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Prince Hall Grand Council of
Royal and Select Masters for the
Jurisdiction of North Carolina, Incorporated



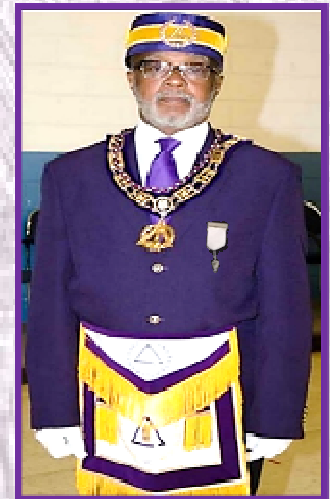
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*PTIM Clinton L. Hamm KYCH
Grand Illustrious Treasurer*

Greetings Illustrious Companions!

As we continue with our theme for this Cryptic year “Unity through Education, Outreach, and Service”, I would like to thank each of you, the Illustrious Companions of this great Jurisdiction, for all of your hard work, sacrifice, and dedication! It is through your committed efforts that we are continuing to grow this jurisdiction and move towards making North Carolina the Standard Bearer in all of Cryptic Masonry!

As we enter the second half of the Cryptic year, several Councils have already greeted new Illustrious Companions into their councils. They have taken the time not to just obligate, but to educate these new Illustrious Companions as well as reiterate the lessons taught in the Royal Master, the Select Master, and the Super Excellent Master degrees to our more seasoned Illustrious Companions as well. I strongly encourage all Councils to seek out your Past Thrice Illustrious Masters, your District Deputies, and your District Lecturers to continue to educate and inform your membership of the ritualistic the administrative, as well as the historical parts of this Grand Council.

Our outreach and service continues to be major focal points of the Grand Council. As many of you already do, please continue to work with your local L.O.C.O.P. Courts, as well as the other York Rite Bodies in your area to promote unity with each other and outreach in our communities. Also, please take the time during the second half of this Cryptic year to check on our senior members, our sick and bereaved families, and be willing to provide any assistance they may need. Remember charity begins at home! In order for us to continue to be effective with our outreach and service, we must remain vigilant and consistent with a giving heart and cheerful spirit while providing for those who may be less fortunate than we are or those who may be going through a difficult time.

A special thank you to all of the Illustrious Companions of the Councils that have received not only myself, but other Grand Council Officers during our visitations. The generous hospitality you showed is very much appreciated and your hard work you have demonstrated in your various communities is not going unnoticed. To those councils that I have not had the opportunity to visit as of yet, I promised that I am going to do my best to press my way to make it to you before the end of this Cryptic year.

From the bottom of my heart, thank you for all that you do in the name of this our beloved Grand Council! I honestly believe that we will continue to be successful in all of our endeavors because of the unity that you, the Illustrious Companions of this Grand Council, continues to demonstrate! Again I thank you for your willingness to continue to build upon this our beloved Prince Hall Grand Council and advance the strong legacy for years to come!

“ISH SODI”!

Yours in Humble Service,

Maurice D. Hamilton

PTIM Maurice D. Hamilton, KYCH
 Right Grand Thrice Illustrious Master
 Prince Hall Grand Council Royal & Select Masters
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Prince Hall Grand Court
Ladies of the Circle of Perfection
Jurisdiction of North Carolina



To All the Illustrious Companions of the Prince Hall Grand Council Royal & Select Masters Jurisdiction of North Carolina Incorporated.

"I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me!" to God be the glory for all the things he has done in my life! I am Royal Matron Linda Riggins-Rhodes, the 11th Royal Grand Perfect Matron of the Prince Hall Grand Court Ladies of the Circle of Perfection Jurisdiction of North Carolina. Greetings and salutation to you on behalf of the Prince Hall Grand Court, I am grateful for this 2nd opportunity and humbled by the confidence given to me as we lead this great Jurisdiction to the next level.

During this 2nd year, we have adopted a motto of "Back to the Basics Elevated and Unified", with the theme of "Team Work Makes the Dream Work!" Our Scripture base is Philippians 4:13, which reads "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me!"

The following Royal Matrons have been duly elected and installed to serve the Prince Hall Grand Court this year:

- Royal Grand Perfect Matron, RM Linda Riggins-Rhodes
- Royal Grand Deputy Matron, RM Joyce Williams
- Royal Grand Principle Conductress, RM Phyllis McLeod
- Royal Grand Associate Conductress, RM Ladria Wright
- Royal Grand Conductress of Ceremonies, RM Audrea Dickinson
- Royal Grand Secretary, RM Tina Leach
- Royal Grand Treasurer, RM Bernadine Coleman
- Royal Grand Trustee 1 year, RM Myra Brooks
- Royal Grand Trustee 2 year, RM Ruth Best
- Royal Grand Trustee 3 year, RM Diccie Hancock

