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The 19th Masonic District (District of the Year 2012 - 2013) pays off its Masonic Temple mortgage, Oct. 31. Pictured lt - rt: District Senior Warden, W.M. Burrell Parmer; District Secretary, S.D.D.G.M. Clary Glover Jr.; Frost Bank Market President Joe Pena; District Deputy Grand Master Grady Peavy Jr.; and District Treasurer, S.D.D.G.M. William Paige.

“Debt Free”

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From the Editor



Greetings,

God is Good! As we prepare for another Mid-Winter Session, a reminder to bring your new unwrapped toys to the Grand Lodge for the Christmas Toy Giveaway. There is also a new face in the Grand Lodge Office, Ms.

Vicki Edwards. Welcome to the PHAmily Ms. Edwards. If you have not registered for the Mid-Winter Session, please do so. District 19 will be performing the Opening and 3rd Degree Ceremonies and District 14 will be performing the Legend of Hiram Abiff. Again it is an honor and pleasure to bring to you the 13th edition of *The Texas Prince Hall Freemason*. Please continue to send in your submissions in the proper format. Additionally, the publication is available for advertisement. If you know of organizations who would like to advertise in the publication, please provide them with my email address in order to correspond.

Fraternally,

W.M. Burrell D. Parmer

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Message from the Grand Master

Greetings,

I greet you in the name of the Grand Architect of the Universe and pray that all is well with you and your family.

- To the Master Masons, I say "Behold how good and pleasant it is for Brothers to dwell together in unity!"
- To the Sisters of the Order of the Eastern Star, I say "For we have seen his star in the east, and are come to worship Him!"
- To the Royal Arch Masons, I say "Holiness to the Lord!"
- To the Heroines of Jericho, I say "Fear not Daughters of Zion, behold the King Cometh!"

M.W. Wilbert M. Curtis

- To the Knight Templars, I say "In Hoc Signo Vincas" which means "In this sign you shall conquer!"
- To the Sisters of the Heroines of the Templars Crusade, I say "Continue to lead by The Cross",
- To the Scottish Rite Masons, I say "Spes Mea in Deo Est" which means "My hope is in God"
- To the Ladies of the Golden Circle, I say "Peace and Unity!"
- To all others, I say, "Be blessed".

Wikipedia defines greeting as "*an act of communication in which human beings (as well as other animals) intentionally make their presence known to each other, to show attention to, and to suggest a type of relationship (usually cordial) or social status (formal or informal) between individuals or groups of people coming in contact with each other. Greetings sometimes are used just prior to a conversation or to greet in passing, such as on a sidewalk or trail. While greeting customs are highly culture and situation-specific and may change within a culture depending on social status and relationship, they exist in all known human cultures. Greetings can be expressed both audibly and physically, and often involve a combination of the two. This topic excludes military and ceremonial salutes but includes rituals other than gestures. A greeting can also be expressed in written communications, such as letters and emails.*"

Today we use numerous forms of highly technical communication but we should not lose sight of the importance of a friendly greeting. We need to always take a little time out just to give a warm and friendly greeting. It will set a positive tone and example for others to follow, whether it is at a ceremony, delivering a speech, writing a letter or conversing in simple dialogue. Some greetings may have a long time and lasting effect.

There is one greeting that Past Grand Master Dr. I.H. Clayborn once penned that has caused the entire Prince Hall Masonic world to view our Jurisdiction as the "Country of Texas". Dr. Clayborn was so very proud of Texas that he called it God's chosen land. His greeting was documented in the Grand Lodge Centennial Souvenir Book in 1975 and he often used it as he traveled around the globe. It states:

"I greet you, as Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Texas and its Jurisdiction; I welcome you to God's chosen land, that part of the United States where He Loved it so much, until He visited the Garden of Eden and flung her luscious fruits all over the rich Rio Grande Valley; likewise, God visited the Sahara Desert and brought portions of hot sand to the westernmost part of our state and to the Amazon, Nile, even the Jordan River, and snaked these through Texas, and the long, big Colorado River, you can cross eleven times between Austin and Bay City, Texas. God loved Texas so much, He brought portions of the ocean waters, one calm and one turbulent, and dropped them in places like Garza – Little Elm, Tawakoni, and the Livingston Reservoir, so we could be reminded of the greatness of God, our Father."

So in our Masonic travels, there is a place for a warm greeting. It is an expression of Brotherly Love, Friendship and the tenants of the entire Masonic Family. Your warm greeting may just have a lasting impact on someone's life. So remember that the next time you greet someone.

I remain...

Fraternally yours,

Wilbert M. Curtis

Grand Master's Calendar

November 2013 - February 2014

Date	Location	Event
November 2013		
Friday - Saturday, Nov. 8 - 9	Fort Worth	M.W.P.H.G.L. of Texas Mid-Winter Session
December 2013		
Friday - Sunday, Dec. 6 - 8	Ocean City, Md.	M.W.P.H.G.L. of Maryland Grand Session
Saturday, Dec. 21	Fort Worth	5th Annual Prince Hall Masonic Family Christmas Gift Giveaway
January 2014		
Friday - Saturday, Jan. 10 - 11	Houston	7th Annual Norris Wright Cuney Grand Chapter Luncheon
Thursday - Friday, Jan. 30 - 31	Killeen, Texas	14th Annual Texas York Rite Weekend
February 2014		
Saturday - Sunday, Feb. 1 - 2	Killeen, Texas	14th Annual Texas York Rite Weekend
Thursday, Feb. 27	Pine Bluff, Ark.	Southwestern Regional Meeting, Conference of Grand Masters, Prince Hall Affiliated
Friday - Saturday, Feb. 28 - March 1	Pine Bluff, Ark.	M.W.P.H.G.L. of Arkansas Grand Session

*The Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge
of Texas and its Jurisdictions,
Free and Accepted Masons*

Proclamation

To: All Elected and Appointed Grand Lodge Officers, All Past Masters, Honorary
Past Masters, Worshipful Masters, Wardens, Local Lodge Officers and Master Masons

From: Hon. Wilbert M. Curtis
M. W. Grand Master

Date: September 9, 2013

Subject: **2013 Mid-Winter Session**

By the authority vested in the office of the Grand Master and in accordance with the Constitution of The Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Texas, Article III, Section 2, I, Wilbert M. Curtis, am hereby calling the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Texas into the 2013 Mid-Winter Session for degree work on November 8, 2013, a Special Session and workshops on November 9, 2013 at the Grand Masonic Temple, located 3433 M.L.K. Freeway, Ft. Worth, Texas. **The headquarters hotel will be the Radisson Hotel North, 2540 Meacham Blvd, Fort Worth, Texas, 76106.**

In support of the **5th Annual Prince Hall Masonic Family Toy Drive and Christmas Give-Away**, each Brother attending the Mid-Winter Session is asked to bring one un-wrapped toy for children 16 and under, with a minimum of 10 toys per Lodge.

I am asking each District Deputy Grand Master to bring a minimum of 10 Fellow Craft Masons to be Raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason by the Grand Lodge Degree Team and the Grand Master. The Fellow Craftsmen will be required to register for the Mid-Winter Session. They are to report to the Grand Lecturer at 5:45 p.m. An Occasional Lodge will open promptly at 6:00 p.m. by **District Deputy Grand Master Grady Peavy Jr. and Masonic District 19**. Ritualistic work will begin at 6:45 p.m. The Worshipful Master of the Fellow Craftsmen is responsible for properly preparing and clothing your candidates. I want to raise a minimum of 100 Master Masons that night. The dress for Master Masons is **Masonic Dress** for both Friday and Saturday Sessions.

The 2013 Mid-Winter Special Session will officially convene at 8:30 a.m. on Saturday, November 9, 2013 at the Grand Masonic Temple to transact business that requires the attention of the Grand Lodge. Afterwards, the Grand Lodge will be called from labor to refreshment for the purpose of training, workshops and other presentations on topics of importance. This year's Mid-Winter session will include a lunch.

There is a \$25.00 per Lodge registration fee and a \$25.00 advanced registration fee for each Master Mason that attends the Mid-Winter Session. The on-site registration will be \$35. (This includes candidates that will be Raised at this Session). When you register for the Mid-winter Session you may make a \$5 donation for the WMCTPH Library Museum and the Christmas Gift Give-Away. (See the Mid-Winter Registration form) Donations for the library will help purchase much needed supplies to preserve our documents.

Note: The Subordinate Lodge, Master and both Wardens are required to register for the Mid-Winter Session whether or not they attend. Any Lodge that does not fulfill these obligations will be declared un-square and will not be represented at the 2014 Grand Communication until the Mid-Winter Session obligations are fulfilled. It must be paid in order for the Lodge and members of the Lodge to participate in the Mid-Winter Special Grand Lodge Session and have a voice in the very important issues that will come before the Grand Body.

I look forward to seeing all of you there, ready to learn and ready to go to work. Take due notice and govern yourselves accordingly.

I Remain...

