to be made Past High Priests and they were Companion Roney Holland, #36 and Companion Rufus Duhart, #1. Companion Duhart also was the recipient of the A.T. Overton Award, signifying the Outstanding Royal Arch Mason of the Year. Companion Samuel Crosby, #51 was named Past Grand Photographer Emeritus.

The evening was capped off with a beautiful testimonial banquet honoring MAGM Eva L. Bess and MWGJ Jerry D. Springer.

The general business of the Grand Chapter was concluded in usual fashion and in his allocution,



**ME Grand High Priest James Himmelright (c.), MEGC of Ohio, addresses ME Grand High Priest Ray S. Robinson, MEGC, PHA, RAM.**



**Companions Rufus T. Duhart (l.) and Roney Holland (r.), proudly display their certificates proclaiming them as Past Grand High Priests. MEGHP Ray S. Robinson made the presentations.**

## 2010 Best Lodge Attendance Award Recipients

Bezaleel Consistory No. 15, Cleveland, Ohio, under the leadership of GIG Melvin L. Russell, announced the winners of the Best Lodge Attendance Award for the Large and Medium size Lodges. The presentations were made at the first meeting of the year which was also election night.

The winning lodge in the Large Category, was Ecclesiastes Lodge No. 120, Cleveland, Ohio, and the winner in the Medium size Lodge Category was Hiram Abiff Lodge No.72, of Akron, Ohio.

This award was initiated by Past CIC Woodrow Riddle, Jr., while serving as the Commander-in-Chief of Bezaleel Consistory. The purpose of the award was to provide a means for Lodges to induce their Consistory members to attend monthly meetings. A lodge receives one point for each member in attendance with an additional five points awarded if the Worshipful Master of the lodge is present. Past CIC Riddle stated that "as in any organization, each newly elected Head of an organization should start off his tenure with a program designed to take their organization to a higher level based upon its current needs and or problems."

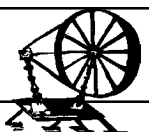
A Perpetual Plaque is embossed with the name of the winners and presented at the first meeting of each year. Each winning Lodge retains the plaque for six months and then it is returned for the following year's presentation.



**(L. to r.): Awards presentations: SP Quintin Turpin, WM, Ecclesiastes Lodge No. 120; GIG Melvin L. Russell, Commander-in-Chief; GIG Harvey Walker, PM, Hiram Abiff Lodge No. 72, representing WM Robert Smith.**

Article and photo by GIG Woodrow Riddle, Jr.

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# Heroines of Jericho Host 37th Grand Convocation in Cleveland



MAGM Eva Bess receives MAGM Nancy Cobb from Alpha Grand Court, Indiana.

By Michael Bess  
Grand Reporter (North)

The 37th Grand Convocation of the Most Ancient Prince Hall Grand Court of Heroines of Jericho, was held on May 1, 2011, at the Doubletree Hotel Cleveland South, Independence, Ohio. It began with a spirit-filled devotional service led by PMAM Mary B. Harpe, No. 2. After the opening, the Most Worthy Grand Joshua, Kt. Jerry D. Springer, was received, followed by the reception of the Most Ancient Grand Matron, Her. Eva L. Bess, who was escorted into the court room. The MAGM welcomed all in attendance and presided over a very instructive Grand Session which was highlighted by the following events and activities.

Past Grand Officers present were: Past Most Worthy Grand Joshuas, Knights Embie R. Bostic, Joseph E. Toliver, Jr., Glenn Rollins, James Durroh, Rufus T. Duhart, and George W. King. Past Most Ancient Grand Matrons were: Heroines Mary F. Culver, Barbara A. King, Arlene Bolden Flowers, Geraldine Durroh, Edith Gulley, Janice Bostic, Beverly J. Beavers, Jeannie Elam, and Mary Louise Brookins.