The following Royal Matrons have been duly appointed and installed to serve the Prince Hall Grand Court this year:

- Royal Grand Recorder, RM Clarissa Greene
- Royal Grand Chaplain, RM Alprator Briggs
- Royal Grand Marshall East, RM JoAnn Mitchell
- Royal Grand Marshall West, RM Tonya Leach
- Royal Grand Steward, RM Doretha Kent
- Royal Grand Sentinel, RM Gloria Leggett

The Right Grand Thrice Illustrious Master has appointed the following Illustrious Companions to serve the Grand Court:

- Royal Grand Chief Advisor, HPTIM Comp. Willie Harris
- Royal Grand Deputy 1st Advisor, PTIM Eddie Jones
- Royal Grand Deputy 2nd Advisor, Ill. Comp. Henry Tindal

RM Linda Crumell Fuller from Eleazar Ct. #3 is currently the 2017-2018 PHGC Queen for the Jurisdiction of North Carolina. She represented NC at the General Grand Conference of Grand Courts in Atlanta and brought back the 1st Place Trophy.

Through our Palace Outreach committee, we are focusing on Breast Cancer and Battered Women. All Courts are doing various charitable work in their respective communities.

We are looking forward to working together in full cooperation and support with the spirit of love and unity with Right Grand Thrice Illustrious Master, Maurice D. Hamilton and the Illustrious Companions of the Prince Hall Grand Council. May God continue to bless and keep each of you!



*In the Rite of Perfection,
Linda Riggins-Rhodes
RM Linda Riggings-Rhodes
Royal Grand Perfect Matron
Prince Hall Grand Court Ladies of the Circle of Perfection
Jurisdiction of North Carolina*



Here We “Grow” Again

During this past quarter, 24 new Illustrious Companions have been greeted into their respective Councils. We welcome all of our new Illustrious Companions into the Cryptic Rite and pray that you continue to learn and grow within the Royal & Select and that you continue your search for further light in Masonry.

Hiram of Tyre Council No. 1 Royal & Select Masters, PHA

TIM Rev. Gregory Hairston
Hiram of Tyre Council No. 1
Royal & Select Masters PHA

On Friday, June 2, 2017, under the direction of Thrice Illustrious Master Rev. Gregory Hairston, Hiram of Tyre Council No. 1 R&SM PHA, out of Walkertown, North Carolina, greeted 5 new Illustrious Companions. Traditionally, Hiram of Tyre Council No. 1 R&SM PHA names their classes after distinguished Illustrious Companions who have served the Council well. This year, the class was named the Michael Price Class of 2017, in honor of Past Right Grand Thrice Illustrious Master Michael Price, who served Hiram of Tyre Council No. 1 R&SM PHA and the Grand Council with dignity, honor, and respect! Congratulations to the Michael Price Class of 2017. Welcome to Cryptic Masonry!





Welcoming Our New Illustrious Companion



TIM Damian Jack
Hiram Abiff Council No. 3
Royal & Select Masters PHA



On Friday June 16, 2017, Hiram Abiff Council No. 3 welcomed its newest member into the fold; Illustrious Companions Damajo Smith. By completing the Circle of Perfection, Illustrious Companion Smith was received and acknowledged as a Royal Master May 19, 2017. After showing proficiency in the Royal Master degree, with RGTIM Maurice D. Hamilton in attendance, Illustrious Companion Smith was greeted as a Select Master and honored as a Super Excellent Master.

Illustrious Companion Smith has already proven to be hard worker in Masonry. His resume includes but is not limited to: Past Master of Unique Lodge No. 85, Commander-in-Chief of Charlotte Consistory No. 35, Oriental Guide of Rameses Temple No. 51, AEAONMS, and 1st Vice President of the Phylaxis Society. He is looking to provide great work within Hiram Abiff Council No. 3

This year Illustrious Companion Smith gladly accepted the task of being the Editor-in-Chief for the York Rite Bodies; the Stone Squarer Newsletter – HRAM, The Broken Triangle Newsletter – R&SM, and The Guardian Newsletter – KT. Immediately after being greeted, RGTIM Hamilton officially appointed Illustrious Companion Smith as Grand Illustrious Editor-in-Chief. Look to hear more exciting things from this Illustrious Companion.

Menelik Council No. 4 R&SM PHA

PTIM Shawnta Best, KYCH
Menelik Council No.4 R&SM PHA
Recorder

Greetings Illustrious Companions! It is indeed an honor and a privilege to be of humble service and submit this article for the Broken Triangle. On May 6, 2017, 9 new Illustrious Companions were greeted into Menelik Council No. 4 R&SM PHA. The Class of 2017 was named after PTIM Edward Fisher, Jr. who also served the Grand Council as Grand Illustrious Deputy Master



Class of 2017 Along with TIM Micheal Hughes (Seated)

King Saul Council No. 6 ~ Lumberton, NC

PTIM James Reed
King Saul Council No. 6 R&SM PHA
Grand Illustrious Conductor of the Council
Lumberton, NC

On Saturday, July 22, 2017, King Saul Council No 6 R&SM PHA out of Lumberton, NC greeted 9 New Illustrious Companions into our council. We are looking forward to them working hard and growing in our council as we continue to educate and progress within the Cryptic Rite.





