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**“A Year of Giving”**

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## From the Editor



Greetings,

Another year has passed. Did you accomplish your goals? Did you improve upon yourself, family, community, and Lodge. What is going to be different in your life this 2014? How are you planning to use your Working Tools

this year? Again it is an honor and pleasure to bring to you the 14th edition of *The Texas Prince Hall Freemason*. Please continue to send in your submissions in the proper format. Additionally, the publication is available for advertisement. If you know of organizations who would like to advertise in the publication, please provide them with my email address in order to correspond.

Fraternally,

W.M. Burrell D. Parmer

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# Message from the Grand Master

Greetings,

It is stated that “you first become a Mason in your heart”. What exactly does that mean? How is that measured? It’s not the titles you hold or where you sit in your Lodge. It’s not how many Masonic Orders you can join in one year. It’s not how many different color aprons, collars, robes, frocks, hats, crowns, fezzes, caps, t-shirts, Dickie shirts or auto emblems you possess. It’s not where you sit, it’s how you serve.

Some envision what a Mason is before they ever enter a Lodge. To some it means wearing the Square and Compass on their hats, shirts and emblems on their vehicles.

M.W. Wilbert M. Curtis

Upon entering a Lodge, after a period of time, some have their eye on that prestigious seat in the East and some even strive for that marvelous seat in the Grand East. All of these positions are fine to set as a goal. It is great to aspire to be the Master of the Lodge or the Grand Master but you must “read and understand the fine print” that goes along with those positions. It requires knowing and putting those four cardinal virtues of Fortitude, Temperance, Prudence and Justice into action. It’s not where you sit, it’s how you serve.

If serving your fellowman is not on your agenda but seeking Masonic titles are, you must realize that the phrase of the day is it’s not where you sit, it’s how you serve.

When young men weigh their options on the scales of Morality, they should be able to look at Masons as an example of great character to emulate. It’s time for all of us, individually and collectively, as Masons to be about service to God, be of service to our families, be of service to our Lodges, be of service to our Brothers and be about service to our communities.

Service makes the difference and service is the difference. Be of service to somebody. If you want to be blessed then bless somebody. When you look around in some Lodges and wonder why some Brothers have been in the Lodge for 20 years but never held a elected office, check his record and you will find that those are the Brothers that are doers and workers of the Lodge. They do what they can and seek no recognition. They are not title seekers. They are Brothers who have Freemasonry in their heart.

Here is food for thought. Which one are you?

*In the Lodges today we discover it is full of bones like in the valley of dry bones.*

*1. There are the lazy bones: These are Brothers who do nothing in the Lodge but occupy a seat. They do not give any extra financial support but complain the most when there are no funds to do what they would like for the Lodge to do.*

*2. There are the jawbones: These are the Brothers who have a telephone Lodge. The gossipers are the ones who talk too much and worry you to death. They are the ones who sit in judgment in their seats, the ones whose body parts with the exception of their mouth, see very little action.*

*3. There are the wishbones: These are the Lodge Brothers who wish they had done this or wish they had done that who wish they could help, but find nothing helpful to do. They are the ones who like to do all of the thinking and planning for the Lodge but never seem to do any of the work associated with Lodge needs.*

*4. There are the skull bones: These are the stubborn hard headed self-willed Lodge Brothers. They are the ones that are most likely to resist anything that the Lodge desires to do, the ones most likely to say we never done it that way before. We’ve always done it this way. The ones who seem to relish their comfort zones never willing to take a chance and step out on faith.*

*5. There are the knuckle bones: These are Lodge Brothers that love to tear others down! Nobody can ever do anything right but themselves, not even the Master. These are the ones who love to sit in judgment of every issue acting like they are all that plus tax and interest to boot. They think that by tearing down others they are enhancing or edifying themselves when in fact they are merely demonstrating their ignorance con-*

cerning their obligation and showing their disobedience to God.

6, There are the worn bones: These are the Brothers who have retired from their duties and responsibilities by saying, I've done this or I've done that for all these years and now I am tired. Let somebody else do this job. I have no more to give I'm too weak, I'm too burned out to go anymore when in fact they could still do the work if they wanted to.

7. Finally there are the back bones: These are the Brothers that are doers not hearers. They are the ones who obeys and supports his Lodge and the leadership in it, the ones always willing to help the ones who care more about how they serve than where they sit, remember it's not where you sit, it's how you serve.

I remain...

Fraternally yours,

*Wilbert M. Curtis*



Fort Worth City Councilperson Kelly Allen Gray, U.S. Congressman Marc Veasey with son, and G.M. Curtis during the 5th Annual PHAmily Christmas Gift Giveaway held at the Grand Masonic Temple, Dec. 21, 2013.

# Grand Master's Calendar

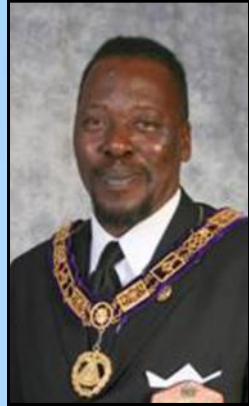
## February - April 2013

Date	Location	Event
<b>February 2014</b>		
Friday - Sunday, Jan. 30 - Feb. 1	Killeen, Texas	Texas York Rite Weekend
Saturday - Tuesday, Feb. 15 - 18	Baltimore	Conference of Grand Masters of Masons North America
Tuesday, Feb. 18	Temple, Texas	St. James Lodge No. 71 Meeting
Thursday, Feb. 20	Pine Bluff, Ark.	Southwestern Regional Meeting of the Conference of Grand Masters (P.H.A.)
Friday - Sunday, Feb. 21 - 23	Pine Bluff, Ark.	M.W.P.H.G.L. of Arkansas Grand Session
<b>March 2014</b>		
Tuesday, March 4	Temple, Texas	St. James Lodge No. 71 Meeting
Wednesday - Saturday, March 5 - 8	Albuquerque, N.M.	Annual Phylaxis Society Convention
Friday - Saturday, March 7 - 8	Houston	Texas Council of Deliberations
Tuesday, March 18	Temple, Texas	St. James Lodge No. 71 Meeting
Saturday, March 22	Arlington, Texas	King of the Court Basketball Tournament
Tuesday, March 29	San Antonio	J.T. Maxey Lodge Black and White Ball (Tentative)
Saturday, March 29	Killeen, Texas	Killeen Unity Banquet (Tentative)
<b>April 2014</b>		
Tuesday, April 1	Temple, Texas	St. James Lodge No. 71
Saturday, April 5	Pine Bluff, Ark.	G.M. Cleveland Wilson Roast and Toast Banquet
Tuesday, April 15	Temple, Texas	St. James Lodge No. 71

# Elected Grand Lodge Officers



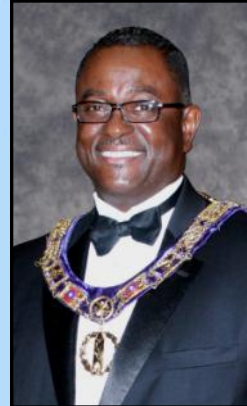
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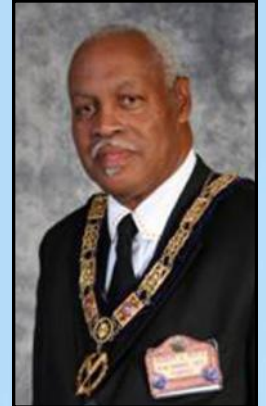
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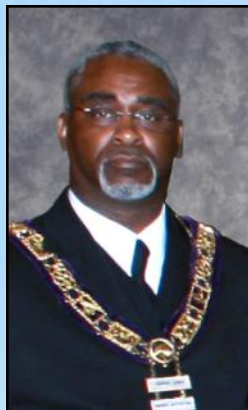
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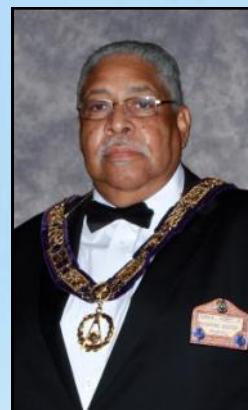
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# M.L.K. March 2014 Photos



**Districts 10 and 11  
Fort Worth**

**M.L.K.**



**M.L.K.**



**District 19  
San Antonio**

# 5th Annual PHAmily Christmas Gift Giveaway



Story by: G.W.P. Robert Calloway Jr.  
Photos by: G.P. Bryan Thompson

**FORTH WORTH** - Wow is the only word that I can think of now to express this great event. Cold rain did not keep recipients from coming to the Grand Temple to receive gifts. Toys, gift cards and 32 bikes were given to approximately 800 children. Parents and children left with huge smiles on their faces, and several large bags of toys were donated to the Salvation Army Family Center.

Let me start this report by thanking Grand Master Wilbert Curtis, Grand High Priest Willie Tate, Right Eminent Grand Commander Ronald Gerac, Most Ancient Grand Matron Jackie Levingston, Grand Worthy Matron Martha Wolridge, Grand Princess Captain R. Lucille Samuels and Chairman of the Prince Hall Charitable Foundation

of Texas Brother Willie Coleman for their continued support and participation in this annual event. Thanks to the effort of Heroine Emma Veals, we received a \$2,500 donation from Sam's Club located on Wheatland in Dallas. We also received another \$1,000 donation from Wal-Mart located at 8401 Anderson in Fort Worth.

Donations from our membership of cash, gift cards and toys made this another successful Giveaway. We also had the honor of having G.M. Curtis participate in the toy shopping process this year.

Special thanks to all of you who shopped, drove trucks, assisted in setting up the Grand Temple or whatever you did for these recipients. This was the largest number of volunteers that we have had and everyone worked great together.

As usual I don't like naming names for fear of missing someone

but these are a few I owe special thanks to Campy Smith (music), Thomas Crump (Santa Claus), Bettye Washington (Mrs. Claus), Covenant Sisters No. 74 (elves), Kawiana Harris (radio personality, Shannon J of KHVN), Glynis McGinty (refreshments), Tammie Gadsden (carolers), and Johnny Quarrels (security). United States Representative Marc Veasey and City Councilwoman Kelly Allen-Gray were also in attendance this year.

Chairing this event is made a lot easier because of the cooperation and participation of each of you. This proves that "Working Together Works".

Thanks again to each of you. I pray that the Prince Hall Masonic Family will continue to grow stronger and larger.







# Prince Hall Freemasons of Texas hold 2013 Mid-Winter Session, Raise 85 New Brethren



Members of Districts 14, 19, and 24 stand with G.M. Wilbert M. Curtis after performing the 3rd Degree on 85 new Brothers at the Grand Masonic Temple, Nov. 8, 2013.

Story by: G.E. Burrell Parmer  
 Photos by G.P. Bryan Thompson

**FORT WORTH** – By the Order of M.W. Grand Master Wilbert M. Curtis, Prince Hall Freemasons within the Jurisdiction of The Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons of Texas journeyed to the Grand Masonic Temple to attend Mid-Winter Special Session held Nov. 8 - 9, 2013.

On Nov. 8, an Occasional Lodge was opened for the purpose of degree work which was conducted by the District of the Year, District 19, where 85 Fellow Crafts were Raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason.

Beautiful work was conducted and each member of the Degree Team performed superbly. After degree work, the new Master Masons and the Craft witness the

Hiramic Legend in full dress and outstanding lecture. form conducted by Districts 14 and 24. Afterwards, Past Master Fred Miliken gave his Charge and Grand Lecturer Ivory Johnson gave an After call-off of the Occasional Lodge, the Degree Team received numerous accolades from the Brethren on the conduct of the De





*Lodge Secretaries and Treasurers attend a workshop presented by G.Sec. Hulbert Reece and G.Treas. Robert Datcher.*

gree.

On Nov. 9, the Grand Lodge officers were received and took their respective stations and places and the Grand Lodge received G.M.

Curtis.

G.M. Curtis looked out from the East and said that he thought it was June (Grand Session), referring to the number of Brothers pre-

sent.

The Proclamation was read and G.M. Curtis set the Rules and Agenda for the 2013 Mid-Winter Session.





During the Special Session, reports were delivered by various committees which included: J.T. Maxey Scholarship, Prince Hall Charitable Foundation, Grand Treasurer, Tribunal, Archives, and By-laws.

During the session, G.M. Curtis introduced P.M. James Hamms of Ever Ready Lodge No. 506 who will serve as the chairman of the new Veterans Affairs Committee. G.M. Curtis also touched on the subject of the change of personnel within the Grand Lodge Office.

After the reports, a donation was made by Dep. of the Orient Dr. John Butler (A.A.S.R.) to the Robert Conner Masonic Youth Camp in the sum of \$2,150.

G.M. Curtis then delivered the Charters of Dallas UD Lodge and Capstone Lodge UD to their Masters.

G.M. Curtis then called off the meeting for the purpose of conducting workshops which included a lecture on proper Masonic attire to include occasions for wear by D.D.G.M. Marvin Kelker of District 24 and W.M. Dr. Ron Kelley gave a lecture on petitions and investigations.