Fraternally yours,

Wilbert M. Curtis

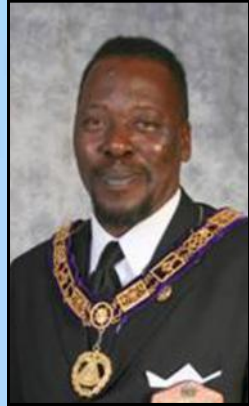
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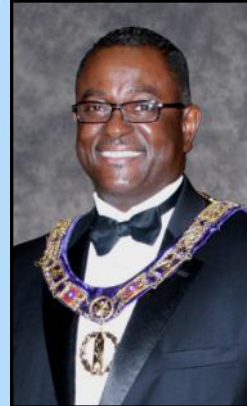
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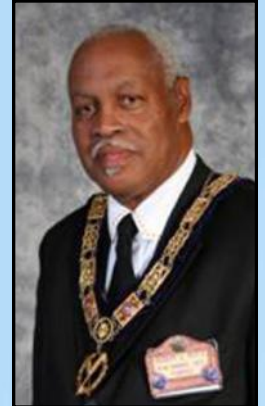
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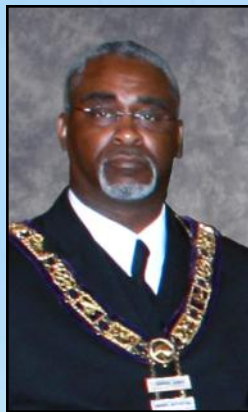
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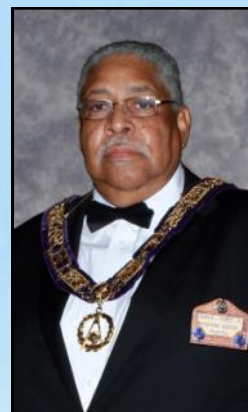
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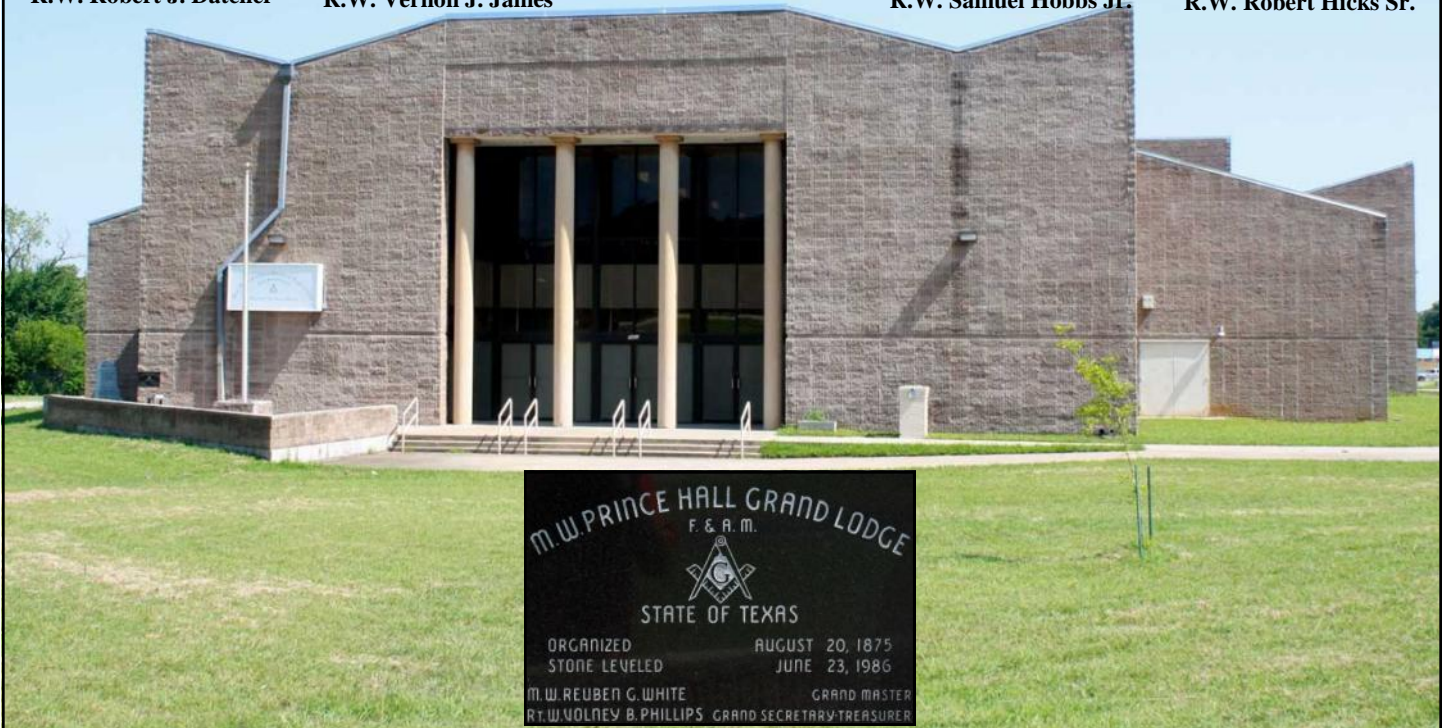
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Prince Hall Americanism Day Photos



Districts 9, 10, 11, & 20
Greater St. James Temple African Methodist Episcopal Church, Dallas



Districts 14
St. Paul African Methodist Episcopal Church, Marlin

Prince Hall Americanism Day Photos



Districts 15A & 16
Covenant Glen Methodist Church, Missouri City



Districts 19
Calvary Baptist Church, San Antonio

Prince Hall Americanism Day Photos



Districts 24
Macedonia First Baptist Church, Bastrop



*Prince Hall Day Celebration, New Beginnings Baptist Church
Pride of The West Lodge #53, Sunset Lodge #76, Stars of the Sun Chapter #6.
Alston Kennedy Guild #10 & Magnolia Court #28*

THE PRINCE HALL MASONIC FAMILY

of Texas and Its Jurisdiction



5th Annual Christmas Gift Giveaway Saturday, December 21, 2013

11am to 2pm

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Please purchase items and/or gift cards
(valued \$10 or more)

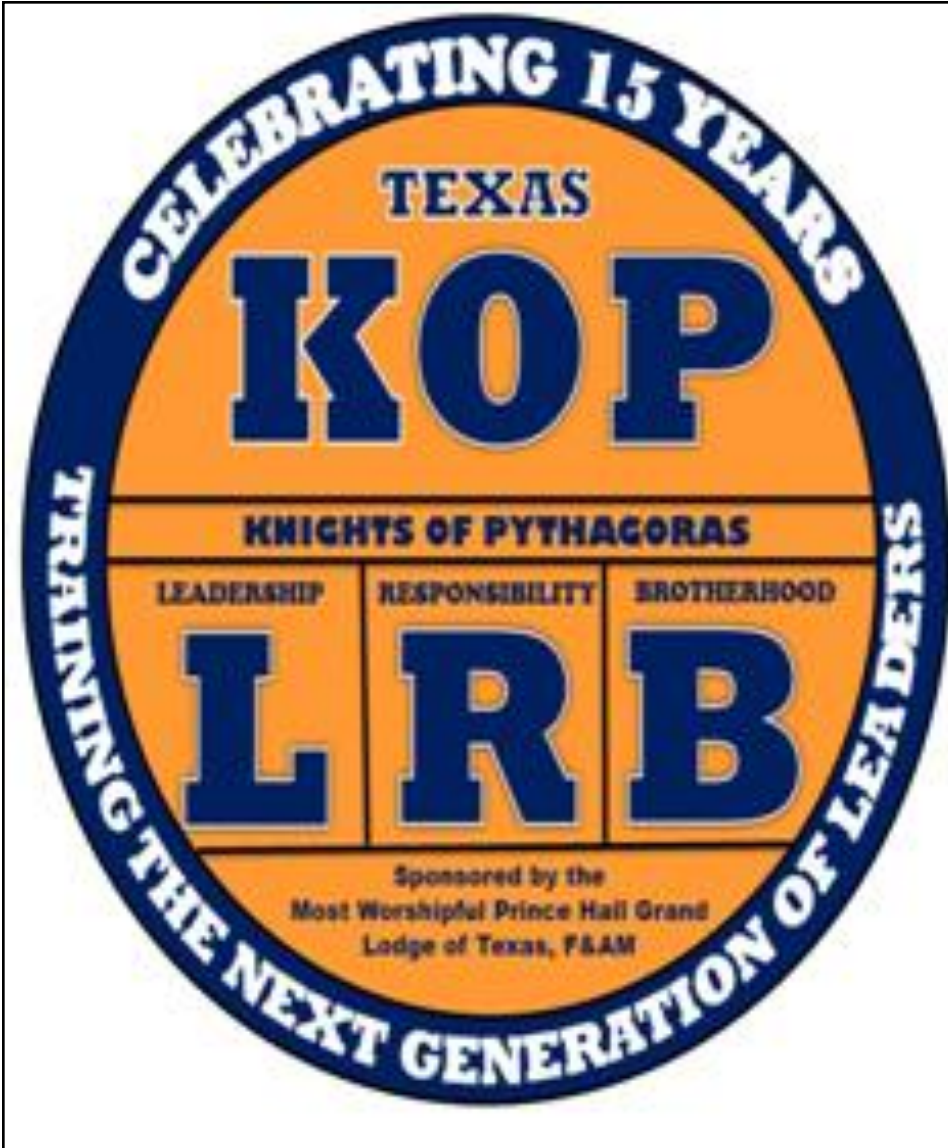
Bring your items to Mid-Winter Session and to
Regional Meetings.

Orientation will begin at 9am.

Please call Bro. Robert B. Calloway at
972.223.0270 to get more details regarding this
event. Toys and gifts will be distributed until
they are all given away to Fort Worth residents.



Texas K.O.P. launches New Logo, Prepares for 15th Year Anniversary



1. Increased its local Councils in the state from 5 to 16.
2. Increased its annual conference days from ½ day to 4 days.
3. Moved the location for its annual conference from hotels to college campuses across Texas.
4. Since 2005 has held its youth leadership conferences at various colleges and universities.
5. Has developed its organization into a youth leadership training program.
6. The Texas K.O.P. program has become well known to other Masonic jurisdictions across the Nation.

In celebration and honor of its upcoming anniversary, the Texas K.O.P. program has launched another logo that speaks to the heart of what the program is all about. The program trains the next generation of youth in Leadership, Responsibility, and Brotherhood. Also to commemorate this event, the Texas K.O.P. program is creating a souvenir journal. The K.O.P. is asking all members of the Prince Hall Masonic Family to take out an Ad and congratulate the hard work that Prince Hall Masons, Youth Knights, parents and sponsors are doing together to make the program a success. The celebration will take place at the 2014 Youth Career Awareness Conference at Texas Southern University in Houston, July 17 -21, 2014.

Story by:
State Director Michael Simms Sr.

FORTH WORTH - In May of 1999, the Supreme Council, Order of the Knights of Pythagoras program was given permission to start in the great state of Texas by the late Past Grand Master Robert E. Connor Jr.

P.G.M. Connor named the Texas program after the late P.G.M. Thomas H. Routt who also served as Grand Master for the

state of Texas and a judge in the Houston area. He also appointed Bro. Jamal Rasheed to serve as the first State Director of the program.

In May of 2014, the program will be celebrating its 15th year under the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Texas and under M.W.G.M. Wilbert M. Curtis and the current State Director Michael L. Simms Sr. This program for the past 15 years has accomplished the following:

Texas Knights of Pythagoras visits Washington DC's K.O.P. Program



Story by:
State Director Michael Simms Sr.

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Members of the Texas Knights of Pythagoras, Most Venerable Thomas H. Routt Grand Council consisting of State Director Michael L. Simms Sr. and Assistant State Director Rahsaan Cook traveled to Washington, D.C. to attend the Order of the Knights of Pythagoras' James W. Payne 36th Annual Encampment hosted by the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia, Aug. 1 - 3.

The delegation was invited by Grand Director Arnold E. Hudson Sr. and was also greeted by M.W. Grand Master John T. Doles Sr. of the M.W.P.H.G.L. of D.C.

Also attending was Grand Knight

Director Elijah Bazemore from North Carolina as well as other Youth Councils from Virginia and North Carolina.

The trip included visiting Howard University, the Dr. Martin Luther Jr. Memorial, the War Memorial, and the Grand Lodge.

There were excellent workshops given in which S.D. Simms had an opportunity to present two: "Staying in the Driver's Seat (taking responsibility for your life)" and "Decision Making".

