



The Phylaxis Notes

Of The Phylaxis Society



ANNUAL CONVENTION - NEW MEXICO

2014 PHOTO ESSAY

LAMP OF KNOWLEDGE LIT IN ALBUQUERQUE

The Executive Secretary of The Phylaxis Society, Honorable Alex Smith, FPS (NM) lit the lamp of knowledge on March 6th, 2014 in Albuquerque, New Mexico to open the Forty-first Annual Convention of The Phylaxis Society (photo 1). This 41st convention of The Phylaxis Society and 31st convention of The Phyllis Chapter continues a record of growth and excellence for the Society. The official opening ceremony and

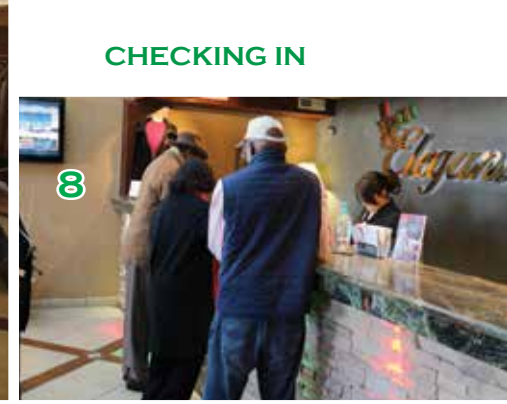




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CONVENTION REGISTRATION



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memorial service (photos 1, 2, and 5) took place on the Thursday morning of the convention. More photos of the opening are on page 5.

Some officers of the Phylaxis Society and Phyllis Chapter and their spouses arrive on Tuesday to be in place Wednesday morning for board meetings. Some of the early arrivals check into the MCM Elegante (photos 6 through 8).

On Tuesday evening, President Campbell, FPS (MO) hosted a ca-



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sual hospitality for early arrivals (photos 11 and 12).

Convention Registration is administered by Brother Harold Bendaw, FPSH (NM) Brother Jessie Watkins, FPSH (NM) and Sister Barbara Jones, FPC (MO) (photos 9 and 10). James "Rocky" Dallas, FPSH (WA) picks up his registration package (photo 9).

Sister Freddie Cooper, FPC (UT) and Sister Rosie Moore, MPC (PA) collaborate (photo 14).

Wednesday morning before board meetings, members have breakfast (photos 15 through 20). President Campbell, FPS (MO) has breakfast with Brother Easley, FPSH (NC) (photo 13). Brother Rocky Dallas chats with board members Crews (MS) and Cooper (UT) while Moore (PA) and Smith (NC) have breakfast (photo 15).

The Phylaxis Board of Directors meets on Wednesday morning (photo 21): clockwise from the left: William Gross, FPS (MD); Edward Darnell, FPSH (MI); Karl Reid, FPSH (MO); Robert Campbell, FPS (MO); Larry Moore, FPSH (PA); Damajo Smith, FPSH (NC); Eddie Crews, FPSH (MS); Ulysses Cooper, FPSH (UT); Alton Roundtree, FPS (DC); Frederic

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Who Seek More Light and Who

Have Light to Impart

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JOHN G. LEWIS & BRICE E. SIMMONS RECEPTION



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Milliken, FPSH (TX); and Warren Broomer, FPSH (MD). In photo **25** the board has a call meeting on Friday.

A small hospitality was held on Wednesday evening (photos **26** through **28**).

The John G. Lewis/Brice E. Simons Reception (photos **29** through **35**). Phyllis members who have been awarded the Brice E. Simmons medal and Phylaxis members who have been awarded the John G. Lewis Medal of Excellence were honored on Wednesday evening at a formal reception with the ceremony of seven toasts. Phylaxis medal holders (photos **32**, **34** and **35**) wear the medal suspended from a red ribbon. Phyllis medal holders wear the medal suspended from a blue ribbon (photos **33** and **34**).

