On Friday, January 11, 2014 the Annual Deputy and Overseer meeting was held at The Cathedral in Philadelphia, PA. **Picture top seated from L to R:** Ill. Frederick O. Dobson, Sr., Treasurer General H.E., Dr. Murphy J. Keller III, MWGM of PA, Ill. Basil Sands, Lieutenant Grand Commander, Ill. Dr. Solomon Wallace, Sovereign Grand Commander, Ill. Melvin Bazemore, Grand Minister of State, Ill. Lorenzo Cruger, Secretary General H.E., Ill. Ivory M. Buck, Jr., Grand Recorder and standing center is Ill. Raynard W. Hughes, Cathedral Secretary. Also pictured are the Deputies, Overseers, Assistants to the Deputies and other invited guest. Pictured below, meeting in progress.
Greetings

Time is fast approaching for our 133rd Annual Session. We will assemble in the Orient of Ohio, City of Cincinnati. I, along with the Deputy, S.G.I.G. Sidney Broadnax, and his Orient will be excited to welcome you, to this great State. The Orient has worked very hard in preparing for your coming. Please be mindful that this Session brings together Loyal Ladies, friends, families and supporters of the United Supreme Council. Kindly take some time to enjoy the fun that the city of Cincinnati has to offer.

My congratulations to the Class of 2014. Your hard work, commitment and dedication have resulted in your elevation. I cannot thank you enough for your continued support of the United Supreme Council's programs and that of this Sovereign Grand Commander, in particular.

Let us continue to pray for our President Barack Obama and other leaders as they turn to God for answers in making the right decisions.

Let us remember our men and women who serve in the Military and pray that they return to their loved ones safe and sound.

ILLUSTRIOUS SOLOMON WALLACE, 33°
SOVEREIGN GRAND COMMANDER

The Death Angel did not bypass this Northern Jurisdiction. Several of our members have acquired new homes and are now citizens in Heaven. They are gone but not forgotten.

"He is not here; for He is risen". Matthew 28:6

May the Spirit of the Christ child be with you now and forever!

Please mark your calendars now and make plans to join us on May 22nd – 26th, 2015, for the 134th Annual Session to be held in Chicago, Illinois.

God be with you until we meet again.

Fraternally,

Dr. Solomon Wallace, 33°
Sovereign Grand Commander

Official Summons

To all Sovereign Grand Inspectors General and Grand Inspectors General of the Thirty Third and Last Degree of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry and Honorary Members of the United Supreme Council, Prince Hall Affiliation, Northern Jurisdiction, USA, Inc.

Take Due Notice That

The One Hundred and Thirty-Third Annual Session of the United Supreme Council, since the Union will be held at the Cincinnati Millennium Hotel, Cincinnati, Ohio, on Friday, May 23, 2014 – Tuesday May 27, 2014.

BY ORDER OF

III. DR. SOLOMON WALLACE, 33°
Sovereign Grand Commander

Attest: III. Lorenzo Cruger, Sr., 33°
Secretary General Holy Empire
The 133rd United Supreme Council Session will be held in the Valley of Cincinnati, Orient of Ohio on May 22 thru May 27, 2014. You should try to make the best of your trip. An extra day may make the trip a memory to remember. There are many things to see there and some that come to mind are: The Zoo and Botanical Garden located at 3400 Vine Street (513-281-4700), you can contact them for details. The National Underground Railroad Freedom Center (513-333-7500) and the Contemporary Arts Center (513-345-8400). Another item which may be of interest is the John A. Roebling Suspension Bridge, (between Ohio and Kentucky) once the longest bridge of its type in the world built in 1866. Other points of interest may be found on line just go to Cincinnati and enjoy the choices. Looking forward to seeing you there safely in Ohio. Where required, remember to bring ALL of your medicines with you.

Please continue sending articles and photos of interesting events that are happening in your respective Orients. Remember, the dead line for the fall edition is SEPTEMBER 1st and the spring edition is MARCH 1st. Please forward all articles to me, in a timely manner.

Please send clear glossy photos separately with your article. Digitally generated originals preferred, (NO DUPLICATED PICTURE). Those photos received that are not of good print quality will not be featured in the Bulletin. Feel free to send your article and pictures, via Email to embrooksii@comcast.net. For those of you who are not comfortable sending Emails, you may send a hard copy of both your article and photos to 4 Independence Court, Boothwyn, PA 19061. All pictures will become the property of the Bulletin. If you would like your photos returned please provide an S.A.S.E. and they will be returned.

It is with humble submission that I greet you. I would like to give all praises to our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ for all his many blessings bestowed upon me. First, I would like to say that I am very appreciative to serve as your Cathedral Secretary for our historic fraternal organization.

It is my hope that I will perform the duties of managing and overseeing our historic and grandiose facility. The Cathedral is not only our headquarters but it is a shining beacon throughout the United Supreme Council, Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry, Prince Hall Affiliation, Northern Jurisdiction, U.S.A. Inc. Our historical archives are loaded with memories of the many Illustrious Peers that have been elevated in the Senate Chamber. Did you know that the Cathedral has a grand library full of Masonic literature, the Sovereigns Chair, and there is a Scottish Rite degree meeting room, which is presently being used today? I encourage you to visit the Cathedral when you are in the Philadelphia area to see this stupendous facility?

The Cathedral is open daily for operations. However, if you are thinking about touring The Cathedral, the hours are as follows: Monday – Friday, 10:00AM – 3:30PM, and weekends by appointments (for large groups). If you are thinking about touring the facility, please contact us at 215-545-2443. We look forward to seeing you in the near future.
Reports follow:

**Orient of Michigan**

**GIG Horace J. Jackson, 33°, Director, Mentoring Program**

The Sovereign Grand Commander’s Mentoring program continues to progress in the participating orients and congratulations are in order for the Deputies and Fraters involved.

*Thank you Mentors!* Your tireless efforts are greatly appreciated.

The mid-year 2013 – 2014 Progress Report includes:

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**Orient of Illinois/Valley of Chicago**

**SGIG Melvin Frierson, 33° - Deputy of the Orient**

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**Orient of Indiana/Valley of Gary**

**SGIG Robert E. Thomas, 33° - Deputy of the Orient**

GIG Harold R. Jones, 33° - Coordinator

Our Mentoring Program has been placed on hold due to circumstances beyond our control. There are some internal administrative issues the school district is dealing with at this present time. At the same time some of our Mentors have had to deal with some personal and health related problems of their own. However, we are anxious to press on and we will as soon as possible.

**Orient of Massachusetts/Valley of Boston**

**SGIG Henry L. Owens, 33° - Deputy of the Orient**

Coordinators

GIG Justin A. Petty, 33° and GIG Ian G. Wilson, 33°

This report is an update on the status of our mentoring program, Saving the American Male: “From Cradle to College” for the Orient of Massachusetts. Since our last report, we must say that progress has been slowly moving along due to several factors. There seems to be a lot of re-organizational moves underway within the City of Boston’s School Department. This is the school system that we will be closely aligned and working with to accomplish our goals for this mentoring program to be successful.

We have been in contact with Dr. Carroll Blake, Executive Director of the Achievement Gap and our direct liaison to the School Department who is aware of our desire to move forward with this program.

**Orient of Michigan/Valley of Detroit**

**Mentoring Progress Report**

**SGIG Christopher Buck, 33° - Overseer**

**GIG Horace J. Jackson, 33° - Coordinator**

**Mentoring Motto: “Learn Enough to Earn Enough”**

The following Fraters comprise our Mentoring Team:

- SGIG Christopher Buck, Overseer, Advisors SGIGs Robert P. Lewis, Clarence Stone, Wayne Phillips, GIGs Horace J. Jackson, Chairman, John Clowney, Kenneth Carter, Lee Yancy, Reginal Lee, Karl D’Abreu, John Bostic, SPs Kevin Leapheart (CIC), Darryl Sanders, Gerald Carney

In September we established our Mentoring schedule for the entire school year; running from October through May. Our Mentors have participated in five mentoring sessions so far this year. Wolverine Consistory #6 Mentors volunteered 208 hours of service so far this school year.

This year we’ve added Allen Academy to our Mentoring Program, where we are mentoring to eighteen young men. We had a former NFL quarterback turned professional chef, Antonio Merritt, speak to the young men and he also displayed his culinary skills by cooking for and feeding all those in attendance. (Mr. Merritt is the Executive Chef and Owner of Connections Catering). We contributed 126 hours of service to Allen Academy. We appreciate the assistance and support we received from Principal, Mrs. Monique Phillips and we look forward to a long and productive association with Allen Academy.

In addition to our regular monthly mentoring sessions, we participated in the Annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration and March held in January, at MLK, Jr., Senior High School.

**Orient of New Jersey/Valley of Newark**

**SGIG Arthur R. Crawford, 33° - Deputy of the Orient**

**SGIG Harry McDowell, 33°, Coordinator**

“Saving the African American Male: From the Cradle to College”

Our Mentors are ready and willing to continue going forward with the program, however we cannot proceed with the Mentoring Program in Newark until the District gives us the go-ahead after it resolves some of its own issues (as was reported previously). We are still in the process of studying the feasibility of starting another program in the southern or central part of the state, as we wait to see what will happen in Newark.

Our Mentors are: Harry McDowell, Kelvin Evans, Bryan Morris, Shelton Prescott, Tisan Dawud, Clyde Horton, Garrett Winn, Ronald Blakely, Shelton McCall, Edward Perrin, Shadrack Bynum, Anthony Kirksey, Darren Burton, Mark...
Armstead, Calvin Lockhart, Carlton Roberts, Keith Harvest and Kevin Harris.

We hope the issues in Newark will be resolved soon, so that our anxious Mentors can get back to work on this very important program and we hope to establish another program in the state in the near future.

Orient of Ohio/Valley of Cleveland
Mentoring Progress Report
SGIG Sidney D. Broadnax, Jr., 33° - Deputy

The Chairman stated “we continue to promote the Sovereign Grand Commander’s Vision of Saving the African American Male: From the Cradle to College, for we believe this to be a most important and worthwhile endeavor. We believe our program is a success and has been a success from the beginning”.

The Mentors are: SGIG Leonard B. Jackson Chairman; SGIG Carl A. Williams Co-Chairman; GIG Mark A. Ledger Coordinator; GIG William Spence Commander-In-Chief; SGIGs Charles W. Hales; Ival Angel; Rev. Hilton O. Smith; Leo C. Beavers; GIGs Louis C. Croheron; Melvin Pyles; Gregory F. Clifford; Prestor Pickett; James O. Provitt; James Robinson W.M.; Luke Davis; Terrell Pruitt; Edward Washington; Richard Maxey; SPs Aaron Jackson W.M.; Joseph White W.M.; Leroy Watson; Aman Gamble

For more information on our Mentoring Program please see the Ohio Council Report.

Orient of Pennsylvania/Valley of Philadelphia
Mentoring Progress Report
SGIG George M. Calloway, 33° - Deputy

The following quote from one of our own Mentees is an inspiring way to begin our report:

“For the start I was expected to lose. Everything I have right now is mostly because I defied what the world concluded about me before I could even speak a word in my defense. And my defense is that I am just as capable as any person to do great things. Like you, I think about all the things this world could achieve if only every child was given the right tools. Mentoring is the right tool and it is the way to the American Dream.”

EAN GARRETT, MENTEE

The Pennsylvania Council of Deliberation has sponsored the Mentoring Program in the Valley of Philadelphia for the past five years and this is our third year at the Huey School. Our Mentors represent what is best in African-American men. They are active in the order and give time, knowledge and treasure to maintain a progressive African-American society. And their work is proof positive that they want to save the African-American male. We meet with our Mentees once a month on the third Friday at about 2 o’clock (before meeting with the Mentees the Mentors meet at about 1 o’clock, to review strategy for the Mentoring Session to follow).

The Philadelphia School District has gone under dramatic and drastic changes since we began our mentoring program at Huey school in 2011. The school district is operating with a 350 million dollar deficit. The school district opened the 2013-2014 school years with cuts in supportive school personnel: secretaries, counselors, classroom and lunch room aids, etc. In spite of all of the changes in the Philadelphia School System, we have found the Huey School Principal, John W. Spencer (a Sublime Prince), its faculty and students receptive to our mission.

The participating Mentors are:
SGIGs Otis Hightower, Barrington Lessene, Eugene Saunders, GIGs William Crawford, George Dixon, Elmer Evans, Leroy Patience, Benjamin Robinson, Thomas Vaughan, Robert Wyatt, and SPs Keith Richardson and John W. Spencer

Orient of Washington & Oregon/Valley of Tacoma
Mentoring Progress Report
SGIG Daniel L. Lunsford, 33° - Deputy

Our fraters have volunteered 2000 hours collectively so far this school year. We are continuing to attempt to recruit more fraters to assist in the program. Our Mentors are list below:

SGIG Daniel L. Lunsford, 33°, Deputy of the Orient, Advisor GIGs Arthur T. Broady, (Deputy’s Assistant), Vincent King (CIC), Nelson Trahan, Donald Bell, Fred Edward, Julian Harris, Donald Scott, Julius Brown, SPs James E. Wright, Levet Brown, Jr., Waverly Moore, Zachary Fairley, Ronald Carpenter, and Vernon Richardson

Our Fraters are making this Orient better every day. All members have completed the Scottish Rite USC and the School District Applications. We are determined to directly affect the Drop-out Rate of young African-American males and we believe that the Sovereign Grand Commander’s Vision is right on target and it’s an excellent way to impact our youth in a positive manner.

We are continually trying to grow our program. Looking for ways to reach the youth with what we have to offer. We won’t rest until we have every capable Frater in our Orient giving at least one to two hours a week to mentoring youth in our program.

Alaska Council
GIG Clifford Hastings, 33º
Overseer for Alaska

The 52nd Annual Council of Deliberation for the Orient of Alaska was held on Saturday October 5, 2013 at the West Mark Hotel in Fairbanks AK. The meeting convened at 09:00 am, and was open in ritualistic form by Commander –in- Chief Aubrey M. Hendrix of Top of the World Consistory #102 with the assistance of members of Northern Light Consistory #72. III. Clifford Hastings was received by the CIC Hendrix and members and was given honors.

After arriving in the East and receiving the gavel of authority, III. Hastings proceeded by receiving the Grand Inspector Generals. He then received Most Worshipful Grand Master, Curtis E.B. Harris, who was escorted to the East where he was given proper honors. After all dignitaries were received and seated appropriately within the Chambers, he proceeded with the reading of the Proclamation, followed by his Allocution. In his Allocution he reported that the Grim Reaper had pasted over our Orient and that we were blessed, and covered many other items of importance.
After all committee reports were finalized, Ill. Hastings called on MWGM Harris, who gave encouraging remarks. He said that he was elated to attend Ill. Hastings’ first COD, and Ill. Hastings thanked him for his presence.

We broke for lunch at 12:00 pm, and we joined the Loyal Ladies and had an enjoyable meal and conversation.

After returning from lunch the meeting reconvened and the first order of business was the elections and nominations of candidates for the 33rd degree. He stated that he was proud to say that Sublime Princes Gregory Holmes and John A. Robinson were nominated and elected to receive the last degree as members of the Class of 2015.

We visited the State Grand Assembly where Ill. Hastings was received by the SGLLR Jerrie Coleman and LLR Susan Robinson and other Loyal Ladies. He then returned to the Commanders of the Rite meeting where we gave out $1200.00 dollars in scholarships and grants. Past Vice President Fredy Ready Sr. was elected the new President of the Commanders of the Rite. The meeting was well received and productive, harmony prevailed.

Bahamas Council

SGIG Roscow Davies, 33°
Deputy for the Bahamas

The 51st Annual Council of Deliberation (COD) was held at Royal Eagle Lodge’s Masonic Temple in Nassau, New Providence on the weekend of September 20-21, 2013. Activities got underway on Friday September 20th when eleven Knights, having accepted the truth that “Greater love hath no man than that of laying down his life for his friends”, they received the 32° Degree and were received as Sublime Princes of the Royal Secret.