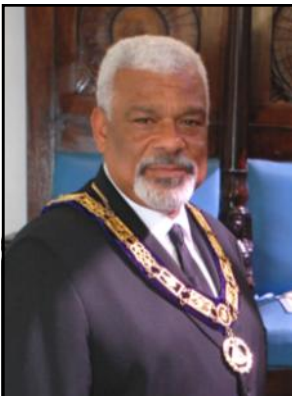
The D.C. K.O.P. served as an excellent host and ensured that the Texas delegation felt right at home.

Many thanks to G.D. Hudson, who also traveled to Texas for the K.O.P.'s 2012 Young men with a Purpose Leadership Conference.

The visit proved the importance

of the K.O.P. to visit and continue to work together for the benefit of the youth. There are many K.O.P.s throughout the various jurisdictions, but together all are part of the Prince Hall Family's Order of the Knights of Pythagoras Youth Program.





*District Deputy
Grand Master (16)
Clarence B. Douglas Jr.*

Challenge Fund

Dear District Deputy Grand Masters,

I greet you in the name of the Grand Architect of the Universe, our Heavenly Father. May God continue blessing each of you.

On Saturday, June 22, 2013, during our 138th Annual Grand Communication, I was very proud to present Brother Roosevelt Petry, a member of Ever Ready Lodge No. 506, District 16 and CEO of GP Industrial Contractors, Inc., who made a presentation to Grand Master Wilbert M. Curtis of several donations to the Prince Hall Charitable Foundation totaling \$21,509.31.

I then made a challenge to all District Deputy Grand Masters to ask 20 Brothers from their Districts to voluntarily donate \$100.00 each before June 1, 2014. With 25 Districts, that would total \$2,000.00 per District for a total of \$50,000. If the goal is met by June 1, 2014, GP Industrial Contractors, Inc. will donate an additional \$25,000.00 to the Prince Hall Charitable Foundation.

I was proud to see so many District Deputies and Brothers stand and accept the challenge and commit to the goal on the floor of the Grand Lodge in front of Grand Master Curtis, his guests, and the Brethren.

Working together, I am confident that we will meet our goal. I am asking each District Deputy to reach out to those 20 Brothers within their Districts. Donations should start as soon as possible and can be turned in to the Prince Hall Charitable Foundation at any time. We are asking all District Deputies to be prepared to make a status report at the Mid-Winter Meeting and a follow up reports on March 1, 2014 and May 1, 2014. Final reports and turning in all of District donations should be completed by June 1, 2014. The Districts are not limited to \$2,000.00. If some Brothers are able and willing to contribute more, then your District will be acknowledged for raising more than required.

I am also asking all District Deputies to proudly stand with me at the 139th Grand Communication and we will make our \$50,000.00 presentation to G.M. Curtis and to the Prince Hall Charitable Foundation, along with GP Industrial Contractor Inc.'s \$25,000.00 contributing donation.

District Deputies please make checks payable to the Prince Hall Charitable Foundation and write Challenge Fund in the memo.

Fraternally,

Clarence B. Douglas Jr.

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- THE IMPORTANCE OF EDUCATION
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- WHY A MILITARY CAREER
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The Library Museum serves as the institutional memory for the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Texas and its jurisdiction. It maintains a collection of records including multimedia and artifacts that are ordered to be available for research and have historical value and interest. The Library Museum also maintains the non-current records of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Texas and its jurisdiction that have historical or enduring value.

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Headlight Lodge No. 124 hosts Annual Back to School “Give-Away”



Story and photos by: Lodge Staff

QUITMAN, Texas – Members of Headlight Lodge No. 124 continued their service to the community by hosting their annual Back-to-School Supply Give-a-Way at Brocks Chapel United Methodist Church, Aug. 24.



Capstone Lodge U.D. puts in Work



Story and photos by: District Staff

CEDAR HILL, Texas - Since receiving a Dispensation from the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Texas on Sept. 21, 2012, Capstone Lodge U.D. has been exceptionally busy. To ensure the Lodge will receive its Charter during Mid-Winter Session, the Lodge has made some enormous achievements for the community.

In February, the Lodge participated in a clothing drive for the North Ellis County Outreach Center. This center is a faith-based nonprofit agency that provides services to residents in the Ellis County area some of the services offered are utility, food and clothing assistance for the homeless in the county. The Brothers of Capstone cleaned out their closet and do-

nated four barrels of clothing items to the center.

In July, after showing suitable proficiency in the Fellow Craft Degree, six new members were Raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason, becoming members of Capstone.

Additionally during July, the members of Capstone Lodge U.D. made a donation to the Cedar Hill Food Pantry, a non-profit 501(c) (3) agency that has been serving the Cedar Hill community since 1989. It started as a grass-roots organization headquartered in the kitchen of First United Methodist Church. The pantry pledged to provide food and other assistance, without discrimination, to eligible needy families living in the Cedar Hill Independent School District.

August was a very demanding

month for the members of Capstone Lodge. Foremost, the members started a can good drive within the community; once those items were collected they were delivered to the North Ellis County Food Pantry for deserving families in need within the community.

In addition, the members formed a "Back-to-School Back Pack Drive". Once all items were collected members delivered the





for the first responders of the Cedar Hill Community which included the Police Department, Fire Department and EMT's. The members labored all night until 3 a.m. preparing the meal. At noon, the members set up a buffet style lunch at the Grady Lamb Police Center to serve the guests.



"Back Packs" and school supplies a two-fold purpose: (1) to let the to Highland Elementary School located in Cedar Hill. community know that Prince Hall Freemasonry is alive and operating

During August, several of the members of the Craft made a church visitation to Mt. Moriah Baptist Church. This visitation severed U.D. planned and prepared meals



Metropolitan Lodge No.146 holds Grand Master's Table Lodge



Story and photos by:
P.M. Frederic Milliken (135)

DALLAS – Prince Hall Masons of Metropolitan Lodge No. 146 held a Grand Master's Table Lodge, Sept. 14. The event, presided by Worshipful Master Jerome D. Lacy, was held on top a rooftop overlooking a view of downtown.

The Table Lodge is a tiled Entered Apprentice Masons Lodge. It harkens back to the Mother Grand Lodge of 1717 where one of the reasons for its formation was to hold the Annual Feast. Soon the Grand Master of that time directed that there be installed into the ceremony the old, regular and peculiar toasts and health's of Freemasons. Over time a Table Lodge became a prescribed ceremony with a ritual all its own.

Table Lodges in Colonial America were quite common as many Lodges actually met in taverns and

a full course meal became part of "going to Lodge." As the decades passed and a new century began, Table Lodges were continued as a way to promote fellowship, kinship and pride in Masonry. *"The Table Lodge had a most unusual pattern. Its entire meeting*



was conducted around the table, and the helpings of food and beverage were served in such a way they did not interfere with the other concerns of the Lodge. The arrangement of tables resembled a giant horse-shoe, with the Worshipful Master in the East, at the center, and both Wardens in the West, at the opposite ends. The Lodge was opened with an invocation and closed with a song."

"At first, there was an address, followed by many toasts and songs, but as time went by the lecture was omitted and the number of toasts and songs decreased. The final figure that was set for the toasts was seven, and in some Jurisdictions that number is still retained today."

Under its skillful formula, the names of objects in the room were changed. The table was the Trestle Board, the cloth - the standard, the food - the materials, the glasses became cannons, the beverage - powder, the bottles - casks, the napkin a flag, forks were pick-axes, knives were swords, and spoons were trowels. To fill the glass was to "charge" it, and to drink it was to "fire". (1)

Today a Table Lodge has its own set of rituals, with its own particular opening and closing ritual as well as a seven course meal with seven toasts, one after each course.

The ritual of The Ceremony of the Seven Toasts is as follows: Right hand to arms. (The right hand touches the glass).

Ready. (The glass is raised breast high, aim extended forward).

Aim. (The glass is brought to the lips).

Fire, Good Fire, Fire All. (All drink).

Present Arms. (The glass is brought to the second position in unison with the Worshipful Master, then the glass is brought to the left breast, then to the right breast,

then again to the second position so that the movement makes a triangle. This triangle is made three times: then the glass is brought to the table in three moves - it is first carried a little to the left, then to the right and finally forcibly in unison to the table).

The Battery, three times three (clapping 3X right over left, left over right, right over left). (Done)

ALL Vivat, Vivat, Vivat. (Right arm thrust upward with each Vivat). Advance swords. (Knife is raised breast high, arms extended forward).

Poise swords. (Knife blade is elevated slightly, about 45°)

Salute with swords. (Knife handle is brought to within a few inches of the chin with the blade elevated about 45°)

Swords at rest. (Knife handles are carried in unison forcibly to the table - preferably in a flat position to prevent table damage).

The Battery, three times three. (Done)

ALL Vivat, Vivat, Vivat. (Right arm thrust upward with each Vivat). (2)

Wor. Jerome D. Lacy led us in all the toasts except the one to himself and other Worshipful Masters. The toasts were as follows: To the -

1) President of the United States of America

2) Most Worshipful Grand Mas-

ter and the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge

3) The Worshipful Master and all sitting Masters

4) The Wardens and all sitting Wardens

5) Past Masters

6) Other Officers and visiting Brethren

7) To all Masons where-so-ever spread over the face of the globe

A great meal was had by all. The Table Lodge closed with all Brethren forming the Mystic Chain (arms crossed in front and clasped to the Brother to your right and left) and singing the ancient song written by Scottish Poet Laureate Brother Robert Burns in 1788— Auld Lang Syne.

Should old acquaintance be forgot
And never brought to mind
Should all acquaintance be forgot
And auld lang syne
For auld lang syne, my dear,
For auld lang syne,
We'll take a cup o' kindness yet,
For auld lang syne

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District 14 comes Together to observe Prince Hall Americanism Day



Story by: DDGM-E Ronnie Jones

MARLIN, Texas - The 14th Masonic District celebrated its annual Prince Hall Americanism Day Service at St Paul A.M.E. Church, Sept. 15, where Brother Rev. Eddie Elis of Hopeful Lodge No. 78 precedes as pastor.

The message was delivered by Bro. Rev. Brill Stone of Pleasant Grove Missionary Baptist Church of Waco, who is also a member of Wyatt Lodge No. 21.

The lineup included dignitaries to include District Deputy Grand Master Charles Clayborne, M.E. Grand High Priest Willie Tate of the M.E. Prince Hall Grand Chapter, Holy Royal Arch Masons, and Grand Most Ancient Matron Jackie Livingston of the Grand High Court, Heroines of Jericho.

