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**Brothers pose with MWGM Paige Cherry as he Congratulates Petersburg Police Chief Kenneth Miller (left of Grand Master), after being "Made on Sight."**

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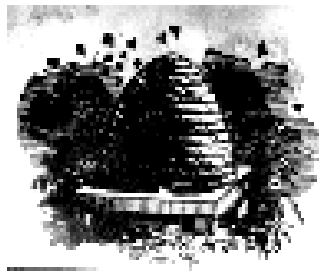
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Most Worshipful Grand Master Paige D. Cherry joins Committee On Work Member WPM Jose Ortiz #34 as he presents Brother Ty Taylor #43 with an apron case which belong his late father WADDGM Terry Taylor

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The 79<sup>th</sup> Most Worshipful Grand Master of the  
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*"Building Bridges: Past. Present. Future"*



**Brothers,**

It is with mixed emotions that I compose this statement for the last edition of the Bee Hive for this Administration.

Let me first thank the Bee Hive Committee for all their hard work in producing these outstanding publications. Secondly, I thank the Brothers and Sisters of Prince Hall Family in Virginia for providing such quality and positive content for the Bee Hive.

The past two years have challenging, eventful, and successful all at the same time. We hit all-time highs for participation in Grand Lodge events with numbers not seen in 20 plus years when our membership was much higher. It speaks volumes for the **quality of the persons** in our Family, as opposed to the quantity that many incorrectly focus on. We have raised the bar and improved our standing in the community at large, with other organizations now reaching out to partner with us in our service to the community.

Two years ago, I challenged you to seize the moment and join me on my journey to harvest the opportunities before us to make a better place for the next generation as we **"Build Bridges"** for the Future. You answered the call. Not only have you shown up in great numbers, but you have given and provided much for the

community, especially for the youth and the least among us. Your generosity is unparalleled. You gave thousands of dollars to help educate our youth. You contributed greatly to disaster relief in the State of Virginia and to our brothers and sisters around the country.

I am proud to have served as your Grand Master. While I have been blessed and highly favored with many positions of authority in my life, serving as your Most Worshipful Grand Master has been a singular honor in of my life. I will be forever grateful for the honor and opportunity serve.

I ask that as my time as leader of this Craft and Masonic Family comes to a close, that you stay on the battlefield and continue to work to make this world a better place especially for our Seniors, our Youth, and the less fortunate.





# From the Editor

WPM L. J McCoy, Jr. #33

The year 2018 marked the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the 14<sup>th</sup> amendment of the US Constitution granting full citizenship to African Americans and marks the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the death of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Prince Hall Masonry has expanded well beyond the simple borders of creating brotherhood in a land that shadows injustice. Not only do we have to save those babies that are thrown into the river, some of us have to run upstream and stop those who are being thrown in. Breaking vertical and horizontal barriers in order to overcome the difficulties of the past, brothers in the Jurisdiction have lifted themselves beyond the abusive past and have made a difference in saving these babies.

Sharing a brief a story with me **Worthy Grand Chaplain**

**Waverly Brown #284 (76)** stated he was raised in March 1966 in what is now Emporia Lodge #101. He demitted to R. C. Yancy. He pastured two churches for 30 years. After graduating from VSC in 1965, he taught vocational agricultural in Greenville for five and a half years before working for the Department of Agricultural for 23 years. The late MWPGM Kenneth Hill first appointed him as Grand Chaplain and he has continued in that position or as an Assistant to this day.

There were some elected Grand Lodge Officers that have interesting stories that may capture your interest. Listen to this. As an accomplished motorcycle rider, **RW Grand Lecturer Emeritus James Williams, Sr. (79)** of Trinity Lodge #44 was convinced by his wife that after marriage he was now a family man, and had to give motorcycling up. Initiated in 1972 in Trinity, the former auto mechanic managed his own business, Williams Radiator Repair, for over nine years at 7<sup>th</sup> and Jackson Streets in Richmond. Brother Williams was elected RW Grand Lecturer Eastern District in 1984.

Now, **Worshipful Past Grand Pursuivant Quincy Henderson** of Arlington Lodge #58 (78) was raised in April 1973. He was WM 1977-78. Growing up on a farm in Buffalo Junction, VA, he worked for Sears from 1959 – 63, then 2 years in Germany when Kennedy was assassinated. He continues to perform the role of Marshal in his lodge.

You can't make this stuff up. African Americans – our brothers have overcome many difficulties and frustrations to get to where WE are now. Follow me.

Riding one of their four show horses in the 2017 Christmas Parade, **WPM Morris Nelson (84)** of Louisa Lodge #113 was first appointed District Deputy Grand Master by the late MWPGM Landon H. White #107 (1974-76). Raised in his lodge in 1962, Brother Nelson was granted the status of Emeritus by MWPGM Larry D. Christian #253. After retiring from several employment positions, Brother Nelson and his son have shown their horses in many areas and states.

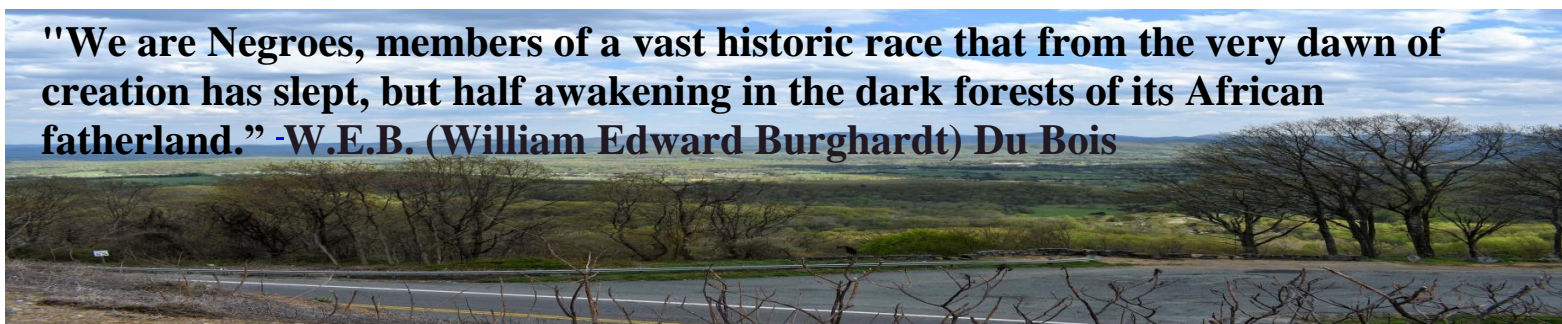
**WPM Jerry Taylor (71)** was raised October 1968 in ACME #158. Retired as a Production Supervisor from Georgia Pacific, he lived only a half mile from the Masonic lodge he joined. He was raised in Jarrett went to school in Sussex, and now lives in Emporia.

