



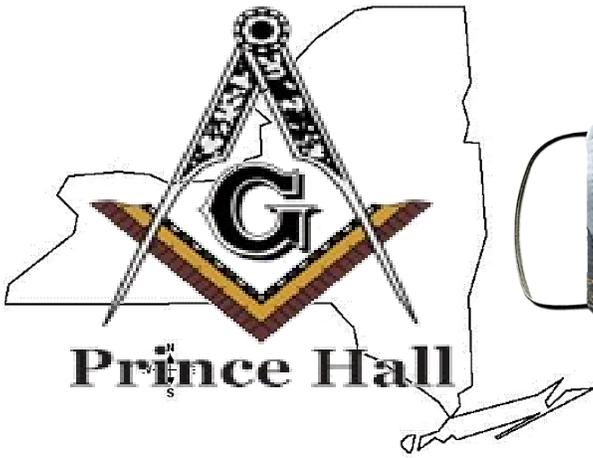
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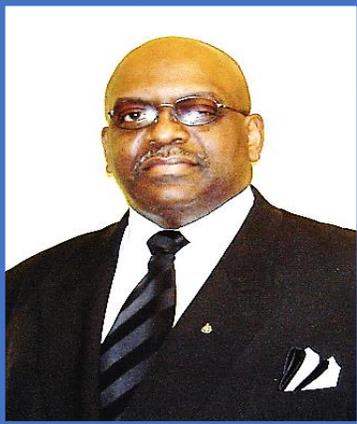
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## From The Editor's Desk

As I watched, captured on video for the world to see, the brutal and heartless execution of Mr. George Floyd, a fellow human being, by members of the law enforcement community, a community I was proudly a member of for decades, I was horrified. As I watched Mr. Floyd's life force flow from his body as he exclaimed to the unresponsive officers "I CAN'T BREATHE". I felt anger, sorrow, helplessness, and ashamed. I also felt this is too much, enough is enough, this has got to stop!

Of course this is not the first incident of black men being brutalized in such a horrific fashion, a review of history in this country reveals that in the hands of certain segments of this country this was and is the norm rather than the exception. But for some reason this one really got to me. Maybe because through the camera lens I was an eyewitness. George Floyd was treated worse than an animal and the sadistic officer kneeling on his neck did not display any emotion but contempt. He cared less rather Mr. Floyd lived or died. I feel that this officer's callousness was morally wrong and egregious, and he must be held accountable for his actions and inaction.

As I stated earlier enough is enough and it appears many people agree. The execution of Mr. Floyd appears to have caused humans beings of all colors the world over, to pause and reassess their morally, humanity and values as well as cast a light on institutional racism. There is a real chance for monumental change in this country, as millions of Americans and citizens around the world peacefully protest and demonstrate for justice and equality. Many have no real understanding why they are protesting; they just feel what happen was wrong and they must do something.

In order to keep the momentum going and force meaningful change for the good of humanity regardless of the color of an individual's skin, we must fight to change the culture of institutional racism and inequality. If we have finally decided to do something about it, we must rise up and vote in November, not just for the top of the ticket but for the down ballot as well, I feel we have a unique opportunity at this moment in history to really start making meaningful change. I feel that humanity with all its fears and all its hope of future years is hanging breathlessly on the outcome of this election. Let us all do our part, VOTE, and encourage your family and friends to vote.

The current administration used racism and lies to divide the country and get elected the first time and they are trying the same tactics again. They are attempting to suppress the black and brown vote by decreasing the number of polling places in ethnic communities causing long lines hoping voters will give up and not vote. They are also attacking mail-in voting as fraudulent and corrupt, which is a blatant lie.

Our vote is crucial, the pandemic must not be used as an excuse not to vote, take proper precautions to protect yourself, if you are afraid to go out, request a mail-in ballot, but we must vote. We must understand there is power in our communities when we vote. Make sure your choice is heard loud and clear, VOTE!

**If you have an article to submit for an upcoming issue of the Prince Hall Sentinel, send it to [safeside4918@gmail.com](mailto:safeside4918@gmail.com). Please ensure that any photos submitted are of good quality.**

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# The Grand Master



**“For I know the plans I have for you declares the Lord, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you a future and a hope.”**

**Jeremiah 29:11**

Greetings Brothers and Sister,

It is my sincere hope that you and your family are well and staying safe.

It is my prayer that our Heavenly Father will be a covering over each of us as our Jurisdiction and our Country struggles with the COVID-19 Pandemic, a fragile economy, high unemployment and unrest in the fight against racism and social injustice, all of which, people of color are being hit the hardest.

This is a scary and unpredictable time. A time of confusion, uncertainty and misinformation; and although COVID-19 has slowed down significantly in New York State, **it is still here!** Some restrictions have been eased, but we still need to be smart in our day-to-day movement and protective practices.

**PHAmilly, we are no strangers to “Times of Adversity!”**

The part we play in making a positive and committed effort is important and will help save lives. Our commitment and positive efforts are what makes this Organization strong.

We must be committed to helping to minimize the spread of COVID-19. We must commit to staying on course with protecting ourselves and others.

Responsibly and as “Keepers of our Brothers and Sisters” we must wear Face and Nose Coverings. We must practice Social Distancing. We must also commit to Hand Washing, Hand Sanitizing and Wearing Gloves. According to the CDC and Department of Health, these actions have proven to slow the spread of COVID-19.

Let us each commit to being in regular communication with family and friends, so that we each know how the other is doing and if assistance is needed. I encourage everyone to maintain a stock of daily necessities (food, water, paper goods, medications, etc.) in case of reoccurring shortages; and to stay current on the status of the Pandemic, as well as local and world news.

On November 3, 2020, our country faces a critical and extremely important Election. Yes, it is time to elect the person who we will expect to lead and protect **ALL** people of this country, but let us also keep in mind that the state and local elections are just as important. All elected positions will affect each of us in some way. Therefore, it is imperative that we each exercise our Right to Vote. **VOTE AS IF YOUR LIFE DEPENDS UPON IT!** Committing to and casting your vote is a positive effort to get the state of the Economy, Unemployment, Racism and Social Injustice and COVID-19 addressed.

If you are not registered, you are strongly encouraged to do so. Remember, many people have gotten into “Good Trouble” so that people of color could exercise this Right. Please be sure to cast your vote.

May the Lord Bless and Keep you.

Fraternally,

Most Worshipful Walter C. King, Jr.,  
Grand Master



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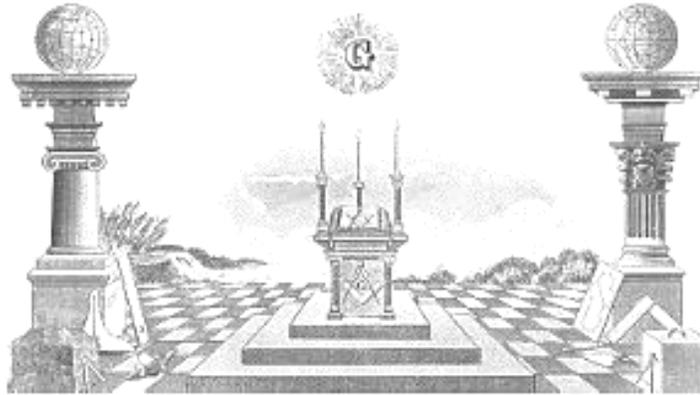
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## OFFICE OF THE GRAND MASTER

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**August 31, 2020**

**To: All Grand Lodge Officers, Present and Past, District Deputy Grand Masters, Worshipful Master(s), Wardens and Brethren of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of the State of New York and Jurisdiction:**

Greetings,

Due to the Global Pandemic of COVID-19, and in an effort to move our organization forward, it has become necessary that our organization start to adapt to, what could be, our "New Normal".

Therefore, I, Most Worshipful Walter C. King, Jr., Grand Master, of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge, State of New York, do hereby authorize Lodges to conduct their monthly Stated Communications via teleconferencing and/or approved video conferencing platforms, beginning October 1, 2020, until otherwise notified.

