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GRAND LODGE

Brothers and Sisters,

I bring you greetings on behalf of all master masons who owe allegiance to the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Georgia. Thanks to each of you for all you do for the jurisdiction of Georgia to improve its members and enhance the communities in which they live by teaching and emulating the principles of brotherly love, charity and truth while actively embracing high social, moral, and spiritual values including dedication to God, family, and country. As always, I praise you, the members, for making this jurisdiction what it is. As we begin with a new administration and new direction, I solicit your continued support, and let us not forget those who have labored before us.

I ask God to guide us to the perfect destiny he has set for us and help us make the right choices and solutions to any problems we may encounter during our travels. Remember, you have promised to befriend and relieve every brother who shall need your assistance. A mason has time to lend an attentive ear to the story of any brother. We never know what is going on in the life of another person. How someone reacts does not always reflect how they feel about you; it is often a response to the complex circumstances in their life on that given day. God will help you respond to others with grace and kindness, and that sympathetic understanding inspires renewed hope and destroys discouragement. A mason does good whenever and does not count nor anticipate the reward.

Brothers and Sisters, by doing good and doing it with love, we can overcome anything. It is a simple way to live, but it works when we stay the course and let God do his will through us and for us. We can choose to be a part of the problem or a part of the solution, which might mean looking beyond life's difficulties and showing gratitude for the sheer fact that we are alive.

Always remember, "Prayer is not a spare wheel you pull out when in trouble, but a steering wheel that directs us on the right path throughout life. Real Prayer always does one of two things: It either frees us from the trouble we fear or gives us the strength and courage to meet the trouble when it comes." God Bless Each of You.

Fraternally.

Primus T. James

Primus T. James, 33°

19th Most Worshipful Grand Master

19TH MOST WORSHIPFUL GRAND MASTER'S CORNER



REST IN PEACE PM REUBEN REDD





Welcome to the Grand Matron's Corner of the Masonic Digest where I, Saundra Parks, am privileged to share my perspective as the 17th Grand Worthy Matron. First, let me start by saying, "Thank You" to the many Sisters and Brothers who serve unselfishly from day to day to make this Grand Chapter functional and operational through long hours of dedication toward overseeing the programs of the Grand Chapter. Then let me thank the Grand Session Committee who outlined such a beautiful and harmonious session for us all to enjoy.

Next, let me fail not to thank Grand Master Primus James, the Grand Worthy Patron, Elected Grand Officers, Zone Coordinators, District Matrons, and Worthy Matrons for always fulfilling with my request for whatever task they have been allocated. Further, to ALL who make up the governing body of our beautiful Order, I know you are going to work well with me throughout my journey as Grand Worthy Matron.

We have been off to a busy start! Just think, we have been at this for just a few months since Friday, June 17th, when we began the race towards a strong finish. Attested below is a list of the activities in which we have accordingly been engaged:

- St. John's Day, June 26
- South Carolina Grand Session, July 18-19
- Michigan Grand Session, July 29-30
- Grand Youth Retreat (Augusta District), August 5-6
- Ohio Grand Session, August 7-8
- Joint Anniversary (Savannah District), August 20-21
- Leadership Workshop (Macon Marriott), August 26-27
- Prince Hall Day Celebration, District Matron's Workshop, September 9-11
- York Rite Convocation, September 14-17

Additionally, we have had numerous Zoom meetings, visitations to Chapter meetings, Line Officers' meetings and diverse consultations. Your leadership team is moving forward with a concerted purpose of mind to bring unity to the membership. My first goal as Grand Worthy Matron is to motivate you, the members, to be self-determined, self-defined, and self-motivated.

The vision that I have built on is nothing less than Christ our Savior, which is "For the Love of the S.T.A.R." My vision to recruit new members, reclaim past members, and retain those we have while focusing on a better tomorrow. Moreover, my concept is to establish a coalition and collaboration with the goals of our Grand Master and his cabinet, thereby forming an even greater unit we know as Sisterhood and Brotherhood. I ask that you join me in giving them our full support.

finally, as the 17th Grand Worthy Matron, I am here to serve you!! Thus far I am enjoying serving as your Grand Worthy Matron for the 2022-2023 year. The Prince Hall Grand Chapter can only survive if you bring life to its mission. To carry out the missions of the Prince Hall Grand Chapter, 100% dedication is needed from every member.

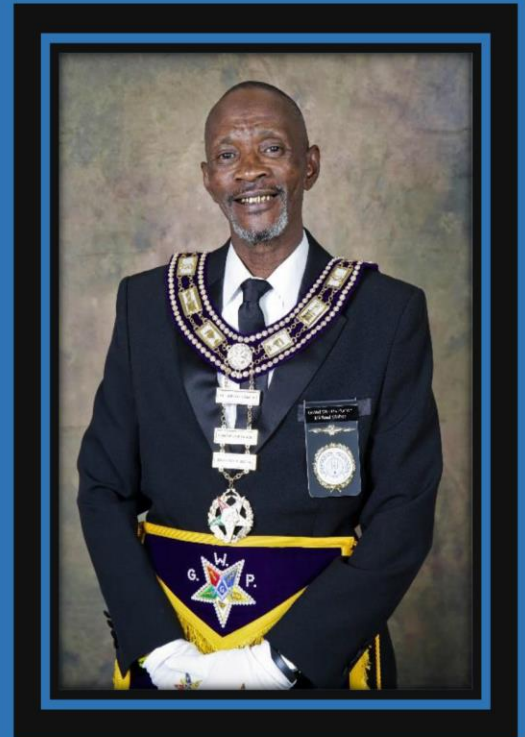
Serving with Integrity,
Saundra E. Parks
17th Grand Worthy Matron



The Grand Worthy Patron's Corner



I would like to take a moment to express my deepest appreciation for this Great Jurisdiction of Georgia. Words fail to express the joy I felt when appointed Grand Worthy Patron of Prince Hall Grand Chapter Order of the Eastern Star. I strongly believe in the leadership of this administration. I trust that we can and will continue working hard to provide the best possible ways for the Prince Hall Grand Chapter to continue to provide for our youth, strengthen and build our membership, improve our proficiency and reinforce our L.O.V. E of the STAR. Thinking about the Jurisdiction of Georgia reminds me of a quote by an unknown author that states, "Unity is strength!" When there is teamwork and collaboration, AMAZING things can be achieved.