The District also had in its mist Past Grand Conference Grand High Priest Roosevelt Huggins, District Deputy Grand Matron Andrea Whitted of Norris Wright Cu-

ney Grand Chapter, and Special District Deputy Grand Matron Sharon Winslow of the Lone Star Grand Guild, Heroines of the Templar's Crusade. The Knights of Pythagoras were also represented by the Grand Master Knight.

The most distinguished guest at the service was Prince Hall por-

trayed Grand Lecturer Ivory Johnson.

The congregation marched in singing "This Little Light of Mine" to fill the House of the LORD in Spirit, but when Rev. Stone bought the message, none would be able to leave dissatisfied.

After the service, the District took photos and shared a meal provided by Ryde Out Bar B Que of Killeen.

The observance was a great success said D.D.G.M. Clayborne who thanked the committee who consisted of S.D.D.G.M. Antonio McClinton, S.D.D.G.M. Jerry Martin and D.D.G.M.-E. Ronnie Jones.

"This is the one time of the year that we can come together as a Prince Hall Family and fellowship one with another," said D.D.G.M. Clayborne. "We are looking forward to seeing all the Brothers and Sisters come together again next year because 'Working Together Works.'"



DISTRICT 15-A provides Truckload of Surprises for Local Elementary School



Story by: District Staff

HOUSTON – Many schools are suffering within the city, especially regarding the means of supplies for students throughout the year. District 15-A has the urgency to uplift the community by giving back and supporting its Third Ward community.

Brethren of Heights-Ionic-Pride Lodge No. 280 reached out to one

such school, Blackshear Elementary. Organized by Senior Warden Marvin Marks, the Lodge donated truck loads full of school supplies and materials, Aug. 19.

Members included: Worshipful Master Raeford Watts, Junior Warden Dan Johnson, W.M. Troy Cousins of Logos Lodge No. 659, Sisters Voloria Watts and Aisha Marks of McCullough P. Woolridge Chapter (O.E.S.) No. 12.

“Not only does the school have supplies to start off the year but they will have enough supplies to last throughout the semester,” said S.W. Marks. “As we give hope and courage to it and it to us, we all know that we are one.”

District 15-A encourages every Lodge and Chapter to invest within its own community's schools, especially elementary.

Teamwork: Members of Heights-Ionic Pride Lodge and McCullough P. Wolridge Chapter help a Family



Story by: District Staff

HOUSTON -True teamwork between Heights-Ionic Pride Lodge No. 280 and McCullough P. Woolridge Chapter No. 12 has led to a family getting a great head start for their children returning back to school.

Zair Brannon, mother of two, was very surprised and grateful when Worshipful Master Raeford Watts, Senior Warden Marvin Marks, Junior Warden Dan Johnson, and Sisters Veloria Watts and

Aisha Marks of McCullough P. Woolridge Chapter (O.E.S.) No. 12. arrived at her home with school supplies for her children.

Organized by S.W. Marks, who collected funds from Brothers and Sisters of District 15-A, the donation provided Brannon with the ability to purchase plenty of school clothes for the year and school supplies.

Additionally, Brannon was given gift cards for her to shop for more supplies and other items.

"Everyone was very thankful.

The kids were very grateful and thanked us greatly with open arms," said S.W. Marks. "Once again, we are a PHAmily that helped a Family! We will continue to help those in our community who are in need and encourage other Lodges and Chapters to do the same in their communities."

Attentive Ear Lodge No. 350 assists United Negro College Fund-Houston 5K Walk for Education



Story by: *Sec. Mitchell Crocker*

PEARLAND - The United Negro College Fund (U.N.C.F.) is the premier minority education organization that is instrumental in enabling more than 60,000 students to attend college each and every year. Since 1944, U.N.C.F. has raised in excess of \$3.6 billion to help more than 400,000 students receive college degrees at U.N.C.F. member institutions and with U.N.C.F. scholarships.

The mission of U.N.C.F. is to, "Build a robust and nationally-recognized pipeline of under-represented students who, be-

cause of U.N.C.F. support, become highly-qualified college graduates and to ensure that our network of member institutions is a respected model of best practice in moving students to and through college." (www.uncf.org)

Attentive Ear Lodge No. 350 believes in education and supporting its youth. To exemplify what the Lodge believes in, a few good men from Attentive Ea participated in the United Negro College Fund Walk for Education held at Tom Bass Park, Sep. 14

The Telecom Team from CenterPoint Energy, The Dependables, with Mitchell Crocker as one of the

team captains, invited the Lodge to participate in giving and walking for the worthy cause.

With the help of donations and participation from the Brothers, the Lodge was able to raise over \$1,000 as a team.

The U.N.C.F. of Houston raised over \$163,000 up to the 3.1-mile walk. The Brothers of Attentive Ear walked together and after a less than an hour, completed the course.

The Lodge's efforts of coming together to raise money for the hope of tomorrow were definitely worth the members' time and energy.

Ever Ready Lodge No. 506 hosts 2013 Trailblazers Awards Banquet



Story by:

Bro. Robert L. Livingston III (506)

HOUSTON - The Trailblazers Award is given to nominated individuals who have demonstrated leadership and initiative in their chosen profession while making a commitment to meet the critical needs of individuals and groups in their communities. This year's Trailblazers Banquet was held at The Power Center, Oct. 19.

The 2013 recipients were Ilene Harper, assistant director of Student Services for Fort Bend Independent School District; Past Master Willie H. Coleman Jr., Grand Legal Advisor for The Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge; Brother Benjamin L. Hall III, PH.D., J.D.; Bernard Freeman, a.k.a. Bun B.; P.M. John G. Johnson Jr. of Ever Ready Lodge No. 506.; and Worthy Matron Gwendolyn Rhea Ward Knight, Loretta's Pride Chapter No. 62, O.E.S.

The special honored guest was M.W. Grand Master Wilbert M.

Curtis and the keynote speaker was Dr. Jonita W. Reynolds, chief executive officer, Gulf Coast Community Services Association.

Presiding over the event was Fox 26 News Anchor Bro. José Griñán, and Bro. Marlon Heard, Assistant Pastor of Zion Hill Missionary Baptist Church preformed

the invocation/blessing of the meal.

Ever Ready Lodge No. 506 congratulates Bro. Hall, who was "Made at Sight" by G.M. Curtis, as one of the 2013 Trailblazers Awards winners and Donnell Corner, project manager of GP Industrial Contractors Inc., who was also "Made at Sight", for their many



2013 Trailblazers Award recipient, Ilene Harper.



2013 Trailblazers Award recipient, G.L.A. Willie H. Coleman.



2013 Trailblazers Award recipient, Bro. Dr. Benjamin L. Hall III



2013 Trailblazers Award recipient, Bernard Freeman, a.k.a. Bun B.

years of service and work in the community and for becoming members of the Lodge.

Thanks to the good work of Bro. Kevin Patton, District Deputy Grand Master Clarence B. Douglas Jr., and the 2013 Trailblazers Awards Banquet Committee the event was very successful.

The bar has been set high for the 2014 Banquet and with the Brothers of Ever Ready Lodge and their dedication to excellence; the goal will be met and exceeded.



G.M. Curtis stands with Brothers Donnell Corner and Dr. Hall after being made "Masons at Sight" by G.M. Curtis before the commencement of the Trailblazers Awards Banquet..



19th Masonic District hosts Workshop to set all Lodges on the Level



G.L. Ivory Johnson Jr. talks about leadership at the start of the 19th Masonic District's Master Mason Workshop, Oct. 19.

Story and photos by:
G.E. Burrell Parmer (1)

SAN ANTONIO – “Reclaiming Masons in Masonry and Retaining Texas PHA Masons through Education” was the theme of the 19th Masonic District Master Mason Workshop held at the Masonic Temple, Oct. 19.

More than 50 members of the District representing San Antonio Lodge No. 1, Beacon Light Lodge No. 50, John T. Maxey Lodge No. 74, Star Tom Lodge No. 100, Blue Bonnet Lodge No. 192, George Washington Carver Lodge No. 255, and Noble Star Lodge No. 277, to include members of J. Washington Lodge No. 191 of District 23, registered for the workshop which was led by Grand Lecturer Ivory Johnson Jr. (622). Accompanying G.L.

Johnson was District 14 Lecturer, District Deputy Grand Master-Emeritus Ronnie Jones (622) and District 24 Lecturer, Worshipful Master Johnny Perez (620).

Prior to the start of the workshop, the Brothers were treated to refreshments, after which D.D.G.M. Grady Peavy welcomed the Brothers, then G.L. Johnson spoke about leadership and on the duties of the Grand Lecturer.

“The duties of the Grand Lecturer are to deliver orations on public occasions when ordered by the Grand Master. To visit all Lodges in the jurisdiction when requested. To exemplify the ritualistic and unwritten work of the order; and to see that uniformity is observed throughout the jurisdiction,” said G.L. Johnson. “It is important for the Grand Lecturer to visit and con-

duct workshops because it is his duty to ensure that the intent of Grand Master Wilbert M. Curtis is understood, to include the Grand Lecturer's purpose as laid out in the Grand Lodge Constitution is understood.”

One of the purposes of the workshop was to have all seven Lodges within the District on the same accord. The team reiterated standards and policies set forth in the Grand Lodge Constitution dated June 25, 2011, which should not be altered or modified.

According to G.L. Johnson, the state of Texas, like many others jurisdictions, has had a large influx of Brothers to migrate in from many jurisdictions. Although much of the teachings are the same, many jurisdictions do business ritualistically and ceremonially different



than Texas. This is not incorrect as each jurisdiction is sovereign within itself. As these Brothers demit into Texas, they begin to teach but it may not be the proper way it is done in Texas. It is important that Brothers know that the standards for the opening/ closing/degree work and all public and private ceremonies of the Lodge is set by Nizzardini's ritual or the Texas Monitor, anything that is unwritten or unclear is determined by the Grand Lecturer and ONLY to be overruled by the Grand Master."

Following the Grand Lecturer was District 19 Lecturer, P.M. Rev. Willie Calvin Jr. (277) who, with assistance from two of his Lodge members, delivered a lecture on Ecclesiastics 12.

D.D.G.M.-E. Jones, who addi-



D.D.G.M.-E. Ronnie Jones

tionally serves as the Deputy Grand Marshal, provided instruction on the situation of Lodge furniture, procedures for opening and closing ceremonies, and the "Texas Way" of giving the Due Guards and Signs of the three degrees. He also provided a demonstration on how the Deacons and Stewards

should hold their staffs and when and how to salute.

G.L. Johnson stressed special emphasis regarding private/public grand honors and the conduct of graveside services.

"The graveside service is where the Last Rites of a Brother are given. It is the final respect given unto him," said G.L. Johnson.

Instruction on balloting was giving by W.M. Perez to include demits into and from a Lodge within the same jurisdiction and from without. Additional instruction was provided on the procedures for healing an unrecognized/bogus/clandestine



Mason.