Visiting from the Jurisdiction of Indiana were GMAM Heroine Nancy Cobb and MWGJ Knight William Worley of Alpha Grand Court. Also received was the Grand Junior Attendant from the Jurisdiction of North Carolina, Heroine JoAnn Mitchell. Escorted into the court session was The General Grand Conference Most Ancient Grand Matron, Heroine Shirley Lassister, of the United States and the Bahamas.

The Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Companion Ray S. Robinson was received and greeted the Court with remarks.

MAGM Heroine Bess gave her stewardship report and noted her theme: Faith, Hope and Charity. Faith to believe we can, Hope in preparing, and Love in knowing that it is possible. This was followed by the annual report of the MWGJ, Kt. Jerry D. Springer who

thanked the officers and noted that we should strive to help those "in danger," especially in times like these.

Other highlights included: Her. Patricia A.P. Taylor, Chairperson #3, reported the Heroine and Knight of the Year for 2011-2012 are Her. Stephanie Goodwin, #3, and Kt. Paul Miller, #5, both of whom received a plaque and other honors.

PMAGM Her. Daisy L. Lewis, Chairperson, reported the winner of the Student Assistance Award is Armonty McClendon from Akron. PMWGJ Kt. Rufus T. Duhart made a presentation of a framed pictorial article to PMAGM Janice Bostic and PMWGJ Embie R. Bostic.

The report for the Queen's Contest was given by Her. Juanita C. Wood, VAGM, with the announced winner being Her. Arthurine F. Shepard, #3.

The afternoon session was honored to receive the visiting Grand Heads of Houses with greetings from the following: Grand Worthy Matron of Amaranth Grand Chapter, O.E.S., Sis. Beverly J. Beavers; Grand Worthy Patron, Bro. Kennedy C. McCall; Grand Princess Captain of the David V. Moore Grand Guild, Heroines of Templar Crusades, Princess Juanita C. Wood; Grand Royal Advisor, Sir Knight Glenn R. Rollins; International Grand Prin-

cess Commandress, Princess Mary B. Harpe; and Right Eminent Grand Commander, Sir Knight Aaron E. Ray.

Following the reports of the afternoon, final remarks were received coming from the General Grand Conference Most Ancient Grand Matron, Her. Shirley Lassister; the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Companion Ray S. Robinson; and Grand Junior Warden, Bro. Carl A. Williams, representing Most Worshipful Grand Master, Bro. Robert L. Jones.

MEGHP Robinson informed the Grand Court that next year's Grand Convocations would also be held in Cleveland (hotel to be decided later) and in the year 2013, the several Grand Bodies of the Prince Hall Masonic Family would merge all Grand Sessions in Columbus, Ohio, during a 9-day period, freeing up some much needed calendar dates for other functions. He asked everyone to please keep an open mind as for the next two years the combined committee would be working out the finite details to make these combined sessions as economically affordable as possible by eliminating multiple banquets, reducing registration, negotiating better hotel rates, parking rates, etc. The meeting was closed with a fond farewell from the MAGM and MWGJ.



Her. Arthurine F. Shepard, #3, is all smiles as she is escorted by PMWGJ Joseph E. Toliver, Jr., #3, as the newly crowned "Grand Court Queen."



Kt. Paul Miller receives the Knight of the Year award from committee members Her. Patricia A.P. Taylor (l.) and Her. Jean Stacy.

## Little Dresses for Africa from Emanuel Guild No. 3

Emanuel Guild No. 3, under the leadership of a Princess with a Global Vision, Princess Captain Cosandra Wheeler has reached out beyond the Greater Cleveland area to families in Africa in support of a project called, "Little Dresses for Africa," a non-profit 501 (c) 3, Christian-based organization whose mission is to provide relief to children in Central Africa. People from all over the United States join together to make little dresses out of simple patterns including t-shirts and pillowcases.

