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To the brothers and Sisters of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge and all our Prince Hall Brothers and Sisters worldwide:

The pillars of charity and brotherly love are solid principles that we stand on as brothers and sisters. These pandemic times try us daily, but as brothers, we claim that we have "been tried, never denied, and willing to be tried again." The sisters were told loudly and definitively to "be patient and wait"! Let the faith of a mustard seed guide us and carry us through the most turbulent times that we have ever experienced. God had brought us too far to leave us here, and we will not be turned around as he has not failed us yet. We have watched so many brothers and sisters that we have love and who have toiled for excellence in our organization pass away due to this pandemic but keep the faith. We as your editors implore you to guide your life with words of the poem- Be Strong: "Be strong, for we are not here to play, dream or to drift, we have hard work to do and heavy loads to lift, shun not the struggle, face it, 'tis God's gift, be Strong, be strong,' be strong." Find peace in knowing that "TOUGH TIMES DON'T LAST, TOUGH PEOPLE DO"!

We are pleased to present OUR FIRST ISSUE of the re-imagined digest. According to Article XXXIV, Section 1 of the Constitution and bylaws of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Georgia, the Masonic Digest is this jurisdiction's "official organ" of communication. It will be published periodically (quarterly) to allow all lodges and chapters the opportunity to showcase their community service and fellowship events for the jurisdiction and the world. The pandemic has forced us to become creative with our community service events and our modes of fellowship as we strive to remain relevant and impactful in our communities. The Masonic Digest will continue to keep the membership in touch with each other and display our works to the world as it did under the editorial leadership of Grand Master John Wesley Dobbs with the Prince Hall Masonic Review in the 1930s to the 1960s. We want to thank the 18th Most Worshipful Grand Master, Honorable Corey D. Shackleford Sr. for the vision to resurrect the Masonic Digest. We also want to thank the previous editor's Brother Brian Garner, Past Master Antonio White, Past Master Ronald Skrine, and Past Master Antonio Alston-Bey, for advice and guidance when the big question came up. They are a part of the editorial history of the Masonic Digest. Thank Brother Dr. Charles Smith for working tirelessly with his district to solicit articles and all other brothers and sisters that worked with us as points of contact to ensure that their respective district, lodge, and chapter's charitable efforts were included. Thank you for your continued support of your Masonic Digest and the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Georgia. May we all strive to live and embody the words of the esteemed orator and longest-serving President of Morehouse College, Dr. Benjamin Elijah Mays: "Not failure, but low aim is sin."

Fraternally,

Worshipful Bertram Thomas Jr. (57), Grand Editor
Worshipful James Q. Leach (107), Grand Digital Editor
Worshipful Michael Johnson (8), Grand Communications Editor

18TH MOST WORSHIPFUL GRAND MASTER'S CORNER



Jurisdiction of Georgia,

In the beginning God created the heavens and earth and the earth was without void and darkness was upon the face of the deep and God said let there be light and there was light! As we approach a new paradigm of a society of norms, let us embrace the beauty and the lessons learned during this tribulation as a jurisdiction thus be thankful that we can feel the heat of the sun, the coolness of the wind and the joy and laughter of our loved ones.

Thank you to all of you who have stayed the course as we begin to springboard this jurisdiction to a plateau that we have never seen in the history of our 151 years in existence. Thank you to our Masonic Digest team for this impeccable body of work for resurgence of our official organ of communication to the masses. PM Bertram Thomas, WM Quinton Leach and WM Michael Johnson, they accepted the challenge set before them and delivered with effective results. This publication is for the membership to display your body of work in your respective communities, achievements, praises, and communication to the masses.

To the Executive Team of the Grand Lodge and Chapter and State Head of Houses thank you for you continued support of this administration and uplifting the commonly but important Bible verse, "Behold how good and how pleasant it is for Brothers and Sisters to dwell together in unity,". To the Brothers and Sisters of this jurisdiction your commitment is second to none and the best is yet to come thank you and stay tuned. Lastly, I leave you all with this poem I penned a few years ago that appears to be even more relevant now. God bless each of you!

WHY DO I TRAVEL?

A BLACK SUIT, WHITE SHIRT, BOW TIE, WITH BLACK SOCKS WITH BLACK LOAFERS MY SIZE. THE 1ST AND 3RD OF ANY GIVEN DAY OF THE WEEK-MEN OF MANY FACES COME TOGETHER TO MEET. WE SPEAK ON THE LEVEL AND ACT BY THE LINE OF THE PLUMB IN OUR RITUALS WE TEACH-THEN WE PART FROM THIS PLACE BY THE SQUARE OF OUR FEET. WHY DO I TRAVEL?

FROM WORSHIPFUL MASTER TO PAST MASTER WE ARE ALL THE SAME-WE START FROM THE CRAFT WHICH WAS OUR CLAIM TO FAME. WITH THE EAGERNESS OF THE CRAFT THAT WE ARE TRYING TO TAME, THUS WE LEARN FROM SIMPLICITY OF WISDOM THAT WE TOO CAN BE SHAMED. WHY DO I TRAVEL?

OUR MORNING DAY STARTS FROM THE EAST RISE OF THE SUN, AND KEEPING IN OUR HEARTS THAT WE ARE MASTER MASONS. WITH THE 24" GAUGE TO THE SOUTH WE MAY GO, BUT IT'S THE COMMON GAVEL I KNOW THAT KEEPS THE STEADY FLOW. AS MY LABORS HAVE ENDED IN THE WEST I SHALL STAND, SO HAND ME MY TROWEL THE TRUE TOOL OF THIS JUST MAN. A COMPASS POINTS THE WAY AND WITH THE SQUARE I CAN'T STRAY, AND STANDING ON THE HOLY BIBLE AS IT LIGHTS MY DARKEST WAY. WHY DO I TRAVEL?

THAT WHITE CRISP APRON OF LAMBSKIN WE TEACH, IT'S THE BADGE OF A MASON NOW THIS IS SO UNIQUE. STAINLESS IT IS WITH THE INNOCENCE OF THE JUST BORN, IT'S THAT WHITE LAMBSKIN APRON FOR YEARS I HAVE WORN. FROM FIVE POINTS WE EXTEND A FAITHFUL BREAST TO A FRIEND-AND AT OFTEN TIME WISE COUNSEL IS WHISPERED JUST WITHIN. KNEE TO KNEE WE MAY GO AS WE OFFER PRAYER TO THEE-MY GOD MY DEITY YOU HAVE COME TO BLESS ME. WHY DO I TRAVEL?

THE WILL AND PLEASURE OF THE CRAFT IS SO COMMONLY USED, GUARD IT WITH SINCERITY BECAUSE IT TOO CAN BE ABUSED. WAIT WITH PATIENCE I WAS TOLD WHEN I INQUIRED THE UNKNOWN-THE TRUE ESSENCE OF THESE LESSONS WAS YET TO BE SHOWN. MY BROTHERS I LOVE YOU WITH MY HEART. AND MY SOUL-MY BROTHERS I LOVE YOU AS I JOURNEY THIS LONELY ROAD. TIME AFTER TIME AS THE SANDS SWIFTLY FLOWS LET THERE BE LIGHT I WAS THEN GENTLY TOLD. WHY DO I TRAVEL?

THE FIRST SHALL BE LAST AND THE LAST SHALL BE FIRST-FROM THE EAST TO THE WEST AND SOUTH THEY REHEARSED. AN EXODUS WE MADE TO TRAVEL THE UNKNOWN-WHILE TRIED. BY MANY I KEPT STRONG AND PRESSED, WHY DO I TRAVEL? THEN LEFT TO WONDER A SOLO PATH I TOOK-I COULDN'T BE SHAKEN BECAUSE THE GREAT I AM WAS WITH ME. WITH MY TRUST BEING IN GOD MY FAITH WAS WELL FOUND-IT WAS THEN THE PLUMB LINE I USED THAT COMPLETED JACOB'S ROUNDS! WHY DO I TRAVEL?

WRITTEN BY: MWGM COREY D. SHACKLEFORD FOUNDATION LODGE NO. 592 (PHA) MWPHGL OF GEORGIA JULY 18, 2005







What is the "But God Initiative?

This is A **voluntary** initiative instituted during the administration of the 18th Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Georgia. The initiative requests a minimum of **20%** of the membership in our organization - to make a selfless commitment and sacrifice by donating **\$1,000.00** each - to pay off the mortgage owed at **7340 Old National Highway** - thus positioning us to satisfy our debt in full within the next three years or less.

How does this benefit the Jurisdiction?

- Free & Clear: We, the MWPHGL of Georgia, will own the 7340 Old National Highway property.
- Financial Security: The MWPHGL of Georgia will be financially secure to assist with our overall mission of doing God's will to serve the youth, elderly, community, and membership.
- Building Fund Exemptions: This will allow us to honor the Actual and Honorary Life Members (Brothers & Sisters) exemption from the Annual Building Fund payment.
- Free KOP Summer Camp: KOP Summer Camp will be completely free to our youth actively participating in our local KOP Councils.
- Free Grand Youth Chapter Session: Grand Youth Session will be completely free to our youth actively participating in our local Youth Chapters.
- Increased Annual Scholarships: This will allow us to provide increased amounts of annual Scholarships given to our youth to pursue a higher education or trade skill.

Who can participate?

- Individual Members
- Lodges & Chapters
- Districts
- Concordant Bodies

What other benefits am I guaranteed?

- Individual Contributing Members
 - o One-time Payment:
 - Lifetime Exemption from the annual Building Fund of MWPHGL of Georgia.
 - One-year exemption of registration fees for Grand Session, Mid-Winter Leadership Meeting, and PH Day.
 - Your name will be engraved on the "Wall of Fame" in the foyer of the Grand East for your selfless contribution.
 - Presented with a "But God Initiative" Certificate and neck medallion

 with the option to wear, when in full Masonic/OES regalia, to identify
 vou as a fully participating member.
 - o Installment Payment Plan:
 - Lifetime Exemption from the annual Building Fund of MWPHGL of GA.
 - Your name will be engraved on the "Wall of Fame" in the foyer of the Grand East – on display – for your selfless contribution.
 - Presented with a "But God Initiative" Certificate and Neck Medallion
 with the option to wear, when in full Masonic/OES regalia, to identify
 you as a fully participating member.
- Lodges & Chapters, Districts, Concordant Bodies
 - Each participating Lodge, Chapter, District, and Concordant body's name will be engraved on a "Wall of Fame" plaque in the foyer of the Grand East.
- · Non-Contributing Members
 - AFTER OUR DEBT IS SETTLED, and we own our Grand East at 7340 Old National Hwy due to the "But God" Initiative, all non-contributing members and new members in our organization will pay a reduced annual Building Fund amount of \$50.00 for both brothers and Sisters.
 - The continued annual Building Fund will support the identified benefits mentioned earlier – in addition to ongoing building maintenance, utilities, and future expansion of the Grand East and financial support to 330 Auburn Ave.
 - Any donation amount is acceptable for those that would like to contribute toward the "But God" initiative; however, the incentives only apply to the abovementioned payment options.

I am committed to being GREAT! - How do I participate?

One-time payment of \$1000:

But God \$1000 Contribution Installment Payments:

Initial payment of \$250.00 followed by three (3) additional payments of \$250.00 within 18 months or less from the first installment.

But God \$250 Installment Plan Contribution - Down Payment

But God \$250 Installment Plan Contribution - Second Payment

But God \$250 Installment Plan Contribution - Third Payment

But God \$250 Installment Plan Contribution - Final Payment

Payment by PayPal App:

Send payment to butgod@mwphglga.org

NOTE: Please select the "Friends and Family" option!

Check By Mail

Cashier's check (made payable to "But God Initiative") sent to:

MWPHGLGA

c/o But God Initiative

P.O. Box 3795

Savannah, GA 31414

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GRAND WORTHY MATRON'S CORNER



Leadership is not easy, it is work. You can gain a title, but no one remembers your service.

