

**MASONIC BULLETIN – FALL 2018 EDITION**  
**Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of WV, F. & A.M.**



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**Message from MWGM Jeffrey Calcote, Sr. 33°**

Greetings Brothers and Sisters,

It has been 3 months since the last election, and I can honestly tell you that I have truly enjoyed serving as your Most Worshipful Grand Master during this time. I have travelled throughout the Jurisdiction with the mission of visiting every lodge within the year. So far, I was able to attend the meetings of Star Lodge #1, Alexander Freeman Lodge #2, Washington Lodge #4, King Solomon Lodge #5, Morgan Lodge #10, and Rising Sun Lodge #34. I will be visiting the remaining Lodges as my work schedule and weather permits.

**Editor-in-Chief**

I would like to thank the Worshipful Masters, Officers and Brothers of every Lodge for showing me and the Grand Lodge officers who visited with me great hospitality and fellowship. I addressed each lodge and informed them of the issues and concerns that I have for our Jurisdiction. I gave all those in attendance the opportunity to ask questions or express their opinions in regards to activities of the Grand Lodge. Several of the Brothers expressed a sincere appreciation for having the Grand Master and Grand Officers visit their Lodge.

My first trip was to Shepherdstown back in July. I attended their annual White Ball where the music was banging and the party was jumping. My wife and I had a great time. I even got on the dance floor a couple of times (which is rare). Thanks to All the Brothers of BOH #42 for showing us love.

The following week I had the honor of being in Charles Town for the Annual African American Cultural and Heritage Festival Parade. Thank you to 1<sup>st</sup> District Deputy Grand Master Stephen Holmes for having a nice convertible for me to ride in.

While in Charleston, I was given a tour of the Embassy Suites hotel which is the site of our next Grand Communication. I believe those who were with me will agree that the accommodations and services will meet or exceed our expectations. Thank you to HPGM Ray B. Woods and the convention committee for securing this hotel and negotiating a great price for the rooms and the services. Reservations are available to be made now.

In regards to our next Grand Session, I have granted permission to MEGHP of the Holy Royal Arch Masons of WV Kenneth Hale and the Deputy of the Orient of Scottish Rite Masons Deron Wilson to hold the Convocation and the Council of Deliberations on the days prior to the

opening of the Grand Session in Charleston. It will be promoted as “Prince Hall Week”. The purpose of this scheduling is to allow those Masons whom are members of the York Rite and Scottish Rite to come to one location during one week and conduct the business of their respective houses. I am hoping that all Brothers take advantage of this opportunity to get more light in Masonry.

Finally, please continue to pray for our sick and distressed. It gave me great pleasure to see PSGW Tony Claytor and PGWP Edmond Hornbuckle while I visited their Lodges. They both were in good spirits and are working to get back to good health.



**RWDGM Kelvin Elmore 32°**

To the Craft of The Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of West Virginia, I bring you greetings. As a Mason who is also a teacher within our organization, I will continue my chosen task. We all applied to a Masonic Lodge and were then accepted to said Lodge. As an Entered Apprentice, we learned how Operative Masons worked in the different levels at the building of King Solomon’s Temple. As Fellow Craft, we then learned how they advanced to that next level and how they were paid in the Middle chamber. We were finally brought to the Unfinished Sanctum Santorum of King Solomon’s Temple. This is where we learned the FIDELITY of King Hiram Abiff, who being threatened, refused to reveal what only those who earned it could have.

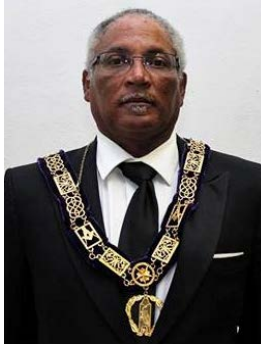
We are Speculative Masons and we were then taught the difference between the two. I say this to reinforce what we should all be striving to be. We were taught that the building of King Solomon’s temple was emblematic of Masons building character and becoming something that would remain above the fray. Each Degree brought us closer to that Level where we had earned the Masters word. Where we could then take our place amongst the MILLIONS who have gone forth before us. You took the place of Hiram Abiff and you learned the struggle, which enabled you to then grow and understand FIDELITY to this Craft. You too were subjected to the same punishments that he faced. All to make you and I, MEN and MASONS.

As we travel through these days and times, I ask that each and every one of us, remember King Hiram Abiff and why we joined Prince Hall and the fourteen who made the sacrifices to allow us to stand and be great men. We need each other and if we stand together, we can grow together. I am a Prince Hall Mason who serves mankind. I am that Mason and shall continue to be that door in which you feel safe when you reach it. I invite each and every one of us to reach inside and rededicate ourselves to this, our Craft. Get involved and remember The Beehive.

Thank you



**RWSGW James "JT" Thomas**



**RWJGW Kenneth L. Hale, Sr.**



**MWHPGM/RWG Treasurer Ray B. Woods, Jr. 32°**

I thank the Craft for electing me as your RWG Treasurer for the ensuing year. A great group of Brothers have been elected and appointed to positions that will advance Freemasonry within the Jurisdiction. I look forward to working with the Honorable MWGM Jeffrey Calcote in advancing his statewide agenda. PEACE!



**MWPGM/RWG Secretary Harold E. Stewart 32°**

From the Secretaries Desk

Greetings to all of my brothers across the Prince Hall Jurisdiction of West Virginia. I am usually one to complain about all sorts of things concerning the jurisdiction and what makes my job difficult. Not going to do that this time. I am using this article to introduce myself to the newly made Master Masons who have not met me therefore don't know who I am or my background in masonry. I moved to Charles Town in

1962 with my wife, a son and a daughter for a job with the IRS. I was made a mason in Star Lodge #1 in Charles Town in 1972. Served as Worshipful Master of Star Lodge #1 from 1981 – 1982. Retired from the IRS as an Operations Branch Chief, January 1995. Served as Grand Master of the jurisdiction from 1996-1998. I was elected RW Grand Secretary in 2011 and served 2 years. Did not run for the office for two years and was reelected to the position in 2016.