The approved teleconferencing and video conferencing platforms of this MWPHGL are:  
***Zoom, WebEx, Microsoft Team and Google Meets.***

**The following Procedures MUST be adhered to:**

Take Due Notice: No Masonic Ritualistic Activities are to be conducted via Virtual Platforms!

1. These meetings are for managing Lodge affairs and business ONLY.

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2. Lodge Members MUST be informed of your meeting (in advance) and provided the necessary credentials to join the meeting.
3. Lodge Members must be registered to enter the meeting.
4. Your District Deputy Grand Master and your District Deputy Grand Lecturer MUST also be informed of your meeting (in advance) and provided the necessary credentials to join the meeting.
5. Open and Close with prayer (No Ritualistic Opening or Closing).
6. Minutes of the meetings MUST be maintained.
7. All notices & communications from this Grand Lodge, either in writing or through modes of electronic communication, must be read and any required action taken thereon.
8. Customary Parliamentary rules of order remain in effect.
9. No action for which a secret ballot would be required, pursuant to the Constitution of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of New York, is to be transacted via virtual platforms (Ex. Balloting on Petitions for Membership).
10. Masonic Light can be shared as long as it is not ritualist in nature.

Lodges are also authorized to hold Online/Virtual Fundraisers, beginning September 1, 2020.

Online Fundraising is a way for organizations to raise money via the Internet. It usually involves an on-line Donation Page and can include Mobile Giving, Peer-to-Peer Fundraising, and more.

Research to determine which platforms work best for your members, Research for details to determine which Fundraising ideas will work best for your members and then, feel free to use this new medium to support your efforts.

## **Ideas for On-Line Fundraising:**

- On-line Auction
- Game Nights
- Paint and Sip
- Raffles
- Baskets
- Cooking Classes
- Zumba/Exercise
- Lunch and Learn
- Leadership / Lecture Series
- Presentations on various Topics

## **Resources for On-Line Fundraising:**

- [www.101fundraising.org](http://www.101fundraising.org)
- [www.networkforgood.com](http://www.networkforgood.com)
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In these trying time Lodges are also expected to keep all their EA's, FC's and/or any petitioners involved and connected via any of the virtual platforms. In order to keep them all interested in Craft, Lodges must keep them engaged as much as possible.

Brethren, Lodges are encouraged to utilize these platforms to transact their business, to follow-up on the wellness of its members and hold fundraising activities.

Times are changing and the organizational and not-for-profit world is adjusting. So too are we, if we are not only to survive, but to thrive!

Take due notice and govern yourselves accordingly

Done under my hand and seal of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of New York and Jurisdiction, this 31st day of August A.D 2020, A.L. 6020.

Fratemally,

*Walter C King Jr*  
M.:W.: Walter C. King Jr.  
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Attest:

*[Signature]*  
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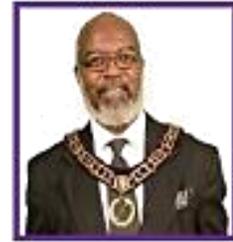
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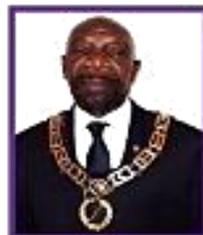
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**The Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons  
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**June 4, 2020**

Dear Brethren and Friends of Freemasonry in New York:

Masonry in New York is comprised of men of every race, creed and color. We respect and greet each other as Brothers. As such, any adverse treatment of anyone due to their color is anathema to our very tenets.

We have all watched with apprehension and concern the recent events unfolding on the streets of our City, State and Nation. While Freemasons may not all think alike, we accept and respect one another.

The core values of Masonry are basic and simple. We believe in one God as the Grand Architect of the Universe, and other non-sectarian titles, to address the Deity. In this way, persons of different faiths may join together in prayer. And we believe and embrace our ideals that all Masons meet as equals.

Each Brother will determine within themselves how they grieve the death of George Floyd. As Freemasons we do not approve of the destructive actions we are seeing, but we do approve of emulating the Brotherhood Masonry is built upon.

As Masonic Leaders we affirm our belief in brotherly love, relief and truth. We ask the Grand Architect of the Universe to heal the divisions within today's society.

With kindest Fraternal regards,

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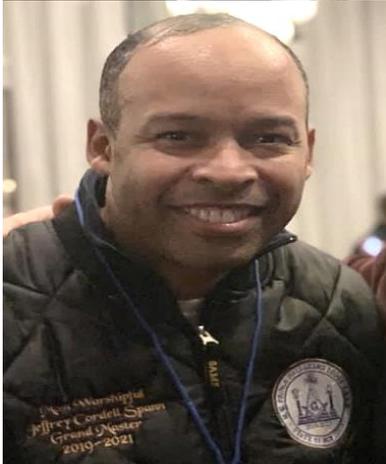
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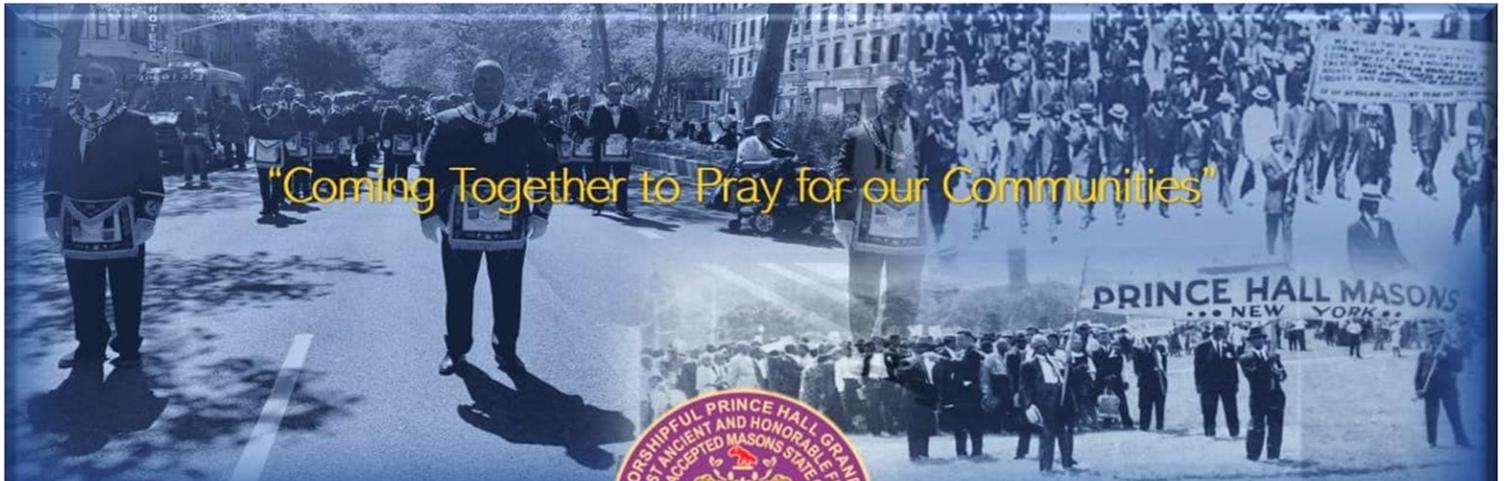
# The Vincent E. Best 175<sup>th</sup> Mid-Year Assembly

January 25th, 2020 Hilton Westchester, Rye Town, New York



**Bro Charles Coleman(55) receiving an honor for his service to the community at The Vincent E. Best 175th Mid-Year Assembly, M.W.P.H.G.L.S.N.Y. January 25th, 2020 Hilton Westchester, Rye Town, New York**





"Coming Together to Pray for our Communities"