Receiving the rights as a human being by the 14<sup>th</sup> Amendment, did not guarantee equal justice, nor would it eliminate violate demonstrations, nor did it guarantee that civil rights activists would be respected, but it was the LAW.

Our rich history of Prince Hall Masonry must remember where we have come from in order to determine where we're going. We must therefore take a pledge, to defeat HATE by casting a ballot of voting.

At the 2018 National NAACP Convention, we emphasized the fact that African American people must remain motivated that we must remain politically motivated to **DEFEAT HATE – VOTE.**

**"We are Negroes, members of a vast historic race that from the very dawn of creation has slept, but half awakening in the dark forests of its African fatherland." -W.E.B. (William Edward Burghardt) Du Bois**







### 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 Antonio R. Pride, Jr. #43.

## Petersburg School of Instruction

By WPM L. J. McCoy #33

**Petersburg** – On a mild and overcast Saturday February 10, 2018, Committee on Work member WPM James Parham #290 opened the fifth 2017-18 School of Instruction at the Halifax St. Temple.

Speaking on behalf of the eight first time attendees, Brothers Tyria Anderson #43 and Andrea Miller of Babylon #203 Oklahoma Jurisdiction expressed their desire to learn the wisdom of the school.

Most Worshipful Grand Master Paige D. Cherry #3 then made a special recognition to welcome back RW Grand Lecturer-East Curtis B. James, Sr. #67 who was recovering from surgery. Leading the course of instructions, RW Grand Lecturer-West Roger Redd, Sr. #109 gave itemized 12 guidelines that must be in place prior to performing a Masonic Funeral. After receiving instructions, Brothers Tony Hines #43, Rev. George Lyons #43, Darrin Hill #43, Ricky McKnight, Sr. #28, Rendell Briggs #43, Donald Wilson #67, Ricky Williams #324, Carroll Mickens #16, and George Pierce #201 expressed observations.

During the roll call of lodges by RW Grand Secretary Stevie R. Gray #314, it determined that Mt. Nebo Lodge #43 had the greatest attendance and Sheba Lodge #17 had the greatest percentage of attendance. Finally, MWGM Cherry was pleased to present Certificates of Merit to Brothers Travis Edwards #7, Gregory Goode #43, Harold Johnson #15, Tony Hines #43, and Ty Taylor #43.



## Final School of Instruction held in Staunton

By WPM L. J. McCoy #33



**Staunton** – While rescheduling the Staunton school from January to March 3, 2018, the mountainous scenic city proved to be weather cooperative.

Representing Most Worshipful Grand Master Paige D. Cherry #3, Right Worshipful Sr. Grand Warden Donald S. Wilson #67 welcomed the first time attendees. Both Brothers Karl Colder #298 and Charles Stevenson #20 were given words of encouragement from RW Jr. Grand Warden Beverly W. Morgan, Jr. #298.

After proper salutations were expressed, RW Grand Lecturer of the West Roger L. Redd, Sr. #109 and RW Grand Lecturer of the East Curtis B. James, Sr. #67 conducted the day's instructions. Responding to the Grand Lecturer's demonstrations, Brothers Curtis Ellis #115, Thomas Hutcherson #188, Walter Wallace #18, Emmett Blair #18, Ronald Jackson #188, Walter Brown #18, Harry Holtz #18, Oliver Grant #18, Irvin Mosley #188, Raynard Moore #113, and Alton Miles #196 shared valid observations.

Finally, RW Grand Secretary Stevie R. Gray's #314 roll call of the six lodges revealed Mt. Zion Lodge #18 was awarded the lodge with the largest percentage of members and Louisa Lodge #113 was awarded the greatest number of members present.





# Grand Lodge Charity Golf Tournament

Contributions by MWPGM Larry D. Christian #253



Second Place Winners



## First Place Winners



Third Place Winners

**Williamsburg** – After official start instructions were received and a prayer by WDDGM John E. Amos #167, the players were released to the greens. Over 60 contestants competed on June 9, 2018 Grand Master’s Annual Charity Golf Tournament at the Kiskiack Golf Club in Williamsburg.

Breaking from his busy schedule, Most Worshipful Grand Master Paige D. Cherry #3 greeted the players and congratulated winners in the country club’s shaded patio area.

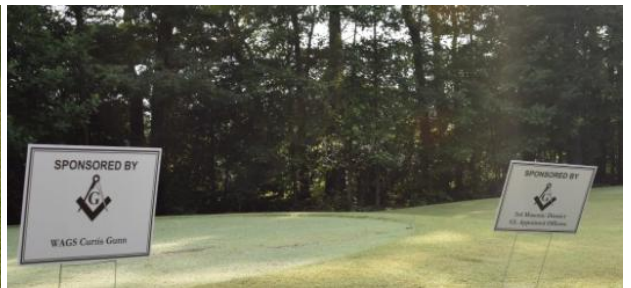
Before announcing the day’s winners, MWPGM Christian raffled off several prizes including, folding chairs, gas cards, umbrellas, and a 32” flat screen TV where all proceeds added to the scholarship fund.

1<sup>st</sup> Place winners were Devery Travers, Maury Walker, Robert Green, and Chris Benjamin; 2<sup>nd</sup> Place winners were Michael Randall, Eddie Jones, Darius Jones, and Rick Woodlie; 3<sup>rd</sup> Place winners were Ike Curry, Wilbert Hopkins, Curtis Gunn, Billie Thompson; and final awards were presented to Sidney Burrell, Thomas Jefferson, Cedric Landrum, and Kenneth Byrd.



Additional awards were presented to Mike Randall for Longest Drive #1, Robert Jones for Longest Drive #18, Chris Benjamin for Closest to the Pin #2 & #17, and Billie Thompson for Closest to the Pin #10.

MWPGM Christian also thanked the 40 Hole Sponsors who added to the contributions for our 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and 4<sup>th</sup> year college students and reminded the players of the Fall Tournament which will be held on October 13, 2018 at KISKIACK Golf Club.





# MWGM Cherry's Testimonial Banquet

By WPM L. J. McCoy #33



**Portsmouth** – “Come along, get on board this train. Nothing to lose, but everything to Gain!” was the invitation Right Worshipful Sr. Grand Deacon George T. Cutler, Jr. #80 extended to everyone at the Grand Master’s testimonial banquet.