As we move into the season of Thanksgiving, I reflect on the year 1992, when I was made a Master Mason in South Georgia. I have always asked God to guide my footsteps and He led me to be obligated into Dorothy Edwards Chapter No. 36 in 2002. I am Thankful, Grateful, and truly Blessed that God has allowed me to be a part of His vision of extending Love and Kindness to each of my Brothers and Sisters.

In closing I leave with you a little poem of inspiration...

Out of all the things that I do and I see.
Day by day I am building ME.
There's no other workmanship but mine,
That can keep this structure true and fine.
Straight or flexible, false or true,
I build myself by the deeds that I do.

BE BLESSED....

MackArthur "Mike" Walton

Brother MackArthur "Mike" Walton

12th Grand Worthy Patron

MONKEYPOX

Contributed by

RW Dr. Kenneth Walton

Medical Department / Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge State of New Jersey

Monkeypox is a rare disease caused by infection with the monkeypox virus. The monkeypox virus is part of the same family of viruses as the variola virus, which causes smallpox. Its symptoms are like smallpox symptoms but milder, and monkeypox is rarely fatal.

Monkeypox is not related to chickenpox. It was discovered in 1958 when two outbreaks of a pox-like disease occurred in colonies of monkeys kept for research. Despite being named "monkeypox," the source of the infection remains unknown. However, African rodents and non-human primates (like monkeys) might harbor the virus and infect people.

The first human case of monkeypox was recorded in 1970. Before the 2022 outbreak, monkeypox had been reported in people in several central and western African countries. Previously, most monkeypox cases in people outside of Africa were linked to international travel to countries where the disease commonly occurs or through imported animals. These cases occurred on multiple continents.

People with monkeypox get a rash that may be located on or near the genitals or anus and could be on other areas like the hands, feet, chest, face, or mouth. The rash will go through several stages, including scabs, before healing. The rash can initially look like pimples or blisters and may be painful or itchy.

Other symptoms of monkeypox can include:

Fever

Chills

Swollen lymph nodes

Exhaustion

Muscle aches and backache

Headache

Respiratory symptoms (e.g., sore throat, nasal congestion, or cough)

You may experience all or only a few symptoms.

Sometimes, people have flu-like symptoms before the rash. Some people get a rash first, followed by other symptoms, while others only experience a rash.

Monkeypox symptoms usually start within three weeks of exposure to the virus. If someone has flu-like symptoms, they will usually develop a rash 1 - 4 days later. Monkeypox can be spread from when symptoms start until the rash has healed, all scabs have fallen off, and a fresh layer of skin has formed. The illness typically lasts 2 - 4 weeks.

Monkeypox is spread when a person comes into contact with an animal, or a person, infected with the virus. Animal-to-person transmission occurs through broken skin, bites or scratches, or direct contact with an infected animal's blood, bodily fluids, or pox lesions (sores). Monkeypox can spread from person to person, but it is less common.

Person-to-person spread (transmission) occurs when a person comes in contact with an infected person's sores, scabs, respiratory droplets, or oral fluids, usually through close, intimate situations like cuddling, kissing, or sex. Research is ongoing, but researchers are unsure if the virus is transmitted through semen or vaginal fluids. You can also get monkeypox by contacting recently contaminated materials like clothing, bedding, and other linens used by an infected person or animal.

Monkeypox is usually a self-limited disease with symptoms lasting 2 – 4 weeks. Most people with monkeypox get better on their own without treatment. Following diagnosis, your healthcare provider will monitor your condition, try to relieve your symptoms, prevent dehydration, and give you antibiotics to treat secondary bacterial infections if they develop. Data suggest that gay, bisexual, and other men who have sex with men make up most cases in the current monkeypox outbreak. However, anyone, regardless of sexual orientation or gender identity, who has been in close personal contact with someone who has monkeypox is at risk. If you have been exposed to monkeypox, it would be advantageous to get vaccinated. Additionally, if you believe you are at a higher risk of being exposed to the virus, get vaccinated. It can help protect you and your community.

PRESS RELEASE

Contributed by
DR. KEVIN JAMES
President of Morris Brown College



DAco

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

MORRIS BROWN COLLEGE TO PARTNER WITH BOYD PARKER SPORTS GROUP, BLACK SOCCER MEMBERSHIP ASSOCIATION, AND DIASPORA ATHLETIC COMPANY TO BRING COMPETITIVE SOCCER TO THE COLLEGE

ATLANTA (August, 2022) – Morris Brown College (MBC) is proud to announce its partnership with Boyd Parker Sports Group, Black Soccer Membership Association, and Diaspora Athletic Company to bring soccer to Morris Brown College. This is a partnership that will first bring a club soccer program to the college in an effort to transition to a school-sponsored National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) soccer program.

The start date of the program is tentative and in partnership with the consulting services of Boyd Parker Sports Group (BPSG), Black Soccer Membership Association (BSMA), and Diaspora Athletic Company. This partnership comes at the right time as Atlanta, Georgia has been selected to host FIFA WorldCup 2026 which has aided in much excitement surrounding the sport of soccer.

This group of consultants will help Morris Brown College navigate the process of launching a soccer program and develop a plan to execute. As Morris Brown College has recently obtained full accreditation, in addition to scaling its academic profile, it will now focus on bringing back clubs and eventually varsity sports beginning with soccer. The institution will operate the soccer program as a club for two seasons then work to move into an NAIA conference.

This will be the first time in the history of Morris Brown College that a soccer team will represent the Wolverines at any level. MBC will also be the only school in the Atlanta University Center that currently supports a soccer program of any kind.

President Kevin James said, “We are ecstatic that we were able to achieve full accreditation. Morris Brown offers a unique, affordable, and quality education that prepares students for success. As we rebuild the institution, we felt it very important that student life including Greek Life and some athletic programs be implemented for a full HBCU experience. This was truly The Hard Reset. This is just the beginning!”

To learn more about Morris Brown College and this partnership or the arrival of soccer at Morris Brown College, visit morrisbrown.edu.

ABOUT MORRIS BROWN COLLEGE:

Morris Brown College was founded in 1881 by the African Methodist Episcopal Church. It is a private, coeducational liberal arts college engaged in teaching and public service with a special focus on leadership, management, entrepreneurship, and technology. The institution is the only college in Georgia founded solely by African American patronage.

