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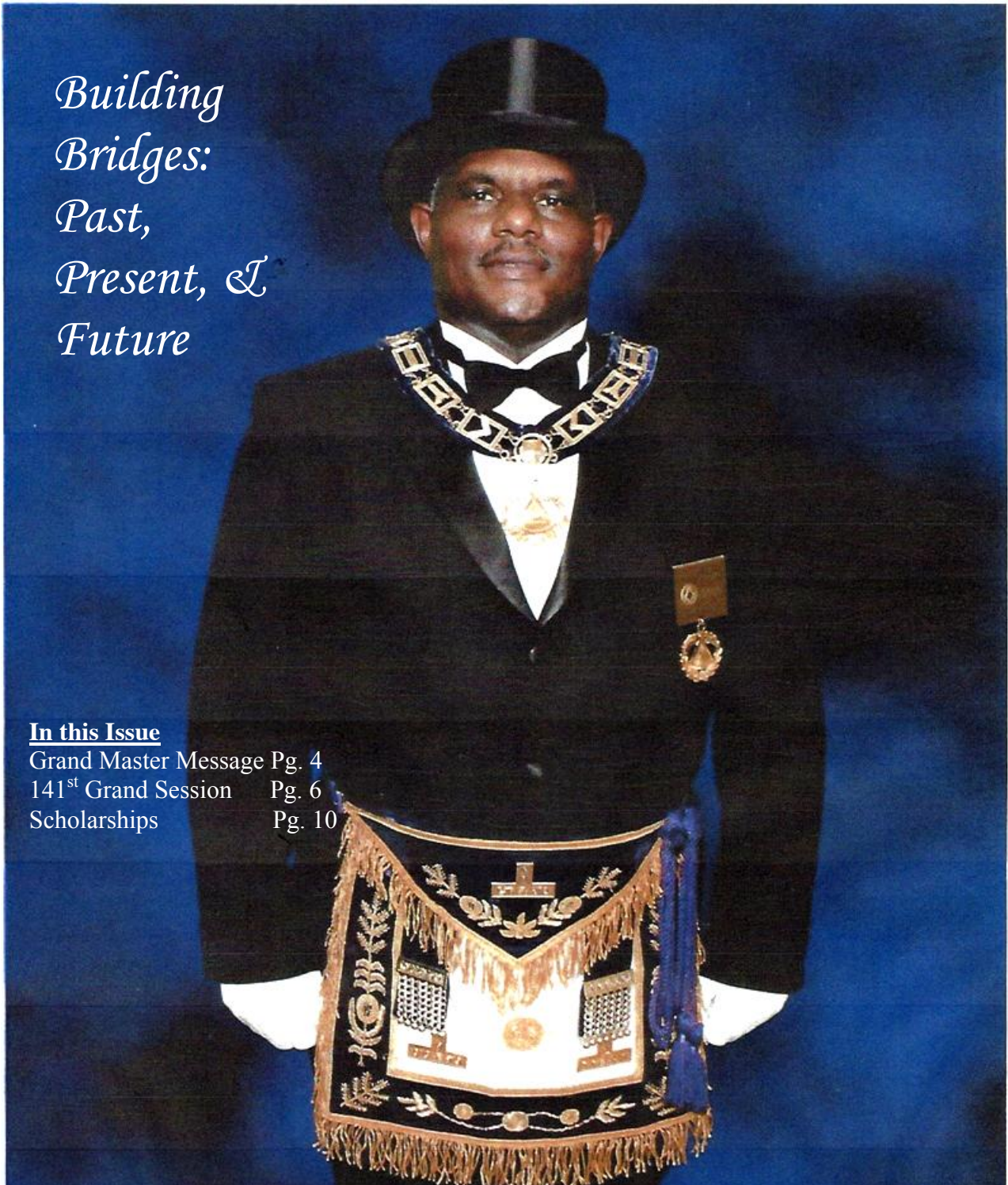
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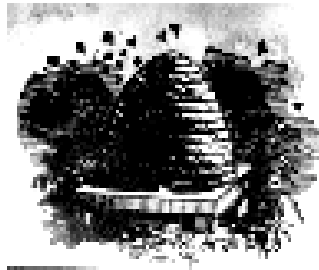
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Most Worshipful Past Grand Masters Shelton Riddick #323 and Billie L. Thompson, Sr. #400 Prepare Most Worshipful Grand Master-Elect Paige D. Cherry #3 for the installation.

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3. Giving Due Respect to our Fellow Man.
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Paige D. Cherry #3

The 79th Most Worshipful Grand Master of the MW Prince Hall Grand Lodge of VA, F & AM, Inc

The Honorable Paige D. Cherry

"Building Bridges: Past· Present· Future"



The Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Virginia, Free & Accepted Masons, Inc. convened its 141st Annual Grand Communication in Richmond, Virginia from September 15 – 17, 2016. The attending body of Prince Hall Masons, representing almost 5,000 members, unanimously elected and installed the Honorable Paige D. Cherry from Portsmouth, Virginia as its 79th Most Worshipful Grand Master. He has chosen and announced *Building Bridges: Past· Present· Future* as his theme to lead the craft during his administration.

Most Worshipful Grand Master Cherry started his Masonic Journey on December 8, 1990 in John R Woodridge Lodge #133 in Garstedt, Germany under the Jurisdiction of Maryland. He affiliated with Morning Star Lodge #3, Portsmouth, VA in 1992. There he served as Worshipful Master from 1994-1995 and Secretary from 1995 - 2006. He served on several District and Grand Lodge Committees to include 11 years as Assistant District Deputy Grand Master of the 3rd Masonic District under the legendary District Deputy Grand Master John N. Daughtry #323.

Grand Master Cherry is a native of Windsor, North Carolina. He attended the Bertie County Public Schools where he excelled in academics and athletics. He displayed his leadership ability early in life, serving as President of his Senior Class. His civilian educational background includes a Masters of Public Administration with a concentration in Public Management from Troy University and a Bachelor of Arts in Business Administration with a concentration in Housing Management from Winston-Salem State University.

He is a former Army Field Artillery Officer and Operations Research Analyst (ORSA). Grand Master Cherry spent nearly nine years on active duty. The highlight of his military career was commanding Service Battery

4th Battalion 3rd Field Artillery during Operation Desert Storm. In light of his achievements in the liberation of Kuwait, Grand Master Cherry was awarded the Bronze Star.

He currently serves as Chief of Management, Planning and Analysis Division, Health Safety and Work-life Service Center, U.S. Coast Guard, Norfolk, Virginia. His major duties are to direct three administrative sections and provide oversight of the medical budget for 42 Coast Guard Clinics.

Grand Master Cherry is very community oriented and civic-minded. He currently serves as a vice mayor of the Portsmouth City Council, Trustee Board Zion Baptist Church, Boys and Girls Clubs of Southeast Virginia Corporate Board, Chair Portsmouth Democratic Committee, Portsmouth Kiwanis Club Board, Finance Committee Zion Baptist Church, Member of Emily N. Spong Preschool PTA, Member of Hodges Manor Elementary School PTA, and Life Member NAACP. His previous service includes: Chairman of the Portsmouth Planning Commission, Municipal Finance Commission, Southeast Virginia Community Foundation Board, Craney Island Study Commission, Virginia Citizens Planning Association, Vice Chair Portsmouth Finance Committee, Housing Board of Adjustments and Appeals, Founder and Past President of the Willow Breeze Community League, and Council Personnel Committee.

Currently, he is a City Council liaison to the Planning Commission, the Economic Development Authority, National League of Cities, and Virginia Municipal League. In addition, he was appointed by the governor on February 3rd to the Board of Veterans' Services.

He has received numerous Masonic, Military, and Civilian awards to include the Winston-Salem State University Clarence "Big House" Gaines Unsung Hero Award, the Flagship Military Magazine inaugural Still Serving Award, the Church & Community in Action Political Leadership Award, Zion Baptist State of the Church Community Leader of the Year Award, and the Portsmouth Alumnae Chapter Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Excellence in Community Service Award. Although he is involved with many civic and community activities, his first priority is and always will be his family. He is married to the former Yvette A. Watkins. They have a daughter Phyllysha A. Cherry.