I try my best to respond to all the request I receive from around the jurisdiction in a timely manner, but I know you realize I have a personal life also and am involved in several community organizations as an active member. So I know you understand when you have to wait, what seems like a long time, to get a response from me.

When there is sickness in your lodge, please let me know so I can send out a card from the Grand Lodge.

Our Grand Master is trying to do some things that will continue to move the jurisdiction in the right direction. It will take all of us to get behind him to keep the ball rolling.

As I said above I came to Charles Town with a wife and two children in 1962. I now have four grown children, three grandchildren and two great grandchildren. August 12, 2019 will mark 60 years of marriage. I feel blessed.

Thank you for the support given me. Together we can move mountains.

Fraternally,

Harold E. Stewart

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**The 141<sup>st</sup> Annual Grand Session of the MWPHGL of WV, F & A M, Inc was held June 28 – 30, 2018 at the Holiday Inn in Martinsburg, WV. We received a total of sixteen (16) visitors from the District of Columbia, Maryland; Virginia, Michigan; New York, and the Holy Royal Arch of West Virginia.**

MWGM Phillip R. Adams 33° hosted a plated luncheon for all Visitors and Elected Line Officers of the MWPHGL of WV, F.& A. M., Inc.

**2018 – 2019 Elected Grand Lodge Officers of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand of West Virginia, Inc.**

Jeffrey Calcote - Most Worshipful Grand Master; Kelvin H. Elmore - RW Deputy Grand Master; James “JT” Thomas - RW Senior Grand Warden; Kenneth L. Hale, Sr. - RW Junior Grand Warden; HMWPGM Ray B. Woods, Jr. - RW Grand Treasurer; MWPGM Harold E. Stewart- RW Grand Secretary; HMWPHGM Ivan C. Richardson, Sr.; RW Grand Trustees: John Stevenson; Kenneth L. Hale, Sr.; John Collier; Thaddeus Law II; Chris Brown; Steven E. Hill; RWG Trustee Emeritus Raymond P. Smith.

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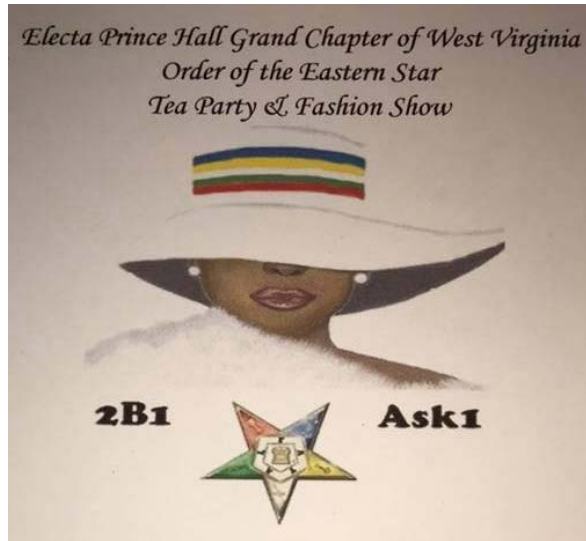
Rev. John Birckhead, Jr. – W. Grand Senior Deacon; William Chandler – W. Grand Junior Deacon; Curtis McGhee, Sr. – W. Grand Senior Steward; Johnny W. Johnson, Jr. – W. Grand Junior Steward; Miguel Greer – W. Grand Chaplain; MWPGM Phillip R. Adams – Chairman, PGM Council; Keith Robinson – W. Grand Lecturer; Donald L. Smith - WG Lecturer Emeritus; Robert Holmes - W. Grand Marshall; W. District Deputy Grand Masters: 1<sup>st</sup> Stephen Holmes; 2<sup>nd</sup> Vacant; 3<sup>rd</sup> Dr. Ronald Jones; 4<sup>th</sup> Sydney George; 5<sup>th</sup> Thomas Conner III; 6<sup>th</sup> Michael Lee; William Curenton, WDDGM Emeritus; Charles Kidrick W. Grand Tyler; William Zimmerman– W. Grand Youth Director; Bryant Anderson – W. Grand Historian; Paul Rosario – WG Communication Director; MWPGM Leonard L. Claytor - W. CCFC and Public Relations; RWJGW James “JT” Thomas - Membership Director; Long Range Planning Committee – HPGM Ray B. Woods, Jr.; Dr. Ronald Jones; and RWGT Michael Branson; Budget Committee – MWPHGM Harold E. Stewart; WM Davie Coles; and HPGM Ray B. Woods, Jr.

**06/27/18 – Electa Prince Hall Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star held a Tea Party & Fashion Show.**

PGWM Carolyn Stewart and her Committee, Grand Conductress Annette Jones; Grand Associate Conductress Dionne “Dee Dee” Brown; Grand Treasurer Sinette Reynolds; and Past Grand Treasurer Willie Weaver, did a fantastic job of organizing the evening affair. Music was handled by DJ Hypnotic.



Women were judged, by the audience, on the best looking hat. The prize was a Cobalt Blue Tea Set. The Fashion Show was hosted by GYE NYAME Custom Clothing Collection from Hagerstown, MD. The African Clothing is tailored on site for men, women and children. They include skirts, shirts, dresses, hats, head wraps, and jewelry. A portion of the sales are sent to support the people of Ghana.