Joint Opening – Brother Larry Moore, FPSH (PA) for the Phylaxis Society and Sister Freddie Cooper, FPC (UT) for the Phyllis Chapter officiate at the joint official opening of the convention (photo **37**). The Executive Secretary of the Phylaxis Society lit the lamp of knowledge (photo **1**) and the Phyllis Chapter officers conduct their opening ceremony (photo **38**). A group photograph was taken this year but it had to be taken in two parts (photos **36** and **40**).

MWGM Schuyler E. Michael, MPS, MWPHGL of NM (on the left in photo **37**) brought welcoming remarks on behalf of the Prince Hall Grand Lodge of New Mexico.

The Afrocentric-historical bus tour (photos **41** and **42**) began with lunch at the Golden Corral (photo **43**) and continued with a visit to the African-American Museum and Cultural Center of New Mexico (photo **44**) and to Albuquerque's International Balloon Museum.

Masonic lodge and OES chapter visitations took



JOINT OPENING AND MEMORIAL SERVICE





MASONIC HISTORICAL AFROCENTRIC TOUR



MASONIC TABLE LODGE



place on Thursday evening (photos 45 through 49). The MWPHGL of NM conducted a table lodge (photo 45). Special guests from North Dakota (photo 46) are Steven Reidburn and PGM Jim Savajola. Distinguished guests are shown in photo 47: Seated left to right: PGM Roy Althouse, MPS (KS), MWGM John E. Miller, MPS (AZ), MWGM Schuyler E. Michael, MPS (NM), WM Leonard Waites (NM), MWGM Cleveland Wilson, FPSH (AR), Phyllaxis President Robert N. Campbell, FPS (MO), and James “Rocky” Dallas, FPSH (WA); standing left to right: PGM Jessie Watkins, FPSH (NM), PGM Jim Savajola (ND), PGM Harold Bendaw, FPSH (NM), and PGM Jessie James, FPSH (NM).

Our workshops start on Friday, usually with a history of the host grand

lodge. A video presentation about the MWPHGL of New Mexico was put together by DGM Edward Mitchell, MPS (NM) and WM Leonard Waites (NM). President Emeritus Williams, FPS (CA) presents the cup of knowledge to them in photo 50.

Brother William H. Gross, FPS (MD) conducted a workshop, “Under the Dome of the Great Cathedrals” (photos 51 and 55). Brother Antoine Lilly, FPSH (NC) spoke on “We are not all Brothers” (photo 52).

The Phyllis Chapter’s luncheon was held on Friday afternoon (photos 56 through 61). New fellows of the Phyllis Chapter (FPC) (photo 57).

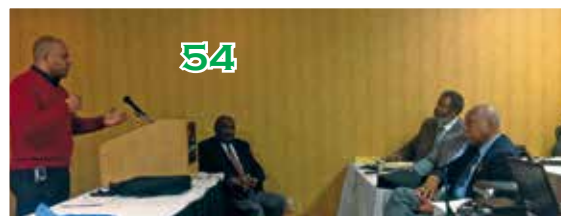
Workshops continued after lunch with Brother Fredric L. Milliken, FPSH (TX), “Free Masonry’s KKK Connection” (photo 65). Brother D. Obadiah Nelson, FPSH (CA) presents the cup of knowledge to him

(photo 64). Brother Daryl L. Andrews, FPS (IL) does a workshop on “From Jones to Obama” (photo 54). Brother John B. Williams, FPS (CA) does a workshop, “Battling Grimshaw, A Century Later” (photo 53).

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FRIDAY WORKSHOPS



There were two inductees into the Harry A. Williamson Masonic Hall of Fame: James Rocky Dallas, FPSH (WA) and Nelson Mandela, posthumously. Brother Damajo Smith, FPSH (NC) stood in on behalf of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina for Nelson Mandela (photo 70).

President Emeritus of the Phylaxis Society Tommie Rigmaiden, FPS (TX) presented a paper on behalf of the *Lux e Tenebris* Research Chapter called, "Distinct Incidents that Impact Freemasonry." Brother D. Obadiah

PHYLLIS CHAPTER LUNCHEON





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Workshops continued on Saturday with Honorable Robert Campbell, FPS (MO), Brother Jim Savajola (ND), and Brother Steven Reidburn (ND) of the North Dakota Historical Society doing a presentation on, "Historic Ft. Buford, Buffalo Soldiers and 6th Infantry" (photos 75, 76, 80, and 82). Brother Marlon S. Honeywell, MPS (FL), PhD did a lecture on "The Tree of Life (Sephilot) and Its Mystic Ties to Masonry" (photos 77 and 78).