The 51st Annual Council of Deliberation was opened on Saturday 21st. Our host for the Session was the Officers and Members James E. Morley Consistory #73, GIG James S. Hutcheson, Sr., 33°, Commander-in-Chief

Representatives included GIGs and SPs from the two Consistories in New Providence and Grand Bahama. We were pleased to welcome Lieutenant Grand Commander SGIG Basil L. Sands, 33°, Deputy Grand Master GIG Leslie M. Dean, 33°, SGIG Arthur D. Hanna, 33°, and representatives of other Concordant Bodies in the Orient.

The Deputy’s Allocution and Officers Reports were well received and provided relevant information for future action. During the meeting, Sublime Princes Fernley Palmer, 32° and Shane Moncur, 32° were nominated to receive the 33rd Degree as members of the Class of 2015.

The Annual Scottish Rite Dinner was held in the evening where the Fraters were joined by family members and friends for an evening of fellowship and recognition of members for their contribution to the progress of Scottish Rite Freemasonry in the Orient.

During the year, we recorded with regrets the passing of Ill. Spurgeon H. Smith, 33°, of Leo Calvin Newton Consistory #83, the 6th MWPGM of Prince Hall Grand Lodge of the Bahamas and Ill. Bertram A. Newton, 33° of James E. Morley Consistory #73.

On Friday November 22, 2013 Deputy of the Orient SGIG Roscow A. L. Davies, 33°, was inducted into the National Sports Hall of Fame along with other members of the Sports Community. He was recognized for his contribution to the development of Football (Soccer) in the Bahamas as a National Team Player and a Past President of the Bahamas Football Association. He also played a role as a Vice President of the Bahamas Olympic Association for twenty four years. During that period he served as the Chef de Mission and Team Leader for National Teams at Olympic and Commonwealth Games in Seoul, South Korea; Atlanta, Georgia, U.S.A.; Sydney and Melbourne Australia; Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia; Manchester, England as well as Pan American Games in Winnipeg Canada; Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic and Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. He presently serves as a member of the Bahamas Anti-Doping Commission with responsibility for the Education and Training committee.

The Annual United Supreme Council Educational Grant went to James Hutcheson Jr., a Bio-Chemistry Major at Shaw University in North Carolina. He is the son of Ill. James S. Hutcheson Sr. 33°, Past Commander-in-Chief of James E. Morley Consistory #73.

Canada Council

SGIG Carlisle N. Blackett, 33° Deputy for Canada

The Thirty-Fifth Annual Session of the Council of Deliberation of Eastern Canada was held on Saturday and Sunday September 21-22, 2013 at the Delta Toronto Airport West Hotel, 5444 Dixie Road, Mississauga, Ontario L4W 2L2. Beaver Consistory #74 with Ill. Sheldon Bailey, 33° presiding, hosted the Council.

Contribution to the Council’s success was made by Mount Royal Consistory #97 who was represented by Ill. Commander-in-Chief, Cosmo Clarke 32°, its Officers and Members. Saturday’s highlights of the Council were: The conferring of Consistorial Degrees on four Candidates under the direction of Ill. Rudolph Gordon, 33° and Ill. Keith Trotman, 33°, the Medical Symposium which was conducted on Saturday afternoon by Dr. Frederick Ofosu, 33° and Dr. Nelson Ubani, 33°. The Symposium which dealt with various topics including Diabetes and other related illnesses was a tremendous success. The Illustrious Sirs and Fraters who attended this Seminar, were very appreciative for the valuable information relating to their health that was provided and expressed their thanks to the
Doctors and are looking forward to the next presentation in Mississauga on September 27, 2014 where all Loyal Ladies of the Golden Circle as well as the Fraters are invited to attend this session. The Council wishes to thank Dr. Frederick Ofosu, 33°, and Dr. Nelson Ubani, 33° for devoting time from their busy schedules to provide our members annually with valuable information and advice relating to their health.

We were honored to have the following dignitaries in attendance at this Annual Session. The Honorable Stanley Henry, 33° MWGM of Ontario and Jurisdiction, SGIG Dr. Solomon Wallace, 33°, Sovereign Grand Commander of the United Supreme Council, SGIG Grady Edge, 33°, Deputy for New York, SGIG Richard McNeal, 33°, SGIG George DeWitt, 33°, Orient of Michigan, Overseer SGIG Christopher Buck, 33° and SGIG Robert J. Meekins, 33°, Orient of Illinois, MWGM Millard Driscoll, 33°, SGIG Lafayette Gatling, 33°, GIG. John Richardson, 33° and GIG Milton Jackson, 33°.

The Annual Meeting of Beaver Assembly #88, Order of the Golden Circle was held on Saturday September 21, 2013. MICIC Carlisle N. Blackett, 33°, Illustrious Deputy for the Orient, was accompanied by SGC Dr. Solomon Wallace, 33°, Hon. Stanley Henry, 33° MWGM of Prince Hall Masons, Ontario and Jurisdiction, SGIG Grady Edge, 33°, Deputy for New York, SGIG Richard McNeal, 33°, SGIG George DeWitt, 33°, on his annual visit to the Loyal Ladies to supervise their annual election of Officers. The Loyal Ladies were enthused with the delegation and the remarks from SGC Wallace and MWGM Stanley Henry. Loyal Lady Ruler Valerie Bailey presented them with gifts from the Assembly and was also re-elected Loyal Lady Ruler and all elected officers were installed for the year 2013/2014. The Loyal Ladies continue to work together, award scholarships and devote their time to fundraising efforts, membership drives and keeping within their theme of Peace, Unity and Love together. They have taken advantage of the edict issued by SGC Dr. Solomon Wallace, 33° and have recruited and initiated more members for their Assembly.

The Annual Meeting of the Commanders of the Rite was held on Saturday Afternoon. SGC Dr. Solomon Wallace, MWGM Stanley Henry, 33°, distinguished dignitaries from the Orient of New York and Michigan accompanied MICIC Blackett to the Annual Meeting of the Commanders of the Rite.

The President of the Commanders of the Rite, Ill. Edgar Campbell, 33°, welcomed the distinguished dignitaries to the meeting, conducted his business and received the Officers reports before presenting the Gavel of Authority to MICIC Blackett to receive his report for 2013/14 and conducted the election of Officers for 2013/2014. The nominees for the Class of 2015 were selected for submission to the Council of Deliberation for approval to submit their names for recommendation to the United Supreme Council. Remarks were made by SGC Wallace and MWGM Stanley Henry. It was motioned and approved that all elected officers succeed themselves for 2013/2014.

A banquet honoring SGC Dr. Solomon Wallace, 33° was held on Saturday evening where the MICIC presided as the Master of Ceremonies. The Banquet was well attended and remarks were received from the visiting dignitaries. SGC Wallace thanked III. Deputy Blackett for his continuous and exemplary leadership that led to comprehensive foundation and delivery. He commended III. Blackett for his work as Deputy for the Orient and for his commitment and dedication to the organization. He also complimented him on his devotion and was pleased with the sincerity and dedication of the Deputy and was glad that he accepted his invitation to attend this session which he enjoyed and hope to return to another session.

Sunday morning activities began at 7:00 a.m. with the Annual Prayer Breakfast, which was held in honor of the visiting dignitaries.

At 8:30 a.m., MICIC, SGIG Carlisle N. Blackett, 33° officially opened the Council with the official roll call of the Council officers, reading of the balustrade and the 2013 Proclamation, reception into the Consistorial Chamber, the Grand Inspectors General of Eastern Canada, Sovereign Grand Inspectors General Reginald R. Brothers, 33°, Charles Arthur Downes, 33° and Frederick Ofosu, 33° of Eastern Canada and the following dignitaries were received with appropriate Honors due to their rank; SGIG Grady Edge, 33°, Deputy for the State of New York, SGIG Richard McNeal, 33° and SGIG George DeWitt 33°, SGIG Christopher Buck, 33°, Overseer for the Orient of Michigan and SGIG Robert J. Meekins, 33°, President of the Michigan Commanders of the Rite, from the Orient of Illinois, MWGM Millard Driscoll, 33°, SGIG Lafayette Gatling, Jr., 33°, GIG John Richardson, 33° and GIG Milton Jackson, 33°.

Reports were received from CIC Sheldon Bailey of Beaver Consistory #74, CIC Cosmo Clarke of Mount Royal Consistory #97, and the Fiscal Officers of the Council of Deliberation.

Prior to the Illustrious Deputy’s Annual Allocution, Loyal Lady Ruler, Valerie Bailey and Loyal Ladies of Beaver Assembly #88, Order of the Golden Circle joined the Council for an hour of devotional service. In his Allocution the Illustrious Deputy addressed the global financial and economic crisis and stated that the global recession which affected all countries is still of great concern to most governments. The need for more community involvement to address the problems with our youth and emphasized the need to recruit new members and vigorously concentrate our efforts to reclaim those members who were lost as we strive to work together to increase the membership in Scottish Rite Freemasonry.

The Annual United Supreme Council Benevolent Foundation Educational Grant Award was presented to Alexander James Brothers, from Toronto, Ontario. The following Council Officers were nominated to succeed themselves for the year 2013/2014; First Lieutenant Commander, Ill. Frederick Ofosu 33°, Second Lieutenant Commander, Ill. Rudolph Gordon, 33°, Grand Minister of State, Ill. Charles A. Downes, 33°, Grand Secretary, Ill. Reginald R. Brothers, 33°, Grand Treasurer Ill. Tyrone Edwards, 33°.

Sublime Princes Rawle Hercules of Beaver Consistory #74 and Timothy Branch of Mount Royal Consistory #97 were recommended to the United Supreme Council for elevation in Chicago, Illinois in May 2015. The next Annual Session of the Council of Deliberation will be held in the City of Mississauga, Ontario on Saturday and Sunday September 27 and 28, 2014 at the Delta Toronto Airport West Hotel, 5444 Dixie Road, Mississauga, Ontario L4W 2L2. The next Annual Session of the Commanders of the Rite will be held at the same location on Saturday September 27, 2014.
**CO-WY-UT Council**

**GIG Lionell Cummings, 33°**

**Overseer for CO-WY-UT**

The 98th Annual Communication of the Colorado Council of Deliberation (CCOD) was held in the Valley of Colorado Springs, CO, on October 5, 2013, at the Clarion Hotel with Pikes Peak Consistory #81 serving as host and Illustrious Yamar Resto as Commander-In-Chief. All offices were filled and the reception team received the Most Illustrious Commander-In-Chief (MICIC) Samuel C. Hunter, Jr., under drawn sabers.

The dispensation was read and the MICIC proceeded to receive all Sovereign Grand Inspectors General, Grand Inspectors General, and the Most Worshipful Grand Master of Colorado Grand Lodge, Grand Inspector General Terence Jackson with their proper honors. All Sublime Princes were extended warm fraternal greetings.

There was much discussion on the dwindling membership of our Order, with suggestions and comments from many on how to get Sublime Princes and Master Masons more involved in improving the Order.

MICIC Samuel C. Hunter, Jr. presided over the session, but was not feeling in the best of health. Little did we know that this would be the last time he would preside as MICIC of the CCOD? He presented the members with an Allocation full of information and challenged each of us to exemplify the high standards that Scottish Rite Masonry demands in our daily activities with our families, our church and society in general so that we may be held in great esteem by the community at large.

MICIC Hunter passed on December 26, 2013.

The Commanders of the Rite, under the astute leadership of Vice Presidents GIG Elvin Caldwell (Denver) and GIG Jesse Dismute (Colorado Springs), are functioning in the Valleys of Denver and Colorado Springs with scholarship and social activities.

The 99th CCOD will be held in the Valley of Denver on October 4, 2014.

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**Connecticut Council**

**SGIG Edward Cherry, 33°**

**Deputy for Connecticut**


The weekend activities for the 120th Session began on Saturday evening with the 4th Annual Silver Eagle Awards Banquet at the Vila Capri Restaurant, in Wallingford, CT, where members and friends were on hand to honor three outstanding citizens who by virtue of their contributions to the citizens of Connecticut were awarded the Silver Eagle, the highest honor that the Prince Hall Scottish Rite Masons of Connecticut bestows upon persons who are not members of the Order. This year’s honorees included; Mrs. Toni N. Harp, newly elected Mayor of the City of New Haven; Dr. Stephen Hoag, Connecticut Department of Education and Keith Kountz, Channel 8 News Anchor of WTNH Television who were awarded their Silver Eagles and lapel pins with a citation by SGIG Edward Cherry.

**Toni Nathaniel Harp** is serving her eleventh consecutive term representing the 10th Senatorial District and was recently elected to the office of Mayor of New Haven. She was sworn into office in January 2014 and will be the first woman and second African American to hold this position. Mayor Harp has lived in New Haven for more than 25 years and is currently employed as the Homeless Service Director at the Hill Health Center.

**Dr. Stephen Hoag** has been recognized as one of the most creative and inspirational educators in Connecticut. One of his crowning achievements in education is a program he developed in 2006 entitled the Developing Tomorrow’s Professionals (DTP) program, a comprehensive approach to education application and achievement for Black and Latino young men. Graduates of this program have attended schools such as Howard, Brown, Cornell, UCONN and Yale.

**Keith Kountz** first arrived at News Channel 8 in 1987 as a reporter. Shortly thereafter he was promoted to Weekend Anchor and in 1994 he became Co-Anchor of Connecticut’s top rated early morning newscast. Keith Kountz has received acclaim for his news series called “Who We Are”, a program focused on individuals, organizations and issues important to the minority communities throughout Connecticut. Keith Kountz has also worked with the Juvenile Diabetes Foundation, Big Brother/Big Sister and the Boys and Girls Club.

The Prince Hall Scottish Rite Masons of Connecticut were proud to honor these three outstanding leaders for their outstanding contributions. Each honoree received a statuette and lapel pin of the silver eagle. The “Double Headed Eagle of Lagash” is the accepted emblem in the United States of the 32nd Degree Masons. In that spirit, the Connecticut Council of Deliberation offers the Silver Eagle Award to those who are not members of the Rite, for their outstanding and selfless work that benefit others in various ways. The Silver Eagle Awards were presented to the honorees along with a commendation by SGIG Edward E. Cherry 33°, the Illustrious Deputy for the Orient of Connecticut.

The Scottish Rite organization for the African American was first established in Philadelphia and arrived in Connecticut in 1892. Prince Hall Scottish Rite Masons make up some of the most distinguished community leaders and professionals in the Nation.
On Sunday morning Ill. Anthony Dawson opened the Annual Meeting of the Commanders of the Rite where reports were read and ended with Ill. Alfred Grady being elected as President for the 2013-2014 year. Following the meeting CIC James Hodge opened New Haven Consistory #7 who turned the meeting over to Most Illustrious Commander-in-Chief (MICIC) Cherry who then opened the 120th Annual Session of the Council of Deliberation. MICIC Cherry then received the Sovereign and Grand Inspectors General of the Orient who were all received with honors according to their rank.

At 10:00 a.m., SGIG Henry Owens, Deputy for the Orient of Massachusetts and his entourage were escorted into the Chambers by Ill. Ronald Thomas, Acting Illustrious Master of Ceremonies. SGIG Owens was also received as the representative of Sovereign Grand Commander Dr. Solomon Wallace.

Upon notice by the Ill. Sentinel, the Council was raised to receive Ill. Charles L. Robinson, Jr., 33°, the Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Connecticut, who was then escorted to the East where honors due his station were given.

Following Council reports, MICIC Cherry called CIC James Hodge of New Haven Consistory #7 and CIC Alfred Grady, of Hartford Consistory #80 to the Altar where he proceeded to award them with the Deputy’s Service Award for their outstanding service as Commanders-in-Chief. He then called Ill. Prior Thomas Mallory to the Altar where he was given the rank of Ill. Prior Emeritus for his outstanding service to the Waterbury Community, his Grand Lodge as Grand Chaplain, to the Connecticut Council of Deliberation. MICIC Cherry then received the Sovereign and Grand Inspectors General, to a new level of support as Honorary Members of the United Supreme Council. The MICIC then congratulated SGLLR King on her election as the new State Grand Loyal Lady Ruler and offered her and the Order of the Golden Circle his continued support. He then closed his Address by stating “I sincerely hope that in our deliberations today we may be able to think wisely and act efficiently for the welfare and advancement of our dearly cherished Rite and the great Order of which it is a part”.