What did you think when coming into a leadership role in the Order? I will do things my way. On Palm Sunday, it occurred to me that when Jesus rode into town on the colt, He knew the situation. He had already prepared for what was ahead. As line officers, when you arrive in leadership positions, you should have already prepared by having an in-depth understanding of the Order. Can you prepare for everything ahead? No! However, having a foundation of prior knowledge and continuing to study the works of the Order takes you a long way. Most importantly, it removes the thought of "doing things my way." Although some of you may feel that you were thrown into positions with little to no preparations, you were willing to accept the challenge. This is an Order of service to others, and NOT to the line officers. You were elected to SERVE at the "pleasure" of the

chapter. Making it to leadership positions is not the time you sit back and watch others labor; this is when YOU lead by working the hardest!

As your Grand Worthy Matron, it is my duty to encourage you to prepare for your positions as Jesus prepared for Holy week. For Jesus prepared for what was ahead, so should you. If you are saying, "I can't wait until this year is over and get out of this position," I am not talking to you. (Well... Maybe I am). Why are you rushing? (what have you done during the pandemic to be tired?). You were told when entering that you must believe in a Supreme Being? Where is your Faith? Because only what you do for God will last. If you have uttered the words, "I am tired", then show it! Present your stewardship to the chapter and show them all you have done to be tired.

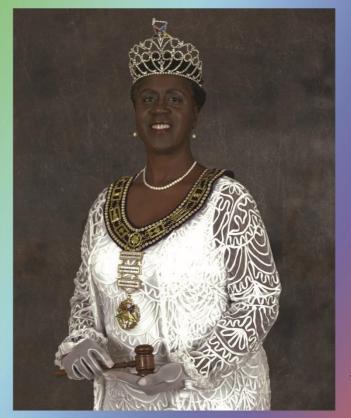
Your role as a line officer is to

study. You should always have the tools in this Order needed to worked to bring our Jurisdiction answer questions for your mem- into the "New Normal." As Leadbers. Work together with your fellow line officers and member- your members to the meetings ship to keep you and the chapter when virtual meetings end? Bestrong because NO leader can stand alone. The members of each chapter are the pillars of your chapter.

The Grand Team has continuously ers, what are your plans to get cause virtual meetings will end. Line officers should be discussing this NOW! You must be prepared to Ride On, like King Jesus.

Leadership is not easy, it is work. You can gain a title, but no one remembers your service. It is what you do for God that matters. Leaving a stewardship that your members will talk about for years to come.

Remember, without Good Friday, there would be no Easter and Without a Good Leader, there will be No Story.



Deaidra P. Wilson 16th Grand Worthy Matron Jurisdiction of Georgia

GRAND WORTHY MATRON'S CORNER







Prince Hall Grand Chapter
Order of the Eastern Star
Jurisdiction
Grand Worthy Matron Deaidra P. Wilson



FORD MOTOR COMPANY FUND

Contributed by
PAST MATRON THERESA HILL
Grand Secretary, Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Chapter of Georgia

Ford Motor Company Fund supports initiatives and nonprofit organizations in three areas: education, community life, and driving safely.

They seek to build partnerships with organizations that have a well-defined sense of purpose, a demonstrated commitment to maximizing available resources, and a reputation for meeting objectives and delivering quality programs and services. They place priority on the support and development of organizations that promote diversity and inclusion.

As part of Ford's "Finish Strong" initiative, one of their grants was dedicated to the battle against COVID-19 by donating 120 million masks to worthy organizations that applied for the grant.

Our Grand Worthy Matron, Sister Deaidra Parks Wilson, being the ambitious, active, and caring leader in our jurisdiction, immediately applied for the grant. She realized that she shared some of the same mission goals as Ford Motor Company: To strengthen communities, help make people's lives better, and provide better education opportunities by offering scholarships for deserving students.

The Grand Worthy Matron's application was approved for her mask request. Although she humbly asked for 5,000 masks, Ford Motor Company delivered 12,000 masks.

Our compassionate Grand Worthy Matron divided the masks and presented each of the 24 District Worthy Matrons with masks to share with their chapters, who would distribute them to the community.

PAST GRAND MASTER WILLAM E. TERRY BROKEN COLUMN CEREMONY

On Saturday, April 3, 2021, over 300 Prince Hall Freemasons from throughout the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Georgia traveled to Porterdale Cemetery in Columbus, Georgia, to perform a Broken Column Ceremony to honor Past Grand Master William E. Terry, who served as Grand Master of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Georgia as the 6th and 8th Grand Master and is the only person in the history of Prince Hall Masonry in Georgia to serve two different terms as Grand Master (1888-1889 and 1894 until he died in 1901 while serving as Grand Master). Past Grand Master Terry also served as the first Worthy Grand Patron of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Chapter Order of the Eastern Star, Jurisdiction of Georgia. The Broken Column Ceremony honors Freemasons who die while serving as Grand Master and symbolizes that a pillar of strength has broken, and the work of the Grand Master was not finished.

At 9:45 am, the brothers from throughout the jurisdiction of Georgia lined up in the center of Porterdale Cemetery to form the processional to the gravesite of Past Grand Master William E. Terry. The procession to the gravesite was led by Sir Knight Edward P. Russell, Most Eminent Grand Commander of the John H. Deveaux Grand Commandery of Knight Templar Masons, and his sword team, who escorted the 18th Most Worshipful Grand Master, Honorable Corey D. Shackleford Sr., and his administration.

This historic event included speeches by local Columbus dignitaries and a detailed historical account of the life and times of Past Grand Master Terry provided by Past Master Dave Gillarm. This experience concluded with an excellent and proficient performance of the Broken Column ceremony led by Past Master Earnest Baulkmon, Past Master Jerome Williams, Worshipful Master Chris Brown, and Brother Eddie Bray. The brothers and sisters of Columbus District No. 4, under the leadership of District Deputy Grand Master Matthew Bonham and Assistant District Deputy Grand Master Horace Boarders, with the assistance of District Deputy Grand Master Emeritus Freddie Grisson, worked tirelessly to execute this honorable recognition for our Past Grand Master. This event embodied the true spirit of brotherhood and truly uplifted the theme "it is always the right time to do the right thing." While we pray that we will never have to conduct another broken column ceremony, it was the right time to bestow this well-deserved honor after 120 years.

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CONFUSION IN THE CRAF

SUBMITTED BY: PM DAVE GILLARM, JR

"PLUS CA CHANGE, PLUS C'EST LA MÊME CHOSE" - JEAN-BAPTISTE ALPHONSE KARR

This quote by French author Jean Baptiste Alphonse, which translates to, "The more things change, the more they continue to be the same thing," perfectly explains the early history of Scottish Rite Masonry in the Great State of Georgia. Over the next few paragraphs I would like to take you on a journey with me as we explore the origins of the College of Freemasonry in the Peach State.

According to the book "Annuaire Maconnique Universal" for the years 1889-1890, the first person appointed by the United Supreme Council Southern Jurisdiction to serve as Deputy for the State of Georgia was Sovereign **Grand Inspector General Colonel** lames Lewis of Louisiana. SGIG Lewis was also appointed to serve as Deputy for the states of Louisiana, Alabama and South Carolina. This appears to be a very common practice during this period of time, seeing as our first Grand Master for Georgia, Reverend James M. Simms, was initially appointed in 1866, to serve as District Deputy Grand Master by the Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Massachusetts for the states of Georgia. Alabama and Florida.

Colonel James Lewis was born in Wilkerson County, Mississippi in 1832. According to the book, Footprints of Black Louisiana by Norman R. Smith, Colonel Lewis worked on a steamboat in his

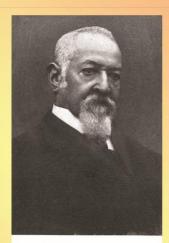
youth and his travels took him to New Orleans. As a result of his travels, he made New Orleans his home. During the civil war, he as well as a few other black men, petitioned the Union Army to form an all-black Infantry unit. Colonel Lewis went on to serve as Captain in Company K of the First Regiment of the Louisiana Native Guards.

In fraternal circles Colonel Lewis was a member of Stringer Lodge #2 operating under what is now known as the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Louisiana. He later served as the 3rd Grand Master of this Iurisdiction.

The first Consistory in the Peach State was established on June 18, 1898 in Shepherd, Georgia. This consistory was established by an Illustrious A.R. Leatherwood of Asheville, North Carolina, The first Commander in Chief was an Illustrious G.W. Garvin who would later go on to serve a Deputy of Georgia. While I'm sure that the 21 men who established this consistory were ecstatic about history being made on that day, they were unaware that their actions would create "confusion in the craft."

A possible reason as to why G.W. Garvin was able to make so much headway with establishing Consistory's subordinate to John G. Jones was his likeability. Past Master Garvin was described a very hard worker and very likeable brother. He had served on various Grand Lodge committees and he even was later appointed as Grand Lecturer. He seemed to have been a very popular member of our Grand Lodge at the time.

By 1900 things were starting to heat up when it came to Scottish Rite Masonry in the Peach State.



COLONEL JAMES LEWIS United States Receiver at New Orleans

trious A.B. Hawkins of Claxton would be establishing a Consisclaim the same. All good masons until they "dwell together in dict much disruption in the mawords would ring true.

Another element that added to the leading Masons in our state were members of the lones facat the men who established Prince Hall Consistory in Atlanta in 1900. The first Commander in

Chief was the noted contractor Alexander Hamilton, Reverend Joshua A. Brockett of the A.M.E. Church served as 1st Lieutenant Commander and Dr. Henry Rutherford Butler Sr. who would become Grand Master a year after this Consistory was established. served and 2nd Lieutenant Commander. It had to have been very confusing to have the Grand Master and several other Grand Lodge officers as members of the lones faction. To add another layer of confusion, the first Grand Worthy Patron of Georgia, Brother William Edward Terry, not only was a member of John G. Jones' Supreme Council and Imperial Council but he initially served as District Deputy Grand Patron under Thornton A. Jackson!

By 1902 PGM H.R. Butler Sr. real-After it was announced that Illus- ized that he had to address the different Scottish Rite factions operating in Georgia. Earlier that tory there it seems as if the editor year Sovereign Grand Commander of the Savannah Tribune felt the Thornton Jackson traveled to confusion as well. He stated, Macon, Georgia and organized De-"Some steps should be taken to Molay Consistory (this Consistory harmonize the differences be- may possibly now be J.H. Walker tween the factions of the higher Consistory). He also held a meetdegree brethren. The Thornton A. ing with brothers in Savannah Jackson's side is said to be in the where presumably he talked to right and the Jones adherents them about the affairs of the United Supreme Council Southern should refrain joining either side Jurisdiction. In his 1902 Grand Master address Most Worshipful unity." If this is not done, we pre- Butler stated: "Brethren, we cannot close this report without sonic world of this country." His calling your attention to a matter that, in not taken hold of now with a firm hand, is liable to do the confusion was that some of our jurisdiction more harm than we might at first thought suppose. We refer to the A.A. Scottish Rite tion. This is evident when we look higher degrees and the methods by which they are operated in the jurisdiction.

These higher, degrees, as many



DR. H. R. BUTLER, G. M. R. ATLANTA, GEORGE









of us know, have no power to set up blue lodges, as their authority begins at the 4th or Mark Masters degree. This being true, these higher degrees can exist only on the blue lodge degrees of the several grand jurisdictions. Now it stands to reason that if this or any other grand jurisdiction allows the members of its blue lodges to divide themselves - some taking degrees from one faction, some from another faction (for there are four different factions, all claiming to be right) - the result will be disastrous to the jurisdic-

tion in the end. We have in our jurisdiction many worthy brothers who are desirous of being advanced to the higher degrees, but they refrain doing so because of these many factions. There are a few consistories under some of these factions in this jurisdiction that are sickening and dying because neither is sure that it received its right to exist from a pure and correct source.

The committee appears to have immediately sought out to per-

form their duties. As of today, no response from John G. Jones can seem to have been found. His own issues in Illinois could have probably prevented him from responding but by the following year it became null and void when he was suspended and later expelled by the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Illinois. On the other hand. Illustrious Thornton A. Jackson not only responded but he appeared in person at our 33rd Annual Communication which was held in Americus at Widows' and Orphans' Home.