ABOUT BOYD PARKER SPORTS GROUP:

Boyd Parker Sports Group Founder and Managing Director, Averick Parker is a graduate of Morehouse College (undergrad) and the University of Georgia (MBA) and has over 15 years of experience managing sponsorship strategy, activation, execution, events, and brands for Major League Soccer franchises, Fortune 500 companies, and casinos.

Recently, BPSG has executed HBCU ID Soccer Camps in Atlanta, Georgia which helps high school student athletes who are interested in playing soccer at Historically Black Colleges and Universities.

ABOUT BLACK SOCCER MEMBERSHIP ASSOCIATION

BSMA Chairman Justin Reid explains, “On behalf of the BSMA we are excited to work with two excellent partners in the BPSG and DAco. We all bring an array of expertise in the sports management business with soccer being our number one sport to promote. We are also excited to work with a historical college like Morris Brown and will do our best to ensure that a successful club soccer program is launched and that we can take MBC to the next level which will be to become a varsity program in the very near future.”

ABOUT DIASPORA ATHLETIC COMPANY

DAco. Owner Glenn Goodwine states the following, “Growing up in Atlanta playing club soccer and being part of the Georgia Olympic Development Program allowed me to experience the unique growing soccer scene in Atlanta’s black communities. As a Howard University Men’s Soccer Alumni and having graduated from an Atlanta area high school as well, I’ve always wanted to expand the amount of opportunities for players who choose to attend an HBCU. The strategic partnership between BSMA, Boyd Parker Sports Group, and Morris Brown College is a big step towards a long overdue push for equity in college soccer. I’m very proud to be a part of this initiative.

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MORRIS BROWN COLLEGE PARTNERS WITH RAPPER T.I. AND MOOLAH WIRELESS TO GIVE STUDENTS FREE TABLETS

ATLANTA (August 11, 2022) -- Morris Brown College (MBC) is proud to announce it has partnered with rapper and entrepreneur, Tip "T.I." Harris and Moolah Wireless to provide free tablets with 12 months of data service included to Morris Brown College students to celebrate the restoration of the institution. Clifford Harris and Moolah will provide over 200 free tablets to Morris Brown students on Monday, August 15, 2022. MBC will be the first college/university to receive the free tablets from Moolah Wireless.

Mr. Harris, who lawmakers recently honored for his philanthropy and community initiatives with the Georgia Outstanding Citizen Award and President Biden's Volunteers Lifetime Achievement Award, stated, "I'm excited to partner with Moolah Wireless to be able to provide the students at Morris Brown College free tablets to support their educational endeavors. This is the first of many schools whose students will receive Moolah tablets."

MBC announced it had received full accreditation from the Transnational Association of Christian Colleges and Schools (TRACS), a Virginia-based accreditation agency, in April 2022. This monumental achievement came after nearly 20 years of effort, marking a historic achievement for the 141-year-old college.

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 alums 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.

Moolah Wireless offers free tablets to anyone eligible for the program, including veterans, students receiving Pell grants, senior citizens, Section 8, etc. To learn more about eligibility to receive Moolah Tablets, visit <https://moolahwireless.com/tablets/>.

To learn more about Morris Brown College, visit morrisbrown.edu.

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ABOUT T.I.:

T.I. is a Grammy Award-winning recording artist who has left an indelible mark on the world of music and pop culture. Having sold over 10 million albums in the US alone, he remains an influential figure in music, film, and entertainment. He is the founding executive of Grand Hustle Records and Grand Hustle

Films. He is an artist, entrepreneur, and activist who has amassed a business empire, including a record label (Grand Hustle), A film/TV production company (Grand Hustle Films), a 10+ year old clothing line (Akoo, Hustle Gang), a real estate holdings company, non-profit organization (Us or Else), owner/founder of Trap Music Museum, co-owner of Bankhead Seafood, owner of Super Sound Studios, investor and much more.

ABOUT MOOLAH WIRELESS:

A Georgia-based company, Moolah Wireless, is an Internet Service Provider empowering the community with quality, safe, affordable internet services. Moolah Wireless is a wholesale partner with AT&T and is a member of the Affordable Connectivity Program that enables the company to receive funding from the FCC to provide internet and broadband services. Combining the two helps Moolah to create one of the most affordable internet providers in the country.



DUBLIN DISTRICT #19

Contributed by
District Deputy Grand Master Vernon C. Hall

Past Master Coleman Smith was appointed Assistant District Deputy Grand Master of Dublin District No. 19 by Past Grand Master X. L. Neal. After the death of District Deputy Grand Master Julius Burke, he was appointed as District Deputy Grand Master, where he served as Deputy for many years.

Kudos to Past Grand Master Corey D. Shackleford, Sr., for awarding him the District Deputy Grand Master Emeritus designation.

District Deputy Grand Master Vernon C. Hall, 33°, presented Past Master Coleman Smith with a letter and Certificate of Appointment from Past Grand Master Corey D.

Shackleford, Sr. He also received a plaque from Dublin District No. 19 for his many years of dedicated service, commitment, and leadership.



The Brothers of Beulah Lodge No. 37 in Eastman, Georgia, visited the home of Brother Hardy B. Eady and presented him with his Life Membership Certificate. Brother Eady is 82 years old and has been a member of his lodge for over 50 years.



Douglas Lodge No. 73 Provides Scholarships

Contributed by
Assistant District Deputy Grand Master Glen Johnson

On August 13, 2022, Douglas Lodge No. 73 celebrated its 132nd Annual scholarship banquet with Past Grand Master Bruce A. James as the guest speaker. The Douglas Lodge No. 73 scholarship winner was Ms. Dacaria Bryant.

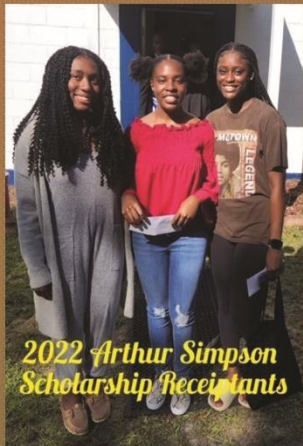


Hourglass Lodge No. 113

Contributed by
Assistant District Deputy Grand Master Edwin Thompson

On July 23, 2022, Hourglass Lodge No. 113 presented three local graduates with our Annual Past Master Arthur Simpson Scholarship. Adrienne Bogan, Tamara Bogan (twins), and Arieyanna Johnson were the scholarship recipients.