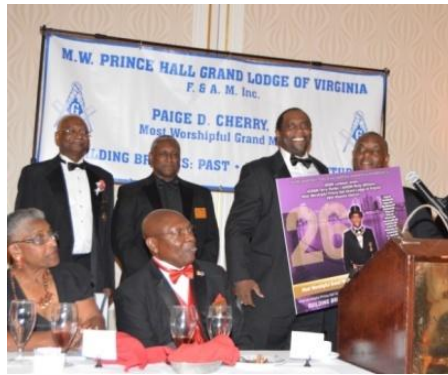
Worshipful Grand Marshall James Brown #300 formally led Most Worshipful Grand Master Paige D. Cherry #2 and his wife into banquet hall where the celebrations began. After RWSGD Cutler introduced the head table guests, Sister Barbara Ellis, Sister G. Sylvia Jackson, RW Sr. Grand Warden Donald S. Wilson #67, and W Asst. Grand Chaplain Rev. Arthur Ray George #3 presented greetings, Response, the MWGM’s biography, and Grace respectively.

Following dinner, Worshipful Past District Deputy Grand Master Curtis Gunn #3, Grand Chapter Secretary Synthia Martin, and RW Grand Secretary Stevie R. Gray #313 introduced dignitaries, Grand Chapter, and Grand Lodge Officers present.



The Virginia General Assembly House of Delegates first presented a Resolution to MWGM Cherry followed by Portsmouth Mayor John Rowe who declared June 2, 2018 as Paige D. Cherry Day. Dedications were then made by his Treasury’s Office, his Pastor from Zion Baptist Church, and his nephew Jariel Walton. Masonic presentations were then made by Morning Star Lodge #3, OES District #6, Brighten Light Chapter #118 OES, Knights of Pythagoras, Appointed Grand Lodge Officers, the 3<sup>rd</sup> Masonic District, the Golden Circle, and Va. Council of Liberation, the Grand Chapter, District Deputy Grand Masters, the Grand Photographers, the Committee On Work, the Most Worshipful Past Grand Masters, and the Grand Lodge Line Officers.

As the evening began to close, the honoree recognized MW Past Grand Mast Shelton Riddick who secured arrangements for the event and his extended family of his daughter and in-laws. The Grand Master then recognized his Mentor, the late DDGM John N. Daughtry and reached out to his campaign manager and sole-mate Yvette Cherry who made everything possible.



Pictured left to right top House of Delegates present resolution to GM, presentation by 26<sup>th</sup> Masonic District, and presentation by Deputy Grand Master Richard Townes. Pictured left to right bottom GM poses with Grand Chapter Secretary Martin, table of Past Grand Masters, and GM in-laws & daughters.



## Prince Hall Masons March in Annual Parade

By WPM L. J. McCoy, Jr. & WPM Ray Sutton III



**Portsmouth** – Carefully aligning the brothers into columns of four, Veteran Brother Amaziah Cummings barked assembly commands for it was now their turn to position themselves in the Annual Portsmouth Memorial Day Parade. Lead by Most Worshipful Grand Master Paige D. Cherry who is also the Portsmouth City Treasurer, the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Virginia Free & Accepted Masons responded to the commands as they participated in the event for a second year.

Wearing our traditional black suits and ties with white aprons and gloves, more than 80 of Virginia's Prince Hall Masons endured the 1.2 mile parade route in humid 80 degree weather. Their trek was made easier by the sisters of the Order of Eastern Star providing them with refreshing, cold ice water at designated intervals.

Grand Master Cherry extended his gratitude to the participants who made this sacrifice inviting them to join a Memorial Day cookout at the Masonic Association Lodge building in downtown Portsmouth.

## Prince Hall Masons Celebrate 143 Years

By WPM L. J. McCoy, Jr. #33



**Petersburg** – On a steamy Sunday May 20<sup>th</sup> afternoon, over 200 Prince Hall Masons assembled in Petersburg to celebrate 143 years of fellowship.

Opening the annual event at First Baptist Church Harrison St., RW Grand Lecturer of the Eastern District Curtis B. James, Sr. #67 welcomed WPM James Parham #290; Brother Rev. George C. Lyons #43, WDDGM Antonio Pride #43, and WPADDGM Darrin Hill #43 who gave scripture, biblical text, prayer, a welcome, and an address from the City of Petersburg respectively.

After Grand Conductress Sandra Wilson introduced Grand Chapter members present, RW Grand Secretary Stevie Gray #314 introduced the Grand Lodge Officers including MW Past Grand Masters Robert Harris #34, Lionell Spruill #189, George Clemons #120, Larry Christian ##253, Shelton Riddick #323, Herman Eggleston #146, and Roger Brown #327.

RW Grand Lecturer of the Western District Roger L. Redd, Sr. #109 then gave the history of the Grand Lodge. He

reminded us that the 1865 historic union of the Union Grand Lodge and the Ancient York Grand Lodge developed into what is now known as the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Virginia Free and Accepted Masons, Inc.

Following WADDGM Hosza W. Bagley's #17 introduction of Worshipful Grand Chaplain Waverly Brown #284, Rev. Brown spoke on the allusion of simply breaking one stick, but breaking a bundle would be more difficult. He then said, if we bundle together "The World can't do you no harm".

After being properly introduced by RW Deputy Grand Master Richard Townes #235, Grand Master Cherry thanked everyone in attendance and took the opportunity to invite the public to view the brothers' participation in the Portsmouth Annual Memorial Day Parade on May 28<sup>th</sup> and join the fun at the Annual Prince Hall Cookout on August 11<sup>th</sup> at their Masonic Compound in Kilmarnock, Virginia.



## Tidewater District's Annual Hampton VAMC Visitation

By WPM Raymond A. Sutton, III, #13



**Hampton** - Our MW Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Virginia, under the direction of Most Worshipful Grand Master Paige D. Cherry #3, has set the third Wednesday of April as the date of our Annual Visitation to the Veterans Affairs Medical Centers in the Jurisdiction of Virginia each year. The ten o'clock start time is designated for each of the VAMCs in the State and each program kicks off in unison at the several locations. Here, in Hampton, VA, the morning sun opened our day with the Grand Architect's blessings assuring no rain would mar our event. Although the planned indoor event went off without a hitch, the bulk of the workload was again carried by those stalwart individuals who manned the grills and those that transported the barbecued repast into the day room. As designed, we assembled in the Day Room of Building #148 for our annual show of appreciation to our veterans. The indoor facility assured that our honorees would not be exposed to any heat conditions that may exacerbate their health status. Necessary oversight from our Grand Lodge's perspective was ably provided by our MWGM Paige D. Cherry, #3, RWSGW Donald S. Wilson #67 and RWSGD George T. Cutler, Jr. #80 with the able assistance of MWPGM Billie L. Thompson, Sr. #46 and MWPGM Curtis S. Vaughan, Jr. #67. This annual program was initiated some ten years ago under the Administration of then MWGM Vaughan.