In conclusion, it appears that the early Scottish Rite history in the Peach State almost mirrors events that are happening today. Influential men were used to propagate a clandestine Supreme Council in the same manner that they are being used today. Despite all the confusion it took the wisdom of PGM Henry R. Butler Sr. to realize that something had to be done to put an end to the confusion so that peace and harmony could prevail.



Men of Yesterday





(Starting from the left top to bottom in each row.)

Bro. Rev. Alphonso Leon Lowery, Bro Richard Algernon Dent, Bro Westley Wallace Law, Bro Rev James Leonidas Lomax, Bro Rev Alfred Samuel Staley, Bro David Tobias Howard, Bro Samuel T. Burrell, Bro Judson Whitlocke Lyons, Bro Augustus R. Johnson, Bro Robert Washington Gadsden, Bro George Reuben Hutto, Bro Rev Ralph Mark Gilbert, Bro John Wesley Gilbert, Bro Henry Cabot Lodge Bohler, and Bro John Sanders Delaware.

Psalm 78:3-4

Which we have heard and known, and our fathers have told us. We will not hide them from their children, shewing to the generation to come the praises of the LORD, and his strength, and his wonderful works that he hath done.

In February, the Grand Historian Dave Gillarm Jr and I wanted to highlight a few members in the Prince Hall Jurisdiction that you may or may not have been aware of on our Jurisdiction Facebook page. They are not unsung heroes because in the communities they individually served, they all were considered significant assets and great pillars, well-known for their good deeds throughout our jurisdiction. They were men of great stature, and the achievements they accomplished should give us all that burning desire to fulfill our theological virtues and make our community the way they were. Because of them and what they have done, we now know from which we came. Black history is 365 days of the year.

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HOW DO THE LEADING

CORONAVIRUS VACCINES WORK?

In December 2020, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) issued an emergency use authorization (EUA) for the Pfizer/BioNTech and Moderna (mRNA) vaccine for the prevention of coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) caused by severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2). In February 2021, the FDA issued an EUA for the Johnson & Johnson (Janssen COV-ID-19) vaccine (viral vector vaccine). The mRNA vaccine is new and revolutionary. It does not contain antigens (no virus is injected live or attenuated). They are easily manufactured and do not enter the human nucleus of the cell to compromise your DNA and expire quickly once vaccinated. The Pfizer vaccine contains no preservatives, so it must be kept at an extremely low temperature (-112°F to -76°F). The Johnson & Johnson vaccine works differently by disabling a virus from the common cold and triggering antibodies (viral vector). The duration of immunity and the need to revaccinate after the initial primary vaccination is unknown, although the mRNA vaccines appear to be still effective after six (6) months...

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has reported that the following side effects are clear indicators that your body is building immunity to COVID: (1) pain at the injection site, (2) fatigue, and (3) low-grade fever (anything below 100.4° F). Additionally, new research suggests that applying vigorous exercise and getting a good night's sleep the day before receiving the coronavirus vaccine may bolster the immune system and help hasten the immunization process.

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GRAND LODGE STATE
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Mental Health and Wellness

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Mental health is often overlooked and underappreciated as an essential part of our health and wellness, impacting and directing us in every aspect of our daily lives. Many have heard the phrase "wherever the head goes, the body will follow," and some even subscribe to this belief as a foundational philosophy of life. Further, countless books, articles, and even blogs admonish us on caring for the mind through "the power of positive thinking" and to have "an attitude of gratitude." One may ask why there is still an enormous stigma in our community surrounding mental health and mental illness when taught or encouraged at some point in our lives to "keep our heads up." It is written, "my people perish for lack of knowledge." Now let us get an understanding.

Mental health is our psychological response to life displayed in how we think, feel, and act. Mental illness occurs when there is a significant decline in categories of an individual's functioning, presenting specific symptoms over specified periods of time listed in the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual Disorders (DSM-5) or the International Classification of Diseases (ICD-10).

It is essential to talk about the "elephant in the room" since many in our community are affected by mental illness and psychological pain such as depression and suicidal ideation. Although there are many mental illnesses and diagnostic categories, depression is the leading cause of disability worldwide (World Health Organization, 2017). Suicide is a leading cause of death in the United States and was ranked as the 10th leading cause of death in 2014 and has ranked as high as the 11th leading cause of death since (American Association of Suicidology). Suicide, in many cases, maybe the result of untreated mental health disorders. Georgia ranked 38th in suicide death in 2016 (American Foundation for Suicide Prevention).

Some common myths regarding depression and suicide are confronting a person about depression, or suicide will only make them angry and make the problem worse, or only experts can help. However, the facts are: asking someone directly about their depression or suicidal intent lowers anxiety, opens communication, lowers the risk of going untreated or does an impulsive act, and encourages treatment. Prevention of depression and suicide is everyone's business, and anyone can help prevent tragedy. The most helpful methods for aiding in the prevention and treatment of depression and suicide are to take note of clues and warning signs. The more clues and signs observed, the greater the risk. A person may tell you directly that they are experiencing psychological pain or that they have

have suicidal intent. In other cases, a person may use indirect verbalizations such as "I just want out" or "I don't feel right." It is also essential to note behavioral and situational clues like; putting one's affairs in order or being diagnosed with a severe or terminal illness. The psychological distress experienced by our co-workers, friends, wives, brothers, sisters, and children now summons us to aid in their relief during times of darkness and despair.

In providing mental health therapy to individuals of various backgrounds, I have found that what individuals experiencing distress desire most is our support. The most effective and direct way to provide support is to be involved and show concern. If you cannot be directly engaged after making behavioral and situational observations, find someone who can. Once involved, listen to the problem, and give them your full attention, do not rush to judgment, and offer hope in any form. Ask the person in distress if they will let you help them get help and when possible, take the person directly to a professional who can help. Individuals experiencing psychological pain often believe they cannot be helped, so you may have to do more in taking the lead by asking questions, persuading the distressed individual to get help, and linking them with appropriate professional resources and referrals. Your willingness to listen and help can rekindle hope and make a difference.



RESOURCES

National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI)- nami.org; Georgia 770-234-0855

Mental Health Association of Georgia; 404-527-7175

American Foundation for Suicide Prevention (AFSP); Georgia; 770-843-3836

Georgia Crisis and Access Line; 1-800-715-4225



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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

THEY ARE BACK! HISTORY MADE! MORRIS BROWN COLLEGE ANNOUNCES ACCREDITATION CANDIDACY AFTER NEARLY TWENTY YEARS

ATLANTA (April 13, 2021) -- Morris Brown College (MBC) is proud to announce it has received accreditation candidacy by the Transnational Association of Christian Colleges and Schools (TRACS), a Virginia-based accreditation agency recognized by the U.S. Department of Education. This monumental achievement came after nearly 20 years of effort - marking a historical milestone for the 140-year-old college.

Morris Brown College earning accreditation candidacy is a major achievement demonstrating that it can meet quality standards and is engaged in continuous improvement. Candidacy indicates that the institution is in compliance with the standards and criteria, has been evaluated by an on-site peer team, and in the professional judgment of the evaluation team and the Accreditation Commission, the institution provides sound instruction and student services. As of July 1, 2020, the United States Department of Education holds all accrediting agencies to

the same standards, and it no longer holds a distinction between regional and national accrediting agencies. In 2002, Morris Brown's accreditation was revoked due to debt and financial mismanagement, which barred students from applying for Federal Financial Aid. In obtaining accreditation candidacy, Morris Brown is now eligible to apply to the U.S Department of Education to participate in financial aid programs and Title IV funding.

Founded by formerly enslaved religious leaders at Big Bethel AME Church in 1881, MBC is the first college in Georgia to be owned and operated by African Americans. The iconic Fountain Hall and the current Morris Brown campus are where Dr. W.E.B. Du Bois wrote "The Souls of Black Folk" in 1903. Notable alumni include Alberta Williams King, mother of Martin Luther King, Jr., and James Alan McPherson, the first Black writer to win a Pulitzer Prize for Fiction.

Chairman of the Board of Trustees and Bishop of the 6th Episcopal District of the African Methodist Episcopal Church said, "We've made tremendous progress within the past two years under Dr. Kevin James' leadership. The funds raised at Homecoming 2020 and Founder's Day 2021 marked the largest Homecoming and Founder's Day fundraising events respectively in the past 20 years. Overall, giving is up and the momentum under this administration is like none we have seen in recent history. The revitalization of the institution's academic programs and student services, including new programs such as Global Management & Applied Leadership, E-Sports Performance, and Hospitality Management, will place the next generation of students as global competitors."

The accreditation candidacy comes on the heels of a rewarding partnership between the college and CGI Merchant Group, LLC, a minority-owned global investment management firm with a focus on real estate and private equity. It will make a \$30 million investment in the historic college to convert existing facilities into a 150-key upscale Hilton hotel and hospitality management training complex. Construction of the 90,000-square-foot state-of-the-art facility is expected to begin the latter part of 2021.

"We are elated about accreditation candidacy and making history. I want to thank all the faculty and staff for their hard work. We intend on making history as the first HBCU to regain its status after a twenty-year hiatus and the first HBCU to have a flagged hotel on its campus for a hospitality education program. These achievements have sparked other closed HBCU's to try again. Without the resilience, support, and prayers from the Board of Trustees, African Methodist Episcopal church, faculty, staff, alumni, and the community, we would not be here. We have so many amazing projects coming up in the pipeline that will prepare our students for academic success and jobs. We ask the community to continue to support our mission by donating to the college. Additionally, we are seeking a seven-figure gift from an individual or corporation to move the institution forward. It is a new day for Morris Brown College!" said President Kevin James. #RestoreMorrisBrown #ReThinkMorrisBrown #TheHardReset.

To learn more about Morris Brown College and the accreditation process, visit morrisbrown.edu.

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MORRIS BROWN COLLEGE TO PARTNER WITH THE GEORGIA HISPANIC CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

ATLANTA (May 20, 2021) – Morris Brown College (MBC) is proud to announce its partnership with the Georgia Hispanic Chamber of Commerce (GHCC). This partnership will afford Latino students the opportunity to earn a higher education and gain exposure to desired career fields and experiential learning opportunities to enhance their portfolios.

Established in 1984, the GHCC's primary focus is business formation, business growth, civic and leadership development, and engagement. The Georgia Hispanic Chamber of Commerce's goal is to promote and support Latino businesses and individuals' economic development and serve as a link between non-Latino entities and the Latino market. With over 1,000 members, the GHCC is one of the largest Hispanic Chambers in the United States.



"We are excited about this partnership with the Georgia Hispanic Chamber of Commerce. As we fully restore Morris Brown College, it is our goal that we fully support not only the black community, but a major focus will be placed on serving the needs of the Hispanic and Latinx community. As we service a diverse number of majors, it is vital that we begin to develop a talent and supply chain pipeline that is diverse and inclusive by design," said President of Morris Brown College Dr. Kevin James.



"If we truly want to be inclusive, we have to be purposeful, which is why over the years, we have worked to encourage and promote diversity and inclusion in all levels of our organization. This partnership with MBC will further cement our commitment to ensuring that all communities and businesses are able to thrive together," said Board Chairman Antonio Molina of the Georgia Hispanic Chamber of

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The partnership with the Georgia Hispanic Chamber of Commerce comes on the heels of a rewarding partnership between Chick-fil-A committing \$500,000 for a leadership development program that will prepare students for careers in hospitality and organizational leadership.

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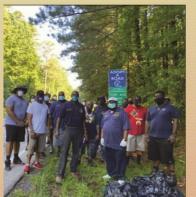
Contributed by WORSHIPFUL MASTER JASON RUSSELL Truth & Union Lodge No. 594 - Lawrenceville, GA

The last 12-13 months have been as interesting for Truth & Union 594 as it has for everyone. It has been filled with some sorrows but also filled with much joy. We have been affected by COVID-19 as everyone else & have seen, firsthand, its devastating effects. We have lost loved ones among our family & friends, but we have seen much success despite it all.

