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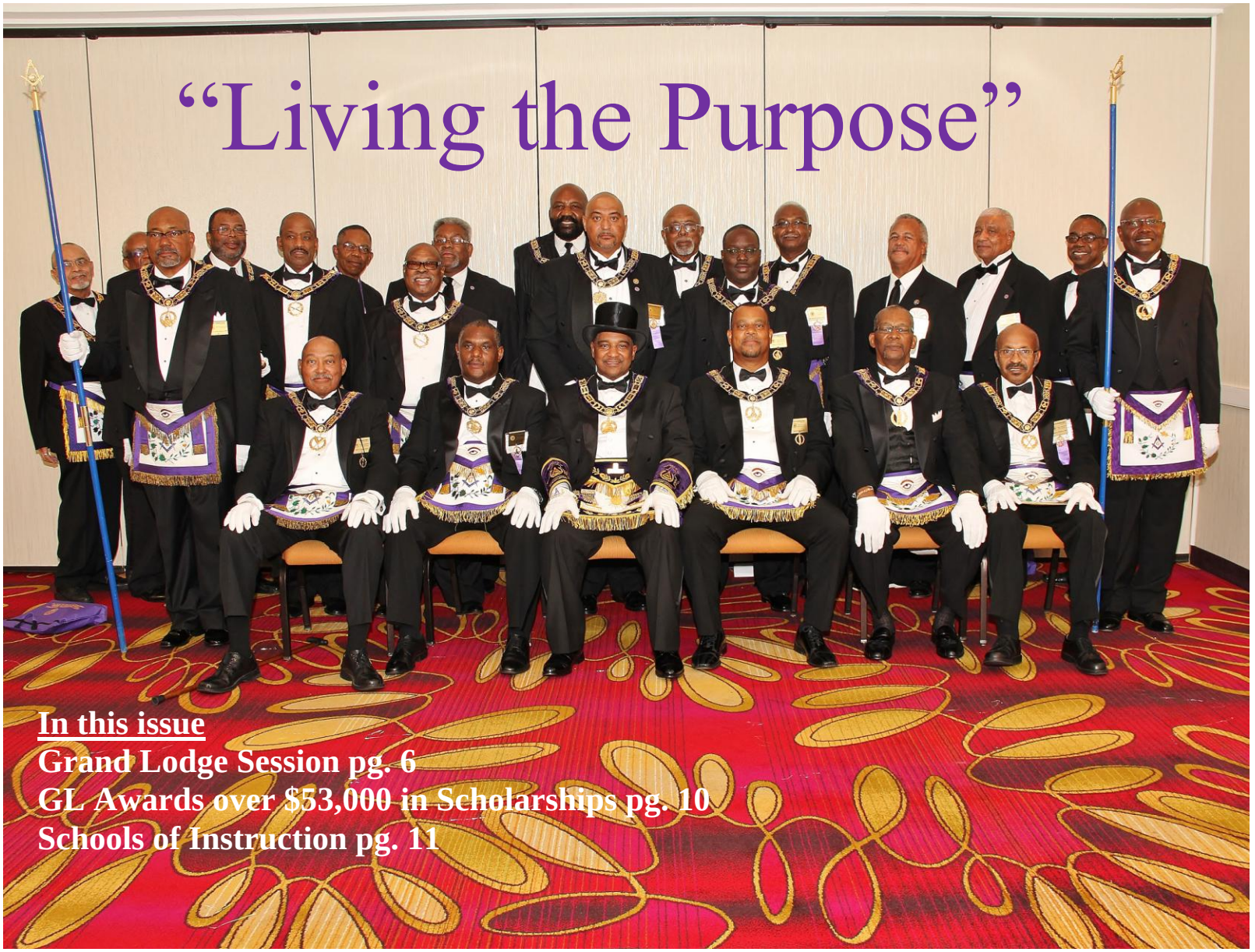

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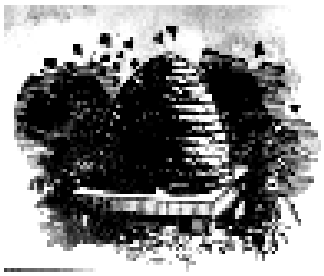

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The 78th Most Worshipful Grand Master of the MW Prince Hall Grand Lodge of VA, F & AM, Inc.

Grand Lodge Officers, present and past, Worshipful Masters, Wardens, Worshipful Past Masters, Wardens, and Brethren – GREETINGS. As it is a great pleasure to be a member of this Prince Hall family, it is a greater honor to serve you as your Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Virginia Free and Accepted Masons, Incorporated.

Upon arriving at this elevation of Most Worshipful Grand Master, I determined that this jurisdiction would be "Living the Purpose." By that, I believe we should bring our Masonic teachings to action in our lives each day, knowing that 'we are traveling upon that level of time', as we strive to make good men better. I believe that we should embrace programs that not only include our magnificent brothers, but our first ladies and significant others that support us while we attend our meetings, our Schools of Instruction, and our Masonic programs. I believe we must support our Sister Jurisdictions by attending, if possible, their Grand Lodge Sessions and fund raising events.

Now, I understand that no Grand Master can fulfill these tasks alone, that is why I first invoke the aid of Deity. I now solicit each of you to make our programs, and this administration, a success. With your support, we'll build for our generations to come a more level playing field, not only in education through our scholarship programs, but economically as we create and build their businesses.

Therefore, as we go forward in 2015, supporting one another, I feel confident that we will remain strongly cemented in the ties of union and fellowship, making this Jurisdiction a little stronger. In so doing and in this faith, I believe that each and every brother will be "**Living the Purpose."**

From the Editor

L. J. McCoy, Jr. #33

In recent months, local law enforcement units at many different locations all over the U. S. have earned a lack of trust by their African American citizens in their respective communities. Men of color in Ferguson, Missouri; Cleveland, Ohio; New York; and Florida have suffered tragically at the hands of those who are sworn to protect them.

As citizens around the country are challenged for a resolve, the 'men in black' continue to focus on building good men that gain the respect of their surrounding communities. Finding direction in the shadows of darkness may be difficult, but not impossible. We only need to look around the Jurisdiction to find that narrow path.

MW Past Grand Master Larry D. Christian #253 is in his 13th year of bringing together African American golfing teams that are not only from Virginia, but from DC, Maryland, and Delaware. In addition to having a little fun, the golfing program and their sales of Masonic paraphernalia fund the Grand Lodge Continuing Education Program for 2nd, 3rd, and 4th year college students of the GL Scholarship Program. RW Grand Director Charles Jones #81 continue the mission of thanking our veterans as he is Chairman of the Annual Statewide Program to provide cookouts, service, assistance, and championship to veterans in Veteran Affair Facilities and Hospitals in Tidewater, Salem, Richmond , and Northern Virginia. And, State Youth Director Carl Albritton #298 administers youth transfusions to the Grand Lodge by developing our young men year round and at their annual summer encampments.

As I listened in on MWGM Roger Brown's first board meeting, these generous principles were to be extended further. Grand Master Brown recognized that our Annual Cook-Outs in the East and West should welcome the surrounding communities, as well as the Masonic family. By doing so, we let the world see how Masons love one another.

As we enter 2015 we shouldn't have doubts about the equality of our criminal justice system, instead we should continue to offer solutions. We need to concentrate our efforts on bringing more African Americans, and Americans, into that Light which has guided Frederick Douglas, Sojourner Truth, W.E.B DuBois, and Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. to a more receptive social justice system.

Finally, we can do more than attend our meetings, and go home. You can join the marches for justice, you can join the Rev. Al Sharpton's National Action Network, or the NAACP. Or you can join MWPGM Christian or RWGD Jones or State Youth Director Albritton in their programs throughout Virginia to promote a stronger and united brotherhood. We can make a difference – See you there!

New State Youth Director By WPM Carl A. Albritton #298

On October 26, 2013, then MWGM, the Honorable Shelton Riddick appointed WPM Carl A. Albritton #298 to the office of State Youth Director. I'm humbled by this appointment and I pledge to you that I shall do my best to live up to what I know are your high expectations.

Today, the challenges facing our young men are greater than ever. Harsh realities such as gang violence, substance abuse and teenage pregnancies compound the most critical time in a young man's life.