The annual Hampton VAMC Visitation now functions under the leadership of WADDGM Henry Badgett #268. His assistants, WDDGME Thomas L. Jefferson, Jr. #94, and WDDGME Raymond A. Sutton, III #13 assured that no program elements were omitted. Program support came from those seasoned Masonic volunteers at this annual venture and provided the required services to ensure a smooth flow through truly superior duty performance. There were ten Brothers present from York Star-Zedekiah Lodge #167 under their WM Richard Davis. The sign in roster determined #167 as the Subordinate Lodge with the most members present for the second year in a row. Volunteers from the GC, OES of VA included: GWP Curtis M. Holland #256, GAC Jacqueline T. Sutton #150, GDDO Mary Hamilton #3, PWM Ellen A. Stewart #150, PWM Alisa Brooks #3, PWM Margrate S. King #3, and AM Linda C. Whitfield #3. In addition there were two volunteers from DAV Chapter #2, Linda and John W. King. The Veterans Affairs Medical Center/Veterans Affairs Volunteer Services Personnel performed under the supervision of Mrs. Judith Curtis, Director of Veterans Services and the hands-on instructions of Recreation Therapists Ms. Monique Harris. They engaged the aid of Volunteer Services Personnel Ronald Sykes, Dexter Franklin and Jessie McIntosh. Their tireless efforts assured that all was accomplished on time and that all of our Masonic volunteers met their assigned tasks, bringing the indoor picnic/cook-out to fruition. The menu of hamburgers, cheeseburgers, hot dogs, smoked sausages, baked beans, potato chips, corn chips, tortilla chips, pretzels, popcorn, cheese puffs, punch, iced water was more filling, and delicious. There was a decorated double sheet cake which looked good and tasted even better. The icing reflected Masonic support for our disabled veterans and their professional caretakers. There were 84 PH Masons and six Sisters of the OES on the sign in roster who provided the necessary support to ensure that our Grand Lodge's program was a success.



“We will only attain freedom if we learn to appreciate what is different and muster the courage to discover what is fundamentally the same.” Thurgood Marshall



# Central Virginia holds VA Day at McGuire

By WPM L. J. McCoy #33



**Richmond** – Grilling was at full speed by 10 AM when WDDGM Lynwood Jones #27 and WADDGM Ricky Williams #324 started giving directions for the events of the day. On Wednesday April 18, 2018, RW Grand Director and Chairman of the Veteran Affairs Committee Charles Jones #81 welcomed over 30 brothers and ten sisters from the 12<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup>, and surrounding Masonic Districts to McGuire Veterans Hospital for our Annual Veterans Day Cookout.

It was the twelfth year the event has taken place to prepare hot dogs, burgers, and fixings to be served to our disabled vets and hospital staff for their service to our country.

While this was only one of four events the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Virginia arranged, Northern Virginia, Hampton, and Salem honored our military in their respective areas.



## VA Appreciation in the West

By WADDGM Walter Davis #295

**Salem** - On Wednesday, April 18, 2018, Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Virginia visited the Salem Veterans Medical Center for its annual visit. Over thirty five Brothers attended and served a hot dog lunch, spent time visiting with the veterans, and played Bingo with them. District

Deputy Grand Master James O. Borders recognized the service that our veterans have provided to this country, and that it was our honor to be in their presence. Members of the Prince Hall Masonic Lodges from Southwest and Central Virginia have visited Salem Medical Center every spring since 2006.





## 2018 Grand Chapter Session



**Hampton** – On Tuesday July 24, 2018, the Grand Chapter Order of the Eastern Star of Virginia PHA held its 117<sup>th</sup> Annual Session.

Giving her final annual address to the organization, outgoing Grand Worthy Matron Ivery B. Knight recognized that the 28 districts with its 94 chapters were constantly making improvements. She ended her address with several recommendations which included extending Honorary Past Grand Worthy Matron Status to Past Grand District Deputy Organizers to Julia Taylor and Agatha Coleman.

Grand Worthy Patron Curtis Mills Holland

expressed in his address that he was pleased with the increase in membership, support of the Maggie D. Poindexter State Youth Department, and the recommendation of honorary positions.



## Newly Elected Grand Worthy Matron G. Sylvia Jackson

By WPM Raymond A. Sutton, III



**Ms. G. Sylvia Jackson** was elected and installed as the 59<sup>th</sup> Grand Worthy Matron of the Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star of Virginia, (PHA) under the theme, “Bonding Together To Reach Our Destiny”. Her allocution gave strong direction to the members of the OES of VA with scriptural guidance from Romans 8:28 “And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose”. She further declared that her colors are Red and White and that the Marching Song to be used is “I’m Not Tired Yet” by the Mississippi Mass Choir.

She further affirmed that in these two years, our membership will strive to bring back the Biblically based Order upon which we were founded one hundred seventeen years ago. Throughout the year, she will pronounce charitable activities in your areas such as; greater presence at Veterans Hospitals and Nursing Homes, elevate our visibility in the community by mailing Christmas Cards, volunteering at Senior Centers, or taking ‘Seniors To Lunch’. With increased monetary charitable donations, increased education scholarships and contributions of that precious commodity of time, we can benefit our communities and regain the good name that was attached to the Order in the Twentieth Century.

‘It will be a busy two years’ and she is convinced that ‘working together, we can build on our incredible foundation and legacy’. ‘We have the vision and the courage to move this organization forward’. **‘I NEED YOU’** to help make my vision for our Grand Chapter come to fruition. As Henry Ford once said, ‘Coming together is a beginning. Keeping together is progress. Working together is success. Through our theme, we will achieve our goals. **“Bonding Together To Reach Our Destiny”**’

## Grand Chapter Order of the Eastern Star of VA P.H.A. 117<sup>th</sup> Annual Banquet





# OES School of Instruction

By WPM L. J. McCoy #33



**Virginia Beach** – One day before Mother’s Day on Saturday May 12, 2018, the Grand Chapter of the Eastern Star of Virginia PHA held their School of Instruction at the E. Ray Cox Convocation Center. Worshipful Grand Patron Curtis M. Holland first introduced Grand Worthy Matron Ivery B. Knight, after which he gave proper protocols on the Burial Ceremony and receiving Grand Lodge Officers into the subordinate Chapter Room.

Directing the seven Member Chapter Opening, Grand Lecturer Demetria J. Wilson instructed the sisters on the proper stations they were to assume.

GWM Knight then explained the duties and responsibilities of the Grand District Deputy Organizers. She also indicated that all reports, district workshops, and submission of stewardships should be submitted to the Grand Chapter office in a timely manner.

Questions and comments from William Sorrell OES #63, Joyce Johnson OES #32, Beverly Shelton OES #19, Tonza Exum OES #79, Elbert Scott OES #63, Shirley Ross OES #23, Derek Barnes OES #3, Ann Beverly OES #197, Natalie Delbridge OES #44, Donald Wilson OES #20, Jackie Horton OES #118, and Janette Cherry OES #119 were addressed by the Grand Chapter Officers.