Brother Damajo Smith, FPSH (NC) gave some dialogue on Council of Representatives (photo 83).



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Nelson, FPSH (CA) presents the cup of knowledge to him (photo 62 and 66).

Six members of the Society were initiated into the Chi Rho Fraternity (photo 67). Honorable Tommy Rigmaiden, FPS (TX) officiated as Grand Noble Perfect.

The Phyllis Chapter hosted a Fashion Show on Friday evening (photos 68 and 69).

Vice President Larry Moore, FPSH (PA) and Sister Rosalie Moore, MPC (PA) organized the President's Breakfast for elected officers and invited guests of the president. (photos 71 through 74).

CHI RHO FRATERNITY



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FASHION SHOW PARTICIPANTS



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HALL OF FAME INDUCTION



PRESIDENT'S BREAKFAST



SATURDAY WORKSHOPS

Brother Clayton Wesley, FPSH (MO) and Brother Walter Easley, FPSH (NC) did a joint presentation on "Quarry Foundation" (photo 91).

Brother Eddie Crews, FPSH (MS), Executive Director of Phylaxis Chapters, shared information about chapters (photo 79).

The Phylaxis Society luncheon was held at noon on Saturday (photos 85 through 90) and was MC'd by Second Vice President Larry Moore, FPSH (PA). Four B's Awards were given to Brother Timothy C. McCorkle (Books), Brother Kenneth J. Carson, Jr. (Business), Brother James B. Lewis (Ballots) (photo 88), and Brother Ernest Carson (Brotherhood) (photo 87).





PHYLAXIS SOCIETY LUNCHEON



SATURDAY AFTERNOON



Brother Alton Roundtree, FPS (DC) presented a workshop on “Social Media and Masonry” (photo 84).

Grand Master Schuyler E. Michael, MPS (NM) moderated a Grand Masters’ Forum in which he along with Grand Master Cleveland Wilson, FPSH (AR) and Grand Master John E. Miller, MPS (AZ) (photo 92) fielded questions from the audience.

At the election of officers two members of the Board of Directors won new terms on the board—Honorable Warren Broomer, FPSH (MD) and Honorable Eddie Crews, FPSH (MS)—and a new member, Brother Reginald V. Tolbert, MPS (VA) was added to the board

as the newest member(photo 95).

The Annual Awards Banquet closed out the 2014 convention (photo 96 through 103) with First Vice President Ulysses Cooper, FPSH (UT) serving as Master of Ceremonies.

Second Vice President Larry Moore, FPSH (PA) held the annual Raffle Drawing (photo 97). Three winners are from the California Chapter and auxiliary.

Honorable Alfreda D. Brumfield, FPC presented the Brice E. Simmons Award to Sister Gwendolyn Dureseau FPC, Sister Ann Huffmam FPC, and Sister Katrina Williams FPC (photo 101).

President Robert Campbell, FPS (MO) presented the John G. Lewis Medal of Excellence Award to Grand Master Wilbert Curtis, FPSH (TX) *in absentia*, to Brother D. Obadiah Nelson, FPSH (CA) (photo 100), and Second VP Larry Moore, FPSH (PA) (photo 102). President Campbell



ANNUAL BANQUET



also presented a memento to MWGM Schuyler E. Michael in appreciation for hosting the convention (photo 103). Closing remarks were given by MWGM Schuyler E. Michael, MWPHGL of NM and by President of the Phylaxis Society Robert Campbell, FPS (MO).

Sister Karen Campbell, first lady, helps with the gift shop and book store (photo 104). Sister Marva Montgomery, FPC (PA) has set up the art competition for the Prince Hall School (photo 105). First Vice President Cooper, FPSH (UT) overseeing the workshops (photo 106).

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