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From the Editor

WPM L. J McCoy, Jr. #33



In 1916, it only cost \$87.50 for tuition, room & board, and athletic fees, and for men washing & pressing their own clothes at the then, Virginia Normal & Industrial Institute (now Virginia State University).

Now hold on, during the 2015-16 session, VSU required \$8,226, Norfolk State asked for \$8,366, VMI demanded \$15,518, and Hampton Institute was at a staggering \$23,112. There appear to be no relief in sight.

But, there is – YOU!

The Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Virginia has recognized there has to be some solution to forfeiting any mind to waste. Most Worshipful Grand Master Paige D. Cherry #3 has encouraged and continues to recommend that every brother support the Grand Lodge Charity/Scholarship Raffle which has raised funds to support those students who desire to pursue a higher education. In 2013, the Grand Lodge awarded \$64,000 to 64 students, in 2014 the Grand Lodge gave \$73,200 to 57 students, and in 2015 they awarded \$54,000 to 51 students. And when you include the \$36,558 for the 54 students in 2016, this equates to

\$227,758. Over a quarter of a million dollars in four years was presented to graduating high school students.

So you may not believe this small sum has an effect on such enormous tuitions. And, you're right. For this reason, Past Worshipful Grand Master Larry D. Christian #253, WPDDGME James S. Burrell, Sr. #253, WPDDGME Thomas L. Jefferson, Jr. #94, and WPM Michael Christian #253 dedicate themselves to 'Continuing Education College Scholarships' by selling Masonic paraphernalia, raffling prizes at our Masonic Schools of Instruction to present the proceeds to our Grand Lodge in support of our students.

In order that great minds continue the accomplishments of Chief Justice of the Forth Appeals Court, Judge Roger Gregory, or of Gold Medal gymnast Gabbie Douglas, or our first African American President, Barack Obama's, we must step up our game. Continuing to give these students the advantage to overcome the financial obstacles is our responsibility. Young minds need our continued support to justify and balance the tuition scales to assure they're proportionately leveled, in an America that we can believe in.

Past Grand Master Davis Celebrates his 90th Birthday

By WPM Frank Davis #33



Williamsburg – Most Worshipful Past Grand Master Robert G. Davis, Jr. #124 celebrated his 90th birthday on Saturday, November 5, 2016 at the Double Tree by Hilton Hotel in Williamsburg, Va. Speaking on behalf of the other Past Grand Masters that were present was Most Worshipful Past Grand Master Robert E. Harris, Sr.#34.

In attendance were (pictured sitting left to right) MWPGM Larry D. Christian #253, MWPGM Davis, MWPGM Robert E. Harris, Sr. #34, (standing left to right) MWPGM Gilbert Tyler #27, and MWPGM Herman Eggleston, Jr. #146.

DOT Recognizes Jr. Grand Warden Morgan

By WPM William Moore #92

On Thursday, December 15, 2016, Right Worshipful Jr. Grand Warden Beverly W. 'Butch' Morgan, Jr. #298 received the Superior Achievement Award, also known as the Bronze Medal which is the highest honor given by the Department of Transportation Administrator. Recipients receive the award by making significant contributions in advancing Federal Highway Administration's (FHWA) Strategic Goals.

Inscription on the award reads "Butch Morgan, Emergency Coordinator, Office of Operations, For your exemplary management, direction, and guidance in strengthening the capability, capacity, and visibility of the Agency's Emergency Response Team.



The 141st Grand Lodge Session

By WPM L. J. McCoy #33



Under the leadership of Youth Director Carl A. Albritton #298, over 19 Knights "Our Future" attended the session.

Richmond – Before the formal opening of the Grand Lodge, devotional services were led by W Asst. Grand Chaplain Clarence Williams #247, a prayer by W Asst. Grand Chaplain Jake Woodie #65, and the message was from W. Asst. Grand Chaplain Rev. Waverly Brown #284.

Opening promptly at 8:30 by the Committee on Work with a bevy of District Deputy Grand Masters and their Assistants, WPM Jose Ortiz #34 continued introducing past and present Grand Lodge appointed Officers, Grand Directors, Past Grand Masters, and Grand Lodge Line Officers. Most Worshipful Grand Master Roger C. Brown #327 was then escorted in by the Knights Templar and the Worshipful Grand Marshalls.

After a partial report by the Credentials Committee read by WPM Raymond A. Sutton, III #13, RW Sr. Grand Deacon Beverly W. Morgan, Jr. #298 read the proclamation to formally open the 141st Grand Lodge Session.

MWGM Brown then asked all first time brothers in attendance to stand and be recognized. Speaking for the other 36 brothers, Brother Matthew Mylers #1 made a brief address which was acknowledged by RW Jr. Grand Deacon George T. Cutler, Jr. #80 and RW Jr. Grand Warden Donald S. Wilson #67.

Following a prayer by Worshipful Grand Chaplain Rev. John M. Vaughan #324, MWGM Brown gave his official address to the body. The Grand Master detailed concerns on necrology, the Mid-Atlantic Conference of Grand Masters, the National Conference of Grand Masters, the Knights of Pythagoras, the Schools of Instruction, the Scholarship/Charity Raffle, the Grand Lodge Golf Tournament, the Grand Master's Testimonial Banquet, the Grand Lodge Cook-Outs, Order of Eastern Star, Fraternal Relations with Appendant Bodies, and the State of the Craft. He then summed it up with a recommendation to grant RW Grand Secretary Emeritus status to RWGS Isaac S. Hughes #314. In addition, he recommended granting District Deputy Grand Master Emeritus status to WDDGM Thomas L. Jefferson #94, WPDDGM Raymond A. Sutton, III #13, W PDDGM Albert Spence #298, and WDDGM James S. Burrell, Sr. #253. (All recommendations were approved.)

MWGM Brown also took the opportunity to present Asst. WGC Waverly Brown # with his 50th year pin.

Prior to recessing, the Grand Master received the Grand Secretary's report which issued 33 certificates to Secretaries who had responded to his requests. RW Grand Treasurer James E. Watkins, Jr. #44 then gave his report where he expressed a positive financial outlook and issued 25 certificates to lodge Treasurers who responded to his previous requests.

After receiving a historical report of Virginia Prince Hall Masonry from Brother MacArthur Myers #1, MWGM Brown turned the gavel over to MWPGM Robert Harris #34 who conducted the nominations for the election of officers. The MW Grand Master nominated RWDGM Paige D. Cherry #3 for Most Worshipful Grand Master and there were multiple seconds and with no opposition, he was selected with a unanimous ballot. PGM Billie Thompson #46 moved to move all line advance one position and it was properly seconded. Motion for adoption prevailed. RWGS Hughes nominated RWGT Watkins as Grand Treasurer and it was properly seconded. Motion for adoption prevailed. Nominations for RW Grand Secretary were PM Floyd Brown, Jr. #128, DDGM Curtis Gunn, Jr. #3, and Stevie Gray #314. Nominations for RW Jr. Grand Deacon included PGD Maurice Holland #79, Morris Hicks #327, H. Dawkins # and Edward Lattimore, III #13. Nomination for RW Grand Lecturer of the West was Roger Redd #109. Nominations for RW Grand Lecturer of the East were Curtis James #67 and Dwayne Parker #314. Nominations for the RW Grand Directors were Chester Hazelwood #327, Charles Jones #81, and PGM Larry Christian #253. The nominations were closed.

On the following day of the convention, MWGM Brown received committee reports from the Budget by WPM Dotson #107, Credentials by WPM Brown #128, Grand Lecturers by GL Lattimore #13, Charity by PGM Clemons #120,, Foreign Correspondence by PGM Clemons #120, Grand Lodge Officers by PGM Vaughan #67, Jurisprudence by PGM Harris #34, Constitution by PGM Eggleston #146, Grand Master Address by PGM Christian #253, and Education by PDDGM Harrison #142.