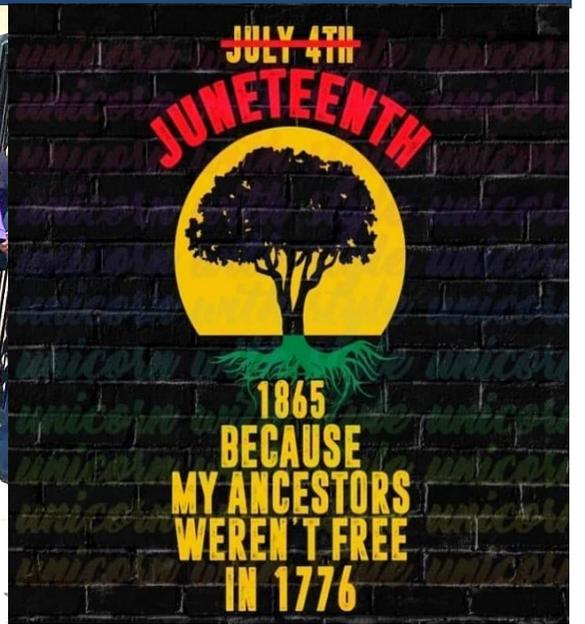
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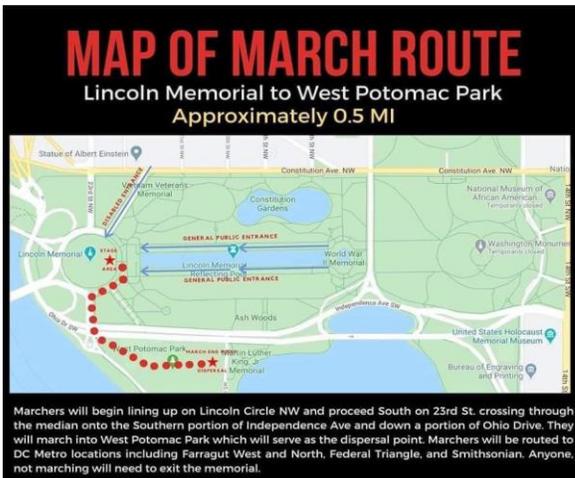






## The March on Washington: 57 Years Later, "The Dream Is Still Alive"

Brothers from the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of the State of New York along with Thousands of others from across the nation gathered in Washington DC on Aug. 28 to commemorate the original 1963 March on Washington, exactly 57 years later. Spread across the National Mall, attendees turned toward the Lincoln Memorial to remember Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s dream of racial equality and to plead for the necessary work to achieve it. Speeches ran throughout the afternoon, from the families of victims of police brutality and iconic movement leaders like Rev. Al Sharpton and Martin Luther King III.



August 28, 2020

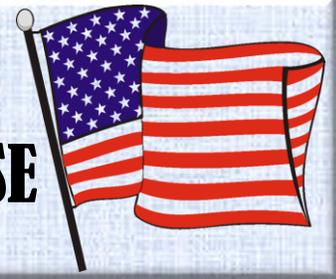


# WE'RE GOING TO STAND UP, EVERY PERSON WHO BELIEVES IN EQUALITY IN THE UNITED STATES IS GOING TO STAND UP





# THE HISTORY OF THE THREE-FIFTHS COMPROMISE



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*The Constitutional Convention of 1787 took place from May 25 to September 17, 1787 in the old Pennsylvania State House (now known as Independence Hall) in Philadelphia. Although the convention was intended to revise the league of states and first system of government under the Articles of Confederation, the intention from the outset of many of its proponents, chief among them James Madison of Virginia and Alexander Hamilton of New York, was to create a new government rather than fix the existing one. The delegates elected George Washington of Virginia, former commanding general of the Continental Army in the late American Revolutionary War (1775–1783) and proponent of a stronger national government as its president. The result of the convention was the creation of the Constitution of the United States, placing the Convention among the most significant events in American history.*

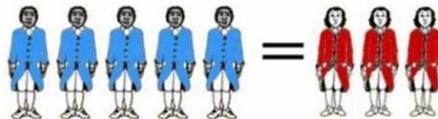
At this Constitutional Convention, as the founders of the United States were in the process of forming a union. Delegates agreed that the representation each state received in the House of Representatives and the Electoral College would be based on population, but the issue of slavery was a sticking point between the North and the South. It benefitted Southern states to include enslaved people in their population counts, as that calculation would give them more seats in the House of Representatives and thus more political power. Delegates from Northern states, however, objected on the grounds that enslaved people could not vote, own property, or take advantage of the privileges that white men enjoyed. (None of the lawmakers called for the end of slavery, but some of the representatives did express their discomfort with it. George Mason of Virginia called for anti-slave trade laws, and Gouverneur Morris of New York called slavery “a nefarious institution.”) Ultimately, the delegates who objected to slavery as an institution ignored their moral qualms in favor of unifying the states, thus leading to the creation of the three-fifths compromise.

## The Three-Fifths Compromise in the Constitution

First introduced by James Wilson and Roger Sherman on June 11, 1787, the three-fifths compromise counted enslaved people as three-fifths of a person. This agreement meant that the Southern states got more electoral votes than if the enslaved population hadn’t been counted at all, but fewer votes than if the enslaved population had been fully counted.

The text of the compromise, found in Article 1, Section 2, of the Constitution, states:

“Representatives and direct taxes shall be apportioned among the several states which may be included within this Union, according to their respective numbers, which shall be determined by adding to the whole number of free persons, including those bound to service for a term of years, and excluding Indians not taxed, three fifths of all other persons.”



The compromise acknowledged that slavery was a reality, but did not meaningfully address the evils of the institution. In fact, the delegates passed not only the three-fifths compromise, but also a constitutional clause that allowed enslavers to “reclaim” enslaved people who sought freedom. By characterizing them as fugitives, this clause criminalized the enslaved individuals who ran away in quest of their freedom

The three-fifths compromise had a major impact on U.S. politics for decades to come. It allowed slave states to have a disproportionate influence on the presidency, the Supreme Court, and other positions of power. It also resulted in the country having a roughly equal number of free and slave states. Some historians contend that major events in U.S. history would have had opposite outcomes were it not for the three-fifths compromise, including:

- The election of Thomas Jefferson in 1800.
- The Missouri Compromise of 1820, which allowed Missouri to enter the Union as a slave state.
- The Indian Removal Act of 1830, in which Native American tribes were forcibly removed from their land.
- The Kansas-Nebraska Act of 1854, which allowed residents of those territories to determine for themselves whether they wanted slavery practiced there.

Altogether, the three-fifths compromise had a detrimental impact on vulnerable populations, such as the enslaved and the nation's Indigenous peoples. Slavery may have been kept in check rather than allowed to spread without it, and fewer Native Americans may have had their way of life upended, to tragic results, by removal policies. The three-fifths compromise allowed the states to unite, but the price was harmful government policies that continued to reverberate for generations.

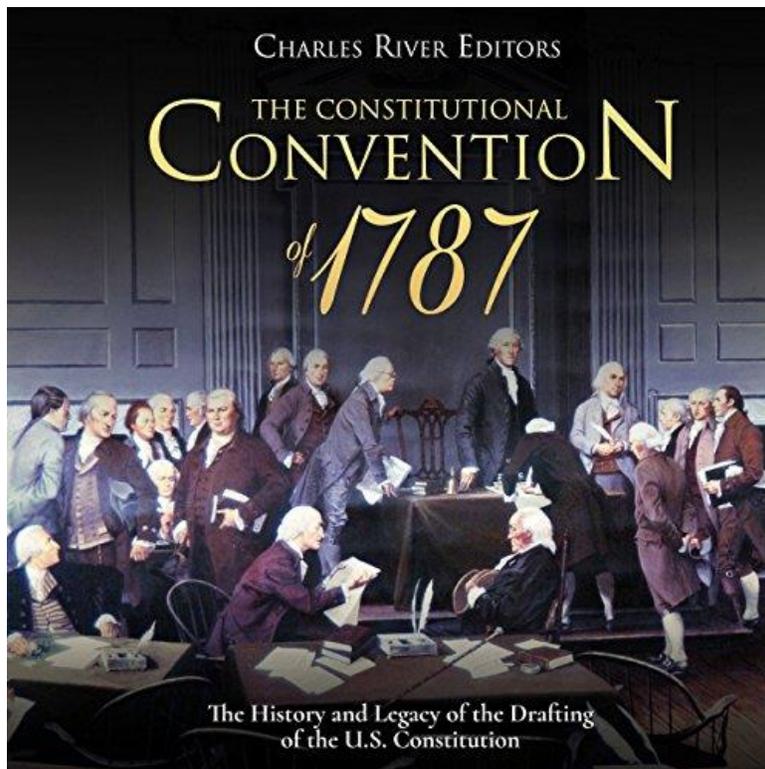
### **Repeal of the Three-Fifths Compromise.**

The 13th Amendment of 1865 effectively gutted the three-fifths compromise by outlawing slavery. But when the 14th Amendment was ratified in 1868, it officially repealed the three-fifths compromise. Section 2 of the amendment states that seats in the House of Representatives were to be determined based on "the whole number of persons in each State, excluding Indians not taxed."