After the workshops, the Brothers

joined the Sisters in a Joint Luncheon. After the Luncheon, the Mid-Winter Session resumed.

One of the last reports was delivered by Grand Worthy Patron Robert Calloway on the Texas Prince Hall Masonic Family Christmas Giveaway to be held on Dec. 21 at the Grand Lodge.

G.M. Curtis thanked all for attending the Mid-Winter Session and then proceeded to close the Mid-Winter Session.

After the meeting, the leaders of the Masonic Families posed for photos in support of the 5th Annual Prince Hall Masonic Family Christmas Toy Giveaway.



# Districts 14 and 24 perform Hiramic Legend



Members of Districts 14 and 24 after one of numerous rehearsals in preparation for the Hiramic Legend performance.

Story by: G.E. Burrell Parmer (1)  
Photos by: W.M. Broderick James (7)

**FORT WORTH** – In the Jurisdiction of Texas, M.W. Grand Master Wilbert M. Curtis calls all Prince Hall Masons to journey to the Grand Masonic Temple for its annual Mid-Winter Special Session. Each year, Lodges bring their Fellow Crafts to be Raised during the session. On Nov. 8, 2013, 85 Fellow Crafts traveled to the city and witness to something very special, the Hiramic Legend performed in full by the Brethren of Masonic Districts 14 and 24.

The performance was at the request of G.M. Curtis who wanted the young Masons as well as some of the older Brethren to view the

legend from a different perspective. According to Deputy Grand Marshal, District Deputy Grand Master-Emeritus Ronnie Jones, this was the first time in Grand Lodge history that the legend was performed.

In order for the Brethren to perfect the legend, numerous practices were held from September until the session, twice a month.

“Everyone involved was very excited about supporting our Grand Lodge,” said G.Mars. Jones. “I am humbled and proud to be able to serve this Grand Lodge. I also felt honored to work with Grand Lecturer Ivory Johnson. His support made decision making seamless.”

According to G.Mars. Jones, he believed all in attendance were

pleased with the performance. “I think the membership enjoyed it; they were talking about it even after the event,” said G.Mars. Jones. “Hopefully they will benefit from it when they return to their Lodges and participate in degree work.”

G.Mars. Jones thanks the 19th Masonic District for doing an outstanding job during the opening and degree ceremonies.

“Their professionalism made my job too easy. I look forward to continuously supporting the M.W.P.H.G.L. of Texas,” said G.Mars. Jones. “If you were not able to be present, you missed a good time.”



**Sean Moore, Knight Treasurer  
Prince Hall Council No. 9, Dallas**

There are several reasons why I like K.O.P. One of the biggest reasons is the brotherhood that you develop while being a part of the organization. An example of this was when my parents first came to me about joining K.O.P. at the Boot Camp. I was initially very pessimistic about the idea mainly because I did not know anybody and I didn't have much knowledge about K.O.P. or the Boot Camp. My parents told me to give it a try and made me attend because they believed the experience would help me to become more of a leader and prepare for the future.

I arrived at the Boot Camp and soon realized it would be a very new experience for me. At first, I was really nervous and a little shy because I didn't know anyone there; but, gradually I realized that the guys were very friendly and welcoming to new people. I quickly became friends with them and was very happy that I joined K.O.P. and participated in the boot camp.

Another reason why I like being a part of K.O.P. is because we have many opportunities to give back to the public. I am a person that likes to help others that are in need, so, when we do things such as feeding the homeless, back to school drives, donating clothes to the needy, and other charitable activities, it warms my heart to see the lives we are able to touch with small acts of kindness. I really enjoy doing these kinds of activities because I like seeing the joy in others when we help them. It is really great to be able to do good for others outside of myself or my family. After all if it were me in need of something, I would want someone to help me. Being a member of K.O.P. basically allows me to try to do for others what I would want for myself.

One of the main reasons that I like being a part of K.O.P. is the chance to be a leader. Leadership is a big responsibility and helps you to get the right mind set to be successful. I try to lead in all the things that I do, but being a leader is not easy. You have to have the right character and be responsible. K.O.P. has helped me to be a leader in a short time period of time. I have already accepted the role of being the Knight Treasurer in my council and that means I have to keep up with the money that's collected into the organization. I also have to make it to as many meetings as possible so that I will know when money is collected. This requires me to give up some of my time to go to the meetings but it has been worth it.

K.O.P. has been a big reason why I have experienced personal growth in such a short time period. I hope to keep making progress and showing that I deserve to be a part of such a great organization. K.O.P. has become a very special part of my life and I hope to remain an active part of it for as long as I can.

**Robert Ardie, Junior Knight  
Wood Robinson Council No. 15, Stafford**

K.O.P. is the most educational organization I have been in. K.O.P. has shown me that there is more to being a leader than bossing someone around. Leadership is about making the right decision and having others to agree to that decision. Also K.O.P. isn't only about leadership it's also about respect and brotherhood. It is a great organization for kids 10-19 years old; I've made a few good friends who I hope to see at camp next year.

K.O.P. is not a worldwide organization, but I will love to help K.O.P. become known worldwide. Before, I didn't know what K.O.P. was but now I respect and love the history of the K.O.P. Also I like the respect that each of the K.O.P. members shows each other and I am proud to be a part of that.

What I am really saying is I like K.O.P. because it's teaching me about history, self-respect, leadership and how to make history.



# Order of the Knights of Pythagoras

## Most Venerable Thomas H. Routt Grand Council

*Sponsored by Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Texas and Jurisdiction, F&AM*

# 2014 YOUTH CAREER AWARENESS CONFERENCE (YCAC)

**FOCUS:** *Planning with a Purpose*

**PURPOSE:** *To expose our young men to future career options & opportunities*



## EVENTS

(Thursday night – July 17th)

### **SOCIAL HOUR**

- Learning how to dress to impress
- Youth Knights will meet one on one with CEO's, and Business Owners – PRIOR TO DINNER

### **YOUTH BUSINESS/ETIQUETTE DINNER**

- Youth Knights will learn basic table manners and understand table/place settings

July 17<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup>

*Location to be announced*

**HOUSTON, TEXAS**

(Friday – July 18<sup>th</sup>) **CAREER DAY**

### **PRESENTERS - morning**

Attorney    Doctor    Nurse    Architect  
Teacher    Engineer    Business Owners    Military

- *Additional careers will be added.*

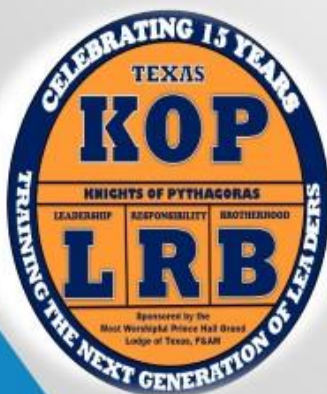
### **BREAKOUT SESSIONS – afternoon**

(ages 9-12), (ages 13-15), (ages 16-20)

(Saturday – July 19<sup>th</sup>) – **COMPETITION DAY**

- Council vs Council (city vs city) basketball tournament
- Debate competition
- 15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Awards Dinner

*This agenda is subject to change.....Email: [TXKOP@email.com](mailto:TXKOP@email.com)*





# The Wilbert M. Curtis Texas Prince Hall Library Museum "Telling Our Own Story"

Dedicated June 25, 2011

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Wilbert M. Curtis Texas Prince Hall Library Museum**



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\* Smaller sizes available for order
- **Library Museum Pamphlet**

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# District 3

D.D.G.M. Malichi Dews Jr.



**QUITMAN, Texas** - Members of Headlight Lodge No. 124 prepare food baskets to give to the elderly and needy during the past Thanksgiving Holiday. (Below) Members of the Lodge conducted Masonic Graveside Services for Brother James L. Carter at Holly Spring-Delmar Cemetery in Rusk, Texas, Jan. 18.



## District 11 travels to Pittsburg to Raise a Brother



Story by: P.M. Frederick Milliken (135)

**PITTSBURG, Texas** – Members of District 11 travelled to Pittsburg, Texas to Golden Compass Lodge No. 60 to raise a Brother, Jan. 25.

Organized by Worshipful Master Edwin Moore, Pride of Mt. Pisgah Lodge No. 135, the caravan of Brothers arrived in Pittsburg shortly before noon and proceeded directly to the hall rented for the Raising. They were received by District Deputy Grand Master of District 1 and Golden Compass Lodge's Master, Bro. Rev. Michael King.

W.M. Moore presided in the East for the opening of the Lodge whereupon he turned the gavel of authority over to R.W. Deputy Grand Master Michael T. Anderson, who Raised Bro. Orlando Henderson to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason.

Before the completion of the degree, Past Master Fred Milliken delivered the "On Yonder Book"

Charge. The degree was closed with some heartfelt words by D.G.M. Anderson on what it means to be a Mason.

The Lodge was closed and all the Brethren retired to a feast of ribs, chicken wings and all the fixings prepared by the Brothers of

Golden Compass Lodge.

The body and spirit having been satiated it was time to head for home knowing that Bro. Henderson had been duly and truly prepared for the next leg of his Masonic journey.



# District 11 thinks of Others During Holidays



Story by: *D.D.G.M. Marcus Walker Sr.*

**DALLAS** - Don't say that you want to give, go ahead and give! Well done is better than well said.

Greetings and Happy New Years to All. I am writing to share with the Masonic Family and all who read this publication the opportunities we had to bless others through the bountiful blessings that we have experienced.

Each year at Thanksgiving, each Lodge in the District has a program in which they donate food baskets to needy families or support the programs that provide meals to the homeless on Thanksgiving morning.

In addition to these events the District No. 11's Masonic Food Bank was able to donate over





space within their building to store the can goods donated to the District Food Bank. Through our combined efforts as a District, both Brothers and Sisters hope to be able to make a greater impact in our respective communities.

In this season of giving, the Brothers of the District also supported the Sisters with their annual Blanket Drive. This program provides the homeless with blankets, new and lightly used cloths, coats, shoes, etc. These donations are not only made to the homeless in local shelters but also to the less fortunate who still find their homes on the streets every night.

It is events like these and others that we read about and participate in that should make us proud to be a part of the Prince Hall Masonic Order, more especially The Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Texas and its Jurisdictions.

1,200 can food items to three Dallas churches to help them serve the community during this holiday season.

The Brothers and the Sisters of the District also aided in providing the residents of the Dalworth Community in the city of Grand Prairie with 67 meals and assisted with Good Street Baptist Lodge No. 182 and Good Street Missionary Baptist

Church with their annual Thanksgiving Day event of cooking and delivering Thanksgiving dinners to less fortunate families.

As a District, our continued goal is to serve the Community as the needs arise. Not only during the holiday season but whenever and wherever there is a need.

Paul Drayton Lodge No. 9 has continued to provide the District



# Brothers of Good Street Baptist Lodge unite for Annual Thanksgiving Feed the Hungry



Story by:  
Bro. Samuel Wilkerson III (182)

**DALLAS** – Worshipful Master Michael Levingston and the Brothers of Good Street Baptist Lodge No. 182, partnered with Good Street Baptist Church, the Sons of Solomon Motorcycle Club, Dallas Chapter and numerous Heroine Courts, Eastern Star Chapters, Youth Councils and Lodges, to give those less fortunate a chance to enjoy a hot meal for the holidays.

On Thanksgiving Day 2013, the Lodge prepared and delivered over 150 plates to families living in the West Dallas housing development. The meals consisted of all the fixings: turkey, dressing, vegetables, rolls, desserts and more.

As in past years, the Lodge has had the esteem privilege of assisting the church with preparing and delivering meals (door to door) to families and as this year the Lodge has continued to hold up to its end of the bargain. As W.M. Levingston would say, "That's just what

we do!" The Lodge's heart goes out to those whom are less fortunate. Many are but one step from being in a similar situation and because of such, the Lodge enjoys taking a couple hours out of its time to help and love one another.

"The event was a huge success and a blessing for all who attended

and assisted," said W.M. Levingston.

The Brothers of Good Street Lodge are already looking forward to Thanksgiving 2014, so they can experience the euphoric feeling of giving back again, as they have in the past and will continue to do in the future, Lord willing! ~So Mote It Be.



*Ladies of the Grand High Court Heroines of Jericho, Norris Wright Cuney Grand Chapter and Trinity Guild No. 1.*

# Roosevelt High School receives New Principal

Story by:

W.M. Paul Newman (654)

**DALLAS** – Brother Brian De Veaux of Dallas Masonic Lodge No. 654 is a 28-year-veteran in the field of education. He has served all 28 of his years in the Dallas Independent School District. Growing up in Chicago, he attended Proviso East High School before completing his undergraduate work at Wiley College the home of the "Great Debaters".

Bro. De Veaux continued his education and receiving his degree in Education while attending Texas Woman's University

While serving as associate principal at Seagoville High School, Bro. De Veaux was selected as Associate Principal of the Year for the academic school year 2012 - 2013.