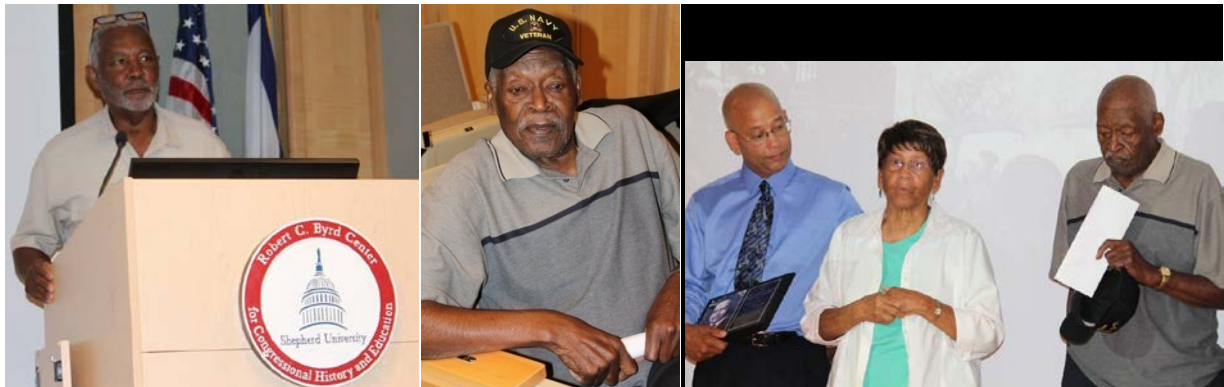



## 2018 – 2019 Elected Grand Officers of Electa Prince Hall Grand Chapter Order of the Eastern Star, PHA

Grand Worthy Matron Angelia Russell; Grand Worthy Patron Raleigh L. Collins, Sr. 32°; Grand Associate Matron Sheila McGhee; Grand Associate Patron Hughlen J. Jones, Jr. 32°; Grand Conductress Annette W. Jones; Grand Associate Conductress Dionne “Dee Dee” Brown; Grand Treasurer Sinette Reynolds; Grand Secretary PGWM Angelina Calcote; Grand Trustee Chair Suzanne W. Smith 3 yr; Grand Trustee PGWM Jacqueline Hornbuckle 2 yr; and Grand Trustee Doris Claytor 1 yr.



In this, the centennial year of the Armistice ending World War I, the Friends of Webb-Blessing House & the Jefferson County Black History Preservation Society (JCBHPS) presented an all-day conference on Friday, June 30, 2018, recognizing the contributions of African Americans to the Allies' fight for freedom. Co-sponsors were the Jefferson County Historical Society, the Jefferson County Museum, the *Spirit of Jefferson County* newspaper, and the Shepherdstown Bag and Author Group. Emphasis is on the impact of Jefferson County African-American WWI soldiers on their community over the last 100 years. The conference honors the life and legacy of James Alvin Tolbert, one of the founders of JCBHPS and a civil rights leader. Items from the Edward Dabney Tolbert Collection at the Jefferson County Museum, donated by the Tolbert family, were on display at the conference. MWPGM George Rutherford #1 and PM James L. Taylor, co-founders of the JCBHPS, and Susannah Buckles, daughter of Frank Buckles, the nation's longest living WWI veteran, who died in 2011 at the age of 110. They will discuss the influence Jefferson County's WWI soldiers had on the Jefferson County community, based on their personal experiences growing up in the county. Pictured below receiving a plaque honoring MWPGM James Alvin Tolbert were his wife, Shirley, and son, Michael.






## The James Alvin Tolbert Memorial Conference

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Event Details:  
<https://bit.ly/2Hs97mX>



## The James Alvin Tolbert Memorial Conference

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On Friday evening, June 30, 2018, MWGM Phillip R. Adams 33° presented several awards at the Annual Banquet. They were: A Certificate of Appreciation to Grand Associate Conductress Dionne "Dee Dee Brown for catering and decorating the Spring Grand Master/Grand Worthy Matron/Grand Worthy Cabaret Ball in April 2018. W CCFC Larry Togans for Exemplary Service; WM James Ivy, Jr. 32° as Worshipful Master of the Year; W. 3<sup>rd</sup> District Deputy Dr. Ronald L. Jones 32° for his yearly Humanitarian Efforts in feeding more than 3,000 people on Thanksgiving; and Ray B. Woods, Jr. 32° as an Honorary Most Worshipful Past Grand Master.





## Pics of the Session









**R. W. GRAND TRUSTEES**



**John Collier**



**Steven E. Hill**



**Thaddeus Law II**





**John Stevenson, Chairman**



**Michael Branson**



**Chris Brown**



**Raymond P. Smith, Emeritus**



**W. DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS**



**1<sup>st</sup> DDGM Stephen Holmes**



**4<sup>th</sup> DDGM Sidney George**



**5<sup>th</sup> DDGM Thomas Conner III**



**3<sup>rd</sup> DDGM Ron Jones**



**6<sup>th</sup> DDGM Michael Lee**

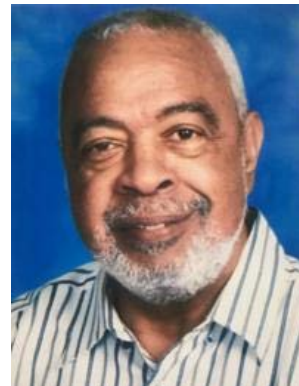
**WORSHIPFUL MASTERS**



**J. C. Kelly  
Alexander-Freeman #2**



**James W. Ivy, Jr.  
Washington #4**



**William Russell  
Bright Hope #9**



**Davie Coles  
King Solomon #5**



**Miguel Greer  
Star #1**



**Quentin Crenshaw  
Bluefield**



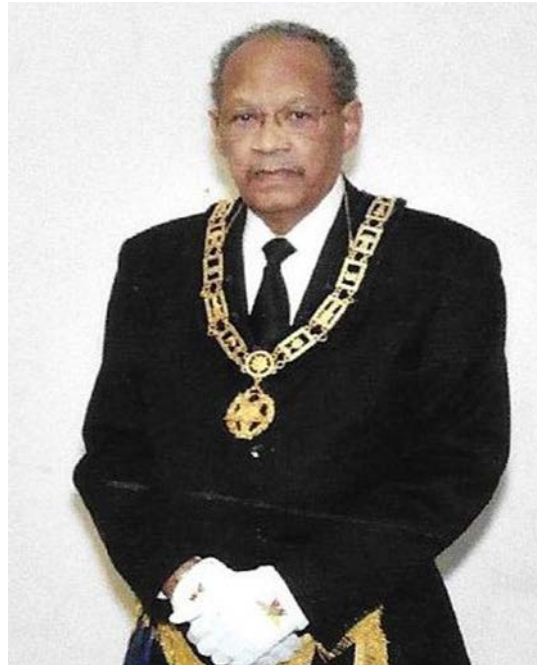
**Timothy Cunningham  
East Gate #33**



**W. Grand Historian  
Bryant Anderson**



**Grand Worthy Matron Angelia Russell**



**Grand Worthy Patron Raleigh L. Collins, Sr.**

**Grand Associate Matron Sheila McGhee**



**Grand Associate Patron Hughlen J. Jones, Jr. 32°**



I want to thank the members of EPGHC OES for electing me as their Grand Associate Patron. You have done so much to make me feel welcome to be in this position, and I want each of you to know I'm grateful and express my gratitude.