Adrienne Bogan is attending Savannah State University, Tamara Bogan is attending Savannah College of Art and Design, and Arieyanna Johnson is attending Middle Georgia State University. These young ladies each received \$500 scholarships.



On June 25, 2022, Hourglass Lodge No. 113 celebrated its 130th Anniversary, and Laurel Growth Chapter No. 118 celebrated its 120th Anniversary, in collaboration with the community of Ludowici, Georgia, during their Annual Juneteenth celebration.

The celebration kicked off with a Juneteenth 5k walk/run sponsored by Hourglass Lodge. The Ludowici community showed up in numbers in ages ranging from young to seasoned. All participants were rewarded with medallions. Throughout the day, the community visited several local vendors and participated in sack races, a 3-on-3 basketball tournament, tug-a-war, and corn hole tournaments.

There was also a water slide and many more fun games. Worshipful Master Tyrone Fair gave a brief history of Hourglass Lodge No. 113 and Laurel Growth Chapter No. 118 and the many years of service they have dedicated to the community.



Independence Lodge No. 69

Contributed by
Worshipful Master Gregory W. Horton II

During a regular meeting of the Camden County Board of Commissioners Meeting on July 19, 2022, Brother Terry Smith was officially confirmed as the Fire Chief of Camden County, Georgia.

Brother Terry Smith is a faithful member of Independence Lodge No. 69, located in Woodbine, Georgia, and his personal achievements reflect highly on his lodge's continuous mission to serve and support the Camden County community.



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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Terry Smith Appointed Fire Chief

WOODBINE, Ga. – August 2, 2022 – The Camden County Board of Commissioners is proud to announce that Terry Smith has been appointed as Chief of Camden County Fire Rescue. At their July 19, 2022, regular meeting, the Camden County Board of Commissioners approved an Intergovernmental Services Agreement with the City of Kingsland for Fire and Rescue Management shared services. The City of Kingsland approved the agreement at their July 25, 2022, meeting.

This agreement facilitates Camden County Fire Rescue Chief Terry Smith to also serve as Fire Chief for the City of Kingsland. An earlier Intergovernmental Services Agreement, in August 2018, allowed Chief Smith to serve as the Fire Chief for Camden County Fire Rescue as an employee of the City of Kingsland.



Chief Terry Smith

"We are excited to officially welcome Chief Smith as a full-time county employee," said County Administrator Steve Howard. "Although he has been serving in this role since 2018 through an earlier agreement, we have been impressed with his ability to direct both departments and provide excellent service to the citizens of Camden County. I applaud the City of Kingsland for working on this shared services agreement to the benefit of our community."

Chief Smith's public service career began as a volunteer with the Kingsland Volunteer Fire Department in 1985. He would later work as a dispatcher with Kings Bay Fire and Emergency Medical Services (EMS) before becoming a full-time firefighter in 1990. By 2012, Chief Smith had risen through the ranks as a Crew Chief and then Assistant Chief with Kings Bay Fire and EMS before earning the title of Captain for the City of Kingsland Fire Rescue Department. In November 2014, he was officially named the Fire Chief for the City of Kingsland.

"Award-Winning Government"

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"Chief Smith has been an amazing Fire Chief for the City of Kingsland," said Kingsland Mayor Dr. C. Grayson Day. "While he will continue to serve Kingsland, his transition to the County will allow him to fully realize his career goals and provide an even more effective administration of countywide resources."

About Camden County: Located in the extreme southeast corner of Georgia, Camden County truly is "Georgia's Coastal Community of Choice." Originally formed in 1771, Camden County is best known for its rich history, natural scenic beauty and Southern hospitality. Our vision is helping to make this the best place to live by preserving and enhancing the history and quality of life, while promoting smart growth and providing an efficient, effective and responsive government.

Find us on:



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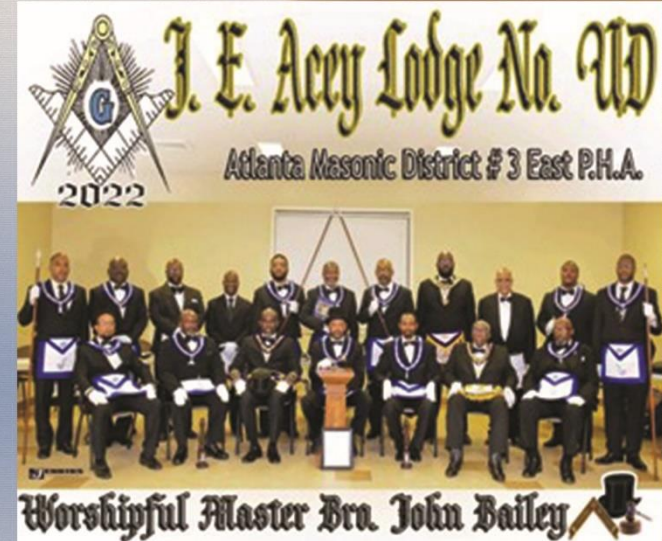
James Earl Acey Lodge No. 600

Contributed by
Worshipful Master John K. Bailey

The Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Georgia has a new Lodge in Henry County. On June 16, 2022, at the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Georgia's 151st Grand Session, the leadership and vision of Brother Matthew Lewis, Brother Reggie R. Walker, and Brother John K. Bailey, James Earl Acey Lodge No. 600 received their Charter.

The journey started in September 2018 with an inquiry and a request to establish a new lodge. They were issued a dispensation by the 18th Most Worshipful Grand Master Honorable Corey Shackelford Sr. in March 2020.

While "Under Dispensation," the lodge focused on serving the community of Henry County through the Rising Sun Foundation, the non-profit organization associated with the lodge. The brothers of James Earl Acey Lodge No. 600 are focused on representing Prince Hall Freemasonry in Henry County, Georgia, to the fullest.



Mount Pisgah Lodge No. 53

Contributed by
Junior Warden Dwight Gadsden

On August 5th and 8th, 2022, the brothers of Mount Pisgah Lodge No. 53 participated in its annual back-to-school "Greet the Students" and had the honor of providing much need school supplies to some of the students at Brewer Elementary School in Columbus, Ga. Among the supplies donated were backpacks filled with crayons, pencils, scissors, and other items.