The election results determined Paige D. Cherry #3 as MWGM, Richard Townes #235 as RWDGM, Donald Wilson #67 as RW Sr. GW, Beverly Morgan as RW Jr. GW, James Watkins #44 as RWGT, after a run-off election Stevie R. Gray #314 as RWGS, George T. Cutler, Jr. #80 as RW Sr. GD, and Edward E. Lattimore, III #13 as RWJGD. Elected Grand Lecturer of the East was Curtis B. James, Jr. #67 and Grand Lecturer of the West Roger L. Redd #109. Elected to the Board of Directors were PGM Larry D. Christian #253 and RWGD Charles Jones #81.

After a motion to reject the recognition of the Supreme Council of Washington DC by PGM Robert Harris #34 and supported by the Past Grand Masters present was made, the delegates and brothers voted to recognize only the Supreme Council of Tennessee was accepted.

On Saturday September 17, 2016, the Grand Lodge received jurisdictions RWGSD of AF &AM of Virginia James E. Litten, MWGM of Delaware Frederick A. Duffy, MWGM of Maryland Lee D. Taylor, Jr., RWDGM of New Jersey Shelton Prescott, MWGM of Washington DC Norman Campbell, and MWGM of West Virginia Phillip Adams.

The 141st Grand Lodge Session concluded with the installation of Most Worshipful Grand Master Paige D. Cherry #3 and the 2016 elected Grand Lodge Officers.

At the Session



At the Banquet



Photos by Past Grand Photographer Joseph Williams #23

The 141st Annual Grand Lodge Banquet

By WPM L. J. McCoy #33

Richmond - The 141st Grand Lodge Session featured the Grand Lodge Banquet as its crown jewel affair. The procession highlighted Most Worshipful Grand Master Roger C. Brown and his wife. Serving as the program's Master of Ceremonies, RW Sr. Grand Deacon Beverly W. Morgan, Jr. #298 invited support from W. Grand Musician Willis Barnett #6, Asst. W. Grand Chaplain Rev. Waverly Brown #284, RW Jr. Grand Deacon George T. Cutler, Jr. #80, and Asst. W. Grand Chaplain Charles Woodie #65.

Before making award presentations, MWGM Brown and RW Grand Treasurer James Watkins #44 Special Presentations to retiring RW Grand Secretary Isaac S. Hughes #314. The Grand Master and Deputy Grand Master Paige D. Cherry #3 then made award presentations to:

- Master Masons of the Year
 - Damion Pope #142
 - Lawrence Taylor #7
 - Larry Johnson #298
 - Ernest Prather #293
- Past Masters of the Year
 - RWGD Julius D. Spain, Sr. #58
 - RWGD Charles A. Jones, Sr. #81
 - PM Terry Parker #327
 - PM Benny Booker #65
 - PM Linwood Carter #27
- Secretary of the Year Large Districts
 - William Shepperson #23
 - Eddie A. Key #58
- Secretary of the Year Small Districts
 - Sonny Fortune #126
 - John C. Royster #280
- Treasurer of the Year Large District
 - William C. White, Sr. #58
 - Cody Welburn #196
- Treasurer of the Year Small District
 - James McDaniel #20
- Jewel Contest Winner
 - Pocahontas Lodge #7 1st place tie
 - Triangle Lodge #293 1st place tie
 - Pride of Fairfax Lodge #298 2nd place
 - Mt. Nebo Lodge #43 3rd place
- Lodge of the Year Large
 - Norfolk New Light Lodge #196
 - Eastern Star Lodge #13
 - King George Lodge #314
- Large of the Year Small
 - Trinity Lodge #44
 - Brunswick Lodge #108
 - Holland Lodge #256
- Worshipful Master of the Year Large
 - Ricky McKnight, Jr. #65
 - Darrol Wardlaw #125
 - Antonio Hinton, Sr. #13
- Worshipful Master of the Year Small
 - Dwight Hagan #44
 - Willie Seward, Jr. #108
 - Ronald Harvey #253
- Most Improved Lodges
 - Omar Lodge #226
 - Accomac Lodge #62
- District of the Year Large
 - 31st Masonic District
 - 14th & 16th Masonic District
- District of the Year Small
 - 1st Masonic District
 - 13th Masonic District
 - 27th Masonic District
 - 29th Masonic District
- DDGM of the Year Large
 - DDGM James Gordon #292, ADDGM Carl Albritton #298, & ADDGM Charles James #11
 - DDGM Alton Miles #196, ADDGM Erskine Dawson #132, & ADDGM Shaun Howard #4
- DDGM of the Year Small
 - DDGM Willie Seward #108 & ADDGM Frederick Harrison #108
 - DDGM Dwayne Parker #314, & ADDGM Dwight Fortune #125
- Grand Master's Cup
 - Chester W. Hazelwood, Sr. #327
 - Richard L. Simpson #327
 - Ray O. Green #65
 - Ricky McKnight, Sr. #28
 - Beverly W. Morgan, Jr. #298



The Joint Prince Hall Day and Memorial Service

By WPM L. J. McCoy #33



Richmond – While Worshipful Grand Marshall James Brown #300 led the procession of Most Worshipful Grand Master Roger C. Brown #327 into the main ballroom, over 130 brothers, sisters, and guests gathered to attend the 141st Prince Hall Day and Memorial Services. Program Master of Ceremonies, RW Grand Lecturer Edward E. Lattimore, III #13, welcomed WPM Roger L. Redd, Sr. #109, W. Grand Asst. Chaplain Rev. Waverly Brown #284, WDDGM Edward T. Henderson #23, and RW Sr. Grand Deacon Beverly W. Morgan, Jr. #298 as program participants.

Prince Hall Day is a celebration to honor our first Grand Master, Brother Prince Hall. On March 6, 1775, Prince Hall and 14 other brothers were designated as Military Lodge #441. The lodge was eventually issued a charter as African Lodge #459 in 1787 from England. During the historic review of Prince Hall Masons, WPM Jose Ortiz #34 also indicated that Prince Hall Masons and the A.F. & A.M. brothers established a mutual recognition of each other in a Pact signed in 2003.

After RW Grand Secretary Isaac S. Hughes #314 introduced the Grand Lodge Officers, RWGL Lattimore, III #13 gave a brief review of the Lodge of Sorrow. Servicing in the appropriate seats, Worshipful Master Terry Parker #327, Sr. Warden Marcel Wilson #327, and Jr. Warden John Davis #327 performed the duties as the Lodge of Sorrow Team.

The Master of Ceremonies then introduced the evening speaker, Worshipful Grand Chaplain Rev. John Vaughan #324. Praising scriptures from Matthew 9:27-31, Rev. Vaughan raised the subject, “I can’t keep it to myself.” He emphasized sharing things that must be revealed, but keep family matters within the home.

Closing statements were made by MWGM Brown who then received a closing prayer from WGC Vaughan.



Appendant Bodies attend Grand Lodge Session

Masons, Made on Sight

By WPM L. J. McCoy #33

Richmond – It was an event reserved for the official duty of a Most Worshipful Grand Master – “Making a Mason on Sight”.

Grand Lecturer Edward Lattimore, III opened the Occasional Lodge on September 14, 2016 to receive our Most Worshipful Grand Master Roger C. Brown #327 for the purpose of making two men Masons. Mr. Chris Jones and Rev. Dr. Darryl White were conducted through the proper ceremonies that granted them the privileges of a Master Mason.

Graduating from George Washington High in Danville and Randolph Macon College, Brother Jones went on to serve several years on the Harrisonburg City Council and was elected Mayor of Harrisonburg in 2014. Brother Jones will now be accepted as a member of Omar Lodge #226. Brother Rev. Dr. Darryl White, Pastor of Bethlehem Baptist Church in Alexandria will join the brothers of Pride of Fairfax #258 to strengthen young men everywhere.