RGTIM Visitation with Hiram Abiff Council No. 3 R&SM PHA



PTIM Clarence Barnett Jr., KYCH
District Deputy Grand Thrice Illustrious Master
District 1
PHGCR&SM NC Inc.



On Friday June 16, 2017, Hiram Abiff Council No. 3 R&SM PHA was honored to receive RGTIM Maurice D. Hamilton as our guest for the evening. Yours, truly, DDGTIM Clarence Barnett, Jr. introduced the RGTIM to the council for official reception and Grand Honors.

During his time with us, RGTIM Hamilton thanked Hiram Abiff Council No. 3 for all of its hard work over the past several years. He also reminded the Illustrious Companions of the Council that they had some stiff competition this year as they seek to become the five-time Council of the Year. TIM Damien Jack accepted the challenge and said he is glad that Hiram Abiff is and will continue to be the standard bearer for the Grand Council.

RGTIM Hamilton also was in attendance for the greeting of Illustrious Companion Damajo Smith. RGTIM Hamilton congratulated Illustrious Companion Smith and officially appointed him as Grand Illustrious Editor-in-Chief for the Broken Triangle Newsletter.



Purple and White Weekend

TIM Damien Jack
Hiram Abiff Council No. 3
Royal & Select Masters PHA

It was the vision of Thrice Illustrious Master Damien Jack of Hiram Abiff Council No. 3 and Royal Perfect Matron Maria Taylor-Perry of Caesar R. Blake, Jr. Court No. 4, to enhance the relationship between the Illustrious Companions and Royal Matrons of both bodies. Each leader had the idea of having a banquet to celebrate those who paved the way and to celebrate where the council and the court stand now. Their ideas culminated into the Inaugural Purple and White Weekend which took place from Friday July 21, 2017 to Sunday July 23, 2017.



The weekend kicked off Friday July 21, 2017 with a fellowship sponsored by the Illustrious Companions of Hiram Abiff Council No. 3. The fellowship included food, music, fun and great conversation. A great time was had by all who attended.

The second part of the weekend consisted of our community service project. Our RGTIM, Maurice D. Hamilton emphasized the need to provide service for our youth. It was the desire of TIM Jack to donate items to Thompson Child & Family Focus. Thompson Child & Family Focus is a nonprofit organization that provides and cares for children from birth to 18 years of age, who are in need of various services to include comprehensive education, treatment. As a collaborative effort, both the Council and the Council donated a total of \$165 worth of toiletries to include: body wash, deodorant, washcloths, batteries, and two gifts cards amounting to \$75. On Saturday afternoon, all of the items collected were presented to Ms. Mallory Siebel, one of coordinators at the Thompson Child & Family Focus.





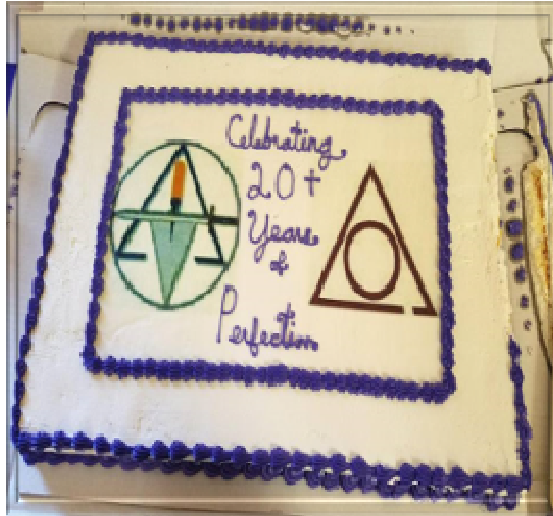
Purple and White Weekend cont.



Saturday evening was the main event; our Purple and White Banquet. The theme for our banquet was *“Celebrating 20+ Years of Perfection.”* At the banquet, we celebrated our history by discussing our origin, recognizing our charter members, honoring our Past Thrice Illustrious Masters and Past Royal Perfect Matrons, as well as those who have and are currently serving in Grand Positions. We were blessed to have a crowd of 50+ members, consisting of family and friends, including the Grand Illustrious Deputy Master, Alford L. Mack and Thrice Illustrious Master Joe Nelson and Deputy Master Steven Hill of Bayard-Titus Johnson Council No. 2 out of Fayetteville, NC.