Consider some of these facts and stats: Young Black men (across the board) score below their counterparts in other racial and ethnic groups when it comes to graduation rates, literacy rates and college preparedness. African American and Latino children are three and a half times more likely to grow up in poverty than white children with far less access to quality teachers, schools with high levels of academic achievement, after-school programs and safe spaces to learn and play. 80 percent of black fourth graders are reading below reading level and 56 percent are functionally illiterate. Nationally, African American male students in grades K-12 were nearly 2½ times as likely to be suspended from school in 2000 as white students. Only 14% of African American eighth graders score at or above the proficient level. 54% of African Americans graduate from high school, compared to more than three quarters of white and Asian students. These results reveal that many of our young men cannot understand or evaluate text, provide relevant details, or support inferences about the written documents they read.

These statistics underscore a crisis; however, there is hope. According to a recent survey, mentoring works. Ninety-eight percent of the youngsters who were mentored did not drop out of school, 95 percent did not join gangs and 98 percent of boys did not become parents while they were teenagers. Our KOP program can be a difference maker in a young man's life and every young man deserves to have a mentor to help them weigh the consequences of their actions, review their options and make sound choices.

My brothers; behind every fact is a face; behind every statistic is a story; and behind every catch phrase is a young man whose future will be lost if something is not done immediately to change his reality.

We talk a lot about supporting our youth, but now is the time for ACTION not just words!!! I'm going to ask you to dig down deep in your pockets to help fund our programs, training, trips, t-shirts, and whatever else is needed to take care of our youth. I need you to carve out some time in your busy schedules to spend some quality time with our youth knights, to mentor, guide, and be that positive role model that they need at this critical stage in their lives. Our program cannot achieve success without the support of each and every Prince Hall Mason in the Jurisdiction of Virginia.

I have chosen the theme **Inspiring Excellence - Changing A Life** and Donald Lawrence's **There is a King in You** as our song. I truly look forward to working with you to inspire our youth and awaken the King in each of them.

The 139th Annual Grand Lodge Session

By L. J. McCoy #33

Falls Church – The gavel, having been passed from Committee on Work member WPM Thomas J. Jennings, Jr. #293 to RW Grand Lecturer of the West Kerry R. Brown #61, to the RW Grand Lecturer of the East Edward E. Lattimore, III #13, our MW Grand Master Shelton Riddick #323 was properly received and given Grand Honors. He then directed we join hands as WPM Gidwood Sutton, Jr. #198 led the Craft in prayer.

When RW Sr. Grand Deacon Donald S. Wilson #67 read the MW Grand Master's Proclamation and PDDGM Raymond A. Sutton III #13 read the Initial Credentials Committee Report declaring lodges #247, #295, #13, #128, and #289 were properly registered and credentialed, our Constitutional prerequisites had been met. The 139th Annual Grand Session of our MWPHGL of VA was then officially opened on Thursday, September 18, 2014. The MW Grand Master then received 25 first time attendees to the altar and allowed Brothers Lateef Watson #293 and Lovie Wynn #65 to represent them. Greeting them with a quote from Abraham Lincoln, RW Jr. Grand Deacon Beverly W. Morgan, Jr. #298 gave them words of encouragement along with RW Jr. Grand Warden Richard Townes #235.

After an introduction by RW Deputy Grand Master Roger C. Brown #327, MW Grand Master Riddick began his Annual Address by thanking the Lord with a prayer by W Grand Asst. Chaplain Willie Basnight #136. He focused his message on our membership decline, scholarships presented, the Golf Tournament, and the Grand Lodge Charity Raffle, and summed it up by offering several recommendations.

As the constitutional date/hotel was not available to have the 2015 Grand Lodge Session in Richmond was not possible, the Grand Secretary explained the procedure for changing the date. A motion was made to change the date to September 10, 11, & 12, 2015 and properly seconded, but motion for adoption failed due to opposition. The Grand Master stated there is a second option.

MW Grand Master Riddick then received committee reports from the Board of Directors, the RW Grand Secretary, the RW Grand Treasurer, and the Budget Committee.

The next order of business was the nomination of GL officers and the gavel was passed to MWP Grand Master Robert E. Harris #34. The Credentials committee reported the voting strength was set at 417. MW GM Riddick took the opportunity to nominate RW DGM Roger C. Brown to the position of MW Grand Master. With no other nominations made, the nominations were closed on the singular name of Roger C. Brown and a unanimous ballot cast electing him. W Grand Marshal James Brown #300 then made a motion that all other line officers move up which was properly seconded and the motion for adoption prevailed. Opening the floor for nominations for RW Jr. Grand Deacon, the body nominated PM Richard C. Dotson #107, WPM Floyd M. Brown, Jr. #128, WDDGM Steven Legette #121, and RW Past GL George T. Cutler, Jr. #80. RW Past GL Irving B. Spence #80 moved to retain the present Grand Lecturers which was properly seconded and motion for adoption prevailed. RW Grand Directors Nominations were RWGD Walter E. Brown #18, MWGM Shelton Riddick #323, and WDDGM Leonard C. Johnson #293.

After the minutes of the previous day were read, the MW Grand Master received committee reports from the Grand Master's Address, the Constitution, the Education, the History, the Charity, the Credentials, the Bee Hive, the Grand Lodge Officers, the CCFC, the KOP, the Grand Master's Council, and the Registration Committees.

MWGM Riddick expressed his pleasure in the performance of the District Deputy Grand Masters and presented each with a Recognition Certificate. In an emotional explanation for not running for the Board, RWBD Maurice J. Holland #79 stated that his job would be taking him out of the country and he would not be able to serve this Grand Lodge properly.

After passing the hat in support of local students, $654.00 was collected to give to the high schools and elementary schools.

The election results indicated that incumbent RWGD Walter E. Brown #18 was re-elected and WDDGM Leonard C. Johnson #293 was elected. Also, in a run-off election for RWJGD, RW PGL George T. Cutler #80 was the victor.

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The 139th Annual Banquet

By L. J. McCoy #33

Falls Church – Letting everyone know, "My favorite two things are a microphone and a camera, RW Senior Grand Warden Paige D. Cherry #3 acted as Master of Ceremonies for the ailing RW Grand Secretary Isaac S. Hughes #314.

After receiving the Grand Worthy Matron Robin Brown and Most Worshipful Grand Master Shelton Riddick #323, RWSGW Cherry #3 received an invocation from W Asst. Grand Chaplain Willie Basnight #136 and a welcome/greetings by RW Jr. Grand Deacon Beverly W. Morgan, Jr. #298. Following dinner, RW Deputy Grand Master Roger C. Brown #327 presented MW Grand Master Riddick a trophy cup and his wife a trophy plate.

Along with direction from the RW Grand Secretary, the MW Grand Master made presentations, Masonic Awards, and remarks to:

- Special presentation by MWGM Riddick to DDGM Morris Nelson #113,
- MW Past Grand Masters presented two $250.00 scholarships to graduating students,
- Secretary of the Year was WPM Aaron L. Edmondson #146,
- Treasurer of the Year was WPM Carl A. Albritton #298,
- Co-Treasurer of the Year was WPM Antonio R. Pride #43,
- Third Place in the Jewel Contest was Eureka Lodge #15,
- Second Place in the Jewel Contest was Pocahontas Lodge #7,
- First Place in the Jewel Contest was Triangle Lodge #293,
- Worshipful Past Masters of the Year were WGP William E. Moore, Jr. #92, DDGM Alton Miles #196, WGP Calvin Ruff #323, WGAP Larry Spence #189, WGSS Clifton Pierce #189, WGJS WGAT Ernest Harris #69,
- Master Masons of the Year were Baron Lawrence #256 and Julius D. Spain, Sr. #58,
- Small District of the Year the 30th Masonic District,
- Co-Small District of the Year the 13th Masonic District,
- District Deputy Grand Master of the Year of the Small Districts DDGM Willie M. Steward, Sr. #108,
- Co-District Deputy of the Year of the Small District DDGM Steven S. Legette #121,
- Large Masonic District of the Year the 15th Masonic District,
- Co-Large Masonic District of the Year the 14th/16th Masonic Districts,
- Co-Large Masonic District of the Year the 31st Masonic District,
- District Deputy Grand Master of the Year of the Large Districts DDGM Harvey Eggleston #187,
- Co-District Deputy Grand Master of the Year of the Large Districts DDGM Wilbert Jones #235,
- Co-District Deputy of the Year of the Large District DDGM Leonard C. Johnson #293,

Finally, MW Grand Master Riddick presented the Grand Master's Cup to DDGM Curtis L. Gunn, Jr. #3.