Emanuel Guild embraced this Community Outreach Project to do their part in providing some relief to children of Africa by distributing little dresses to the orphan girls in the remote villages. Because of the widespread AIDS pandemic, little girls are often left to be the primary care givers of their young siblings. It is hoped that in delivering dresses to these young girls, a seed will be planted in their hearts that they are worthy. The dresses

are delivered to the girls by missionary groups who also use the visit as an opportunity for informal teaching sessions to share knowledge about nutrition, sanitation, AIDS prevention and to promote



(Left) A cutie pie models one of the dresses the Princesses whipped up to ship to Africa.

(Right) Princess Captain Cosandra Wheeler displays another model of a dress.



good health and family skills knowledge.

Princess Captain Wheeler chose this project because of its global effect and because it allowed all members of the Guild to participate in some way. She started her own Sewing Group with the help of Princesses Debra Walker, Debra Miller and Roxie Headen and the support and prayers of the entire Guild. Through the hard work of the



Sewing machines buzz as the members of Emanuel Guild make dresses for children in Africa.

Princesses, Emanuel Guild has completed more than 120 dresses in all colors and sizes and were shipped to Africa the second week of May. The Sewing Group has

adopted as its personal scripture for this project - "Let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works." Matthew 5:16.

## Ohio Grand Council, Royal and Select Masters and Ladies of the Circle of Perfection Holds Joint Session in Elyria

On May 15, 2011 during the convening of the most Illustrious Prince Hall Grand Council Royal and Select Masters State of Ohio and its Jurisdiction, the 4th Annual Joint Session of the Ladies of the Circle of Perfection in the State of Ohio and the Jurisdiction of the Grand Council, met at the Ramada Inn in Elyria Ohio.

Officers and members from the six Courts Chartered by the Grand Council Royal and Select Masters of Ohio were in attendance. The Courts are: MALACHI COURT #1 of Detroit, Michigan, OMEGA COURT #2 of Flint, Michigan, EYES OF WISDOM COURT #3, of Cincinnati, Ohio, COLOUR' PURPLE COURT #4 of Dayton, Ohio, QUEEN VASHTI COURT #5 of Indianapolis, Indiana, ADONIRAM COURT #6 of Cleveland, Ohio.

The highlight of this annual session was the initiation of candidates from Akron, Ohio, who will become members of a Court under dispensation associated with Enoch Council #20 of Akron. This initiation was conducted by Colour Purple Court #4, Eyes of Wisdom Court #3, Queen Vashti Court #5 and Adoniram Court #6 with assistance from Malachi Court #1.

The Courts were represented by: Royal Perfect Matrons: Evelyn Mann of Malichi #1, Georgetta Fountain-Harris of Eyes of Wisdom #3, Barbara Winston of Colour Purple #4, Dana Bass of Queen Vashti #5, Cynthia Hunt of Adoniram # 6, also representing were Royal Chief Advisors, Samuel Crosby Jr. of #3 Willie J. Fulton Jr. of #4 and Ben Johnson of #5.

The session was blessed with the attendance of the Grand Thrice Illustrious Master Warren Fitzpatrick, who brought greetings and personally observed a good portion of the Degree work before departing for Grand Council business.



Knights and Ladies hold joint Annual Session in Elyria, Ohio.

This was the fourth year of the Joint Annual Session, which was held in Ohio, which does not yet have a Grand Court of Ladies of the Circle of Perfection.

On Sunday May 16th the Circle of Perfection was received by the Grand Council Royal and Select Masters during its Annual Grand

Assembly. Each Royal Perfect Matron, Royal Chief Advisor and members of the Courts present were welcomed by the Grand Council in grand style. Each Royal Perfect Matron brought greetings on behalf of her Court, and the members were thanked by the Grand Thrice Illustrious Mas-

ter, for the work they are doing in helping the Circle of Perfection to grow in Ohio and the Jurisdiction, which includes Indiana and Michigan.

The members of the Circle of Perfection are hard at work preparing for the eventual formation of a Grand Court in the State of

Ohio. All Eastern Stars in good standing and Royal and Select Masters in good standing may become members of the Circle of Perfection.