Presently, Bro. De Veaux has been appointed as principal of Franklin Delano Roosevelt High School for the Dallas Independent School District for the 2013 - 2014 school year.

The Brothers of Dallas Masonic Lodge express overwhelming congratulations to one of their own as he takes on his new endeavor.



## Brethren of Holloway Lodge No. 7 brings Joy to Families during Thanksgiving Holiday



tional holiday season which is rare in Texas.

Bro. Robert Vedder said, "This is why I joined Masonry, to help families who are in need. My heart feels so much joy."

The Brothers who were in attendance included Worshipful Master Broderick James, Past Master Charles Lilley, Junior Warden Qestion Vanzant, Bros. Lorenzo Taylor, and Robert Vedder.



Story by: W.M. Broderick James (7)

**DOWNSVILLE, Texas** - Giving away Thanksgiving baskets is a long tradition for Holloway Lodge No. 7 which dates back to 1901 in supporting its local community.

Downsville is a small rural area in the country on the outskirts of Waco, and families who live in rural areas have less access to available resources as within inner cities.

The numbers are small at the Lodge, but the hearts of the membership are BIG when it comes to giving back and supporting those who are in the need of aid or sympathy.

This past Thanksgiving, the Lodge was not able to support as many families as it would have liked to. The families who we were assisted were very grateful.

This Thanksgiving was very special to the members of Holloway

Lodge not just from the heartfelt smiles, but also from the emotional thanks the Brothers received.

The weather in the town was nice and cold at 36 degrees with precipitation, feeling like the tradi-





## True Level Lodge No. 226, Members of District 15-A host Men's Clothing Drive



Story by:  
W.M. Michael L. Simms Sr. (226)

**HOUSTON** – The Thanksgiving and Christmas Holidays serve as occasions when men come together to assist those in their communities. They are special times in the year that Masons remember those who are in need of assistance.

To provide that assistance, True Level Lodge No. 226 and other Lodges within District 15-A provided clothing for men who are returning back to the workforce, preparing for job interviews or just needing clothes to wear, Nov. 16, 2013.

The Brothers were able to do-

nate items to two men's shelters in the Houston area.

The first was Star of Hope Missions, which hosts a Men's Development Center that houses over 300 men nightly and provides emergency and residential programs. There are times due to extreme weather conditions the center can provide for an overflow and accommodate 100 additional men.

The second location was The Men's Center, which offers safe housing, meals and assistance in employment. Their program also assists with drug addiction and offers programs that help men in getting back on their feet.

Both shelters were very appre-

ciative of the men's clothing.

The Lodge will continue to work with these and other shelters in the future. The Brothers are also looking at a clothing drive for military families needing assistance in 2014.



# Prince Hall Family celebrates Historical Ground-breaking at Emancipation Park



Story by: *W.M. Raeford Watts (280)*

**HOUSTON** - The Emancipation Proclamation was an executive order issued by President Abraham Lincoln on Jan. 1, 1863. Two years later on June 18, 1865, Union General Gordon Granger and 2,000 federal troops arrived on the island of Galveston to take possession of the state and enforce the emancipation of its slaves. On June 19, standing on the balcony of Galveston's Ashton Villa, Granger read the contents of "General Order No. 3".

The black population throughout Texas began to celebrate the anniversary of Emancipation in Texas in 1866. The holiday, known as "Juneteenth," became a festive occasion marked by picnics, games, and public speeches. In Houston, events were organized in different locations until 1872, when members of local churches — led by

politician Richard Allen, Rev. Jack Yates of Antioch Baptist Church, and Rev. Elias Dibble of Trinity Methodist Episcopal, all former slaves — raised the funds (\$800) to secure a piece of property located at 3018 Dowling Street specifically for this purpose.

On Oct. 26, 2013, members of the Prince Hall Family of Districts 15-A and 16 came together to celebrate the ground breaking of a \$33 million dollar renovation to Emancipation Park.

Several Lodges attended to include Magnolia Lodge No. 3, Heights-Ionic Pride Lodge No. 280, Bayou City Lodge No. 228, Logos Lodge No. 659 and others.

Doric Temple No. 76 (Prince Hall Shriners) and Doric Court No. 83 (Daughters of Isis) were there in great numbers along with members of the Heroines of Jericho.

Dignitaries in attendance were Mayor Annise Parker who was

joined by Congresswoman Sheila Jackson Lee (D-TX 18) and Dorris Ellis of the Friends of Emancipation Park who had invited the Masonic Family.

The park holds historic value for Prince Hall Masons in Texas due to the fact that one of the original freed slaves who organized the purchasing of the land was Richard Allen (Magnolia Lodge No. 3) who went on to become the second Grand Master of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Texas (1876 - 1878).

This was acknowledged by Jackson after she asked all Prince Hall Brothers and Sisters to stand. "We will be in trouble if we did not talk about the outstanding legacy, leadership, guidance, and your part in the extended slave history," said Jackson. "The dignity you gave to the free slaves and black men... there is no other place that you should be but right here!"

# District 15-B

D.D.G.M. Myrtis Hamilton

## PHAmily dispenses Smiles, Smiles, and more Smiles



Story by D.G.J. John Humphries (262)

**TEXAS CITY, Texas** – La Marque Lodge No. 373, Logos Lodge No. 659, District 15B Heroines of Jericho Matron's Forum, Ramona Chapter No. 25 (O.E.S.), Rutha M. Hicks Chapter No. 29 (O.E.S.) and Xiomara Guild No. 5 of District 15-B joined together in unity to spread joy during the Christmas Season, Dec. 18, 2013.

In the morning at Seabreeze Nursing Home, the PHAmily walked the halls passing out socks to the residents and singing Christmas Carols. Nursing Home Administrator Phil Whirley and Director of Nursing Scharlde Franklin

expressed their thanks to the PHAmily members in behalf of the residents.

The day continued at La Marque Elementary/Intermediate School where the PHAmily sponsored the Christmas Party for the Life Skills Classes. The children ate, danced, and played games with the teachers, parents and PHAmily members. Treat bags were also given and cash prizes were awarded to the winners of the Musical Chairs. Teachers, Wanda Jackson, Beverly Arredondo, and their aides, Althea Thomas, Darlene Green, Sharon Merchant, Angela Gray, and Speech Therapist Tiffany

Gaines, along with the parents of the students expressed their love and gratitude for the kindness expressed to the children.

Smiles, smiles, smiles and even more smiles... The day concluded at U.T.M.B. Hospital Pediatric Ward in Galveston. With the assistance of Pediatrics Child Life Coordinator Lizette C. Perez, the PHAmily was able to share smiles with the patients in the unit along with their families. Again, smiles, smiles, and more smiles... Even though the children may have not been feeling well, their faces lit up when they received their gifts.



*Logos Lodge No. 659 donates to the Houston Food Bank.*



# Brothers, Sisters of District 15-B bless Families during the Holiday Season



Story by D.G.J. John Humphries (262)

**LA MARQUE**, Texas – La Marque Lodge No. 373, District 15-B Heroines of Jericho Matron's Forum, and Rutha M. Hicks Chapter No. 29 (O.E.S.) blessed families in the La Marque and Texas City areas with traditional Thanksgiving food items during the holiday season.

The Lodge, assisted by the Brothers of Logos Lodge No. 659 of Houston, helped deliver the baskets to the families and shared greetings with one of the O.E.S. members, Sister Mercie Prevost and her family.

The Worshipful Master of La Marque Lodge is Bro. Greg Ragland, Heroine Dorothy Maxey is the District Deputy Grand Ancient Matron of 15-B (H.O.J.) and Sis. Sharon Mathews is Worthy Matron of Rutha M. Hicks Chapter.



## Ever Ready Lodge assists in 2013 Annual ABC Channel 13 Share Your Holidays Food Drive



Story by: District Staff

**ROSENBERG**, Texas - This year's Annual ABC Channel 13 "Share Your Holidays Food Drive", was held at Terry High School, Dec. 6, 2013.

Volunteers from Ever Ready Lodge No. 506 helped to remove food donations from vehicles, sort, and boxed the food. The donations helped local food pantries, churches, and families in need.

The Lodge, with donated funding and with the help of volunteers, assisted in blessing the local community and community leaders. The food drive benefited 20 families.



# District 16 hosts Annual Turkey Dinner Giveaway



Story by: District Staff

**RICHMOND, Texas** - Ever Ready Lodge No. 506 held its Annual Turkey Dinner Giveaway, Nov. 23, 2013.

Thirty-two turkeys were donated by the Lodge; and all the fixings for the Thanksgiving Dinner were donated by Virtuous Stars Chapter No. 56, Stars of Essence Chapter No. 71, Loretta's Pride Chapter No. 62, Jeremiah Smith Chapter No. 73 and the young men of The Knights of Pythagoras.

Mema's Lemonade donated 25 gallons of lemonade to top off the Turkey Dinner Giveaway.

Thanks to the group effort of the store manager/assistant manager and all the helpful employees of Walmart located at Farm to Market Road 1640 who assisted in insulating the turkeys.

"We are looking forward to the 2014 Annual Turkey Dinner Giveaway and whatever we can do to help," said the Walmart manager.

District Deputy Grand Master Clarence B. Douglas and Grand Associate Matron/District Deputy Grand Matron Eula Bell were very proud of the teamwork of Ever Ready Lodge No. 506 and the O.E.S. Chapters.



## 19th Masonic District hosts Holiday Social, Shreds Mortgage, holds Charity Raffle



*Hon. Past Grand Master William Woods and District Deputy Grand Matron Jo Anne Storey shred the mortgage of the 19th Masonic District Temple during the 2nd Annual Holiday Social, Dec. 21, 2013.*

Story by: District Staff

**SAN ANTONIO** - The 19th Masonic District Family and guests gathered at the Masonic Temple to the 2nd Annual Holiday Social to fellowship, shred the Masonic Temple's mortgage, unveil the Top 100 Plaque, and hold its annual Charity Raffle, Dec. 21, 2013.

More than 150 members along with their guests were treated to a well-decorated venue courtesy of the Eastern Star Chapters coordi-

nated by Worthy Matrons Valerie Brooks of Christopher Delight Chapter No. 1 and Joyce Brown of Cubie Horton Chapter No. 14 with assistance from the Junior Wardens of the Lodges.

Additionally, the guests enjoyed a delicious meal coordinated by Sister Yvette Whitmire of Christopher Delight Chapter No. 1 and her committee.

One of the significant events of the social was the shredding of the Masonic Temple's mortgage by

Hon. Past Grand Master William Woods and District Deputy Grand Worthy Matron Jo Anne Storey.

Following the shredding ceremony and cake cutting, Worshipful Master Burrell Parmer of San Antonio Lodge No. 1, informed the guests about the Top 100 Program, which was responsible for paying off the mortgage 2 - 3 years early.

"At a District meeting held on April 16, 2013, the mortgage payoff was read to the membership by



*District S.W. Bro. Burrell Parmer of San Antonio Lodge No. 1, standing with Masters and representatives of the District's seven Lodges, gives a history of the Top 100 Program which was responsible for paying off the Masonic Temple mortgage.*

the District Secretary, which was approximately \$20,400," said W.M. Parmer, the program's chairman. "During that meeting, an idea for a payoff plan was verbally introduced. At the next meeting held in May, the Top 100 Program was approved which sought out 100 Master Masons within the 19th Masonic District to pledge \$200 over a 4-month period to pay off the Masonic Temple's mortgage."

The members had the option of paying \$200 in advance or paying \$50 per month for 4 months. The first 100 members would have their names added to a plaque which will be permanently displayed in the Masonic Temple, receive a custom Top 100 lapel pin, and have their names published in the Grand Lodge quarterly publication.

"During the months of June thru October 2013, 99 Master Masons pledged and paid their \$200. Past Master Burnell White Jr. of San Antonio Lodge No. 1 pledged an additional \$200 for the late P.M. William H. Craig, and the CARD company donated \$200 in support of the program. Total collected was \$20,200," said W.M. Parmer.

With all pledges collected, a payoff date of Oct. 31, 2013 was selected. On that day, D.D.G.M. Grady Peavy Jr., S.D.D.G.M. Clary Glover Jr., S.D.D.G.M. William Paige, and W.M. Parmer met at Frost Bank to make the check presentation and payoff the Masonic Temple's mortgage.

After the history of the program,

each representative of the Lodges gave remarks and thanked their members for contributing.

With remarks complete, W.M. Parmer unveiled the Top 100 Plaque to a roar of applause from the members and guests.

With completion of the ceremony, the Holiday Social Chairman S.D.D.G.M. Cliff Massey of J.T. Maxey Lodge No 74 conducted the Charity Raffle.

The grand prize winner of \$500 was Brandi Berkely, second prize winner of \$250 was P.M. Curtis Davenport, and third prize winner of \$100 was Mark Williams.

After the raffle, the District White Elephant Gift Exchange was conducted.