The repeal of the compromise gave the South more representation since the members of the formerly enslaved African population were now counted fully. Yet, this population continued to be denied the full benefits of citizenship. The South enacted laws such as "grandfather clauses" meant to disenfranchise African Americans, even as the Black population gave them more influence in Congress. The additional voting power not only gave Southern states more seats in the House but more electoral votes, too.

Congress members from other regions sought to reduce the South's voting power because African Americans were being stripped of their voting rights there, but a 1900 proposal to do so never materialized. Ironically, this is because the South had too much representation in Congress to allow for a switch. Until as recently as the 1960s, Southern Democrats, known as Dixiecrats, continued to wield a disproportionate amount of power in Congress. This power was based in part on the African American residents, who were counted for the purposes of representation but who were prevented from voting through grandfather clauses and other laws that threatened their livelihoods and even their lives. The Dixiecrats used the power they had in Congress to block attempts to make the South a more equitable place.

Eventually, however, federal legislation such as the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the Voting Rights Act of 1965 would thwart their efforts. During the civil rights movement, African Americans demanded the right to vote and ultimately became an influential voting bloc. They have helped a slew of Black political candidates get elected in the South and nationally, including the nation's first Black president, Barack Obama, demonstrating the significance of their full representation.



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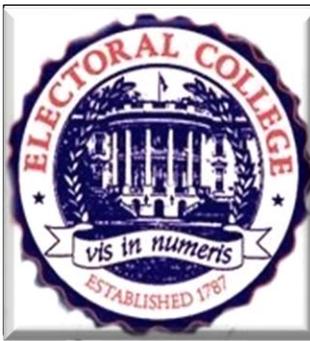
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## VOTER REGISTRATION DRIVE







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**The Electoral College is a body of electors established by the United States Constitution, which forms every four years for the sole purpose of electing the president and vice president of the United States. The Electoral College consists of 538 electors, and an absolute majority of electoral votes, 270 or more, is required to win the election. Article II, Section 1, Clause 2 of the Constitution requires each state legislature to determine how electors for that state are to be chosen, and it disqualifies any person holding a federal office, either elected or appointed, from being an elector.**

It remains one of the most surprising facts about voting in the United States: While the popular vote elects members of Congress, mayors, governors, state legislators and local officials, it does not determine the winner of the presidency, the highest office in the land. That important decision ultimately falls to the Electoral College. When Americans cast their ballots, they are actually voting for a slate of electors appointed by their state's political parties who are pledged to support that party's candidate. Unfortunately, that doesn't always happen.

At the time of the Philadelphia convention, no other country in the world directly elected its chief executive, so the delegates were wading into uncharted territory. Further complicating the task was a deep-rooted distrust of executive power. After all, the fledgling nation had just fought its way out from under a tyrannical king and overreaching colonial governors. They didn't want another despot on their hands.

One group of delegates felt strongly that Congress shouldn't have anything to do with picking the president. Too much opportunity for chummy corruption between the executive and legislative branches.

Another camp was dead set against letting the people elect the president by a straight popular vote. First, they thought 18th-century voters lacked the resources to be fully informed about the candidates, especially in rural outposts. Second, they feared a headstrong "democratic mob" steering the country astray. And third, a populist president appealing directly to the people could command dangerous amounts of power.

They were tired, impatient, and frustrated. Out of those drawn-out debates came a compromise based on the idea of electoral intermediaries, because they couldn't agree on anything else. These intermediaries wouldn't be picked by Congress or elected by the people. Instead, the states would each appoint independent "electors" who would cast the actual ballots for the presidency.

But determining exactly how many electors to assign to each state was another sticking point. Here the divide was between slave-owning and non-slave-owning states. It was the same issue that plagued the distribution of seats in the House of Representatives: should or shouldn't the Founders include slaves in counting a state's population?

In 1787, roughly 40 percent of people living in the Southern states were black slaves, who couldn't vote. James Madison from Virginia—where slaves accounted for 60 percent of the population—knew that either a direct presidential election, or one with electors divvied up according to free white residents only, wouldn't fly in the South.

The result was the controversial "three-fifths compromise," in which black slaves would be counted as three-fifths of a person for the purpose of allocating representatives and electors and calculating federal taxes. The compromise ensured that Southern states would ratify the Constitution and gave Virginia, home to more than 200,000 slaves, a quarter (12) of the total electoral votes required to win the presidency (46).

# Car Raffle

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### The winner of the MWPHGL Car Raffle 2020 Grand Prize

## Marcus Grant

Pictured with MW Walter C. King, Jr. Grand Master, RW Gregory R. Smith, Jr. Deputy Grand Master, RW Jean Apollon, Sr. Junior Grand Warden and RW Mitch Eleam-DDGM Chairman of the Car Raffle Committee.





# NEW YORK PRINCE HALL MASONS IN THE NEWS

## **W.M. Thomas Beauford, Jr. Paramount Lodge #73**

By Tracey Drury

*Reporter, Buffalo Business First*



Buffalo Urban League has recruited a new president and CEO: Thomas Beauford Jr. will assume the post on Aug. 31.

Beauford comes to the agency with more than 20 years of strategic and operations management experience, primarily in the financial-services industry, most recently with M&T Bank, where he was a vice president in the risk management and regulatory affairs division.

He was selected following a national search that began in March, including five interviews that included participation from the National Urban League. The search committee was co-chaired by Clotilde Dedecker, president and CEO of the Community Foundation for Greater Buffalo; and Steve Finch, a senior vice president at AAA of Western and Central New York who also serves as board chairman.

Beauford takes over for Brenda McDuffie, who is retiring after 22 years at the helm, growing the agency to an annual budget of \$6 million with an array of workforce development and education programs across the region.

Finch credited McDuffie for her longtime leadership at the agency. “It is important for us to build up on the tremendous legacy she has established,” he said.

Beauford holds a bachelor’s degree from St. Peter’s University and MBA and master’s degrees from the University at Buffalo, as well as a certificate in governance from the Harvard Business School’s Executive Education program.

During a Zoom press conference announcing the appointment Monday afternoon, Beauford invited members of the community to partner with the organization in its efforts to advance positive change, either as a member, volunteer or sponsor.

“Change is needed, not just incremental change, but wholesale reform,” Beauford said. “The Buffalo Urban league stands ready. You could say we’ve been preparing for this since our inception.”

He said his first goals at the agency will be to get acquainted with the staff and familiarize himself with the agency’s current programming. He’ll also work to better understand the organization and how to best build on those platforms.

A native of New York City, Beauford’s banking career took him around the world during 13 years with HSBC to Malaysia and India, ending in Buffalo. He spent a year at Citibank before joining M&T in 2014.

He is also involved in the local nonprofit community, having served on the boards of the Buffalo and Erie County Botanical Gardens and Buffalo Urban Development Corp, and as board treasurer of the Community Health Center of Buffalo. He is the past board chair of the International Institute of Buffalo and immediate past president of the Buffalo Chapter of the National Black MBA Association. He also was an adjunct professor at Medaille College teaching global business from 2011-2018.

# Nassau Lawyer

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## Meet NCBA's 118th President



By Ann Burkowsky

The Nassau County Bar Association is pleased to welcome Dorian R. Glover as its 118th President, who was installed on Tuesday, June 2, 2020 at the first ever virtual NCBA Installation ceremony.