Grand Masters and Grand Lodge Officers around the country pose with MW Grand Master Shelton Riddick at the Grand Lodge Banquet.

Joint Prince Hall Day & Memorial Service

By L. J. McCoy #33

Falls Church – On Wednesday September 17th, the Prince Hall Day ceremonies were opened with RW Grand Lecturer of the West Kerry R. Brown #61 presiding. RWGL Brown then received RWGL of the East Edward E. Lattimore III #13, WGAC Bishop Willie Basnight #136, DDGM Leonard C. Johnson #293, and RWSGD Donald S. Wilson #67 to the rostrum to enhance the program.

A brief history of Prince Hall Masonry was presented by RWGL Lattimore #13. He reminded us that Brother Prince Hall and the Massachusetts brothers were issued a charter to from the Grand Lodge of England in 1787 and that the Virginia Grand Lodge was later established in December 1875 with Brother James E. Fuller as the first Most Worshipful Grand Master.

RWGL Brown #61 continued the program of events by introducing the participants who would perform the Lodge of Sorrow. With WPM Thomas J. Jennings, Jr. #293 as Worshipful Master, WM Danny Lambouths #11 as Sr. Warden, and WM Marques Pitre #298 as Jr. Warden, they conducted the ceremonies to honor those brothers who had passed since the last session.

Due to an ailing Grand Chaplain Rev. Waverly Brown #284, WGAC Bishop Willie Basnight #136 gave the Word from St. John 14:1-2, "Let not your heart be troubled". WGAC Bishop Basnight closed by comforting everyone by reminding them that God is still in control.

The evening events were concluded with RW Deputy Grand Master Roger C. Brown introducing MW Grand Master Shelton Riddick who thanked everyone in attendance.

Treasurer & Secretary School

By L. J. McCoy, Jr. #33

Falls Church – Displaying a declining membership graph, RW Grand Secretary Isaac Hughes #314 stressed that "the bucket will soon lose its bottom". In other words, unless there is some reliable plan, the fraternity could cease to exist. RWGS Hughes stated that membership raised 236, reinstated 23, rejoined 20, affiliated 31, demitted 39, suspended 298, and 158 deceased within the 2013-14 period.

Our CPA, Mr. Garland Adkins, then addressed the matter. He identified that there were 15,016 members in 1990, but only 5,029 today. Several brothers expressed their opinions on the dilemma from stating we need a transition plan to what have any of our former Grand Masters attempted to reverse this trend.

The RWGS Hughes then focused on the importance of the subordinate Lodges completing the required annual forms before the August deadline. With an understanding that emailing the forms would be more convenient, he understood that not all lodges have the capacity to receive or provide electronic responses.

RW Grand Treasurer James E. Watkins, Jr. #44 emphasized that there will be a change at the Schools of Instruction where there will be break-away sessions for Treasurers and Secretaries. Commending the MW Grand Master and the subordinate Lodges, he stated that 90% of the lodges are paying their assessments on time.

Other items that were addressed at the school included the Grand Lodge Charity Raffle, the Gaming Commission process, IRS 990 forms, hiring additional office staff, and the Treasurer/Secretary of the Year nominees.

2014 Cook-Out in the East

By L. J. McCoy #33

Kilmarnock – They played Bid Whisk, they ate fish, hot dogs, & steamed crabs, and they sled down the inflated slide – not the Brothers, the kids.

Shedding their collars and purple aprons, Grand Lodge Officers hosted another Statewide Cookout on Saturday, August 9th for family, friends, and guests. The event was once again held at the Kilmarnock Resort the MWPHGL's Education and Training Center where the brothers of Palestine Lodge #100 meet.

MWGM Shelton Riddick #323 was very happy and quick to identify all of the capital improvements to the brothers in attendance. With an extended canopy over the front entrance and space cleared for additional parking, State Director of the Knights of Pythagoras Director WPM Carl A. Albritton #298 has plans for the 2015 KOP Encampment to be held at the Kilmarnock facilities.

When the threat of rain occurred, social conversation expanded and moved inside to the massive fellowship hall. Even MWPGM Larry D. Christian #253 kept the small and big kids happy dispensing fruit flavored snow cones inside.

It was an afternoon well attended and enjoyed by a host of Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter officers, as well as, many brothers and sisters and many friends and families.

An Evening of Elegance with Lady Brown

By L. J. McCoy #33

Petersburg – "Cooling Waters" were flowing and a "Change was Gon' Come" was in the air as DDGM Edward T. Henderson, Jr. #23 escorted the MW Prince Hall Grand Lodge's First Lady Mrs. Brenda Brown into the banquet hall of the Masonic Temple on Halifax Street.

MW Past Grand Master Larry D. Christian #253 assumed the role of Master of Ceremonies at this November 15th event designed to honor the wife of MWGM Roger Brown. Additional program participants were PADDGM Darrin Hill #43, Ms. Stacie Brown (MWGM's daughter), Sister Tonya Goode, and a Petersburg Trio who sang tributes for the event.

This program evolved as the brainstorm of Sister Saundra Mason to showcase the Grand Master's wife as she represents that which he holds dear. Mrs. Mason believed that this celebration demonstrates a stronger bond of our Masonic Bodies and deliver a message that will resonate far into our future.

Rev. Leroy Evans introduced the speaker, Rev. Lamont Hobbs, Pastor of the Metropolitan Baptist Church. He spoke to the First Lady and all, that the world is a 'changing place'. He stated that organizations like the Masons and the Eastern Stars must recognize that this is the 'season for change'. Understanding that it is hard to change, he stressed to Mrs. Brown to continue to be herself as she adjusts to the changes. Finally, he concluded that she is not First Lady Brown, but 'Lady Brown' first.

Accolades and presentations to First Lady Brown were made by Mrs. Sue Nelson, Saundra Mason, Terry Taylor, Terry Parker, Magnolia Rivers, and DDGM Joseph E. Diggs #43. The program closed with remarks from MWGM Brown and a benediction from Rev. Leroy Evans.

Over $73,200 Awarded By MWPHGL of VA

By L. J. McCoy #33

Falls Church – The MW Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Virginia, Free and Accepted Masons, Inc. Board of Directors on recommendation of the Grand Lodge Scholarship Committee awarded the funding of a total of 111 scholarship applications. Fifty-seven students were for graduating high school seniors (GHSS) and 54 were for the Scholarship Program 's continuing education college students (GHSS). After evaluation, it was recommended that the GHSS would receive $1,000 each and the CECS would receive $300 each.

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

The Scholarship Committee members of PDDGM John C. Harrison #142, RWJGD Beverly W. Morgan, Jr. #298, David Mosley #204, Henry Easton #249, Frederick A. Harrison #108, Willie L. Wright, Jr. #3, Charles D. Marlow #327, and Keith Williams #11 recommended GHSS scholarships for:

F Name	MI	L Name	Sponsor
Alexis	C	Adkins	James M. Adkins Jr.
Terrell	D	Archie	James E. Watkins Jr.
Sierra	M	Austin	Gary L. Baker
Hosea	W	Bagley	Hosea W. Baglet Sr.
J'Adore	Q	Bailey	Anthony Smith
T'Keyah	S	Banks	Benjamin Dawson
Jalonda	T	Bartee	John W. Bartee Sr.
Chandler	D	Bradley	Caorad Bradley
Malik	L	Brown	Art L. Wright
Nicole		Brown	Moses Wyche
Kala	D	Burwick	Henry A. Singleton
Tia	P	Byrd	Michael N. Christian
MarKeith	R	Carr	Ardell J. Walker
Bria	L	Coleman	James C. Gordon
Taylor	A	Crudup	James L. Stamps
Dierra	S	Green	Darrell Green
Elena	L	Green	Earl A. Smith Sr.
Camille	S	Haliday	Earl Haliday Jr.
Ramesha	A	Hampton	Olyn P. Hampton
Jasmine	B	Harrison	Oliver M. Harrison
Brishaun	J	HawkinsWesson	Terrence D. Wesson
Carlos	D	Henderson Jr.	James E Thomasson
Meygan	G	Hogan	Dwight R Hagans
Janae	K	Holleman	Jason T. Hollemon III
Jamaal	R	Hubbard	Knight of Pythagoras
Darian	M	James	Rickie James
Taylor	D	Jeffery	Terrence M. Pruitt
DeAndre'	M	Johnson	Leonard C. Johnson
Jalen	G	Johnson	Harold Johnson
Joseph	C	Lee III	Joseph P. Lee Jr.
Maliek	C	Legette	Steven Legette
Russell	J	Long	James M. Long
Symone'	K	McCullough	Craig McCullough
William	H	Merritt	William H. Merritt Jr.
Brittany	A	Mickens	Sylvester Smith
Christian	A	Mitchell	S. Lamont Huffaker
Jasmine	G	Monger	Johnie P. Faulk Jr.
Daija	M	Nelson	Kennetrh E. Nelson
Kayla	D	Paige	Joseph A. Hartso
Jasmine	M	Parham	Antonio S Paraham
Jamel	M	Perkins	James C. Perkins
Gregory	W	Pierce	Edward Hill Jr.
Ciara	J	Rawls	Sidney N. Rawls Sr.
Jasmine	M	Rock	Reuben T. Rock
Rhiane	I	Samuel	Clint Samuel
Ryan	M	Scott	Eric C. Scott
Kiana	M	Smith	Kenneth R. Byrd
Michael	W	Spencer	Michael W. Spencer Sr.
Bria	N	Sweat	Luther White
Rashard	T	Sykes	Timothy D. Sykes
Tyler	S	Thornhill	Murrell W. Thornhill IV
Chelsie	P	Towsend	Jerry R. Townsend
Alexia	R	Vonner	Alton L. Miles
Ellis	M	Webster	Monte Webster
Kenya	C	Welch	Jomes O. Borders Sr.
Samantha	M	Wilson	Samuel K. Wilson
Freddereika	S	Younger	Alfred Younger

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Masonic Lapel Pin

The Charity Golf Tournament Committee members are selling Lapel Pins. The cost is $10.00 each. The proceeds will assist our 2nd, 3rd and 4th year college students.

Contact MWPGM Larry D. Christian at 757 566-2066 or lchristian2@verizon.net

Schools of Instruction

Tidewater Holds the First School of Instruction

By L. J. McCoy #33

Hampton – On a chilly but sunny January 10th Saturday, the MW Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Virginia held its first School of Instruction at the Queen Street Worship Center in Hampton. MW Grand Master Roger C. Brown #327 was properly received along with his complete elected cabinet and he asked all first time attendees to stand. Brother Calvin M. Wilds, Jr. #13 spoke on behalf of the 18 first time attendees, and RW Deputy Grand Master Paige D. Cherry #3 responded for our MWGM. MWGM Brown then presented the 18 with Certificates of Attendance and awarded the youngest attendee, Brother Ricky McKnight #65 and the oldest Brother Jessie L. Lewis #167 with a MWPHGL of VA a 140th Anniversary Medallion.

RW Grand Lecturer Edward E. Lattimore, III #13 entertained comments on the Opening Ceremony. Brothers who had questions and comments included Anthony Hinton #13, Calvin Evans #13, James Madison #124, Ron Carter #92, Jerry Phillips #229, Frederick Neblitt #80, Edward Henderson #23, Willie Ray Allison #4, Craig McCullough #92, Ray Sutton III #13, Howard Green #13, John Amos #167, James Tabron #93, and Charles Bowman #124. Addressing procedures on receiving Grand Lodge Officers into a subordinate lodge, Committee on Work PM Antonio Pride #43 served as Worshipful Master.

Under a new procedure which required a written test, the Certificate of Merits were presented to Brothers Marquis Adams #92, Charles Bowman #124, Sean H. Deveraux #13, Edward Henderson, Jr. #23, and Larry Johnson #298. The lodge with the most members present was Maceo Consolidated #124. There were two Lodges, Joshua #66 and South Hill #197, which had the highest percentage of members present.

After the presentation of several Grand Lodge reports, MWGM Brown closed the school.

The Richmond School of Instruction

By L. J. McCoy #33

Richmond – On a rainy but pleasant Saturday morning, MW Grand Master Roger C. Brown #327 presided over the second School of Instruction at the Hobson Lodge. The MWGM appropriately emphasized that we were here to teach and learn. Asking for the spokesman of the first time attendees, Brother Mark Moyler #23 made comments. With 21 brothers standing, Right Worshipful Jr. Grand Warden Donald Wilson #67 gave welcoming remarks for our MWGM.

Grand Master Brown then took the opportunity to make special presentations of 140th Anniversary Medallions to the youngest brother present, Mark Moyler #23, and the oldest brother present, WPM William Parker #23 at 86 years old.

RW Grand Lecturer of the East Edward E. Lattimore #13 followed by instructing Committee on Work member PM Antonio Pride #43 to instruct the brothers on receiving Past Masters and Grand Lodge officers into subordinate lodges. Brothers Leonard Hawkins #327, Samuel Branch #81, Alexander Duncan #24, Ronald Berkley #25, Darrick Marlow #327, Ricky Williams #324, Richard Mabry #263, Michael Magnum #81, Humphrey Johnson #107, Kirk Saunders #81, Wayne Graves #263, James Williams #44, Mack Riddick #81, and Walter Scott #324 asked questions and expressed remarks to the RW Grand Lecturers.

In a special break-off session for Secretaries and Treasurers, RW Grand Treasurer James E. Watkins, Jr. #44 and WAGT James "Sonny" Fortune, Jr. #126 gave detailed instructions in their duties. During this session brothers George Dean #107, Billy Peters #92, MWPGM Shelton Riddick #323, and H. Glen Brown #237 responded to the RW Grand Treasurer's remarks.

The session ended by presenting certificates of merit to Ceil T. Davis, Jr. #66, Melvin R. Johnson #13, Clifton Pierce #197, Alfred Simmons #54, Terry Taylor #43, Calvin M. Wilds, Jr. #13, and Ricky Williams #324. The lodge with the greatest membership present was Commonwealth Lodge #81 and the greatest member percentage was present Lord Hannibal Lodge #327.

The Grand Lodge of Virginia Visits the Grand Lodge of DC

District of Columbia – On a cool but sunny December 10, 2014, over 164 brothers from the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Virginia traveled to the 166th Grand Lodge Session of the District of Columbia. MWGM John T. Doles, Sr. of DC was pleased to receive MWGM Roger C. Brown #327, RW Deputy Grand Master Paige D. Cherry #3, the Virginia elected line officers, and the delegation.

MWGM Doles address to the session referred to the tragedies which had occurred in our nation. He emphasized that we must do more than attend our meetings and go home. Declining memberships, escalating expenses and the misuse of the ballot box upon entering Masonry were the highlights of his concerns.

As MWGM Roger C. Brown expressed his concerns to the podium, he stated we came because we are "Living a Purpose". He summed up his address by presenting MWGM Doles a picture plaque of his visit to a local lodge in Virginia.

The Jurisdiction of our Nation's Capital continued their Grand Lodge Session and expressed their gratitude to the Virginia delegation by providing a sumptuous repast served in their Prince Hall Center for Performing Arts Banquet Hall.

DC MW Grand Master Doles stated before addressing the 166th Grand Lodge Session "As Elizabeth Taylor told one of her many husbands, I'm not keeping you long."

Tidewater Lodge #106 Donates School Supplies

By WM J.G. Brown #106

Norfolk - It's that time of year again, time for the children to start the new school year. The Brothers of Tidewater Lodge #106 (First Masonic District Norfolk, Virginia) were willing to do their part to ensure that our children had all the necessary school supplies to start the school year on a positive note.

Tidewater Lodge #106, along with First Baptist Church Logan Park and Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church Norfolk, Virginia joined forces in hosting the "2nd Annual Titus Town Community Back 2 School Youth Rally" held on Saturday, August 23, 2014 at the Titus Town Recreation Center in Norfolk. Tidewater #106 contributed $350.00 to purchase Back packs, notebooks, pencils and other school supplies for the students heading back to school. Tidewater #106 helped distribute 360 fully equipped book bags during the rally. The lodge didn't stop there. While some of the brothers of Tidewater #106 officiated a youth basketball game, other brothers conducted a basketball skills challenge, while others manned the barbecue grill and grilled a lunch of hamburgers, hotdogs and all the fixings for a crowd of 500 people.