D.D.G.M.-E. Jones spoke on elections and that newly Raised Master Masons should show proficiency no later than 60 days after their 3rd Degree Ceremony. Additionally he spoke about the 14 Prerogatives of the Worshipful Master.

The last period of instruction was given by G.L. Johnson who provided the purposes of Grand Lodge Committees.

D.D.G.M. Peavy thanked G.L. Johnson, D.D.G.M.-E. Jones and W.M. Perez for traveling to San Antonio to provide instruction and welcomed them back to the District anytime.

D.D.G.M.-E. Jones said it was a pleasure for him and W.M. Perez to accompany G.L. Johnson.

In addition to his duties as District Lecturer, D.D.G.M.-E. Jones is responsible for all ceremonial work of the Grand Lodge. He said the G.L. Johnson felt that he and W.M.

Perez possessed the knowledge and skill sets which would benefit the workshop.

G.L. Johnson gave special thanks D.D.G.M.-E Jones and W.M. Perez for traveling and assisting him with the workshop.

This was D.D.G.M.-E. Jones and G.L. Johnson's third trip to District 19 within a two-month period due to the District's responsibility of conducting opening/closing ceremonies to include the Third Degree Ceremony during the Mid-Winter



W.M. Johnny Perez

Special Session to be held at the Grand Lodge, Nov. 8 at 6 p.m.

Asked why it was so important that the District Degree Team perform well, D.D.G.M.-E. Jones said, "We as Master Masons owe it to the Fellow Crafts, our Grand Lodge and ourselves to give the best degree possible. After all, those Fellow Crafts are looking forward to being Raised at the Grand Lodge. I would encourage each and every Lodge to rehearse and conduct good degree work."



D.D.G.M.-E. Jones provides oversight of degree practice in preparation for the mass Raising to be held during Mid-Winter Session.

San Antonio Lodge No. 1 assists Eastside with Back to School Jamboree



Parents and children had access to more than 20 vendors during the Back-to-School Jamboree.

Story by: P.M. Edward Jones (1)
Photos by: G.E. Burrell Parmer (1)

SAN ANTONIO – Members of San Antonio Lodge No. 1 participated in the 8th Annual Back-to-School Jamboree hosted by the Claude W. Black Advisory Board, SA Fighting Back, Inc., and MaMa Boone held at the Claude W. Black Community Center, Aug. 15.

The organizations, with assistance from vendors, corporate entities, and donations from community members, issued school supplies to children. With nearly 1,000 children and their families present, the event was a “success” according to Assistance Multi-Service Center Director Paul Harris.

Harris was thankful for all of the members of the advisory board and all organizations for their diligent work on this project.

Representatives from the 19th Masonic District, Navy Recruiting District San Antonio, healing souls,

inc., Noble Gentlemen of San Antonio, Wells Fargo, West, San Antonio Police Department and Park Police, Megabus, and Southwest Preparatory Academy to name a few, participated in the day's event.

Health and insurance services were represented by members of METRO Ambulance, Access Dental, Metro Health District, University Health Systems, Amerigroup, The Smile Center, and Occidental Life Insurance Company.

Bro. Burrell Parmer, Worshipful Master of San Antonio Lodge No. 1, expressed his joy as it pertained to the event when he shared, “It is the smiles on the little ones’ faces that makes all the preparation worth it. As a Mason and member of the 19th Masonic District, we have a duty to assist in the well-being of our children, especially when it comes to education.”

The kids and their families received hotdog lunches provided by H-E-B and prepared by Head

Country BBQ (Oklahoma).

The Claude W. Black Community Center is a staple on San Antonio's Eastside and offers programs to assist community members in need. This event, along with others throughout the year, is the center's way to accomplish its mission of enhancing life one family at a time.

For more information on programs offered, call (210) 207-5236, or visit their Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/ClaudeWBlackCommunityCenter-AdvisoryBoard>.



Parents and children eagerly await the opening of the Back-to-School Jamboree held at the Claude W. Black Community Center, Aug. 15.



San Antonio No. 1 helps spread Continued Hope by volunteering at Haven for Hope



Story and photos by:
P.M. Edward Jones (1)

SAN ANTONIO - Members of San Antonio No. 1, along with volunteers from USAA and the Food Bank of San Antonio, volunteered to provide meals for residents of the city's Haven for Hope, Aug. 3.

Senior Warden Damen Sims and Junior Deacon Michael Coates felt this was a worthy cause for the Lodge to be involved with. Lodge members, along with Sister Velma Tamez of Cubie Horton Chapter No. 14 (O.E.S.) and other volunteers filled snack bags with healthy food for distribution. Once all the bags were completed, volunteers took to the serving line for the lunch rush.

Feeding and housing hundreds daily is the mission of the center. "Hope is what we provide among other amenities", said one employee.

The employee further expressed that some of the people who enter the center feel that they are at the end of their "rope" and Haven for Hope is there to assist with trying

to re-establish these individuals in a society that might have them feeling lost.

Haven for Hope describes its purpose when it is offered, "Haven for Hope is a place of hope and new beginnings for people in Bexar County experiencing homelessness."

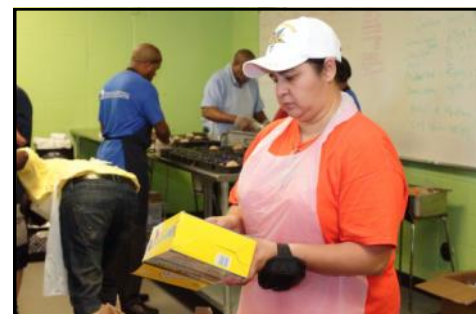
According to the Haven for Hope website, there are nearly 3,000

homeless people in the city daily. The most telling statistic of this sad fact is that 31% are families with average age being six years old.

"Haven for Hope is a blessing to the homeless of San Antonio," said Worshipful Master Burrell Parmer. "As part of the Lodge's community service program, we endeavor to spread Charity to those in need."

Haven for Hope sets out to provide shelter and nourishment to as many of these individuals as possible. With volunteers and donations, Haven for Hope has been able to feed hundreds daily.

To make donations to Haven for Hope, or to volunteer, please visit their website at <http://www.havenforhope.org/new/>.



Masons, Eastern Stars participate in healing souls' 1st Annual Prostate Cancer Awareness Walk

Story and photos by:
G.E. Burrell Parmer (1)

SAN ANTONIO – Prince Hall Masons of San Antonio Lodge No. 1, Star Tom Lodge No. 100 and Sisters of the Order of the Eastern Star arose early on a Saturday morning to show their support against Prostate Cancer during healing souls, inc.'s first Prostate Cancer Awareness Walk held at the Claude W. Black Community Center, Sept. 21.

The event was free to the public, and participants were encouraged to donate funds to assist in providing awareness to a form of cancer which according to American Cancer Society affects 1 out of every 6 men.

Healing souls, inc., whose primary mission is communal wellness, felt the need to address prostate cancer in consideration to one of staff members who is a survivor of this form of cancer.

Past Master Edward Jones, chief operations officer for healing souls, was diagnosed in his early 30's and advocates for men to start getting prostate checks before their 40th birthday.

"This Walk is just our first step in getting men to put their pride aside and get checked for prostate cancer," said P.M. Jones. "I simply went in for a routine physical, and shortly thereafter I was told that I had cancer."

Considering P.M. Jones' age, he was taken through a number of tests to prove the diagnoses.

He shared the fact that although prostate cancer is listed as a slow-growing cancer, it is one that if not treated, tends to spread to the patient's bones.



Healing souls shares P.M. Jones' case in hopes that men will realize that prostate cancer is seriously affecting men, but if caught early enough, can be controlled.

P.M. Jones said that most men do not know that a simple blood test can assist in early diagnoses. He suggested by simply asking your physician for a Prostate-Specific Antigen (P.S.A.) Test, it could be the difference between life and death.

Healing souls' founder, Sister Yolanda Potter, gave thanks to sponsors that assisted in the Walk's success.

Sponsors included San Antonio Parks & Recreation, the Claude Black Community Center, the San Antonio Chapter of the NAACP, Tha1Radio, San Antonio Lodge No. 1, Moussa Temple No. 106, Moussa Court No. 119, Britts & Associates, L.L.P., Urban Sophistication L.L.C., Access Dental, Sons of Solomon Motorcycle Club, Tamala Hamilton-Thompson of Noble Group Properties, Top Manage-

ment Firm, Elmcroft Senior Living Facilities, Copy Center of Stone Oak, and Noble Gentlemen of San Antonio.

Healing souls, inc. plans on making the walk an annual event that will assist in raising awareness to the disease and to hopefully do their part in providing funds to fight this form of cancer.



Noble Star Lodge No. 277 hosts Banquet, honors Newly Raised Masters Masons



Story by W.M. Dr. Ron Kelley (277)

SAN ANTONIO - Noble Star Lodge No. 277 of San Antonio hosted its annual Banquet at the Hilton Hotel, Aug. 3.

The Lodge had not held a banquet in many years, so it was an ambitious goal to bring back this tradition in a large-scale manner in the first year of a new administration.

The full-course-meal banquet was held in honor of the Lodge's 2013 Class. The Lodge Raised five new Master Masons who are outstanding members of the San Antonio community.

The new members included: Brothers Jeffrey Brown, William Ingram, Adrian Rudd, Miguel Elizarraras, and Christopher Black. Bro. Brown is an Air Force intelligence specialist and owner of several businesses. Bro. Ingram is a high-level manager (computer systems) for the University of Texas at San Antonio. Bro. Rudd is the owner of one of the city's premier barbershops and a recognized young, African-American entrepreneur

in the city. Bro. Elizarraras works with the leadership of the U.S. Army's Wounded Warrior Project. Bro. Black works in the corporate offices for the Kohl's retail corporation.

The banquet also included many of San Antonio's community leaders and representatives from various organizations including: Blue Bonnet Lodge No. 192, the Grand United Order of Odd Fellows, the

Knights of Pythias, the International United Order of Mechanics, the 100 Black Men of America, Kappa Alpha Psi, Alpha Phi Alpha, Omega Psi Phi, Alpha Kappa Alpha, Delta Sigma Theta, the Talented Tenth Scholars, the San Antonio Independent School District, and the Judson Independent School District.

This event raised thousands of dollars for the Lodge's various charitable endeavors. The banquet was featured in the media by being highlighted in the city's African-American directory as one of the featured events of the year.

Noble Star Lodge was one of the city's only organizations to receive a feature story and photo layout in the 2013 edition of the directory and now it will have its premier annual event also featured in the city's directory.

Noble Star's 2013 Banquet provided a much-deserved spotlight on the many great things that Prince Hall Masonry does in the Alamo City.