In closing, GWM Knight encouraged all to attend the Grand Chapter Session in Hampton on July 24 – 27, 2018.



## “MORE” Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star of VA P.H.A. 117<sup>th</sup> Annual Banquet





## Arlington Lodge #58 Visits Elementary School

By RWGD Julius D. Spain #58



**Arlington** - On Monday, March 5, 2018 at 9:00 a.m., Worshipful Master Antonio Adams of Arlington Lodge #58 and Junior Warden Rudy Tyson represented their lodge by participating in the National Read Across America Day at a local elementary school. It was not only a special day for Prince Hall Freemasons to be seen interacting with youth but also a day the lodge began an official partnership with Hoffman Boston Elementary School. "It was an honor to be able to read to these kids and witness their level of curiosity," WM Adams wrote in a statement posted on his Lodge's social media account.

## Operation Santa Claus in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Masonic District

By WDDGM Joe Williams #66 & WDDGM Roger Bright #66

**Chesapeake** - On December 17, 2017 the brothers of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Masonic District hosted over a dozen families for their annual Operation Santa Claus Event. We met at Burger King at 7:30 am that morning for breakfast and fellowshiped with the sponsored families and each other. During this time we also had time to fellowship with others who were eating breakfast in the restaurant along with staff for some laughs and a genuine good time.

Breakfast concluded about 9:00 am and we made our way to the local Walmart where gift cards were presented to the families for the children to ensure they had a well put together Christmas. The brothers joked and laughed with patrons who were shopping, helped those that needed help with groceries, and entertained the children as the parents were sneaking gifts into the carts.

All in all, a great time was had and the men of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Masonic District once again delivered a Christmas Miracle to

those whose holiday may have come up short. It is said, "In everything set them an example by doing what is good. In your teaching show integrity, seriousness and soundness of speech that cannot be condemned, so that those who oppose you may be ashamed because they have nothing bad to say about us."-Titus 2:7-8.

Well done to the men of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Masonic District in their endeavor to promote brotherhood, unity, and love to those who may not have known it from others. These men showed these families that love can come from unknown, and an act of random kindness and sincerity can build a bond that can span the test of time.

## Joint Christmas Program with Almagro Lodge and OES

By WADDGM Walter Davis #295



**Danville** - On December 16, 2017 Almagro Lodge # 217 and Order of the Eastern Star Chapter #75 Celebrated their Annual Christmas Dinner at Trinity Baptist Church.

## Prince Hall family of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Masonic District

By WDDGM Elbert E. Scott, Jr. #46

**Portsmouth** - During the 2017 Thanksgiving Season, the 3<sup>rd</sup> Masonic District Masters and Wardens Council delivered 15 plus turkeys to Mt. Hermon Pre-School, as requested. The council was also able to deliver 18 plus turkeys to Olive Branch Pre-School as they requested for 18 families. Mrs. Patricia Williams, Principal at Mt. Hermon, was delighted as was Mrs. Tammy Moone of Olive Branch Pre-School.

It must be noted that Mt. Herman Chapter #19 OES were responsible for ten of the turkeys which they were graciously thanked for their donation. PM Amiziah Cummings also facilitated

with the distribution of Mt. Hermon # 19 turkeys.

Also W M Albert Williams of Brighton Rock Lodge #79 was responsible for distributing eight thanksgiving baskets to deserving families.

It is good that brothers and sisters express generosity and better it is greatly appreciated and thanked so much.

## Capital City Lodge #107 donates Winter Coats

By WM Glen Hence #107



**Richmond** - "I am only one, but I am one. I cannot do everything, but I can do something. And I will not let what I cannot do interfere with what I can do" were the words written by a famous American author. However, they were the exact thoughts that came to mind, on a cold day in 2017, when WPM TC Johnson of Capital City Lodge #107, was visiting a low income housing area and saw several elderly persons outside in the cold without coats.

WPM Johnson solicited the help from the brethren to do something. The task was given to SD Anthony Streeter and JD Clarence Craddock to put together a coat drive. The call went out to all who were willing to donate to this worthy cause. On October 31, at 8:00am, the brethren assembled at a local restaurant for a hearty breakfast, followed by our delivery at 10:00am. After consolidating boxes and bags, it was determined that we would deliver over 130 coats, hats, and gloves to the residence at the Church Hill House.

On this day, the brethren of Capital City fulfilled a need and made a difference. SW Roy Toston stated during the delivery, "I am happy to be associated with an organization that not only promotes brotherhood in the lodge; but is of service to our community."



## 12<sup>th</sup> MD has Divine Sunday

By WPM L. J. McCoy #33

**Chesterfield** – On a crisp sunny spring day, the 12<sup>th</sup> Masonic District held Divine Sunday on April 29, 2018. Over 20 brothers and 25 sisters joined DDGM Antonio Pride #43 and ADDGM Hosza Bagley #17 at A.M.E. Zion Church in Chester, Virginia.

While Grand District Deputy Organizer Magnolia Rivers represented the sisters, DDGM Pride represented MWGM Paige D. Cherry.

The brothers enjoyed the uplifting words of direction from the church's pastor, Rev. Dexter Feely

## Capital City #107 Donates School Supplies

By WM Glen Hence #107



**Richmond** - August seems to be that time of year, when families start thinking about making their list for back to school supplies. We all become inundated with back to school sales ads showing up in newspapers and across our TV screens, not to mention the benefit of a tax free weekend. It's also that time, when the brethren of Capital City Lodge #107 began pooling their resources to purchase supplies make a donation to our adopted school; Woodville Elementary.

It was also that time for SW James Hinton to make the coordination to deliver the supplies to the school, with two trucks and a car. On September 1, 2017, the brethren of Capital City Lodge #107 assembled with over twenty bins that filled two trucks and a car with school supplies. SW Hinton proudly presented the teachers and administrators with bins packed with book bags, pens, paper, and just about everything on the school list for grades one through five. As one of the teachers stated, "Wow, this

should get us through the next six months of everything we will need.

WM Hence stated, "I would like to give a special thank you to the brethren for their generous donations and to our community partners who donated hundreds of dollars to this effort. We couldn't have asked for a greater response than what we received to benefit our teachers and kids in this community".

## 17<sup>th</sup> Masonic District has Divine Sunday

By WADDGM Walter Davis #295



**Sutherlin** - On April 29, 2018, the 17<sup>th</sup> Masonic District Prince Hall Masons and Order of the Eastern Star, PHA celebrated Divine Sunday. Worship services were held at Laurel Grove Baptist Church 3421 Kern Church Road in Sutherlin, Virginia where Pastor-Elect Reverend Percy Pass delivered the message.