Our Purple & White Weekend concluded with a church fellowship at New St. John Baptist Church, where Pastor Eric Baker and the youth choir delivered an amazing service. We were reminded that change is on the way and to get what God has in store for us! We have to remove the baggage we’re carrying.



Our Inaugural Purple and White Weekend was a success! Thank you to all who supported our endeavors. We know that it has built a stronger foundation between the two bodies and we are very appreciative to our trailblazers as we continue to blaze the trail for others in the years to come.



Giving Back



PGTIM Colen E. Craven, Jr
Hiram of Tyre Council No. 1 R&SM PHA
Grand Illustrious Aide to Camp

The York Rite Bodies of the Greater Greensboro area have adopted the Pathways Center located at 3517 N Church Street in Greensboro, NC. Each body rotates on a monthly basis in feeding the residents with a different variety of meal for them to enjoy.

On June 22, 2017, the Illustrious Companions of Hiram of Tyre Council No. 1 R&SM PHA and the Royal Matrons of Susie P. Rankin Court No. 1 L.O.C.O.P. PHA took the time to feed the homeless at the Pathways Center. The residents were very pleased as the Illustrious Companions and the Royal Matron brought some Hispanic flavor to the shelter by serving tacos with all the fixin's! A wonderful time was had by all and no one went away dissatisfied!



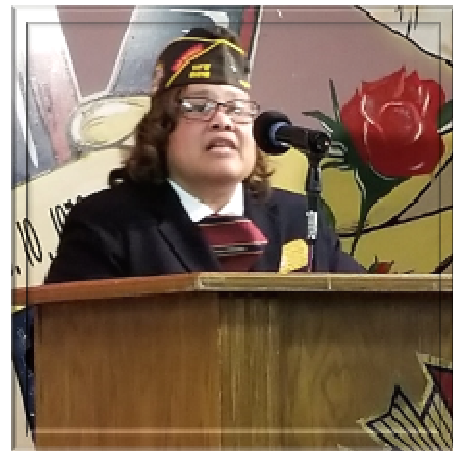
Putting In Work

TIM Joe Nelson
Bayard-Titus-Johnson Council No. 2
Fayetteville, NC

Bayard Titus Johnson Council No. 2 R&SM PHA has been busy in the community as well as holding our monthly meetings. We have adopted an assisted living facility for veterans and their spouses. We visit the facility monthly and play various games and help support the staff with clients that suffer from Alzheimer's or Dementia.



We also support our local Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post 6018 where we work very closely in providing support to our local community with homeless feedings and youth programs such as their, Back to School Supply Drive. We were also invited to the Change of Command and the Installation Ceremony of the new Post Commander, RM Helen Nelson.



Bayard-Titus-Johnson Council No. 2 also supported the Grand Council by travelling with the Right Grand Thrice Illustrious Master Maurice D. Hamilton to the Pennsylvania Grand Assembly. We also travelled with Grand Illustrious Deputy Master Alford Mack to the Virginia Grand Assembly.





The Act of Giving



TIM Damien Jack
Hiram Abiff Council No. 3
Royal & Select Masters PHA

“Who are we as human being if we ignore the suffering of others?” This quotes by an anonymous author reminds us that as we’re blessed, it’s our duty to bless others. As Masons we’ve learned the importance of charity, so service is a priority that all Masonic bodies adhere to.

On the morning of May 20, 2017, the Illustrious Companions of Hiram Abiff Council No. 3 collaborated with the Companions of Excelsior Chapter No. 44 – HRAM, Sir Knights of Alpha Commander No. 1 – KT, the Heroines of Charles E. Grier Court No. 2, and the Royal Matrons of Caesar R. Blake, Jr. Court No. 4 to provide for the homeless in the downtown Charlotte area.

Between all 5 bodies, we produced over 250 snack bags to give to the homeless. The snack bags included small bottles of water, chips, pack of tuna, crackers, and peanuts. We walked the streets of downtown Charlotte passing out the snack bags to those in need. After a certain amount of time we found ourselves with an abundance of snack bags. It was decided that we would divide what next and split into three groups to provide for different areas of the city. We covered the Men’s Shelter of Charlotte, the Women and Children’s Shelter and the Urban Ministry Center.

It was an amazing feeling combining members of the York Rite together and achieve our goal. It’s an even better feeling to see the ones we provided for leave with a smile on their face and a thank you in their hearts. Through our efforts we are reminded that God not only wants o bless us, but he wants to bless other people through us.