**Jerry D. Springer, PGTIM**  
Grand Co-coordinator, Circle of Perfection, State of Ohio

### *To My Ohio Masonic Family*



*My tenure is winding down and I wanted to personally*

*Thank You for your gifts and for any amenities extended to me.*

*Thanks for your overall support during my tenure.*

*Dr. Charlesena H. Smith #73*  
**Imperial Commandress**  
**Imperial Court, Daughters of Isis**



## PH MASONIC FAMILY CALENDAR 2011

**AUGUST**

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

**SEPTEMBER**

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

**OCTOBER**

1-2	Sinai Court #35 Commandress Ball	Cincinnati, OH
7-8	Mecca Court #73 Commandress Ball	Toledo, OH
8	Miami Consistory #26 100th Anniversary Program	Fairborn, OH
8	William T. Boyd #79 Past Master's Ball	Cleveland, OH
8	Grand Guild School of Instruction	TBA
14-15	Al Kaf Court #144 Commandress Ball	Akron, OH
15	HOJ School of Instruction	TBA

22-23	Ohio Council of Deliberation/Ohio Gr. Assembly	Columbus, OH
28-29	A1 Asir Court #200 Commandress Ball	Youngtwn, OH
29	Pythagoran District Meeting	Columbus, OH
29	RAM Southern District Meeting	TBA

**NOVEMBER**

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

**DECEMBER**

3-4	El Hasa Court #47 Commandress Ball	Cleveland, Oh
18	St. John the Evangelist Day	Statewide
25	Knights Templar Christmas Observance	Worldwide

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

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



# 24th Annual Conclave of Alpha Priory No. 1 was Historical

Alpha Priory No. 1, Knights York Cross of Honour, PHA, held its 24th Annual Conclave Saturday, June 11, 2011, at the WPAFB Hope Hotel & Conference Center, Dayton/Fairborn, Ohio.

Room consecration and devotions began with services at 8:00 a.m. by Kt. Prelate Reginald Blake and Kt. Jerry D. Springer, PEP. The opening began at 8:30 a.m. by Eminent Prior Eston Lucky Wilson. Roll call of officers found all present or excused for cause. A required quorum was present. The Proclamation was read by Kt. William C. Parker, and the 24th Annual Conclave was declared in session by Eminent Prior Wilson.

A welcome was given by Kt. Ben Johnson with a response by Kt. Prelate Blake. The Sick and Distress Committee reported with Kt. Prelate Blake closing with a prayer.

The following dignitaries and guests were escorted in and announced at the altar. Past Eminent Priors present were: Willie L. Mosley (senior PEP), PMEGMG, CG; Frederick E. Kelley, Sr. (MWPGM); Jefferson L. Lofton, DGMG, CG; William C. Parker, GGR, CG; William Watkins, Jr.; Johnnie R. Walden; Arper Tentman, Jr.; Rufus T. Duhart; Jerry D. Springer; Keith D. Clark, Sr.; and Ray S. Robinson. Past Eminent Priors excused for cause: Embie R. Bostic, MWPGM (OH); Wilber West, PGM (OH); Arthur L. Turner, MWPGM (MI); John H. Holmes; Noble E. Shoto; Samuel Crosby, Jr.; Lawrence Harper; Allen White; and Ernest Oliver.

The following dignitaries were present: Kt. Willie L. Mosley, PEP & PMEGMG, CG; Kt. Jefferson L. Lofton, Deputy Grand Master General; Kt. Harold R. Truss, GG Treas., CG; Kt. William C. Parker,

GG Registrar, CG; Kt. Robert A. Wise, PP, Ohio Priory No. 18, representing Eminent Prior William D. Stratton; Kt. Ray S. Robinson, PEP & MEGHP, MEPHGC, Ohio RAM; Kt. Jerry D. Springer, PEP & MWGJ, Ohio, H of J; Kt. Michael H. Jordan, Deputy Eminent Prior, Alpha Priory No. 1, OH & MEGJ, MI, H of J; Kt. Glen R. Rollins, GR Advisor, DVMPH Grand Guild, HOTC. All were given appropriate Grand Honors and invited to give remarks.