Glover attended Morehouse College in Atlanta GA; receiving his B.A. in Business Administration. He later pursued his life-long dream of becoming a lawyer and attended Touro College's Jacob D. Fuchsberg Law Center to obtain his Juris Doctorate. In 1998, Dorian established The Law Offices of Dorian R. Glover, a firm specializing in real estate, family/divorce, criminal, will, trusts & estates,

and personal injury law. He has represented hundreds of people in the courts of New York in all types of civil and criminal proceedings. In addition to his practice, Dorian is also an Adjunct Professor at Touro College Jacob D. Fuchsberg Law Center, his alma mater.

### Leadership and Community Service

Dorian R. Glover has been an active member of the NCBA for over 25 years. In addition to being elected to the Executive Committee, Dorian has served on a number of member committees, including the Judiciary Committee and the Membership Committee. Recognized for his leadership, Dorian was later awarded Director of the Year in 2012 and 2013.

While he is not practicing law or lecturing future attorneys, Dorian devotes his time assisting our local community. He has served as a mentor at the Jackson Main Elementary School, Malverne High School, and currently is a mentor and coordinator at Barack Obama Elementary School in Hempstead. He has also served as the legal adviser for Valley Stream and Roosevelt High Schools, and as a judge in the New York State Mock Trial Competition.

### Honors and Awards

In 2015 and 2016, Dorian was appointed by the Nassau County Bar Association as a Delegate to the New York State Bar Association. In addition to his achievements at the NCBA, Dorian has received awards from the likes of U.S. Senators Charles Schumer and Kirsten

Gillibrand, Governor Andrew Cuomo, NYC Mayors Michael Bloomberg and David Dinkins, and Nassau County Executive Laura Curran. He has also received the American Flag flown during Operation Enduring Freedom in Kandahar, Afghanistan, and has been recognized for his contributions to the city of New Orleans during Hurricane Katrina.

In 2019, Village of Hempstead's Mayor Wayne Hall and Village Trustees renamed William Street, the street in front of the elementary school Dorian attended, "Dorian R. Glover Way."

In addition to his impressive roster of accomplishments, Dorian's achievements as a Prince Hall Mason include Past Master of Doric Lodge No. 53 in Hempstead; Past High Priest of Royal Eagle Chapter No. 27; Past Eminent Commander of Gethsemane No. 3; Past Thrice Potent Master and Past Most Wise and Perfect Master of L.I. Consistory No. 61. He is a Past Illustrious Potentate of Abu Bekr Temple No. 91. He has also served in the highest appointed office of District Deputy Grand Master, Fourth Masonic District. In 2018, Dorian was elected President of the Conference of Grand Masters, ranking him as one of the most influential officers among the leadership across the country and was re-elected in 2019.

### Personal Life

On Valentine's Day of 2020, Dorian wedded the Hon. Linda K. Mejias at the Heritage Club in Bethpage. They enjoyed a beautiful ceremony together surrounded by family and friends.

# Past Master Larry Scott Blackmon (55)

HAS BEEN NAMED ONE OF THE MARSHALLS FOR  
**THE 51ST ANNUAL AFRICAN AMERICAN DAY PARADE**

**LARRY SCOTT BLACKMON**

**LARRY BLACKMON**  
*Marshal*

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LARRY SCOTT BLACKMON

Larry Blackmon, a two time author and Public Administration professor, has been recognized as one of the 100 most powerful individuals in the Bronx and has been named as of the “40 under 40” people to watch in both the Network Journal and City and State publications for the past three years.

FOR MORE ON OUR 2020 MARSHAL VISIT:  
[WWW.AFRICANAMERICANDAYPARADE.ORG](http://WWW.AFRICANAMERICANDAYPARADE.ORG)

#AADPINC #BLACKBUSINESSTRIBUTE

**While this year’s parade is virtual, I am honored to have been selected for this historic moment in time. Thank you to the parade committee for recognizing my small contributions to our culture.**

P.M. Larry Scott Blackmon is the C.E.O. and founder of The Blackmon Organization, a political consulting and community relations firm. He has over 20 years of public, community development, and government experience.

Most recently, at online grocer FreshDirect as Vice President of Public Affairs, Blackmon expanded partnerships, cultivated new relationships, navigated the company through challenging public relations issues, managed its government affairs, directed FreshDirect’s CSR program, and served as a key company spokesman.

P.M. Blackmon has worked with a number of New York City’s elected officials, serving in the administrations of New York City Mayor Bill De Blasio and former NYC Mayor Michael Bloomberg. He served on the staffs of U.S. Senator Charles Schumer, and former U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton during her 2000 Senate campaign, one of a select few individuals in the nation who worked for two U.S. Senators from the same state.

Larry Blackmon is also a professor of Public Administration who has taught at Columbia University, and currently teaches at Metropolitan College of New York, a member of 100 Black Men of New York, the current President of the New York State Association of Parliamentarians, and a proud member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Incorporated where he serves as 1st Vice President of the New York State Association of Chapters of Alpha. For the past three years, Blackmon was recognized as one of the 100 most powerful individuals in the Bronx and has been named as of the “40 under 40” people to watch in both the Network Journal and City and State publications.

Blackmon holds a B.A. in Communications & Black Studies from New Paltz University and a master’s degree in Public Administration from Metropolitan College of New York. He is also a graduate of the John F. Kennedy School’s Executive Leadership program at Harvard University.



# R.W. Darren M. Morton, Ed.D. (64) Grand Senior Warden



**Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of New York**



The Honorable Darren M. Morton, Ed.D., CPRP, born and raised in Mount Vernon, NY, educated in the Mount Vernon City School System and a graduate of Mount Vernon High School, Dr. Darren M. Morton is a man of many talents, specifically in Executive Leadership in areas of social action, college administration, non-profit, and public service. Whether in his community, a college campus, executive office, or in a boardroom, he constantly works to strengthen families and enhance the quality of life in urban communities.

Dr. Morton offers over 25 years of education, non-profit, and public service leadership in a variety of social action areas. He has been with the City of Mount Vernon since 2012, having served the City of Mount Vernon as Commissioner of Planning and Community Development, Commissioner of Recreation, and currently serves as Treasurer of Mount Vernon Urban Renewal Agency and Mount Vernon Industrial Development Agency.

Additionally, he has served as an adjunct Assistant Professor of Public Administration at the College of New Rochelle. Prior to joining the City of Mount Vernon, Dr. Morton served as a senior executive in High Education, having held several administrative and teaching positions as Assistant Director of Admissions at Hofstra University; Adjunct Professor, Associate Dean of Student Development, Assistant and Associate Vice President for Student Affairs at St. John's University in Queens, NY.

He is heavily involved in civic and social endeavors specifically affecting youth and the underprivileged of all ages. His civic leadership includes being elected to the Mount Vernon Public Library Board of Trustees in 2014, District Leader for Mt Vernon Democratic Committee and his non-profit board experience includes Big Brothers and Sisters of Brooklyn & Queens Advisory; Youth Shelter of Westchester; Wartburg Foundation; and chairman of the Wesley Parrott Youth Programs. Additionally, Dr. Morton has served the community in various ways, inclusive of leadership roles with Youth Council of NAACP; Interfaith Clergy for Social Action of Westchester; and as the 24th Eastern Region Vice President of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.

Rev. Morton holds a Doctorate in Education from St. John Fisher College, specifically in executive leadership, where his dissertation topic was entitled, "From Integration to Resegregation: Examining the Role of Black Clergy as 21st Century Leaders in Public Education Reform" and is a graduate of Hofstra and St. John's Universities, where he received his Bachelor of Business Administration and Masters of Education degrees, respectively. Also, he completed the Harvard Graduate School of Education Management Development Program Certificate. His goals as Chief of Staff are to assist the Mayor in realizing her vision for Moving Mount Vernon Forward, work with Commissioners, Department Heads and Elected to improved government operations and efficiencies, increase revenue streams through the identification and acquisition of external funding via grants and other revenue-generating sources.