### **Grand Conductress Annette W. Jones**



I thank the members of Electa Prince Hall Grand Chapter OES for electing me to serve this Grand body, and sincerely appreciate the confidence and support in electing me as your Grand Conductress.

### **Grand Associate Conductress Dionne “Dee Dee” Brown**



Quote: I was once afraid of people saying, “Who does she think she is?” Now I have the courage to stand and say, “This is who I am.”  
—Oprah

### **Grand Treasurer Sinette Reynolds**



"Managing the funds to keep our organization thriving."

### **Grand Secretary PGWM Angelina Calcote**



It is an honor to hold the position of Grand Secretary. This is a challenging position. I will serve to the best of my abilities. I am open to any suggestions to do my job more efficiently.





### **Spring Cabinet Meeting and Executive Board Meetings and Grand Master/Grand Worthy Matron/Grand Worthy Patron Ball**

5<sup>th</sup> DDGM Thomas Conner 32° #4 reserved 2 meeting rooms, one for the Brothers and another for the Stars at the BridgeValley Advance Technology Center located at the South Charleston Tech Park from 9:00 a. m to 12:00 p m. A Repast was sponsored by the 5<sup>th</sup> District Masons and 5<sup>th</sup> District Order of Eastern Stars. It was made possible since both groups have a District Treasury, organized through the 5<sup>th</sup> District Subordinate Lodges and Chapters.



The Ball took place at the India Center located at 800 Green Road; Charleston, WV 25314. Also, the caterer for the event was Grand Associate Conductress Dionne “Dee Dee” Brown, who has her own catering company. Music was provided by DJ “Big L.”















**Honorable MWGM Jeffrey Calcote 33° attending parade in Charles Town, WV. Shown before parade and posing with the Buffalo Soldiers.**



**Grand Marshal Robert Holmes Karate Class with GM Calcote**





## **FIRST DISTRICT**

**08/26/18 1<sup>st</sup> District - Brothers of Harmony #42 Cook Out**



**09/01/18 Last day of training for Fellowcraft... testing out. Brothers of Harmony #42**







**Brothers of Harmony #42 Partnering with Food Lion**

**Brothers of Harmony #42, F. & A. M. White Ball**







## **SECOND DISTRICT**



Brother Robert L. Blair of King Hiram Abiff Lodge #25 was awarded the "Purple Heart" on February 17, 2018. The Presentation of Awards was conducted by U.S. Representative Evan Jenkins. LCpl Robert L. Blair, U.S. Marine Corps; Vietnam War; 3rd Battalion - 26th Regiment was wounded twice in 1968, and never received the Award. In addition to the Purple Heart, LCpl Blair was awarded: Combat Action Ribbon; Presidential Unit Citation; Navy Unit Citation; Meritorious Unit Commendation; Marine Corps Good Conduct Medal; National Defense Service Medal; and Vietnam Service Medal w/1 silver campaign star. On hand to observe the ceremony was LCpl Blair's wife Elizabeth and daughter Toyao Andrews. (L to R: Jean-Paul DeJarnette #4 & PM Robert L. Blair #25)

## **THIRD DISTRICT**



Washington Lodge #4, F. & A. M. congratulates Dr. Ronald Lee Jones, 3<sup>rd</sup> DDGM, for being named "Coach" of Chapmanville Middle School. The following remarks were taken from an article in the Logan Banner Newspaper: This is Jones first head coaching job. He has been a CRHS assistant the last six years.

Jones is a 1990 graduate of Logan High School and played football for the Wildcats under Wayne Bennett in the late 1980s. He played on both the offensive and defensive lines and previously attended the old Logan East Junior High School.

Jones is also a kidney transplant survivor.

"This particular senior class was with me when I was still on dialysis and when I got my transplant," he said. "I had a kidney transplant and for awhile I was on kidney dialysis. It was tough for me and to sustain a full time job. Now, I do a lot of guest speaking appearances and speak for the Center for Organ Recovery and National Donate Life." Jones says he has fully recovered from the surgery.

"I got my transplant back in 2014," he said. "It was really a life changing experience because I had been on dialysis for about four years, even when I first started coaching here at the middle school I was still on dialysis. I was at practice one day in 2014 and my phone rang and it was the transplant office. I left practice and got a transplant, healed up and I'm back. September 10 was my three-year anniversary. Medically, it's been a success."

Jones' son R.J. is a CMS player and a staple on the sidelines during Chapmanville varsity games where he volunteers as the ball boy.

"He's a field rat," Jones said of his son. "I've been here six years and so has he. He's been running around here a long time. They all know him since he's been young. It's amazing because he will sit around and hear the plays and sits around on chalk talk and he might walk down and say, 'Daddy, you know such and such needs to do this.' Sometimes he'll give me a few suggestions. It's awesome having him around. He loves it just like I do. Chapmanville made five straight playoff appearances from 2007-11.

On April 12, 2018, Members of the MWPHGL of WV, F. A. M., Inc. and EPHGC OES/PHA were honored at a Center for Organ Recovery and Education (CORE) Volunteer Banquet for their program advocacy. The event was held at the Edgewood Country Club in Charleston, WV. They are PGWM Cadaris B. Woods; Grand Associate Patron Hughlen J. Jones, Jr. 32°; Grand Conductress Annette W. Jones; PM Calvin H. Woods 32°; PM Alan Dorcas; 3<sup>rd</sup> DDGM Dr. Ronald L. Jones 32°; and RWG Treasurer Ray B. Woods, Jr. 32°.

Worshipful 3<sup>rd</sup> DDGM Dr. Ronald L. Jones was honored with a picture of his family on CORE'S promotional vehicle. It was driven from Pittsburgh, PA for the special occasion.