With this distinguished line serving as a fitting backdrop, Kt. Frederick E. Kelley, Sr., PEP, and MWPGM, of the MWPH Grand Lodge of Ohio, was escorted into the chamber with the proper announcement that he was the official representative of the Hon. Robert L. Jones, MW Grand Master, of the MWPHGL of Ohio, F&AM. After a fraternal welcome at the altar an invitation to ascend to the East was given and Eminent Prior Wilson escorted him to the East where he was given Blue Lodge Private Grand Honors, presented the gavel, after which he extended a hardy charge on behalf of the Grand Master, promised to elaborate later, seated the Knights and returned the gavel to the Eminent Prior.

**SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS:** Eminent Prior Wilson informed the membership of the results of the Resolution to amend the Convent General By-Laws that he had prepared and presented at the annual Convent General USA Conclave in Los Angeles, CA, on April 30, 2011. The Convent General voted to accept the recommendations by unanimous vote and in accordance with Section 40 of the Convent General By-Laws, the following language became effective imme-

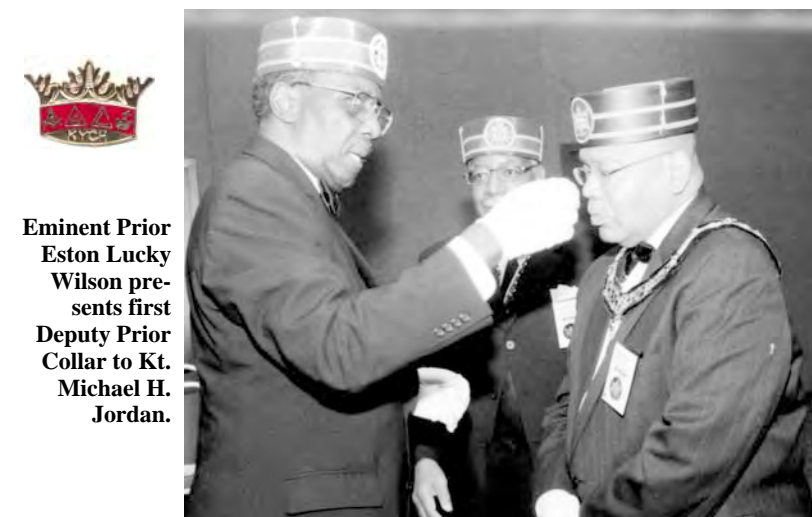
diately; **JEWEL OF A PRIOR OR PAST PRIOR - By-Laws**, page 14, Section 34, Paragraph 4: The Jewel of a Prior, Deputy Prior or Past Prior shall be the same as that of the officers of the Convent General, except that the General Emblem of the Order (KYCH, Crown) shall be omitted and metal eye attached to the top quadrant of the golden circle. The Jewel shall be suspended from a collar of yellow metal resting on a ribbon of **BLUE** for the sitting Prior and Deputy Prior, and a **BLACK** ribbon for a Past Prior or from a **Multi-Colored Cord or Ribbon**, representing four York Rite Houses.

Eminent Prior Wilson invited Deputy Prior Michael H. Jordan to the altar where he presented the first authorized Deputy's Collar ever placed upon the shoulders of any Deputy Eminent Prior of the KYCH, USA, PHA, Inc.