The 120th Session of the Connecticut Council of Deliberation was then closed. It was followed by a wonderful lunch in the Lower Hall of the Prince Hall Masonic Temple also known as the “Goffe Street Special School for Colored Children”, a building placed on the National Register of Historic Places by the United States National Park Services.

The Connecticut Prince Hall Scottish Rite Golf Fund, Inc. asks that you save the date of August 9, 2014 to participate in its Seventh Annual Scottish Rite Golf Classic which will be held at the beautiful Laurel View Country Club in Hamden, Connecticut. You can contact Ill. Tad Stewart at 203-909-6559 for more details.

**Saving the African American Male**

“From the Cradle to College”

Sons of Solomon: Saving the African-American Male From Cradle to College” mentoring program in the Greater Hartford Area is conducted through the collaborative efforts of Hartford Consistory #80, Blue Lodge Masons, Sons of Allen (a faith based men’s ministry) and interested community men in the Greater Hartford Area has completed more than 1,368 documented hours of life skill coaching and mentoring of young men in grades 9 through 12 at Bloomfield, CT High School. The program, now in its third year of operation, began with 15 young men and now has grown to 40 in number for the 2014 academic year.

The program is wildly popular in the school where many young men have sought out participation at the encouragement of their peers. Many Masonic brothers sharing their life experiences have made presentations to the mentees with great interest which has resulted in a very positive feedback from the young men.

Starting February 2014, SOS will launch program efforts at two elementary schools (grades 5-8) in Hartford. These schools have been placed in a state-wide “underperforming list”. The agreement is to serve ten new students at each site.

This mentoring program is paying off in its goal to send our mentees to college. Mentee Jonathan Mumby, a senior at Bloomfield (CT) High School, was recently selected from an extremely competitive state-wide group of students to represent Connecticut in Washington, DC as a delegate to the U.S. Senate.
Youth Program. Jonathan is an All-state football player and an honor student. He is awaiting word on acceptance to one of the U.S. service academies.

The Hartford Consistory program is coordinated by SGIG Floyd Bagwell, who, along with Commander-in-Chief Alfred Grady of Hartford #80 SP Jerry Solomon, Bro. Charles Barfield, George Sutherland and Ross Sutherland serve as mentors, along with Attorney Ronald Harris of Bethel AME Church of Bloomfield, CT.

Martin Luther King Day Program at Yale
III. Deputy Cherry and his wife attended the Martin Luther King Day program at Yale, which featured renowned Harvard Professor and Author, Henry Louis “Skip” Gates, Jr., as the principal speaker. Dr. Gates, an American documentary filmmaker, literary critic, educator, scholar, writer, editor and the first African American to receive the Andrew Mellon Foundation Fellowship. The event of the evening, moderated by Dean Cohen, centered on the screening of “A More Perfect Union (1968-2013)”, the final episode of “The African Americans Many Rivers to Cross,” the final six-part documentary series which Professor Gates wrote and produced, was part of Yale’s extended celebration of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. Professor Gates, prolific author and film producer on Black History, spoke of the progress made by the African American community, but he also noted that, the hard road remains to be traveled. Comments were made from Kathleen Cleaver, former Black Panther, now, Senior Research Scholar at the Yale Law School, who was interviewed in the filmed series.

The more than 2 hour program was thoroughly enjoyed by the packed Yale Law School auditorium audience which included Deputy Cherry and his wife, members of New Haven Consistory #7, Ill. Thaddeus Stewart and his wife, and SP Dr. Stephen Stanley. Professor Gates ended the program stating that “Post-racialism is a noble idea, but it is a fantasy, reflecting on the current state of the United States.

Delaware Council
SGIG Leon J. Battle, 33°
Deputy for Delaware

The Delaware Council of Deliberation convened on Saturday, October 19, 2013 at Prudence Lodge Hall, College Road in the Valley of Dover, Delaware. This session was well attended by our Illustrious Sirs, Frater and Loyal Ladies. The session also included a youth talent show with Youth representing each of our three (3) Districts. This was the first time our youth participated on the program.

At our banquet we presented Scholarships on behalf of the United Supreme Council and the Orient of Delaware for $500.00 each to; Mr. Cesar K. Martinez and Mr. Devin M. Deloach. We presented one $500.00 Scholarship on behalf of the United Supreme Council and Order of the Golden Circle to Ms. Tatiana N. Haywood.

Listed Grand Inspectors General honored at the Banquet were Ill. Isacce Morris, Consistory #5, Ill. John W. Clark, Consistory #93, Ill. Vernon Steele Consistory #119. A special award from the Deputy presented to Ill. Joseph B. Jackson, the Deputy added his congratulations and thanks to everyone for his and her support.

Far East Council
SGIG Daniel R. Poole, 33°
Overseer for the Far East

The Annual 43rd Far East Council of Deliberation was held in the Republic of the Philippines. The session was very well attended with Fraters representing each of the six Valleys. Numerous Grand Inspector Generals and Sublime Princes traveled from their respective Orients and from the United States. We had the pleasure of having present with us, Most Worshipful Patrick L. Hughes Sr. 33°, Grand Master of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Washington and Jurisdiction; MW Hughes is also a GIG of J.C. Logan Consistory #114.

Wednesday 10 OCT 2013 Executive Meeting

On this day, we enjoyed ample opportunities to share ideas and addressed several business topics. SGIG Sidney Thomas, 33° 1st LT. Commander of the COD, provided an excellent educational presentation on the 14th, 15th & 16th degrees. During the evening a Social Amenity where food was served and entertainment was provided for the Fraters.

On Thursday, October 11, 2013 the 43rd Far East Council of Deliberation opened by GIG Ronald U. Muse, 33° Illustrious Commander In Chief of Joseph I. Staton Consistory #103, led the Fraters in opening the ceremony. Upon completing the opening proceedings, he turned the Council over to SGIG Sidney R. Thomas. SGIG Thomas received all Grand Inspectors General prior to receiving SGIG Daniel R. Poole, Most Illustrious Commander In Chief, who then received and rendered honors to MW Patrick L. Hughes Sr. The day proceeded with the reading of Consistory reports and reports from various committees. Prior to closing for the day, SGIG Poole called for a moment of reflection; whereby, a memorial service was conducted for SGIG Dwight R. Johnson, SGIG
Billy Hall and GIG JC Camper. Each Frater expressed how SGIG Dwight R. Johnson impacted their life and expressed kind words towards SGIG Hall and GIG Camper. While brief in nature, the memorial service was moving and the room was filled with tears of joy. During the evening, the annual award banquet was held and the awards listed below were announced: Consistory of the Year Award was given to Joseph I. Staton Consistory #103 and the Commander in Chief of the Year Award went to GIG Ronald U. Muse #103.

Also announced were the Fraters who were selected to receive the Honorary Thirty Third and Last Degree for the class of 2015: SPS Guy Fisher #103, Darin A. Bell #85, James L. Robinson #85, Samuel A. Cheatham #85, Chad E. Gordon #111, Terrence D. Anthony #111 and Terrence J. Riley #111.

The evening also consisted of the Toast of Obligations and a wonderful meal served to soft ballroom music. SGIG Daniel R. Poole 33° gave closing remarks and announced that the 44th Annual Far East Council of Deliberations will be held October 10-12, 2014 in Okinawa, Japan with Keystone Consistory #85 as the host Consistory. The 43rd Annual Far East COD was officially closed.

Iowa Council

SGIG Owen T. Sloan, 33° Deputy for Iowa

The Orient Iowa had its Annual Ceremony of Remembrance and Renewal which was hosted by Alexander G. Clark Consistory #68 on March 30, 2013 at the Lodge Hall of Hiram Lodge #19 in Davenport, Iowa. Members from William F. Powell #46 were in attendance to fellowship and take part in the ceremony with A. G. Clark #68. The Annual Mystic Feast was enjoyed by all to close out this event.

MVIC Sloan received the GIGs in attendance and given honors from the Fraters, he received SGIG Donald W. Austin who was given honor and seated appropriately. MICIC Sloan had a committee to bring in MWGM Eddie N. Sauls III of the MWPHGL of Iowa, to be brought. MWGM Sauls was introduced and then escorted to the East where he received honors.

MICIC Sloan called on the Grand Secretary for the balustrade of the 92nd COD, followed by the reading of the Proclamation for this 93rd COD. The roll call of Consistories was held and a quorum was made. MICIC Sloan read his Allocution which started with the Scripture from Psalm 27:1, he then thanked the Almighty God for another year of Grace. As MICIC Sloan went on he called the Fraters to "Arise, old man, and plant again", this being a line from a poem from Paul L. Dunbar he likes and stated what needs to be done in the Orient. Points reported in his Allocution included issues that face the Black community of, unemployment, education, government shutdowns, the imprisonment of black men, and the lack of Congress to work with President Barrack Obama. He urged the Fraters to be more active in these issues as we need to work to help those in need in our various cities.

After lunch the COD resumed and business was continued to include more reports, and a report from The Commanders of The Rite. The election of officers was held and all officers received him and then mentioned how the Grand Lodge is ready. MICIC Sloan called for volunteers to form a joint Degree and Burial team and was pleased that a number of Fraters volunteered. MICIC Sloan informed the Fraters of the appointment of GIG Osumana V. Cassell, 33° as his assistantby SGC Dr. Solomon Wallace, 33°. GIG Cassell is also the Grand Worthy Patron of Electa Grand Chapter O.E.S. of Iowa and one of his tasks will be to work on building the Golden Circle back in the Orient. GIG Cassell mentioned he has had some O.E.S. Sisters who have already shown interest in the Golden Circle; MICIC Sloan is glad to see this and has high hopes in GIG Cassell's plans. The Second Economic Stimulus Raffle results were reported and MICIC Sloan thanked those that did participate in this event. The Allocution went on to mention the State of the Order and MICIC said we need to give the members something to come to the meetings for and not just a round table discussion. The Allocution was well received by the Fraters and MICIC Sloan was given a rousing vote of thanks and it was turned over to the Committee on Allocution. Committee appointments were made and then MICIC Sloan received reports that were ready.

The 93rd Annual Council of Deliberation (COD) was held October 12, 2013 in Des Moines, Iowa at the Magnuson Hotel, with host Consistory William F. Powell #46 opening the COD with CIC George Lane, 32° and his officers. At 9:19 a.m., MICIC Owen T. Sloan, 33° Deputy for the Orient of Iowa, was received, given honors, and received sword of authority to preside.

Pictured: MWGM Eddie N. Saul, III and Fraters relax after the Mystic Feast of the Ceremony of Remembrance and Renewal, hosted by A.G. Clark #68.
afternoon. Both of these events will be held at the Des Moines Scottish Rite Temple on March 8, 2014.

The Annual Banquet was held at the hotel in the evening to include The Ceremonial Toasts of Obligation, after which a good meal was had. Deputy Sloan presented the Orient’s two United Supreme Benevolent Foundation Educational Grants to Lydia Z. Burks and William L. Little. Both of these youths were unable to attend because of their College commitments. Deputy Sloan presented the certificate and check to both fathers who were in attendance, GIG Osumana V. Cassell father of Ms. Burks and William L. Little, Sr. father of William L. Little, Jr. Alexander G. Clark Consistory #68 also presented their Educational Grant to Ms. Minna Ann Harrison who is also attending college.

Illinois Council

SGIG Melvin Frierson, 33°
Deputy for Illinois

Friday, October 19, 2012 at The Illinois Council of Deliberation (ICOD) opened its 96th Annual Session on Friday, October 18, 2013. Friday’s activities were aplenty, beginning with the Annual Golf Outing and a number of golf aficionados participated. Among the participants were SGIGs, GIGs, SPs, and the community at large. Throughout the day, free dental examinations and CPR classes were available to the registrants. Mid-morning, the Deputy held the Annual Board of Directors/Executive meeting. In this meeting, several fiscal projects were discussed, more especially, the Illinois Alms Club. In the afternoon, the state Commanders-of-the Rite held its annual meeting. In said meeting, each Vice-President gave a brief overview of the “on-goings” in his Valley. The State Commanders-of-the Rite voted to support the Deputy’s projects. The day ended with an inspirational “Gospel Feast” lead by SGIG Lafayette Gatlin.

Saturday, October 20, 2013 at 8:30 am, the ICOD received Most Illustrious Commander In Chief (MICIC) SGIG Melvin Frierson, Deputy for the Orient of Illinois. At 8:45 am the 96th Annual Session was officially declared open. MICIC Frierson received Sovereign Grand Inspectors General from the Orient of Illinois namely SGIGs Charles Stewart, Charles B. Taylor, Lafayette Gatlin, Clarence Hayes, Neal Carson, Charles Carter, DePlessie Drew, Willie Lawler, James A. Mitchell, Arvon Prentiss, and Homer Walton. All were escorted to the East and given honors. MICIC introduced his special guest SGIG Robert Meekins from the Orient of Michigan (PHA) and SGIG Benny Grisham, Deputy for the Illinois Council of Deliberation Northern Masonic Jurisdiction. They were received and given honors. The Deputy recognized GIG Kenneth Baldwin from Lone Consistory of Atlanta, GA. The Council was honored by the Most Worshipful Brother Millard V. Driskell Grand Master of Prince Hall Masons for State of Illinois and Jurisdictions, who was escorted to the East and given Grand Honors. The MICIC bequeath Illinois Honorary Membership status to SGIG Robert Meekins from the Orient of Michigan (PHA).

The MICIC presented his annual address. In his address, MICIC stated that he choose not to mention much about the State of the Union because we as a people are aware of its social woes. He reported the Orient of Illinois is doing well and is financially sound. MICIC spoke about the deaths of SGIG James “Tiny” Blanton and SGIG Magnus Burney. An overview of the Deputies Conference held in Detroit, MI was outlined by the MICIC. The following was discussed:

1) Assistant to the Deputy, 2) The Scottish Rite Bulletin, 3) Golden Circle Support and 4) Cradle to College Program. MICIC reported Fraternal Relations in the Orient of Illinois among all Masonic (PHA) bodies are superb. He stated the relationship with the Illinois Council of Deliberation, A.A.S.R., Northern Masonic Jurisdiction is good. The MICIC also reported that good relations exist with the other twenty five (25) Orients (PHA) that comprise the United Supreme Council. The MICIC urged the Council to support the Alms Club, continue to support the United Supreme Council Benevolent Fund, continue to award a minimum of six (6) educational assistance /scholarship per year, continue to support ICOD Benevolent Fund, and continue to confer the 31st and 32nd degrees at the Council of Deliberation’s Annual Session.

The Council’s Annual Joint Memorial Services included a “power point” presentation depicting a brief history of the following demised members for 2012-2013, namely SGIG James “Tiny” Blanton, SGIG Magnus Burney, GIG Edward Christopher, GIG Milton Curry, GIG Ernest Clay, GIG Hubert Hannah, SP Charles H. Hunter, SP Otis Hudson, SP Nathan James, SP Arnold Cleary, and PSGDLLR Martha Washington.

Saturday evening at the Council’s Annual Awards Banquet several awards were issued, there was The Frank Summers Stellar Award, SGIG Lafayette Gatling, 33°; Distinguished Scottish Rite Masonic Award, GIG Charles Burns, Jr.,33°; Scottish Rite Masonic Award, GIG Oscar W. Pickett, 33°; Peer of the Year, GIG Davis C. James, 33°; Scottish Rite Masonic Service Award, GIG Reverend John J. Foreman, 33°; Illinois Council of Deliberation Alms Club Award, GIG William W. Jackson, 33°; and ICOD Alms Club Award, SGIG Charles Carter, 33°. In addition, seven (7) Meritorious Service Awards were presented to the following: Ernest W. Jackson, 33°, John L. Richardson, 33°, Aubrey K. Barlow, 33°, Milton Jackson, 33°, Daryl L. Andrews, 33°, Charles Holiday, Jr., 33° and Gordon Brewer, 33°.