The brothers of Tidewater #106 were proud to have contributed to such an outstanding community event and look forward to a continued partnership with both churches and the Titus Town Recreation Center as we plan for the 3rd annual rally next summer.

Shiloh's 11th Annual Gospel Program

By L. J. McCoy #33

Hopewell – You couldn't stay in your seats on August 31st at the 12th Masonic District's Divine Sunday Gospel Program sponsored by Shiloh Lodge #33 at First Baptist Church City Point. Originally chaired by the late WPM Taylor L. Jones, chairman WPM Odell Williams #33 brought together men's choirs from Mt. Carmel Baptist Church, Friendship Baptist Church, as well as First Baptist City Point to issue holy voices for the evening.

Leading the 12th Masonic District with over 25 brothers that evening, WDDGM Joseph E. Diggs #43 was pleased that WM Michael Kidd #33 would continue the annual program for the sake of the community. The event was also a manner in which the lodge raised funds for its scholarship program.

In an act of unity to close the event, PM Avon Miles #33 combined all three choirs who did a tribute to WPM Jones by singing his trademark song "His Eye Is on the Sparrow."

The 3rd MD Gives to the Schools

DDGM Curtis Gunn, RWSGW Paige D. Cherry, ADDGM 's Ike Curry and Elbert Scott and members of the Third Masonic District pose with the Principal, Mrs. Vanessa Whichard-Harris, of the District's adopted school, Emily N. Spong Preschool on the opening day of school.

Portsmouth - Principal Venessa Whichard-Harris recognized that she and her staff were in awe of the brothers of the Third Masonic District turnout at Emily Spong Pre-School in support of Fathers Being Involved (FBI) and bringing their children to school. Appreciating the way the District listened to her goal regarding the fathers, she complimented them this year. She said, "It appears to her that the brothers made her goal their own!

In the moment I was with you; you had spread out and started greeting and talking to dads about the FBI Program, and you encouraged the dads to sign up and be a part of this most important endeavor for their children.

Words really cannot express my gratitude. Through your efforts, 35 dads signed up for the program.

We will keep you informed regarding our progress and provide you with a schedule of all the events planned for the year

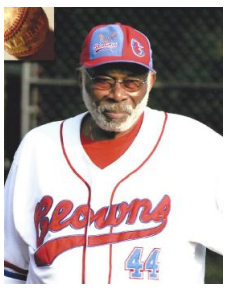
Diversity Lodge No. 330 5th Annual Veterans Day Event, VFW Post 1503

By WM Julius D. Spain, Sr. #58

Dale City - On November 9, 2014 Diversity Lodge No. 330 hosted its 5th Annual Veterans Day event at the VFW Post 1503, located in Dale City, Virginia. This has been an annual success and allows one service oriented organization to support another as well as the local veterans, soldiers and their families. The event is a free event held every year and is open to all. This year the head count was over 275 friends, family, veterans and active-duty members fed and fellowshipping together. Many Virginia Masonic Districts in the Virginia Jurisdiction as well as those from outside the Jurisdiction were represented.

The Dale City Volunteer Fire Department also brought out their trucks, emergency medical vehicles and the large ladder trucks so that the children on hand, as well as some of the adults, could go in and around the trucks and have a great time checking out the fire equipment. The firemen also put some of their gear on so that if the kids are ever in a situation where they see a fireman dressed they would not be as scared.

Our very own Most Worshipful Grand Master Roger C. Brown, #327 was in attendance. He was introduced to the leadership of the VFW Post and informed of the event's history, the Dale City Volunteer firefighters and the brothers and families in attendance. He and his staff all had a grand time and left with their bellies full for their ride back down south along I-95. The event was truly a great success this year. We are working to get our own Child Identification Program computers for next year so that we can once again do the documentation for children and the elderly in case of emergency.



In 1920 Rube Foster the owner of the Chicago American Giants decided that the time had arrived for a Negro Baseball League. The Negro league fielded eight teams and over 3,000 players from the 1900's to the early 1960's.One of those players was **Brother Levi "Champie" Drew #66** (pictured left). Brother Drew played first base and outfielder for the Indianapolis Clowns in 1957. In 2003, he was inducted into the Negro Hall of Fame and in 2014; he was inducted into the Hampton Afro-American Hall of Fame. If you would like more about the league and "Champie" go to www.nllhof.org .

A Look at Pride of Fairfax County Lodge #298

By WM A. Marques Pitre#298

Brotherly Love

In furtherance of the powerful message, "Let the world see how Mason's Love one another" on December 13, 2014 Pride of Fairfax County Lodge #298 held their second annual Christmas Cheer Holiday Party in conjunction with its Martin Luther King Council #39 Knights of Pythagoras Council meeting. The Brothers and Sisters of Pride provided a pot-luck style dinner, participated in a Secret Santa exchange, and provided every child in attendance an early Christmas gift. This program provided an opportunity for the Masonic family to fellowship with one another, place smiles on the faces of our children and most importantly, spread the cement of brotherly love.

Relief

One of Masonry's strongest principals is the betterment of man. As we say, "every human being has a claim on your kind offices, do good unto all recommend it more especially to the household of the faithful". POF maintains strict adherence to this motto in all of its charitable acts. As such, one of their most satisfying programs is their quarterly Bingo night at the Eleanor U. Kennedy Homeless Shelter. Each event is an opportunity to provide a few hours of solace and entertainment to those that are less fortunate. On November 21, 2014 POF held their latest Bingo night, where they provided snacks, beverages, and shared laughs with residents. More importantly, over $200 in Wal-Mart gift cards were distributed to assist the residents in acquiring essentials that may have been otherwise hard to obtain. The shelter residents are always grateful and Pride takes joy in inserting a bit of happiness into their lives.

Another one of POF's important charitable endeavors is its participation in the American Diabetes Association's Annual "Step Out & Walk" to Stop Diabetes fundraiser. This cause has been of great importance to POF because many of their members and family suffer from this debilitating disease. As evidence of its importance, on November 2, 2014, POF walked to stop diabetes and for the second year in a row, led all organizations and corporations in fundraising. Additionally, in successive years Pride exceeded the previous year's fundraising total, which this year, culminated in their highest fundraising total to date; $9,414. This was a phenomenal success that will go a long way to the prevention, cure and improvement of the lives of all people affected by this disease

Truth

POF rejoices in the prosperity of our fellow Brothers and as such we want to use this opportunity to formally congratulate the election of RWSGD Beverly W. Morgan, Jr. and the appointments of ADDGM Carl Albritton and Assistant Grand Historian Dr. Roderick French as Grand Lodge Officers.

Taking Care of Brothers in Need

By Brother Myles Jackson #109

Roanoke - In times like these, there are those that need a little extra help to make it through the day. This Thanksgiving Eve 2014, several Brothers from Allegheny-Dunbar Lodge #109, knocked on the doors of a couple of Brothers that needed that little extra.

Brother James Makle has been a PH Mason for over fifty years, 25 of them in the Commonwealth of Virginia. He is a Korea War Era veteran, who was drafted and served eight years in the U.S. Army serving in Korea and Germany. After leaving the Army, he went to work in our Nation's Capital as a driver for the Secretaries of Labor under Presidents Nixon, Carter, and Regan. Brother Makle joined the family of PH Masons around 1953, being raised in Beehive Lodge #66, Washington DC. He moved to the Roanoke Area in 1976 and demitted to Allegheny-Dunbar #109, where he still has an active membership. "I love being a member of a great organization," says Brother Makle. Visiting Brother Makle were Worshipful Master James Smith, Assistant District Deputy Jerome Morgan (20th Masonic District), and Brother Myles Jackson. These brothers brought Brother Makle a "dinner for one" consisting of two baked Cornish Hens and several side dishes. Before leaving Brother Makle, "Bumper" literally gave him his Masonic shirt off of his back, when he said how much he liked it. Due to medical issues, Brother Makle has not been able to attend Lodge meetings, but he still supports his Lodge while being on a fixed budget.

Their next stop was to the home of Brother James Scott. Brother Scott has been seriously ill over the past few years and has not been able to participate in our Lodge Masonic activities; even so, he is still a Brother. The Brothers from Allegheny-Dunbar #109 provided him with a turkey dinner, complete with fixing to share with his family on Thanksgiving Day. While for many of us this is a good time of year, Brother Scott and his wife suffered the loss of their son one year ago due to illness. Even with this memory, Brother Scott and his wife kept saying "how good God is" and that they are so thankful for all the blessing that they have received. Prior to leaving, Mrs. Scott offered us a sign of thanksgiving by singing "How Great Thou Art."