The District thanks S.D.D.G.M. Massey, the Holiday Social Committee, and the District Ways and Means Committee for a job well planned and executed. It was definitely an event to remember.

Additional thanks to S.D.D.G.M. Julian Jenkins for his donation of the Mortgage and District cakes and to D.D.G.M. Grady Peavy Jr., who was not able to attend.



*W.M. Parmer unveils the 19th Masonic District's Top 100 Plaque, which will be displayed in the foyer of the Masonic Temple.*



**"How Good and How Pleasant it is for Brethren to Dwell Together in Unity."**

**This plaque proudly displays the names of the Brothers who contributed  
to the "Top 100" Program, June - October 2013.**

**The program raised \$20,000 to payoff the mortgage of the  
Prince Hall Masonic Temple on October 31, 2013.**

**San Antonio Lodge No. 1**

W.M. Burrell Parmer, H.P.G.M. Norris L. McVea, Sr., H.P.G.M. William Woods, P.M. CW Bankston,  
P.M. Kenneth Bankston, P.M. Curtis Davenport, Sr., P.M. Edward S. Jones, P.M. Wayne Jones,  
P.M. George D. Jordan, Jr., P.M. Anthony C. Rosser, Sr., P.M. Joe N. Sanders, Jr.,  
P.M. Marcus W. Smith, Sr., P.M. Nathaniel Tennyson, Jr., P.M. Burnell White, Jr.,  
P.M. Leroy Williams, H.P.M. Joley Mason, Jr., Bro. Robert Bonner, Jr., Bro. Trance Byrd,  
Bro. Carlos Correa, Bro. Ezekiel Dominguez, Bro. Juan H. Garza, Bro. Waylon Mitchell, Bro. Robert  
Moya, Bro. Shevin Ravenel, Bro. Paul A. Rice, Sr., Bro. Graddie Robinson, Bro. Calvin Samuel,  
Bro. Damen Sims, Bro. Lorenzo White

**Beacon Light Lodge No. 50**

W.M. Ben Floyd, P.M. Robert Brown, P.M. Larry Hines, Bro. Gregory Williams

**John T. Maxey Lodge No. 74**

W.M. Douglas Marshall, S.D.D.G.M. Julian B. Jenkins, Jr., S.D.D.G.M. Cliff Massey,  
P.M. Charles E. Burks, Sr., P.M. Charles E. Lomax, P.M. Franzell Pankey, P.M. Shelley Porter,  
P.M. Dr. Charles E. Russell, Jr., Bro. Byron Grays

**Star Tom Lodge No. 100**

W.M. Steve Crayton, S.D.D.G.M. Clary Glover, Jr., S.D.D.G.M. William Paige,  
S.D.D.G.M. Charles Wilson, P.M. Benjamin Burleson, P.M. Stacy Foushee, P.M. Leon Gaskin,  
P.M. Moses Johnson, P.M. Raymond Keys III, P.M. Donald Passmore, H.P.M. Martin Connor III,  
H.P.M. George Harris, Bro. Derrick Brown, Bro. Cornell Evans, Bro. Tavarus Glover,  
Bro. Dereck Hillyer, Bro. Raven Mirabeau, Bro. Christopher Steele, Bro. James Whitmire III,  
Bro. Leroy Wyatt

**Blue Bonnet Lodge No. 192**

W.M. James Mazzucca, D.D.G.M. Grady Peavy, Jr., P.M. Ronald Singleton,  
P.M. Fred Wilson, Bro. Albert Davis, Bro. Hernando Flowers, Bro. Thomas Grant,  
Bro. Johnny Hernandez, Bro. Clifton Hodges, Bro. Rodrigus Knight, Bro. Christopher Millender,  
Bro. Darrin Prude, Bro. Steven Rodriguez

**George W. Carver Lodge No. 255**

W.M. Charles D. Murray, P.M. Walter Barnes, P.M. Thomas Beasley, P.M. Calvin Cunningham,  
P.M. Darryl Hackworth, P.M. Scott Rosario, H.P.M. Frank Brown, Bro. Ernest Brown,  
Bro. Michael Gant, Bro. Clyde Johnson, Bro. Mark Thomas

**Noble Star Lodge No. 277**

W.M. Dr. Ron Kelley, P.M. Rev. Willie J. Calvin, Jr., P.M. Michael Conley,  
P.M. Dr. Nicholas Cormier, Jr., P.M. Steven Dooley, P.M. Rob Robinson, P.M. Charles W. Winrow,  
Bro. Dr. Richard L. Williams, Bro. Che Cason, Bro. Cedric George, Bro. Brent M. Hawkins, Sr.,  
Bro. Roshawn King, Bro. Michael A. Ward

**In Memoriam**

P.M. William H. Craig

# 19th District demonstrates Strength in Numbers by honoring Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.



Story by: G.E. Burrell Parmer (1)  
Photos by: P.M. Edward Jones (1)

**SAN ANTONIO** – Prince Hall Masons from the 19th Masonic District joined politicians, clergy, businesses leaders, community organizations, and Prince Hall Shriners to lay wreaths to honor the life, struggles and accomplishments of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. at M.L.K. Plaza, Jan. 19.

The guest speaker was James Wyatt, chairman of the Texas Association of African-American Chambers of Commerce, who has served as a member on the board of directors of the U.S. Black Chamber in Washington





D.C., and additionally served as a local elected official for nearly 17 years including Mayor Pro-Tem.

The event was attended by approximately 200 guests to include City Councilwoman Ivy Taylor and M.L.K. Commission Chairman Bishop Davis Copeland of New Creation Baptist Church among others.

On Jan. 20, the Masons, along with members of the Appendant and Concordant Bodies rallied at the Fred Brock American Legion Post No. 828 to participate in the city's Martin Luther King Jr. 27th Anniversary Commemorative March.

According to Taylor, none of the events would be possible if it were

not for the community.

"I want to thank every one of you for your participation in the MLK March and commemorative events today," said Taylor. "Your presence is what makes this day the largest and greatest in the nation."



# 19th Masonic District, Community Partners join to support Annual Claude W. Black Holiday Event



Story and photos by:  
G.E. Burrell Parmer (1)

**SAN ANTONIO** – More than 25 community and city organizations, together with Masonic groups and recruiters from Navy Recruiting District San Antonio, assisted the Claude W. Black Advisory Board and its partners by donating toys, funding, free hair cuts, and providing volunteers during the 35th Annual Claude W. Black Holiday Event held at the Claude W. Black Community Center, Dec. 17, 2013.

Approximately 400 children, along with their parents/guardians,

attended the event which provided the children with new toys, books, and hotdog refreshments.

In addition to volunteers distributing donations, 47 vendors were on-hand to provide adults with free resource information.

According to Paul Harris, assistant multi-service center supervisor for the community center, the organizations and partners within the community and the city keeps him and the advisory board's heart beating.

"They are the foundation for the community center and for the events it holds," said Harris. "It

takes resources to improve the quality of lives and provide tools for families to become self-sufficient, and our organizations and partners make it happen."

Event planning is year-round said Harris. The advisory board met once a month and discussed who, what, when, where, and how it will gather the funds and donations to support the Holiday Event.

"To make children and their family feel better during the holidays is worth all the planning. It was evident by the smiles on the children's faces," said Harris.

Council Woman Ivy Taylor of



residents.

“Community members have pulled resources together to create this opportunity for kids who may not be able to have a toy this Christmas,” said Taylor. “I am happy to have attended; it also demonstrates to the community that their elected officials care about them.”

A staple on the city’s Eastside, the community center provides services to San Antonio and surrounding areas which include daily healthy meals for seniors, emergency utility assistance, and family services.

Special thanks to the following organizations and partners for their support of the holiday event: H.E.B. Inc., AmeriGroup, The Smile Center, Alamo Lodge No. 1491, Grothaus & Polk, Code Enforcement, San Antonio Park Police, San Antonio Police Department,

Stars of Hope No. 471, SAZA Commission, Inc., Family Services Association, San Antonio Fire Station No. 9, Blue Line Corp., San Antonio Lodge No. 1, Grant Enterprises, Inc., East End Glass Company, 19th Masonic District (Prince Hall Affiliated), District 2 Council Woman Ivy R. Taylor, Occidental Life Insurance Company, Eastern Star, Mr. and Mrs. Pete Martinez, Moussa Temple No. 106 (Prince Hall Shriners), Angels Restaurant, Catholic Charities (Parent Talk), Juan and Dora Ayala, H.E.B. (S. WW White Road), Selrico Services Inc., Kiolbassa, MK Catering, and Claude W. Black Advisory Board President Lawrence Tucker.

District 2 said that the community center is a major anchor on the city’s Eastside which provides resources and opportunities for all





*The 19th Masonic District attended the San Antonio Branch of the N.A.A.C.P. Jubilee Day Observance, Jan. 21.*



*The 19th Masonic District disbursed food baskets and Charity to those in need during the Thanksgiving Holiday.*

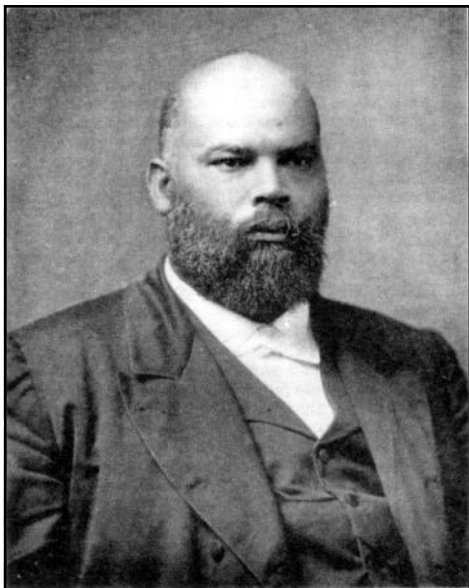
**SAN ANTONIO** - 19th District attended the San Antonio Northwest Civic and Social Club's 19th Annual Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Birthday Celebration Banquet where the keynote speaker was Grand Junior Warden Frank Jackson at the Gateway Club on Lackland Air Force Base, Jan. 18.



**FORT WORTH** - The 19th Masonic District conferred the 3rd Degree at on 85 FC's at Mid-Winter Session.



# In Remembrance of our 4th Grand Master, Bishop Abraham Grant



Story and photos by: Lodge Staff

A reading of God's Word. (1 Thessalonians 4:13)

*"We do not want you to be uninformed, Brothers and Sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with Him those who have died. For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. For the Lord Himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord for ever. Therefore encourage one another with these words."*

To honor the life of Past Grand Master Bishop Abraham Grant,

members of San Antonio Lodge No. 1 conducted a visitation to St. James African Methodist Episcopal Church and the gravesite of P.G.M. Grant, Jan. 5.

St. James A.M.E. was the church which P.G.M. Grant served as pastor of in 1878.

W.M. Burrell Parmer saw it fitting for the Lodge to visit the church

and visit with P.G.M. Grant at his gravesite.

"P.G.M. Grant was the only Brother from the city to serve as Grand Master," said W.M. Parmer. "He died on January 22, 1911, and I think the Lodge of which he was a member should honor him in that month by visiting his church and his gravesite."





# San Antonio Lodge No. 1 supports Salvation Army through the 2013 Red Kettle Campaign



Story and photos by:  
P.M. Edward Jones (1)

**SAN ANTONIO** – Members of San Antonio Lodge No. 1 helped spread joy during the 2013 holiday season by assisting the Salvation Army of San Antonio with their “Red Kettle” Campaign, Nov. 30 and Dec. 14, 2013.

Fifteen members of the Lodge signed up for 2-hour-long shifts at a Walgreen and Walmart located throughout the city in efforts to procure donations from the community.

Established in 1891 by Salvation Army Captain, Joseph McFee, the “Red Kettle” Campaign has raised funds to feed, and assist those in need during the holiday season. According to the Salvation Army’s website, the campaign has been a mainstay in communities across the United States, and has been established globally in places such as Japan, Korea, and many European countries.

“We felt the need to do our part to help our community in a different

way this year,” said Junior Warden Robert Moya. “This was a wonderful experience and it made me feel good inside as citizens stopped and donated to a wonderful cause.”

Worshipful Master Burrell Parmer expressed his joy as it pertained to the event when he shared, “It is a good feeling to assist a great organization such as the Salvation Army. Not only does our volunteerism assist the Red Kettle program, it allows us another

opportunity to be visible in our communities.”

Members of the Lodge have discussed making this an annual mission that will assist in bringing joy to those in need during the holiday season.

For more information on the Red Kettle, visit their website at <http://salvationarmyusa.org/usn/red-kettle-history>.



# San Antonio Lodge No. 1 displayed in Claude W. Black Community Center



Story and photos by:  
P.M. Edward Jones (1)

**SAN ANTONIO** – The Claude W. Black Community Center is a staple on San Antonio’s Eastside and offers programs to assist community members in need. As you walk in the front entrance, one will see numerous photos of the late Bro. Rev. Claude W. Black and other historic photos displayed along the walls.