# NEW YORK PRINCE HALL EASTERN STAR IN THE NEWS

## Past Matron Wendy James

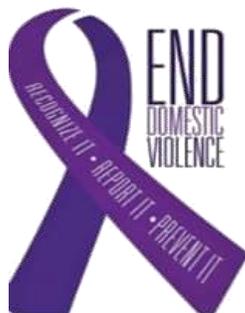
*Beacon Light # 58*

Proud to join IHQ as a DV Coordinator for my sorority's inaugural Domestic Violence Programmatic Initiative team. We are dedicated to raising #domesticviolence awareness and believe that every woman deserves to be in a healthy relationship. If you're in a relationship that physically harms, arouses fear, prevents you from doing what you wish, or forces you to behave in ways that you don't want, please contact <https://www.thehotline.org>



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INTERNATIONAL DOMESTIC VIOLENCE  
PROGRAMMATIC INITIATIVE



## CONGRATULATIONS WENDY JAMES

ALPHA ALPHA OMEGA ZETA  
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COORDINATOR



### DID YOU KNOW

1 in 3 women and 1 in 4 men in the United States have experienced some form of physical violence by an intimate partner?

If you or someone you know is experiencing abuse, please contact 1-800-799-7233 or <https://www.thehotline.org/>

SOURCE:WWW.NCADV.ORG

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#zetasagainstdv



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World Health Organization

On February 11, 2020, the World Health Organization announced an official name for the disease that is causing the 2019 novel coronavirus outbreak, first identified in Wuhan, China. The name of this disease is coronavirus disease 2019, abbreviated as COVID-19. In COVID-19, 'CO' stands for 'corona,' 'VI' for 'virus,' and 'D' for disease and the number 19 stands for the year (2019) in which the outbreak occurred.

The World Health Organization has a set of guidelines for naming new diseases, including:

- **Generic, descriptive terms:** Clinical symptoms; anatomical, pathological, or physiological references
- **Specific, descriptive terms:** Severity, seasonal, epidemiology, time course, age group affected, etc.
- **Causal pathogen:** Or simply, the germ that produced the disease
- **Year of first detection:** With or without month
- **Arbitrary identifier:** Alpha, beta, etc.

There are many types of human coronaviruses including some that commonly cause mild upper-respiratory tract illnesses, like the common cold. COVID-19 is a new disease, caused by a novel (or new) coronavirus that has not previously been seen in humans. It is not the same as the coronaviruses that commonly circulate among humans.

A virus infects your body by entering healthy cells. There, the invader makes copies of itself and multiplies throughout your body. The new coronavirus latches its spiky surface proteins to receptors on healthy cells, especially those in your lungs. Specifically, the viral proteins bust into cells through ACE2 receptors. Once inside, the coronavirus hijacks healthy cells and takes command. Eventually, it kills some of the healthy cells.

The illness caused by the coronavirus, starts with droplets from an infected person's cough, sneeze, or breath. They could be in the air or on a surface that you touch before touching your eyes, nose, or mouth. That gives the virus a passage to the mucous membranes in your throat. Within 2 to 14 days, your immune system may respond with symptoms including:

- Fever
- A cough
- Shortness of breath or trouble breathing
- Fatigue
- Chills, sometimes with shaking
- Body aches
- Headache
- A sore throat
- Congestion or a runny nose
- Loss of taste
- Loss of smell
- Nausea or vomiting
- Diarrhea

The virus moves down your respiratory tract. That's the airway that includes your mouth, nose, throat, and lungs. Your lower airways have more ACE2 receptors than the rest of your respiratory tract. So COVID-19 is more likely to go deeper than viruses like the common cold. Your lungs might become inflamed, making it tough for you to breathe. This can lead to pneumonia, an infection of the tiny air sacs (called alveoli) inside your lungs where your blood exchanges oxygen and carbon dioxide. If your doctor does a CT scan of your chest, they'll probably see shadows or patchy areas called "ground-glass opacity."

For most people, the symptoms end with a cough and a fever. More than 8 in 10 cases are mild. But for some, the infection gets more severe. About 5 to 8 days after symptoms begin, they have shortness of breath (known as dyspnea). Acute respiratory distress syndrome (ARDS) begins a few days later.

ARDS can cause rapid breathing, a fast heart rate, dizziness, and sweating. It damages the tissues and blood vessels in your alveoli, causing debris to collect inside them. This makes it harder or even impossible for you to breathe. Many people who get ARDS need help breathing from a machine called a ventilator. As fluid collects in your lungs, they carry less oxygen to your blood. That means your blood may not supply your organs with enough oxygen to survive. This can cause your kidneys, lungs, and liver to shut down and stop working. Not everyone who has COVID-19 has these serious complications. And not everyone needs medical care. But if your symptoms include trouble breathing, get help right away.

Some people also have symptoms including:

- Pinkeye
- Rashes
- Liver problems or damage
- Heart problems
- Kidney damage
- Dangerous blood clots, including in their legs, lungs, and arteries. Some clots may cause a stroke.
- Researchers are looking into reports of mouth sores and skin rashes, including reddish-purple spots on fingers or toes.
- A few children and teens have been admitted to the hospital with an inflammatory syndrome that may be linked to the new coronavirus. Symptoms include a fever, rash, belly pain, vomiting, diarrhea, and heart problems. The syndrome, now being referred to as multisystem inflammatory syndrome in children, or MIS-C is similar to toxic shock or to Kawasaki disease, a condition in children that causes inflammation in blood vessels. We are still learning about these cases.

The virus that causes COVID-19 is thought to spread mainly from person to person, mainly through respiratory droplets produced when an infected person coughs, sneezes, or talks. These droplets can land in the mouths or noses of people who are nearby or possibly be inhaled into the lungs. Spread is more likely when people are in close contact with one another (within about 6 feet).

COVID-19 seems to be spreading easily and sustainably in the community ("community spread") in many affected geographic areas. Community spread means people have been infected with the virus in an area, including some who are not sure how or where they became infected.

It may be possible that people can get COVID-19 by touching a surface or object, such as a food package or dining ware that has the virus on it and then touching their own mouth, nose, or possibly their eyes. However, this is not thought to be the main way the virus spreads.

There is also no current evidence that people can get COVID-19 by drinking water. The COVID-19 virus has not been detected in drinking water. Conventional water treatment methods that use filtration and disinfection, such as those in most municipal drinking water systems, should remove or kill the virus that causes COVID-19.

It is not yet known whether weather and temperature affect the spread of COVID-19. Some other viruses, like those that cause the common cold and flu, spread more during cold weather months but that does not mean it is impossible to become sick with these viruses during other months. There is much more to learn about the transmissibility, severity, and other features associated with COVID-19 and investigations are ongoing.

Community spread means people have been infected with the virus in an area, including some who are not sure how or where they became infected. Each health department determines community spread differently based on local conditions. For information on community spread in your area, please visit your health department's website.

At this time, CDC has no data to suggest that this new coronavirus or other similar coronaviruses are spread by mosquitoes or ticks. The main way that COVID-19 spreads is from person to person.



# New York Prince Hall Family

# Spotlight



## An Evening with the Pillars

Interactions with a panel of Brothers with decades of Masonic experience in the Craft, for an intellectual passing of the torch.