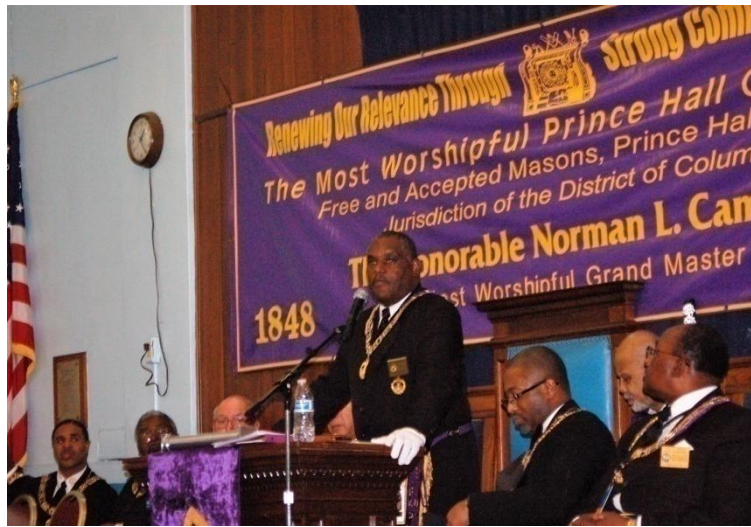


The MWPHGL of Virginia Visits the MWPHGL of DC

By WPM L. J. McCoy #33

Washington D.C. – While two busloads of brothers traveled the I-95 southern corridor, a host of northern Virginia lodges converged on the 168th Grand Lodge Session of Washington DC as well. A total of 150 brothers supported Most Worshipful Grand Master Paige D. Cherry #3 in the nation’s capital on Wednesday December 14, 2016 for D. C.’s Most Worshipful Grand Master Norman L. Campbell’s Grand Lodge Session.

During his comments, MWGM Cherry explained his theme “Building Bridges – Past, Present, and Future” that the future has already arrived and we must catch up.



Grand Master Cherry also took the opportunity to recognize Virginia’s MW Past Grand Masters Roger C. Brown #327, Shelton Riddick #323, and Billie L. Thompson, Sr. #46. MWGM Cherry also acknowledged elected line officers Jr. RWJGD Edward E. Lattimore, III #13; RWSGD George T. Cutler, Jr. #80; RWJGW Beverly W. Morgan, Jr. #298; RWSGW Donald S. Wilson #67; RWDGM Richard Townes #235; RW Grand Secretary Stevie Gray #314; and the Board of Directors.



The Grand Lodge Eastern Cook-Out

By WPM L. J. McCoy #33

Kilmarnock –
Standing in the

steamy 90 degree food line for spicy fried fish and crispy fried chicken was worth the wait at the Grand Lodge Eastern cookout. Just shy of the shores of Deltaville, the Grand Lodge Officers prepared the August 14, 2016 event at its facilities at the Kilmarnock complex.

Then Most Worshipful Grand Master Roger C. Brown #327 and Deputy Grand Master Paige D. Cherry #3 welcomed brothers, sisters, and guests to enjoy the outdoor covered area or the air conditioned grand hall.

RWJGD George T. Cutler, Jr. #80, RWGD Walter E. Brown #18, RWGD Charles A. Jones #81, MWPGM Larry D. Christian #253, and WDDGM William L. Lee #100 worked tirelessly with the Kilmarnock City Council to make this a successful community event.

Only rivaled by the western area cookout, the Grand Lodge continues to make an impact on each area to show our relations extend far beyond just the walls on the lodge hall.



Over \$53,000 Awarded By MWPHGL of VA

By WPM L. J. McCoy #33

Richmond – On the recommendation of the Board of Directors and the Grand Lodge Scholarship Committee, the MW Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Virginia, Free and Accepted Masons, Inc. awarded a total of 54 scholarship applications and 66 continuing applications. There are 54 Graduating High School Seniors who will receive \$677.00 each totaling \$36,558.00. The 66 Continuing Education Students will receive \$250.00 each for a total of \$16,500.00. The Annual Scholarship Awards totaled \$53,058.00.

These funds were raised by the efforts of brothers throughout the Jurisdiction who supported the Grand Lodge Charity Raffle. Selling these raffle tickets not only funded prizes to five lucky winners, but the profits generated funded the scholarships.

The Scholarship Committee members had RWJGD George T. Cutler, Jr. #80 as Administrator with WDDGME John C. Harrison #142as chairman, along with Rodney Barnes #107, Keith R. Brown #128, Henry Easton #249, Frederick A. Harrison #108, Roger Johnson #23, Keith Williams #11, and Willie L. Wright #3 who recommended the scholarships for:

Student	DDGM Sponsor	Student	DDGM Sponsor	Student	DDGM Sponsor
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Jordan Ball	Douglas Gregory	Maya Logan	Wilbert Jones	Jasmine Wilson	Edward Henderson
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Kailyn Burt	Douglas Gregory	Camryn Morgan	Harvey Eggleston		
Chance Callahan	Harvey Eggleston	Robert O'Neal	Dwayne Parker		
Kailyn Coleman	Anthony McGhee	Katonia Powell	Edward Henderson		
Noah Cotton	Edward Henderson	Alfred Reid	James C. Gordon		
Brendan Curry	Curtis L. Gunn	Christion Roney	Joseph E. Diggs		
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Schools of Instruction



Committee on Work

Pictured left to right RW Grand Lecturer Curtis James, Sr. #67, Alfred W. Simmons #124, Lawrence Harper, Jr. #253, MWGM Paige D. Cherry, Morris Hicks #6, Dwayne Parker #314, RW Grand Lecturer Roger L. Redd, Sr. #109, (back row) James Parham #290, Larry T. Johnson #298, Jose Ortiz #34, Phillip Brannon #293, and WDDGM Antonio R. Pride, Jr. #43.



Grand Warden Donald Wilson #67 recommended that the first time attendees ask questions and be observant.

The Grand Lecturers then proceeded by instructing the brothers on initiation procedures whereby candidates learn Masonic history. With the aid of Committee on work members Jose Ortiz #34, Dwayne Parker #314, and James Parham #290, a detailed demonstration was entertained. Brothers with questions and expressions included Kent Carter #1, Quincy Henderson #58, William Hookes #1, Keith Jones #61, Andrew Mason #314, Spencer Pryor #314, Claude Singleton #292, and Darrell Warlock.

MWGM Cherry requested that RWSGW Wilson and Past Grand Master Shelton Riddick #323 to explain the upcoming events. While detailing legitimate charities the Grand Lodge would support, the RWSGW noted that your local NAACP Branches would quality. PGM Riddick reminded us that the Grand Lodge Charity Ball would be April 8, 2017 and it will be a formal affair. Emphasizing the importance of these events, the MWGM addressed the status of the Shriners, payment of lodge assessments, the Memorial Day Parade in Portsmouth, and publicizing lodge events.

Finally, Certificates of Merit were presented to Brothers Andre Beary #292, Terence D. Bynoe #125, Reginald Clark #292, Robert D. Fuentes #298, Andrew Mason #314, Andre McDonald #61, A. Marques Pitae #298, Israel Sanchez #330, Edward L. Tate #125, and Irvin Wood #314. While King Tyre Lodge #292 had the greatest percentage of members present, King George Lodge #314 had the most members present.

The 32nd Masonic District Hosts the First School

Contributions by WDDGM Robert Barnett #274 & WADDGM Walter Davis #295

Spencer – Newly elected RW Grand Lecturer of the East Curtis B. James, Sr. #67 and RW Grand Lecturer of the West Roger L. Redd, Sr. #109 enjoyed their first School of Instruction at the Spencer-Penn Center in Spencer, Virginia. On Saturday November 5, 2016, host District Deputy Grand Master Robert Barnett #274 of the 32nd Masonic District also welcomed the 17th, 18th, 19th, 20th, and 23rd Masonic Districts in order to promote unity and brotherhood.

MWGM Paige D. Cherry #3 recognized Brother Clifton Fitzgerald # 244 and Michael Witcher #109 as first time attendees to the School of Instruction and they made comments on what they had learned so far.

Entertaining any questions on Masonic issues, the Grand Lecturers also took the opportunity to address the correct procedures on teaching newly made brothers on the symbolic Middle Chamber of King Solomon's temple.

After giving updates of his expectations, MWGM Cherry was proud to award Certificates of Merit to those that passed the examination. Finally Alleghany-Dunbar Lodge #109 was awarded the lodge with the most members present and Shockoe Lodge #244 had the greatest percentage of brothers present.