Joining a place on these walls is now a portrait of the Prince Hall Masons of San Antonio Lodge No. 1, which Bro. Rev. Black was a member.

Worshipful Master Burrell Parmer, who is a member of the

Claude W. Black Advisory Board, spoke with Assistant Multi-Service Center Director Paul Harris about the Lodge and its historical significance.

“I am extremely happy the center allowed our Lodge Portrait to be displayed in the center,” said W.M. Parmer. “I think people of this community ought to know who we are and that Rev. Black was a member of the first Prince Hall Masonic Lodge organized and chartered in Texas.”

W.M. Parmer thanked healing souls, inc. and The Copy Center of Stone Oak for their donations of printing and framing.

Bro. Rev. Black passed away on

March 13, 2009 after years of serving as the Pastor of Mt. Zion First Baptist Church in San Antonio. A champion for civil rights, he dedicated his life to bettering the lives of people in the community who were oppressed by white supremacy.

The Claude W. Black Community Center hosts numerous events to accomplish its mission of enhancing life, one family at a time.

For more information on programs offered, call (210) 207-5236, or visit their Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/ClaudeWBlackCommunityCenter-AdvisoryBoard>.

# Prince Hall Masons, healing souls, Claude Black Advisory Board, Community team up to provide Flagpole to Charter School



Story and photos by:  
G.E. Burrell Parmer (1)

**SAN ANTONIO** – O beautiful for spacious skies, for amber waves of grain... was the start of America the Beautiful sung by students, staff, and community leaders during the “Raise the Flag Project” held on the campus of Southwest Preparatory School located in the city’s eastside community, Nov. 13, 2013.

The project, which included the erection of a flagpole and raising of the America Flag, was initiated by a letter addressed to the principal from sixth and seventh grade students on Aug. 29.

According to Javier Garcia, school principal, the students and staff are honored to have the flagpole and be able to honor the nation’s flag each day.

“The school has been in existed for nearly 11 years without a flagpole,” said Garcia. “We are thankful for all the persons and organiza-

tions that made this vision possible for our students and for the community.”

Garcia thanked Richard Rodriguez, Jim Hope, David Hernandez, and school district staff for their support of the project.

Past Master Edward Jones of San Antonio Lodge No. 1, chief operating officer of healing souls, inc., who was instrumental in securing the flagpole, thanked the school, community leaders and the Claude W. Black Advisory Board for their assistance in locating, donating, and erecting the flagpole.

P.M. Jones told the audience that they were a part of history and that they all should be extremely proud.

“Each and every one of you in your life should attempt to erect something,” said P.M. Jones. “Be proud this day and make a difference.”

Devon Wilson of Dev’s Soul Band set the mood with her rendition of the national anthem.

With little flags raised and right hands over their hearts, the audience stood proudly as students raised the American Flag for the first time on the school’s campus.



## J. Washington Lodge Fellowships, provides Charity in the Community



Story by J.W. Kevin Lindquist

**CIBOLO, Texas** - The Brothers and family members of J. Washington Lodge No. 191 gathered in the home of Bro. Dr. Balfour Wright in the spirit of love and season's greetings, Dec. 7, 2013.

This gracious and warm event sparked the 1st Annual Lodge Family Christmas Dinner. Many delicious meals were prepared in the form of a potluck extravaganza.

Dishes ranging from many cultural backgrounds such as Soul Food, Cajun, Hispanic, Jamaican and a vast variety of delectable creations from all parts of the world. However, the enjoyment of the food wasn't the only treasure of the night. The exquisite piano playing by Bro. Wright and Bro. Mark Williams' son, enhanced the listening pleasure for all who attended.

Prior to the holiday gathering, the Craft engaged in several charitable events October thru December 2013. Teamed up with Gypsy and the Sons of Solomon Motor Cycle Clubs, the Lodge participated in the 2013 Blue Santa Toy

Drive.

This event was in support of the Blue Santa program created in 1976 by local law enforcement to assist families in need during the holidays. The Brothers collected multiple toys and gifts to meet the needs of several inner city deserving families.

In support of the homeless, the Brethren ventured down to the inner city to lend a loving hand. Once again, the members of the Sons of Solomon MC and Brothers of J. Washington Lodge displayed an immense source of pride within their community by feeding over 200 less fortunate people. This event is supported by the motorcycle club once a month to show a positive commitment to people of San Antonio and outlying cities.

Every three months, in the small town of Marion, Texas, a strong Masonic presence is active. With the help of two candidates, soon to be inducted into the fold, a 2-mile-highway clean-up was completed of FM 465 and FM 78. J. Washington Lodge for more than a year has participated in the Texas Adopt-a-

Highway program. Every event collects roughly eight to ten large bags of trash and debris, weighing collectively over 60 - 80 lbs.

On Oct. 19, Brethren and family members of the Lodge volunteered to support the 70th Anniversary Celebration for the Boysville Home for Boys and Girls. The Brothers spent half the day building and setting up game booths, food stations among other tasks prior to the opening events.



## St. James Lodge No. 71 assists Community during Thanksgiving Holiday



Story and photos by: Lodge Staff

**TEMPLE**, Texas - The Prince Hall Masons of St. James Lodge No. 71 are proud and honored to have blessed seven families within the community during the Thanksgiving Holiday with food baskets.

According to Worshipful Master Rick Phillips, all families were very grateful for the Lodge's donations.

"Without the food baskets they would've had nothing," said W.M. Phillips. "We are grateful to God for allowing us to be able to help others during the holiday season."

The Lodge is preparing to extend their community giving and involvement to the Temple community in 2014.



# District 26-A | D.D.G.M. Calvin McCray

## Members of District 26A and 26 (O.E.S.) Deliver Christmas Toys to Kindershutzbund



Story by: District Staff

**PIRMASENS**, Germany - In Germany there are countless "afterschool" programs. Many of these establishments receive zero outside assistance. The members of Districts 26-A and 26 (O.E.S.) have recognized a duty to provide continued support to one of these programs in particular.

Every quarter the Districts make a special trip to the Kindershutz-

bund to make contributions to the children and staff. Everything the all-volunteer staff receives for the children is 100% donation based. During the 4th quarter of 2013, the Districts donated toys.

Worshipful Master Donald Overton of Cyrus Forbes Military Lodge No. 640 stated that providing a better Christmas to children is a foundation upon which he stands.

Past Master Kirk Creviston of Nero Prince Military Lodge No. 634

said that this is just the tip of the iceberg for what the organization can provide in support of this wonderful program for these children.

Key organizers of the donations were: Associate Conductress Daniela Gehrke, Associate Matron Della Overton, Worthy Matron Monique Walker of Lone Star Chapter No. 60, P.M. Kirk Creviston and W.M Donald Overton.

# SPOTLIGHT

**Brother James Mays II** of Dallas Masonic Lodge No. 654 will begin his 21st year in the Dallas Independent School District and 19th at South Oak Cliff High School. He has been the head boys basketball coach since 1999 (14 years) and will start his 2nd year as athletic coordinator.

Bro. Mays is a 1989 graduate of Prairie View A&M University and received a B.B.A. in Finance. He has made the state playoffs all 14 years as the head coach. His overall coaching record is 347-120 and he has won four state championships (2005 - 2008) with a total of five state tournament and eight regional tournament appearances. Bro. Mays has won Dallas-Fort Worth Coach of the Year honors in 2005 and 2008, and T.A.B.C. Coach of the Year in 2005.



Bro. Mays also has been honored as District Coach of the Year 10 times, T.H.S.C.A. All-Star Game coach in 2008, and D.I.S.D. All-Star game coach in 2003.

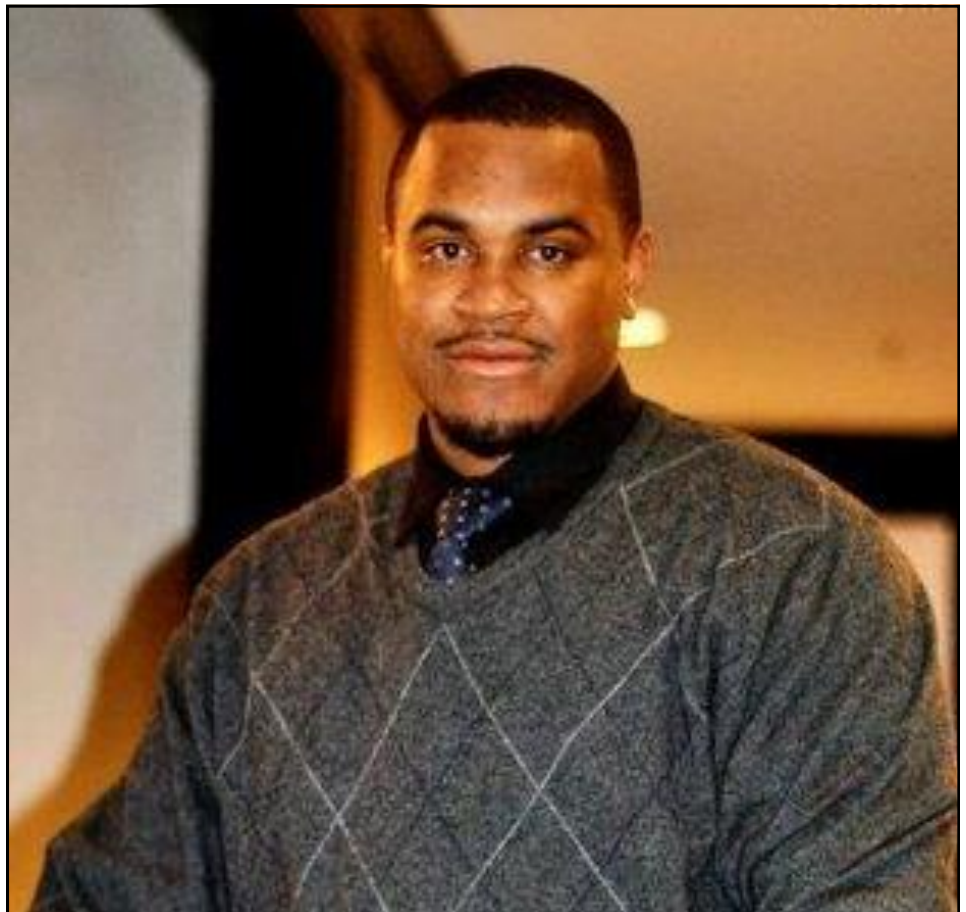
He is currently a member on the D.I.S.D. Basketball Committee. A reading teacher, Bro. Mays lectures at various clinics across the city, state, and country. He has received several civic awards for his work in the community. He is a member of Friendship West Baptist Church and serves on the Security and Operation BLAAC ministries. Coach Mays is married (Jannifer) and has 3 children (James III, Jakobi, and Jordan). Bro. Mays has influenced numerous student/athletes to attend college and many have graduated and/or reached the professional level in either basketball or football.

**Brother Cedric Patterson** of Dallas Masonic Lodge No. 654 was born in Dallas in 1981. Bro. Patterson married Ciera Jones in October of 2007 and now has two beautiful daughters, Jada and Jordyne.

A graduate of South Oak Cliff High School in 2000, Bro. Pattern then attended Texas College in Tyler, Texas where he played basketball and became the captain of the team his junior and senior year.

In 2005, he received his Bachelor of Arts in Mathematics. Bro. Patterson has been in Education for the past 10 years, four years of which as the head assistant basketball coach at South Oak Cliff. From 2010 - 2013, Bro. Patterson has won the district championship on the freshman level. In August 2013, he became the head basketball coach at Lincoln High School.

Bro. Patterson is passionate about his career in education with goals of having many successful years at Lincoln High School.



# Eastern Stars of Norris Wright Cuney Grand Chapter hosts Annual Luncheon



Story by: *G.W.M. Martha Woolridge*

**HOUSTON** - Members of the Order of the Eastern Star and their guest attended the 7th Annual Norris Wright Cuney Grand Luncheon held at Brady's Landing, Jan. 11.

The more than 350 in attendances had a great time and lots of food was eaten. Grand Junior Warden Frank Jackson delivered a powerful message on "The Life and Times of The Black Cowboy".

The Grand Chapter officers wish to thank the Heads of Houses and all Chapters who supported this grand affair. Hope to see you all next year.



# Grand Amaranth Court donates \$1,000 to Charity



Story by: G.R.M. Lillie Calloway

**DALLAS** - Grand Royal Matron Lillie Calloway and Grand Worthy Patron Robert Calloway Jr. presented a \$1000 check from the Grand Amaranth Court to Terry Wilson-Gray, the executive director of the Bridge Breast Network in August 2013.

Gray gave the following brief assessment of their organization.

“Since 1992, the Bridge Breast Network has worked tirelessly at the mission of saving lives by providing access to diagnostic and treatment services for breast cancer to low income, uninsured and

underinsured individuals in North Texas.

Our patient navigators, case managers, 300 medical providers and 150 community partners work hand-in-hand to provide a continuum of care from breast cancer prevention, to treatment, to survivorship.