Sunday, October 20, 2013 at 8:30 am, the Session opened with a prayer and song lead by the Grand Prior, GIG Davis C. James. Annual reports from the Commanders-in-Chiefs of each Consistory were presented and accepted by common consent. The MICIC announced the Illinois class of 2015 for the 33rd and last degree. The candidates are Sublime Princes Reginald Johnson, Keith Roach, Lewis Maxwell, Tony Stafford, Sr., Hewitt Douglass, Melvin Jordon, Michael Maura, Clarence E. Pinkney, Major Lacy, Justin Johnson, Kevin Ellis, Ernest Young, and Kermit Young. The MICIC Frierson urged all in attendance to participate in the on goings of the Council by supporting the Alms Club and all other Council activities. The
Indiana Council
SGIG Robert E. Thomas, 33°
Deputy for Indiana

The Indiana Council of Deliberation (ICOD) convened its 100th Annual Session on September 21-22, 2013. We were honored to have the following join and celebrate with us: The Most Worshipful Grand Master of Indiana, Otis Dotson 33° and his Cabinet; SGIG Sidney Broadnax 33°, Deputy of the Orient of Ohio, SGIG Edward B. Darnell 33° of Michigan and SGIG Charles Ayler 33° of Michigan.

The ICOD was hosted by Malta Consistory #34. They labored hard and long to make our stay enjoyable. Saturday afternoon, for the amusement of the Craft, a clean joke and storytelling fest was held. On Saturday evening a Memorial service was held. The service included a brief history of the Council and the Order of Golden Circle. With the assistance of the Loyal Ladies our love and loss of both orders were eulogized with a scripture and prayer. Decade by Decade in their memory.

On Saturday evening our 100th annual anniversary was celebrated. The speaker was Indianapolis City County Councilman at Large, the Honorable Leroy Robinson. His theme was “Volunteering, Bringing People Together for a Just Cause.”

Fort Wayne Consistory #66 and Magic City Consistory #62 donated $100.00 and $50.00 respectively to the C Stircle Patterson Scholarship Fund.

During the council session, scholarships were awarded from the USC Benevolent Fund and C Stircle Patterson Scholarship Fund.

The Orient workshop was held at Central Lodge and the Wreath Laying at Crown Hill Cemetery. Both were well attended by fraters from across the Orient.

In the fall 2013, Magic City Consistory #62 held its annual Commander-In-Chief Banquet honoring CIC Walter S. Patterson 33°. Ill. William A. Walker 33° was the banquet speaker. The topic was “Making Suitable Proficiency Through Life.” He challenged masons to work on intellectual proficiency, to challenge mason curiosities, and to strive to transpose stumbling blocks into stepping stones. During the banquet CIC Walter S. Patterson 33° was recognized by the Deputy as Commander-in-Chief of the Year.

Kansas Council
SGIG James S. Webb, 33°
Deputy for Kansas

The 100th Annual Session was opened on Saturday October 19, 2013 at 8:05 a.m., by the host Consistory, Kaw Valley Consistory #16, in the Valley of Topeka, Kansas.

The Illustrious Deputy of the Orient of Kansas, Sovereign Grand Inspector General James S. Webb 33° was received into the Consistorial Chamber at 9:10 a.m. The Most Illustrious Commander-in-Chief, SGIG Webb, then received the Grand Inspectors General who were given the proper honors of their office and then escorted to their seats within the Chambers.

After the roll call of Consistories, Council officers, Grand Inspectors General, the Proclamation was read. SGIG Webb then delivered his Annual Allocation. It was received with an enthusiastic response.

Each Illustrious Commander-in-Chief reported on the status of his Consistory and its activities. Then the appointed Committees delivered their reports during the remainder of the day’s session.

A banquet was held on Saturday evening during which two scholarship grants were presented to area students on behalf of the United Supreme Council Benevolent Foundation. Another grant presentation was made by the Kansas Commanders of the Rite.

During the session which reconvened on Sunday morning at 8:00 a.m., the remaining committees presented their reports, followed by the Annual Joint Kansas Council of Deliberation/Kansas State Grand Assembly Necrology Service.

Three (3) Sublime Princes were nominated for elevation to the grade of Grand Inspector General, Honorary (33°). They were Sublime Princes Clarence Reynolds, Orient Consistory #19; Chester Scott, Kaw Valley Consistory #16 and Larry S. Coleman, Orient Consistory #19.

The 99th Annual Session of the Kansas Council of Deliberation was closed with all those members present uniting in the Fraternal Chain Of Unity and prayer by the Grand Prior, G.I.G., Rev. Kenneth Hill 33°, #16.

Massachusetts Council
SGIG Henry L. Owens, 33°
Deputy for Massachusetts

On November 2, 2013 the Massachusetts Council of Deliberation held its 105th Council of Deliberation at the Summer Lodge Masonic Temple in the Valley of Springfield, MA, with SGIG Henry L. Owens presiding as Most Illustrious Commander-in-Chief.
We were honored that our Sovereign Grand Commander, the Honorable Dr. Solomon Wallace, 33° sent fraternal greetings from his Illustrious Office.

Orient News
During this 105th Council of Deliberation we were pleased with the presence of Most Worshipful Brother Compton R. Jones, 33°, Most Worshipful Grand Master of Prince Hall Masons, Deputy Grand Master Reuben Meade, 33°, RWGSW Yves Maignan, 32°, RWGW Julien Turner, 32°, RW Grand Treasurer Timothy Downes, 33° and RW Grand Secretary Gerald Thaxton, 33°, Jurisdiction of Massachusetts.

In addition to the Deputy for Massachusetts, Active Members of the United Supreme Council, NJ, PHA, in attendance at this Council were SGIG Edward Cherry, 33° Deputy for Connecticut who was representing our Sovereign Grand Commander, SGIG Daniel Brightwell, 33°, SGIG Edward Richards 33°, and SGIG Nicholas B. Locker, 33°, Massachusetts.

From the A.A. Scottish Rite NMJ representing Ill. Donald Moran, Deputy for MA, SGIG Leslie P. Lohnes was received with honors. Sublime Princes Jerome Bowen #17, John Clark #17, Bud Williams #89 and Raymond Jordan #89 were nominated to be recommended to the Supreme Council for consideration to become candidates for the thirty third degree as members of the Class for 2015.

Loyal Lady Ruler Marion Amis, Prince Hall Assembly #2 and Loyal Lady Ruler Phalba Plummer of Springfield Assembly #73 along with the officers and members of each Assembly were received into the Council prior to the Deputy’s Allocation. The Mentoring Committee for the Orient of Massachusetts under the leadership of GIG Justin Petty, 33°, Past Commander-in-Chief and the Director of Public and Community Relations for the Orient and GIG Ian Wilson, 33°, Past Commander-in-Chief, Overseer of the Work for the Valley of Boston and Asst. to the Office of Deputy, continue to move forward in hopes of reaching the ultimate goal of implementing the vision of the Sovereign Grand Commander. We await next steps by the Boston School Department. Ill. Horace Jackson, Director of the Mentoring Program for the United Supreme Council has been updated and will be kept informed.

The recipient of the Annual United Supreme Council Scholarship was Mr. Nathaniel D. Brewer, a Sophomore Business Major at Bentley University in Waltham, Massachusetts. The recipient of the Louis I. Amis / Phillip D. Oliver Scholarship presented by Holy Sepulchre Consistory #17 was Mr. Joshua Brewster, a Criminal Justice Major at Dean College in Franklin, Massachusetts.

The recipient of a Scholarship created and presented by the Massachusetts members of The Winston O. Williams Class of 2010 was presented to Ms. Rabiah Elisa, a Political Science Major with a minor in Pre-Law at Spellman College in Atlanta, Georgia.

“As we continue to work with unwavering allegiance to our United Supreme Council, we are pleased to report that the Scottish Rite of Freemasonry is alive and well in the Orient of Massachusetts. We look to the future with enthusiasm, commitment and loyalty. We are guided by the words of Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr. who once said, “In a real sense all life is inter-related. All men are caught in an inescapable network of mutuality, tied in a single garment of destiny. Whatever affects one directly affects all indirectly. I can never be what I ought to be until you are what you ought to be, and you can never be what you ought to be until I am what I ought to be. This is the inter-related structure of reality”, concludes SGIG Henry L. Owens, Deputy for the Orient of Massachusetts.

Michigan Council
SGIG Christopher Buck, 33°
Overseer for Michigan

The 109th Annual Meeting of the Michigan Council of Deliberation (MCOD) convened in Detroit, MI on October 27, 2013 with the Overseer of the Orient of Michigan, SGIG Christopher Buck presiding. Sovereign Grand Commander (SGC) Dr. Solomon Wallace appointed SGIG Buck the Overseer of the Orient to succeed Deputy Robert P. Lewis who resigned in September 2013. The Grand Minister of State of the United Supreme Council, SGIG Melvin J. Bazemore was the direct representative of the SGC and was given a warm welcome.

The MCOD Foundation Scholarship Committee received twenty eight (28) applications for scholarships for the 2013 – 2014 school years. The five recipients were honored and received their awards at the MCOD Awards Banquet. One student stated how wonderful it was for the Scholarship Committee to help him get a good start in life. The Loyal Ladies also awarded two scholarships during the banquet.

The Michigan Commanders of the Rite held their annual picnic in July 2013. It is an outing that combines golf and other activities within a picnic setting. Food, table games, children activities and golf gave everyone an opportunity to relax, meet new people, and receive prizes. This is a great outing because everyone knows they will have an enjoyable time.
The MCOD’s Annual Testimonial was held February 1, 2014 at the MGM Grand Detroit Hotel. SGC Dr. Solomon Wallace was in attendance. The awardees were Circuit Court Judge, GIG Craig S. Stone and Ms. Kenyatta Wilborn, Past Commandress of Marracci Court #32 and presently Principal of Detroit Mumford High School.

Minnesota Council
SGIG John W. Hardeman III, 33°
Deputy for Minnesota

The 68th Minnesota Council of Deliberation (MCOD) was held at the Prince Hall Masonic Temple on October 25 – 26, 2013 in Minneapolis, Minnesota. The weekend began with the MCOD hosting a welcoming dinner Friday evening. On this occasion Sovereign Grand Inspector General Emeritus Charles Milliner graciously provided a traditional Scottish Rite toast in recognition of Sovereign Grand Commander (SGC), Dr. Solomon Wallace.

Deputy John Hardeman then addressed the assembly and thanked all present for their attendance at this auspicious occasion. Commander -In- Chief (CIC) Ill. Japhus Dent was recognized for his outstanding leadership of North Star Consistory #14. Deputy John Hardeman noted him for his noble and concerted effort in increasing awareness and involvement in the Scottish Rite Freemasonry. CIC Dent introduced North Star Consistory’s Martin O Weddington Class of 2013. This class consisted of twelve new Sublime Princes, representing the most talented leadership in the Prince Hall Jurisdiction of Minnesota. Many of them are Past Masters and current officers of their respected Lodges.

Gentlemen of Distinction Award: This award was presented to Ill. Wayne Glanton 33° in recognition of his sixty six years of unwavering support of Masonry and his sixty two years as member of the MCOD. PGM, Ill. Glanton retired from Glanton Construction company, which he founded. He is known as a pioneer in the construction industry being one of the first African-Americans to own and operate a company in the state of Minnesota. Mr. Glanton’s retirement from the construction industry didn’t last long and Ill. Glanton proceeded to own and operate EJ’S True Value Hardware store in South Minneapolis for several more years before retiring again. He also, served his Community not only thru masonry, but was on the Executive Board of Sabathani Community Center for 32 years. At the age of 92, Ill. Glanton is still active in masonry and community affairs, serving as Grand Lodge photographer and an active member at his church.

Deputy Hardeman noted, “And beside every great man, there stands a supporting woman. In this case, Wayne stands beside his dear wife, dancing affectionately and passionately through life. They have been married for Sixty two years.” As Mr. Glanton received his award, our two former Gentleman of Distinction, Fred Doughty and James Martin, welcomed him into this circle of inspirational young men.

The Award States:
“With our deepest gratitude, we honor your commitment to the vision of the Scottish Rite Freemasonry. Your loyalty to sharing, acting and believing in our Rite is esteemed among all”.

After the award ceremony, the attendees then joined together for a festive evening filled with fun, laughter and fellowship. The Minnesota Council convened on Saturday morning with all officers in their stations and a quorum was established. MICIC John Hardeman was pleased to welcome the Honorable Ill. Gregory L. Meadows 33° Grand Master of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Minnesota and his Officers, Most Excellent Grand High Priest Ill. Steve C. Davis along with other noted dignitaries.

MICIC Hardeman received Loyal Lady Ruler Peggy Ramsini and her delegates from Twin City Assembly #47. Deputy Hardeman was then invited to the St. James AME Church, celebrating their 150th year of Heritage and Hope. At the St. James AME Church, PLLR Olivia Dye and M. Denise Richardson thanked Deputy Hardeman and the Minnesota Council for their continued support; they awarded Deputy Hardeman for his personal commitment to community service, dedication and engagement.

The award was titled, Honoring Life through Service and read, “You are an inspiration to all and we appreciate you. May you continue serving with enthusiasm?”

Deputy Hardeman delivered his Annual Allocation address, and proceeded by introducing his Assistant Ill. Virgil Brown. Virgil Brown presented a lecture on health issues facing African American males. As he himself has triumphed prostate cancer, he is now doing everything in his control to heighten the awareness of this disease and urge others to see the priority in this fight
and need to spread awareness.
He begins by sharing, “There are no Angelina Jolie’s out there to fight this cause and thus, it will take all of us brothers to come together to continue the fight and the search for more help and visibility.” He discussed how the disease can initially be devastating for a man’s mind and how it is critical to work to see past that devastation. He states, “Once you get past the denial stage, you come to realize that you still have life itself.”

Ill. Virgil Brown continues to make a tremendous impact through providing a forum to discuss and learn about the realities that are often silenced about Prostate Cancer.

Orient Highlights:
During the session Sublime Prince Dana Bailey, 32° was nominated to receive the 33° Degree as a member of the Class of 2015.

Sovereign Grand Commander Dr. Solomon Wallace, 33° - Honored by the MWPHGL of New York

Pictorial: On November 9, 2013 SGC Dr. Solomon Wallace was honored by the MWPHGL State of New York with the unveiling of a bronze bust of his likeness that was placed in the main lobby of the MWPHGL of NY, located at 454 W. 155th Street, New York, New York. The unveiling ceremony took place at the Grand East where SGC Wallace served as Grand Master for twelve (12) years. Dr. Wallace received several awards during this ceremony. This banquet was attended by many friends, family members, Lodge members Masonic Brothers and Fraters. Some notable dignitaries present were MWGM Dorian Glover (NY), PMWGM Rev. Gregory Smith, SGIG Grady Edge, Deputy for NY, Ms. Hazel Dukes, NAACP State Conference President, Rev. Dr. Calvin Rice, Pastor New Jerusalem Baptist Church and family members from Raleigh, North Carolina.
SGIG Samuel C. Hunter, Jr.

Received Full Military Honors, including a 21 Gun Salute
And a DOTA Fly-Over at his Grave Site Service

December 26, 2013 will long be remembered as a gloomy day for the city of Colorado Springs, Colorado. On this day, we lost our beloved brother, Sovereign Grand Inspector General Samuel C. Hunter, Jr., Deputy for the Orient of Colorado and Utah. Brother Hunter, most affectionately known as Sam, was 94 years old when he departed this life. He leaves to cherish his memory, his loving wife of 63 years Minnie Ray, a son, two daughters and a host of grand and great grandchildren.