King George Lodge #314 Hosts the School of Instruction

By WPM L. J. McCoy #33

King George – Although RW Grand Lecturer of the West Roger L. Redd, Sr. #109 suffered a house fire the day before this SOI, he was still present with RW Grand Lecturer of the East Curtis James #67 at the second School of Instruction. The 29th, 30th, and 31st Masonic Districts held their school on Saturday November 19, 2016.

After the Grand Lecturers formally received Most Worshipful Grand Master Paige D. Cherry #3, Brother Kenneth McDowney #314 was asked to speak for the six first time attendees. RW Sr.

School in Victoria

By WPM L. J. McCoy #33

Victoria – While the 20 degree temperatures created a light frost on everything outside, the third School of Instruction opened on December 10, 2016 at Central High School near Kenbridge, Virginia. Grand Lecturer Roger Redd, Sr. #109 received Most Worshipful Grand Master Paige D. Cherry #3 with Grand Honors among over 125 brothers in attendance.

After reminding brothers of publicizing their holiday season giving's, the Grand Master welcomed four first time attendees. Brother Otis Bowles #30 spoke on their behalf and Jr. Grand Warden Beverly "Butch" Morgan #298 responded to his comments.

The session continued with training by Committee on Work members where WPM Jose Ortiz #34 preformed the second degree middle chamber lecture. Interest and comments on the session came from brothers James Rowe #131, James Hazelwood #187, Jerry Taylor #158, Haywood Williams #187, and Gordon E. Renfrow #330.

Although six brothers took the challenging Certificate of Merit test, only Asst. DDGM Ardell J. Walker #187 successfully completed it. Finally, MWGM Cherry was proud to present the lodge with the largest percentage of brothers present to West Lodge #57 and tying for the largest number of brothers present were Charlotte Lodge #146 and Victoria Lodge #187.

Divine Sunday is celebrated in the 33rd Masonic District

By WDDGM Billy Peters



Virginia Beach - The brothers of the 33rd Masonic District Prince Hall Masons and District #34 OES Celebrated 5th Sunday Service (Divine Worship) at Lynnhaven Baptist Church in Virginia Beach, Va. On Oct, 30, 2016, Oceana #69 was the host lodge.

Attending were Oceana #69, Ruth #92, Unity #93 and Washington #139. Past



and Present Grand Lodge Officers present included DDGM Billy Peters, WGP William Moore, PDDGM Albert Adkins, PADDGM Kelvin Murray

The 17th and 32nd have Divine Sunday

By WADDGM Walter Davis #295

Axton - On October 30, 2016, the 17th and the 32nd Masonic Districts Prince Hall Masons Celebrated Divine Worshipful at Evangelistic Holiness Church 17340 Martinsville HWY Axton, Virginia.

On October 30, 2016, the 17th Masonic District and the 32nd Masonic District Prince Hall Masons celebrated Divine Worship at Evangelistic Holiness Church. The 32nd Masonic District also presented all the ladies present with hand bags on Breast Cancer awareness month

Holland Lodge #256 aids Flood Victims

By WM Byron Lawrence, Sr. #256

Suffolk - The Holland Community was affected by Hurricane Matthew. Streets and yards were flooded and power was lost.

The Brothers of Holland Lodge #256 donated a check to Brother Joe Boone for repairs for his home that was affected with 4 feet of water causing him and his wife to lose everything. PM Faulcon #256 will be donating carpet and labor once the home is ready. Also a check was issued to Mr. Alphonso Sanders who was a fire victim.



Masonry and the community is powerful when both are working together. Continue to "BUILD BRIDGES."

Alleghany-Dunbar has Bingo, Cake, and Ice Cream with Our Veterans

By JW Myles Jackson #109



Salem - "Serving those who have served us with Honor." Expending on the mission of our Most Worshipful Grand Lodge, in supporting our country's Veterans, the Brothers of Alleghany-Dunbar Lodge #109 spent a few hours on Columbus Day, October 10, 2016, with the Veterans at the Salem Veterans Care Center, Salem, Virginia. Senior Warden Bernard Johnson contacted the facility and asked what we could do for the residents of this long-term care center? It was decided that we would have an cake and ice cream social and play bingo with these fine former service members. As the numbers were called, with the assistance of our K.O.P.

members, Junior Knight Deacon Zavion Ervin and Senior Knight Ja'Tavior Johnson, the sounds of "BINGO" could be heard within the room. All winners were presented a prize bag of personal hygiene items that was donated by S.W. Johnson. After playing Bingo, we served our veterans ice cream and cake. While this was being done, the Brothers went around and talked to the veterans and leaving with them a "thank you for your service," as they departed. The expressions of thanks from these veterans were priceless; and left us speechless. As we were leaving, staff members said thank you and give us an open invitation to return at any time.

Attending this activity was: S.W. Bernard Johnson (U.S. Air Force), J.W. Myles Jackson (U.S. Army), S.D. Cedric Scott (U.S. Army), Assistant District Deputy Felix "Bumper" Morgan, M.W. Grand Lecturer of the West P.M. Roger Redd, AD #109 Marshal, P.M. Damar Gill (U.S. Marine), and two members of our K.O.P., Junior Knight Deacon Zavion Ervin and Senior Knight Ja'Tavior Johnson.

Shiloh Lodge #33 Entertains their Widows

By WPM L. J. McCoy #33



Hopewell - "I look forward to this event every year" said widower Sister Edna Mason at the Shiloh Lodge #33 Annual Widow's Breakfast. On Friday, December 2, 2016, event chairman SW Jerrail Brown #33 arranged the affair to honor our widows with breakfast and gifts at a local restaurant.

The lodge has 15 widows it recognizes and communicates regularly in order that we continue to uphold our Masonic obligation. Led by Widower Thelma Thomas in one course of "Silent Night", the affair closed with reflections from the widows and WM Edward Odell Williams #33.

"It is easier to build strong children than to repair broken men"
Frederick Douglas

The 12th Masonic District has Divine Sunday

By WPM L. J. McCoy #33



Dinwiddie – On Sunday, January 29, 2017, Rev. Dr. Kevin M. Northam greeted the 12th Masonic District to his church in Dinwiddie, Virginia for Divine Sunday Service. The family of Olive Branch Baptist Church received over 36 brothers and 11 sisters of the 16th District of the Order of the Eastern Star.

DDO, Sister Magnolia Rivers and DDGM Antonio Pride #43 gave encouraging remarks to the congregation.

Beginning the Word from Acts 1:8, Pastor Northam gave us “Love has No Limits.” He defined love as the love of Christ as it is extended to the entire universe. As he closed, he recognized the brothers and sisters as friends he could depend on.

Capital City Lodge #107 delivers Thanksgiving Food Baskets

By SW Glenwood Hence #107



Richmond - On November 19th, 2016, the brothers of Capital City Lodge #107 came together once again to make a difference throughout the community. Lead by WM Maurion Edwards #107, 17 food baskets were delivered to families throughout the Richmond community.

The day started at RAML, 25th and Leigh St with prayer, a light breakfast, good conversation, laughter, and of course a photo op. The baskets were assembled, each packed with over twenty uncooked food items consisting of mac and cheese, potatoes, celery, can

goods, and cake mix to name a few, and of course a 14 pound turkey.

Many of the recipients of the food basket stated “I am forever grateful and thankful to the Masons for the support and for all that you do”. “Thank you Capital City for making this Thanksgiving a memorable one” and “you men are truly awesome” were the voices echoed throughout the homes as each basket was delivered.

We finished our deliveries with a visit to some of our own Capital City 107 brothers who were unable to get out due to illness. We finished the visit with prayer and wished them all a speedy recovery. Oh, what a beautiful day for Masons to make a difference. It was, and as of often stated by our Past Masters, “above all things let us never forget that mankind constitutes one great brotherhood”.

The 17th Masonic District has Divine Sunday

By WADDGM Walter Davis #295



Java - On Sunday, January 29, 2017, approximately 40 brothers of the 17th Masonic District and 15 sisters from the 21st District of the Order of the Eastern Star joined WDDGM David L. Wilson, Sr., #104, WADDGM Artie Lea Sr. #179, and WADDGM Walter Davis #295, to celebrate Divine Sunday Service at Shockoe Missionary Baptist Church.