Our lodge has managed to step outside the box & move to the creed of the legendary Bruce Lee, "be like water." We have managed to travel down paths that we did not consider before. During a time marked with a pandemic and protests, the TU Express worked to aid in both areas. From taking care of first responders at the Snellville Police Department to serving as observers for the Gwinnett County NAACP, to participating in stopping sex trafficking within Gwinnett County, to attending the last rites of our brother, Rep. John Lewis, to having a presence at the cornerstone laying for our Grand Lodge under the administration of our 18th Most Worshipful Grandmaster, the Honorable Corey D. Shackleford Sr. 33°, to attending the Broken Column Ceremony in memory of the late PGM W. E. Terry, the TU Express has maintained a constant presence in Gwinnett County and throughout the jurisdiction of Georgia.

We would be remiss if we did not mention the two great blessings, we received last year. We were blessed with the presence of our 18th Most Worshipful Grandmaster visiting our lodge along with our District Deputy Grand Master, Ronald Triplett II, & Asst. District Deputy Grandmaster, Sean Radford. The Grandmaster spoke to us about the "But God" Initiative. TU heard his challenge & we answered by contributing cheerfully to our Grand Lodge to show our support. The second blessing was an immense blessing indeed. God showed favor through our 18th Most Worshipful Grandmaster & our 16th Grand Worthy Matron, Sis. Deidre P. Wilson, along with our 11th Grand Worthy Patron, Bro. Cecil James signed off on the lodge with an Order of the Eastern Star Chapter, now known as Truth & Union Chapter 590. In the words of our Grandmaster: "But God!!!" We love you. Sisters!!!





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The lodge has used this time to build up its Master Mason Study sessions via Zoom. These classes focused on masonic history, philosophy, jurisprudence and serves as a support group for both new & seasoned Master Masons. We have been blessed to have participation from members of other lodges to add to our discussions. This experience allowed brothers to travel without leaving home. Our West Gate, led by Senior Warden Bobby Kilpatrick, focused on "intentional" community service & building the lodge's outreach in Gwinnett County. Our South Gate, led by our Junior Warden Charles Warrick, has been focusing on raising money for the lodge outside traditional confines. Truth & Union has laid some foundations during this epic period that will assist us in taking freemasonry to the next level in Gwinnett County.

BEING A WORSHIPFUL MASTER DURING A PANDEMIC

Contributed by
Worshipful Master Floyd Rounds Jr.
Square Work Lodge No. 596 - Lithia Springs, GA..

After working diligently as a member of Square Work Lodge No. 596 since 2014, it felt good as my fellow brothers elected me to serve my lodge as Worshipful Master on December 16th, 2019. I thought to myself as I rode home from the meeting that night, "Wow......I made it to the East!" It was a great feeling to be the Worshipful Master of my lodge. However, I knew that my brothers elected me to this position because they believed in leading the lodge and doing good things. Therefore, I had my work cut out for me, but I was up for the challenge.



At our first meeting of 2020, I presented my vision to the lodge. I talked about progression, growth, and the continuance of showing brotherly love to one another. In my second meeting, I had the privilege to raise a class of brothers to Master Masons. I was working hard, and things were going smoothly. We went into February and continued to handle our business. As we entered our first meeting in March, the United States, and the world experienced COVID-19. This virus was new to everyone, but especially to the Prince Hall Affiliated Jurisdiction since a pandemic of this magnitude had not surfaced in America in over 100 years. While we had business to conduct as lodges, chapters, and as a jurisdiction, we are humans first, and the safety of our families is always our priority. Therefore, the 18th Most Worshipful Grand Master, Corey D. Shackelford Sr., followed the recommendation of the CDC government health official to shut the jurisdiction down. At the same time, the medical community struggled to determine how to battle this virus.

As a Worshipful Master, I had many thoughts and questions running through my mind. I had just taken the seat, and now my lodge cannot meet in person. Where do I go from here? I had initiatives that I wanted to accomplish in my first year that would benefit the lodge and let my brothers know that I wanted to serve them for a second year. How would I achieve them? I looked forward to traveling and visiting other lodges. How would I do that now? I wanted to represent my lodge at Grand Session and Prince Hall Day. How can I do that if those events do not take place? Although I had many thoughts to sort through, I knew that I still had a job to do, and I would find the best ways to do it.

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As the days and weeks passed, my lodge and others adapted to the new environment that COVID brought with it. I conversed with other Worshipful Masters, and we were all in the same situation. During this time, there were also social injustices that had taken place in our country. While we still had to run our lodges as leaders, we also faced the challenges of having these tough conversations with our brothers and reminding them that as Prince Hall Masons, we still need to be pillars in our communities and push for long term solutions to the problems that our society was facing.

Life also changed as Zoom became the new lodge meeting place. Our MWGM gave lodges the freedom to conduct business virtually in any way that we could that made sense, so we continued to do what we could electronically. It was an adjustment for all brothers and sisters as we saw each other on screens instead of in person. It was not safe to be out and about when it was unnecessary, so fundraising took a hit as we all were still adjusting to the universal COVID restrictions and the concept of social distancing. As the Worshipful Master, I wanted to find ways to keep my brothers engaged with one another, so we implemented fun things such as virtual Friday happy hours where we gathered via Zoom and kicked it like we would if we were out in person. I also tasked our lodge's Education committee with designating brothers to provide captivating lectures. COVID negatively affected many families and organizations, but the MWPH-GLGA was determined to move forward, and we did.

It was not easy getting through 2020 as a Jurisdiction and a lodge. However, I was able to do so by having the support of my Junior Warden and Senior Warden and the willingness of my lodge brothers to work together to keep things moving. I also was fortunate to have the counsel of my lodge's Past Masters to help me along the way. They had never dealt with a situation like this, but they gave good insight into how to continue performing my role as Worshipful Master while also keeping the brothers engaged and working. The conversations that I had with other Worshipful Masters in the district were very beneficial because they reassured me that I was not the only one dealing with governing a lodge during a pandemic. Every Worshipful Master was facing their respective challenges. These conversations also gave us a chance to compare things that our lodges were doing and provide ideas to one another. I was able to see that, as a Worshipful Master, I was on the right track, and COVID was not going to stop me from being successful.

As the fall of 2020 arrived, communities were adjusting to social distancing practices. This new mandate allowed our lodge to participate in a drive-through back-to-school drive and serve in other community initiatives because we were determined to let the community know that we were there to help it thrive. The MWGM re-opened the Jurisdiction with strict social distancing procedures in November 2020. It felt good to be back in "black and whites," and it felt even better than December when my lodge elected me to serve it again as Worshipful Master for the 2021 year.

As we have arrived in 2021, COVID is still here, but the world has adapted to it. We now have vaccines to help stop the spread of this virus. Our Jurisdiction has stopped in-person meetings with the safety of our families in mind. However, like lodges and chapters, we now know how to keep moving forward and doing the business we need. As we come out of the pandemic, we can take what we have learned and use our experiences to make our lodges, chapters, and the jurisdiction even stronger than before COVID-19.

Being a Worshipful Master during the pandemic was a challenging but fantastic experience. While it made me stronger as a leader and a Mason, it made me stronger as a MAN.

Senior Appreciation in Newnan

Contributed by BROTHER JEFFREY ANDERSON Newnan Lodge No. 299 - Newnan, GA

As Newnan's community recovers from its recent Tornado devastation, resources are being sent to various areas throughout the region impacted by the storm. However, a population remains in need of assistance regularly and is often overlooked in times of large-scale relief: our aging population. The brothers and sisters of Newnan Lodge and Chapter wanted to take the time to ensure that at least one of our local communities continued to "feel the love." We had the opportunity to spend the day preparing food and delivering the same to senior residents of Binion Court of Newnan.

We often find ourselves looking in on our elderly citizens in the immediate aftermath of major tragedies. They are often the first to come to mind in such times of need. But once we determine that they were not directly impacted by a natural disaster, such as a tornado, we swiftly move on to those of more significant concern or with more critical needs. With so many of the local needs of those impacted by the Tornado that hit the Newnan community in late March, it is easy to lose focus on our seniors. The brothers and sisters of Newnan wanted to take the time to let our seniors know that we are still



thinking of them and are here to share our time with them as well.

On April 24, 2021, in cooperation with The Salvation Army, Newnan Lodge No. 299 and Newnan Chapter No. 483 partnered to provide free food boxes, toiletry items, and fresh chicken dinner plates "right off the grill." Past Master Glenn Render of Newnan Lodge No. 299 pulled up his large grill, and the brothers and sisters prepared meals all day long for our seniors. Sisters and brothers packaged to-go plates and hand-delivered them door-to-door throughout the senior living homes surrounding Binion Court. Our lodge and chapter have a history of serving this community and look forward to continuing this relationship in the future. We must remember that Covid-19 has altered the way we have been able to do things over the last year, with limitations placed on how much we can interact with many of our friends and family throughout our communities. There are still storms and trials that come despite the global pandemic, but on this Spring morning, it was an honor to serve our seniors.

Homes and Hearts Weather A Storm

Contributed by BROTHER JEFFREY ANDERSON Newnan Lodge No. 299 - Newnan, GA











In the early morning hours of March 27, 2021, shortly after midnight, our small town of Newnan, Ga, just south of Atlanta, was hit by an EF-4 tornado that left more than 1,700 homes damaged and at least 70 homes destroyed in Coweta County; and that was just at the initial count. The storm took no names and did not ask for any tax brackets, as it ripped along 39 miles and lasting 53 minutes through Heard, Coweta, and Fayette counties. The small city, affectionately known as the "City of Homes,"; found homes and a community that has r for generations, ravaged in just a matter of minutes. The storm destroyed homes and broke so many hearts throughout the community. However, the help that immediately came to the forefront indeed restored hope. And the Brothers of Newnan Lodge and sisters of Newnan Chapter were immediately on the scene to offer a little faith, hope, and charity of our own. I arrived at our lodge hall almost as soon as the shelter in place order was lifted. Our Worshipful Master and Past Masters came immediately, and brothers were en route before the sun had barely started to rise in the sky. Our sisters were alongside us before most would have otherwise gotten their fresh cup of coffee on that early Saturday morning. Our Junior Warden Michael Rucker had begun communication with the local authorities about the community's collective efforts before an official city and county-wide plan had been established. By the middle of the following day and for the next weeks, our lodge became a drop-off point for supplies and resources. You could find the sisters and brothers in local yards alongside the entire community, helping to restore the hope of Newnan and the surrounding communities. You could hear the tears of sorrow along with the chainsaws removing fallen trees from homes.

Within the weeks to come, sisters and brothers from all over the Atlanta metropolitan area rallied together for continued efforts of support for the community of Newnan. On April 17, 2021, under the leadership of John L. Martin Consistory and the Area in Need Missionary House, there was a coordinated city-wide community service event at the Cancer Treatment Center of Newnan that included support from fraternities, sororities, Newnan Lodge No. 299, Al-Karim, and Nabbar Shrine temples to continue to provide the Newnan community with free food, cleaning supplies, and clothing. When many of the most grossly impacted were unable to come to us, the volunteers took the aid to them. Brothers and sisters loaded up cars and trucks and often crossed paths throughout the most harshly affected areas to deliver food boxes. Newnan will continue to rebuild with the brothers and sisters of Newnan Lodge and Chapter, assisting in every aspect of restoration.

Aurora Lodge No. 54 Active in Millen District No. 16

Contributed by
Worshipful Master Xavier Wimberly
Aurora Lodge No. 54 - Waynesboro, GA.

Aurora Lodge No. 54, located in Waynesboro, Georgia, is one of Millen District No. 16 upcoming rising stars of community service. Under the leadership of Worshipful Master Xavier Wimberly, the craft in this lodge has been active in giving back to the community during the 2020-2021 pandemic crisis. In January of this year, Aurora lodge No. 54 exhibited brotherly love by rendering Faith, Hope, and Charity to their community. Moreover, they successfully raised ten (10) young men to become Master Masons. To show compassion to the brothers of had gone from labor to reward, they paid respect to the widows of the Aurora brothers by assisting them with delivering groceries to their cars and homes. Their community service project included serving as bag men at KJ's super-market in Waynesboro.