The Bridge Breast Network program provides breast and health education, early detection and prevention services, diagnostic and clinical evaluations, biopsies, surgery, chemotherapy, and radiation oncology to those who otherwise could not afford and/or receive these services.

With the help of our medical provider and generous donors such as the Norris Wright Cuney Grand Amaranth Court, we are able to be **a bridge of hope** for thousands of uninsured North Texans. Twenty-two years later, the vision of our founder Dr. Sally Knox, MD that no woman should suffer in silence with breast cancer because she lacked the financial resource still remains the foundation of our program.”

# Charles Wadley Chapter Community Activities



Story by: *W.M. Lillie Calloway (47)*

**LANCASTER, Texas** - During the month of September 2013, the members of Charles Wadley Chapter No. 47 (O.E.S.) conducted a Voters Registration Drive in an effort to get as many people to register and vote as possible.

The manager of Minyard Food Store provided the Chapter permission to set up inside the store for the drive.

Many of the stores patrons visited the booth and asked questions. The Chapter registered citizens and gave out information on voting locations. The Chapter continues to spread the word that

every vote counts.

During the Thanksgiving holiday, the Chapter again assisted the staff of the Dallas Life Foundation of Dallas.

The members were assigned to several different duties while helping the homeless. They served in the kitchen preparing food, serving meals, and on the clean-up detail. It was work but all members came away with a feeling of gratitude and appreciation.

In December 2013, the Chapter donated 150 meals through the North Texas Food Bank.



# Eastern Stars of District 11 host Blanket Drive



“widows and orphans” (James 1:27) on a daily basis.



Story by: District Staff

**DALLAS** - The annual Blanket Drive which has taken place in December for the past nine years was the focus for Regional Director District Deputy Grand Matron Fury Hendrix whose wish was for the Sisters to devote their time and needed items to the homeless population in the community.

During the year, Chapters within District 11, which includes the Dallas/Fort Worth Metroplex area, were encouraged to gather blankets, toiletries, food, socks and winter caps that could be used during the community service project, Dec. 4, 2013.

Sisters and Brothers gathered together the Sunday afternoon prior to the project to sort and package items for distribution.

In the last 8 years, toiletries (soap, toothbrushes/paste, deodorant, wet wipes, hand sanitizer, etc.) have been included in the gallon plastic zip top bags as a contribution to the health and well-being of

those persons living among the elements.

Food items have been distributed for 5 years along with the blankets and toiletries---essentially goods that don't need refrigeration. Peanut butter or cheese crackers, protein and granola bars, apple sauce, Capri Sun drinks, bottled water and even peppermint candies that are reminiscent of the Christmas holiday season are included in the packages.

More than 500 food packs were created with donations including 400 fruit cups from District 11 Past Masters Council and 500 servings of canned meat from District 11 Matron/Patron Council.

District 11 Chapters send a very special thanks to Mount Pisgah Lodge No. 135 for their large blanket contribution.

This years' gift packs included a 2013 Christmas Advent guide sponsored by Bucker International in Dallas, a daily devotional guide written by those who minister to

# Members of Houston Dynasty Youth Fraternity visits School Garden



Story by: Sis. Aisha Marks

**HOUSTON** – Continuing its effort in mentoring youth, the Houston Dynasty Youth Fraternity volunteered at student garden of Forrester Elementary, Nov. 2, 2013.

Entering the garden, members met with Mrs. Hazell and her husband and listened to them give the kids a brief lesson on gardening.

Hazell showed the group how each grade level had their own garden where they chose what they wanted to plant. In small groups, they went from each garden to take note of what the students planted.

During the previous night, there was a bad wind storm so there were branches and debris throughout the garden. Hazel and her husband began cleaning up the debris and surprisingly the kids jumped right in.

Everyone put on gloves and started to pull the weeds out of the fruit trees that were there and

placed new mulch under them. The kids used all kinds of gardening tools to pull the weeds out, spread the mulch and make the trees look absolutely beautiful.

Hazell took the time to explain what the different tree types were, name the different types of weeds, and explained how certain vegetables grow above ground while others below.

It was so inspirational watching the kids work and ask questions, especially about sweet potatoes. The kid had a unique time trying to dig and pull those sweet potatoes out.

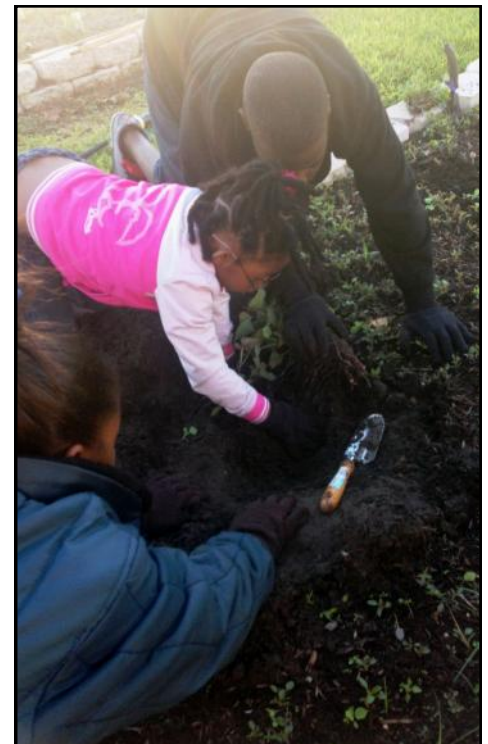
This was definitely a project the youth fraternity will continue to implement with our youth and hopefully bring others on board.

In attendance were Sisters Aisha Marks, Gabby Velastegui, Velloria Watts, Cynthia Darby, Chawanda Jackson and Anastasia Whitmire. Youth in attendance were Braddrick Price, Syrus Price, Nijai Marks, Taylor Watts, Isis Grif-

fith, and Bryce Robinson.

The program was put in to place by a local organization called Urban Harvest. Urban Harvest promotes healthy communities, sound nutrition and respect for the environment by educating children and adults and facilitating harvest and habitat gardens.

Urban Harvest celebrates healthy living through the food we eat, fresh whole food that comes from the ground, on bushes and trees in a natural state. The organization teaches how to grow fruits and vegetables, for oneself and for others to share or to sell at local farmers markets. It advocates for access to this fresh food so that all Houstonians get the nutrition necessary for healthy bodies and minds, hence for healthy communities and ultimately for a healthy planet.



# Covenant Sisters Chapter No. 74 visits Gravesite of Texas' First Grand Master



Story by: Chapter Staff

**GALVESTON**, Texas – Many historical organizations do not receive the chance to seize an opportunity to visit any site related to their origin or humble beginnings. Covenant Sisters Chapter No. 74 of Dallas did so, Jan. 11.

The Chapter, led by Worthy Matron De'Onna Washington, traveled to the Lakeview Cemetery on Galveston Island after the conclusion of the 7th Annual Norris Wright Cuney Grand Chapter Luncheon held in Houston.

Lakeview is the final resting

place of the first Grand Master of Prince Hall Masonry in Texas, the Hon. Norris Wright Cuney.

The Sisters took advantage of a rare opportunity to show and pay their respects to him, as the Chapter strives to learn as much as they possibly can, not only about the history of the Norris Wright Cuney Grand Chapter, but of O.E.S. history in general.

W.M. Washington said, "If we know where we came from, we will have a guide to where we should go."



# Order of the Eastern Star, Youth Beacons of Light volunteer at Salvation Army



Story by: Chapter Staff

**DALLAS** - Covenant Sisters Chapter No. 74 and Young Beacons of Light Youth Fraternity volunteered at the Salvation Army, Jan. 4.

The Chapter and youth fraternity helped prepare meals as well as served them during dinner time. As usual, it felt great to help in the community.

According to Grand Worthy Matron Martha Wolridge, she is very proud of this Chapter and their youth fraternity.



# Covenant Sisters Chapter No. 74 hosts 3rd Annual Senior Prom



No. 182, Cherubim Lodge No. 237, and Dorcus Chapter No. 19 for supporting the event.

A special thank you to R.W. Deputy Grand Master T. Michael Anderson for doing an outstanding job as the prom's guest speaker. Additional thanks to Past Loyal Lady Ruler Nelda Harper.



Story by:  
W.M. De'Onna Washington (74)

The Chapter thanks Mt. Pisgah Lodge No. 135, Good Street Lodge

**DALLAS** - Members of Covenant Sisters Chapter No. 74, (O.E.S.), hosted their 3rd Annual Senior Prom to show their appreciation once again to the residents of the Senior Care and Rehabilitation Center, Dec. 15, 2013.

The occasion served as a "Day of Royalty" for the residents who were dressed to impress.

The residents had their pictures taken as they were escorted down a purple runway. It was really hard to express in words what the Chapter experienced from this event. One would have to see it for themselves.

This year, the youth fraternity sponsored by the Chapter, Beacons of Light, participated in support of the annual prom.



# Chapter of the Year: Holy Royal Arch Masons of El Paso continues their Support to the Community



*Story and photos by: Chapter Staff*

**EL PASO** – The Holy Royal Arch Masons of El Paso H.R.A.M. Chapter No. 90 have been very industrious during the 4th quarter of calendar year 2013.

On Oct. 4, Past High Priest Duwan Mason received the Salute to El Paso's Outstanding Citizenship Award from Houston Attractions. During P.H.P. Mason's time in the city he has received multiple awards including Past High Priest of the Year and Royal Arch Mason of the Year. His service to the city

of El Paso has not gone unnoticed. Additionally, he serves as a mentor and motivator for many Royal Arch Masons in the community.

On Oct. 13, the Chapter, along with members of the El Paso Masonic Family, assisted Northgate Optimist Club with their 10th Annual Denim and Pink. This is an event in which the cancer survivors of El Paso are invited to a luncheon served by the Companions and other community supporters. There was live music, door prizes, and gifts for everyone. This event continues to grow and get better

every year.

On Halloween, the Companions assisted Stars of the Sun Chapter No. 6 (O.E.S.) with handing out candy and dressing up in costumes. According to P.H.P. Mason, there seemed to be thousands of children but the family had a lot of candy to accommodate them all, so much candy that they decided to have an assembly line type of distribution. The Chapters would like to give a special thanks to Van Horne Express Employees, Northgate Optimist Club and everyone who donated candy and assisted





with handing out candy. The winner of best costume went to Comp. Torrey Price; his costume was of an overweight king dress in black. On Nov. 23, the Chapter, along with the El Paso Masonic Family, North-gate Optimist Club, and members of the community, celebrated its 2nd Annual Community Thanksgiving Dinner. Approximately 300 people were in attendance. The Chapter also distributed meals to the sick and shut-in who could not attend the dinner. The event would not have been

successful without the assistance of everyone in the community.

On Dec. 21, the Companions hosted their Community Christmas



Dinner/Party at the Northgate Optimist Club and on Dec. 23, they donated more than 150 toys to Horizon Community Recreation Center.



# Grand High Court, Heroines of Jericho



*Her. Annie Coleman of Fairfield*

Story by: G.H.C. Staff

Heroines from across the state of Texas gathered at their Regional Meetings. Meetings were held in the following cities: Eastern Regional: Tyler, Texas – Regional Director Heroine Callie Walker; Coastal Regional, Huntsville, Texas, Regional Director Heroine Fannie Bellard; North Central Regional: DeSoto, Texas – Regional Director Heroine Marjorie Cary; and South Central Regional: Killeen, Texas – Regional Director Edwina Evans.

Information was presented to all in attendance by Grand Secretary Rhonda Thompson and Grand Most Ancient Matron Jackie Levingston. Donations were made to various charities in the cities where the meetings were held.

Heroine Annie Coleman of Fairfield, Texas was the oldest member in attendance at the North Central Regional Meeting in DeSoto. Heroine Coleman is a young 100 years old. May God Continue to bless her!!

G.M.A.M. Jackie Levingston was elected Grand Senior Attendant of the General Conference Heroines of Jericho of the United States and Bahamas, Inc.



# Heroines make Commitment to Fighting Hunger



Story and photos by: Court Staff

**TEMPLE, Texas** - The members of Rising Sun Court No. 150 (H.O.J.) held their annual fall food drive from September through mid-November 2013, collecting more than 75 pounds of food. The goal of this year's drive was to provide everything needed to prepare a traditional Thanksgiving meal for families living in the same neighborhood as the Lodge Hall.

On Nov. 16, the food drive ended with the delivery of four food baskets. The Heroines who participated in the food delivery were as excited to present them as the families were to receive them.

"The food drive and delivery was truly a labor of love," said Most Ancient Matron Stephanie Phillips. "This year's selection of families to receive the food baskets has not only ensured families in need were able to have a full Thanksgiving meal, it has also helped to strengthen the relationships of the Court members and the community members who live in the neighborhood where the Lodge Hall is lo-

cated. Plans for next year's drive have already begun."