From Victim to Victory was the inspirational message delivered by Senior Pastor, Rev. Antonel A. Myler, Sr. where he referenced Psalms 40:1-6. Lodges in attendance were brothers of Danville Royal #104, Murdock #163, Olympia #179, Judah #205, Almagro #217, Shockoe #244, Brandon Chapel #282 and Golden Rule/Nehemiah #295.

"All labor that uplifts humanity has dignity and importance and should be undertaken with painstaking excellence" **Martin Luther King Jr.**

Capital City Donates School Supplies by the Truckload

By SW Glenwood Hence #107



Richmond - You don't have to look far to hear of the continuous news reports about the shortages of funds in our schools budget. We also, so often, hear about how our teachers who are reaching into their own pockets to use personal resources to ensure our kids have the supplies needed to support their student's education. This has been the charge of Capital City #107 in the past few years to support the schools in our community by providing school supplies.

Throughout the summer, the brothers of Capital City have been pooling their resources to assist in purchasing those much needed school supplies. On September 2, 2016, at 12:00 noon, a truck load (literally) of school supplies were delivered by the brothers of Capital City Lodge #107 and presented to the Woodville Elementary School staff, in Richmond. Ms. Penn, the principle of Woodville ecstatically gathered all the teachers to come see what the Masons were doing for their school and students. Ms. Penn stated “this is truly awesome and we will surely get to where we need with supplying our students needs in the classroom”.



Virginia Priorate No. 7, Princesses York Cross of Honour, PHA.

Members seated left to right are: Madeline Barnes, Artie Sizemore, Carol Hundley, Alden Vaughan – Regal Prioress, Russel Martin KYCH Knight Advisor, Rachel Gee, Faye Campbell, Arlene Page and Mary Hamilton. Standing – Shirley Hardy and Wenona C. B. Jefferson, Past Regal Prioress. (Ethel Ringer-White not pictured)

Morning Star Lodge's Family and Friends Day Thanksgiving Luncheon

By WPDDGM Curtis Gunn #3

Portsmouth—Morning Star Lodge #3 has a long-standing tradition for the past 12 years of hosting their Family and Friends Day Cookout after each Grand Lodge Session. The event is our opportunity to offer thanks to our family for their support as we give our many hours of time in our several meetings and Masonic activities. Pursuing our fraternal and charitable passions, those friends assist us with their charitable donations to our causes and attend our public displays. Friends, family, city and legislative members, as many as 70-90 usually attend and fellowship. Each Lodge member provides his share of food and labor toward the success of this event.

Challenged by other events, as well as the weather, this year required the Worshipful Master and his members, which includes the MWGM Paige D. Cherry #3, to chart a different course. The Lodge hosted a pre-Thanksgiving luncheon at the Lodge Hall, instead, with an open invitation to family and friends to attend during the hours of two to five 5 PM on Sunday, November 20. Those present feasted on pot roast, fried and roasted turkey, baked ham, potato and macaroni salads, yams, string beans, collard greens and several delicious desserts, and more—all prepared by the brothers.

It was truly an opportunity for everyone to enjoy good food and fellowship in a worry-free environment. Everyone showed up with a smile and left with their thanks—and full stomachs! The members of Morning Star hope that everyone in our Prince Hall family had a safe and enjoyable Thanksgiving as we did!

Thanks Given by Ruth Lodge #92

By WGP William Moore, Jr. #92

Virginia Beach - On November 16th 2016, brothers of Ruth Lodge #92 assembled seventeen Thanksgiving Baskets, consisting of turkey and all of the trimmings. Baskets were distributed to the Widows of the lodge and needy families, in the Community. This is an annual event for Ruth Lodge that started over 40 years ago. In earlier years, many



items for the baskets were donated by the brothers of the lodge. Collard greens were planted by Past Master Leroy Haynes and harvested by the brothers of the lodge, on the cold morning of basket distribution. For many brothers, it was their first time seeing collard greens, in their natural state.

Sweet potatoes were also donated by Brother Isaiah Harris and Brother Leonard Williams, direct from their fields. This tradition transcends time, as current brothers of Ruth Lodge, continues to donate items and assemble Thanksgiving Baskets to take care of our Widows and support our community.

Triple River Accelerates in area's Education

By MWPGM Larry D. Christian #253



King & Queen - On November 18th, Triple River Lodge #253 presented a laptop to graduating senior Olivia Chamberlain of King and Queen High School. She was the winner of an essay contest sponsored by the lodge.

Pictured with Ms. Chamberlain are MWPGM Larry D. Christian #253, WM Ronald Harvey #253, and DDGE James S. Burrell #253. The lodge also donated school supplies to the high school and primary school.

The 2016 Grand Lodge Charity Raffle

By WPM L. J. McCoy #33

Richmond – Mixing over 60,000 ticket stubs in the Grand Lodge raffle tumbler,

five winning tickets were removed from the giant drum which held the tickets.

On Saturday, September 10, 2016, the lucky winners would be receiving \$10,000 in cash for their prizes. The winners included:

- 1st Prize of \$5,000 Willie T. Fitzgerald,
- 2nd Prize of \$2,000 Stacy Sterling,
- 3rd Prize of \$1,000 Everett Upsher,
- 4th Prize of \$1,000 Shaunda Ragland, and
- 5th Prize of \$1,000 Cristobolina Falon.

All profits from the program excluding expenses and prize money will be distributed to lodge approved charities and first year student scholarships.

Commonwealth Lodge #81 has Annual Affair

By WPM L. J. McCoy #33



Henrico – Spicy ox tails, tender pig feet, collard greens, 'tato salad, and much more were all on the menu in lodge's hospitality room at the Holiday Inn Express. On November 4, 2016 Commonwealth Lodge #81 held its 2016 Annual November Affair with family and friends enjoying in the open activities.

The lodge holds this event annually to celebrate new members and promote the fellowship of local lodges and sister jurisdictions. Under the direction of then WM Rodman E. Mason #81 in February 1987, the DDGM, the late PGM Franklin Lyons, petitioned the late PGM Charles Crawford to have the first third degree at a location outside of the lodge. The lodge has continued the tradition since its conception.

During the two day event, lodges from North Carolina, New Jersey, New York, and Pennsylvania shared the celebrations with Commonwealth. To coordinate the course of activities, WM Tyrone Harris #81 welcomed the talents of Chairman WPM Thomas Kyle #81.

Allegheny-Dunbar Lodge #109 Support Community Anti-Violent Rally in Roanoke

By JW Myles Jackson 3109



Roanoke - With all the negative news headlines about violence in our community, the Bothers of Allegheny-Dunbar Lodge #109, in Roanoke, decided to become an active participant on this issue instead of just sitting on the sidelines.

On October 24, the community in which AD #109 is a part of held an "Anti-Violence" Rally at Eureka Park. This was a last minute event for the community and while the crowd was small, the message was large. *"We need to stop the violence in our community and teach our young people how to deal with confrontation and display a positive image of themselves."* AD #109 has just recently re-activated its Roanoke Council of the Knights of Pythagoras and two of these young Brothers were able to participate in this event.

Brothers attending this event included: S.W. Bernard Johnson, newly raised M.M. Frank Lynch, P.M. James Smith, and J.W. Myles Jackson. The Brothers at AD #109 wanted the community to see them as a positive "Light" within their community and their presences was well received by those in attendance.

King Baldwin Grand Conclave receives Grand Master

By WPM William E Moore, Jr. #92

Sandston - Our 79th MWGM, the Honorable Paige D. Cherry #3 made his very first visitation to King Baldwin Grand Conclave on September 24, 2016 at the Holiday Inn in Sandston Virginia.

Right Eminent Grand Commander Ronald Johnson, Sir Knights, & Visiting Dignitaries greeted the Grand Master with love. He expounded on his theme



"Building bridges Past, Present, Future" working together with the Wisdom of our elders, Energy of our Youth, and with ourselves. His message was well received.

Shiloh's Gospel Program on Divine Sunday

By WPM L. J. McCoy #33



Hopewell – On a comfortable 80 degree evening on the fifth Sunday of October 2016, Shiloh Lodge #33 invited the lodges of the 12th Masonic District to share its Divine Sunday in the Hopewell Gospel Program at Friendship Baptist Church for a Divine Sunday Celebration.