Noble Star Lodge No. 277 donates School Supplies



Story and photos by: Lodge Staff

SAN ANTONIO - Noble Star Lodge No. 277 donated a large amount of school supplies to Dorie Miller Academy, Aug. 29.

Dorie Miller Academy is an elementary school in the San Antonio Independent School District located in an economically disadvantaged area of the city.

The truckload of supplies was donated by the Lodge members, primarily Brother Angelo Gordon, the owner of Jamaica Jamaica Restaurant.

The Lodge presented the items to the students during the school day and the story was featured that

evening on Fox News.

Worshipful Master Dr. Ron Kelley, who is a former school principal, commended the Brothers for choosing to give back to students in need.

"One of the unique things about this project is that the school supplies were given out after the school year had already begun to ensure that any missing items that weren't purchased in earlier drives were provided," stated W.M. Kelley. "Many times, school supplies are completely forgotten about by charitable organizations once school has begun and students go for many months missing key sup-

plies."

Noble Star Lodge is especially dedicated to educational causes, having several former school administrators and college professors in its active membership.



Key West Lodge No. 257 helps celebrate Anniversary of Local Elementary School



Story by:
P.M. Patrick Brathwaite (257)

WICHITA FALLS, Texas - The Eastside Community celebrated the 50th Anniversary of Booker T. Washington Leopards/Washington Jackson Elementary, Sept. 7.

It was a beautiful event to witness. Memories and words of encouragement were rendered by the new Principal, Dr. Stephanie Phillips, Sister Josie Roberts (who reach the age of 99 the day prior), Opal Anders ('64 graduate), City Council Representative Annetta Pope-Dotson, School Board Representative Reginald Blow, The Nighthawks Football Team (with their Anti-bully Campaign Community Pledge), and Austin JaRaud Bailey, who sang the National Anthem.



J. Washington Lodge 191 hosts Family Day BBQ



Story by: Lodge Staff

CIBILO, Texas – More than 50 friends and family members enjoyed the different cuisines and events of J. Washington Lodge No. 191's first Family Day BBQ held at the residence of Worshipful Master Eddie Broadway, July 6.

The food entailed southern dishes, Latin America courses and homemade desserts by certified chef, Brother Mark "The Tower" Williams, the Lodge's Secretary.

Parents enjoyed great music, food and refreshments while the kids played games throughout the day. A bounce castle was also available for extra entertainment for the children.

This event will be held every year to bring the families together and thank them for their hard work in supporting the Brethren of the J. Washington Lodge No. 191.

During our many travels through life and around the world, we view many people, places, things and most of all, wonders that amaze the naked eye. The most astonish-

ing event that a Free and Accepted Mason can witness is the gift of fellowship amongst new Brethren.

Junior Warden Kevin Lindquist enjoyed such an opportunity during his visit to New ERA Lodge No. 107 located in Augusta, Ga.

He was greeting on the five points and invited into the Lodge Hall to witness the Initiation of five candidates. The Lodge's Master,

Bro. B. Porter and Senior Deacon Sean Daniels hosted a memorial ceremony that displayed the timeless traditions and rituals that bond the essence of Masonry and its heritage.

If a Brother travels to Augusta and is looking for a great place to fellowship, New ERA Lodge is highly recommended.

On Aug. 31, two Brothers of J. Washington Lodge No. 191 crossed the Burning Sands and were Created into Nobles of the Mystic Shrine in Moussa Temple No. 106. In all, five candidates were accepted amongst the Nobles, thus, building the ranks and support of the mission of the Shrine and its love of its community.

Additionally, the merging of Brothers with other organizations didn't stop there. Consisting primarily of military/ retiree members, the Lodge has four Brothers join the local VFW Post 8315 of Schertz. Planning efforts are in the near future to partner with VFW Post 8315 to maximize joint community service events.



Nolan Creek Lodge No. 227 hosts District Meeting, supports to “Back-to-School with God Program”



Story and photos by:
P.M. Freddy Jamerson (227)



Glory through song and praise dancing.

Another activities conducted was fire prevention led by the local Fire Department, which provide a tour of the fire truck.

During the program, members of Nolan Creek Lodge pass out donated school supplies to all the

school-aged students. On Sept. 15, the Lodge traveled to Bastrop, Texas to join District 14 in its celebration of Prince Hall Americanism Day hosted by Eureka Lodge No. 30 held at Macedonia First Baptist Church (Rev. C.A. Williams Sr.).

BELTON, Texas – Nolan Creek Lodge No. 227 hosted District 24's quarterly meeting held Aug. 3. After the meeting, members present sat down to a good meal and good fellowship.

During the month, the Lodge partnered with the Mt. Zion U.M. Church as part of their annual “Back to School with God Program”. The church's theme is the 3 “B”, Burgers, Back packs, and Bibles.

A host of actives was available throughout the annual program. Barbers were on hand to provide free haircuts and salons provided nail polishing.

Then the members moved into the Sanctuary to give God all the



New Light Lodge No. 242 does it Again



Story by: Bro. Michael Acierno (242)

KILLEEN, Texas - With summer vacations over and in preparation for children to head back to school, children and parents often find it difficult to get the needed school supplies when on a tight and or fixed budget, especially with today's trying times. Some families were prepared by the new school year while others needed assistance. This is when members of New Light Lodge No. 242 stepped in by providing children with back packs filled with school supplies, Aug. 17.

Joining forces with the community and the N.A.A.C.P. Back-to-School/Stay-in-School Program, children and parents got relief of the drudgery of just one more

preparation before school starts. This was one way to get children excited about going back to school and makes them look forward to getting back to school after a long vacation.

Stay-in-school incentive programs are becoming more popular and are being instituted in more and more areas designated to provide encouragement for positive results.

New Light Lodge has a definite correlation with the community and encourages students to stay in school.

"With this and the assistance they received, the we are sure the children will have more positive thoughts when they go back to school and a better understanding and inspiration to gain knowledge

knowing they have the support they need in which to get a good education," stated Worshipful Master Pete Borders.

In addition to donating the school supplies, the Lodge provided refreshment to the children and their parents.



SPOTLIGHT

Brother Roosevelt Petry Jr., a resident of Port Author, Texas, received his Bachelor's degree from Lamar University in Beaumont, Texas, and a few years later, he founded GP Industrial Contractors, Inc., a company specializing in building refineries and petrochemical plants. GP specializes in piping, steel fabrication, carpentry, janitorial, hole watch/ fire watch, warehousing, project management, maintenance, and engineering, which are just a few of the services his company offers.

Bro. Petry attributes all of his success to God and his wife, Marlene and doesn't think twice about giving back to the community. With a focus on youth education, he shared his knowledge as an instructor at Lamar University, teaching AutoCAD, Surveying and Drafting. He and his wife recently made a donation to create an endowment scholarship to Lamar State College, for nursing and engineering students in Port Arthur. Currently, he hosts the Roosevelt Petry Jr. Business Hour on KSAP 107.1—The Breeze, in Port Arthur. After Hurricane Rita, GP Industrial Contractors was there to help the small gulf coast community of Sabine Pass pick up the pieces by assisting in rebuilding it with the television show "Extreme Make-over".

Bro. Petry has served the community as Chairman of the Board of Commissioners of the Port Arthur Housing Authority; Chairman of the Port Arthur Economic Development Corporation AD HOC Committee to the Lamar Port Arthur Welding Program 1998; Vice President of the Construction Board of Construction and Appeals; Vice President of the Clean Community Commission; Nominated to Jefferson County Ap-



*Bro. Roosevelt Petry Jr.
Ever Ready Lodge No. 506
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Rosenburg, Texas*

praisal District; member of the Port Arthur Citizen Advisory Committee; member of the National Society of Black Engineers; member of the Port Arthur Rotary Club; Board of Directors for Junior Achievement and Board of Directors for the United Way. He also serves on the Military Academy Selection Board for the Congressional District and was a former Trust Member for U.S. Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison.

Over the years, his hard work and community involvement resulted in several honors and awards. In 2013, he received the Top 50 Black Professionals & Entrepreneurs Awards. In February 2013, he received the Outstanding Texan Award from the Texas Legislative Black Caucus. In December 2012, he received the S.T.E.M. award. In October 2012, he received the President's Award from Lamar State College-Port Arthur. In December 2007, Congressman

Ted Poe recognized him for his community involvement. Another great accomplishment was the Spirit Award in 2007 from the Republican Party. The most prestigious award he received was from the State of Texas House of Representatives in June 2011, recognizing his many contributions for giving back to local communities.

Other notable accomplished awards include: 2002 Lamar State College Port Arthur's Industrial Business of the Year Award; 2004 Houston Minority Business Council's Emerging Ten Award; 2004 Make Ready, Inc. 4th Annual Humanitarian Award; 2006 Port Arthur Economic Development Corporation's Business of the Year Award; Score's 2007 Businessman of the Year Award; 2007 KSAP 107.1 The Breeze Humanitarian Award; and he was featured in the National Society of Black Engineers in 2000.

Bro. Petry has shown that your environment and circumstances don't predict your future. With God's guidance and wisdom his hard work and perseverance has been the lifeblood of his success. Port Arthur's future is brighter because of Bro. Petry's continuing commitment and involvement in our community. He has seized the opportunity for success and has made every unselfish effort to share his monetary and moral support with his community and afford others the same opportunities in life.

Bro. Petry is a member of Ever Ready No. 506, Goodwill Consistory No. 238 (A.A.S.R.), and Doric Temple No. 76 (A.E.A.O.N.M.S.). He received his 33rd Degree in October 2013.

McCullough P. Wolridge Chapter No. 12 provides Meals at Ronald McDonald House

Story and photos by: Chapter Staff

HOUSTON – The Sisters of McCullough P. Wolridge Chapter No. 12 (O.E.S) and other guests volunteered at the Ronald McDonald House, Aug. 7.

The Ronald McDonald House-Houston offers a loving, home-like environment, where families can find support and share experiences with others while on their journey to overcome a critical childhood illness.

The Chapter served dinner to the guests staying at the facility and offered other treats as well.

"It is always an enlightening experience to go there and see how appreciative and humbling the guests for providing something as simple as dinner," said Sis. Aisha Marks. "For those who were unable to attend you really missed having a great time with these families, as well as our Sisters."

In attendance were Sisters Taia Smith, Alicia Shephard, Ameka



Jackson, Tasha Davidson, Veloria Watts, Chawanda Jackson, Jessica Jackson, Verlonda Procter, Aurelia Hill, Katelyn Harper, Gabby Velastigui, and Mona Scott.

"I was a great event for us all to come together and do something for those who needed it," said Sis. Marks.



Eastern Stars assist Star of Hope



Story by: Chapter Staff

HOUSTON – The Sisters of McCullough P. Wolridge Chapter No. 12 (O.E.S) donated deodorant for men and women, towels, baby blankets and gowns to the Star of Hope, Sept. 12.