A Day of Service

TIM Kenneth Williams
King David Council No. 7
Kinston, NC

In keeping with the Grand Council's theme of *"Unity through Education, Outreach, and Service"*, on Saturday August 5, 2017, we, the Illustrious Companions of King David Council No. 7 R&SM PHA, along with members of the York Rite Family, visited and spent the day with the elderly at two assisted living facility. We also prepared and donated 38 boxes of pampers and pads to Care One Assisted Living and Signature Health Care, both located in Kinston, NC. The members of the York Rite Family thoroughly enjoyed spending the day just talking with and spending some quality time with the elderly. Just to see the smiles of the seniors after spending a few moments with them really made our efforts worthwhile. Making the trip was Thrice Illustrious Master Kenneth Williams, Past Thrice Dexter Farmer, Past Eminent Commander James Whitfield, Illustrious Companion James Miller, Sir Knight Michael Blair, Excellent High Priest Henry Williams, and Past Eminent Commander Homer Stevenson.



Ish Sodi (Advance to the Ninth Arch)
By: PTIM Robert D. Hood, KYGC#
Illustrious Grand Lecturer



Ish Sodi is an expression composed of two Hebrew words; Ish, and Sod. The first word, 'Ish', means a man, and 'Sod' which means a confidential discussion, a secret, a plan, or a circle of confidants. Therefore, Ish Sodi, in this Degree means a man of my choice, a man of my intimate counsel; one selected to share with me a secret task. Such was the position of every Select Master to King Solomon, and in this view, those are not wrong who have interpreted Ish Sodi as meaning a Select Master.

Further study gives us the account of King Solomon's trusted friend Zabud. He was the son of Nathan, (1 Kings 4:5) is described as a priest (principal officer), and as holding at the court of Solomon the confidential post of "king's friend," which had been occupied by Hushai the Archite during the reign of David. (2 Samuel 15:37; 16:16; 1 Chronicles 27:33)

Zabud discovered there was a secret work going on which was not made known to him. For a long time, the friend of the king grieved in silence. At length, he complained to King Solomon and was told, "Be content, my friend Zabud, the time will come when a door will be left open for your reception," meaning that when the Temple shall be completed, he should receive the Master Mason Degree. This satisfied him.

Masonic tradition says, one evening, Zabud had some particular business with King Solomon. He went to the most retired chamber in search of the king. Finding the door of the secret vault open and not guarded, as usual, by the Grand Steward, Achishar, who was sleeping at his post; he took for granted the door had been left open for his reception, as promised by the king.

Unrecognized as one of the select masters within the secret vault, he was apprehended, and swiftly sentenced to death. Before the action could be executed, he was identified as the trusted friend of King Solomon. The would-be executioner thus exclaimed to the king, "do you know who you are about to execute? It is your friend". "Zabud!", shouted King Solomon. They were then instructed to bind him and bring him forward when called upon. The Three Grand Masters deliberated the fate of Zabud within the ninth arch. Solomon pleaded, "Companions, you are aware that Zabud has long been my particular friend, and favorite. If it were possible, I would be glad to pardon him. My worthy Companion of Tyre, what is your opinion?" "Illustrious King Solomon", said King Hiram, "our obligations are such that but twenty- seven can be admitted. Our number is full, how then can he be pardoned?" Hiram Abiff further exclaimed, "his curiosity and disobedience prompted him to enter. He should therefore suffer the penalty."

Being grieved, King Solomon sent for the prisoner. He stated, "My unfortunate friend, Zabud, your curiosity and disobedience have cost you your life. I have consulted with my colleagues and find them inflexible. The nature of our obligation is such that I cannot pardon you. You must prepare for death."

"Illustrious King Solomon", cried Zabud. "I pray your majesty to remember my great and sincere attachment to your sacred person, your services, and your secrets. Of late finding a secret work going on, of which I was not made acquainted, I feared I had lost your majesty's favor and grieved in silence until unable to bear it longer. I humbly made known my fears to your majesty, when you directed me to remain content for a door would soon be opened for my reception. This assurance satisfied me. This evening, I, having important business to come to your majesty, sought you as usual at your private apartment and on finding the door open, I took it for granted that it had been left open for my reception, and entered. But I beg your majesty to believe that it was not curiosity and disobedience that led me hither, but fervency and zeal in your majesty's service."

King Hiram of Tyre quickly responded, "Illustrious King Solomon, if this be true, Zabud is not guilty of the charge alleged against him. His offense was owing to an unguarded expression of your own. He ought to be pardoned and admitted one of our Select Masters." "My worthy Companion of Tyre, how can this be done?" Are not our numbers already full?", stated the king. This is true Illustrious King Solomon; our number is already full, but Achishar, the Steward is no longer worthy of our confidence. He is sleeping at his post. Let him be dismissed and executed, and Zabud appointed to the work.

Therefore, WE HONOR ZABUD FOR HIS ZEAL AND BECAUSE HE WAS A FRIEND OF KING SOLOMON..... ISH SODI!