It is our duty and pleasure to do whatever it takes to let our youth know that we are always available to help. Brewer Elementary has the most dedicated administrators and staff, and we are honored to be a support to them and its exceptional students.



Port Royal Scott Lodge No. 591

Contributed by
Brother Jermaine Johnson

The brothers of Port Royal Scott No. 591 and the sisters of Viola Hart Felton Chapter No. 584 traveled to Riverdale Fire Department Headquarters for the purpose of feeding the first responders. It is one of the many events the lodge and chapter engage in annually. Since the Riverdale Firefighters' schedule is divided into three shifts, every Firefighter could enjoy the delicious meal our very own Past Master Warren Gregory prepared.

We want to thank City of Riverdale Fire Chief Al Wright and all of the City of Riverdale Firefighters for what they do every day to serve the Riverdale and Clayton County communities. The Worshipful Master of Port Royal Scott Lodge No. 591 is Brother Arthur Rozier III, and the Worthy Matron of Viola Hart-Felton Chapter is Sister Tamicka Jones.



Silver Trowel Lodge No. 5

Contributed by
Brother Willie Gordon Jr.

Brother Rick Evans of Silver Trowel Lodge No. 5 is an outstanding member of the community and an outstanding Brother in District 7. Rick Evans is the new Chief of Police for Kingsland, Georgia. Brother Evans has been in law enforcement since the age of 18, from starting as a dispatcher to the Chief of police.

Brother Evans has also made history by becoming the first African American Chief of Police for the city of Kingsland Police Department. Brother Evans has brought honor to himself, his family, and the Jurisdiction of Georgia.



Sons of Louisville Lodge No. 579

Contributed by
Worshipful Master Antonio Young

Social-emotional learning (SEL) is developing the self-awareness, self-control, and interpersonal skills vital for school, work, and life success and helping improve good kids. Research shows that these mentoring relationships make a big difference to young people.

A study published by The National Partnership reports that young adults with mentors are 55% more likely to enroll in college, 78% more likely to volunteer regularly, and 130% more likely to hold leadership positions.

This supports the motto "helping kids is all I know."



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South Fulton Lodge No. 598

Contributed by
PM Daniel Lynch

The annual Grand Session is a time for brothers and sisters to come together to work and fellowship. It is the time of year when friendships and bonds are formed between men and women throughout the jurisdiction of Georgia. However, there is more to it than just social events and elections. The Grand Session is commonplace for beginnings and ends. During this session, my focus changed as I sat in the Lodge of Sorrow and listened to Rev. Bro Chavus Boyd give a short, energetic, and powerful message.

His passion and conviction caused me to preserve that moment. As the names of all the brothers and sisters we have lost over the last few years were somberly recited, I was reassured that Freemasonry would recognize all as a final show of affection. As the Lodge of Sorrow was the finale, there were many new beginnings, from new Grand Lodge and Chapter officers to new friendships to new lodges and chapters chartered within our jurisdiction.

The chartering of an Order of the Eastern Star chapter that persevered through 11 years to stay the course and complete its mission became one of the most memorable events of the week. As the tears flowed down their faces, these sisters realized they had finally achieved their "beginning." The Worthy Matron, Sister Sharon Wilson, left her feet and stopped for a moment. That was the moment that I wanted to capture forever. Congratulations to South Fulton Chapter No. 591.

As with everything that deals with beginnings and ends, there is the need to document the dash. As Past Master Dave Gillarm of Mt. Pisgah Lodge No. 53, who serves as the Grand Historian for the MWPHGL of Georgia, gave his presentation, I was taken aback by the level of detail and passion this brother has for his craft. His zeal during his research and the knowledge he transfers to the craft is unmatched. Brother Gillarm is the blueprint of what a passionate brother can become when that passion is effectively cultivated.

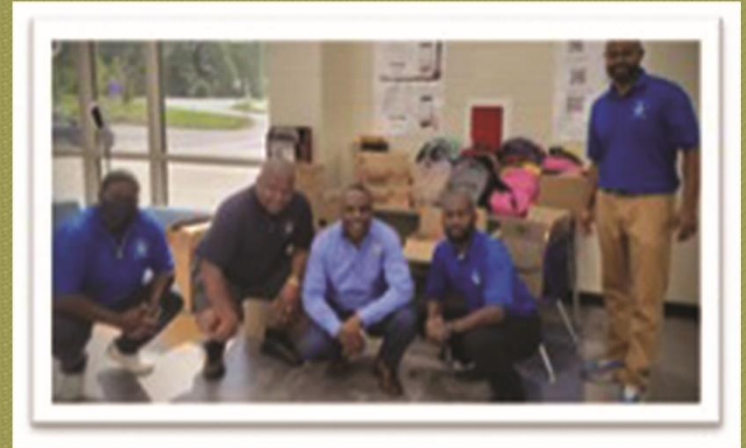


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Square Work Lodge #596

Contributed by
Worshipful Master David Geter

Square Work Lodge 596, putting in the Good Work, True Work, Square Work. As we continue to support the Cobb County community, on August 2nd, we donated school supplies to Clay-Harmony Leland Elementary School. The supplies ranged from book bags that included supplies from the list provided by the school and everyday supplies for the teachers to use in the classroom.



Continuing the work in the community, soon-to-be-raised class True Elevation donated 100 hygiene kits to Must Ministries of Marietta, GA. And the tip of the iceberg with the raising of class True Elevation on August 16th, 2022. Six newly raised Master Masons were added to the fold to continue to put in

GOOD WORK,
TRUE WORK,
SQUARE WORK!



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St. Andrews Lodge No. 32

Contributed by
Past Master William Jackson

The brothers of St. Andrew's Lodge No. 32 host their Annual Back to School free haircuts for the students of Washington County. This event was held on August 1, 2022, at the Second Washington Association Building in Sandersville, Georgia.

The event was well received, with over 25 haircuts given. Worshipful Master Vincent Duggan would like to thank both barbers, Ms. Dorothy Gilmore and Cardell Poole, for taking time out of their busy schedules to provide haircuts. District Deputy Grand Master L.M. Pierce was also in attendance.

Deputy Pierce stated, "This tradition of providing haircuts to the youth started several years ago and has grown each year."



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Sumner Lodge No. 10

Contributed by
Assistant District Deputy Grand Master Edwin Thompson

On July 21, 2022, Sumner Lodge No. 10 and Adah Chapter No. 3 gave Appling County High School Band an appreciation lunch during their Annual 2022 Summer Camp.