## FOURTH DISTRICT





## **FIFTH DISTRICT**



**MWGM Calcote visited PGWP Edmond L. Hornbuckle III 33° of Alexander-Freeman Lodge #2, F. & A. M., at his home in Huntington, WV. He looks well and requests that the Jurisdiction continue to pray for him and his family.**



### Washington Lodge #4, F.A. M.



**SW Jerry Muhammad 32°; WM James Ivy, Jr. 32°; JW Samuel Hudson 32°**

### Trestle Board

Worshipful Master James Ivy, Jr. 32° #4 set the stage for his Lodge in 2018. A Vision Board was presented that included, but not limited to the following goals: Purchase another Masonic Home; Increase Attendance by 50% at Monthly Subordinate Communications; Greater participation in Grand Lodge Communications; Establish a 501c3 organization to support charitable events, and contribute as Life Members to the NAACP Charleston Branch #3226.

### Current Living Past Masters of Washington Lodge #4, F. & A. M.



**PGM Homer H. Davis**  
1961; GM 1968-1970



**Kenneth O. Hopkins**  
1981-1982



**Ralph T. Hill**  
1983-1984



**Sylvester L. Smith**  
1988-1989



**Ray B. Woods, Jr.**  
1993-1996



**George Hunt\***  
1996



**Howard Spurlock**  
1997



**Calvin H. Woods**  
2000



Alan C. Dorcas  
2001



Johnny Richardson, Jr  
2002-2003



Kenneth L. Hale, Sr.  
2004-2005



John H. Valentine\*  
2002, 04-06, 09



Hughlen J. Jones, Jr.  
2006-2010



Thom Conner III  
2011



Lawrence Moore  
2012 -2014



Bernard Pates  
2015-2016

\*Demitted from another Lodge



**Worshipful Master James Ivy, Jr 32°  
2017 - Present**





**Brothers attending Saint John the Baptist Services at New Life Missionary Baptist Church**



**Fish Fry and Hot Dog Sale to support Annual Christmas Party for Underprivileged Children**





**Contributions made to Sojourner's Shelter for Homeless Women and Children  
The Cooks were pleased since they can use 2 Turkeys to feed 60 people.**



**RWGT Ray B. Woods, Jr. 32° presenting a framed Certificate of Recognition from MWGM Phillip R. Adams 33° to Brother William "Bill" Tate (gray slacks), celebrating his 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday and 66<sup>th</sup> year as a Master Mason. He also received a Certificate of Recognition from Governor Jim Justice.**





**RWGT Woods presenting a Certificate of Recognition from Governor Jim Justice to PM Sylvester Smith for his 92<sup>nd</sup> Birthday. PM Smith also received a framed Certificate of Recognition from MWGM Phillip R. Adams 33<sup>o</sup>**





**WM James Ivy, Jr. presenting PM Ray B. Woods, Jr. a Certificate for  
“Outstanding Participation and Community Service to Washington Lodge #4”**



**RWGT Ray B. Woods, Jr. presenting WM James Ivy, Jr. with his Past Master Apron.  
A Washington Lodge #4, F. & A. M. tradition continued after a Worshipful Master serves  
his first year in office.**





**5<sup>th</sup> DDGM Thomas Conner III 32° and Wife, Michelle, celebrated their one (1) Year Anniversary in the town of Punta Cana, located in the Dominican Republic.**



## Growth



(L to R: J. Rohan Francis, Sr.; Dr. L. Marshall Washington; Hal J. Dumas, Jr.)

**Newly Raised Brothers:** Brother Francis is a Sales Associate at U-Haul in Charleston, and is making plans to open a restaurant focusing on his Jamaican roots. Dr. L. Marshall Washington, Ph.D. is the third president of New River Community and Technical College. Brother Dumas owns Security Companies in West Virginia and California.

**UPDATE:** TEXAS TOWNSHIP, MI -- Kalamazoo Valley Community College has named its next president.

Luther Marshall Washington, president of New River Community and Technical College in Beckley, West Virginia, was named as KVCC's third president Thursday, March 15, 2018 by the KVCC Board of Trustees during a special meeting.

The appointment will be official once Washington and the board agree on a contract to be formally approved at a future board meeting, a news release said.

The Brothers of Washington Lodge wish our dear Brother much success!



Washington Lodge #4, F. & A. M. continues to grow with the recent Demit of **Brother Phillip Amerson Forrest 32°** from Rudolph Bradley Lodge #699, F. & A. M. of Jacksonville, Florida.



## Nazarene #20, O. E. S. 2018 Elected and Appointed Officers

Election held Saturday, December 9, 2017

Worthy Matron – Suzanne Smith; Associate Matron – Pinkie Claytor; Worthy Patron – Hughlen J. Jones, Jr. 32°; Associate Patron – Ray B. Woods, Jr. 32°; Conductress – Annette W. Jones; Associate Conductress – Margaret A. Williams; Treasurer – Cadaris B. Woods; Secretary – Alice Nabors; Adah - Doris Claytor; Ruth – Carolyn J. Cyrus; Electa – Arlene Williams.

### Members of Nazarene Chapter #20, Order of the Eastern Star



Suzanne W. Smith  
Worthy Matron



Hughlen J. Jones, Jr.  
Worthy Patron



Pinkie Claytor  
Associate Matron



Ray B. Woods, Jr.  
Associate Patron



Annette W. Jones  
Conductress



Annabelle Smith  
Associate Conductress



Cadaris B. Woods  
Treasurer



Alice Nabors  
Secretary



Doris Claytor  
Adah



Carolyn J. Cyrus  
Ruth



Arlene Williams  
Electa

Worthy Matron Suzanne Washington Smith's philosophy for the ensuing year: "I look forward to Working and Worshipping with my Sisters and Brothers in Love and Faith. That we at Nazarene Chapter #20, OES, assist our community to see the light that shines in each and every one of us."

**Annual Community Holiday Project between Washington Lodge #4, and  
Nazarene Chapter #20, OES**



Children and Adults were served Pizza and Hot Dogs at the event. Dessert was Ice Cream with Sprinkles  
More than 100 children waited in line to see Santa







Santa Claus (PM Alan Dorcas) and his Elves (JW Samuel Hudson and MM Anthony Kinzer) distribute gifts to the children at the Orchard Manor Housing Complex.