Random Shots from Around the Jurisdiction



RGTIM Hamilton & Grand Worthy Matron Brenda C. Thompson at E.J. Morine Council of Deliberation



TIM Damien Jack with RGTIM Michael Thomas & G.I. Deputy Master Michael Miles of the Prince Hall Grand Council Jurisdiction of S.C.



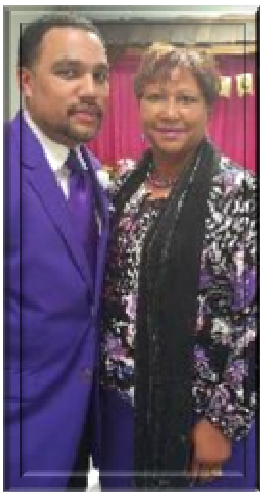
G.I. Deputy Master Alford Mack & TIM Joe Nelson during their visit to Virginia Grand Council Grand Assembly



Preparing for the Oxford Children's Home Parade MEGHP Robert D. Hood, REGC Floyd A. Duhon, & RGTIM Maurice D. Hamilton



NC PH Head of Houses at E.J. Morine Council of Deliberation Deputy of the Desert Joseph M. Powell, EG Generalissimo Lee Capehart, RGTIM Maurice D. Hamilton, MEGHP Robert D. Hood



RGTIM Hamilton & RGPM Linda Riggins-Rhodes at the Purple & White Banquet VFW, Fayetteville, NC



"The Queen" RM Linda Crumell-Fuller with RGPM Riggins-Rhodes, RPM Roxanne Williams representing the PHG Court L.O.C.O.P. Jurisdiction of NC



RGTIM Hamilton & RPM Sylvia Little at the Susie P. Rankin Ct. No. 1, 21st Anniversary Reception



General Grand Conference of Grand Councils Royal & Select Masters Prince Hall Affiliated USA Incorporated

During the week of May 3 – 7, 2017 the General Grand Conference Councils Royal & Select Masters PHA USA Inc. held its annual meeting at the Crown Plaza Hotel in Atlanta, GA. RGTIM Joel Mends and the Georgia Prince Hall Grand Council graciously served as host for this annual meeting. A great time was had by all and we are looking forward to going to Philadelphia, PA for the 2018 General Grand Conference of Grand Councils Royal & Select Masters PHA USA Inc.

Some of the highlights from this annual session were:

- Jurisdictions that were represented: Pennsylvania, New Jersey, New York, Maryland, Washington D.C., North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Ohio, Illinois, Missouri, California, Hawaii and the Bahamas.
- The Prince Hall Grand council from the “Great Country” of Texas was accepted into the General Grand Conference of Grand Councils R&SM PHA USA Inc.
- Representatives for all the Masonic Bodies were welcomed and brought greetings:
 - The General Grand Conference Grand High Priest for the General Grand Conference of Grand Chapter Holy Royal Arch Masons for the USA and Bahamas.
 - The Venerable Grand Master for the Grand Encampment Order of Knight Templar PHA USA.
 - The Imperial High Priest & Prophet and the Imperial 1st Ceremonial Master representing the A.E.A.O.N.M.S., Inc.
 - The Most Worshipful grand Master from the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Georgia.

The following Illustrious Companions were elected to serve as General Grand Conference Officers for the 2017– 2018 year:

PRGTIM Reginald Tolbert
Grand Conf. Grand Thrice Ill. Master (VA)

PRGTIM Joel Mends
Grand Conf. Grand Cpt. of the Guard (GA)

PRGTIM William A. Cooke
Grand Conf. Grand Deputy Master (NC)

PRGTIM Hubert Braxton
Grand Conf. Grand Conductor of the Council (PA)

PRGTIM Fredrick Joyner
Grand Conf. Grand Prin. Conductor of the Works (DC)

PRGTIM Dwight Parker
Grand Conf. Grand Treasurer (DC)

PRGTIM LeRoy Gray
Grand Conf. Grand Recorder (IL)



General Conference of Grand Councils
Royal and Select Masters Prince Hall Affiliation U.S.A. Inc.

M.I.C. Reginald Tolbert G.C.G.T.I.M.
Crown Plaza Hotel Atlanta Ga. May 3th to 7th 2017



Most Illustrious Companion
PRGTIM Reginald Tolbert, KYGCH
Grand Conference
Grand Thrice Illustrious Master



Our Very own Most Illustrious Comp.
PRGTIM William A. Cooke, KYGCH
Grand Conference
Grand Deputy Master

NC Returns to Where it All Began..

RGTIM Maurice D. Hamilton, KYCH
PHGCR&SM NC Inc.

It is always good to return back to the place where it all started! Over 23 years ago, the Jurisdiction of Pennsylvania helped to complete the Masonic Circle here in the Jurisdiction of North Carolina by assisting in forming the Prince Hall Grand Council of Royal & Select Masters for the Jurisdiction of North Carolina.