On Dec. 5, the Heroines participated in H-E-B's annual Feast of Sharing. This annual event is the culmination of a year-round commitment H-E-B makes to fighting hunger.

The Court is also committed to fighting hunger and have served alongside its community partners for the past five years in support of the event. Many of the Heroines assisted the H-E-B partners with servings of hot meals, desserts and drinks, while the others assisted in seating guests and waiting tables.

This year's event fed over 500 members of the community. The event served over 3,000 pounds of sliced turkey, 2,500 pounds of cornbread dressing, 750 apple pies, 380 gallons of mashed potatoes, 140 gallons of turkey gravy and 95 gallons of cranberry sauce.

Members of Rising Sun Court No. 150 had a wonderful time serving and fellowshiping with other citizens in the Temple community.

# Rising Sun Court No. 150 visits Shut-In Heroines



Story by:  
M.A.M. Stephanie Phillips (150)

**TEMPLE**, Texas – With the Fall Season past and the Winter Season upon them, the members of Rising Sun Court No. 150 (H.O.J.) decided to spend their time visiting and fellowshipping with members who continuously support the Court but are no longer able to attend regular Court meetings or community events.

Through an effort coordinated by Heroine Arnetta Butler, Court members donated a variety of personal pampering items to include blankets, socks, lotions, books, and snacks. Also part of the items were membership rosters with everyone's name, address, and phone number as well as copies of any articles or pictures of activities and/or events the Court has participated in over the past year. The items were put together to create gift bags for each Heroine.

On Oct. 19, 2013, the Heroines visited each of the shut-in members and presented the gift bags. On Dec. 15, court members visited each of the shut-in Heroines again and presented them with a poinsettia and a Christmas card signed by

their Heroine Sisters including Grand Most Ancient Matron Jackie Levingston.

During the December visit, the shut-in members also received a photo collage from previous visits. The photo collage turned out to be a priceless gift cherished by all who received a copy. For many of them it was the first time in years that they had seen each other. The photos sparked conversations of past meetings and events they had participated in together.

The visits were a huge success and the visiting members were welcomed with open arms and big smiles. The smiles brought as much joy to the shut-in Heroines as it did to the visiting Heroines.



# The Color Purple

## *Royal and Select Masters recognized in the Lone Star State*



*Story by:*  
*State Dep. Ronald D. Gerac*  
*Texas R.S.M. Project*

**FORT WORTH** - Since the chartering of Prince Hall Lodges and Concordant Bodies in the state of Texas, never once has the Royal and Select Masters (The Purple House) nor the Ladies of the Circle of Perfection been recognized as a Concordant and Appendant Body within the Jurisdiction of Texas - until now.

On Sept. 28, 2013, a team of Royal and Select Masters from the Most Illustrious Pelican Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters from the state of Louisiana, under the direction of Grand Thrice Illustrious Master Byron Gray, convened in a special session for the purpose of conferring the Cryptic Degrees on approximately 130 Royal Arch and/or Knights Templar Masons.

In his annual allocution at the 138th Annual Session of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand

Lodge of Texas, M.W. Grand Master Wilbert M. Curtis informed the Jurisdiction that a resolution was passed to recognize the Masonic bodies known as the Purple House; Royal Select Master and the Ladies of the Circle of Perfection. The purpose of the change was to allow Brothers and Sisters of the Texas Jurisdiction to become members of those two Masonic Bodies.

This was done after the Most Excellent Prince Hall Grand Chapter, Holy Royal Arch Masons of Texas and the Lone Star Grand Commandery, Order of the Knights Templar of Texas, respectively passed resolutions that established recognition of the degrees within their organizations.

In lieu of Councils being organized by the Most Illustrious Pelican Grand Council, Royal and Select Masters Study Clubs have been formed until an officer infrastructure for a potential Texas Grand Council can be formed under the direction of the Most Worshipful

Grand Master.

The Council of Royal and Select Masters houses the Cryptic Degrees, namely the Royal Master's Degree (8th), Select Master's Degree (9th), and the Super Excellent Master's Degree (10th). Cryptic Masonry is the second part of the York Rite system of Masonic degrees, and the last found within the Rite that deals specifically with the Hiram Legend. These degrees are the gateway to Temple restoration rituals or the Second Temple Legend. The body itself is known as either the Council of Royal & Select Masters or Council of Cryptic Masons depending on the jurisdiction.

Officers within a Council of Royal and Select Masters include: Thrice Illustrious Master, Deputy Master, Principal Conductor of the Work, Treasurer, Recorder, Chaplain, Captain of the Guard, Conductor of the Council, Steward, and Marshal, Organist/Musician, and the Sentinel.

# Heart of Texas Guild No. 38, Charles Anderson Commandery No. 41 volunteer Annual Wreath Laying Ceremony



*Lt.-Rt.: S.K. Nolan Walker, P.P.C. Jovann Farley, S.K. Anthony Johnson, P.C. Sharon Winslow,, S.K. Woodrow Wilson, 1st. Lt. Anjanette Fields, and P.P.C. Desiree Rice*

Story by: P.C. Sharon M. Winslow

**KILLEEN**, Texas - Thousands of volunteers gathered at the Central Texas Veterans Cemetery for the 7th Annual Laying of the Wreaths, Nov. 30, 2013.

An escort of more than 190 motorcycles, followed an 18-wheeler carrying nearly 5,000 wreaths, arrived at the cemetery. The wreaths were laid at the final resting place of veterans and their families.

Members of Heart of Texas Guild No. 38 came to the ceremony to pay their respects to the fallen as well as ensure each tombstone had it's own wreath.

The turnout has historically been approximately 400 volunteers who remove nearly 5,000 wreaths from the graves and placing the wreaths on poles to be stored in the truck until next year.

Despite the bitter cold wind, members of Heart of Texas No. 38 happily walked across the field

gathering wreaths.

One of the Guild's very own is resting in the cemetery, Princess Terri Morrison.

This was a way for the Guild to pay respect to the fallen service members. Each member's heart was touched that day with a mixture of sadness and pride as they looked out over the rows of grave markers.

# Texas Council of Assemblies Order of the Golden Circle

*"May the Peace of the Lord be always with you."*



*Loyal Lady Shirley Henry Gideon  
State Grand Loyal Lady Ruler  
Texas Council of Assemblies  
Order of the Golden Circle*

Greetings:

Wishing you Peace, Joy and Charity for the coming year.

Texas Council of Assemblies participated in many worthy events during the past season, to include nursing home gifts and visits, family donations, church donations and many unspoken donations by the Grace of God.

We are preparing for the Council of Deliberation in Houston in March. Information for the Grand Occasion in on the District Pages on Facebook and within this publication. Anyone needing additional information please feel free to contact me.

Marching forward with the Council of Deliberation, Texas will be hosting the United Supreme Council in October, also in Houston. The complete details are not available at this printing, but we are confident in their arrival. More discussion and requests will be forthcoming.

Here is a prayer to share:

Righteous and everlasting God, our lives are but a moment in time. We are here today and gone tomorrow. The longer we live, the more we're aware of the fleeting treadmill that we are on. We can't go back. We can go only go forward. Reverse is not an option. Move us forward with Faith. Remind us that each day is a gift not be consumed but to be values and cherished.

May others com to cherish our conversations as we reach out with compassion to care more deeply. Blessed are you. Amen.

Peace and Unity!

*Shirley Henry Gideon*



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**Official Notice**

Inspectors General of all ranks, Past Commanders-in-Chief, the first three officers in the Consistories, Council of Kadosh, Chapters of the Rose Croix, the first four officers in the Lodges of Perfection, and all Loyal Ladies of the Golden Circle in the Orient of Texas.

Greetings:

Be it known that I, Dr. John Butler Jr., Sovereign Grand Inspector General, Deputy for the Orient of Texas by the authority of the Constitution of the United Supreme Council, A.A.S.R. of Freemasonry Southern Jurisdiction, U.S.A., do here by call the Council of Deliberation into its Sixty-Seven Annual Session and the Order of the Golden Circle into its Fiftieth Annual Session in the valley of Houston, Texas, on March 7-8, 2014. **The session will be held at the Hilton Houston North, 12100 Green Point Dr., Houston, TX 77060, and Telephone Number: 866-577-1154. The Cut-off date is February 13, 2014. Room rates are at \$89.00 per night.**

Onsite registration will begin Friday March 07, at 9:00am and continue until 6:00pm; and resume on Saturday, March 09, at 8:00am. Scottish Rite Workshops are schedule for Friday March 07 from 9:00am until 4:00pm. The Commanders of the Rite will meet Friday, March 07, at 6:00pm.

Friday March 07, from 9:00am to 11:00am, Golden Circle Q&A Session and Friday evening at 8:00pm the Golden Circle Fashion Show will be presented.

Saturday March 08, at 7:30am the Joint Memorial Service will be presented.

Council and Assembly Ceremonial opening will be at 9:00am.

The close of the Council and Assembly will culminate with the Banquet at 7:00pm on Saturday evening March 08, 2014.

**Appropriate robe or dark blue or black suit, white shirt, black shoes, black tie, white gloves and crown are required dress for the ceremonial opening. Tuxedo (black tie) is the desired dress for the banquet.**

*Dr. John Butler, Jr.*

Dr. John Butler Jr. 33°  
Deputy for the Orient of Texas

Attest:

Robert J. Datcher. 33°  
Illustrious Grand Secretary



Texas Council of Deliberation  
67th Annual Session  
And  
Texas Council of Assemblies  
50th Annual Session  
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Consistory Registration: \$300.00 (**Standard Consistory**) \_\_\_\_\_

GIG Registration Fee: \$75.00 per person \_\_\_\_\_ (Will Not Attend) \_\_\_\_\_

Pre-Registration Fee: \$75.00 per person \_\_\_\_\_

On Site Registration Fee: \$100.00 per person \_\_\_\_\_

The deadline for pre-registration forms is March 01, 2014. Please mail the registration form(s) and check or money order to:

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# KEMETIAN LODGE OF RESEARCH

## King Solomon's Temple

Short Talk by:  
CRM-6 D.D.G.M.- E. Ronnie Jones

Giving Honor to God for his everlasting love. First let me say how blessed I am to be able to give my talk in this place!

I've never done a research paper before. But my personal research of this craft of ours for over 30 plus years has led me to this conclusion.

As Masons we don't always take advantage of what Masonry has to offer. Masonry has given us the tools to craft our designs of life in the manner in which we want it.

I would like to be able to talk about the building of King Solomon's Temple for my topic.

I chose this topic because the very nucleus of free masonry is centered on the building of King Solomon's Temple.

We practice a speculative art that is derived from an operative concept.

The concept of building your character, based on the concept of building a building is phenomenal. The character that you build should have beauty, to be appealing to the eye, (look good feel good). Strength to support the loads that life may put upon you. The mortar has to be mixed just right to be able to withstand the stress of storms or the stress of storms in our lives.

In order to build this building, preparations had to be made.

So how does this all fit together when we apply the operative art of building with the speculative science of Freemasonry? In our ritual we are told that life is broken down into three parts whereby in the first part, the Entered Apprentices years, we occupy our minds in the



*Dep. Grand Marshal, D.D.G.M.-E. Ronnie Jones delivers a lecture during the Kemetic Lodge of Research held at the Grand Masonic Temple, Nov. 8, 2013.*

attainment of useful knowledge. This is equal to the gathering of materials in preparation of the building of King Solomon's Temple. Most of us know that David was not allowed to build the temple. But it's not every day talk that David was responsible for making preparations. He had to do such things as purchasing of the land, gathering a majority of the material needed to complete the job.

In life this responsibility fell on our parents who provided the start of our understanding in life. What is right or wrong, what is good or what is bad. These are similar to the lessons we learn as Entered Apprentices. Our primary education continues as we start school and begin to learn those things that will help us to grow in knowledge and skill. Teachers and coaches show us the rudiments of those seven liberal arts and sciences that we thought we would never use. The English teacher that taught us how to construct a sentence and

give a speech; the math teacher that helped us navigate through simple arithmetic and the complexities of algebra, calculus, or even geometry. The sports coach (football, basketball, volleyball) that taught us to work hard and persevere through tough training in order to enjoy the sweet taste of victory. There may have been a good friend or classmate that helped us learn a game like tic-tac-toe or chess, where our skill in logic began to be developed. In school or in church we may have been introduced to choir, band or some other form of music that initiated our appreciation of time and rhythm.

After our primary education we might continue the pursuit of useful knowledge through college. When we have attained enough knowledge, then we have been duly and truly prepared for the next level. As with the building of King Solomon's Temple, when all the materials have been gathered, the next step is to assemble those materials into

a useful edifice...a structure...a building....a temple!

In the second phase of life, the Fellow Craft years, we learn to apply our knowledge in the discharge of our duties to God, our neighbors and ourselves. By this time we have decided what we want out of life as well as what we don't want. In the application of the knowledge gained in the Entered Apprentice years, we get a job, start a business, or raise a family. During this time we further establish our ethics of doing right because it is right. We learn to be charitable to our friends and neighbors and above all giving honor to the Grand Architect of the Universe. Our peers, coworkers and even bosses will shape our outlook on life and greatly influence our work habits. This is also a time of spiritual growth and development as we build a more personal relationship with our creator.