## KOP Holds First Prayer Breakfast

By WPM William E. Moore #92



**Portsmouth** – Along with Grand Lodge Officers, Grand Chapter Officers, KOP State Director Carl A. Albritton, and other members of the craft, Most Worshipful Grand Master Paige D. Cherry #3 attended the Norfolk Council #8 First Annual Prayer Breakfast. The event was held at the London Blvd. Temple on February 17<sup>th</sup>.

## 33<sup>rd</sup> Masonic District has Divine Sunday

By WPM William E. Moore #92



**Virginia Beach** - The 33<sup>rd</sup> Masonic District along with District 34 OES PHA celebrated Divine 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday service at Mt. Zion AME Church VA Beach where Pastor Vanessa A. Copeland brought the word of God from Exodus Chap:14 13-14 the message: Fear not, Stand still, & see the salvation of the lord. He shall fight for you & you shall hold your peace.

## Brothers from the 12<sup>th</sup> MD Clean-Up City

By WDDGM Antonio Pride #43



**Petersburg** – Lodges from the 12<sup>th</sup> Masonic District on Saturday November 4, 2017 participated in a city-wide clean-up. Along with Petersburg Councilman Brother John Hart #15 and several other brothers, Worshipful Master David Wright #16 took time out of their busy schedule to beautify the city.

## MWGM Recognizes Brother Granderson's 50<sup>th</sup> Year

By WPM L. J. McCoy, Jr. #33

### Petersburg –

Brother Langston Granderson of Moses-Gravel Run Lodge #290 received his 50<sup>th</sup> Year Pin on Sunday May 20, 2018 at the Founder's Day Program. Pinning Brother Granderson, MWGM Paige D. Cherry expressed the dedication the brother has given over his Masonic tenure.





## Grand Lodge Scholarship Recipient – Today

By WADDGM Walter Davis #295



Danielle Jeffers of Danville is a Virginia Tech Sophomore and founder of Dough 4 Degrees. As a prospective student who successfully navigated the college scholarship application process with a GPA of 3.97, she has plans to graduate in the Fall 2018. Her Grandfather is Joseph Jeffers of Almagro Lodge #217.

This is one of the youngest ladies that the Grand Lodge has granted a Scholarship to continue her education. As a sophomore in high school, she saw her family's financial situation taking a drastic turn when her father was the first forced into early retirement by a medical condition. By her junior year, her mother, a banker, was also forced out of work by a separate disease of her own. All of a sudden Jeffers found herself helping out with more work around her family's home. While balancing school, extracurricular activities, and preparing for graduation, as a senior she was told they couldn't afford to send her to college. After telling her she still had to go, Danielle was sparked and determined to go, and graduate debt free.

That determination would materialize into hours spent applying for academic aid, and eventually more than \$ 200,000 in awarded scholarships to attend Virginia Tech.

## Capital City Lodge #107 Donates to FeedMore Organization

By: Bro. Jared Thrasher #107

**Richmond** - Did you know that FeedMore is Central Virginia's core hunger-relief organization, dedicated to providing neighbors in need with healthy meals and hope for a better tomorrow?

Well, the men of Capital City Lodge #107 knew.

On June 9, 2018, the brethren assembled at 1415 Rhodemiller Street,

with their collected food items to turn hunger into hope for children, families and seniors. After a two month effort, led by Bro. Jared Thrasher, the newest member of the Lodge, we collected over 170 pounds of food items. The intent of our mission was to provide assistance to an organization that feeds as many children, families and seniors who struggle with hunger. With a service area that stretches across 34 cities and counties, FeedMore helps the nearly 200,000 children, families and seniors in Central Virginia who need nutritional assistance. Our mission on this day was



quite simple; to reflect the values of Masons that seek to improve the community in which we all live, work, and play. As stated by the Staff at FeedMore, "when we work together, we can, and we do feed more".

## Maceo Consolidated Donates to High School



Maceo Consolidated Lodge #124 sponsored the Bruton High School girls and boys basketball team anniversary banquets.

Providing the food for both events, they had the boys' banquet on March 28<sup>th</sup> and the girls on April 10, 2018.

Brothers pictured from left to right are PM Harold Brown, WM Alfred W. Simmons, and Bro. Ronald Jones.

## Mt. Nebo #43 Gives Scholarships

By WDDGM Antonio Pride #43

**Petersburg** - On Wednesday May 23, 2018 the Mt. Nebo Charitable Foundation presented scholarships to graduating seniors in the city of Petersburg. Presentations were made to Ms. Jada S. Smith and Ms. Ashley N. Simmons.

The Mt. Nebo Charitable Foundation provides educational support to the youth of Petersburg and surrounding counties. The Mt. Nebo Charitable Foundation has a 501 (c) (3) IRS tax status and contributions are tax deductible.



## East End Lodge #233 and East End Chapter Work Together

By WM Bertha Bohannon OES #204



**Richmond** - Members of East End Chapter # 79 under the leadership of WM Bertha Bohannon and with the support of Carey Wheaton Chapter # 204 and WM Robert McDonald of East End Lodge # 233 volunteering their time and rendering their community service to Feed More today June 6, 2018.

## WPM Brackett Awarded 50<sup>th</sup> Year Pin

By WPM Dwight Hagans #44



**Richmond** - WPM John Brackett Jr. (Center of Photo) received his 50 year pin on January 10, 2018. He is a member of Trinity Lodge #44. He is accompanied by PM Dwight Hagans #44 and WM Nesbitt #44.



## Capital City Lodge # 107 Donates Scholarships

By WM Glen Hence #107



“I am extremely grateful for the opportunity that was afforded me by the members of Capital City Lodge #107”. These were the words coming from three college bound students that received stipends on September 3, 2017 during the 26<sup>th</sup> Masonic Districts Back to School block party.

The donations were given to Ms. Tomeka Anderson, Mr. Norman Jones, III and Ms. Jada Craddock. The Earl Gray Scholarship Awards Program was established to promote student achievement and recognize outstanding students bound for college. Capital City Lodge #107 has been a longtime supporter of the scholarship program. WM Glen Hence, with the assistance of Mrs. Jane Gray (wife of PM Earl Gray) presented the students with a donation of \$1,500 toward their scholarships.

The 2017 scholarship was named in honor PM Earl Gray, a deceased brother, who started his masonic journey in Capital City Lodge #107. He was a dedicated leader, an educator, an officer in the Navy, as well as a community leader who believed in giving back to his community. He was the epitome of what we would like our deserving young men and women to represent in our communities, and organizations.