Sumner Lodge No. 10 and Adah Chapter No. 3 is one of Appling County School Systems' most significant supporters.



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Truth & Union Lodge No. 594

Contributed by
PM Jason M. Russell

Truth & Union 594 wishes to report that we had a busy August as we introduced six young men to the sublime mysteries of a Master Mason. With excellent degree work & beautiful fellowship, these six former Fellow Crafts were brought into our fold. Much love to the Worshipful Master and the degree team for performing the degree work with solid proficiency while giving our new brothers an unforgettable experience. Excellent job, brothers!!!

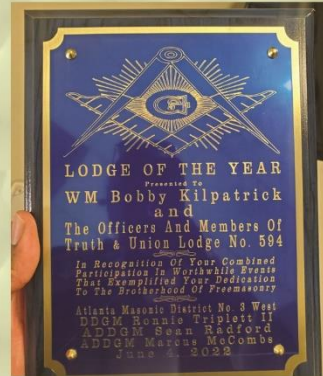
Saturday, the Truth and Union Lodge No. 594 and our chapter Truth and Union Chapter No. 590 visited New Bethel AME, where we jointly sponsored an Active Shooter class for the local community. Our lead instructor is a trainer with the United States Department of Defense. We ran through various scenarios that people may encounter. The seminar was informative, from a school to a movie theater to a church, and kept each participant engaged. The discussion was very engaging & there was something for all involved.

Kudos to our brothers and sisters for always stepping up to the plate & continuously thinking outside of the box.

A group of the brothers went with the Worshipful Master to fellowship with our Atlanta Masonic District No. 3 West family at the annual District anniversary. While another group, as directed by the Worshipful Master, assisted in helping to set up the annual Gwinnett County African American Arts Festival. Truth & Union lodge enjoyed the fellowship at the anniversary and the sermon on "Broken Pieces." Many of us here today are in broken pieces, but we thank God that we become whole through Him. Can we get an amen? You better say it from the chest & mean it!!! The brothers of Truth & Union Lodge No. 594 can attest to the "Broken Pieces" sermon. Still, it is the love, brotherhood, commitment to servitude & understanding that it is the GAOTU that makes & keeps us whole.

We were humbled with the district lodge of the year for 2022, and congratulations are to all other district award recipients. The brothers went back across the creek & finished the day as we usually do...in each other's company.

We thank God for the leadership of Atlanta 3 West and, as always, the outstanding leadership from the Grand Lodge officers.



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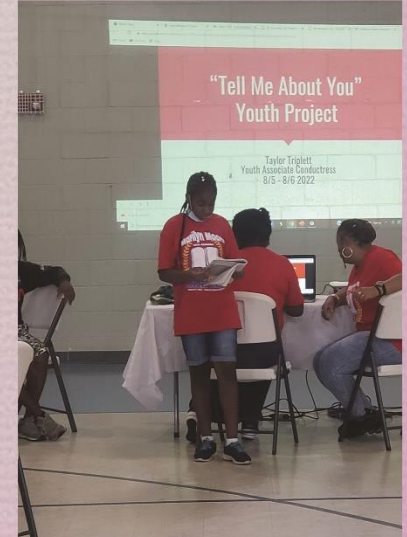
Beulah Chapter No. 116

Contributed by
Past Matron Theaonica Joy Roberts

Beulah Chapter #116 & Minnie M. Ponder Youth Chapter #112 continue showing love and support amongst the community and us. We began by showing our brother's support for their June St. John's Day Celebration. Beulah Chapter was then present to uplift the sisters of New Marion No. 381 on July 16th as they celebrated their joint anniversary celebration with their brother lodge, Light of Hiltonia. It was a joyous occasion. A few weeks later, the chapter sponsored it's annual "Back to School Prayer Breakfast." Local children within the community were given back-to-school supplies, shoes, an excellent hot breakfast, and, most importantly, prayer. Prayer was offered to cover our children as they start a new school year.

Double duty was performed the weekend of August 6th for chapter members. The District Esther Day celebration occurred with our very own District Matron Ella Rhodes as the keynote speaker. At the same time, Sis. Katherine Ponder & PMT. Joy Roberts attended the Grand Youth Officers Retreat in Augusta, GA. Christopher "CJ" Roberts, Grand Assistant Chaplain, and Cassidy Roberts, Grand Assistant Treasurer, were in attendance with all Grand Youth Officers learning leadership skills and creating lifelong friendships. The Grand Worthy Matron, Grand Worthy Patron, the assistant counterparts, and several Past Grand Worthy Matrons were also in attendance.

On August 20th, Beulah Chapter No. 116, Minnie M. Ponder No. 112, & Western Star No. 65 celebrated their joint anniversary. The program was full of love and support from the chapters and lodges within and outside the district, with a special message delivered by Dr. Charles Smith. The love continued as the District Cookout was held the following weekend at Magnolia Springs State Park in Millen, GA. The chapters, lodges, family, and friends enjoyed good food, fellowship, and fun. Brothers C.E. Alexander & Andrew Williams joined us for this fun-filled occasion.



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Earnest Chapter No. 17

Contributed by
Assistant District Deputy Grand Master Edwin Thompson

Earnest Chapter No. 17 was pleased with their first "Quarterly Birthday Celebration." Eleven Sisters gathered at Southern Star Restaurant in McRae, Georgia, for dinner to celebrate those with Birthdays in June, July, and August. The dinner culminated with a Dairy Queen ice cream cake.

We were excited to have our District Worthy Matron, Carolyn Clements, travel the distance to hang out with us. It was a joyous fellowship, and we look forward to the next celebration in November.

Earnest Chapter No. 17 is content and elated to report that we handed out backpacks filled with goodies and school supplies to 156 children during our Annual Back to School drive-thru. Seeing the smiles on some children's faces was an incredible experience.