Even at the age of 94, Sam was an active participant in several organizations. He was an active member of the United Supreme Council, Ancient and Accepted Scottish of Freemasonry, Prince Hall Affiliation, Northern Jurisdiction, U.S.A., Inc., Documented Original Tuskegee Airman (DOTA), Past President and life member of the local NAACP Branch in Colorado Springs, Past President of the local Urban League and he was very active in many other community activities.

Sam served his country during World War II in the US Army Air Force as a B-25 pilot. He separated from the US Army Air Force in 1945, with a commercial pilot’s license. In 2007, as a DOTA, Sam, along with others was awarded the Congressional Gold Medal.

He was a Most Worshipful Past Grand Master of Prince Hall Masons, Jurisdiction of Colorado, Wyoming and Utah; Past Worshipful Master of Pikes Peak Lodge #5, Prince Hall Affiliation; Honorary Past Illustrious Potentate of Kadesia Temple #135; Past Exalted Ruler of Pikes Peak Lodge #473, Improved Benevolent Protective Order Elks of the World; a charter member of the Xi Pi Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity; and lifetime member and Trustee Emeritus of Payne Chapel A.M.E. Church.

In an article written by James Stewart of the Colorado Springs Black Chamber of Commerce, he stated: “Sam was the consummate small businessman, great personal individual and original Tuskegee Airman. Samuel C. Hunter, Jr. was known across the community as the person you could talk with about the history of small business in Colorado Springs. He had his mortuary and real estate businesses during times when it was almost impossible for African Americans to operate and be profitable. Sam broke barriers in every aspect of business in Colorado Springs by expanding northeast and having his clients in homes outside the accepted Black community boundaries. We learned from his shared business experience and high professional standards.”

Sam served as Deputy for the Orient of Colorado and Utah in the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Free Masonry, Prince Hall Affiliated, Northern Jurisdiction, U.S.A. Inc., from 1988 – 2013. During his 25 years as Deputy, he never missed a Deputy’s meeting or United Supreme Council session. His input toward making our Organization greater will surely be missed.

SGIG Dwight R. Johnson

Dwight R. Johnson, affectionately known to most as “DR”, was born in Norfolk, Virginia. He enlisted in the United States Air Force in June of 1971, beginning his career at Lackland AFB, Texas and ending his career at Offutt AFB, Nebraska, in 1993.

His Masonic travels began in June of 1973, when he was raised in Pythagoras Military Lodge No. 175, Athens Greece and Missouri Jurisdiction. In March of 1975, he was elevated to a Sublime Prince of the Royal Secret in Keystone Consistory No. 85 and created a Noble of the Mystic Shrine in Obelisk Temple No. 187, Okinawa, Japan.

He was Coronated as a Royal Arch Mason in Military Hold Chapter UD, Maryland Jurisdiction, in April of 1981. In June of 1986, he received the honorary degree of Grand Inspector General of the 33° and elevated to membership in the United Supreme Council. On 9 June 2007, he was elevated to Sovereign Grand Inspector General and appointed as the Deputy for the Orient for the Far East. On 12 July 2012, by a unanimous vote of Masons assembled for the 109th Annual Grand Communication of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Washington, Right Worshipful Dwight R. Johnson was bestowed the honor of Honorary Past Grand Master. He served as the Illustrious Potentate of Obelisk Temple No. 187; Imperial Deputy of the Oasis and Imperial Deputy of the Desert for the Far East; Assistant District Deputy Grand High Priest for Royal Arch Masons; Most Wise and Perfect Master of the Rose Croix Chapter; 1st Lt Commander, Illustrious Commander-In-Chief and Assistant Overseer of the Works for Keystone Consistory No. 85; Past Master of Okinawa Military Lodge No. 68, and served on countless committees in support of the Ancient Masonic Craft.

While ascending to the highest levels of Freemasonry, Dwight R. Johnson remained humble and genuine. He dedicated countless hours to affect change within his community; whereby, he participated in Special Olympic activities, served as a Big Brother Leader for the Boys Homes, served in various ministries within the Church, and mentored young men embarking on their personal journeys as Master Masons.

He was a consummate professional, who demonstrated his love for masonry through service and sacrifice. As a Leader, he implemented procedures which taught us to be proficient, significantly improving operations within the Far East. As a Mason, he taught the importance of serving others. As a Prince, he taught us to be men of virtue, diligently practicing to walk upright within our communities. As a Man, he taught us to maintain faith in God, for he knew, and professed, that only through God could we hope to ascend above the terrestrial sphere.

He was a loving husband and father. And while he was a private man, he would often speak of his childhood friend, his closest friend, his wife, Mrs. Savonda Johnson. He leaves behind his wife, their two daughters, Savonda and Maria, a grandson, Cooper, an expected grandchild and his mother, Mrs. Myrtle Johnson.

Graveside services were held on Friday, September 27, 2013, at the Woodlawn Memorial Gardens, Virginia Beach, Virginia.
Activity Around the Orients

SPRING BULLETIN

Pictured: Official Delegates from the 43rd Annual Council of Deliberation – Republic of the Philippines

Pictured L to R: GIG Terry Davis, SGC Dr. Solomon Wallace, GIG Van Harvey and MWGM Terence Jackson (CO), who were in attendance at the Funeral of SGIG Samuel Hunter.

Masonic Brothers assembled to receive the body of SGIG Samuel C. Hunter, Jr., at the Grave Site Service

Pictured L to R: SGIG Edward Cherry for CT, LLR Dorothy McCleese, GIG Webb Hallman, CIC #7 and MWGM (CT) Charles L. Robinson, Jr

Seated L to R: Dion Love, Keith Garner, Randy McGee, Bronson McCarty, Derrick Polk, Rev. Deryn Crenshaw, not shown), Standing L to R: Illustrious C-I-C, Terry L. Birts, #70; I.L.L. Ralph Sirmons, 1st Lt. #28 and Ill. Micah Tharpe, Ill. C-I-C, #28

Pictured L to R: SP Jameel Hameed, 32°, takes a relaxing moment at the Orient of Iowa’s 93rd COD Banquet. SP Hameed is a member of the 2014 Class to be elevated to the 33rd Degree in Cincinnati, OH.

Orient of the Far East

GIgs Shockley, Lyle, SGIG Poole, GIG Hughes, SGIG Thomas, GIG McNeall, GIG Bush

Orient of Colorado

Pictured L to R: Rev. Dr. Frederick J. Streets, Professor at the Yale Divinity School; Deputy Cherry; Professor Gates; Ill. Dr. Rodney T. Cohen,

Orient of Florida

SPs Bud Williams #89, Raymond Jordan #89, John Clark #117 and Jerome Bowen #17 MA COD candidates for the 33rd Class of 2015.

Orient of Ohio

Pictured L to R: SGIG Sidney Broadnax, Deputy for OH, MWGM Darryl R. Smith (OH), SGIG Homer Buchannan, Imperial Potentate and SGIG Wilton E. Blake I, USC Associate Grand Pryor at the Ohio COD.

Orient of Colorado

Pictured L to R: GIGs George Richardson, Milton Jackson, SGC Dr. Solomon Wallace, SGIG Carlisle Blackett Deputy for Can., SGIG Grady Edge, Deputy for NY, GIG Millard Driscoll and SGIG Lafayette Gatling, attending the Annual Banquet.

Orient of Canada
Saginaw Valley Consistory #71, under the leadership of CIC Freddie Johnson held a Scholarship Banquet on Saturday, August 31, 2013 awarding five deserving students with a scholarship. The recipients were: Bianca Kishon Fields, Nina James, Tasheona Jones, Javonte Speights and Amber Stokes. A special presentation was given to Amber Stokes which she received a scholarship in honor of the late Mrs. Carolyn Meekins from SGIG Robert J. Meekins and family.

Ill. Deputy for WI, SGIG William R. Stark presents the $1,000 USCBF Education Grant to Mr. Kristian Pullam who will be attending the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater, Majoring in Computer Science.

Orient of Hawaii

Orient of Canada

Orient of Massachusetts

Orient of the Bahamas

Orient of Connecticut

Orient of Wisconsin

Orient of Massachusetts

Pictured: Mr. William L. Little Sr., accepting the USCBF Educational Grant for his son William L. Little, Jr. presented by Ill. Deputy (IA) SGIG Owen Sloan.

Pictured L to R: SGIG Nicholas Locker, MWGM Compton Jones, Mr. Nathaniel Brewer the USCBF Scholarship recipient, SGIG Edward Cherry, SGIG Henry Owens Deputy for MA and CIC GIG Ronald Holliman during MA COD

Pictured L to R: Alexander James Brothers, who was the recipient of the USCBF Educational Award of $1000.00, SGIG Reginald Brothers and SGIG Carlisle N. Blackett, Deputy for Canada.

III. Osumana Cassell, 33° accepting the USCBF Educational Grant on behalf of his daughter Ms. Lydia Banks from Ill. Deputy (IA) SGIG Owen Sloan.

Pictured: SGIG Roscow Davies presenting the $1,000 USCBF Educational Award to GIG James S. Hutcheson, Sr. who accepted the award on behalf of his son Mr. James S. Hutcheson, Jr. who is a Bio-Chemistry Major attending Shaw University in NC.

Pictured L to R: SGIG Nicholas Locker, MWGM Compton Jones, Mr. Joshua Brewster the Louis I. Amis/Philip D Oliver Scholarship recipient, SGIG Edward Cherry, SGIG Henry Owens Deputy for MA and CIC GIG Ronald Holliman during MA COD.
Awards and Recognitions

Picture: Ill. Deputy SGIG George M. Calloway presented GIG Samuel C. Williamson (NMJ) with a plaque for his efforts working with him in 1983.

Orient of the Bahamas

Picture L to R: The Hon. Daniel M.D. Johnson, MP, Minister of Youth, Sports and Culture, SGIG Roscow A.L. Davies, Sir. Arthur A. Foulkes, Governor-General, Commonwealth of the Bahamas, as Ill. Davies, received his National Sports Hall of Fame Award.

Orient of Canada

Picture L to R: SGC Solomon Wallace, SGIG Frederick Ofosu, and SGIG Carlisle Blackett Deputy for Canada at their Annual Banquet.

Orient of Pennsylvania

Picture L to R: Ms. Kenyatta Wilbourne-Snapp, SGC Solomon Wallace and GIG Craig Strong, Honorees at the MI COD Annual Banquet.

Orient of Delaware

Pictured with SGIG Leon Battle, Deputy for Delaware at the Honorary Banquet during the Delaware COD’s Honorary Banquet are from bottom left clockwise: GIG Vernon Steel, GIG Isaac Morris #5, GIG Joseph B. Jackson #5 and GIG John W. Clark III, #93.

Orient of Michigan


Orient of Indiana

Picture: Consistorial Officer and Members of the Indiana Council of Deliberations.
**Loyal Ladies Across the Orients**

**Orient of Pennsylvania**

**Pictured**: L.L. Rebecca Roots receiving the Deputy’s Award from SGIG George M. Calloway, Deputy for the Orient of Pennsylvania. This award was given posthumously to her husband SGIG Threston C. Roots at the Pennsylvania COD Honorary Banquet.

**Orient of New Jersey**


**Orient of Wisconsin**

A Beautiful Fall Gala gathering in Johnson Creek, WI, for Milwaukee Assembly #28 and Madison-Beloit Assembly #70. The lovely ladies of the Golden Circle met for lunch, fun and games of Family Feud. **L to R**: LL Secretary of #28, Alma McClain, PLLR Felicia Jones, #70 and LLR

**Orient of Indiana**

**Pictured**: SGLLR Ruby Heron with Officers and Members from the Indiana State Grand Assembly, Order of the Golden Circle.

**Orient of Michigan**

**Pictured Center L to R**: SGIG Christopher Buck Overseer for MI, SGLLR Everyn D. Mann and SGC Dr. Solomon Wallace along with member of Charity #38, Faith #63 and Light of Hope #64 at their Occasional meeting in Detroit, MI on February 1, 2014. They also made a donation to the USC Benevolent Foundation.

**Orient of Michigan**

**Seated L to R**: LLs Winna Hinton, Willie Mae Overton, Deloris Bridges, Evelyn Mann, CIC Winford Barnes, LLs Gail Freeman, Carrie Henry and Malinda Johnson. Also pictured, are the Officer and members of Light of Hope Assembly #64.

**Orient of Canada**

**Pictured**: LLR Valerie Bailey and Loyal Ladies of Beaver Assembly #88 at the 2013 Canada Council of Deliberation.
**Nebraska Council**

**SGIG Doysa L. Whitaker, 33° Deputy for Nebraska**

The 100th Nebraska Council of Deliberation (NCOD) Annual Session was held in Omaha, Nebraska. Our activities began with a social hour and dinner on Saturday evening, October 12, 2013 at Johnny’s Cafe, Omaha, Nebraska. In attendance for the social amenities and dinner was, myself, SGIG Doysa L. Whitaker 33° Deputy of the Orient for Nebraska, the Most Worshipful Grand Master (MWGM) of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge (MWPGL) Jurisdiction of Nebraska, Honorable Glenn W. Dee 33°, MWPGM Frederick P. Nolan 33°, MWPGM Johnny L. Cummings 33°, MWPGM Eric Critchlow 33°, DDGM at Large William Wray, Sr. 33°, Deputy Emeritus SGIG John Haynes 33°, GIG Lycurgus C. Curry, 33° Assistant to the Deputy, GIG Henry D. Atkinson 33°, Orient of the Far East, Illustrious Commander-In-Chief, Michael Matthews 32° of Joshua David Kelly Consistory #27. The other honored guest in attendance were; PGWMs Patricia Brown, Delores Brown, Juanita Moore, Faye A. Jones, Deborah E. Crockett and Joyce E. Wray, Loyal Lady Ruler, Order of the Golden Circle, Assembly #41, Omaha, Nebraska.

The 100th NCOD officially convened on Sunday, October 13, 2013 by me, Most Illustrious Commander-In-Chief (MICIC), SGIG Doysa L. Whitaker 33° Deputy of the Orient for Nebraska for business and ceremony at 4:45 p.m. at the Masonic Hall at 2412 Ames Ave. Omaha, NE. Visiting guests in attendance were MWGM the Honorable Glenn W. Dee 33° of the MWPGL for the State of Nebraska, GIG Henry D. Atkinson 33° Far East Orient, Illustrious Commander-In-Chief, GIG Michael Matthews 32° of Joshua David Kelly Consistory #27. All visitors were escorted into our NCOD with Honor Bearers, received and given the appropriate Grand Honors.

The MICIC Whitaker 33° called for prayer to open our 100th NCOD. After the opening prayer, the balustrade was read from the 99th NCOD and approved with the necessary corrections.

Allocation was given by the MICIC, SGIG Doysa L. Whitaker, 33°, Deputy of the Orient for Nebraska. The emphasis was to improve membership, support our institution and mentoring to the youth in our communities.

The MICIC requested a moment of silence in honor of, GIG John W. Reed, Sr. 33°, Honorary Member, SGIG Dwight R. Jonson 33°, Deputy of Orient for the Far East, SP Preston Porter 32° and LL Sherry A. Jefferson, Loyal Lady Ruler Orin Captain, Order of the Golden Circle, that have gone on to that eternal heaven not made with hands.

Reports were given by the officers of Joshua David Kelley Consistory #27 and officers of the NCOD that was voted on and approved.

Election of Council Officers was held for the ensuring year, October 2013 thru October 2014. GIG William L. Wray 33°, 1st Lt. Cmdr., GIG Johnny L. Cummings 33° 2nd Lt. Cmdr. and GIG Lycurgus C. Curry 33° Grand Secretary were nominated and elected to succeed themselves and GIG Walter W. Bullock 33° was elected Grand Treasurer during the NCOD during its 100th Annual Session.

The MICIC Whitaker 33° announced one (1) Frater nominated to receive the thirty third and last degree for the year 2014.