Every February, a delegation of Illustrious Companions and Royal Matrons makes the journey to visit and fellowship with us during our Annual York Rite Convention. In June, The Prince Hall Grand Council of Pennsylvania host their Annual Grand Assembly and we in turn “go home to see our mother jurisdiction” at work.

This year was no different. On June 10, 2017, the delegation from North Carolina, which included yours truly, Right Grand Thrice Illustrious Master Maurice D. Hamilton, along with PTIM James Reed, Grand Illustrious Conductor of the Council, TIM Joe Nelson of Bayard-Titus-Johnson Council No. 2 R&SM PHA, as well as Royal Grand Perfect Matron, Linda- Riggins Rhodes, Royal Grand Chief Advisor Willie Harris, and Past Royal Grand Perfect Matron Kim Peterson, and other Royal Matrons made the trip to Philadelphia, PA to represent the Grand Council and Grand Court. A great time was had by all and we look forward to seeing our fellow Illustrious Companions and Royal Matrons in February at our Annual York Rite Convention.



Paying Homage to Our Past

RGTIM Maurice D. Hamilton, KYCH
PHGCR & SMNC Inc.



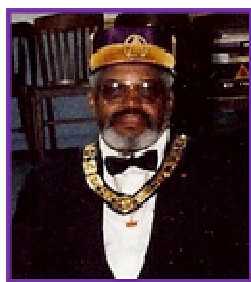
Past Right Grand Thrice Illustrious Masters for the Prince Hall Grand Council Royal & Select Masters Jurisdiction of North Carolina, Incorporated



Twelve men have had the distinguished honor to serve the Prince Hall Grand Council of Royal & Select Masters Jurisdiction of North Carolina, Incorporated as the Right Grand Thrice Illustrious Master. Three of the twelve have gone on to Glory (Bayard, Boyd, & Price). We want to take the time to pay tribute to them for all of their hard work, dedication and sacrifice as well as them giving of their time, talents, and treasures. It is because of their visionary leadership over the past 22+ years that this Grand Council has continued to grow and develop into one of the premier Grand Councils in the entire General Grand Conference! Thank you for all that you have done, are doing, and will continue to do for the Prince Hall Grand Council of Royal & Select Masters Jurisdiction of North Carolina, Incorporated!



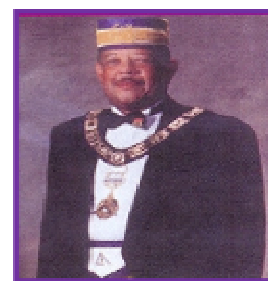
PRGTIM
David R. Odom, KYGCH
1995 - 1997



PRGTIM
Claude Bayard, KYGCH
1997 - 1999



PRGTIM
James "JT" Boyd, KYGCH
1999 - 2001



PRGTIM
Michael Price, KYGCH
2001 - 2003



PRGTIM
David Martin, KYGCH
2003 - 2005



PRGTIM
Lawrence Spencer, KYGCH
2005 - 2007



PRGTIM
Preston McConnell, KYGCH
2007 - 2009



PRGTIM
Daniel L. "DT" Thompson, KYGCH
2009 - 2011



PRGTIM
Victor C. Cooper, KYGCH
2001 - 2013



PRGTIM
William A. Cooke, KYGCH
2013 - 2015



PRGTIM
Joseph M. Powell
2015 - 2017



RGTIM
Maurice D. Hamilton, KYCH
2017 - Present

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Upcoming Events & Visitations

The Prince Hall Grand Council Jurisdiction of North Carolina, incorporated, along with the Prince Hall Grand Court Ladies of the Circle of Perfection, PHA will be attending and representing both bodies at the following upcoming events:



North Carolina Grand Chapter Session
September 7 – 9, 2017
Benton Convention Center
Winston-Salem, NC
Visitation on Saturday, September 9, 2017 @ 9 am



H.R. Butler Grand Council (GA) Grand Assembly
September 21, 2017
Marriott Atlanta
College Park, GA
Visitation on Thursday, September 21, 2017 @ 9 am

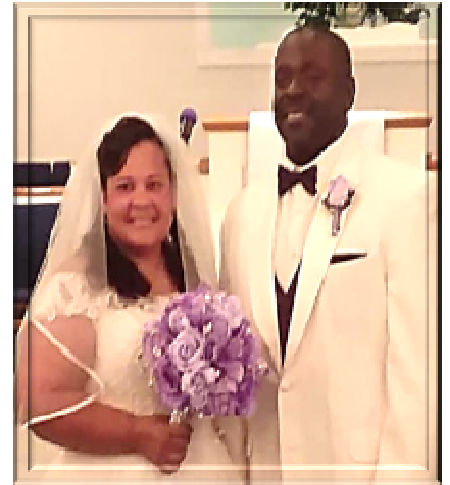


Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge Session
September 28 – 30, 2017
North Raleigh Hilton
Raleigh, NC
Visitation on Friday, September 29, 2017 @ 9 am