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Foundation Chapter No. 587

Contributed by
Worthy Matron Tamika Bryant

Foundation Chapter No. 587 kicked off the month of May by initiating ten new sisters into our chapter on May 11, 2022: Sis. Yolanda Seals-Stewart, Sis. Tywana Hill, Sis. Candice Bivens, Sis. Kristina Yanders, Sis. Asia BaaQar, Sis. Wanda Williams, Sis. Dakota Dunham-Brown, Sis. Sheila Harris, Sis. Yvonne Godfrey and Sis. Tosha Jones. On May 14, 2022, we hosted our virtual Five Point Tea, and our theme was "A Journey Through Africa". Each of our Star Points represented an African country and gave beautiful presentations on their countries (which can be found on YouTube). In addition, during our Five Point Tea, we were excited to crown our 2022 Chapter Queen, Sis. Carolyn Turner. During the month of June, Foundation Chapter No. 587 celebrated Sisterhood Month. We had fun daily activities for our sisters to participate in as we bonded, connected, and focused on true sisterhood. On June 4, 2022, our very own Chapter Queen, Sis. Carolyn Turner won the Atlanta Masonic District No. 3 West District Queen title! Our chapter was so thrilled about winning for the first time. On June 5, 2022, we hosted our virtual Prayer Brunch with guest speaker Dr. Kisha Green, and the theme was "Bloom Where You're Planted" (which can be found on YouTube). We grew again on June 8, 2022, by initiating three new sisters: Sis. Angelia Bagley, Sis. Lisa Land and Sis. Adrienne Wilson. On June 10, 2022, Foundation Chapter No. 587 proudly celebrated 11 years of being Chartered in the State of Georgia.

Foundation Chapter No. 587 members had a wonderful time during Grand Session (Augusta, GA) from June 14-17, 2022. We bonded, participated in workshops, attended meetings, fellowshiped, supported various events, and had fun with our sisters & Brothers. In addition, during the Lillian E. Blake Queen's Extravaganza, our very own Sis. Carolyn Turner placed 2nd Runner-up in the Platinum Level. We were so proud of Sis. Turner and our Chapter & District contribution to the youth scholarships in Georgia. Later in June, we celebrated seven of our Foundation PHAmily graduates from Pre-K to college: Isaiah Turner, Alaysia Garrett, Tiya Fedrick, Jeremy Warden, Prosper Miller, Laila Dakota Pruitt, and Kiyanie Fedrick. On June 26, 2022, Foundation Chapter No. 587 members supported AMD3W's Saint John's Day at Grand East.

On July 23, 2022, our members participated in our Joint Quarterly Adopt-A-Mile clean-up. 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. On July 30, 2022, Foundation Chapter No. 587 members supported "It Takes a Village" Family & Students Symposium at Grand East.

On August 6, 2022, Foundation Chapter No. 587 members had the pleasure of volunteering in Cobb County with the Austell Community Task Force at their Back-to-School Drive. We assisted in multiple areas, including registration, workshops, traffic control, etc. It's always fantastic to give back to the community, especially when it comes to our children. On August 7, 2022, Foundation Lodge No. 592 and Foundation Chapter No. 587 had our joint church visitation at Crown of Life Community Baptist Church. We enjoyed a great message from Bro. Dr. David Anthony Spencer Jr. titled "My True Advocacy: A PHAmily that prays together...stays together! On August 20, 2022, Foundation Chapter No. 587 supported The Bright Light Foundation, Inc. during their Sixth Annual Scholarship Golf Tournament at Fox Creek Golf Club. It's always rewarding to support this awesome event and provide scholarships for our youth. On August 21, 2022, Foundation Chapter No. 587 volunteered with Riverside Neighborhood Community Garden. We assisted with the upkeep and mini-harvesting of the gardens. We had an exciting time, learned a lot, and felt wonderful about the gift of helping the community.

On August 27, 2022, AMD3W celebrated its 10th District Anniversary and Meeting! During the District Anniversary, Foundation Chapter No. 587 was awarded Chapter of the Year 2021 -2022! In addition, Worthy Matron Tamika Bryant received the District's Super Star Award (along with Worthy Matron Bray & Worthy Matron Winter) for 2021 - 2022. Also, Past Patron Ramon McDonald was recognized as Worshipful Master of the Year. During the District Meeting, our very own Past Matron Phoebe Boyd was elected District Treasurer for 2022 - 2023. We are so proud of our amazing Chapter & Members and look forward to shining for many years to come! We ended the month of August with a healthy virtual cooking class with Chef Lynn Tae on August 28, 2022.

Foundation Chapter No. 587 continues to Build the Foundation for Positive Change in the Community, District, and State!



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Laurel Growth Chapter No. 118

Contributed by
Assistant District Deputy Grand Master Edwin Thompson

Ty'shee Davis reached out to Laurel Growth Chapter No. 118 with a humble heart in need of financial assistance to attend Tuskegee University this fall as a first-year student. She had a balance that needed to be paid to start Band Camp.

Ty'shee is entering a male-dominated field as a Tuba player, and her presence was necessary for the Fall band camp and ensuing school year.

On August 6, 2022, the Ludowici Masonic family and other donors were able to help Ty'shee continue her education at one of the most prestigious and Historical African American Universities.



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New Marion Chapter No. 381

Contributed by
Wothy Matron Annie Frazier

New Marion Chapter No. 381 participated in a back-to-school drive that included donating hot dogs and over fifty backpacks filled with essential school supplies.

New Marion Chapter No. 381 also blessed two teachers with school supplies for their classes. The items included hand sanitizer, disinfectant wipes, hand soap, facemasks, and glue sticks.

The recipients, Mrs. Greta Timms and Mrs. Kate Free of SGA Elementary School were surprised and overwhelmed. Our chapter takes pride in Giving back to the Community.



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Sweet Evening Breeze Chapter No. 269

Contributed by
Past District Matron Mable Jones

Worthy Matron Irene Burney presented Past Matron Mable Jones with her life membership certificate and pin at the April 2022 chapter meeting.

Sister Jones is active in the chapter as Conductress and Statesboro District No. 18, where she serves as the Christian Flag Bearer.

Sister Jones served as District Worthy Matron for Statesboro District for several years and Prince Hall Grand Chapter Order of the Eastern Star Flag Bearer.



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Truth & Union Chapter No. 590

Contributed by
Worthy Matron Tiffany Abrams

"Two are better than one; because they have a good reward for their labor." Ecclesiastes 4:9 KJV

Grand Session Memories

This year's Grand Session was a fantastic time for all who attended. It was great to fellowship with all our brothers and Sisters throughout the jurisdiction of Georgia. We started our mornings out in corporate prayer and devotion, giving us spiritual fuel that lasted throughout each day. We learned countless new facts and seized the opportunity to meet new PHamily members and enlarge our village during the breakout sessions. Several of Truth and Union's members shared aha moments throughout the week, and we were all honored to have the Amaranth Degree bestowed upon us. What an extraordinary rite of passage.