Kt. Willie L. Mosley, PEP & PMEGMG, presented the first authorized Eminent Prior's Collar to Eminent Prior Eston W. Lucky Wilson. Assisting him were Kt. Deputy Grand Master Gen. Jefferson L. Lofton and Kt. Frederick E. Kelley, Sr., who was wearing the first Past Eminent Prior's Collar worn in a PHA Priory that he purchased in 1996, when he became a Past Eminent Prior of Alpha Priory No. 1, OH. These historic events occurring at this Conclave became more evident when Eminent Prior Wilson pointed out that Kt. Willie L. Mosley was wearing the first Collar ever worn by a PHA, ME Grand Master General of the Convent General, KYCH, USA, PHA, Inc. EP Wilson stated, "In recognition of his leadership in advancing the York Rite Cross of Honour nationwide, I will present Kt. Mosley with the first **LEONARD R. ROBERTSON, SR. LEADERSHIP AWARD** on behalf of the membership of Alpha Priory No. 1." The award was a gold-toned metal plate with an etched photo of Kt. Robertson, on a mahogany plaque. Kt. Leonard Roosevelt Robertson, Sr. served as the first Eminent Prior of Alpha Priory No. 1, OH. The first PHA Priory established in the United States of America at Akron, OH in 1988. His Masonic labors was the "essence of leadership," and the foundation of all our achievements as Knights of the York Cross of Honour. All members must have earned the title (See, *Alpha Priory Conclave*, page 24)



Historically speaking, this scene cannot be duplicated again, as for the first time in the history of any KYCH Priory, the Charter Grand Master General, Willie L. Mosley, wearing the first Collar made for that PHA office; PEP Frederick E. Kelley Sr., wearing the first Past Eminent Prior, PHA, Collar he purchased in 1996, eight years before the Convent General USA, Inc., PHA, was chartered; Kt. Eston Lucky Wilson, wearing the first authorized Eminent Prior Collar; Kt. Michael H. Jordan, wearing the first authorized Deputy Eminent Prior Collar; Kt. Robert A. Wise, PEP, of Ohio Priory No. 18, brought greetings from our counterpart, Ohio Body; Kt. Jefferson L. Lofton, who was voted in to re-enter the line of Alpha Priory No. 1 (OH) as Eminent Prior. If not documented in various publications, this event may become lost to future Masonic scholars searching for facts.



Eminent Prior Eston Lucky Wilson presents first Deputy Prior Collar to Kt. Michael H. Jordan.



Charter Past Grand Master General, Willie L. Mosley, PEP, No. 1, OH, presents first authorized Eminent Prior Collar to Eminent Prior Eston Lucky Wilson, No. 1, OH, with assistance of Kt. Jefferson L. Lofton, Dep. Grand Master Gen. and Kt. Michael H. Jordan, Deputy Eminent Prior, No. 1, OH.



Kt. Willie L. Mosley (c.) PEP and PMEGMG, was presented the first "Leonard R. Robertson, Sr. Leadership Award," by its designer, Eminent Prior Eston Lucky Wilson (r.). The award was recommended by Jr. Past Eminent Prior Rufus T. Duhart, 2010-2011 (l.)



Four York Rite Heads of Houses, Kt. Ray S. Robinson, MEGHP, RAM; Warren Fitzpatrick, MIGTIM (not shown); Kt. Aaron E. Ray, RE Grand Commander, KT; and Kt. Eminent Prior KYCH Eston Lucky Wilson, have worked tirelessly to promote York Rite Masonry and Blue Lodge attendance during their tenure.



Listed in attached text under Dignitaries and Guests, these Knights served as a backdrop for MW Grand Master's representative's entrance into the chambers. (L. to r.) Knights, Rollins, Truss, Robinson, Lofton, Wise, Mosley, Jordan, Springer and not shown, William C. Parker.



24th Annual Conclave of Alpha Priory No. 1, KYCH, PHA, in WPAFB Hope Hotel & Conference Center.



Kt. Arper Tentman, Jr. (c.) received a Service Award, for sustained performance as Chairman of Arrangements and accommodations for Alpha Priory's Conclaves.

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of Past Master, Past High Priest, Past Thrice Illustrious Master and Past Eminent Commander.