In February, Valentine's Day gifts were given to the widows as well. The most crucial part of giving back to the community became a reality when the brothers served as volunteers at the Golden Harvest Food Bank. During March, Aurora Lodge No. 54 partnered with brothers from the Light of Hiltonia Lodge No. 433 and were visible in the community and gave away grilled food to individual families in need.





In April, Aurora Lodge No. 54 visited elderly and disabled Brothers. The lodge also nurtured the young men of the local community by assisting them with their car wash fundraiser.

Some of these youth members were active in the KOP Chapter and part of a traveling community basketball team, which the brothers of Aurora lodge support. In Waynesboro, Aurora Lodge is engaged in the political arena and volunteered as observers during the Burke County Commission meetings.

In the lodge travels, the proud brothers have visited the historic Grand Lodge building on Auburn Avenue and attended Grand Lodge training at the Grand East. The brothers of Aurora Lodge No. 54 take pride in their work supporting the Millen District. These fine men of the craft consistently exemplify enthusiasm, brotherhood, and fellowship as they strive to support their community.

MILLEN DISTRICT NO. 16

Contributed by
DDGM SHELDON ROBERTS
Millen District No. 16 – Sylvania, GA.

District Deputy Grand Master Sheldon Roberts prides himself on assuring his members that dedication, determination, and hard work from the Lodges, Chapters, and Youth Groups in Millen District No. 16 are the key mechanisms of being successful. Throughout his tenure as the Millen District No. 16 Deputy Grand Master, he has observed more activism and human growth among individual leaders. With this growth, he has observed an increase in unit participation and their commitment to building better Brotherhood and Sisterhood among the craft. Deputy Roberts often reminds his District to "Be aware of what others are doing; applaud their efforts; acknowledge their successes and encourage them to excel in their pursuits." It should be noted that "when we all help one another, everybody wins." During his tenure, the Millen District has certainly proven true to this quote. "As the District Deputy Grand Master, he wants to applaud several members for their hard work and dedication. For outstanding work in the District and their community, the Millen District No. 16 leaders received the following recognitions during the 2019 year:

ZONE 1
District Patron of the Year – PM Willie Avery
Lodge of the Year – Light of Hiltonia No. 433
(ADDGM Robert Hale, Jr., Past Worshipful Master)
1st Runner-Up Gold Category Queen Contest – Rose Clinton
District Deputy of the Year – DDGM/PM Sheldon Roberts







Deputy Roberts strongly believes that success within the District can be attributed to excellent teamwork and support from those who strive diligently to move their community from "good to great."

THE POWER OF THE VOTE

Contributed by BROTHER DARRELL A. COLE True Level Lodge No. 595 - Atlanta, GA.

This year, more people came out to vote than ever before. The brothers of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Georgia and the sisters of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Chapter were a contributing factor in this surge in voters casting their ballots.

The Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Georgia has historically stressed the requirement for the members to be registered voters. This initiative was heavily pushed during the administration of Grand Master John Wesley Dobbs, as he understood the power that the brothers and sisters held as voting members of the community. This voting power directly led to the hiring of the first black police offi-

cers in Atlanta, Georgia!







The Prince Hall lodges in Georgia, under the guidance of the 18th Most
Worshipful Grand Master Corey D. Shackleford, Sr., continue to serve on the
front lines through voter registration drives, shuttles to the polls, and voter process
education, bringing needed awareness to our communities.



Thank you to all the brothers and sisters for your phenomenal efforts to increase voter education and awareness.

SHINING LIGHT IN A DARK TIME

Contributed by PAST MASTER EZRA LADLER SR. Light of Hiltonia No. 433 - Screven, GA.

The Light of Hiltonia No. 433 under the Leadership of Worship Master (WM) Michael B. Little, Senior Warden (SW) Ray Givens, and Junior Warden (JW) Curtis Stewart, in partnership with five local churches and a youth outreach organization, has been operating "His Harvest House Mobile Food Bank" serving all of Screven County and parts of Burke County since September 2020. The Light of Hiltonia No. 433 supports the food bank through monetary donations from lodge members and fundraisers conducted by the brothers to ensure that His Harvest House has enough food and finances to help feed on average 300 families each month. Past Master Robert F. Johnson, a Life Member of the lodge, and Assistant District Deputy Grand Master Robert Hale, a Past Master in our lodge, take the time to transport the food to Sylvania from Augusta, Georgia, every Thursday before we conduct our Food Bank Drive. Once the food has been transported to Sylvania, Past Master Zenobia Freeman, also a Life Member in our lodge, along with Past Master Ezra Ladler Sr., Senior Warden Ray Givens, Junior Warden Curtis Stewart, Brother Levi Dock, a Gold Card Member of the lodge, Past Master Johnson, and Assistant District Deputy Grand Master Hale unload and prepare everything for the weekend's work. The weekend starts as early as 7:30 a.m. for the brothers. Worshipful Master Little and Past Master Ladler manage the front of the Drive through to ensure traffic is orderly and safe, while Assistant District Deputy Grand Master Hale and Brother Bobby Johnson manage the exit. Past Master Johnson manages the sign-up table with the members of the Churches that work with the lodge. Senior Warden Givens and Brother Levi Dock and the members of the churches build and place boxes in the cars as they pass through. JW Stewart oversees refreshments and grills for all the workers on site. PM Ladler oversees advertisement and fundraising for the operation. In the eight months that we have been running the Food

Bank, we have fed almost 2,500 families in our community.









Special thanks to Past Master Leon Mozie, Brother Moses Shepard, Brother Reggie Bryant of Western Star Lodge No. 65, Worship Master Xavier Wimberley, and the Brothers of Aurora Lodge No. 54. We would also like to acknowledge and thank Shechinah Worship Center, Johnson Grove Baptist Church, Hodges Grove Baptist Church, 1st United Fellowship Baptist Church, and Jesus on Wheels House. These organizations deliver to those senior citizens who are unable to pick up the food for themselves. If you are in the area on the 4th Thursday or 4th Saturday of the month, please contact us to fellowship. The Brothers of The Light of Hiltonia No. 433 would love to meet you or lend a helping hand. As brothers, we all know how good and how pleasant it is for brothers to dwell together in unity.

Atlanta Masonic District No. 3 West and East Community Food Drive

CONTRIBUTED BY: PAST MASTER BERTRAM THOMAS JR. GRAND EDITOR- Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Georgia

Genuine acts of service and support of charitable organizations have been engrained in the DNA of the lodges Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Georgia and the chapters of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Chapter of Georgia founding of this jurisdiction. This vision of service and charity to assist their fellow men and women during the CO-VID-19 pandemic guided the brothers and sisters of metropolitan Atlanta to the Area in Need Missionary House, Inc.. According to its website, www.areainneed.org, the Area in Need Missionary House, Inc., was founded in 2016 by president and owner Stephanie Ford as a non-profit organization dedicated to improving the lives of poor, disadvantaged, homeless men, women, veterans, and children by ensuring that they have the support, education, and resources needed to heal, grow, and blossom into who they were truly meant to be. Under the leadership of the 18th Grand Master of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Georgia, Honorable Corey D. Shackleford Sr., District Deputy Grand Master Ronnie Triplett, and District Deputy Grand Master Matthew Lewis, the partnership with the Area in Need Missionary House, Inc. solidified in March 2021. On March 27, 2021, Area in Need Missionary House, Inc. partnered with Atlanta Masonic District No. 3 West and East, the brothers of True Level Lodge No. 595, Al-Karim Temple No. 242 (AEAONMS), Al-Karim Court No. 219 (Daughters Auxiliary), Nabbar Temple No. 128 (AEAONMS), Epsilon Chapter of Kappa Chi Military Fraternity, and the Brotillion Mentoring Group to give away over 2,300 boxes of food at the Grand East. Residents from the Riverdale and the surrounding Atlanta metropolitan areas were given boxes that contained milk, oranges, precooked chicken, cheese, and cabbage. Over 300 brothers and sisters truly enjoyed the soocially distanced fellowship while giving back to those struggling during the pandemic. This endeavor was indeed an unforgettable experience for all that participated in uplifting the theme "Service Above Self." The year 2021 has brought new hope and service for the community even during the prolonged pandemic. These events solidified the commitment of the brothers and sisters of the jurisdiction of Georgia to remain steadfast and committed to giving continuous charitable support to their community while supporting the mission of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Georgia.



GIVING BACK TO THE COMMUNITY THROUGH SERVICE

Contributed by PAST MASTER EZRA LADLER Light of Hiltonia Lodge No. 433

The brothers of the Light of Hiltonia Masonic Lodge No. 433 continued their charity mission by recently repairing the floor of an elderly senior citizen of the community. The craft purchased the building supplies, donated labor for the project, and managed the repair process from inception to conclusion. The project took place on April 20, 2021, in Sylvania, Georgia. During the pandemic crisis, the lodge has been active and visible in Millen District No. 16. They have provided COVID-19 care packages, conducted back-to-school events, and encouraged citizens to vote during the 2020 primary, general, presidential, and run-off elections.



BIG BOX FOOD DRIVE

Contributed by PAST MASTER W.L. JACKSON St. Andrew's Lodge No. 32

On January 29, 2021, at 10:00 a.m., St. Andrew's Lodge #32 and Shiloh Chapter #8 OES held a food drive in which over 1300 food boxes were given out to the community of Washington County Georgia. The boxes contained fish, sausage, ham, chicken, eggs, and much more. This event was part of the community service project started by Worshipful Master Terry Brookins and Worthy Matron Cassandra Brookins. District Deputy Grand Master L.M. Pierce and DWM Vivian Pierce were there to help with distributing the boxes. Worshipful Master Terry Brookins and WM C. Brookins were very thankful to District **Deputy Grand Master Pierce and District WM Pierce for** graciously allowing the food drive to be held at their Family Retreat Center in Tennille, Georgia. St. Andrew Lodge #32 and Shiloh #8 would also like to thank Van Solkema Produce of Georgia for providing the food boxes and Howard Sheppard for unloading the boxes from the trucks.

WINTER STORM URI

Contributed by
PAST MASTER TONY HYMAN (GRAND LECTURER, ZONE 3)
Butler District No. 20

During February 13-17, 2021, North American Winter Storm Uri ushered in the most extreme winter weather to strike the south in decades. Texas suffered a major power crisis due to these severe winter storms sweeping across the United States.

As this crisis was unfolding, the brothers and sisters of Butler District No. 20 of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Georgia, where the Honorable Corey D. Shackleford Sr. serves as our Most Worshipful Grand Master, answered the call to support those in need. District Deputy Grand Master Darreyl Bryant reached out to the brothers on the ground in the winter storm-affected areas and sought their support as we offered our assistance. As a collective. Butler District #20 was able to obtain donations to assist in the recovery of the affected communities. Under the leadership of District Deputy Grand Master Darreyl Bryant and District Worthy Matron Janet Wade, we collected over 7,000 bottles of water and infant childcare products. The District would like to extend an extra special thanks to Shane Trucking Company for their assistance and safe transportation of the donation to needed destinations. We hope that the GAOTU continues to provide us with the resources needed to continue servicing our communities, near and far.





THE STANDARD

Contributed by **BROTHER TYRONE BLACKWELL** Gate City Lodge No. 42 - Atlanta, GA



"Fearlessness is the first requisite of spirituality. Cowards can never be moral." - Mahatma Gandhi

Before entering the beloved sanctuary of the Lodge, we were asked this question "in Whom do you put your trust." Not only to verify that we meet a requirement before beginning the journey of knowledge but to reaffirm that this path we walk is one of purpose guided by the G.A.O.T.U.

During this pandemic, the call for assistance has increased, and the Brothers of Gate City Lodge No. 42 have continued to answer. From finding new ways to keep in touch with one another and gathering our resources to continue providing aid to those in need, Gate City strives to hold true to the Standard.