**Saturday February 29, 2020**

**Hosted by: W.M. Steven Ellis and R.W. Albert Lewis (47).**



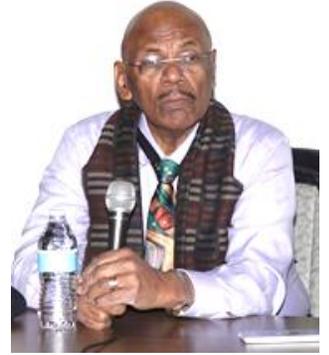
**R.W. Albert Lewis**  
Past Master Carthaginian # 47  
42 years in the Craft.  
Co Host



**P.M. Lonnie Bright**  
African 459 #63  
53 years in the Craft



**P.M. Paul Taft**  
African 459 #63  
67 years in the Craft



**P.M. William Johnson**  
Widow's Son # 11  
43 Years in the Craft



**P.M. Bobby Little John**  
Widow's Son # 11  
44 years in the Craft

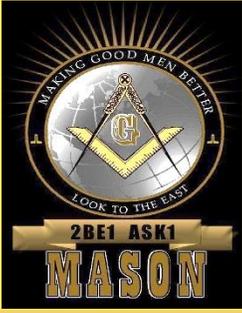


**PGM Dr. Gregory R. Smith**  
Boyer # 1  
44 years in the Craft



**P.M. Derrick Pritchett**  
Sons of Kings # 123  
30 years in the Craft  
PHA and Non PHA





# MOST WORSHIPFUL PRINCE HALL GRAND LODGE, STATE OF NEW YORK

## FIRST MASONIC DISTRICT

# ASSOCIATION

### "FABULOUS FIRST"

## W.M. Jermaine Shan (99) President

Big shout to the First District Association led by P.M. Jermaine Shan (99), President and all of his elected officers. Excellent program to celebrate the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. The wonderful turnout of lodges and chapters was inspiring. To our keynote speaker, R. W. Dr. Reverend Darren M. Morton, SGW, your message was powerful and well received. To Marion Bell (14) and WM Derrick Wiggins (69), the music was outstanding. To R.W. John Robinson Jr. (97), SDDGM, excellent Spoken Word as usual. To sisters Connie McQueen, Tobi King and Ursula, on behalf of the First District thanks for the food, setup and serving. Thank you R.W. Gregory R. Smith Jr., Deputy Grand Master representing M.W. Walter King Jr., GM, thank you for your encouraging words on unity and doing better.







# MASTER LODGE # 99 F. & A. M.

Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge  
State of New York

**“Service to others is the rent you pay here for your room on earth”... Thank you to the brothers of Master Lodge No. 99, the 30th Precinct Council, the volunteers of City Harvest, & my PHamily from the MWPHGL of New York.**





**MOST WORSHIPFUL PRINCE HALL GRAND LODGE, STATE OF NEW YORK**

# THE SECOND MASONIC DISTRICT ASSOCIATION

## 2nd Masonic District Community Service

The Second Masonic District Association were out at the Brooklyn Masonic Temple providing meals and PPEs to the community in the area. The Grand Master MW Walter C. King, Jr, Members of the Grand Lodge Line, Prince Hall Medical Foundation, and the 1st Masonic District were present. Also in attendance the Honorable Eric Adams Brooklyn Borough President and one of our Brothers the Honorable Senator Kevin Parker Sons of Kings 123. Our Grand Master received a proclamation from the Borough President recognizing June 10 in Brooklyn as the MW Walter C. King, Jr. Day of Giving. Congrats to RW Keith Bryant-President of the 2nd Masonic District and the Brothers and Sisters of the 2nd District for a job well done.





# SONS OF KINGS

F. & A. M., Prince Hall Affiliation, State of New York



## Sons Of Kings- Lodge #123 Provided 4,000 Surgical Mask For Staff At Coney Island Hospital

Brooklyn, New York (4/17/20)- The spread of COVID-19 has disproportionately affected Black and Brown communities throughout the United States, especially here in Brooklyn. In light of this pandemic the members of Sons Of Kings Lodge #123 continue on with their mission to serve the community and have come together to distribute 4,000 surgical mask to the staff at Coney Island Hospital.

“As Brooklynites continue to tackle this gruesome virus the Brothers of Sons of Kings, Prince Hall Masons State of New York State, MW Walter C. King Grand Master wanted to be sure that we do our part to support the essential workers in our community who are working at the Coney Island Hospital. We want the staff to know the community appreciates them and will continue to do all that we can to get them the proper support and equipment needed. Together with other PH Mason lodges throughout New York State we plan to continue to be on the ground providing mask and resources to our community throughout this pandemic.” -Worshipful Master Steven Ellis of Sons Of Kings Lodge #123.





# Lebanon Lodge # 54

F. & A. M. (PHA) Jamaica, New York

Helping Our Community stop the spread of Covi-19

Community Outreach Project

Sponsored by: Lebanon Lodge #54  
NY State Senator Leroy Comrie

Celestial Chapter #29  
Trinity Chapter #32

Saturday, August 29, 2020

Free PPE's  
Mask, Gloves  
Hand sanitizer  
Free  
School supplies



11am-3pm  
Water  
Registration

Worshipful Master Dennis R. Nelson  
WM Deborah Brown-WP Arnold Allen  
WM Amelia Baker-WP Wilbert Spencer Sr.

**Fish Fry**

Lebanon Lodge  
107-51 Guy R. Brewer Blvd.  
Jamaica, NY 11434

Prince Hall Medical Foundation





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# THIRD MASONIC DISTRICT

*"Thundering Third District"*

**THE ONLY WAY YOUR VOICE WILL BE HEARD IS TO VOTE...**

2020 VOTER REGISTRATION DRIVE

Thursday September 24, 2020  
1PM TO 4PM  
Theodore D Young Community Center  
32 Manhattan Ave, White Plains, NY  
&  
Saturday September 26, 2020  
11AM TO 2PM  
Union Baptist Church  
31 Manhattan Ave, White Plains, NY

Bright Hope Lodge 62 & Bright Hope Chapter 46  
3<sup>rd</sup> DISTRICT STRONG

**Thank you GAM Yvonne Ladson, DDGM Alice Love, DGM Greg Smith, PM Marjorie McCoy, AM Sonya Robertson, PP Larry Brown, AM Cynthia Randolph, Sis Laura Cornish, and Brothers Jeff & Gary Wilson**

**Bright Hope Lodge #62, Bright Hope Chapter #46**





# ST. JOSEPH LODGE #117

Free & Accepted Masons, Prince Hall Affiliation  
Mount Vernon, New York

## *Widows Breakfast 2020*

*Honoring our widows and P.M. Shannon Parker*







# TAPPEN ZEE LODGE # 79

F. & A. M. Prince Hall Affiliation,  
Spring Valley, New York

# Food Drive





**MOST WORSHIPFUL PRINCE HALL GRAND LODGE, STATE OF NEW YORK**

# **FOURTH MASONIC DISTRICT**

*“Fearless Fourth”*

Prince Hall

The members of the Prince Hall Medical Foundation, The Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge and members and Brothers of the 4th Masonic District gave out masks and assisted in giving food out to those in need in the Wyandanch community. In attendance was Jason Richburg Suffolk Legislator and Kimberly Jean Pierre, Assemblywomen.



# Fourth Masonic District Community Prayer Vigil

## Masons and Eastern Stars

Friday June 19, 2020  
Amityville, New York



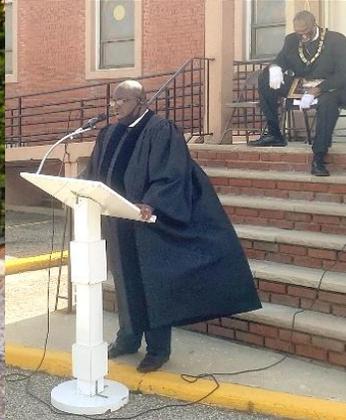


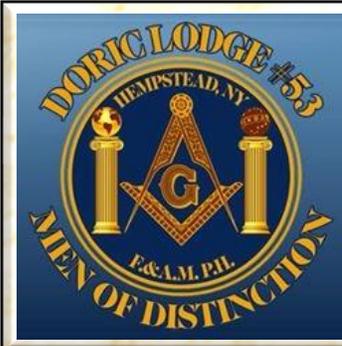
# Prince Hall Day 2020



The Brothers and Sisters of the “*Fearless Fourth*” Masonic District attended Prince Hall Day Service where they were joined by M.W. Walter C. King, Jr., Grand Master and R.W. Gregory R. Smith, Jr., Deputy Grand Master. The preacher of the hour was Doric Lodge #53 Chaplain Brother Reverend Keith I. Harris. Also in attendance were Grand Associate Matron Yvonne Ladson and Grand Associate Worthy Patron Paul James of Eureka Grand Chapter Prince Hall Order Eastern Star, State of New York.