**Sisters and Brothers Working Together**

## Focus on a Brother



WM James W. Ivy, Jr. 32° is Chief of Police of the Handley Police Department;  
Served as Lieutenant in Charge of Training of the Cedar Grove Police Department;  
Certified by the State of West Virginia as a Law Enforcement Instructor for Police Personnel Training;  
Subjects of instruction:

1. Police Supervision and Management (Leadership Training);
2. Crime Scene Investigations Part 1 & 2;
3. Street Gangs for Law Enforcement, and;
4. Verbal Judo



PM Kenneth L. Hale, Sr. 32° #4 participated in the “Stroll to the Polls” in Kanawha County on May 5, 2018. He was among several organizations to make the journey to the Kanawha County Voters Registration Office. PM Hale is a retired Lt. Colonel with the WV Air National Guard. He has served as President of the Charleston Branch of the NAACP #3226, as well as President of the NAACP State Conference of Branches. He has been Coach of the Western Generals Football Team (9-10 year olds), for the past thirty-five years. PM Hale will participate in the Poor Peoples March at the WV State Capitol on Monday, May, 14, 2018.



Bro. Jean-Paul DeJarnette 32° #4 competed in his first 5K Run/Walk sponsored by Active Southern West Virginia in Beckley, WV. The event was to promote a healthy living lifestyle. Brother DeJarnette is an inspiration to many of the youth in Raleigh County. Aside from being the first African-American Lieutenant in the WV Division of Juvenile Services, he manages to referee softball and volleyball games in his spare time.



**(Bro) Lt. Jean-Paul DeJarnette #4 and his Staff of the Gene Spadaro Juvenile Detention Center in Raleigh County.**





Brother Will Gillard is one of 11 Washington Lodge #4 Brothers living in 10 different States that we try to maintain contact. He provides us with the following update:

“Greetings to the Lodge from FEMA Region IV in the 20<sup>th</sup> State of the Union, Mississippi. As well as can be expected for a black family in Mississippi, in the age of Trump. My wife and I have a 3 year old son, Laith. We’ve both been able to flourish in our respective fields of health care and accounting/finance. The area where we currently reside in Lee County, whose county seat is Tupelo, was built around and is still largely dominated by the furniture industry. It has grown to include a plethora of industrial manufacturing outfits from foam to auto manufacturing (Toyota). The social situation for our people hasn’t changed much in the time I was away. The State continues to operate as oligarchy with the majority of decisions that drives the day to day lives of the hoi polloi, being made by white males in smoke filled backrooms. A few community organizations of which I proudly affiliate to go against that grain are the NAACP, Concerning Citizens for Justice, and the Black Business Alliance. The latter two are local startups formed to push social and economic growth respectively in the black community of Tupelo. Peace, brethren. Continue to fight the good fight.”



PM Johnny L. Richardson reports that he and his wife celebrated their 27<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary of Bliss on April 20, 2018. Washington Lodge wishes you many more!



Washington Lodge was excited to see PM Calvin H. Woods 32° #4 return to our stated Communication on Friday, May 4, 2018. PM Woods received a successful kidney transplant on March 29, 2018. He had only been on the waiting list for 4 weeks before he received the call. Ain’t God Good!



**MWGM Visit with Washington Lodge #4, F. & A. M. L to R: GAP Hughlen J. Jones, Jr. 32°; MWHPGM Ray B. Woods, Jr. 32°; MWGM Calcote; RWJGW Kenneth L. Hale, Sr. 32°; 5<sup>th</sup> DDGM Thomas Conner III 32°.**

**Washington #4 Brothers posing with MWGM Jeffrey Calcote 33°**







**MWGM Calcote visit with Morgan Lodge #10, F. & A. M. L to R: PM Tony Williams; PM Terrance Nicholas; WM Frank Jones; MWGM Jeffrey Calcote 33°; MWPGM Leonard L. Claytor**



**WM James Ivy and SW Samuel Hudson from Washington Lodge #4, traveled to Montgomery to support the Brothers of Bright Hope Lodge #9, F. & A. M. with their fish fry fundraiser. 🐟🐟**

Approximately 75 – 80 people attended the 2018 Prince Hall Banquet held on Saturday, September 29, 2018, at West Virginia State University. Rev. James D. Ealy provided an inspirational message of ***“Wake Up, Everybody; Wake Up Everybody.”*** Music was provided by Mrs. Linda M. Ealy to everyone’s delight. Worshipful Master James W. Ivy, Jr. recognized all visiting Dignitaries, Worshipful Masters and Brothers; and Grand Worthy Patron Raleigh L. Collins, Sr. who introduced Grand Worthy Matron Angelia Russell. GWM Russell introduced her Elected and Appointed Grand Officers in attendance. It must be noted that Bro. James “Press” Estes travelled from Columbus, Ohio and PM Johnnie Richardson from Coral Springs, Florida to attend the scheduled event. Other attendees represented Bright Hope Lodge #9, F. & A. M.; Naomi Chapter #10, O. E. S.; Nazarene Chapter #20, O. E. S.; and Evergreen Chapter #43; O. E. S.

WM James W. Ivy, Jr. recognized Mrs. Virginia of the Orchard Manor Community Center where Washington Lodge #4 provides a meal and toys for the Christmas Holiday; and Ms. Margaret Taylor, Executive Director of the Sojourner’s Shelter for Homeless Women, where #4 has donated food items on several occasions.

PM Ralph T. Hill was honored for his 30 plus years as Lodge Secretary and Community Service. PM Hill received a plaque from Washington Lodge #4, F. & A. M.; a Certificate of Recognition presented by RWJGW Kenneth L. Hale, Sr. on behalf of the Honorable MWGM Jeffrey Calcote; a Certificate of Recognition from the Honorable Jim Justice, Governor of the Great State of West Virginia; and finally, a Letter of Recognition from U.S. Senator Joe Manchin, presented by Volunteer Staffer, Mrs. Debra Hart.