After donating the items, the Chapter went into the distribution center to help sort through all the donations.

Star of Hope is a Christ-centered community dedicated to meeting the needs of homeless men, women and their children. Positive life changes are encouraged through structured programs which focus on spiritual growth, education, employment, life management and recovery from substance abuse.

On any given day, there are approximately 1,100 homeless men, women and children being helped

at the Men's Development Center, the Women and Family Emergency Shelter, the Transitional Living Center for Women & Families, and New Horizons.

Members in attendance were Sisters Taia Smith, Chawanda Jackson, Veloria Watts, Aisha Marks, Aurelia Hill, and Gabby Velastigui.

Fun, Fashion, & Feasting with Cubie Horton No. 14



Story and photos by:
P.M. Edward Jones (1)

SAN ANTONIO – Members of Cubie Horton Chapter No. 14 (O.E.S.) produce a spark to the fall

season. Known for their annual Prayer Breakfast, the membership decided to add a Fashion Show to its fall lineup which was held at Mt. Sinai Baptist Church, Sept. 7.

Sister Lynette De Vaughn-Baker served as the hostess for the day. Models consisted of members of the Chapter and local spiritual leadership.

The event boasted beautiful wear for the season while raising funds for the Chapter's charitable endeavors.

When asked about the success of the event, Worthy Matron Joyce Brown stated, "I am so please at the efforts of my Chapter, the fashion show participants, and the community for their support. All involved with the execution should be proud."

Continuing to make an impact in the community, the Chapter hosted its annual Prayer Breakfast at the Prince Hall Masonic Temple, Oct. 12.

With a spread that would challenge some of the best restaurants, the Chapter ensured guests got their fill of food and faith.

From the opening prayer given by Worthy Patron Anthony Davis, to the Lord's Word delivered by Pastor Cheryl Smith, the morning gave the guests the spiritual feast the event was intended to provide. In addition to the spoken Word of our Father, the guests were ministered through dance and song.



Eastern Stars help Community Register to Vote



Story by :

W.M. Vicki Lynne Edwards (66)

MESQUITE, Texas - Stars of Faith Chapter No. 66 and Queen of Sheba Chapter No. 51 combined

their efforts for participation in the Norris Wright Cuney Grand Chapter required voter registration drive held at Starplex Cinemas, Sept. 29. The event went as planned by Associate Matron Charronna

Chambers.

Special thanks to Worthy Matron Baloney from Queen of Sheba Chapter for her enthusiasm and Chapter's support of the program.

Stars of Essence Chapter No. 71 continues to conduct Community Outreach



Story by: Chapter Staff

SUGARLAND, Texas - The Stars of Essence Chapter No. 71 members participated in numerous community outreach activities during the summer.

These events included the "Healthy Hand Washing" at Seven

Star Baptist Church Health Fair, Fort Bend's 7-on-7 Sports League First Aid & Health Awareness Fair, and "Health Eating" at Sugarland's Annual Back-to-School Health Fair.

The Chapter, with support from the Robert E. Connor Youth Fraternity, provided information on "Healthy Eating-Fruits & Vegetables" at 18th Annual B.E.A.T. Community Health Awareness event.

The Chapter also had children color brown paper bags and write the children's names on them. The bags will be used to make fruit bags for the Chapter's November visit to the local nursing home.



Covenant Sisters conduct Voter Registration Drive



Story and photos by: Chapter Staff

DALLAS - Covenant Sisters Chapter No. 74 conducted a Voters Registration Drive at Minyard's Food Store, Sept. 21.

The registration drive, which was held from 8 – 10 a.m., was accomplished to ensure that people in the local community are registered to vote in the upcoming state elections which will be on November 5, 2013.



Texas Holy Royal Arch Masons host Leadership Symposium



Story and photos by:
H.H.P. Burrell Parmer (16)

KILLEEN, Texas – The Leadership from the M.E. Prince Hall Grand Chapter Holy Royal Arch Masons of Texas and its subordinate Chapters met at the Marriott Courtyard Hotel for their annual Leadership Symposium, Aug. 10.

The symposium, hosted by Mt. Sinai Chapter No. 42 (Central Region), provided the Companions with more than nine lectures and topics of discussion to include, but not limited to: a Leadership Lecture by Past Conference Grand High Priest Roosevelt Huggins, Building Effective Leaders by District Deputy Grand High Priest Michael Berry, a Leadership Lecture by Comp. T.J. Carson, and a business presentation by the CARD company regarding their Masonic Discount Card called “The Pass”.

The training was facilitated by M.E. Grand High Priest Willie J. Tate who told all in attendance to pay close attention to the lectures

and topics.

“Leadership teaches us this. To be successful, you must have a program for people to come to,” said G.H.P. Tate. “We’re going to talk a lot about leadership today.”

He posed a question to the attendees of how many were elected because of the work they have done in their respective Chapters; not through gerrymandering or politicking.

“I asked that question because many times we say let the work speak for us. This is within our meetings but in the community who speaks for us,” said G.H.P. Tate. “All I am trying to do is provoke your thoughts about leadership in your community.”

After lunch, additional topics were discussed to include professional development and the recognition of Royal and Select Masters within the Jurisdiction of Texas.

The symposium concluded with a wrap up by G.H.P. Tate and information regarding the 2014 York Rite Weekend to be held in Killeen,

Jan. 30 – Feb. 2, 2014. For more information and to register visit www.mephgcoftexas.org.



Rebecca Court No. 2 hosts Autumn Grace



Story by:
M.A.M. Karen Allen-Mirabeau (2)

SAN ANTONIO – Heroines of Rebecca Court No. 2 held their Fall Prayer Breakfast "Autumn Grace" at the Masonic Hall, Sept. 28.

A number of members from various Masonic organizations within the 19th District attended, along with members from the local Elk's Lodge.

Highlights on the program included: Brother Raven R. Mirabeau, an Air Force Tech Sergeant with Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland Air Force Base, performing the Flag Presentation and POW/MIA Ceremony.

Sister Rosie Jones of Christopher Delight Chapter No. 1, Order of the Eastern Star provided her vocal talents, mentors and members of Yellow Roses of Texas Youth Fraternity performed a skit called "Legacy", and Rev. Cheryl Smith served as the speaker of the hour.

The officers and members of Rebecca Court also presented Sinclair Elementary School with a col-

lection of school supplies for children that are in need

According to guests who attended, the event was a great success.



Lone Star Grand Guild hosts Annual Training Conference at Grand Masonic Temple



Story by: G.P.C. R. Lucille Samuel

FORT WORTH – The Lone Star Grand Guild, Heroines of the Templars Crusade held its annual Training Conference Weekend at the Grand Masonic Temple, Sept. 27 – 28.

Events began with a casino trip to Winstar in Oklahoma, which always jump starts the weekend with great fun and fellowship.

On Saturday, Grand Guild opened its annual Training Conference where 17 candidates were initiated. Due to the increase in membership, a new Guild will be organized in Texas City in November 2013.

Line Officers Training was conducted and a Skit was performed by members of St. Cecil Guild No. 2 and other members of various

Guilds.

The Grand Guild received visitation from R.E. Grand Commander Ronald D. Gerac and members of the Lone Star Grand Commandery, as well as, M.W. Grand Master Wilbert M. Curtis.

All Guilds donated toys in support of the 5th Annual Prince Hall Masonic Family Christmas Toy Drive.

In the evening, members attended the Black and White Banquet held at Grand Masonic Temple. Sir Knight Charles Lilly and the Jewel Lewis Choir shared songs of Praise. Dr. Freda Noell of Fort Worth was the keynote speaker.

Special Deputy Grand Prince Captain Pamela Mitchell of Trinity Guild No. 1 of Dallas was awarded Deputy of the Year. A check for

\$400 was donated to Kids off the Streets (K.O.S.) of Dallas and \$500 was donated to the Robert E. Conner Masonic Youth Camp.

The Lone Star Grand Guild continues to grow and lead the way within the Prince Hall Family.



Texas Council of Assemblies Order of the Golden Circle

"May the Peace of the Lord be always with you."



*Loyal Lady Shirley Henry Gideon
State Grand Loyal Lady Ruler
Texas Council of Assemblies
Order of the Golden Circle*

"There are two ways of spreading Light: to be the candle or the mirror that reflects it."

Greetings:

Texas Council of Assemblies wishes to thank each and every Loyal Lady who celebrated Prince Hall Day by attending church on that Grand Masonic Day.

We will host the United Supreme Council in Houston in 2014. Ladies you will be receiving information concerning committees formed for this grand affair. We have some Ladies who designated their choice and we are forever grateful to them.

Texas was represented at the United Supreme Council held in Greensboro, NC this year. Joining my were the following Ladies: Hazel Scott, Anna Harris-Howell, Debra Edmonds, Francis Smith, Nelda Harper, Barbie Butler, Lynell Curtis, Patricia Connors, Claudine Forbes, Marilyn Forbes, Charmaine Huggins, and Beverly Ware (Lifetime No. 306). We all enjoyed the many activities to include North Carolina A&T Gospel Choir and the Old School Concert with The Manhattans. And of course a moving Sunday Service with a somber Sunday evening Memorial Service. A day of shopping and tour of the HBC's followed.

The Golden Circle Meeting with Sovereign Grand Commander Deary Vaughn was informative with a question and answer time. The Committee of Ladies for the Golden Circle were introduced, as were the Sirs who serve on the Committee for the Golden Circle.

Texas Council of Assemblies has been represented at several occasions in and around the state. Central Texas Assembly No. 306 held a Past Loyal Lady Ruler Luncheon attended by guests and Loyal Ladies. Dal-Worth Assembly No. 31 held their 3rd Annual Golden Affair, where the local Consistory joined the Ladies for the first time, but vowed this would not be their last. We commend their togetherness. We have visited a living facility for senior citizens, participated in the back-to-school book bag program and fed needy families.

Ladies of Texas Council of Assemblies will be participating in the Prince Hall Masonic Family's Christmas Giveaway sponsored by the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Texas. Donations and gifts are to be brought to Mid-Winter Session in Fort Worth, Nov. 8 – 9, where I will be in attendance.

May the Grace and Mercy of the Lord continue to rain down on us, His children of the Light.

Peace and Unity!

Shirley Henry Gideon

Sons of Solomon Motorcycle Club continues to provide Support to their Community



Story by: Sons of Solomon Motorcycle Club, San Antonio Chapter

SAN ANTONIO - Sons of Solomon Motorcycle Club, San Antonio Chapter continues to support the city and surrounding communities. One of the many activities the club supported was healing souls' 1st Annual Prostate Cancer Awareness Walk held at the Claude W. Black Community Center, Sept. 21.