One finds courage in the face of fear. During a time where guarantine locked us in our homes. leaving some without the ability to receive aid, Gate City Lodge No. 42 found a way to aid our community safely. Our Brotherhood and the love of being servants to the community continue to inspire our urgency to bring light to the world around us. By remaining COMMITTED, using our INTELLECT, maintaining a TEAM-oriented mindset, and YEARNING to improve not only ourselves but those around us. Gate City Lodge No. 42 will continue to uphold the Standard.



Congratulations

Past Master Thomas Jericho Walker Gold Card Membership Recipient 35 Years and Counting!



Gate City Lodge No. 42 and Gate City Chapter No. 48 Annual Thanksgiving Basket Donation



Gate City Lodge No. 42 Widow's Cleanup Project



Gate City Lodge No. 42 Community Cleanup

THE IMMORTALIZATION OF JAMES EARL ACEY

Contributed by ASSISTANT DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTER REGGIE R. WALKER, 33° Atlanta Masonic District No. 3 East

The lodge received permission from the 18th Most Worshipful Grand Master - the Honorable Corey D. Shackleford, Sr. - to erect and resurrect James Earl Acey Lodge U.D. James Earl Acey Lodge Under Dispensation (U.D.) This lodge represents both the first Prince Hall lodge located in Henry County, Georgia, and the first lodge dispensation issued by Grand Master Shackleford. The lodge's namesake - James Earl Acey was born on August 25, 1901. He was a Past Master of Saint James Lodge No. 4, a Past Commander-in-Chief of Atlanta Consistory No. 24A, and a Past Potentate of Nabbar Temple No. 128. He also served as Grand Bookkeeper under four Grand Masters. Past Master Acey was a close friend/travel partner of Past Grand Master John Wesley Dobbs. Given his complexion, Past Master Acey was reported to masquerade as a Caucasian man and ride as a chauffeured passenger (driven by Past Grand Master Dobbs) - to ensure Dobbs' safety through areas "not friendly" to Blacks. There are also stories that Acey would eavesdrop on Klansmen talking in local establishments and report their plans to Past Grand Master Dobbs. Past Grand Master Dobbs would then alert the local neighborhoods to these plans to thwart their evil efforts. Past Master Acey was married to Sister Mattie Acey, and to their union, three children were born. Past Master Acey departed this life on January 11, 1998, at the age of 97. His resting place is South View Cemetery in Atlanta, Georgia.

On Saturday, March 13, 2021, at the Prince Hall Grand East, under the guidance of District Deputy Grand Master Matthew Lewis, 33° of Atlanta Masonic District No. 3 East, the following fifteen Prince Hall Master Masons formed James Earl Acey Lodge U.D.:



John K. Bailey (St. James #4) - Worshipful Master

Elbert C. James (Gate City #42) - Senior Warden Martavius Hillman (St. James #4) - Junior Warden

Past Master Reggie R. Walker (Mansfield #295) - Secretary Past Master Antonio L. Buckley (Foundation #592) - Treasurer Ricardo Utai (Truth & Union #594)



Reginald Shaw (St. James #4) Victor Lee (Carrollton #57) Bruce Holmes (St. James #4) Edwin Dunham (St. James #4) Jonathon Buck (St. James #4) Todd Buck (St. James #4) Cleveland Robinson (H.R. Butler #23 Leon Booker (St. James #4)

Darius Pattillo (W.C. Thomas #112)



2ND QUARTER ADOPT-A-MILE

Contributed by BROTHER RAFAEL MARQUETTI JR Foundation Lodge No. 592- Smyrna, GA

Saturday, April 17, 2021, was a busy day for the brothers of Foundation Lodge No. 592. We held our 2 nd Quarter Adopt-A-Mile event with the sisters of Foundation Chapter #587 and Blood Drive in partnership with the American Red Cross. The weekend started at 9 am with Junior Deacon Brother Michael Gaither leading the Adopt-a-Mile event. There was a total of 10 brothers and sisters in attendance. Altogether there was a total of seven bags of trash collected. All present engaged in fellowship and great conversations. Foundation Lodge No. 592 and Foundation Chapter No. 587's mile is located along Atlanta Road in Cobb County.



American Red Cross Blood Drive

Contributed by BROTHER RAFAEL MARQUETTI JR Foundation Lodge No. 592- Smyrna, GA

On Saturday, April 17, 2021, from 10 am to 4 pm, Foundation Lodge #592, in partnership with the American Red Cross, held our Annual Blood Drive, Brother Brian Garner was instrumental in organizing the event. The event was set up and facilitated by Brother Michael Johnson of Eden Lodge No. 46 in Marietta, Georgia. The goal for Foundation was to collect a total of 25 pints of blood. By 4 pm, Foundation had collected 23 pints. While Foundation came up short of our goal, we assisted the American Red Cross to gain 23 pints they did not previously have. Each pint can save approximately three lives. Worshipful Master Ramon McDonald, Senior Warden Alonza Lewis, and Junior Warden Omar Baldwin were in attendance and thanked all volunteers for their donations to a great cause.



GEORGIA YORK RITE BODIES SUPPORTING OUR VETS

Contributed by MOST EMINENT GRAND COMMANDER EDWARD P. RUSSELL, KYCH JOHN H. DEVEAUX GRAND COMMANDERY MAGNANIMOUS ORDER OF KNIGHT TEMPLAR MASONS **JURISDICTION OF GEORGIA.**

Savannah, GA- On April 10, 2021. The York Rite Masonic Bodies of Georgia joined forces and made donations to the Waypoint Griffin- A Sanctuary for Veterans program located in Griffin, GA. This non-profit organization is led by Founder and Chief Executive Officer Sandra Brownlee, (Ret Col Army). The Discovering Soldiers Potential II (DSPII) organization creates Waypoint service centers to serve veterans and their families by providing access to benefits and transition services in one easily accessible location.

Together the Georgia Prince Hall York Rite Masons donated \$2000.00 to DSPII to help in the effort to support our veterans. Thank you to Deputy Jere Hawkins, who assisted in locating a suitable organization for our philanthropic efforts. Also, a special thank you to all the presiding officers of the York Rite bodies: Grands Vernon Hall, Earl Lyons, and Freddie Grisson for being an integral part of this effort and supporting this vision. Lastly, thank you to all the Sir Knights of the John H. DeVeaux Grand Commandery who voted to allow us to make this donation. I pray and hope that as the other house plan to make do-nations, that the sir knights of this grand commandery will be ready to wield our swords and support their efforts.

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The Grand Chapter of Holy Royal Arch Masons (HRAM): Most Excellent Grand High Priest Vernon Hall, KYCH



John H. DeVeaux Grand Commandery of Knights Templar Masons (KT): **Most Eminent Grand Commander** Edward P. Russell, KYCH

The York Rite **Masonic Bodies of** Georgia are comprised of four masonic organizations with their respective presiding heads of houses:



H.R. Butler Grand Royal & Select Masters (RSM): **Grand Thrice Illustrious Master** Earl Lyons, KYCH



Schwarzkopf, US Army

into battle."

- General Norman



Georgia Priory No. 12 Knight York Cross of Honor (KYCH): **Eminent Prior** Freddie C. Grisson, KYCH

PROMOTING CHARITY THROUGH SERVING

Contributed By:

WORTHY MATRON CONNIE BRANNON & PAST MATRON LETHONIA BENNEKIN
Putnam Chapter #34 - Eatonton, GA

Eatonton, GA- Putnam Chapter #34 held its Annual Scholarship banquet on February 20, 2020, at the Eatonton Hut, with three previous scholarship recipients playing a significant role in the program. Michael Smith, Jr. (2015 recipient) was the guest speaker, Adia Jones (2015 recipient) was soloist, and Emmanuel Jackson (2018 recipient) provided a mime dance. These young people did a fantastic job and were received enthusiastically with love and appreciation from all in attendance. We were delighted that these young people were willing to give back and share how much it meant to them to have received scholarships from our Chapter. God is Good! Also, Past Matron Alisa Crudup was presented with her sash during the banquet. District Deputy Grand Master Albert James (DDGM) and Assistant District Deputy Grand Master (ADDGM) Michael Brannon were in attendance. Our Worthy Patron, James Hudson, Jr., and Bro. Willie J. Reid, Past Patron, were in attendance along with other members of Putnam Lodge.

Our Worthy Matron, Sister Connie Brannon, is the essence of authentic leadership and sisterhood. She communicates well with members while keeping them informed and up to date on our District and Jurisdiction happenings. She also plans and conducts zoom meetings/wellness checks, makes safe distancing home visits, and calls to check on members and their families, which has led to the members faithfully followed her lead. In addition, it is our goal to let our light shine by giving a helping hand to those in need. We are proud to continue our community service work continued during the pandemic, even though we were limited to what we could accomplish. Our Chapter engaged in the following:

•Participated in Voter Registration Drives to register people to vote.

•Made monetary donations for food at voter registration drives.

•Mentored students via Facetime and Zoom.

•Our Virginia member and her family cooked and delivered meals on Sunday to needy families. They also gave clothing and books to the children of those families.

•Our members donated food to needy families for Christmas.





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Surprise drive-by birthday celebrations were held for Past District Matron Sister Leila Williams' 80th birthday, Sister Viola Yarbrough's 81st birthday, and Worthy Matron Sister Connie Brannon's 58th birthday. We are happy to report that two members of our Chapter became life members. Past District Matron Sister Annie Parker and Sister Thedora Ogletree were honored, and the other members of Macon District #5 during a zoom program in December 2020. Mario AJ Bennekin, son of Past Worthy Patron Jacob Bennekin, Jr., and Past Matron Sister Lethonia J. Bennekin, a history and political science professor and chair of the History and Political Science Department at Georgia State University's Perimeter College, died unexpectedly in March 2019. He was a graduate of Morehouse College with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in History and a master's degree graduate of Valdosta State University. He was instrumental in bringing the African American Studies curriculum to Perimeter College and was dedicated to the accurate accounting of African American History. In recognition of his leadership and visionary thinking, the college has renamed their popular annual symposium on black history "The Mario Bennekin Black History Symposium." The 2021 symposium theme was "The Harlem Renaissance: Roots and Reach." The Harlem Renaissance was a rich cultural expression rooted in the Black cultural mecca of New York City in the early 20th century.

The event was scheduled for February 15-19 in a virtual form, offering engagement and education from each of Perimeter's five campuses. Members of the Chapter made financial donations to help this endeavor come to fruition. We were so excited to gain a new member, Sister Florrie Williams. Her Initiation took place at the Grand East in April 2021.

Finally, we end with this poem and remind you to stay safe, practice safe distancing, wash your hands, wear your masks, pray, keep the faith, and trust in the Lord.



Lean on Him

Sometimes, in all our lives, we have a cross to bear
We think we are on our own and long for someone to care
We forget that God is watching, waiting to guide us through
He understands how we feel, is sharing our sorrows, too.
Only He can see the future, knows what plans are in store,
And (with His grace and power), He opens a brand-new door

Lean on Him to guide you, for He is holding the key Solving all of life's problems in order that we can be free.

Matthew 21:22

"If you believe, you will get anything you ask for in prayer."



"Those who bring sunshine to the lives of others cannot keep it from themselves"

James Barrier Matthews

ATLANTA MASONIC DISTRICT NO. 3 EAST & WEST HIGHLIGHTS ATLANTA MASONIC DISTRICT NO. 3 EAST & WEST HIGHLIGHTS

CONTRIBUTED BY: DWM ROSA WESTON District Worthy Matron - Atlanta Masonic District #3

Atlanta Masonic District No. 3 West

Pictorial History from June 2019 - December 2020

"And whatsoever ye do, do it heartily, as to the Lord, and not unto men; Knowing that of the Lord ye shall receive the reward of the inheritance: for ye serve the Lord Christ."

Colossians 3: 23-24

We are delighted to share some activities since we last met at our 2019 Grand Session in Athens, Georgia.



June 23, 2019, Saint John's Day – The District was well represented at the Celebration held at New Bethel A.M.E. Church. Grand Master Corey D. Shackleford Sr.



June 29, 2019, Zone 1 Lunch & Learn Workshop -Zone Coordinator PM Sallie Mills selected "Who Is

as the theme to honor our Heroine Ruth.