Lily of the Valley #44 OES PH Affiliate also took the opportunity to honor their Sisters Anna Allen, Eda Johnson, Edna Mason, Adelle Ringer, Thelma Thomas, and Antionette Rogers for their accomplishments of 25 years or greater in the Valley of the Valley #44 and also for those who have served 50 years or greater. .

The lodge had the cooperation of several local choirs to contribute their talents to entertain the community in gospel spirit and love. While the talented brother, PM Avon Miles, played the keyboards, Brother Starrie Jordan directed the voices of the men.

It was an evening event where the people of Hopewell enjoyed and waited for. Worshipful Master Williams #33 had the support of his Past Masters Larry Turner, L. J. McCoy, and Brothers Alvin Flowers to make the event a Masonic affair for the community.

Masons March at Homecoming

By WPM L. J. McCoy #33



Petersburg – Marching bands, elaborate floats, flashy motorcycles, and did you see those Prince Hall Masons in the middle of the procession? Yes, they were all there including the Luke N. Robinson Council #9 Knights of Pythagoras.

The 12th Masonic District where District Deputy Grand Master Antonio Pride #43 manages the joint activities of ten lodges in the Tri-City area participated in the Virginia State University Annual Homecoming Parade, as well as the tailgate activities.

Posing with university alumni Ms. Deshauna Barber, Miss USA 2016, the KOP later kept pace with the 20 Masonically dressed brothers in the parade route from Washington St. to the campus of VSU. As campus activities continued to game time, the 12th MD tailgate activities served burgers, hot dogs, and hot fish to all who gathered to enjoy the disco-music of PM Terry Webster #17.

US Marine Corp and US Senate Honor RWGD Spain



On September 28, 2016, RWGD Julius D. Spain, Sr.#58 received the Legion of Merit Award for his service to our Nation. This Award was an Act of Congress which the President may award personnel of the Armed Forces of the United States to those who have distinguished themselves by exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services". On this same day, RWGD Spain was also honored by the 114th Congress, Second Session Vol. 162 No. 146 with a Congressional Record for his service.

Helping others during the Christmas Season

By JW Myles Jackson #109



Roanoke - A family going without food should never happen in this country, but sadly this too common in our country. Feeling the need to help those in need during this Christmas Season, J.W. Myles Jackson sent an email out to the Brothers of Allegheny-Dunbar #109 to donate food, household items, personnel hygiene items and toiletries for two needy families in the Roanoke community. Within 48 hours, the Brothers of Allegheny-Dunbar #109 donated over 12 boxes of these items. Brother Jackson had contacted a staff member of Blue Ridge Behavior Health, a community service organization, for the names of two needy single parent families with children. He was provided with the names of one family with six children and another with two.

During the weekend of December 17th & 18th, 2016 WM Silas Chapman, SW Bernard Johnson, and JW Myles Jackson delivered these items in addition to a turkey to the families. The common response from the mothers was, "Wow, so much." One mother was so excited by our donation of toilet paper because she had none in the apartment for her and her children, her eyes started to water. The Brothers of Allegheny-Dunbar #109 are so blessed and were honored to be help those in need.

Celebrating 113 Years

By WADDGM Walter Davis #295

Danville - On December 10, 2016 Danville Royal Lodge # 104, Prince Hall Mason Celebrated their 113th Anniversary at Camp Grove Baptist Church, 400 Bradley Road Danville Virginia. From Left to Right: District Deputy Grand Master David L. Wilson, Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master Richard Townes #235, Worshipful

Master Broderick A Jones and Junior Warden Desmond Wilson.



Christmas Cheer for the Children in the Community

By JW Myles Jackson #109



Roanoke - On December 19, 2016, JW Myles Jackson received a call while at work from Enter Apprentice (EA) Daniel Richards, a member of the U.S. Navy Reserves, who wanted to donate toys to some families in the Roanoke area. Not wanting to turn down a blessing, JW Jackson said "sure." He met with EA Richards at his residence that evening and Brother Jackson almost passed out. EA Richards had over four large boxes of brand new toys and two bicycles waiting for him. All of these items were part of the U.S. Marine Corp "Toy for Tots" program and EA Richards had asked his Reserve unit for toys that could be donated to the Lodge. Because of the size of the boxes and the amount of toys, Brother Jackson had to contact Assistant District Deputy Felix "Bumper" Morgan for his truck in order to take all of these items to the lodge that night.

The very next day, S.W. Bernard Johnson and J.W. Jackson contacted Blue Ridge Behavior Health, a community service organization; Roanoke Area Ministries (R.A.M. House); Total Action for Progress (T.A.P.) Head Start Program; and the Roanoke Rescue Mission for children that could benefit by these donations from the Marines, so that they could be

given out before Christmas Eve. During the next couple of days, the Brothers of Allegheny-Dunbar #109, got together and divided the toys up for delivery to these children in the community.

On December 22, 2016, Brothers from Allegheny Dunbar #109 (W.M. Chapman, S.W. Johnson, J.D. Bonds and Chaplin Wiley) along with members of the ES Brown #2 KOP (KT, JT, Jamie, Ricky, ZaE, Marvin and Donovan) were able to deliver some Christmas cheer to three community services groups. They were able to give gift cards to four families who are currently at the Ronald McDonald House and have infants in intensive care; gave toys and two bikes to the Rescue Mission; and toys to the Roanoke Area Ministries (R.A.M.) House.

JW Jackson delivered a box of dolls to the Director of T.A.P. on Christmas Eve morning; and on Christmas Eve evening, SW Johnson and JW Jackson delivered three large plastic bags of toys to a family with six children and two bags of toys to a family with two little children that were clients of Blue Ridge Behavior Health.

A special thanks to EA Richards for obtaining these toys for the Lodge and willingness to give to others. He has shown what we need and should expect of those in this great fraternal brotherhood. He has already shown that he will become a great example for others in the Craft by reflecting our obligation to help others.

The 17th Masonic District Celebrates St. John

By WADDGM Walter Davis #295



Danville - On December 11, 2016, the 17th Masonic District Celebrated St. John The Evangelist Day at Bellevue Missionary Baptist Church, 854 Luna Lake Road Danville, Virginia. Rev. Ray Anthony Matthews Sr., Pastor gave the presentation to Lodge Danville Royal #104, Murdock #163, Olympia #179, Judah #205, Almagro #217, Shockoe #244, Brandon Chapel #282, Golden Rule/Nehemiah #295 and Brother from the 32nd Masonic District.

Norfolk Council #8, KOP 1st Annual Holiday Prayer Breakfast

By Bro. Jermaine J. Jones, #67



Norfolk – On December 17, 2016, Norfolk Council #8, Knights of Pythagoras, held its 1st Annual Holiday Prayer Breakfast. Led by Master Knight Jared Faulks and Council Advisor DDGM Alton Miles, the event was a huge success as the young men of Norfolk Council #8 executed an outstanding program. In attendance were several dignitaries to include the MWGM Paige D. Cherry, RWSGW Donald S. Wilson and our RWGL-E Curtis B. James, Sr. Senior Knight Jamil Carter served as the Master of Ceremonies for the event which featured prayers by Sir Knights Omari Baker, Tavon Calaway and Isiah Wade. Sir Knight Zion Smith delivered two eloquently sung musical presentations.

Sir Knight Thomas Harris III introduced the morning's guest speaker, Rev. Ricky Lee, who brought forth a powerful message entitled "Are We There Yet?"

Remarks were provided by Master Knight Jared Faulks and DDGM Alton Miles after which RWSGW Donald Wilson came forward to introduce our MWGM Paige Cherry. Grand Master Cherry brought forth greetings on behalf of the MWPHGL of Virginia and expounded on his theme of "Building Bridges: Past * Present * Future," which represents combining the wisdom of our seniors with the energy of our youth. He informed the youth that they represent the future.

A special thanks was given to the parents of our youth and the Brothers as we would be unable to be successful without their unwavering dedication and support!

4th and 33rd MD Along with the 34th District of the OES have Divine Service

By WGP William E. Moore Jr., #92

Virginia Beach - On 01-29-2017 Brothers of the 4th & 33rd Masonic District MWPHGL of Virginia & Sisters of the 34th District of the OES PHA celebrated and worshiped with Mount Zion AME Church in Virginia Beach for our 5th Sunday Divine service.