There were remarks from visitors, GIG Henry Atkinson 33° Orient of the Far East brought greetings and stated that SGIG Daniel Poole 33° is the Overseer for the Orient of the Far East. The Gavel of Authority was turned over to the MWGM Hon. Glenn W. Dee 33° of the MWPGL for the State of Nebraska, who gave remarks and reflections. Their remarks were received, recorded in the balustrade and will be placed in the archives of the NCOD.

**Conclusion:** “We will continue to look to the future, at an early age we were taught that each of us at some point in our lives will have our cross to bear. It was God’s grace that brought us this far and God’s grace will lead us on.”

There being no further remarks, The MICIC SGIG Doysa L. Whitaker 33° declared this 100th NCOD closed until our next session in the year 2014.

**New Jersey Council**

**SGIG Arthur R. Crawford, 33° Deputy for New Jersey**

The New Jersey Council of Deliberation (NJ COD) was held at the Crowne Plaza Hotel Cherry Hill, New Jersey. The Council was hosted by Samuel W. Gordon Consistory #50 located in the Valley of Asbury Park, New Jersey.

Once again, the NJ COD conducted its annual election and installation of officers with all officers succeeding themselves. Our State Grand Loyal Lady Ruler (SGLLR), LL Gwendolyn D. Jenkins completed her administration with the grace and poise of a true Loyal Lady and passed onto our newly elected SGLLR, LL Flora Williams; Love, Support, and a house in order; to continue the growth of all Loyal Ladies and Assemblies within this Orient. ¶For the Peace Love and Unity that we have, I just continue to thank God for this and count it as a major Blessing!

We remain so very grateful to be able to host our annual luncheon for the entire Prince Hall Family (State Heads of Houses), Council Officers and our invited guests, the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction U.S.A. Council of Deliberation for the State of New Jersey. We have been blessed to make this an annual event during the NJ COD.
The various Assemblies throughout this Orient continue to service their communities within their respective valleys. The State Grand Assembly of the Loyal Ladies of this Orient honored LL Gwendolyn D. Jenkins last summer for the wonderful service she gave and the many acts of kindness not only to the Loyal Ladies but also, to my office as Deputy of the Orient.

Our Consistories continue their annual functions and a few of their events are highlighted below:

Douglass Consistory #10 in the Valley of Plainfield NJ held and hosted their annual Thanksgiving dinner for the homeless. Mount Calvary Consistory #22 in the Valley of Plainfield NJ in conjunction with the Loyal Ladies of Arbor Vitae Assembly #16, their annual Joint Scholarship Awards Ceremony.

Mount Calvary Consistory #22 is about to launch their youth mentoring program and will be a welcomed addition to this Orient.

Samuel W. Gordon #50 in the Valley of Asbury Park, NJ, has been extremely active within their community in addition to being the host for the 2013 NJ COD with many of the activities being done in conjunction with the Loyal Ladies of Gethsemane Assembly #33; they gave over 200 bags of candy and hygienic products of toothpaste and brushes to the children of the Monmouth County Boys and Girls Club of Asbury Park, NJ. As well as awarding a citation for outstanding service to this organization. This act of kindness continued at Christmas time with the donation of toys to this program. In addition to all of the community activities, honor was given to the Past Commanders-In-Chiefs and Past Loyal Lady Rulers at their Joint Jazz Brunch.

Favor once again shined upon the Orient of NJ; three (3) GIGs were reclassified to the SGIGs “Emeriti” and they were; William M. Moore, Harvey D. Saunders, and Robert L. Oglesby, Sr. We look forward to their continued contributions to the advancement of the NJ COD.

Whit Sunday was hosted by Mt. Calvary Consistory #22 located in the Valley of Atlantic City, NJ. We were honored to be able to celebrate Whit Sunday at the Jethro Memorial Presbyterian Church where the Pastor is Rev. Marion K. McLaurin.

The month of February is the time that we have our annual affair. This year the Orient honored the “Seasoned Saints” of the NJ COD and they were; SGIG Dr. Ivory M. Buck, Jr., Recording Secretary, SGIG Fredrick O. Dobson, Sr., Treasurer General H.E., SGIG Darrow E. Hill, Reflections and GIG William R. Revel. 1st Lt. Cmdr (Emeritus) (NJCOD). Our goal and desire for this program was to recognize and honor these Fraters for their dedication, longevity, continued service and leadership in Scottish Rite Masonry especially for the NJ COD.

The event was held in the Valley of Central Jersey A.A.S.R. Building in Bordentown, NJ. The room was filled to capacity with Friends and Family of all of the honorees, representation of all elected and appointed NJ COD Officers, Consistories in the Orient, many Lodges and the Prince Hall Family. LL Flora Williams, SGLLR, NJ State Assembly, Order of the Golden Circle, her officers, and representatives from the Assemblies were also present. The MWGM Ricardo McNeil was represented by Right Worshipful Shelton J. Prescott, Deputy Grand Master along with other Elected and Appointed Grand Lodge officers. Several officers of the U.S.C., A.A.S.R. of Freemasonry, P.H.A., Northern Jurisdiction, U.S.A. Inc., were present. They included SGC Dr. Solomon Wallace, Ill. Melvin J. Bazemore, Grand Minister of State, Ill. Lorenzo Cruger, Sr., Secretary General, H.E., Ill. Raynard W. Hughes, Cathedral Secretary.

A tribute was done for each honoree by either a family member and/or a close friend. SGIG Dr. Buck, Jr’s., tribute was done by his son, GIG Ivory M. Buck, III, SGIG Dobson’s tribute was done by his Grandson who is currently an Entered Apprentice Mason, SGIG Hill’s, tribute was done by SGIG Robert L. Oglesby, Sr., and GIG Revels’, tribute came from longtime friend GIG Ulysses D. Baker.

SGC Wallace gave remarks and had various officers of the United Supreme Council to make monetary presentations to each of them on behalf of the United Supreme Council. Each honoree received numerous presentations and awards, well wishes and congratulations from their family, friends and the MWPGL of NJ. Proclamations were received from the State Assembly and various Municipalities to honor this event.

Remarks of thanks and gratitude were expressed by each honoree. Closing remarks were given by R.W. Shelton J. Prescott, Deputy Grand Master of the MWPGL followed by Benediction by Rev. Marion K. McLaurin of the Jethro Memorial Presbyterian Church of Atlantic City, NJ.

In closing, I would like to say “Let our Work … we do … speak for Us” I’m honored to say that this committee and the honorees have practice this over the many years with their dedicated service to this Council of Deliberation. It continues to hold true “we the leadership of the NJ COD elected and appointed officers and body in general stand ready to serve the United Supreme Council, our Orient and our Consistories and Assemblies as a TEAM that continues to understand and practice that there is not an “I” in the word TEAM. Together Everyone Achieves Much! We may be several moving parts but, all parts are moving in the correct and same directions and for that…..We Have So Much To Continuously Thank God For!
New York Council
SGIG Grady Edge, 33°
Deputy for New York

On November 9, 2013 SGC Dr. Solomon Wallace was honored with the unveiling of a bronze bust that is placed in the main lobby of the MWPHGL State of New York located at 454 W. 155th Street, New York, New York.

The unveiling ceremony took place at the Grand East where SGC Wallace served as Grand Master for twelve (12) years. During the ceremony SGC Wallace was presented with the only commemorative souvenir journal published for this occasion. The ceremony was followed by a scrumptious meal prepared by the committee, and all in attendance enjoyed the meal and fellowship. There were many Masons and Dignitaries in attendance from over the state including the Most Worshipful Dorian R. Glover, 33° Grand Master of New York and his cabinet along with SGIG Grady Edge, Deputy for the Orient of New York, and SGC Wallace’s family from Raleigh, North Carolina and New York. Past Master Charles Pryor and his committee were commended for doing a fantastic job.

Council of Deliberation: The 88th Council of Deliberation (NY COD) was held at the Rochester Plaza Hotel and Conference Center, 70 State Street, Rochester, New York on October 18th, 19th, and 20th, 2013.

The meeting of the Commandersof the Rite was held on Friday night, October 18th, 2013 with SGIG Hermon J. Simpson 33°, Assistant to the Deputy presiding. The 88th NY COD was opened by Pentecost Consistory #98 by CIC Timothy McKnight, 32°. The Session was opened promptly at 8:00 a.m. on October 19th, 2013 to receive the Most Illustrious Commander-in-Chief (MICIC), SGIG Grady Edge, 33°, who then received all elected and appointed Officers of the NY COD, followed by the reception of the Most Worshipful Grand Master of the State of New York, the Honorable Dorian R. Glover, 33°. This was followed by the reception of Sovereign Grand Commander of The United Supreme Council, SGIG Dr. Solomon Wallace, 33°. All reports were submitted prior to the Session therefore they were given in a timely manner.

The Banquet on Saturday evening included the presentation of six scholarships from The NY COD and a one thousand ($1000.00) Educational Grant from the United Supreme Council Benevolent Foundation. The Sunday morning Session was opened with a superlative sermonette by Rev. Ill. James Clark, 33°.

Scholarship: The Orient of New York continues to advocate educational scholarships for our youths and will continue to emphasize and set higher expectations from them in their educational pursuits.

Health: All though Health Education is not a mandate of this Orient; each Consistory has been encouraged to adopt some form of health education. Since we are an organization of predominately black men and have statistically showed that we have the greatest mortality rate, each Consistory has adopted some form of health education concerning those illnesses that affect black men. The education comes in the form of seminars, presentations by medical experts and discussions in consistory meetings. I am very pleased with our health programs and recommend that they be continued.

Most Illustrious Commander-in-Chief, Grady Edge, 33° closed the Session at 11:00 a.m. on Sunday morning, October 20, 2013.

Ohio Council
SGIG Sidney D. Broadnax, Jr., 33°
Deputy for Ohio

The 104th Annual Session of the Ohio Council of Deliberation (OCOD) was held at the Holiday Inn, Dayton/Fairborn, Ohio on October 25, 26 and 27, 2013. The weekend began on Friday evening with a special dinner with the MICIC Sidney D. Broadnax, Jr., along with hospitality and reception hosted by Miami Consistory #26 and Miami Assembly #22.

On Saturday morning at 8:30 a.m., devotions were led by the Ill. Grand Prior, SGIG Dr. Wilton E. Blake, I #20, and Assoc. Grand Prior GIG Elder Carlton Cave #21. At 9:00 a.m., the Ritualistic Opening was done by the Illustrious Commander-in-Chief, SP Anthony Reynolds and Members of Miami Consistory #26; and the Most Illustrious Commander-in-Chief (MICIC) SGIG Sidney D. Broadnax, Jr. was received to preside. The following OCOD Officers were present: GIG Aaron E. Ray #15, Ill. 1st Lt. Cmdr; GIG Ezell U. Sampson #26, Ill. 2nd Lt. Cmdr; GIG Arlin Jackson #26, Ill. Grand Treasurer; GIG Gerald S. Friason #20, Ill. Grand Secretary; GIG Theodore R. Patton #24, Ill. Grand Master of State; GIG Wilton E. Blake, I #20, Ill. Grand Prior; GIG Arnold W. Scott #20, Ill. Grand Captain of the Guard; GIG Woodrow Riddle, #15, Ill. Grand Hospitaler; GIG George W. King #26, Ill. Grand Engineer & Architect; GIG Odell Robinson, Jr. #20, Ill. Grand Sentinel; SGIG Jerry D. Springer, #26, Ill. Grand Master of Ceremonies; GIG Thomas G. Graham #26, Ill. Grand Director Sword/Candle Bearers; Asst. Grand Secretaries: SGIG Ronald A. Ogletree #26, GIG Jimmie E. Johnson #26 and GIG Charles G. Smith #21; SGIG Charles W. Hales #15 Convention Director/Asst. to the Deputy; SGIG Carl A. Williams #15 Asst. Convention Director; SGIG Stephen P. Blackwell, Sr. #26 Asst. to the Deputy; GIG Ernest D. Farrier Asst. Director Sword/Candle Bearers; SGIG Chester C. Pryor, II Medical Director; Asst. Treasurers GIG Owen E. Mumphrey and GIG Charles V. Williams, III and GIG Frank Bowen, Director of Supplies.

Reception of the Ill. CICs: GIG William E. Spence, #15 (Valley of Cleveland); GIG Timothy D. Collier, #20 (Cincinnati); SP William E. McCoy, Jr., #21 (Columbus); GIG

Stipendsto the widows of the various Consistories.
Goldwin L. Williams, #24 (Toledo); and SP Anthony W. Reynolds, #26 (Dayton). **Grand Heads of Houses received:** GIG Arnet D. Sanders, Jr. – Grand Worthy Patron, OES; GIG Reginald A. Blake, Sr. – Right Eminent Grand Commander, Knights Templar and Grand Royal Advisor Grand Guild, HOTC; GIG Jerry D. Springer – Royal Grand Advisor – PH Grand Court, LOCOP; GIG Kennedy C. McColl – Most Worthy Grand Joshua – H o J and Eminent Prior, Alpha Priory #1, KYCH; GIG Thomas G. Graham, representing Grand Thrice Illustrious Master; SGGIG Clamion M. Marshall – President, Ohio Commanders of the Rite; and GIG Melvin Russell – Very Eminent Preceptor – Hannibal Tabernacle #78 GC HRA KTP.

The following **Sovereign Grand Inspectors General** were received into the Chamber Room: **Active Membership:** Dr. Chester C. Pryor, II, Charles W. Hales; Rev. Dr. Wilton E. Blake, I; **Emeriti Membership:** Carl A. Williams; Kenneth E. Lewis; Jerry D. Springer; Dr. Roland C. McGoodwin; Ronald A. Ogletree; Homer L. Buchanan; Gregory S. Snead; Stephen P. Blackwell, Sr.; Leo C. Beavers; Ival Angel; Theodore R. Patton; Clamion M. Marshall; Steven Reece, Sr. and Bishop J. D. Dellano, II.

**Visitor Ill. William R. Powers, Illustrious Deputy of Ohio** an Active of the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction, United Supreme Council; and **Imperial Potentate** (SGIG) Homer L. Buchanan were received. The **Honorable Darryl R. Smith, Most Worshipful Grand Master of the MWPHGL of Ohio** was escorted into the Consistorial Chamber by his Grand Lodge Trustees along with twelve (12) Most Worshipful & Past Grand Masters. Also present were seven (7) Past Grand Worthy Patrons. SGGIG Broadnax thanked SGGIG Jerry D. Springer #26, GMC and his Assistants SGGIG Russell A. Patterson #26 and GIG Thomas A. Graham #26, Grand Director of Sword and Candle Bearers and the Asst. Director GIG Ernest D. Farrier #20 and Team Members: **Sword Bearers** - GIG Richard Bowser #26, SP John Watters #26, GIG Lawrence Coleman #20, GIG Reggie Oliver #21, GIG Gordon Chavis, SP Eddie Joiner #20, GIG Charles Harper #26, SP Byron Reed #15, SP Larkin Banks #20, GIG Ernest Farrow #20, SP Orlando Victim #20. **Candle Bearers:** GIG William Dunye #26, SP Traylon Smith #21, SP Ezra Thomas #26, GIG Willie Thompson #26, GIG Greg Allen #20, GIG David G. Beard #15, SP Glenn E. Beach #26, SP James R. Payne #26, and GIG Willie Terrell #26, for doing an outstanding Job escorting the dignitaries into the Chambers.

The **MICIC Broadnax** rendered his Annual Allocation that included: **State of the Nation:** Voting acts, fires, floods, tornados and other; **State of the Order:** Successful 132nd Annual Session, the success of the Stimulus Raffle project, and during the session, the following Ill. Sirs from Ohio were reclassified: SGGIG Wilton E. Blake, I #20 from Emeritus to Active. Reclassified from GIG to SGGIG Emeritus: Leo C. Beavers, #15, Ival Angel #15, Bishop J. Delano Ellis, II #15, Clamion Marshall #20, Theodore R. Patton #24, and Jerry D. Springer #26. Wilberforce University received a donation from the USC Benevolent Foundation. **State of the Orient:** “United and Growing” will continue to be the theme for our Orient. We will host the 133rd Annual Session of the USC for the year 2014 in Cincinnati, Ohio. SGGIG Stephen P. Blackwell, Sr. #26 along with his assistant, GIG Charles E. Williams are preparing the team to once again put on the degree during the session.