September 13-15, 2019 - We traveled to Statesboro, GA, to Celebrate the Annual Prince Hall Weekend.

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September 28, 2019 - Atlanta Masonic District 3 West conferred its timeless lessons for the Queen of the South and Amaranth Degrees to Sisters and Brothers.





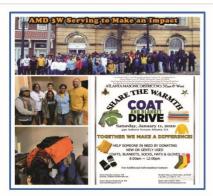
October 5, 2019 - Atlanta Masonic District 3 West, along with the Youth Chapters, participated in the Emory Winship "Win the Fight" 5K Run/Walk – we raised awareness and critical funds for cancer research and treatment and care. We supported this event virtually.



November 13, 2019 - the District provided families Thanksgiving Baskets at the Nicholas House. December 1, 2019 - Partnered with Brother Omar Roberts and donated 200 snack bags to students returning to College.

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January 11, 2020 - We conducted our Annual District Coat & Blanket Drive. Sisters and Brothers presented coats, socks, and blankets to the underserved on Auburn Avenue, Gateway Center, Nicholas House, and Hosea Helps.

December 13, 2019 - We were back at the Nicholas House and adopted several families for Christmas.

AMD No. 3 West District Activities Under the COVID-19. In Philippians 4:6, the Bible tells us, "Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God!

March 26, 2020 - The District remained committed to our responsibility and initiative, turned to God in prayer for peace and serenity. We co-hosted effective weekly prayer calls with AMD No. 3 East. These Zoom Sessions consisted of highly edifying gatherings. Our virtual time together affirmed the faithfulness of God and the multi-talents and gifts from our Youths. Sisters. and Brothers in this body.



Members also attended the Jurisdictional Prayer Call every Sunday and 1st Monday of each month.

June 20, 2020, Drive-by parade to Grand Worthy Matron's Home 6/20 SHHHHHHHHHH! It is a Surprise!!! We also mailed thinking of you Card to Grand Peals and our Life Members and Trailblazers.

AMD No. 3 West District Voter's Registrations and Get out the Vote Events





for your continued leadership through this challenging and unprecedented time by way of your continued S.W.E.E.T. & But God - leadership, vision, openness, and compassion.

Thanks to AMD No.3 West for once again showing your

overwhelming support and commitment to the surrounding community.

Fraternally.

District Worthy Matron Rosa M. Weston District Worthy Patron Marlon Bell District Deputy Grand Master Ron Triplett II Atlanta Masonic District No. 3 West



GIVING BACK THROUGH COMMUNITY SERVICE & EDUCATION

Contributed by
WORTHY MATRON DEBORAH TATUM
Newnan Chapter No. 483 - Newnan, GA

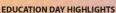
We hope your Lodges and Chapters have been staying well. We know there have been many prayers prayed during our months apart. We are in a time of the unknown, not knowing what to do. We were forced to learn new expressions – Social distancing, stay at home, stay safe, we are all in this together, and Zoom. The good news is that a vaccine is here and has started distribution throughout our communities. Remember, God does have a plan, and we will get through this.

Newnan Chapter No. 483 is dedicated to giving back through community service activities and educational assistance. On Thursday, March 26, 2021, an EF-4 tornado tore through numerous homes, businesses, and Newnan High School. Newnan Chapter No. 483 stepped in to help feed the community impacted by the tornado on Saturday, March 28, 2021, at the Central Educational Center on Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive.

Newnan Chapter No. 483 and Newnan Lodge No. 299 joint "Feeding the Seniors" event occurred on Saturday, April 24 at the Binion Ct. Community Center located on 200 Binion Ct., Newnan, GA. We served approximately 130 take-out meals to the senior residents.

Congratulations! Past Matron Sister Janice Walton on your accomplishment of 35-Year Life Member status, April 29, 2021.





Newnan Chapter No. 483 honored Jasmine Nicole Smith, the daughter of Sister Wendy Smith, also of Newnan Chapter No. 483. Jasmine was one of our 2018 Graduating High School Scholarship Recipients from Newnan High School. She is currently matriculating at Howard University, in Washington, DC, the Alma Mater of Vice President Kamala Harris, thereby presenting Jasmine with the opportunity to participate in the 2021 Presidential Inaugural Parade, ushering the Vice President's walk to the White House. Jasmine is on track to receive an Undergraduate Degree in Political Science in 2022 and plans to pursue a Doctor of Jurisprudence at Howard University School of Law.

Limerick Chapter No. 336 OES Visits the Children

Contributed by
WORTHY MATRON DEBRA BACON
Limerick Chapter No. 336

On March 28, 2021, several members of Limerick Chapter No. 336 visited the Gabriel's House Children's Home, located in Midway, Georgia. Gabriel's house is a foster home for children from ages newborn to 12 years of age. This facility seeks to provide for children who the Division of Family and Child Services determine require care. The sisters came together and donated supplies, such as disposable gloves, masks, socks, toothpaste, toothbrushes, and hand sanitizer. Mrs. Tammy, the on-duty site supervisor for the day, took the sisters on tour around the building. They had a horse stable on-site that the kids helped take care of and ride the horses from time to time. They also have personnel that keeps the horses fed and well-groomed.

The Gabriel House is a vast facility with a classroom where the children can complete their homework with a gym on-site. There is also a section in the house where the children can have birthday parties and cookouts. The main goal of the Gabriel House is to provide a safe, child-friendly environment for foster siblings where they feel loved, understood, and valued. The aim is for family reunification. They aspire to teach the children multiple life skills, social skills, and good character qualities through instruction, believing that these qualities will enable them to become positive, contributing members of their families and society. Our chapter will be participating in other community services with this home again. The sisters that attended were Worthy Matron Debra Bacon, Associate Matron Nakia Ealy, Past Matron Rose M. Brown, Past Matron Wanda Washington, and Associate Conductress Dorothy Lewis.



PROVIDED ASSISTANCE IN MILLEN DISTRICT

Contributed by **WORTHY MATRON ANNIE FRAZIER** New Marion Chapter No. 381 - Sardis, GA.







During the Covid-19 Pandemic Crisis, New Marion Chapter No. 381 of Sardis, Georgia, collaborated with Manna Food from Heaven by providing community service by serving BBQ chicken dinners and non-perishable items to needy families in the community. Complimentary dinners were made available to individuals who attended the event. The initiative was held at Gospel Explosion Word Outreach Ministries in Sardis, Georgia. Also, Covid-19 care kits were provided to the families who were present. A unique gift basket was given to Co-Pastor Dr. Loretta Iones-Ellison. Members present during the community initiative were Worthy Matron Annie Frazier and Past Matron Bobby Davis.

The New Marion Chapter No. 381 is very active in the Millen District No. 16. Community service activities are held once a month and include dialogue with city and community leaders. These meetings are a vital part of the chapter's activism and provide time to connect by fellowshipping while getting to know the residents. These meetings also instill a sense of pride while rendering care during these difficult times.

During the pandemic crisis, New Marion Chapter adopted two college students. These students were: Ebony Simon from Valdosta State University and Makayla Washington from the University of West Georgia. New Marion Chapter No. 381 serves as leaders, role models, and mentors to these fine students to ensure that they thrive with success in all their academic and educational endeavors. In addition, they were presented with gifts that they could use in their dormitory rooms. The members of this chapter expecting pay is one of the most significant rewards. nity. In Augusta Masonic District No. 2, there are many.

A UNITED FRONT

Contributed by SISTER SHEENA K. LEACH Mary McLeod Bethune Chapter #468 - Augusta, GA.



On February 27, 2020, three Masonic organizations joined together under one umbrella to provide Copeland Elementary School with much-needed supplies. The organizations were New Era Lodge No. 107, under the leadership of Worshipful Master James Q. Leach; Mary McLeod Bethune Chapter No. 468, under the guidance of Worthy Matron Anika Dunbar; and Mitchell Way Youth Chapter No. 376, under the direction of Youth Directress, Sister Caressa Hawkins. This event was an excellent way to start the year and display our masonic family's great deeds to the community.

Plans for future joint community service/ involvement projects were well underway when on March 19, 2020, the Jurisdiction of Georgia was closed due to a rising pandemic. Covid-19 had started to claim American lives, and leaders had to do what was best for members. However, we were still allowed to serve in the community. Many masonic members are also members of various community organizations. At this time, a lot of them needed help. One of the organizations that we helped support was the "Total Census Count Project," where many volunteered to help pack bags on June 11, 2020. The bags consisted of many hard-to-find items at the time, including toilet tissue and hand sanitizer. The goal was to get a total count of the population in the surrounding areas. More households would get counted when people came out, and they would also receive the items provided in the bag as an incentive.

We know that giving comes from the heart, and in an environment where the unknown can be scary, the need for assistance is essential. So, how is masonry during a pandemic, you ask? Masonry is alive and well if there are members in this orbelieve that volunteering time and efforts without ganization willing to donate the time to help their commu-



MAKING DONATIONS & HONORING LIFE MEMBERS

Contributed by WORTHY MATRON STEPHANIE WYNN-O'DELL Paramount Chapter No. 337- Wrens, GA

January 2021 - We were able to show our Life members and our older members some appreciation. Covid-19 has hindered us but seeing the smiles on our life members' faces was a blessing. We are trying to keep one of the charges we were given: to take care of our older members. One day we shall also pass that way.

April 2021 - Past Master Larry Pitts was presented his Life Member certificate for 35 years of Service to Paramount Chapter #337 OES. It is a beautiful thing to pay tribute to the ones that help pave the way. We thank him for his service and truly appreciate him!!! May God bless him to see many more years of service.

We donated to Wrens Elementary school that included 18 boxes of fruit snacks and over 400 pencils to allow each student to have a snack for the testing period. Principal X. Thomas, a product of the Wrens community, allows the chapter to use its facility for events.







Matthew 5:16 - Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

MAKING A DIFFERENCE IN THE COMMUNITY

Contributed by
WORTHY MATRON TAMIKA BRYANT
Foundation Chapter No. 587- Smyrna, GA

Community Service is at the heart of Foundation Chapter No. 587! We enjoy serving the community and making a difference through "Service, Charity, Truth, and Kindness." In 2020, Foundation Chapter No. 587 created awareness of the importance of voting via our social media pages. We shared details on voter registration, absentee ballots, voter guidelines, election deadlines, and much more regularly. In addition, Foundation Chapter No. 587 partnered with the Brothers of Foundation Lodge No. 592 on November 3, 2020, to distribute snacks and water to Election Day voters at the Cobb County Civic Center in Marietta, GA. We wanted to ensure these items were available for voters waiting in long lines on Election Day. Our Chapter members supported "Party to the Polls" election events as well. During the holidays, we are very passionate about giving to those in need. On November 21, 2020, Foundation Chapter No. 587 donated over \$400 worth of food to MUST Ministries for families to have Thanksgiving dinner in the Cobb County area. On December 20, 2020, the Chapter donated gift cards to the NAACP (Cobb Branch) to adopt several kids to make sure they had gifts on Christmas. Also, on the same day, we donated \$300 worth of bikes to Unity Network & Counseling Center (UNCC) and Pride of the South Lodge of Odd Fellows during their Christmas event to help kids in need. The kids were treated to a Winter Wonderland Experience filled with Santa visits, food, s'mores, and a bike of their choice. Media outlets like CBS46 featured the event, and everyone had a fantastic time! During the first quarter of 2021, Foundation Chapter No. 587 partnered with the Brothers of Foundation Lodge No. 592 to send 19 care packages to our young college men and women. This contribution is an annual initiative that our college students appreciate and look forward to each year. On April 17, 2021, Worthy Matron Tamika Bryant, Worthy Patron Micheal Gaither, and the Sisters of Foundation Chapter No. 587 participated in our Joint Quarterly Adopt-A-Mile clean-up with the Brothers of Foundation Lodge No. 592. We take great pride in our partnership with "Keep Smyrna Beautiful," which keeps the community of Smyrna clean and free of litter on Atlanta Road. Although we were limited to ten participants, we collected seven bags of trash. Later that day, Foundation Chapter No. 587 supported the Blood Drive hosted by Foundation Lodge No. 592 & American Red Cross. They collected 21 pints of blood which saves 63 lives!