Moving Forward Through Spiritual Warfare

On Saturday, July 23, 2022, Truth and Union Chapter No. 590 celebrated our Inaugural Prayer Breakfast. Our theme was "Moving Forward Through Spiritual Warfare: Transform, Inspire, and Empower," and our scripture was Ephesians 6:11 "Put on the full armor of God so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes." Although we had to switch our in-person event to a virtual one due to the rise in Covid-19 cases at the time, we had a great turnout, and everyone left feeling transformed, inspired, and empowered. We learned that putting on the full armor of God through daily prayer and bible reading is the key to protecting ourselves and moving forward despite the trials and tribulations we face.

It Takes a Village

Truth and Union Chapter No. 590 firmly believes It Takes a Village to raise a child. One of our first Sol C. Johnson scholarship recipients, Deion Reid, attended "It Takes a Village" this year and was honored to receive a \$1000 scholarship at the event. Deion has been working hard at Albany State University to achieve his goal of becoming a Physical Education Teacher and a Psychologist. He greatly appreciates the scholarship funds and has vowed to use them "to impact the lives of the youth of our future, just as my Coaches did for me... We need strong, Black men to be a part of our youth's villages." We couldn't agree more! We are honored to be his village and look forward to the positive impact he will make on future generations.

Family and Friends Day

On Saturday, August 6, 2022, Truth and Union Chapter No. 590 joined Truth and Union Lodge No. 594 to co-sponsor the annual Family and Friends Day cookout at Lenora Park. A fun-filled day of family, fellowship, and food ensued. A spirit of unity, teamwork, and collaboration was embraced as we participated in the Water Bucket Challenge. The challenge required us to trust and depend on one another to achieve our goals. We had fun in the process and became closer as a family. It was great to fellowship with members of other Chapters, Lodges, and other houses throughout the jurisdiction of Georgia. There were various games played, dancing, and plenty of food. All had a memorable time in attendance.

The activities highlighted above are a snapshot of Truth and Union Chapter No. 590's work to support one another and our community. It truly takes a village to fulfill our theme, "Working together in Harmony to Strengthen our Sisterhood while Serving our Community."

GRAND SESSION MEMORIES

A COUPLE OF THINGS I ENJOYED OR MY TAKE AWAY FROM GRAND SESSION...

WM TIFFANY ABRAMS

I really enjoyed everything about Grand Session this year! Although it was very busy and our days were full, we had a good time! I thoroughly enjoyed the time spent with the sisters of TJU. We moved together and bonded in an awesome way. We felt so proud to see our very own Grand Chapter Medic come to the rescue of a member in distress. She was very busy, but she always reached out to us to stay connected. I say that because I truly feel that is part of the purpose of Grand Session... to learn while strengthening our sisterhood! While participating in the breakout session, it was explained that so many things are traditions versus requirements. So many chapters handle things differently while facing the same challenges-it's ok! Everything is a process. I loved the presentation of each emblem during the opening. That was very meaningful. I did not attend the Chapter of Sorority this year because selfishly, I knew it would be really sad. But after hearing my sisters talk about it, I am committed to attending next grand session year!

SIS. MINNET MITCHELL

"My favorite take away was watching / learning protocols of Grand officers in large meeting. Excited about Amaranth of course! I hope to work less next year so that I can participate even more! It was great!"

WP JAY DEWBERRY

"It was nice to catch a glimpse into how things work on the sister's side during Grand Session. I was very impressed with the Youth Hour portion of the program! It was cool to see the children participate and actually be enthusiastic about showcasing their talent. The sisters put a lot of energy and love into it! I really enjoyed listening to the little boy take us to church with his strong and passionate voice while everyone just cheered him on. That kind of love and support will take our kids a long way. That is also a part of the beauty of the Order."

SIS. STARR RAYFORD

"My favorite part was Grand Matron's journey from deciding to become a member of the Order until now. It was beautiful and very touching. My 'aha moment' happened while hearing Brother LaMichael Eddie break down the Star, emblems, symbols, and the labyrinth. He spoke so passionately about God and the Order of the Eastern Star."

Truth and Unions Family and Friends day!!



Editor's Corner: New Leadership for the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge and Chapter of Georgia

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

This fifth issue of the Masonic Digest highlights the late spring and summer 2022 community service and social activities that the Brothers and Sisters have engaged in representing their respective lodges and chapters of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Georgia. This issue features the first Grand Master's and Grand Worthy Matron's Corner of our newly elected 19th Most Worshipful Grand Master Honorable Primus T. James and our 17th Grand Worthy Matron Sandra Parks. They were elected and installed during our annual Grand Lodge and Chapter Session in June in Augusta, Georgia, with all the pageantry befitting of such an auspicious occasion.

As with previous issues, we have a public health article to keep the membership apprised of the clinical trajectory of the COVID-19 pandemic with a new focus on Monkey Pox. Your health and well-being are of utmost importance to the editorial staff of the Masonic Digest and the leadership of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Georgia. Let us stay vigilant and safe as the COVID-19 pandemic and Monkey Pox threatens our families. We have lost many brothers, sisters, friends, and family members during the pandemic, and we must remain steadfast in our efforts to be safe.

Please continue to support the "But God Initiative" as it is a method to perpetuate financial stability for our future. We want to thank all the brothers and sisters that continue to see the big picture for the end of this jurisdiction and support our elected and appointed leaders in their vision for the sustained viability of our organization.

Please continue to support the efforts of Morris Brown College. They have received their full accreditation and have added several majors to their curriculum offerings. The college is led by one of our brothers, Dr. Kevin James, who needs all the support we can give him. Please take advantage of this opportunity to further your education.

We, as your editors, request that you continue to chronicle your community service and social events. Please submit all pictures as separate files outside the articles instead of embedding them within them. Please continue highlighting your youth activities and your lodge and chapter functions. We strive to include all articles and will publish all according to our layout space. Your articles will be published in a subsequent issue for any pieces that did not make it into this issue due to the deadline. Thank you for your continued support of your Masonic Digest and the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter of Georgia.

Fraternally,

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Worshipful Michael Johnson (8), Grand Communications Editor