This past year, our Charity/Benevolence and Scholarships donations totaled $34,478. This was a combined effort of the OCOD, Consistories, Commanders of the Rite, and Ohio Grand Assembly and the Assemblies. Other donations made: $1000 to USC Benevolent Fund; $500 in support of the MWPHGL of OH Lamp Newspaper; $800 to the Ohio Order of Golden Circle Scholarship Fund; and $1000 MWPHGL of OH Building Fund. The USC’s $1000.00 Educational Grant was awarded to Mr. Dominic Ezekiel of Dayton, OH. SGGIG Charles W. Hales and SGGIG Stephen P. Blackwell, Sr. were appointed “Assistants to the Deputy”. **Fraternal Relations** - The 6th Degree was filmed in Akron, OH by members of the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction. GIG Robert L. Smith #15 was selected to participate in the filming. On Saturday March 1st the Consistories in the Valley of Cincinnati together will exemplify their 20th degree. The OCOD made a contribution to assist in getting Headstones for African American Civil War Veterans who did not have Grave Markers. This Dedication Ceremony was held in Cincinnati with the Masonic Lodges of Prince Hall and the Grand Lodge of Ohio.

**GIG William Spence, of Bezaeleel #15 was selected - Ill. Commander-in-Chief of the Year.**

After the Allocution, the **State Grand Loyal Lady Ruler Jacqueline E. Harris**, Grand Officers, Past State Grand Loyal Lady Rulers; and the State Queen of the Ohio Grand Assembly visited the Council. MICIC Broadnax acknowledged the oldest and youngest member present: GIG W. Irvin Deese #20 (96); and SP John E. Little II, #26 (29). They were invited to the special luncheon. **Illustrious William Powers, Deputy for Ohio Scottish Rite, Northern Masonic Jurisdiction gave remarks.**

On Sunday a **Buffet Breakfast** was enjoyed by all registered attendees. At 8:30 the **Annual Joint Memorial Service** was conducted by the Ill. Grand Prior SGGIG Wilton E. Blake, I #20; LL Gloria Tisdale #35; GIG James Harris #15; and LL Joyce Aldridge #35. The Roll Call of deceased members was read by LL Maggie J. Parks #22 Grand Secretary of the Ohio Grand Assembly and the OCOD deceased members read by GIG Charles G. Smith #21 Grand Assistant Secretary.

The Annual Meetings resumed. **Scholarship Commission:** SGGIG Dr. Chester C. Pryor, II #20; GIG Arlin Jackson #26; GIG E.C. Harrell #24; GIG Louis Crocheron #15; GIG Gerald S. Friason #20; and GIG Willie Terrell #26 awarded $17,000 to students. Presentation of the “The Eighteenth Degree” (Knights of the Rose Croix) was given by GIG Robert L. Smith #15. **Time & Place Committee** reported that the 2014 Session will be held October 24 – 26, 2014 at the Crowne Plaza Cincinnati/Blue Ash Hotel.

**Medical Staff** SGGIG Dr. Chester C. Pryor, II #20, GIG Dr. Richard Gordon #26, SP Dr. Howard Melvin #20 and SP Dr. Keith Melvin #20 spoke in detail about Prostate Cancer and the need to get a PSA Exam annually. A question and answer period followed. **Registration** chaired by GIG Maxwell G. Davis #20, and Co-chairs: GIG Kenneth McCullars #20, GIG Jerry Jones #26, GIG Marshall B. Cone, Jr. #15, SP Lonnie Jones II #20 reported a total of 256 Frater’s registered which is an increase from previous 7 years.

**Additions to the class of 2014 are:** SPs Charles E. Benning, Sr., Tony J. Dye, Riccardo V. Haynes, Aaron Jackson, Gary A. Norton, Jr., Raymond Shelton, George S. Thompson, Oscar
Trivers, Joseph White, Sr., and Howard D. Melvin #20. The following Sublime Princes were recommended for the 33rd Degree Class of 2015: Bezaleel Consistory #15: James Bennett, Donald Emerson, Curtis Wilson, Eric Elder and Shawn P. Ruffin; King Solomon Consistory #20: Rev. Edward Finley Carter, Dr. Keith Melvin, Rev. Elmer S. Martin, and Arthur Branch; L. D. Easton Consistory #21: Joseph Clarke, Jr., Ronald Calloway and Traylor Smith; St. Matthews Consistory #24: Marlon Shockley and Mark McBee; Miami Consistory #26: Gerald L. Townes, Nathaniel C. Benn and Ronald L. Bellows.

SGIG Charles W. Hales #15 USC Convention Director reported on the United Supreme Council Session for 2014 that will be held in Cincinnati, Ohio. Imperial Potentate, SGIG Homer L. Buchanan #26 stated that the USC and the MWPHGL of OH has similar programs and they are willing to partnership to make these programs successful, particularly the Mentoring Program and the Diabetes Initiative Program. He reinforced his support of the AASR and York Rite Masonry. All Officers of the OCOD were re-elected.

MWGM Darryl R. Smith #26 spoke of the “Dime a Day” project to fund the Scholarship Foundation and his edict concerning the partnership with the “Cradle to College” which is exactly as the USCs’s, and the continued efforts of our Building Commission. The 104th Annual Session of the OCOD was closed by the MICIC SGIG Sidney D. Broadnax, Jr. with benediction by SGIG Rev. Wilton E. Blake, I.

Ohio Commander of the Rite
Annual Meeting was held Saturday afternoon with President SGIG Clamion M. Marshall presiding. Each Vice President gave their Valley’s report: GIG Larry Johnson #15, GIG Archie Johnson #20, GIG Wilse Simpson #21, GIG E.C. Harrell #24, and GIG Robert Estelle #26. Mrs. Sharon McGovern, the representative of Diabetes Dayton, an organization which is over 60 years in existence provides services to youth in the Dayton, Ohio area with type 1 and 2 diabetes was presented a check for $500.00 by Clamion M. Marshall. This was the local charity recommendation by The Commanders of the Rite of Miami Consistory #26 for the year 2013.

HIGHLIGHTS of the 42nd SESSION of the OHIO GRAND ASSEMBLY
State Grand Loyal Lady Ruler Jacqueline E. Harris presided over the session. All State Grand Officers along with fourteen (14) Past State Grand Loyal Lady Rulers were present along with Loyal Lady Rulers: Helen McCann Miami Assembly #22 (Dayton); L.L. Beverly Blalock - Dove Assembly #34 (Cincinnati); L.L. Nancy Smell - La Paz Assembly #35 (Toledo); and L.L. Brenda Ledbetter-Ross - Capital Valley Assembly #36 (Columbus); Officers from each Assemblies; and all Female Grand Heads of Houses. The Grand Assembly awarded a total of $2,000 to deserving students for scholarships. The “Poster of the Year” which displayed pictures from their Community involvements and other events was won by Miami Assembly #22. The “Membership Award” was won by Dove Assembly #34. Queen Contest was won by L.L. Sophia Martin of Miami Assembly #22. The MICIC Broadnax made his official visit to the Ohio Grand Assembly along with his entourage that included the MWGM Darryl R. Smith, Imperial Potentate Homer L. Buchanan, SGIGs and III Commanders in Chiefs. The Grand Officers elected for 2014 were: L.L. Sharon I. Coleman #34 State Grand Loyal Lady Ruler; L.L. Joyce Aldridge #35 State Grand L. L. Assoc. Ruler; L.L. Ruth Keels #36, Grand L.L. Priestess; and L.L. Betty J. Williams #19 Grand Guide.

Saving the African Male from Cradle to College
MICIC Broadnax strongly emphasized that “Ohio will continue to be that Map for our Youth, who are standing at the Cross Roads of Life between NO WHERE an Opportunity” and be that beacon of light for “Saving the African American Male: From the Cradle to College Program”.

The Valley of Cleveland continues to have an excellent “Cradle to College” program under the leadership of SGIG Leonard B. Jackson, SGIG Carl A. Williams, GIG Mark Ledger, and Members of Bezaleel Consistory #15. They are in their 5th year of Mentoring Partnership with the John Adams High School. The 2014 year’s kickoff event began on November 2013 with the students at John Adams H.S and will meet regularly until April, 2014. The goal is to make a difference in the lives of black males through the implementation of Saving the African American Male. Several of the mentees are on the verge of graduation from high school and will move on to pursue a college education, a tremendous milestone in the USC “Cradle to College” Program. The following Fraters will be leading this program in their Valleys (Cities):
S.G.I.G. Leon B. Jackson, S.G.I.G. Carl A. Williams, Mark Ledger – (Bezaleel #15 Cleveland); GIG Frank Bowen – (King Solomon #20 Cincinnati); S.P. Eugene Greenfield – (L. D. Easton #21, Columbus); and GIG Willie A. Terrell, Jr. – (Miami #26, Dayton, Ohio).

Pennsylvania Council
SGIG George M. Calloway, 33° Deputy for Pennsylvania
The 132nd Annual Convocation of the Pennsylvania Council of Deliberation (PACOD) was convened on Saturday, November 9, 2013 at the Ambassador Banquet and Convention Center, Valley of Erie, PA. This Convocation was opened up at 12:30PM by Sublime Prince Allen Smitherman 32°, Illustrious Commander-in-Chief (CIC) of Whitney M. Young Consistory #88, Valley of Erie, who was the Host Consistory along with M.E.T. Carroll Assembly #62, Order of the Golden Circle.

As customary in this Jurisdiction on the Friday evening prior to the opening of our Convocation, the Officers, delegates, visitors and invited guests were entertained by the hosts with a wine and cheese reception sponsored by our hosts Whitney M. Young Consistory #88, under the leadership of Commander-in-Chief SP Allen Smitherman, 32° and M.E.T. Carroll Assembly #62, Order of the Golden Circle, under the leadership of Loyal Lady Ruler Frances Jackson. The crowning of the Queen for the State Grand Assembly was also presented as part of the entertainment. Loyal Lady Hellenia Huggins-Warner of Mary E. Gould Assembly #61 was crowned the Queen. A very enjoyable evening was had by all and I thank our hosts for their dedicated service.
On Saturday morning, the annual breakfast, sponsored by the Pennsylvania State Grand Assembly honored the following Loyal Lady Rulers for their service. They are LL Ruler Beverly Holmes, #5, LL Ruler R. Ann Bradford, #6, LL Ruler Florence Echevarria, #30, LL Ruler Annie Dismond, #50, LL Ruler Pamela Gallimore, #61 and LL Ruler Frances Jackson, #62. Following the breakfast we all attended a workshop dealing with one of the nationally observed subjects of the period, the “Affordable Care Act” (Obama Care). The workshop was conducted by Brother Bill England, PA State Director of Enroll America, whose mission is to maximize the number of uninsured Americans to enroll in health coverage. He gave us an outstanding presentation relative to the opportunities available to us under the provisions of the Act. He also covered details surrounding the opposition to the Act by Republicans in Congress who would shut down the Government if necessary.

The 132nd Annual Convocation of the PCOD was convened on Saturday, November 09, 2013 at the Ambassador Banquet and Convention Center, Valley of Erie, PA. This Convocation was opened at 12:30 p.m., by Sublime Prince Allen Smitherman, 32°, Illustrious Commander-in-Chief of Whitney M. Young Jr., Consistory #88, Valley of Erie, along with M.E.T Carroll Assembly, #62, Order of the Golden Circle.

The usual agenda of the receiving of dignitaries was completed flawlessly by CIC SP Smitherman who turned the session over to the 1st Lt. Cmdr, GIG Rubin Collins, 33°, who was received as required to continue the agenda. Upon being received in the customary manner, I as the MICIC had the pleasure of being received from the SGC Dr. Solomon Wallace, 33°, SGIG Lorenzo Cruger, 33°, Secretary General, H.E. MICIC Calloway then received MWGM Dr. Murphy J. Keller, III, and his entourage. He was given Grand Honors and escorted to a seat in the East. All dignitaries were received, given required honors and seated appropriately within the chambers.

At the conclusion of Saturday’s agenda we received the Leaders of the Prince Hall Family followed by the Pennsylvania State Grand Assembly, Order of the Golden Circle, led by State Grand Loyal Lady Ruler, Ann B. Coleman and her Corp of Officers. After remarks were given by all, the session was ended for the day in order to prepare for the evening’s Awards Banquet.

The Awards Banquet started promptly at 7:00 p.m., with the reception of the head table guests. The banquet lived up to its title of “Awards Banquet” do to the fact that (3) three well deserved awards were granted in addition to the Student Scholarship Awards.

State Grand LL Priestess, Ruthe “Dutchess” Overton, of M.E.T Carroll Assembly, #62, after having served several years on the line of the State Grand Assembly, agreed to resign her position due to illness. She was awarded a “Certificate of Appreciation”, from the MICIC Calloway for her dedicated service and she was also granted the permanent title of “State Grand Loyal Lady Priestess, Emeritus”.

The 132nd Annual PCOD Deputies Award Plaque was awarded posthumously to SGIG Threston C. Roots, 33°, a member of Charles E. Gordon Consistory #65, for his outstanding and dedicated service to this PCOD, Charles E. Gordon #65 and Masonry in general. The award was presented to his widow, LL Rebecca C. Roots, Chester Assembly #30. Also GIG Samuel C. Williamson, (NMJ), for his efforts working with SGIG George M. Calloway, 33°, in 1983 as PGMs to bring about fraternal recognition for the Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania from the Grand Lodge of England, a “Certificate of Appreciation”, (plaque) was presented to GIG Williamson, making him an honorary member of this PCOD.

The Education Committee made the following awards;
- The USC Benevolent award of $1,000.00 was given to Ashley N. Manuel (St. John’s University)
- The COTR Thomas W. Harrison Award was presented to Kaitlan Hopkins (University/Arkansas)

PACOD in partnership with N.E.E.D. granted $1,500.00 each to the following students;
- Robert Benjamin (University of Pittsburgh)
- Alyssa Bowser (Arcadia University)
- Maurice Jenkins (University of Pittsburgh)
- Akira Milligan (Columbia College/Chicago)
- Kameron Staples (Brown University)
- Patience Vaughn (Lincoln University)

This banquet was a tremendous success.

The agenda was resumed on Sunday Morning, at 7:00a.m., with a prayer breakfast sponsored by the Pennsylvania Commanders of the Rite under the direction of GIG Nelson M. Polite, Sr. 33°. Bishop Dwayne Brock of the Victory Christian AMEZ Church,
Erie, PA delivered an arousing message to set the tone of the day.

With the reconvening of the session the following fraters were confirmed as candidates for receiving of the honorary 33\textdegree, to be conferred at the USC Session to be held in Cincinnati, Ohio in May, 2014.

Class of 2014: DeMolay #1, SPs James Century, Eugene Smack, Fred Mitchell and William Dill, St. Cyprian #4, SP William Holmes, Nimrod #9, SPs David Shell, Gregory Sharpe and Rev. Ronnie Tucker, CEG #65, SP Roger Goldsmith, MLK #86, SPs Clifton Milligan, Aaron Ervin, Sr., Albertus Shaw and Sean Snead.

Sublime Princes nominated for the honorary 33\textdegree, Class of 2015; DeMolay #1, SPs Felix Gardenshire, Joseph Moore, Earl Shorter and Benjamin Smith, Nimrod #9, SP Herbert Thompson, CEG #65, SPs Joseph Sanders, Michael Whaley and Thomas Twine, MLK #86, SPs Abraham Shaw and Charles White and WMY #88 Allen Smitherman.