Bonding Together to Reach our DESTINY

BEULAH CHAPTER NO. 116 ON THE MOVE

Contributed by
WORTHY MATRON DEBBIE SIMMONS
Beulah Chapter No. 116 Chapter

On February 28, 2021, we held our virtual Family and Friend program on Sunday, February 28, 2021. The theme for the occasion: "Spreading the Love During the Pandemic." The Speaker for the experience was PDM Sister Shirley Carlyle, who spoke on love and caring for each other and our community during this time. "Let all that we do be done in LOVE." 1 Cor. 16:14.

On March 3, 2021, we had our annual scholarship give-a-way event. It was indeed a success and enjoyed by everyone in attendance. Our prize winners were: First Place- iPad won by Past District Deputy Brother Anthony Roberts; second place monetary gift- Brother Patrick Kemp; and third place monetary gift - Mr. Aaron Best.

On April 10, 2021, while the coronavirus pandemic and resulting quarantines have been especially hard on women, the trip to the Grand East was a pleasure for us all. After a year of waiting and anticipation, our candidates were so excited about the initiation. We treated our candidates to breakfast and traveled to the Grand East in Atlanta to participate in the jurisdictional initiation. We joined the district caravan in Millen and Waynesboro. Upon arrival at the Grand East, the candidates were nervous about what to expect, but our members reassured them during their much-anticipated journey to initiation. The new members were elated after finally being initiated into the Order of the Eastern Star. The chapter presented them with a gift bag that included their Order of the Eastern Star Ritual, Constitution and By-Laws, white pearl earrings, necklace set, white gloves, and other personal items. The trip home included a planned luncheon that was given in their honor. A special thanks to Brother Cedric Rhodes, our driver, for accompanying us to Atlanta.



Pictured: Left to right: Sis. Debbie Simmons-WM, Sis Monica Reason-New Member, Sis. Katherine Ponder-New Member, Sis. Diane Cooper-New Member, Sis. Sheila Youngs-AM, Sis. Charlotte Kemp-New Member and Sis. Ella Rhodes-PM/DWM

Scholarship Give-a-way First prize winner Past District Deputy Brother Anthony Roberts



Rosa Wiggs Chapter No. 24 OES Park Cleanup

Contributed by
WORTHY MATRON CATRINA DOOMES
Rosa Wiggs Chapter No. 24- Jesup, GA

On Saturday, January 9, 2021, some members from Rosa Wiggs No. 24 Chapter Order of Eastern Star and friends in the community participated in a clean-up event at a park located on Devonwood and Berkley Drive in Jesup. The volunteers picked up litter, raked, picked up leaves and tree limbs.

Amid COVID-19, approximately 12-14 volunteers observed CDC Guidelines as they geared up with masks, gloves, and rakes Saturday morning at 10 o'clock to beautify the park for the community. Before gathering a group at the park, Ms. Catrina Doomes, Worthy Matron, contacted Mr. Mike Deal, City Manager of Jesup, to discuss the proposed idea. Mr. Deal was receptive to the idea and very helpful with providing information about the park clean-up.

"Families in the community and surrounding areas utilize this park. Especially during these tough and difficult times, we want to restore the vibrancy of the park so that it is functional and a resource to the community," Worthy Matron Doomes noted.

The park beautification is an ongoing effort. Saturday marked the beginning of what Worthy Matron Catrina Doomes is hoping to become a fruitful relationship with the City of Jesup and a benefit to the community and surrounding area.



GATE CITY CHAPTER NO. 48 HIGHLIGHTS

Contributed by
WORTHY MATRON SHANELLE CLARKE
Gate City Chapter No. 48, -

Voter Registration Drive 2020

PM Tajah Johnson, Conductress Yolanda Ogletree, WM Luria Nalls, Worthy Patron David Parham, ADDGM Marcus McCombs and Bro. Kassem Jackson



Inauguration Day Celebrating VP Kamala Harris in Chucks and Pearls, January 2021PM
Tajah Johnson, Sis Lillian Triplett, AM Shanelle Clarke



Youth President/Grand Youth Vice President Shakirah Clarke, Leah Johnson, Youth Secretary
Taylor Triplett, Riley Triplett



April 29, 2021 Legacy Nursing Home Magazines and Cupcakes Donation



Associate Conductress Lynette Thomas, Conductress Yolanda S. Knights and Sis Mallicia Nellons who serves as Ruth.

Nicholas House March 30, 2021 Meal Donation

Associate Conductress Lynette Thomas, Conductress Yolanda S. Knights and Sis Bonnie Clark





Gate City Family at Food Distribution

April 10, 2021 Grand Initiation Welcome New Sisters and Brothers!



SERVICING THE COMMUNITY

Contributed by **WORTHY MATRON DAWN ARCHIE** King Solomon Chapter No. 42

On April 11, 2021, in Cobb County, Georgia, Eden Lodge No. 46 and King Solomon Chapter No. 42 were informed of a need and implemented an effort to provide service to residents in the Bells Ferry Community. The Lodge and Chapter also partnered to set up tables to feed the homeless and provide them with Personal Protective Equipment (PPE). Additionally, we were able to assist with serving hot meals that included: spaghetti, green beans, salad, rolls, and lemonade. Past Patron Howard and brother Perry assisted with serving the meals to the men and women while sister Flaire and sister Love assisted with serving drinks. Sister Snead assisted with serving the side items and dessert and Past Matron Miller and sister Joyner assisted with handing out clothing and PPE, which included warm socks, long pants, shirts, hats, masks, hand sanitizer, and gloves. Worshipful Master Wilson and Worthy Matron Archie were in attendance to assist where needed. We were providing Service in Love and Commitment! Service is who we

are and what we do!



DRIVEN TO SERVE THE COMMUNITY

Contributed by **WORTHY MATRON VIRGINIA BRAY** Carrollton Chapter No. 28 - Carrollton, GA

of our dearly departed Sister, Past Matron Mary Elizabeth minded us that God is in control through it all and if nothing Graves alive, Carrollton Chapter No. 28 and Carrollton Lodge else, be patient and wait. Through the virtue of patience, Car-No. 57 convened at Moore's Chapel United Methodist Church, rollton Chapter gained two new sisters: Leah Wilson and Adri-November 21, 2020. Due to the Nationwide ongoing Coronavi- enne Pendergraph-Gilbert, who were part of the Grand Chaprus pandemic, we had to postpone our annual Senior Lun- ter initiation on April 10, 2021, at the Grand East. Stay tuned cheon to honor the Senior Citizens in the Carroll County area. because the best is yet to come from Carrollton Chapter No. However, that did not halt our efforts to assure that the 28 as we are gearing up to Celebrate our 35th Anniversary and community's Senior Citizens were serviced. The Chapter honor our Lifetime Members (Past Matron Sally Springer and and Lodge worked tirelessly to build food and toiletry boxes Sister Elerie Daniel). There are five outstanding sisters (Grand and well-exceeded our goal. From that day forward, Worthy Worthy Matron Deaidra P. Wilson, Grand Treasurer Kathi Matron Virginia D. Bray has proclaimed that the Senior Lun-Henson, Past Matron Sally Springer, Past Matron Kim Kendall, cheon shall henceforth be known as the " Mary Elizabeth and Sister Elerie Daniel) that have dedicated 35 years of ser-Graves Thanksgiving Senior Luncheon." Each year we shall strive to exceed our goal, as you cannot beat God's April 23, 2021. It is our privilege and pleasure to continue to giving, but we are blessed to be a blessing. Carrollton Chapter let our light shine before men that they may see our good No. 28 was the epitome of servitude finishing the 2020 year strong with Worshipful Master Machion Bray and the brothers of Carrollton Lodge No. 57 by our side. Without hesitation, we stepped in and stepped up to serve the Eagles Nest Senior Community to support the Deaidra P. Wilson Youth Chapter No. 385 by delivering Fruit Bags for Christmas to over 100 residents. The true spirit of giving is reflected when we gave selflessly to a deserving family for the Christmas holiday. They were pleased to receive everything and even more than they wished. Since we worked hard despite every obstacle, I express that we ended the year exactly how we started, in the spirit of love.

Let the work I have done speak for me. In keeping the Vision The pandemic has been anything but kind. However, it revice and unselfish devotion to the Order of Eastern Star as of works and to Glorify our father, which is in heaven.









Feed the hungry and help those in trouble. Then your light will shine out from the darkness, and the darkness around you will be as bright as noon. Isaiah 58:10

FROM PRINCE HALL YOUTH TO AMERICAN IDOL

Contributed by
PAST MATRON THEAONICA JOY ROBERTS
Beulah Chapter No. 116- Millen District No. 16



What's brewing in Coffee County, Georgia? Home to the Gopher Tortoise Festival, General Coffee State Park, Broxton Rocks Preserve, and Willie Spence. Willie is a former member of Queenell Youth Chapter No. 145, under the leadership of Queenell Chapter No. 243, Order of the Eastern Star, and Douglas Masonic Lodge No. 73 (Fitzgerald District No. 23). Willie has performed on numerous occasions at the Prince Hall Grand Youth Session as the Grand Youth Musician displaying his God-given talent! These experiences serving our organization gave him a sound and solid foundation to pursue his dreams on the big stage.

As a superstar in the making, Willie received his "Golden Ticket" to pursue his dreams during his audition on American Idol Season 19 in San Diego, California. Willie has now advanced to the top three on the show and continues to receive a tremendous amount of support from his Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge and Chapter of Georgia family. The Prince Hall Grand Youth Chapter would like to congratulate Willie on his accomplishments and future goal to pursue his lifelong dream to become a prominent force in the music industry.

On May 18, 2021, the city of Douglas, Georgia, officially solidified Willie Spence in the history of Georgia by issuing a proclamation establishing this day as "Willie Spence Day" by Douglas Mayor Tony L. Paulk. The mayor issued these powerful and definitive words to conclude the proclamation: "Whereas, Willie Spence continues to be a powerful influence for good in the community and continues to represent the great city of Douglas, GA and Coffee County with grace and dignity on American Idol...". Willie also received the key to the city of Douglas, Georgia, and a proclamation proclaiming May 17- May 22, 2021, as Willie Spence Week by Governor Brian P. Kemp.











YOUTH CHAPTER SUPPORTS ADULT DAYCARE LEARNING THE MEANING OF "SERVICE ABOVE SELF"

Contributed by SISTER ANTONIA DENISE HALE - Millen District No. 16 Youth Coordinator. New Aurora Chapter No. 60 -

The Hattie S. Bessent Youth Chapter No. 118, with the support of New Aurora Order of Eastern Star Chapter No. 60, has been active in supplying Covid-19 care packages and other non-perishable items to the community. Some of the facilities they supported include Forever Angels Adult Day Care, the Light House, Teddy Bears, Ashton Village Elderly, and the handicapped facility. Each received Covid-19 care packages and numerous items that were donated to the Golden Harvest Food Bank. The Youth Chapter donated items to Waynesboro Primary School who received Easter Baskets. With the support of Wal-Mart Essential Workers, candy was donated to include care packages and stuffed animals. On May 22, 2021, the group will continue its community service efforts by serving free BBQ at the Aurora Masonic Hall in Waynesboro, Georgia. Throughout the year, the Bessent Youth Chapter received support from the Millen District No. 16 ADDGM Robert Hale, Jr., and Past Master Ezra Ladler of Light of Hiltonia Masonic Lodge, Hiltonia, Georgia.









The youth chapter's MOTTO is: "Serving You Is What We Do."

Contributed by SISTER PRISCILLA HILL Macon District No. 5 - Macon. GA.

In Macon District No. 5, Baldwin Youth Chapter No. 340, Sister Priscilla Hill, Sister Schlonda Spikes, and Sister Charoletta Lawrence enjoys giving back to the community. Before the pandemic, they blessed a family with a Thanksgiving meal and other nonperishable items. They had the opportunity to give to their community and learn the meaning of service above self. They believe that one of the most extraordinary things one can do is to serve others.





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