Service awards were presented to Knights Roland C. McGoodwin, DDS and Algnr E.A. Broach, III, MD, Grand Physicians and Health Advisors. They were invited to the altar and presented custom sterling silver KYCH rings by Kt. Keth D. Clark, Sr., PEP and Eminent Prior Eston Lucky Wilson, for their continued service to Alpha Priory No. 1 and the PH Masonic Family of Ohio.

Special plaques and KYCH cuff links were presented to Knights Arper Tentman, Jr., PEP, and Jerry D. Springer, PEP, for their service on conclave arrangements.

**INVESTITURE OF CLASS OF 2011:** Kt. Harold R. Truss was appointed Class Advisor and the class name was "The Michel R. Woodson-Levy Class of 2011." Kt. Woodson-Levy had recently passed away. The single candidate Kt. Aaron E. Ray was accepted and invested into Alpha Priory No. 1, KYCH by a team lead by Eminent Prior Wilson. The team consisted of: Lodge - Kt. Darrel Cobb; RAM Chapter, Kt. Gurley Ramey; R&SM, Kt. Glenn Rollins; Kt. Templar - Kt. James Manual; Kt. Warder, Kt. Ben Johnson; Kt. Orator, Maurice Winston; Kt. Herald, Kt. Frederick Gleaton; Kt. Marshal, Kt. William H. Dungey.

Afterwards the new Knight brought greetings from the PH Grand Commandery of Ohio where he is serving as RE Grand Commander.

**ALLOCATION OF EMINENT PRIOR:** An outstanding allocution was given by Eminent Prior Eston Lucky Wilson in which he stated his motto, "Leadership by Example," goals, accomplishments and recommendations. He extended his sincerest thanks to the line Officers, Advisors/Trustees and the membership for their sup-

**Knights (Health Advisors) Algnr E.A. Broach, III, MD, and Roland C. McGoodwin, DDS, received sterling silver KYCH rings, procured from Europe by PEP Keith D. Clark, Sr. and PEP Eston Lucky Wilson.**



Knights Arper Tentman, Jr. and Jerry D. Springer were presented gold and black onyx KYCH cuff links for preparing and hosting the increasingly popular Trustee meeting and hospitality. Our female guests inspired the award.



Kt. Robert A. Wise, PEP, Ohio Priory No. 18, spoke on the good timing of the mutual recognition of the two Ohio Priors.



Master Orator, Kt. Frederick E. Kelley, Sr., PEP, MWPGM, had the undivided attention of the Knights as usual.

port. He paid special tribute to those Knights who stepped in to pro-tem. After a motion to accept his report he was given a rising vote of thanks for a job well done and his recommendations forwarded to the proper committee and a copy placed in the archives.



Convent General KYCH, PHA, USA, Inc. held its 8th Annual Conclave in Los Angeles, CA on April 30, 2011. Newly elected ME Grand Master General (r.) Kt. Russell A. Earl, Sr. Union No. 6, FL and RE Deputy Grand Master General Kt. Jefferson L. Lofton (2nd from l.), Alpha Priory No. 1, OH, enjoy fraternal chats with officers of the newly chartered Priorettes (PYCH) Princesses York Cross of Honour. There are now three chartered Priorettes and they were in high attendance at the Conclave in Los Angeles.



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The traditional "real soul food buffet" was served at 12:00 Noon after the annual membership photo session.


The business meeting resumed at 1:30 p.m. with annual reports from Kt. Treasurer, Jerry D. Springer, PEP, and Kt. Registrar William C. Parker, PEP. Both reports were in the registration kits. The reports were turned over to the proper committee.

**OFFICERS REPORT COMMITTEE:** The Officers Report Committee found that Eminent Prior Eston Lucky Wilson's allocution was timely and informative. He has been an outstanding representative of Alpha Priory No. 1, and York Rite Masonry both in and outside of the Ohio Jurisdiction. We applaud him for his service and move that all his recommendations be complied with during the next administration.