**09/29/18 Prince Hall Day Banquet: Front row l. to r: RWGJW Kenneth L. Hale, Sr. #4; SW Jerry Muhammad #4; WM James W. Ivy, Jr. #4; JW Samuel Hudson #4; HPGM Ray B. Woods, Jr. #4. Back row: Chaplain Steven Stewart #4; James Estes #4; Anthony Kinzer #4; Jean-Paul DeJarnette #4; PM Sylvester Smith #4; PM Johnnie Richardson #4; JW Joel Acey #9; PM Hughlen J. Jones, Jr. #4; PM Calvin H. Woods #4; PM Ralph T. Hill #4**



**Honoree PM Ralph T. Hill**



**Friend; Brother-in-Law; Mrs. Versie Hill; Rev. and Mrs. Ealy**



## SIXTH DISTRICT

### King Solomon #5 Steak Fry



**MWGM Visit to King Solomon #5. L to R: WG Education Chair PM Rod Lee; W. 6<sup>th</sup> DDGM Michael Lee; MWGM Jeffrey Calcote; RWDGM Kelvin Elmore & RWJGW Kenneth L. Hall, Sr.**









**King Solomon Lodge #5 and Truth Chapter #2 Night at the Races**



**L to R: WM William Chandler; 6<sup>th</sup> DDGM Michael Lee; MWGM Jeffrey Calcote; RWDGM Kelvin Elmore**

**Rising Sun Lodge #34, F. & A. M. Visitation**



**Truth Chapter #2, O. E. S**



## 2018 North Carolina Grand Session



PGWM Angelina Calcote; G. Treasurer Sinette Reynolds; GAM Sheila McGhee; GWM Angelia Russell; GAC Dionne Brown



GWP Raleigh L. Collins, Sr. & PGWM Lily Collins

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## ON THE MOVE

ON SEPTEMBER 23, 2017, with the support of The Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Master PHILLIP R. ADAMS SR., Prince Hall Masons in the state of West Virginia met in the morning throughout the Jurisdiction of West Virginia. There were nearly 30 masons from around the jurisdiction who came together to support the standing up of the Holy Royal Arch and Knights Templar. Our men are working together to improve themselves in masonry, what a beautiful thing to witness. Although, not pictured, we had several sisters of the order of the eastern star attend the meeting to obtain information about the auxiliary houses. The spirit of cooperation was in the air, a good time was had by all.

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### Attending the Conference of Grand Chapters.



### Imperial Session 2018 of the A.E.A.O.N.M.S of North and South America and its Jurisdiction, Inc. 🐪 🐪 🐪



## Sickness & Distress

MWPGM Homer H. Davis #4  
 HPGM Ivan C. Richardson, Sr. 33° #21  
 PM Lacy L. "Coach" Smith #21  
 PM Curtis McGhee, Sr. #5  
 MWPGM Nash Cunningham 33° #33  
 PWM Julia Downing #38  
 PM Thomas Kincaid #2  
 PM Donald Simms #2  
 PM Gilbert Johnson #33 (103 y o a)  
 PM Ralph Edwards #5  
 PM King Basking #34  
 PWM Lula Murrell #49  
 PM Aaron Smedley #13

5<sup>th</sup> DDGM Thomas Conner III #4  
 PWM Daisy Richardson #8  
 PGWM Betty C. Smith #8  
 PGWP Edmond L. Hornbuckle III 33° #2  
 PM Antonio M. Williams #10  
 PM Charles Newsome #2  
 PM Detroit Lewis #2  
 Bro. Bishop Medcalf #2  
 Sister Sandra Edwards #2  
 PM Keith Robinson #17  
 PWM Maggie Smith #49  
 PM Gerald Johnson #13  
 Sister Lashone Robinson #37

## IN MEMORIAM

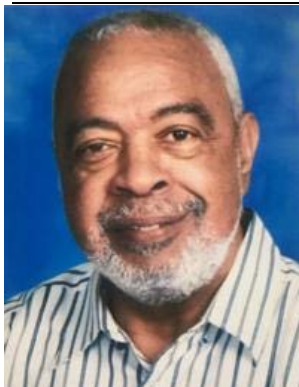


### ***Priscilla Ann Johnson Steed***

*Date of Birth:* **January 27, 1955**

*Date of Death:* **July 2, 2018**

Photo from PGAM Priscilla Steed's celebration of life viewing in Fairmont. Notables in attendance include MWGM Jeffrey Calcote; HPGM Ray B. Woods, Jr.; GWM Russell, GWP Raleigh Collins; and all Electa Prince Hall Grand Chapter Line Officers. Approximately 25 Sisters and Brothers represented the Jurisdiction of WV very well. 🙏 Farewell Our Dear Sister F. A. T.A. L.



**06/23/18 – Home going Services & Celebration of Life were held for Worshipful Grand Junior Steward William J. Russell at Levi First Missionary Baptist Church. Masonic Rites were held at the Kanawha Valley Memorial Gardens Chapel in Glasgow, WV.**