Congratulations to these three recipients on behalf of all the brethren of Capital City Lodge #107 and, all the best in your future endeavors. As stated by PM George Dean, “everyone has different causes that are near and dear to their heart, but contributing to the future success of a student has many benefits that go far beyond our initial contribution”.

## Triangle Lodge #293 Gives During the Holidays



**Triangle** - On Saturday, November 19, 2017, Brothers of Triangle Lodge # 293 and Sisters of Grace Chapter #239 OES gathered on a cloudy Saturday morning to conduct their Tenth Annual Thanksgiving Basket Day event. The baskets included all the fixing for a great Thanksgiving dinner to include a large turkey and ham. Over 50 members of both organizations and their family members participated in this early morning event. The goal of the Lodge and Chapter was to provide baskets for 60 families. This year’s event surpassed the goal and issued over 80 baskets to families in the Prince William County and Stafford County Virginia areas. Over the past ten years, this event has provided baskets to over 750 families in these counties.

## Sheba Lodge #17 Supports Early Learning Center

By Bro. Ron Spence #17



**Petersburg** - Worshipful Master Darrel A. Brown, Sr. #17 and his lodge Sheba #17 presented a check for \$600.00 to Assistant Principal Ms. Jamara Nelson of Westview Early Childhood Learning Center (ECLC). The funds provided came from the proceeds of the Grand

Lodge Raffle ticket sales last year. Westview ECLC located in Petersburg, VA is the school that Sheba Lodge #17 sponsors for various events throughout the year.

## PGM Christian Appreciation Banquet

By Beverly Christian GDDO



**Williamsburg** - The 27th Masonic District and District #4 Order of the Eastern Star hosted an Appreciation Banquet for MWPGM Larry D. Christian on the 24th of March 2018.

WDDGME James S. Burrell did a wonderful job as the Master of Ceremony. The program was a great success with over 180 people supporting the event to include the following GL Officers: RWGS Stevie R. Gray #314, RWGT James E. Watkins #44, RWSGD George T. Cutler, Jr. #80, RWJGD Edward E. Lattimore, III #13, RWGD Julius D. Spain, Sr. #58, RWGD Charles R. Jones #81, RWGD Neville Welch #58, RWGD Isaac Hughes #314, Walter E. Brown #18, and MWPGM Roger Brown #327.

MWPGM Christian was presented with gifts & kind words of encouragement from those attending. MWPGM Christian then surprised all those attending by giving each a dollar coin piece, he then presented scholarship donations to each Chapter in District #4 which totaled \$1,075.00 dollars, he surprised the following Sisters: Sandra Mason, Synthia Martin and wife Beverly Christian with an OES Sweater with \$100.00 pinned to each. He then thanked them for their support.

Lastly Breyona Harvey was presented a \$500.00 dollar scholarship from MWPGM Christian thru Triple River Lodge #253. We are so proud to have one of our own to be honored for what he does to support our youth and the Organization. Thanks to all those who made this possible, Beverly Christian GDDO.



## Whit Sunday in the 20<sup>th</sup> OES District

By WADDGM Walter Davis #295



**Danville** - On May 20, 2018 Masonic District 20th Order of the Eastern Star of Virginia Prince Hall Affiliation Celebrated Whit Sunday at Bellevue Baptist Church 854 Luna Lake Rd. Danville, Va.

From Left to Right: Front Row Grand Officers only; Assistants Grand District Deputy Organizers Rose Wood, Grand Lecturer Janie Cunningham, GDDO Pat Cunningham, Honorable Past Grand Worthy Matron Virginia Robertson, Past Grand Worthy Matron Nettie Burrell Warner and other Eastern Star members along with the Brothers of Prince Hall Masonry.

## The 12<sup>th</sup> MD has St. John the Baptist Celebration

By WPM L. J. McCoy #33



**Petersburg** – Under the direction of WPADDGM Darrin Hill #43, the 12<sup>th</sup> Masonic District held its 2018 St. John Celebration at the Halifax Temple in Petersburg. Eight of the ten district lodges joined WDDGM Antonio Pride #43, WADDGM Hosza W. Bagley, Sr. #17, and District Deputy Organizer Magnolia Rivers for the annual event.

Directing the program of events, WM Travis Edmunds #7 received support from WM Jeryle Jones #17, WM Harold Johnson #15, and WM William Porter

#10, as well as musical selections from WPM Wendell Givens #317 and Brother Darius Johnson #43.

After the purpose was given by WM Jerrail Brown, W Asst. Grand Chaplain Rev. Leroy D. Evans, Jr. #7 blessed us with a message from Colossians 3:23-24. He stated “Don’t talk about it, Be about It” as we “Build Bridges; Past, Present, and Future

## Celebrating Past Grand Master Robert G. Davis, Jr.



**Williamsburg** – He was appointed District Deputy Grand Master for the 21<sup>st</sup> Masonic District in 1964. In 1966, he was elected to the position of Grand Lecturer of the Western District of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Virginia. In September 1968, he was elected to become Right Worshipful Grand Junior Deacon which led him to become the Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Virginia Free & Accepted Masons, Inc. in 1982.

MWPGM Robert G. Davis, Jr. was called from labor to rest on Friday, April 13, 2018 surrounded by his wife, Opelene L. Davis and his two sons, WPM Frank Davis, Sr. #33 and Kevin Davis. As the 62<sup>nd</sup> Grand Master, he also served as Grand Worthy Patron of the Grand Chapter Order of the Eastern Star, Past Master of Maceo-Consolidated Lodge #124, Past Worthy Patron of Pride of Grove #181 OES PHA, and was appointed Grand Historian in 2012.

MWPGM Davis lived a blessed life and always confessed his love and thanks to the Lord to the very end. Having lived his entire life with the other

love of his life, his wife Opelene, wherever they lived in various cities and states they were very active in the church and community.

## Third Masonic District MWC Presents 2018 Scholarship Awards

By WPDDGM C. L. Gunn #3



**Portsmouth** - This year the Third Masonic District Masters and Wardens Council voted to rename its Annual Scholarship to the Masters and Wardens Council John N. Daughtry Memorial Scholarship in honor of the late District Deputy Grand Master Emeritus John N. Daughtry of Washington Lodge #323.

Through its Annual Scholarship and Achievement Banquet held this year and other philanthropic contributions received, the Council was able to make two scholarship awards, one philanthropic, and magnanimous award which was supported by the widow, Mrs. Doris Daughtry, and the sons of DDGM Emeritus Daughtry. The awards consisted of \$500.00 each to graduating seniors Ms. Loren Albergottie, Mr. Deonte Godfrey, and Ms. Destiny Martin who were chosen from 24 applications. The Grand Master was elated that Miss Martin has made her decision to attend his Alma Mater, the Rams of Winston-Salem State University. Each recipient was

encouraged to continue to make us, and their parents proud.