Brother Micheal T. Johnson, Sr./Licentate brought the Word Of GOD. The Sermon Subject was "In whom do you put your trust?" GOD has the last word. Scripture Reading was from LUKE 8: 41, 42 & 49-56. Grand Lodge Officers present are shown below. Ruth Lodge #92 was the host Lodge under the leadership of WM Adams #92.



Capital City Lodge # 107 in Support of Operation Santa Claus

By SW Glenwood Hence #107



Richmond - December 10th, 2016 started as one of the coldest mornings of the month. But it didn't take long to enjoy the warmth of seeing the smiles on a mother and her four little kids' faces as they shopped for Christmas gifts.

The brothers of Capital City Lodge # 107 sponsored this family of five to assist during the holidays for Operation

Santa in support of the 26th Masonic District Masters and Wardens Association.

Toys, clothes cosmetics, shoes and just about whatever they wanted were all a part of the selection process as we navigated through the aisles of Wal-mart on Sheila Lane, in Richmond, VA. This event was highlighted by the smiles on the faces of the Capital City brothers, realizing the magnitude of their time and resources in helping those in our community. Well Done Brothers!!!

Lincoln Lodge #11 and Lincoln Chapter #242 donates Thanksgiving Baskets

By WPM Nelson J. Perry #11



Alexandria - On November 20, 2016, the brothers, sisters and family members from Lincoln Lodge #11 and Lincoln Chapter #242 commenced their annual Thanksgiving Basket donation. As a token of the support that is received from the community, the lodge and chapter provides families within the Andrew Atkins Community located on Madison Street with baskets for a holiday dinner.

The brothers, sisters and family members came together that morning and prepared forty five (45) baskets for delivery into the community. The preparation consisted of purchasing the items for the baskets as well as the baskets themselves. The committee was led by Senior Warden Corey Tate #11 and Past Worthy Matron Regina Tanner. The items consisted of a turkey, drinks, vegetables, desserts, snacks, and mashed potatoes.

Thanks to all that came out and supported the event as well as the leaders of the organizations, Worshipful Master Devery S. Travers #11 and Worthy Matron Raelen Moore.

Our Grand Master with the Children

By WPM William E. Moore #92



Portsmouth – On October 22, 2016, Most Worshipful Grand Master took the opportunity to visit Brighton Elementary School in Portsmouth to read to the children. He recognizes that the children are our future that's why his theme is how you "Build Bridges; Past, Present, Future."

Grand Chapter has Founder's Day

By WPM William Moore #92



Suffolk – On November 12, 2016, MWGM the Honorable Paige D. Cherry #3 accompanied Grand Worthy Matron Ivery B. Knight, Grand Worthy Patron Clarence E. Williams for the Grand Chapter Order of the Eastern Star of Virginia Founder's Day ceremony.

A wreath laying and tribute was made to Past Grand Worthy Matron Bertha Burke (1988 – 1990) at the Carver Memorial cemetery in Suffolk, Virginia. MWGM Cherry also participated in the rededication ceremony and luncheon, later that day, at the Marriot Hotel in Chesapeake.

St. John's Day is Celebrated in the 12th MD

By WPM L. J. McCoy #33



Petersburg – "It's time to get our house in order" was the subject Worshipful Asst. Grand Chaplain Rev. Leroy Evans #7 used to relate unity at the St. John's the Evangelist program on December 17, 2016.

DDGM Antonio Pride #43 enjoyed the presence of over 70 brothers and sisters for the 12th Masonic District at the Halifax St. Temple. Welcoming an invocation from Rev. George Lyons #43, scripture from WM Darrell Brown #17, and music from Brother Wendell Givens #317, MC PADDGM Darrin Hill #43 managed to keep the program interesting.

WM David Wright #16 gave the purpose of the occasion. Reminding us that commemorating this patron saint is to remind Masons of their obligations, to weed out evil from their lives and to nurture and cultivate their finest strains. It also reminds us that this can best be done through friendship, understanding, and mutual aid.

After Sister Magnolia Rivers – 16th District Deputy Grand Organizer and DDGM Pride recognized respective Grand Officers, WM Andre Manson introduced Brother Evans as the evening speaker. Rev. Evans encouraged the brothers in order to get our house in order, we need to remember the obligations we were RAISED on.

DDGM Pride closed on thanking the brothers for their support, and prayers for ADDGM Terry Taylor #43 who was fighting an uphill battle to overcome a serious health issue.

Saint John the Evangelist in the 31st Masonic District

By RWGD Julius D. Spain, Sr. #58



12th Masonic District has Operation Santa Claus

By WPM L. J. McCoy #33



Petersburg – The chilly morning precipitation which covered everything in a thin sheet of ice had long disappeared before the noonday start of the 12th Masonic District's Operation Santa Claus. On Saturday, December 17, 2016, the doors of the Halifax St. Masonic Temple were opened for the annual event. Giving Christmas joys to children from Chesterfield, Dinwiddie, Hopewell, and Petersburg have been a mandate by these Masonic brothers for over 28 years.

The program which was chaired by WPM Terry Webster #17 and WPM Clinton Gordon #17 was supported by all ten Prince Hall Masonic lodges in the 12th Masonic District.

Before the lunch of hamburgers and hot dogs were served by caterer Sister Sandra Mason, the program included speakers from Petersburg's city services and the school board. Remarks were received from the city's Parent Liaison Coordinator - Bennetta Washington, Chief Academic Officer – Dr. Cyndee Blount, and School Board Chairman – Kenneth L. Pritchett.

Children could not control their excitement, when Santa Claus (Brother James Jeter #43) arrived. While every child received a gift bag and a photo with Santa provided by Brother William Porter, every family was given a fresh turkey and a bag of can goods for their Christmas dinner. Finally, as the children left the building, they were given school supplies from the Sister Sunday Wright and Kim Mason of the Petersburg Tennessee Assembly #144 Order of the Golden Circle (below).



Grand Master's Agenda of Events for 2017

JANUARY 21, School of Instruction in Tidewater
29, Divine Sunday

FEBRUARY 4, School of Instruction in Petersburg,
4, Gilgal Grand Court,
11, School of Instruction in Richmond,
28, School of Instruction in Goochland

MARCH 4, OES Smith, Claiborne, Butta, & Roberts Day Luncheon,
25, Adah Annual Breakfast,
30-31, Mid-Atlantic Conference of Grand Masters

APRIL 7, MWGM Paige Cherry Birthday
8, Joint Charity Ball at the Renaissance in Portsmouth,
15, GC - OES School of Instruction – West in Victoria, VA
18, Roanoke Veteran Visitation,
19, State-Wide Veteran Visitation,
22, OES Smith, Claiborne, Butts, & Roberts Day Luncheon,
29, Grand Worthy Patron Banquet at VSU
30, Divine Sunday

MAY 6, 3rd Masonic District Banquet
10-13, Conference of Grand Masters Dallas, TX
13, GC - OES School of Instruction – East,
21, Founder's Day, Petersburg, VA
29, MWPHGL in Memorial Day parade in Portsmouth

JUNE 4, Grand Chapter OES Whit Sunday,
10, Grand Master's Golf Tournament,
11, St. John the Baptist Day

JULY 13, KOP Summer Encampment - VSU
25 -27, Grand Chapter Session OES – Doubletree 1021 Koger Center
Blvd, Richmond 23225
31, Divine Sunday,

AUGUST 12, Grand Lodge Cook-out in the East in Kilmarnock,

SEPTEMBER 13th – 16th, 141st Grand Lodge Session at Chesapeake
Marriott & Conference Center

The Grand Master's Annual Charity Golf Tournament

Saturday, June 10, 2017 at The KISKIACK Golf Club, 8104 Club Dr., Williamsburg, Virginia 23188

\$320 per team or \$85 per player, Registration 7 AM – Shotgun Start 8 AM

Awards for 1st, 2nd, & 3rd places, also Longest Drive, Closest to pin, \$5000 for Hole in One, & a Putting Contest.

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