The Holy Writings tells us that an insurmountable amount of gold and silver was used to build King Solomon's Temple. The finest cloth and materials was purchased. Shitem Wood and solid brass were used in the making of the temple of God.

During this period of our lives we make that firm decision of how we want to spend our lives and we begin to really work toward that goal. We decide on the people that we want in our lives that will be helpful. We also decide on activities that we need or don't need in order to attain our goals. Consider this the time to really put our working tools to use and chisel away the parts that are unnecessary in our lives for us to be happy and get what we want out of life. If you want to be a great athlete then you want to keep that great discipline for practice that you gained in high school but give up the smoking habit you picked up in college. Not only because smoking is bad for you, but

because it lends nothing to being an athlete. There may even be some people in your life that you have to separate from because they are not very supportive.

As the temple was progressing towards completion, The Holy Place that would contain the most sacred items ever known to man, The Ark of the Covenant was re-enforced and adorned with 2 Cherubim's made of olive trees and overlaid with pure gold. They were 10 cubits high and had a wing span of 10 cubits wide. They were put there as protectors of the Ark.

These are the years for setting goals and then working to attain those goals. As someone once said, it's time to plan your work and work your plan. Just as King Solomon and Hiram King of Tyree followed the plans for the building of the temple which took 7 years it took to build. So we should recognize that the plan doesn't come to fruition over night, but with the help of the GAOTU we can and will be successful. That success will lead us to the third and final phase.

The Master Masons years; wherein we enjoy the happy reflections consequent of a well spent life, and then die in the hope of glorious immortality. These are the retirement years. Time to look back and consider how our life was spent and hope the world is a better place for our having been in it.

In the operative sense we have reached the end of the building of the temple. Now it can be occupied. King Solomon's Temple was occupied by the Ark of the Covenant which also served as the Mercy Seat of the Spirit of the Lord. For the Speculative art of Freemasonry, our temple is also occupied by the Spirit of the Lord, but instead of the Ark of the Covenant, there is something else....the place where you were first prepared to be made a Mason.

## The True Man and Mason

*By: P.M. Purcelle E. Cason  
Mt. Moriah Lodge No. 6*

And God said; "Let us create man in our own image".

Then He gave us the ability to physically do this ourselves, "Our image", man and woman reproduce. Mankind is born of woman; and is shaped and formed, mentally and physically.

The spirit belongs to God. He will shape and form the spirit, if the individual is willing, and according to his own freewill. We as Masons have been introduced to the attributes and symbolism of certain tools, which we are to use to shape, Form, and make ourselves true (truly square). Because much of this deals with our morals; the compasses should be our most frequently used tool. It teaches us to circumscribe our desires, subdue, and keep our passions in due bounds. Basically, to take control of self.

We as Masons help to build true men. And as God said, "Let us create man in our own image", we must agree with the Third Degree Charge; which states, "The true man is the human image of the Masons' God", who is the almighty creator of all that exist. The omnipotent, the omniscient, and the omnipresent.

Remember; the true man and the true builder is a soldier and a child of God. He stands for truth with the sword of justice in one hand, and spreads Truth and Brotherly Love with the trowel in the other hand.....

# The Significant Numbers of 15 and 18

## Lecture Given at the Winter Solstice of the Kemetian Lodge of Research



By: CRM P.M. Charles Gray

“For in and out, above, about, below, ‘Tis nothing but a Magic Shadow-show, Play’d in a Box whose Candle is the Sun, Round which we Phantom Figures come and go.” This lecture will expound on the significance of the numbers 15, 18, and their significance to not just Masonic folklore, but also to history. You see my Brothers; the number 15 corresponds to Osiris and the number 18 to his wife Isis. In the underworld, Osiris is represented by the number 14, and you will later see where we get the number 15 from. Isis was seen as the beneficent mother of mankind and was worshipped as a virgin for ‘no mortal man had ever her unveiled.’

Osiris and Isis were part of a royal family consisting of two others, namely Set and Nephthys (S.I.O.N.). When Set betrayed his brother Osiris and murdered him, he chopped his body into 15 pieces and scattered them throughout the land. Isis and Nephthys made strict search throughout the land to locate the pieces.

Eventually, they found all of the pieces except the phallus. A grave was prepared by marking it with a lotus (hence in the Masonic legend a sprig of acacia was used to mark the

grave of Grand Master Hiram Abiff). The male body consists of 15 parts, and you will recall as I stated earlier that the number representing Osiris was 14, but this signifies the female body. The complete body of Osiris is indicated by the number 15.

Now, how do we arrive at the number of 18 for Isis? It is very simple because the period of a woman’s pregnancy is nine months or 270 days. She was the Black Madonna or the Virgin or Mother of the King (Horus). If this seems familiar to you its because it should be. In the book: *Ancient Mysteries and Modern Revelations* by W.J. Colville, the author states: “When the Hebrews went out of Egypt they carries with them all that was worth conveying away of the religious ideas and ceremonies and also of the social usages of the Egyptians.” Isis has the number 18, and 270 divided by 18 is 15, which is the number of Osiris. The numerical reciprocal of 15 is 666, but we have made this number evil.



1. *Genesis: The First Book of Revelations*  
– David Wood  
*Ancient Mysteries & Modern Revelations*  
– W.J. Colville



# Kemetian Masonic Lodge of Research

## Vision / Mission:

- To institute an organized system of study and inquiry into the epistemology of Free Masonry and the African American Masonic experience in particular.
- To foster processes designed to empower the Prince Hall Masonic Family in its aspirations towards developing a preeminent fraternal order.
- To nurture the evolution of a Masonic Craft, capable of continuously improving its abilities to provide excellence in leadership & methods of human uplift, in the myriad of diverse and ever evolving power matrices on the frontiers of cultural change.

## ARTICLE I

### Section I – Name

This Lodge of Research shall be known as the “Kemetian Masonic Research Lodge.” It is a part of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Texas & Jurisdictions but Maintains a separate status as a non-profit organization. As such it is governed by the Laws of the State of Texas (U.S.A) in regards to not for profit organizations.

### Section II – General Communications

There shall be no less than four meetings a year i.e. Vernal Equinox, Summer Solstice, Autumnal Equinox & Winter Solstice. The time and place of these meetings will be determined at the first meeting of the New Year, on or about the time of the Vernal (Spring) Equinox. A minimum of two of the scheduled meetings must be used only for Research Work e.g. Presentations, lectures, short talks, debates, think tanks, etc.

### Section III – Special Communications

A Special Communication of this body shall be held on order of the Worshipful Master of the Lodge of Research. The time and place for assembling shall be so stated.

### Section IV – Purpose of Special Communications

The Purpose of the Special Communications shall be so stated in the call and no other Business shall be transacted.

### Section V – QUORUM

The Quorum at the General Communications shall be a minimum of five (5) Research Members holding voting rights.

### Section VI – Interim Communication Business

During the Interim between Communications, the Worshipful Master, Senior Warden, Secretary and Treasurer are authorized to attend to any financial obligations or needs of this Lodge of Research. A proper record of transactions must be filed and presented in Detail at the next Communication.

## ARTICLE III

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For Prince Hall Freemasons of Texas and its Jurisdictions only. Each Research Member carries one vote. Research Members shall be Titled – RM and a number corresponding to the time they joined (e.g. – Brother I. H. Clayborn who was the tenth Research Member would be so titled Brother I. H. Clayborn RM10, with CRM10 denoting that he is a Charter Research Member.

#### **Associate Research Member:**

For Regular Freemasons only. Regular being defined as any Master Mason who is a member of any Grand Lodge recognized as being regular by the M.W.P.H. Grand Lodge of Texas or the United Grand Lodge of England. Special exceptions to the rule may be made by a unanimous vote. The only Associate Research Member that carries a vote is Associate Research Members who are also members of the Board of Directors. Associate Research Members shall be titled ARM and a number corresponding to the time they joined, e.g. Brother I. H. Clayborn who was the tenth Associate Research Member would be so titled Brother I. H. Clayborn ARM10, with CARM10 denoting that he is a Charter Research Member.

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#### **Associate Research Member:**

The Literary Requirement for this membership is to submit a minimum of one short talk on the subject of Freemasonry, every two years. The financial requirement for this membership is \$15.00 per year. The fee includes a yearly subscription to the quarterly publication of the Lodge of Research, but not the annual publication.

#### **Affiliate Member:**

The financial requirement for this membership is \$24.00 per year. The fee includes a yearly subscription to the quarterly publication of the Research Lodge, but not the annual publication.

We are requesting a printing of the first 3 Articles of the Kemetic Lodge of Research in the upcoming issue of the PHA magazine for Those wishing to join. Brothers may contact Grand Junior Warden Frank D. Jackson at:

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# FORUM

## How to save Money for that Special Occasion



Story by: Bro. Kieron Coulon  
Star of Bethlehem Lodge No. 168  
M.W.P.H.G.L. of La.

**CORPUS CHRISTI**, Texas - A financial educator named, Leo J. Quinn, maintains a network of folks who subscribe to his free website and periodically he asks his readers if they have any "money mind games" they use with themselves or their families in order to have a better experience with their money? Here are some of the ideas.

Give your money a name. Have different accounts for different purposes and give each of them a name. It's harder to spend money if it has a name. This is my "Trip to Hawaii Money", or my "Buy a Boat Money", or my "Buy a New Car Money" (more on that further down). The reader related this as an example: my son had a girlfriend and it was clear to everyone that they would likely get married. She wanted to go out for dinner one evening but he told her he didn't have any money for that. She replied "Yes you do, you've got all that money in your savings ac-

count." He said, "Well yes, but that's your engagement ring money. We can use some of it, but that's less money that I can spend on your ring." She decided it was best to eat in.

Another reader had an idea that got improved on. She said every year, she adds up all of her annual expenses - car tax, servicing, holiday budget, birthdays, etc., and then she divides that number by 12. Every month she puts that amount away in a savings account so she won't get any nasty "surprises" when those bills comes due. Upon reading about that idea, another subscriber suggested dividing the annual figure by 11 instead. He figures you probably won't really notice the extra you're putting away and at the end of the year you have a "free" month to add to savings or cover something unexpected.

One noteworthy suggestion is to create an "invisible" car loan. The reader said, "I had a car loan some years ago. When the car was about three years old, the loan was paid off, but I continued to "pay" the loan and interest into a savings account. When the time came for

me to trade in my car, the financing was mostly all there with interest earned on it, instead of paying a lot of interest to a bank.

In relation to pay raises, a reader said, "When I last got a pay raise, instead of adding it all into my normal budgeting, I deposited a portion directly into savings. That way it doesn't become subsumed into my ordinary income and I could save a portion of it as if I never had it."

One reader suggested emptying your wallet of one dollar bills at the end of the day and stuff them in a sealed box along with any loose change you have. Then every December take the coins to the local Coinstar machine and get a voucher and put it with the bills to buy a gift certificate that should pay for most of the holidays.

Last but not least, if you are dividing your monthly expenses by 4 in order to know how much you will have to have to get by from week to week, try dividing it by 5 instead. This will automatically prepare you for those months that have 5 weeks in them and during the others; you will have an extra weeks expenses for surprises.



# Community Service is a Usual Vocation



program, which serves as many as 8,000 needy families a year in the San Antonio area.

Lastly, the club conducted their annual Polar Bear Ride on New Year's Day en route to the local "Blessing of the Bikes." The motorcycle club, which consist of Prince Hall Masons wanted to ensure that ever endeavor begins with the blessings of the Grand Architect of the Universe.

The members of Sons of Solomon Motorcycle Club, San Antonio Chapter, pray that the Grand Architect of the Universe blesses all in 2014 and beyond.

*Story by: Sons of Solomon Motorcycle Club Staff*

**SAN ANTONIO** - Community service is the Sons of Solomon Motorcycle Club, San Antonio Chapter's usual vocation.

The club's efforts directly affect the communities where it resides and rides.

The Sons of Solomon assisted the Bair Foundation in late 2013, a non-profit ministry that has successfully cared for and treated children, teens and families for over 40 years. With 31 offices in nine states, their mission is to provide Christ-centered quality care and services dedicated to the treatment, restoration and empowerment of children, youth and families.

The club provided more than 15 comfort bags in support of the Bair Foundation. A comfort bag is an overnight bag that has the basic essentials in it for a child who is picked up in the middle of the night and has nothing but the clothes they are wearing.

Not only will these bags help the children, it will also help the foster

parents who welcome these kids in the middle of the night.

Next, the Sons of Solomon participated in the Gypsy Motorcycle Club Annual Toy Run. The Toy Run brings motorcyclists together for a very worthy purpose: the joy of a child receiving a gift at Christmas. Toys benefited the Blue Santa (San Antonio Police Dept.)



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