These visits allow us to help our own, and while we brought them gifts of food for the body; we were filled with their love in our hearts.

Pocahontas #7 Donates

Petersburg - Members of Pocahontas Lodge #7 F& AM make a donation to the Stony Creek Volunteer Rescue Squad. Pictured, on left is WPM William Steel, center is President of Stony Creek Volunteer Rescue Squad Steve White, and on right is Worshipful Master Jerry T. Harris Sr.

Shiloh Lodge #33 Widow's Breakfast

By WPM L. J. McCoy #33

Hopewell – Widows and Brothers of Shiloh Lodge #33 enjoyed breakfast and memories on Friday December 6th at a local restaurant. For the first time, the Widow's Committee Chairman SD Jerrail presented the widows with a special pin that identified them as widows of the Prince Hall family.

Unfortunately only five of our fifteen widows were able to attend. Several widows in attendance extended expressions of thanks and gratitude to the Lodge and WM Michael Kidd for recognizing them as the backbone that supported their late husbands.

Tag Team Duo Recognized for 40 Years of Service

By WDDGM Curtis Gunn #3

Portsmouth - MWPGM Robert E. Harris, Sr. (top left) and WPM Rudy Baker both members of Lebanon Lodge #34 assisted Worshipful Master Raymond Smith in presenting certificates from the Lodge and specially fabricated metalwork mementoes for their 40 years of service to the Lodge as Treasurer and Secretary to WPM William W. Watson and WPM Maynard Brown.

Each token of appreciation was designed and welded to include the Worshipful Past Master's emblem, the Lodge's name, painted in heat resistant gold, and with the jewels of their respective offices along with the Treasurer's crossed keys and the Secretary's crossed quills.

Interestingly, MWPGM Harris when elected to the position of MW Grand Master considered WPM William W. Watson for appointment to serve as the District Deputy Grand Master of the Third Masonic District. However, feeling a stronger dedication to serve his Lodge in the capacity as Treasurer he respectfully declined and subsequently recommended the name of John N. Daughtry who served as District Deputy Grand Master for 26 years and earning the honor of Worshipful District Deputy Grand Master Emeritus. Both brothers have maintained their personal standards of devotion, dedication, and love of masonry that should be examples and benchmarks for all in our organization.

7th District Family Appreciation Day Cookout

By WDDGM James Johnson #94

Hampton - The 7th Masonic District held its first Family Appreciation Day Cookout on August 19, 2014 at Bethel Park in Hampton. The Cookout was to say thank you to the families for their support while the brothers perform their Masonic duties, and to say thank you to our widows for their support as well. The Sisters from the Grand Chapter, OES 14th Eastern Star District lent their support to this very successful outing.

During the cookout, the Grand Lodge scholarship award recipients were presented with a certificate from the District and a letter of congratulations from the Grand Lodge. Thanks to WPM Rainer #268, WPM King #54, WPM High #54, Bro. Breckenridge #54, WPM Boone #94, WADDGM Badgett #268, and a special thanks to Mrs. Seymour who was very supportive by providing the side dishes.

Dr. Martin Luther King Day with Alleghany-Dunbar # 109

By Myles Jackson #109

Roanoke - Brothers from Alleghany-Dunbar Lodge #109 spent Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day remembering his Legacy – serving others. Worshipful Assistant Grand Marshal P.M. Darnell Freeman and Brothers Bernard Johnson and Myles Jackson visited Brother James Makle, a Lodge Brother that is a sick and shut-in, at his home. They brought him a meal from a local restaurant and spent time with him reflecting on Brother Mackle's life experiences in the military, federal employment, and as a Prince Hall Mason.

This 85 year old Brother's memory was amazing. He recalled experiences of racial inequality that he had encountered growing up and talked about the changes that he has seen over his lifetime. He even recall, "What a great time of fellowship as we gained insight from a Brother who lived during the period prior to and during the Civil Rights Movement.

Later that afternoon, Brothers Bernard Johnson and Myles Jackson (above) participated in the Annual Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. March in Roanoke Virginia. Over 300 people of all walks of life - young and old, Black and White, rich and poor, - marched in Roanoke celebrating the life of the great American Civil Rights Leader. What a blessing it was to share this great moment in history and being able to "Let Our Light Shine."

> **"**The highest levels of performance come to people who are centered, intuitive, creative, and reflective - people who know to see a problem as an opportunity.**" — Deepak**

Bethlehem Star has 23rd Operation Thanksgiving

By Henry Easton #249

Middlesex - Bethlehem Star Lodge #249 along with the Middlesex County Sheriff's department and other volunteers gave away 250 food baskets for Operation Thanksgiving in 2014.

The baskets included hams, turkeys along with other goodies. This marks the 23rd year that the Lodge has given out Food baskets.

50 Years in Masonry

Farmville Herald/WPM Raymond A. Sutton, III

Farmville – WPM Ralph Eanes, of Charlotte Lodge #146, was presented with a 50-year pin and a Certificate documenting this journey from the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Virginia on November 23, 2014 at Zion Baptist Church in Farmville where the Rev. Leon Jackson is pastor. Pictured left to right are WPM Frank Stokes III #146, WPM Eanes, PM Cecil Watson #146, WPM Aaron Edmendson #146, and WM Marquest Scott #146.

MWGM Brown Recognizes Scholastic Achievements

By WDDGM C. L. Gunn #3

Somerdale, NJ - Isabella Renée Grassi (above), a second grade student at Chews Elementary School, Somerdale, NJ and the granddaughter of WDDGM Curtis and Teresa Gunn is all smiles upon receiving the framed Certificate of Achievement from the Most Worshipful Grand Master and Grand Lodge of Virginia in recognition of her scholastic achievement. Here, Ms. Grassi is shown with the Silver Level award for her exemplary scholastic performance during the November ended grading period OF 2014.

The MW Grand Master has instituted a process as one of his many initiatives which to recognize and applaud our sons, daughters, grandsons and granddaughters who demonstrate high scholastic achievements with the Gold or Silver Awards. The awards are for those in the grades from Kindergarten through High School who achieve all A's, A's and B's, or comparable grading used by the various educational institutions and systems. Renée is one of many who have been congratulated since the start of the 2014-2015 school year.

All members can submit information to the RW Grand Secretary or directly to the MW Grand Master with the name of the student, relationship to the student, the address of the student, the name of the school and location being attended, and a list of the grades and/or subjects in which they excelled for the reporting period that they were received.

MWGM Brown and MWGM of DC Visits Arlington Lodge #58

By WM Julius Spain, Sr. #58

Arlington - On Thursday, October 16, 2014, Arlington Lodge #58 hosted over 83 brothers and sisters at their monthly Stated Communication in Arlington, Virginia.

The Honorable Most Worshipful Grand Master Roger C. Brown #327, Most Worshipful Grand Master of the MWPHGLVA, F& AM Inc., the Honorable John T. Doles, Sr. #19 of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia, and Worshipful Master Terry Parker of Lord Hannibal Lodge#327, Richmond, VA were properly received the lodge in their official capacities.

After calling off, Worthy Matron Lavonnia Lowe, WP William C. White and several sisters of Arlington Chapter #173, Grand Chapter, Order of the Easter Star of Virginia visited. A significant number of Worshipful Masters, Wardens, Grand Lodge Officers present and past, and brethren were present.

"Sometimes people don't understand the promises they're making when they make them. But you keep the promise anyway. That's what love is. Love is keeping the promise anyway."**— John Green**

50th Year Presentation Made to Bro. Hall #58

By WM Julius Spain #58

Arlington - On Thursday, December 18, 2014, on behalf of the MWGM Brown, Worshipful Master Spain presented Bro. Harold Hall #58 with his 50-Year Membership Pin and Certificate. This was a tribute to a man who had served in the ranks of the Masonic Fraternity for a period of two score and ten years. God Bless Him and His Family!

Sunbeam Poplar Grove Honors GAP Williams

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

Petersburg – "Life is like a picket on a fence," stated Grand Worthy Patron Robert Chadwick, "Sometimes they hold you up, sometimes they lean on you, but sometimes they stand alone, as GAP Clarence L. Williams." Brother Williams was honored by his Chapter for his dedication and support of the chapters of the surrounding area on September 27th.