## A Brief History of the Montfort Marines



With the beginning of World War II African Americans would get their chance to be in “the toughest outfit going,” the previously all-white Marine Corps. The first recruits reported to Montfort Point, a small section of land on Camp Lejeune, North Carolina on August 26, 1942. By October only 600 recruits had begun training although the call was for 1,000 for combat in the 51st and 52nd Composite Defense Battalions.

Initially the recruits were trained by white officers and non-commissioned officers (NCOs) but citing a desire to have blacks train blacks, the Marines quickly singled out several exceptional black recruits to serve as NCO drill instructors. In January 1943, Edgar R. Huff became the first black NCO as a private first class. In February Gilbert "Hashmark" Johnson, a 19-year veteran of the Army and Navy, became the first Drill Sergeant. By May 1943 all training at Montfort Point was done by black sergeants and drill instructors (DIs), with Johnson as chief DI. Both Johnson and Huff would be renowned throughout the entire Marine Corps for their demanding training and exceptional leadership abilities.

The men of the 51st soon distinguished themselves as the finest artillery gunners in the Marine Corps, breaking almost every accuracy record in training. Unfortunately, discrimination towards African American fighting abilities still existed and when shipped to the Pacific, the 51st and 52nd were posted to outlying islands away from the primary action. The only Montfort Marines to see action, and record casualties, were the Ammunition and Depot Companies in Saipan, Guam, and Peleliu. Private Kenneth Tibbs was the first black Marine to lose his life on June 15, 1944.

The Montfort Point Marine training facility was abolished in 1949 after President Harry S. Truman issued Executive Order 9981 which desegregated the U.S. Armed Forces.

## Arlington Lodge #58 Awards \$4,500 in College Scholarships

By RWGD Julius Spain, Sr. #58



**Arlington** - Five students received \$4,500 in college scholarships during the 2018 Songfest and Scholarship Award Program, sponsored by Arlington Lodge #58 their fundraising organization of their Bee Hive Club, Inc.

This year's event was held May 6, hosted by Mount Zion Baptist Church and its pastor, Dr. Leonard Smith who is also a member of the lodge. Receiving scholarships were T' Angelic Ellis of Wakefield High School, Cayla Harrison of Yorktown High School, Jillian Lopez of Wakefield High School, Tyrus Pincham of Bishop McNamara High School and William Schons of Yorktown High School.

Since its inception in 1998, more than 60 local students have received scholarships through the efforts of Arlington Lodge #58 and The Bee Hive Club, Inc.

## St. John's Celebration in the 14<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> MD

By WADDGM Walter Davis #295



**Clarksville** - On June 24, 2018 Prince Hall Free and Accepted Masons, RW Deputy Grand Master Richard Townes #235 and other Brothers of the 14th and 16th Masonic District celebrated Saint

John's Day Service at First Baptist Church.

## Arlington Lodge #58 Donates to local partnership Elementary School

By RWGD Julius D. Spain, Sr. #58



**Arlington** - On Monday, April 23, 2018, Brothers of Arlington Lodge #58 donated \$1,037.00 to their local partnership school, Hoffman- Boston Elementary School. The donation is to assist sending elementary students to Science Technology Engineering and Math (STEM) Camps during the summer of 2018 Programs.

The kids will participate in Young Scholars Innovation Academy (emphasizing science and tech), Summer Laureate Program, Global Village Summit – 3 week camp, Fun with Coding STEM, and Math Academy.

## Divine Sunday in the 17<sup>th</sup> MD

By WADDGM Walter Davis #295



**Gretna** - On Sunday July 29, 2018 W District Deputy Grand Master David L. Wilson and the 17th Masonic District Prince Hall Masons and Order of the Eastern Star, PHA celebrated 5th Sunday Service Divine Worship at Fairview Baptist Church 3853 Zion Road Gretna, Virginia where Bishop Larry E. Robertson, Sr. is Pastor



# Grand Lodge Session Agenda of Events for 2018

## Monday, September 10, 2018

- 10:00 a.m. Grand Lodge Office Set-Up
- 4:00 p.m. Prepare kits

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## Tuesday, September 11, 2018

- 8:00 a.m. Prepare for Registration of the 141<sup>st</sup> Session

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## Wednesday, September 12, 2018

- 10:00 a.m. Training with Worshipful Masters, Treasurers, & Secretaries,
- 3:00 p.m. Registration & Credentials, close at 10 p.m.
- 7:00 p.m. **Prince Hall Day & Lodge of Sorrow**

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## Thursday, September 13, 2018

- 7:00 a.m. Registration & Credentials, close at 5:00 p.m.
- 7:30 Devotionals
- 8:30 a.m. Ceremony of Opening
- 10:00 a.m. Official Opening of Grand Lodge
- 11:30 a.m. Presentation of MWGM Cherry
- 12:30 p.m. Grand Lodge called Off
- 1:30 p.m. Grand Lodge Called On
- 4:00 p.m. Grand Lodge Called Off
- 4:15 – 6:30 p.m. Committee meetings
- 7:00 p.m. **Grand Lodge Gospel Concert**

## Friday, September 14, 2018

- 7:00 a.m. Registration & Credentials close at 8:30 a.m.
- 7:30 a.m. Devotionals
- 8:30 a.m. Grand Lodge Called On
- 8:30 a.m. Final Credentials Report
- 9:25 a.m. Grand Lodge called Off
- 9:30 a.m. – 12:30 a.m. Voting & Lunch
- 12:30 p.m. Grand Lodge Called On
- 12:45 p.m. Reports
- 4:00 p.m. Grand Lodge Called Off
- 7:00 p.m. **Grand Lodge Annual Banquet**

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## Saturday, September 15, 2018

- 7:30 a.m. Devotionals
- 8:30 a.m. Grand Lodge Called On
- 9:00 a.m. Results of Voting
- 9:15 a.m. Unfinished Business
- 9:45 a.m. Reception of Visitors from Sister Jurisdictions
- 10:00 a. m. Reception of Appendant Bodies
- 12:00 p.m. Reception of the Knights of Pythagoras
- 1:00 p.m. Grand Lodge Called Off
- 1:45 p.m. Grand Chapter OES
- 3:45 p.m. Grand Lodge Called On & Installation of Officers
- 4:30 p.m. **Ceremony of Closing Grand Lodge**
- 7:00 p.m. **Grand Master Post Board Dinner Meeting**

\* All events held at the Hampton Roads. Convention Center Hampton, VA



Most Worshipful Grand Master Thomas E. Minor leads Memorial Day Parade in Norfolk, Virginia.



*A Tribute to Our Sisters of the Order of the Eastern Star*

*“I’ve learned that whenever I decide something with an open heart, I usually make the right decision.” – Maya Angelou*

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