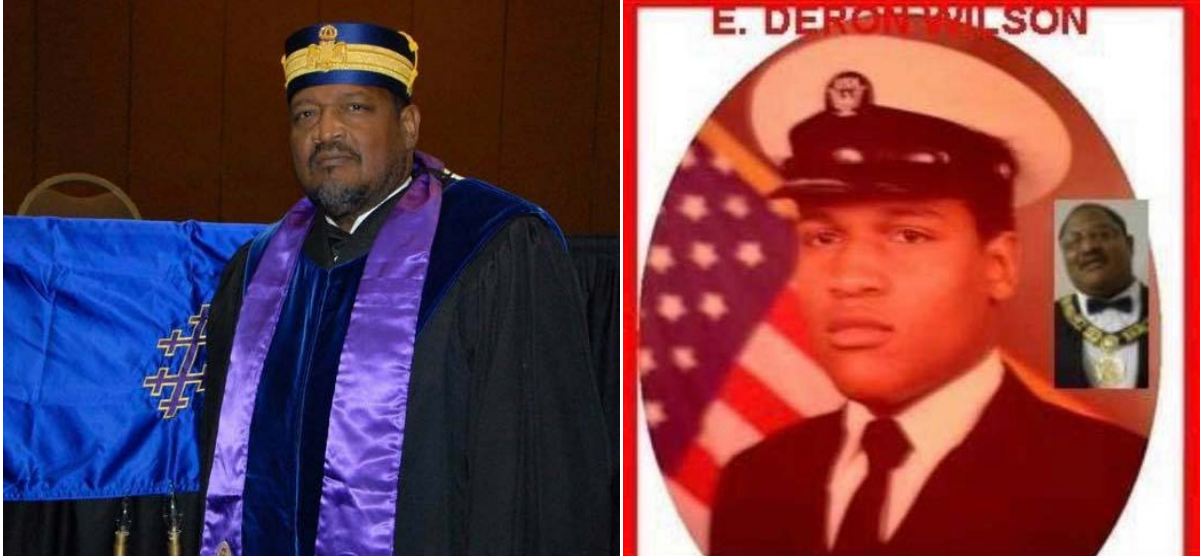
MWPGM Lawrence Washington #9 conducted the Masonic Rites for PM Russell. Elected and Appointed Grand Lodge Officers in attendance were: RWDGM Jeffrey Calcote #5; RWGSW Kelvin Elmore #34; RWGJW James "JT" Thomas #11; RWG Treasurer Ray B. Woods, Jr. #4; WG Chaplain Rev. Carl Johnson #16; and WG Senior Steward Curtis McGhee #5. Subordinate Lodge Members: SW Willie Kates #2; PM Willis Carter #2; WM James Ivy, Jr. #4; JW Samuel Hudson #4; PM Larry



Moore #4; PM Calvin H. Woods #4; PM Sylvester Smith #4; PM Ralph T. Hill #4; PM Kenneth L. Hale, Sr. #4; Bro. Tom Jones #5; SW Alfred Martin, Jr. #9; JW Joel Acey #9; PM John Radford #9; PM Donald White #9; PM Alfred Martin, Sr. #9; PM Raleigh L. Collins, Sr. #9; Tyler Don Barrett, #9; PM Henry Moore #16; MWPGM Rev. George Childress, Jr. #16; and MWPGM Douglas Starghill #33.

***“Man goeth forth to his work and to his labor until the evening of his day. The labor and work of our Brother are finished. As it hath pleased Almighty God to take the soul of our departed Brother. I will miss him. WV will miss him. Prince Hall Freemasonry will miss him.”*** – Hon. MWGM Jeffrey M. Calcote 33° on the passing of SGIG Elsworth Deron Wilson, Deputy of the Orient of West Virginia.





### OTHER DEATHS

**Anna Kates Dillard – Naomi Chapter #10**

**Frances Banks – Nazarene Chapter #20**

**Adrian Walker – Nazarene Chapter #20**

**James Tolbert – Deborah Chapter #38**

**Roberta Dawson – Evergreen Chapter #43**

**MWPGM James Tolbert – Star Lodge #1, F. & A. M.**

**PM Howard Spurlock – Washington Lodge #4, F. & A. M.**

**PM Charles Newman – Star Lodge #1, F. & A. M.**

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09/23/18 PM Calvin H. Woods 32° #4, F. & A. M. spoke at a Center for Organ Recovery and Education (CORE) event honoring Donor families. From this year's A Special Place West Virginia: Calvin Woods of Dunbar was diagnosed with kidney disease nearly 20 years ago. Last year, his kidney function required dialysis. He didn't know if he would be well enough to receive



a kidney transplant or continue working to support his family. In March, he received the call that changed everything — a match had been found.

Be a hero. Be an organ donor: <https://bit.ly/2wmJxuC>

Good Morning,

My name is Calvin Woods and my life was saved by the generosity of an organ donor, when I received a kidney transplant.

That's why I'm here today. I want to honor not just my donor, but also your loved one. I want to say thanks to you and your loved one for being a hero and lifesaver.

If it wasn't for your love one, people like me would have no hope.

I have a family history of renal failure. I lost my father and a sister to this dreaded disease. I myself was diagnosed with kidney failure in early 2000.

In 2017, my kidney function was down to 14% and it was recommended that I start preparing for treatment by dialysis. But after three unsuccessful operations to place the fistula that would make dialysis possible, doctors told me that I was out of options. A kidney transplant was the only way to save my life. My energy level was low and had constant back pain. I didn't know if a kidney would become available in time; I honestly thought my blood type lengthen the wait time. I worried that I would no longer be able to work and support my family.

But in March, I received a call that would change my life. It was a from a nurse from the renal transplant team—they had a kidney for me and I needed to get to the hospital as soon as possible. I was in a state of shock. I had so many thoughts running through my mind. The call had come so quickly that I hadn't even had my introductory first appointment with the transplant surgeon and the renal team. I had no idea what to expect. I just knew that this was my second chance at life.

After getting myself together, I called my wife to let her know. I then returned to work and told my supervisor that I was receiving the kidney I need to save my life and heading to the hospital.

The transplant went smoothly thanks to Dr. Africa and his staff and the nurses at CAMC General. That was only six months ago and I'm already back at work. I don't worry about how I'm going to support my family anymore. I don't suffer with debilitating pain. It's September and I've returned to work.

Organ Donation saved my LIFE.

During a time of sorrow and grief, you and your family decided to make a difference in someone's life. Your compassion gave a person like me, a perfect stranger, a second chance.

My Family and I say "THANK YOU". You are my heroes.

## Upcoming Events

**June 26, 2019 – June 29, 2019 – Annual Grand Session in Charleston, WV at the Embassy Suites.** Rates are \$119.00. Included in your rate, Charleston's only all-suite hotel offers:

Not just a standard hotel room, every guestroom is a two-room suite featuring a king size bed or two double beds with a separate parlor room. The "living-room" includes a sofa (which pulls out to a queen sleeper) and chair, wet bar, microwave, mini refrigerator & coffee maker. Each suite also features two televisions and two telephones for the use of your guests.

***Complimentary*** full cooked to order breakfast is included for all of our guests. Breakfast is served daily in our beautiful atrium. ~Valued at \$11.00/person

Guests are invited to the evening Manager's Reception in the atrium lounge area.

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