Contributing to the program were classmate Ms. Joyce Simmons, GDDO #16 Magnolia Rivers, WDDGM Joseph E. Diggs #43, Ms. Thelma Jones from his church, his sister LaTrease Garrison, WPDDGM Brother George Ellis from the lodges, and MC & AGDDO Sister Yvette Robinson of Sunbeam Poplar Grove #180. Also attending was GAWM Ivery Knight who brought comments for GWM Brown.

Tribute To a Trailblazer and Loyalist of Arlington Lodge #58

By: WM Julius D. Spain, Sr. #58

Arlington - For more than 60 years, the Green Valley Pharmacy in the Nauck Community of Arlington, Virginia has been a beacon for Arlington's African-American community, and on Nov. 8, its long history – and the man responsible for it all – received formal recognition. On Saturday, November 8, 2014, brothers from Arlington Lodge 58, Arlington County officials, and a large crowd gathered outside the entrance to the pharmacy for the unveiling of an interactive historic marker that pays tribute to Arlington Lodge's very own Bro. Dr. Leonard "Doc" Muse who is 86 years old.

In 2013, the Arlington County Board designated the pharmacy site an historic district, ensuring its preservation and honoring Muse's role in serving, during the years before integration, and since, as a lifeline to Arlington's African-American community.

Operation Santa Claus in the 2nd Masonic District

By Bro. Roger Bright #

Portsmouth - The 2nd Masonic District

held its Operation Santa Claus on December 20, 2014. The Brothers of the Second Masonic District entertained fifteen children and their parents who were selected, treated to breakfast, and a Christmas season had a shopping spree at the local Wal-Mart for the Christmas-season.

The Brothers watched in delight as the children who may or not otherwise have had a good Christmas filled their shopping carts with video games, head phones, toys, clothes, and more.

After shopping, the children and parents showed their appreciation with plenty of hugs and expressions of thanks. This special event is just another way that the Brothers came together to serve the community.

MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL from the Second Masonic District, where "MEN ARE MAKING A DIFFERENCE".

The 2014 Grand Lodge Raffle Winners

Richmond – The Grand Lodge held its Annual Scholarship Raffle drawing on September 13, 2014 at the GL office on Thompson St. in Richmond. With additional prizes this year, the winners were:

First Prize - $5,000.00 - Ticket #59553 (Charlottesville Area) – **Delores Wynn**

Second Prize - $2,000.00 – Ticket #35440 (Richmond Area) – **Annie Anderson**

Third Prize - $1,000.00 – Ticket #84857 (Hampton Area) – **Isaac Morton**

Forth Prize - $1,000.00 – Ticket #94740 (Newport News Area) – **Alexander Redcross**

Fifth Prize - $1,000.00 – Ticket #45593 (Hudgins Area) – **Tyrone Smith**

Congratulations to all our 2014 winners and our thanks to all participants.

Triangle Lodge #293 Wreath Laying

By: WM Julius D. Spain, Sr. #58

Triangle - The theme on this year was "Remember, Honor and Teach." Under the sound leadership of Worshipful Master Phillip Brannon#293, on Saturday, December 13, 2014, the Brothers, family and friends of the Lodge braved the frigid early morning temperature in support of the Annual Wreaths Across America Project held at Arlington National Cemetery in Arlington, Virginia. This year's 22nd wreath laying event was a huge success with the help of Triangle Lodge No. 293, hundreds of other civic organizations and over 50,000 volunteers. The milestone was reached by laying a Remembrance Wreath at the gravesite of all 230,000 members buried in Arlington National Cemetery.

Triangle Lodge & the Salvation Army Ring the Bell

By WM Julius D. Spain, Sr. #58

Triangle - On Saturday, December 6, 2014, the brothers of Triangle Lodge #293 performed a community service in support of the Salvation Army's Red Kettle Program by "Ringing the Bell." The Brothers volunteered their time and paired up into two man teams each to "Man the Kettle and Ring the Bell". Collected donations from patrons that totaled an $1,541.51.

This is Triangle Lodge's 5th year of partnering with the Salvation Army and one of the numerous ways in which they give back to the Prince William County, Virginia community while enjoying the opportunity to fellowship with one another.

Open House for Prince Hall Lodge #61

Spotsylvania – Nestled between an indoor soccer field and the Shannon Airport, Prince Hall Lodge #61 has relocated to its new facilities at 3418

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Shannon Park Drive. WM Warren M. Mann and WDDGM Leandre Bennett #61 were proud to welcome brothers and Lodges to an open house held Saturday November 15th to dedicate the building.

It was WDDGM Bennett #61 who shared a brief history of the Lodge and MWPGM Warren W. Lee #6, the 1934-36 GM, and on the details which led to the present lodge. In 1972, Brother Robert Lucas Rivers #16 petitioned to purchase the property at 609 Sophia St. over-looking the Rappahannock River for $35,000. The brothers then remodeled the home into a lodge hall. Since the city wanted the property to complete its riverfront project, the city negotiated to buy the lodge. The city made a handsome offer to purchase the building and Prince Hall Lodge #61 settled.

The lodge then purchased land in the Shannon Place Industrial Park for over $200, 000 and built the building for $225,000. With an enormous fellowship hall, full kitchen, Secretary/Treasurer office, and of course a lodge room it is truly a flagship lodge in the jurisdiction of Virginia.

The afternoon program included a brief history of the lodge by former mayor Rev. Lawrence Davies and remarks were made by MWGM Roger C. Brown #327.

A guided tour of the lodge facilities and light refreshments closed the event.

OES & Lodge Christmas Social

By WPM L. J. McCoy #33

Chester – Lily of the Valley #44 OES welcomed the brothers of Shiloh Lodge #33 to a Christmas Social on December 19th. Along with sharing related business activities, the Chapter and Lodge enjoyed a menu of chicken, ham, string beans, collard greens, potato salad, and a variety of desserts.

Both organizations realized that this was only the second time in their history that they enjoyed a joint fellowship, but were committed to continue this relationship. As an accomplished musician, WPM Avon Miles played on the piano and had everyone joined in singing several Christmas carols.

St. John the Evangelist in the 33rd MD

By WAGP William E. Moore, Jr. #92

Virginia Beach – On December 4, 2014 the 33rd Masonic District celebrated St John the Evangelist Day at Mount Olive Baptist Church 310 N. Birdneck Road Virginia Beach, VA where Rev. Jason N. Knight is the Sr. Pastor.

In attendance was the host lodge Oceana #69, where WM Ronald Andrews governs the East, Ruth #92, Unity #93 and Washington #139. Our OES sisters from District #34 were also present. Grand Lodge Officers present included WDDGM Burton

A. Buddy Staples #93, WADDGM Billy Peters #92, WAGP William E Moore Jr. #92 and WPADDGM Kevin Murray #69.

WDDGM Staples brought greetings from our MWGM Roger C. Brown #327, the Grand Worthy Matron, and Grand Worthy Patron. He acknowledged the Grand Lodge Officers, present and past, along with the Lodges and Worshipful Masters. He also presented the church with a monetary donation from the District.

Pastor Knight's sermon was based out of II Timothy 4:5-8, "GOD gave us all a gift to serve him and give him the glory." GOD gifted you with a purpose, not just a gift to sit down on. The sermon fell in line with the Grand Master's theme, "Living the Purpose."

Tidewater Lodge #106 Walks for Breast Cancer

Virginia Beach - The fight to end breast cancer starts with a single step. Tidewater Lodge #106 (1st MD) was one of 171 teams and 1,808 participants who that that initial step and participated in the 9th annual "Making Strides Against Breast Cancer Hampton Roads Walk". In an effort to promote awareness and raise funds for this affliction, on October 4th, 2014 Tidewater #106 supported the American Cancer Society by walking in the non-competitive 5K event at Mt. Trashmore Park in Virginia Beach, VA. The event will help bring a lifetime of change for people facing breast cancer and their families.

In 2014, an estimated 232,340 new cases of invasive breast cancer will be diagnosed among women with 39,620 women expected to die from breast cancer. Only lung cancer accounts for more cancer deaths in women.