**NEW BUSINESS:** The Eminent Prior stated that Alpha Priory No. 1 must respond to the request from the MWPHGL of Ohio for our final plans to meet with other statewide Grand Masonic Bodies in August of 2013 at Columbus, Ohio. After much discussion the motion was made by Kt. Arper Tentman, Jr., and seconded by Kt. Deputy Eminent Prior Michael H. Jordan to accept the invitation to participate.

**DISTINGUISHED GUESTS:** Past Eminent Prior Robert A. Wise, representing Eminent Prior William D. Stratton of Ohio Priory No. 18, who was presiding over his Conclave at Gallipolis, Ohio, brought greetings and expressed his and his wife, Doris, pleasure in visiting with us and thanked us for the outstanding hospitality extended to them. He invited Alpha Priory Knights to attend any of their meetings and passed out cards highlighting the dates and locations. To his knowledge this was the first official visitation between the two Priors since Alpha Priory was established in 1988. According to Ohio Priory No. 18's roster, it was established in 1943. Kt. Wise thanked Kt. Frederick E. Kelley, Sr. and his wife, Geraldine, for hosting a private supper on Friday for them.

Past Eminent Prior Frederick E. Kelley, Sr., (MWPGM), left us with some kind words about our donation of \$500 to the MWPHGL Building Fund and our continued support of the PH Scholarship Foundation each year. By the donation of \$1,500 over a three years 2009-2011,



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thus achieving "Life Membership" status with the Prince Hall Scholarship Foundation, becoming the first Ohio PHA Body to achieve that status. This is truly "Leadership by Example," with 93 members.

**NECROLOGY:** The Necrology ceremony was under the direction of Kt. Prelate Reginald A. Blake, Sr. Kt. Prelate Reginald A. Blake, Sr. Kt. Michel R. Woodson-Levy was the only Knight from Alpha Priory No. 1 called from Labor to Reward since June 12, 2010. He served as Kt. Orator of Alpha Priory No. 1 and Captain General of the PH Grand Commandery, Ohio.

**ELECTIONS:** The Eminent Prior made his last remarks before inviting the Senior Past Eminent Prior Willie L. Mosley to the East to conduct the annual elections.

Eminent Prior Eston Lucky Wilson (OH) nominated Deputy Prior Michael H. Jordan (MI) as Eminent Prior. Kt. Jordan declined and nominated Kt. Jefferson A. Lofton (MI), who accepted the nomination. Kt. Lofton was elected by unanimous ballot and nominated Kt. Michael H. Jordan as Deputy Prior. He accepted

and Kt. Jordan was elected by unanimous ballot. All other officers, Kennedy C. McCall, Kt. Warder; Jerry D. Springer, PEP, Kt. Treasurer; William C. Parker, PEP, Kt. Registrar; Reginald A. Blake, Sr., Kt. Prelate, were nominated and elected by unanimous ballot.

The newly elected Eminent Prior gave his acceptance remarks and asked all current appointed officers to serve in those positions for his administration with the exception of the (Jr. PEP) Eston Lucky Wilson, who was appointed as Advisor/Trustee, replacing PEP Rufus T. Duahrt, who retains other previous assignments. All were installed by PEP Frederick E. Kelley, Sr.

The Priory was closed at 3:15 p.m. by Eminent Prior Lofton.

This article was compiled by the Publicity/Public Relations Committee from minutes prepared by Kt. Robert Meekins (MI), Assistant Registrar and from digital tapes provided by Past Eminent Prior E. Lucky Wilson. All photos provided by Kt. Gary L. Lewis, Alpha Priory No. 1 Photographer.

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The official Convent General Website at is up and running. The RE Grand Master General has requested all KYCH members log in and register for full access to the upcoming Convent General On-Line Newsletter. After the Webmaster confirms your active member status each year, you will be able to read, download and contribute to the Newsletter and download annual Grand Conclave registration and housing forms, etc. The Webmaster is RE Bobby E. Thompson, Jr., #9 (OK). Contact your Knight Registrar for information. The next two Annual Grand Conclaves are Atlanta, GA, 2012 and Orlando, FL 2013.