South Carolina Grand Council (SC) Grand Assembly
October 19, 2017
Columbia Marriott
Columbia, SC
Visitation on Thursday, October 19, 2017 @ 9 am

Congratulations Joe & Helen



On behalf of the Prince Hall Grand Council of Royal & Select Masters Jurisdiction of North Carolina Incorporated, we would like to send as heartfelt congratulations to Thrice Illustrious Master Joe Nelson of Bayard-Titus-Johnson Council No. 2 R&SM PHA and Royal Matron Helen Sabat of Eleazar Court No. 3 L.O.C.O.P. PHA on their nuptials held on June 27, 2017 at Hood Memorial AME Zion Church in Fayetteville, NC. May God continue to richly bless your union for years to come!

Note from the Editor

Greetings Illustrious Companions!

I pray that each of you are enjoying the blessings of our Heavenly Father.

It is with extreme humility and pleasure that I greet you as the newly appointed Illustrious Grand Editor In Chief of the Broken Triangle Newsletter. I would like to sincerely thank RGTIM Maurice D. Hamilton for the opportunity to serve this great Jurisdiction.

As we move forward in the year please send us anything that you feel would be of interest for our quarterly newsletter. This newsletter is intended to share our good works across the Jurisdiction and will aide us in keeping everyone abreast of all our activities. I look forward to Working with everyone as we continue to focus on unity through education, outreach and service.

Yours in service,

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10 Early Signs and Symptoms of Alzheimer's

Memory loss that disrupts daily life may be a symptom of Alzheimer's or another dementia. Alzheimer's is a brain disease that causes a slow decline in memory, thinking and reasoning skills. There are 10 warning signs and symptoms. Every individual may experience one or more of these signs in a different degree. If you notice any of them, please see a doctor.

1. Memory Loss That Disrupts Daily Life

- One of the most common signs of Alzheimer's is memory loss, especially forgetting recently learned information. Others include forgetting important dates or events; asking for the same information over and over; increasingly needing to rely on memory aids (e.g., reminder notes or electronic devices) or family members for things they used to handle on their own.

2. Challenges In Planning or Solving Problems

- Some people may experience changes in their ability to develop and follow a plan or work with numbers. They may have trouble following a familiar recipe or keeping track of monthly bills. They may have difficulty concentrating and take much longer to do things than they did before.

3. Difficulty Completing Familiar Tasks at Home, at Work or at Leisure

- People with Alzheimer's often find it hard to complete daily tasks. Sometimes, people have trouble driving to a familiar location, managing a budget at work or remembering the rules of a favorite game.

4. Confusion With Time or Place

- People with Alzheimer's can lose track of dates, seasons and the passage of time. They may have trouble understanding something if it is not happening immediately. Sometimes they may forget where they are or how they got there.

5. Trouble Understanding Visual Images and Spatial Relationships

- For some people, having vision problems is a sign of Alzheimer's. They may have difficulty reading, judging distance and determining color or contrast, which may cause problems with driving.

6. New Problems with Words in Speaking or Writing

- People with Alzheimer's may have trouble following or joining a conversation. They may stop in the middle of a conversation and have no idea how to continue or they may repeat themselves. They may struggle with vocabulary, have problems finding the right word or call things by the wrong name (e.g., calling a "watch" a "hand-clock").

7. Misplacing Things and Losing the Ability to Retrace Steps

- A person with Alzheimer's disease may put things in unusual places. They may lose things and be unable to go back over their steps to find them again. Sometimes, they may accuse others of stealing. This may occur more frequently over time.

8. Decreased or Poor Judgment

- People with Alzheimer's may experience changes in judgment or decision-making. For example, they may use poor judgment when dealing with money, giving large amounts to telemarketers. They may pay less attention to grooming or keeping themselves clean.

9. Withdrawal From Work or Social Activities

- A person with Alzheimer's may start to remove themselves from hobbies, social activities, work projects or sports. They may have trouble keeping up with a favorite sports team or remembering how to complete a favorite hobby. They may also avoid being social because of the changes they have experienced.

10. Changes in Mood and Personality

- The mood and personalities of people with Alzheimer's can change. They can become confused, suspicious, depressed, fearful or anxious. They may be easily upset at home, at work, with friends or in places where they are out of their comfort zone.

What To Do If You Notice These Signs:

If you notice any of the 10 Warning Signs of Alzheimer's in yourself or someone you know, don't ignore them. Schedule an appointment with your doctor.

With early detection, you can: Get the maximum benefit from available treatments – You can explore treatments that may provide some relief of symptoms and help you maintain a level of independence longer. You may also increase your chances of participating in clinical drug trials that help advance research.