The Pennsylvania State Grand Assembly, under the leadership of State Grand Loyal Lady Ruler Ann B. Coleman #6 held their 42\textsuperscript{nd} Annual Session along with the 132\textsuperscript{nd} PCOD Session. Peace and Unity prevailed within their session and congratulations must go out to the host Assembly, M.E.T. Carroll #62, Valley of Erie, for an outstanding job of co-hosting this event. Though this is our smallest Assembly, they stood tall for us and I have to again thank them for their efforts. As mentioned before, a change was made in the elected line because of the resignation, due to the illness, of SGLL Priestess Ruthe “Dutchess Overton”. The election of Officers was held with SGLL Ruler Ann B. Coleman #6, maintaining her office and the SGLL Guide moving up to fill the station of SGLL Priestess.

One of the highlight of this session was the honors that were bestowed upon Mary E. Gould Assembly #61. The State Grand Queen for 2013/2014 was won by LL Helennia Huggins-Warner, Mary E. Gould Assembly #61. The most increased membership award was granted to Mary E. Gould Assembly #61 as well as the Loyal Lady Ruler of the year award granted to LL Ruler Pamela A. Gallimore, for her dedication to the office during the year. Congratulations are in order to her and the Assembly.

My thanks go out to SGIG Vernon D. Dobbs for his leadership of the planning committee that hosted us for this 132\textsuperscript{nd} annual session.

Prior to the closing ceremony on Sunday November 11, 2013, greetings and remarks were requested from our Dignitaries, namely, SGIG Paul Barry, SGIG Russell Baker, GIG Samuel Williamson, GIG Thomas Labagh, SGIG Raynard Hughes, SGIG Lorenzo Cruger and MWGM Dr. Murphy J. Keller, III.

Many thanks go out to my dedicated cadre of officers for their support throughout the years. No names are necessary for they know who they are.

Washington Council
SGIG Daniel L. Lunsford, 33\textdegree
Deputy for Wash/Ore

On September 14, 2013, the Sixty-Eighth Annual Council of Deliberation convened at the La Quinta Inn and Suites in the Valley of Tacoma, Washington. Most Illustrious Commander In Chief (MICIC), SGIG Daniel L. Lunsford, 33\textdegree, Deputy of the Orient of Washington/Oregon State presided over the session.

Dignitaries in attendance included Honorable Solomon Wallace, 33\textdegree, Sovereign Grand Commander, United Supreme Council, A.A.S.R. of Freemasonry, N.J., U.S.A. Incorporated; The Honorable Patrick L. Hughes, Sr., 33\textdegree, Most Worshipful Grand Master, Washington and Jurisdiction; The Honorable Michael L. Harper, 32\textdegree, Most Worshipful Grand Master, Oregon, Idaho, and Montana; Sovereign Grand Inspectors General Jasper R. Warren, 33\textdegree; Edward D. Dobbins, 33\textdegree, Wendell O. Hutchins, 33\textdegree, Carlton B. Tucker, 33\textdegree, Julian L. Harris, 33\textdegree and Henry Sheegog, 33\textdegree. Other dignitaries included Grand Inspectors General Robert D. Cassidy, 33\textdegree, Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Holy Royal Arch Masons, Thomas L. Johnson, 33\textdegree, Grand Thrice Illustrious Master, Elliott L. Beason, 33\textdegree, Right Eminent Grand Commander and Eric D. Barfield, 33\textdegree, The Imperial Deputy for the Desert of Washington, (A.E.A.O.N.M.S.). The event was well attended with approximately 130 members representing the Orient of Washington/Oregon.

This annual meeting featured MICIC Lunsford’s Allocution, the Obituary Report along with Officers’ Reports, and reports from each of the Commander-in-Chiefs and the various standing committees. The Deputy’s Allocution again placed his ongoing attention on the tremendous challenges President Barack H. Obama faces while leading this country and the need for continued support and faith in his leadership. He spoke eloquently regarding the excellent relationship shared with the Order of the Golden Circle and the Grand Loyal Lady Ruler Peggy McClary. Regarding the country in general, the Deputy expressed his ongoing concerns for the continuous plight of African Americans in areas of unemployment, disproportionate incarceration, and poverty. Other issues including immigration and justice were presented. The Deputy also highlighted the business conducted at the United Supreme Council’s Mid-Winter Annual Conference held in the Orient of Michigan, Valley of Detroit in January 2013. He also reported on the 132\textsuperscript{nd} Annual Session of the United Supreme Council held in the Valley of Philadelphia, Orient of Pennsylvania, in May 2013. The United Supreme Council was well attended with members from the Orient of Washington. Six Sublime Princes who were elevated to the 33\textdegree and Last Degree; Illustrious
Report of the Orient, the Deputy again called for greater efforts for membership growth. He shared his concerns that our Consistories just continue to maintain from month to month and year to year. The routine needs changing and a greater emphasis needs to be placed on working together more harmoniously with less distractions caused by internal bickering and other forms of distraction.

The Deputy paid honor to those who passed away during the year following the Sixty Seventh Annual Council of Deliberation. These included GIGs Harold O. Phillips 33°, Prince Hall #67 and Albert B. Carter 33°, Capital City #106. Others honored included Sublime Princes Claudis M. Banks, Willamette #23, Percy Moody, Capital City #106, and Leroy T. Overby, Cascadian #75.

The evening’s Gala Banquet was highlighted with the scholarship presentations provided by the Orient. The recipients selected by the Education Committee included Ms. Kara Luciano who received the scholarship provided by the United Supreme Council. Scholarships provided by the Orient were awarded to Ms. Monique Smith and Mr. Vincent Enoch. MICIC Lunsford and the Education Committee were very pleased with these awards as it highlights the continuous commitment to the higher education of our youth. Attendees enjoyed an eloquent meal and entertainment and completed a day of business, reflection, and fellowship.

The evening before the Annual Council of Deliberation convened, the Annual Reception honoring the new Grand Inspectors General for the Orient was hosted by the Orient along with Grand Loyal Lady Ruler Peggy McClary, Washington/Oregon State Grand Assembly Order of the Golden Circle members along with family and friends of the honorees.

Washington/Oregon State Grand Assembly Order of the Golden Circle conducted its Forty First Annual Grand Assembly in September 2013. The Grand Assembly was presided over by Grand Loyal Lady Ruler Peggy A. McClary; Grand Loyal Lady Associate Ruler, Mary Douglas; Grand Loyal Lady Priestess, Rose Enoch; Grand Loyal Lady Guide, Martha Davis; Grand Loyal Lady Treasurer, Bennie S. Wright; Grand Loyal Lady Secretary, Dorothy Newman; Grand Loyal Lady Herald, Lorraine B. Harris; Grand Loyal Lady Standard Bearer, Marie Hilliard; Grand Loyal Lady Inner Guard, Ola Miller; and Grand Loyal Lady Outer Guard, Gail Lawrence.

The Grand Assembly hosted its Annual Spring Workshop in March 2013. Northwestern Assembly #45, Ways and Means Committee hosted the luncheon for the workshop which was very enjoyable. The Workshop Committee of Past Grand Loyal Lady Ruler’s did a tremendous job as always providing updated information, demonstrations and answering questions presented to them. As always, the workshop was well attended and our Deputy, SGIG Daniel L. Lunsford, joined the ladies for lunch and provided updates giving feedback and remarks.

The Grand Assembly is very supportive of all the local Consistories by attending Ladies Night Programs, Feast of Tishri, and Ceremony of Renewal and Remembrance. The various Grand Ways and Means Committees worked very hard raising funds to support the Grand Assembly as well as various other charities. In support of the community the Grand Special Projects Committee hosted a few fund raisers collecting school supplies valued at over $700.00, backpacks worth over $400.00 and a winter coat drive collecting coats for children, valued at over $1,600.00 which was delivered to a local elementary school. Several other projects were done in support of the Grand Assembly including dinner sales, jewelry sales, just to name a few. Each of the LLR’s continue to work
hard doing projects in support of their assemblies as well as the Grand Assembly.

Awards for 2013 were presented to the local assemblies by Grand Loyal Lady Ruler Peggy A. McClary. The Loyal Lady Ruler of the Year was awarded to Loyal Lady Ruler Cassandra White of Northwestern Assembly #45 of Seattle and the Assembly of the Year awarded was presented to Cascadian Assembly #46 of Tacoma.

Wisconsin Council
SGIG William R. Stark, 33°
Deputy for Wisconsin

The 64th Annual Council of Deliberation and the 29th Session for the State Assembly Order of the Golden Circle was held October 26 - 27, 2013, at the Sheraton Madison Hotel, Madison, Wisconsin. On Friday night, the Commanders of the Rite met with a full schedule on Scottish Rite Masonry. After a spirit filled meeting, our wives, and lady friends were invited to dinner. Ionic Consistory #70, along with Madison-Beloit Consistory #84, opened the 64th Session and conferred the Thirty-second degree on six, G.I. Inquisitor Commanders. The Most Illustrious Commander-in-Chief (MICIC) SGIG William R. Stark, 33°, was received with full honors at 10:00 a.m. The Most Worshipful Grand Master (MWGM) Charles E. Currie, 33°, was received with honors at 10:30 a.m.

After lunch, the State Assembly and Appendant and Adoptive Bodies were invited for the MICIC William R. Stark’s Allocation. A moving and spirit filled symposium by Mr. Will Green, of Madison, Wisconsin. Mr. Green is Founder of Mentoring Positive Inc., he was the recipient of the Outstanding Citizen’s Community Award at the 64th Annual Banquet for Leadership, Inspiration and Perseverance in working with at-risk youth in the community, for more than twenty years.

At the Eloquent Banquet Saturday night, many awards were given. The Alfred W. McClanahan Award, first Deputy for Wisconsin, was awarded to Shawn A. James, 32°, of Ionic #70; Dr. Vincent C. Bevenue Award, second Deputy for Wisconsin, was awarded to Andrew Johnson, 32°, of Madison-Beloit #84. The six Fraters of Iodeious Barker, 33°, Fall Class (Deputy’s class mate of May 9, 1977) were pinned and crowned by the MICIC Stark and a family member. The banquet music was provided by the renowned recording artist, Mr. Karl Cole of Rockford, Illinois. At the 132nd Annual Session of The United Supreme Council, outstanding honors were awarded Dr. John O. Bell, 33° and Louis Colbert, 33° coronated as Sovereign Grand Inspectors General of Ionic Consistory #70.

Highlights from the 29th Session of Wisconsin Grand Assembly, Order of the Golden Circle. At the joint banquet Saturday night, several Scholarships were awarded. Derrick Jones of Racine, WI was the recipient of the Wisconsin State Grand Assembly OGC Scholarship. He is a graduate of JI Case High School Racine, WI. After the passing of his mother during his high school years, Derrick continued to excel through high school and graduated an honor student. Derrick attends the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee. Naiheima Young of Madison, WI, is also a recipient of Wisconsin State Grand Assembly OGC Scholarship and the Madison-Beloit Assembly #70, Scholarships. Naiheima is the Foster Daughter of PSGLLR Lula Hart. She graduated from Madison Lafollette High School with a 3.78 grade point average. Naiheima is currently attending University of Wisconsin-Whitewater and is on the Dean’s List.

Elected Officers-Wisconsin Grand Assembly for 2014 are; State Grand Loyal Lady Ruler, Willie B. Johnson #70; Grand Loyal Lady Associate Ruler, Shirley Colbert #28; Grand Loyal Lady Priestess, Marian Tharpe #28; Grand Loyal Lady Guide, Cheryl Gettridge #70; Grand Loyal Lady Herald, Karen Johnson #70; Grand Loyal Lady Standard Bearer, Doris Nash #28; Grand Loyal Lady Inner Guard, Felicia Jones, #70; Grand Loyal Lady Treasurer, Barbara Nash, #28; Grand Loyal Lady Secretary, Alma McClain, #28.

Breakfast with the Deputy Sunday morning was enjoyed by all. Immediately following, the second meeting of the Commanders of the Rite was held and election followed. The 64th Session reconvened at 9:30 a.m. At 10:00 a.m., MICIC Stark, MWGM the Honorable Charles E. Currie, 33° and Sovereign Grand Inspectors General graced the Grand Assembly, of the lovely ladies of the Golden Circle. Immediately after returning to the session MICIC Stark assumed the gavel and continued to receive reports. Sublime Princes, nominated as candidates for Honorary Membership to the Thirty Third and Last Degree in the Class of 2015 were: Kalan Haywood, Dorsey Smith and Terry L. Birts.

Orient of New Jersey’s Degree Team


On March 1, 2014 in the Valley of Cincinnati, Scottish Rite Freemasonry was experienced on a new level. With the blessings of our Sovereign Grand Commander and the Ill. Deputies, this historic event brought the Prince Hall Scottish Rite Masons and the Scottish Rite Masons of the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction (NMJ) together to enjoy fraternal bonds through degree work.

The teams from King Solomon Consistory #20 PHA and the Valley of Cincinnati Consistory did an outstanding job presenting renditions of their “20th Degree”. SGIG Stephen P. Blackwell 33°, SGIG Roland C. McGoodwin 33°, were instrumental in perfecting the degree work of King Solomon’s team, which is comprised of members from Gothic Lodge #122. Many members from other Valleys were present. Remarks were given by the Illustrious Deputies, SGIG Sidney D. Broadnax, Jr. 33°, Ill. William Powers 33° and GIG Kelvin J. Davis, 33° RW Senior Grand Warden.

The event was opened and closed with the pledge of allegiance and declaration by the Commanders in Chief’s ~ GIG Lawrence E. Coleman, Sr., 33° and Edward C. McIntyre, 32°.

The first Scottish Rite organization among African-Americans was the African Grand Council of 1820 in Philadelphia, which was referred to as a Council of Princes of Jerusalem. This Council arose through West Indian migration, for Stephen Morin had propagated the Rite there. The Organization of the King David Supreme Council grew out of the conferring in Philadelphia (1850) of the 33rd Degree by Count DeSaint Laurent (also, Larine) of the Supreme Council of France and the Grand Commander of the Council of Spain on David Leary, the first Black Inspector-General of the Prince Hall Scottish Rite.

In New York City, a Supreme Council of the United States was established in 1864. Also in 1864, a separate Supreme Council was formed in New York, which was made up of members from the National Compact Grand Lodge, from which a Southern Jurisdiction split off with the Headquarters in Baltimore, Maryland. From the Philadelphia Council, a Southern and Western Jurisdiction defected with Headquarters at Washington, D.C. In 1871 a fifth was established in Philadelphia, and was named King Fredrick Supreme Council. In 1881-1887, these five merged into 2 United Supreme Councils of the 33rd Degree: one for Northern Jurisdiction and one for Southern Jurisdiction.

Ill. Edward M. Thomas petitioned the King David Council, since he was residing in the District of Columbia, for the 33rd degree to be conferred on representative Masons in D.C., and on May 5, 1856, the conferment was made and a council was established. A fourth council was set up in Baltimore, Maryland and a fifth Council in Philadelphia. These 5 Councils petitioned for unity in a conference in New York City on January 13, 1881, and was responsible for the Articles of Union and two Supreme Councils of the Northern Jurisdiction (PHA) and the United Supreme Council of the Southern Jurisdiction (PHA).

The constitutions for the Southern Jurisdiction were established in 1887 and revised in 1917 and 1955. The Southern Jurisdiction for the United Supreme Council, PHA, consists of the states: AL, AR, FL, GA, KT, LA, MD, MS, Missouri, NC, OK, SC, TN, TX, VA, WV, the territories of Arizona, New Mexico, the District of Columbia, and Alaska. The Northern Jurisdiction consists of the following states: CO, Connecticut, DE, ID, Illinois, IN, IA, KA, Maine, Mass, MI, Minnesota, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, NH, NJ, NY, ND, OH, OR, Pennsylvania, RI, SD, UT, VT, Washington, Wisconsin, Wyoming, and that of the states outside Continental United States. Alaska shall belong to the Northern also.

As a result of the conference of the Sovereign Grand Commanders of the two Supreme Councils, Northern and Southern Jurisdictions A.A.S.R., PHA, on August 2, 1966, were established at the Cathedral, Fitzwater & Mole St. in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. The above divisions were made based on a boundary developed by a joint committee in Wilmington, Delaware on April 19, 1907 using the Mason-Dixon Line as an official boundary.
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