The brothers of Tidewater 106 wanted to do their part in helping the American Breast Cancer society raise money to help fight the disease, with breast cancer research, information and services, and providing access to mammograms for women who need them. The event was a tremendous success as $112,271.58 was raised from the event. Team TW106 made a $200.00 donation to the American Breast Cancer

Society on behalf of Tidewater Lodge 106. A great job goes out to WM John Brown, WPM George Thompson, WPM Brian Monroe, WPM Dexter Hunt, Chaplain Raymond Gonzales, SS Stephen Edwards and Brother Earl Thomas members who represented the Lodge in during the walk.

146th Annual Session of the MWPHGL of South Carolina

By WM Julius Spain, Sr. #58

South Carolina – On December 9, 2014, MWGM Roger C. Brown #327 and his Jurisdiction's delegation visited MWGM

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Lewis H. Nelson, Jr. of the MWPHGLSC in the great Palmetto State of South Carolina. It was there that the MWPHGLSC was celebrating their 146th Annual Session in large numbers. Appointed GL Officers attending were: WGP Chester, Hazelwood#327, the Asst WGP's Richard Simpson#327, Ray Green#85, and Asst Grand Photographer McKnight. Also, three brothers from the 31st Masonic District, Bro. SD Larry Johnson #298, Bro. Paul Garrett #298, WGP Chester W. Hazelwood #327, and WM Julius Spain, Sr. #58 attended the session. MWGM Brown was pleased to see brothers traveling and encouraged the entire team to continue visiting brothers outside our jurisdiction.

Tidewater #106 Shows What They are Doing for Others

By WM John Brown #106

Norfolk - Tidewater Lodge #106 celebrated its 110th birthday by spreading cheer in the Titus Town Community of Norfolk. The men of Tidewater kicked off its birthday week by distributing 44 Thanksgiving baskets to its widows, orphans and other needy families in the local community. Each basket consisted of a turkey and all the sides necessary for a Thanksgiving meal. November 25, 1904, Tidewater 106 was issued its charter by the Grand Lodge of Virginia. So, on November 25, 2014 Tidewater #106 celebrated its 110th birthday by hosting a Thanksgiving Feast for 75 residents of Titus Town at the Titus Town Recreation Center. The brothers of Tidewater #106 and the Sisters of Rising Sun Chapter #23 served up the meal consisting of roast turkey, baked chicken and all the fixings.

No birthday is complete without singing Happy Birthday to the birthday honoree… so in true fashion, all the guests stood and sang Happy Birthday to the brothers of Tidewater. As WM John Brown and the eldest brother of the Lodge, WPM Freeman Harrison engaged in the traditional cake cutting, WM Brown made closing remarks. He expressed that our principal tenants are "Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth" and to strive to be the best Masons we can be every day of the year.

Tidewater Youth Golf Association Completes 25 Years of Instruction

By DDGM Curtis Gunn, & AM Dr. Jenean Wright

Portsmouth - Established in 1989 under the organization, direction and guidance of Most Worshipful Past Grand Master Billie L. Thompson #46 and WPM Alton Hatton #34, Prince Hall Masons, and the Tidewater Youth Golf Association, Inc. completed its 25th year. The association provided golf instructions, etiquette, and mentorship to several youth between the ages of 6 and 17 years on Saturday, August 23rd. WPM Hatton, unable to continue to serve as a Director due to health turned the Director's reigns over to MWPGM Thompson with the assistance of Prince Hall Masons, WDDGM Gunn #3, WADDGM Isaac Curry #79, WPM James Forrest #46, and Associate Matron Dr. Jenean Case Wright, Pleasant Star Chapter #132 as instructors with other adults and former student leaders. Each registered student was fitted and provided with a set of golf clubs by Mr. Warren Turner, Instructor and Golf Equipment Manager. In addition, each participant received a TYGA shirt and hat. The summer program began on June 21st with basic instruction and skill development at Waters Edge Jr. High School, and at The City Park Golf Course in Portsmouth, Virginia. Weekly instructions were conducted Mondays through Thursdays. Instructions consisted of an introduction to the game of golf; the various grips; putting; chipping; half, three quarter, and full swings; golf course skills, etiquette, and procedures to use when on the greens. Morning sessions were conducted from 9 AM to 12 noon at Waters Edge Jr. High, and afternoon sessions were conducted from 1:00 PM to 3

PM at City Park Golf Course. Individualized, small and large group instruction and guidance were provided as needed by Thompson and the Instructors. The Association held its season ending tournament on August 23rd at City Park Links Golf Course, followed by a banquet at Community Presbyterian Church located in Portsmouth, VA at 801 Tazewell Street. Participation Awards and Individual Flight Trophies were presented to youth during the banquet. Friends and family members of the participants were in attendance to show their continued support. The instructors presented MWPGM Thompson with a plaque honoring his 25 years of mentorship, his dedication to the youth, and the game of golf.

The 12th MD Operation Santa Claus

By WPM L. J. McCoy #33

Petersburg – Sponsored by the St. John's Young Men's Bingo and the 12th Masonic District Prince Hall Masons on Saturday December 20th, Chair PM Terry Webster #17 and PM Clinton Gordon #7 welcomed children, parents, and guests to the affair.

WPM Gordon explained the purpose of the affair which is also co-sponsored by Super Value, Wal-Mart Super Center, and the 12th Masonic District lodges. The event hosted 42 families which received a Christmas basket of groceries with a turkey. 54 children also received special gifts to complete their Christmas wishes.

The program closed with family photos taken by Brother William Porter

"Surround yourself with the dreamers and the doers, the believers and thinkers, but most of all, surround yourself with those who see the greatness within you, even when you don't see it yourself.**"— Edmund Lee**

Lincoln Lodge #11, Alexandria, Virginia

By: WM Julius D. Spain, Sr.

Alexandria - On October 6, 2014, Worshipful Master Danny Lambouths, Jr. #11 and the brothers of Lincoln Lodge #11 was presented with a Letter of Appreciation from the Academic Principal of T.W. Williams, High School, Alexandria, VA. The school was very appreciative in Lincoln Lodge donation of 20 backpacks for the Youth Advancement Leadership Exchange Program. Also, on November 23, 2014, Lincoln Lodge#1 and Lincoln Chapter #243 OES

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Grand Master's Agenda of Events for 2014-15

JANUARY 10, School of Instruction in Tidewater
24, School of Instruction in Richmond

FEBRUARY 7, School of Instruction in Petersburg,
27, School of Instruction in Lawrenceville,

MARCH 7, School of Instruction in Belton,
28, School of Instruction in Warrenton,
29, Divine Sunday

APRIL 11, School of Instruction in Roanoke,
15, State-wide Veteran Visitation,
26, OES Smith, Claiborne, Butts, & Roberts Day Luncheon,
27, Zerubbabbel Day HRAM,

MAY 14 – 17, Conference of Grand Masters,
18, Founder's Day, Petersburg, VA
24, Order of the Eastern Star Whit Sunday,
31, Divine Sunday
30, MWPHGL Charity Golf Tournament, Williamsburg, VA

JUNE 5-6, New York Grand Lodge Session,
7, St. John the Baptist Day
13, Grand Lodge Charity Ball, Richmond, Koger Center Double Tree,

JULY 21 -23, Grand Session OES – Doubletree 1021 Koger Center Blvd, Richmond 23225
25, Grand Lodge Cook-out in the West, Chase City

AUGUST 8, Grand Lodge Cook-out in the East in Kilmarnock,
30, Divine Sunday,

SEPTEMBER
17th – 19th, 140th Grand Lodge Session in Hampton Embassy Suite (rooms $111)

The Grand Master's Annual Charity Golf Tournament

Saturday, May 30, 2015 at The KISKIACK Golf Club, 8104 Club Dr., Williamsburg, Virginia 23188
$320 per team or $85 per player, Registration 7 AM – Shotgun Start 8 AM
Awards for 1st, 2nd, & 3rd places, also Longest Drive, Closest to pin, $5000 for Hole in One, & a Putting Contest.
Make checks payable to **MWPHGL of VA** and mail to PGM Larry D. Christian, 241 Reflection Dr, Williamsburg, VA 23188 email Grand Secretary at rwgsmwphglva@aol.com

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Pre-Registration Deadline May 20, 2014

Does the guy in the white evening jacket beside the lady in the blue gown look familiar?

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

"Twas mercy brought me from my pagan land, Taught my benighted soul to understand, That there's a God – that there's a Saviour, too: Once, I redemption neither sought nor knew." First verse of a Phillis Wheatley poem

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