Prostate Cancer is the second most common cancer among men. African-American men experience a higher rate of prostate cancer than any other ethnicity group. Early detection is the key to fighting prostate cancer. Since the early 1990's, when prostate cancer screenings began in the United States, the mortality rate has dropped significantly.

Recently, the club became a sponsor of a Pop Warner youth football team. The Pop Warner Program exists to use football, cheerleading, dance and a respect for education to develop strong, smart, responsible, healthy young men and women.

Members of the club gave the "Eastside Raiders" experiences that build their appreciation for and understanding of leadership, teamwork, and discipline.

Sons of Solomon showed their support in the city of Cibolo where members provided assistance in the set-up for the Annual Cibolo-Fest.

The Cibolo Fest included fun, food, exhibits, rides and the patterning of runners and walkers. This annual event, which began in 2009, hosted a variety of entertain-

ment for the whole family.

In addition, the club visited Westridge Park First Baptist Church in San Antonio to provide assistance with the church's annual Women's Day Program. Members of the club served as ushers.

The Sons of Solomon Motorcycle Club of San Antonio strives to use the tenants of Prince Hall Freemasonry to cement a bond with the local community with continuous involvement through charitable works.



HISTORICAL CORNER



By:
G.J.W. Frank Jackson (85)
Grand Historian

Kemetian Masonic Lodge of Research

Vision / Mission:

- To institute an organized system of study and inquiry into the epistemology of Free Masonry and the African American Masonic experience in particular.
- To foster processes designed to empower the Prince Hall Masonic Family in its aspirations towards developing a preeminent fraternal order.
- To nurture the evolution of a Masonic Craft, capable of continuously improving its abilities to provide excellence in leadership & methods of human uplift, in the myriad of diverse and ever evolving power matrices on the frontiers of cultural change.

ARTICLE I

Section I – Name

This Lodge of Research shall be known as the “Kemetian Masonic Research Lodge.” It is a part of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Texas & Jurisdictions but Maintains a separate status as a non-profit organization. As such it is governed by the Laws of the State of Texas (U.S.A) in regards to not for profit organizations.

Section II – General Communications

There shall be no less than four meetings a year i.e. Vernal Equinox, Summer Solstice, Autumnal Equinox & Winter Solstice. The time and place of these meetings will be determined at the first meeting of the New Year, on or about the time of the Vernal (Spring) Equinox. A minimum of two of the scheduled meetings must be used only for Research Work e.g. Presentations, lectures, short talks, debates, think tanks, etc.

Section III – Special Communications

A Special Communication of this body shall be held on order of the Worshipful Master of the Lodge of Research. The time and place for assembling shall be so stated.

Section IV – Purpose of Special Communications

The Purpose of the Special Communications shall be so stated in the call and no other Business shall be transacted.

Section V – QUORUM

The Quorum at the General Communications shall be a minimum of five (5) Research Members holding voting rights.

Section VI – Interim Communication Business

During the Interim between Communications, the Worshipful Master, Senior Warden, Secretary and Treasurer are authorized to attend to any financial obligations or needs of this Lodge of Research. A proper record of transactions must be filed and presented in Detail at the next Communication.

ARTICLE III

Section I – Types of Membership

Research Member:

For Prince Hall Freemasons of Texas and its Jurisdictions only. Each Research Member carries one vote. Research Members shall be Titled – RM and a number corresponding to the time they joined (e.g. – Brother I. H. Clayborn who was the tenth Research Member would be so titled Brother I. H. Clayborn RM10, with CRM10 denoting that he is a Charter Research Member.

Associate Research Member:

For Regular Freemasons only. Regular being defined as any Master Mason who is a member of any Grand Lodge recognized as being regular by the M.W.P.H. Grand Lodge of Texas or the United Grand Lodge of England. Special exceptions to the rule may be made by a unanimous vote. The only Associate Research Member that carries a vote is Associate Research Members who are also members of the Board of Directors. Associate Research Members shall be titled ARM and a number corresponding to the time they joined, e.g. Brother I. H. Clayborn who was the tenth Associate Research Member would be so titled Brother I. H. Clayborn ARM10, with CARM10 denoting that he is a Charter Research Member.

Affiliate Member:

For Freemasons, Non-Masons and Masonic Bodies.

Section II – LITERARY AND FINANCIAL REQUIREMENTS

Research Member:

The Literary Requirement for this membership is to submit a minimum of one short talk on the subject of Freemasonry every two years and one full-scale lecture every five years. The financial requirement for this membership is \$33.00 per year. That fee includes a yearly subscription to the quarterly publication of the Lodge of Research, but not the annual publication.

Associate Research Member:

The Literary Requirement for this membership is to submit a minimum of one short talk on the subject of Freemasonry, every two years. The financial requirement for this membership is \$15.00 per year. The fee includes a yearly subscription to the quarterly publication of the Lodge of Research, but not the annual publication.

Affiliate Member:

The financial requirement for this membership is \$24.00 per year. The fee includes a yearly subscription to the quarterly publication of the Research Lodge, but not the annual publication.

We are requesting a printing of the first 3 Articles of the Kemetic Lodge of Research in the upcoming issue of the PHA magazine for Those wishing to join. Brothers may contact Grand Junior Warden Frank D. Jackson at:

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Fraternally,

Frank D. Jackson

Free & Accepted Masons of St. John Lodge No. 12



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CHAPPELL HILL, Texas - An enduring community must have moral strength and vision, and a fabric of caring and benevolence. The church was essential to families in its roles of teaching faith and morals and forming benevolent societies.

St. John Lodge No. 12 is one such society. As an important symbol for Chappell Hill, it remains a treasured landmark. It served to create harmony with a spirit of Brotherhood and earned the respect of non-African Americans because they shared the same

unique set of values.

Within the black community the Lodge fostered strong values of mutual responsibilities that contributed significantly to the social and educational fabric of the community.

This once two-story building provided opportunities for various groups to meet and fellowship.

Lessons-learned here echoed the teachings from home, school and church on the importance of building good relationships, basic integrity, and strong leadership skills.

The groups using the facility included: The M.L. Lyons Palace No.

223, the Free & Accepted Masons, the Heroines of Jericho of Beacon Light Court No. 30 and the Order of the Eastern Star.

(M.W. Henderson D. Winn, the 12th Grand Master of The Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Texas (1916-1925) was a member of St. John Lodge No. 12.)

Editor visits Tri-District Meeting in Louisiana



Story by: G.E. Burrell Parmer (1)
Photos by:
D.D.G.M. at Large Michael Maffett,
M.W.P.H.G.L. of La.

DELHI, La. – "Visiting is undoubtedly a central pillar of Freemasonry. At the simplest level, it is the opportunity to share comradship, to enjoy each other's company, and as we move from 'labour to refreshment' to enjoy the society of the Festive Board. But of course, visiting another Lodge (or jurisdiction) offers much more than this, it provides opportunities to exchange ideas, to achieve a better understanding of the ceremony, and to make a fuller, more complete sense of the ritual," Bro. J.J.P. Goody, United Grand Lodge of England.

I had the pleasure of being invited to a Tri-District Meeting held at New Delhi Lodge No. 184 within the Jurisdiction of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Louisiana, Oct. 26.

This was an historic occasion as District Deputy Grand Master Bishop Rodney McFarland held his

first Tri-District Meeting after been appointed the Deputy for Districts 11, 12 and 13 which encompasses much of Northeast Louisiana.

According to D.D.G.M. McFarland, this is the first time within the history of the Grand Lodge that a District Deputy has been given the responsibility for three Districts simultaneously.

A native of Monroe, La., this was my first time visiting a Masonic Body within the state and it was a pleasure to witness D.D.G.M. McFarland at work.

It was also a pleasure to see two of my first cousins, Brothers David Rogers and Nathaniel Stanley, in attendance from Pride of Mer Rouge Lodge No. 190. It was also a unique pleasure to meet two Brothers who attended the meeting who were 99 and 94 years old.

Towards the end of the meeting, D.D.G.M. McFarland delivered an outstanding lecture on the Middle Chamber which drew rounds of applause from the Brethren.

Behold how good and how pleasant it is for Brethren to dwell together in Unity...

I wish thank Bro. Dennis Holman, a good, humble Brother and D.D.G.M. McFarland for allowing myself, Past Masters Tony Jordan and Shannon Gregory for the opportunity to visit and fellowship with them and their members.



Service Members should start Saving Early for Retirement

Story by: Terri Moon Cronk
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON (Oct. 15, 2013) - It's never too soon to start saving for retirement, Barbara Thompson, the director of the Defense Department's office of family policy/children and youth advised service members today.

Enlistees as young as 18 might not be thinking about saving for retirement or the importance of their Thrift Savings Plan, but that's when they should, because retirement creeps up quickly, Thompson said.

"The vast majority of service members don't go the full 20 years for military retirement, so they need to, from the very beginning, think about their futures," she said. "When [service members] get out of the military, they will have something to show in a retirement plan they've had all along while serving."

Sometimes "you have to start small, because that's what you can afford, but the goal is to build up, so you're saving more and more every year," Thompson said.

The Thrift Savings Plan, Thompson said, offers two types of approaches: one that is tax-deferred until age 59-and-a-half when taxes on that money will be paid; and the Roth Thrift Savings Plan, in which taxes are paid up front.

"It's an individual decision based on [service members'] circumstances, and I would highly suggest they utilize the financial resources that DOD provides," Thompson said.

Saving for retirement is not only about financial readiness, it's also critical for service members' financial well-being, she said. And DOD

offers numerous resources to help with retirement account guidance, Thompson added. Military OneSource has financial counselors who are available by phone, online or in person, she said. Its online calculations also show service members how their savings will develop over time.

Military installations offer personal financial managers at base family centers, Thompson added. The counselors are certified in financial counseling and can help families decide which of the two plans best meet their needs. Banks and credit unions also offer financial education, and the Thrift Savings Plan website offers a

wealth of information as well, Thompson said.

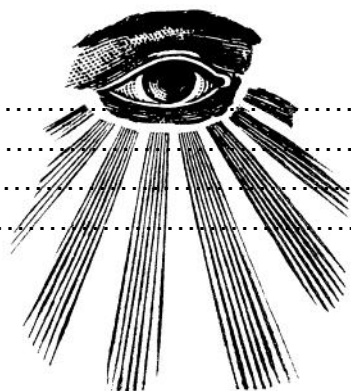
Regardless of the Thrift Savings Plan service members and families choose, they should periodically revisit their retirement accounts and stay informed by researching financial matters, Thompson said.

"It's not now, it's the future you need to be thinking of," she said. "We're seeing a trend in the United States [in which] people are reaching retirement age and they're realizing they may not have enough [money] as they get into their 80s and 90s. You want to make sure all those years are covered so you don't become a burden to your children or to society."



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