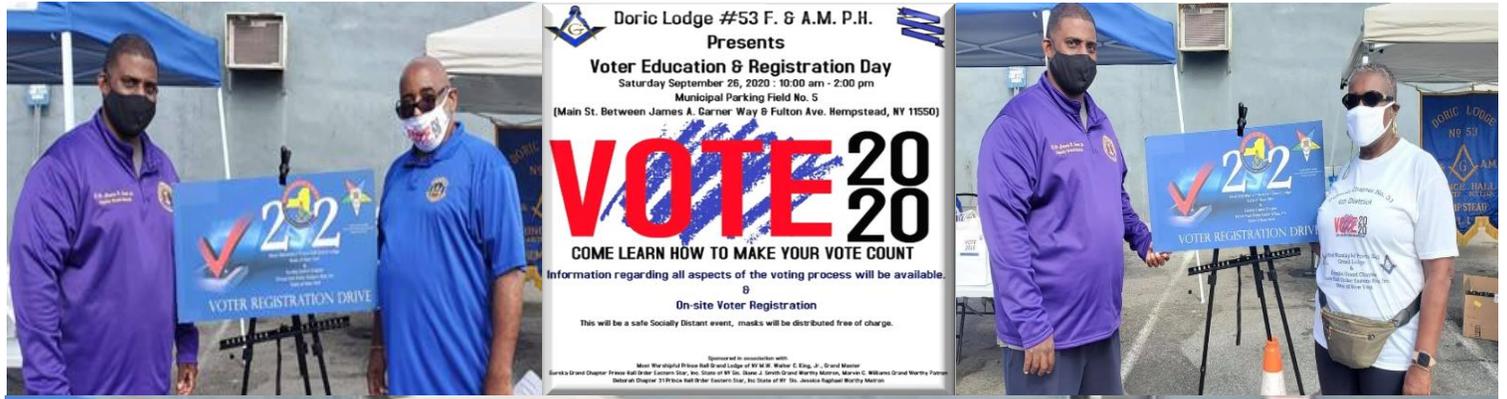


# DORIC LODGE # 53

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The Brothers of Doric Lodge #53 were invited to attend "Prince Hall Night" at Wantagh Morton Lodge #63 (GLNY), Baldwin, NY. on Tuesday, 2/25/20. RW Aubrey L. Moore, Sr. prepared a lecture on the history of Prince Hall Masonry, notable Prince Hall Masons and the history of Doric 53 that was presented with clarity and excellence by Doric Brothers Ed Touzalin, Walter Whaley, Chris Holman, Anthony Page, Dean Moore, Jason Robinson and RW Damien Hall of Lebanon 54. I was proud to be a part of this historic event and offer my thanks to all who participated and attended including our Brothers from Huntington 124. Finally, special thanks to the Worshipful Master and Brothers of Wantagh Morton Lodge #63 for your hospitality and brotherly love and affection.





Many thanks to the Brothers of Doric Lodge 53 for attending and contributing to the Village of Hempstead's National Night Out 2020 on 10/6/20. Your hard work, dedication and benevolence is unparalleled! We were able to donate 12 brand new bikes and 12 \$50 gift cards to the Hempstead community. (shown here GJW Jean Apollon and State Sen. Kevin Thomas)



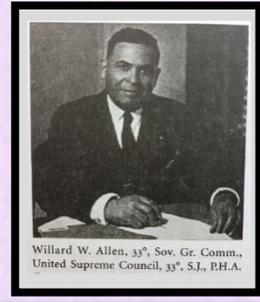
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# Albert Pike and the Prince Hall Affiliation Rituals



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In the early 1990s I had the chance to meet Ill. James A. Mingo, 33°, Secretary General of the United Supreme Council, 33°, S.J., P.H.A. at his office in Washington, D.C. I was a young Mason, and Brother Mingo graciously spent time with telling me some of his personal and Masonic experiences. He was kind enough to give me two books: Harry E. Davis, *‘A History of Freemasonry Among Negroes in America’* and the *‘Book of the Scottish Rite 4°-32° (Prince Hall Affiliation)’*, which is the official ritual of the AASR PHA. Bro. Mingo was kind enough to stay in touch with me until his death.

It was Bro. Mingo who first told me the story of how Albert Pike and Thornton A. Jackson (Grand Commander of the PHA Supreme Council) had become friends, and that Pike became a friend of Black Freemasonry, sharing his rituals with Bro. Jackson. Bro. Mingo showed me the following in Bro. Davis’ book:

“...Albert Pike, M.P.S.G.C. of the Southern Jurisdiction, on completion of his work, generously gave to Ill. Thornton Jackson, the Commander of the Southern Jurisdiction, Prince Hall, the ritual of the Scottish Rite as prepared by him, and his contribution, with slight modification, became the basis for the work and practices of the Prince Hall A. & A. S. R. His donations were as follows:

1. Morals and Dogma.
2. Liturgy of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite—1-3°, 4-14°, 15-18°, 19-30°, 31-32°.
3. Grand Constitutions of 1762.
4. The Latin Constitutions of 1786 and the Statutes of the Supreme Council for the Southern Jurisdiction, U.S.A., published by Robert Macoy, by authority of the Southern Supreme Council in 1859.
5. The 33°.

These works, highly prized by the donees, are still in the possession of the Southern Jurisdiction, Prince Hall.” (Davis, pp. 177-78).

When I asked for more information he put me in touch with Bro. Joseph A. Walkes, Jr., who was working his book, *‘History of the Supreme Council Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry, Prince Hall Affiliation, Northern Jurisdiction, U.S.A., Inc. 1881-1998’*. In Bro. Walkes’ book he tells us something about this remarkable friendship and event:

“Discovered among the many historical holdings in the Library of the Prince Hall Cathedral was a letter from the Sovereign Grand Commander Ill. Willard W. Allen of the Prince Hall Southern Jurisdiction to then Lieutenant Grand Commander Ill. George W. Crawford of the Northern Prince Hall Jurisdiction. This communication sheds light on Albert Pike and his relationship with Prince Hall Freemasonry:

‘I am glad to comply with your request for a brief statement concerning the circumstances of the of a set of Scottish Rite rituals to our late and time Sovereign Grand Commander Ill. Thornton A. Jackson by General Albert Pike while the latter was Sovereign Grand Commander of the white Southern Jurisdiction. These are the facts: Ill. Thornton A. Jackson was Sovereign Grand Commander of our Jurisdiction from September 14, 1887 until his death on October 18, 1904. Much of this time he was engaged in business in the City of Washington and came to know General Albert Pike intimately and was his personal friend. He frequently went to General Pike with his Masonic problems. On one occasion he mentioned to General Pike how seriously handicapped his organization was for lack of adequate rituals. Thereupon General Pike gave

him a complete set of Scottish Rite rituals. It has been generally stated and assumed to be the fact that some or all of these books were autographed. At the death of Ill. Jackson, these rituals were passed on to his successor and eventually came into the hands of Robert L. Pendleton who was Sovereign Grand Commander of this Jurisdiction from November 11, 1911 to July 31, 1929. About twenty-five years ago both the Southern and the Northern Prince Hall Jurisdictions entered into a joint project to revise and reprint their rituals. The Pike rituals with some revisions were adopted as the official rituals for this purpose. To Ill. Pendleton, who was the owner of a flourishing printing establishment, was given the commission to do the printing. The Pike rituals were then in his possession and with some changes were used as the official copy. At the death of Ill. Pendleton, his books, Masonic and otherwise, were disposed of by his family without consultation or advice of the Fraternity. The Pike rituals went with the rest. At least we have never been able to recover them. That Ill. Thornton Jackson did in fact receive the rituals in question from General Pike has been so well vouched for by credible contemporaries of Ill. Jackson, that there can be no reasonable doubt about the matter. Whether they were the same rituals being used in that day by General Pike's own organization probably cannot be proven, but that too has generally been assumed to be so. The important fact however is that Pike did give Jackson a complete set of Scottish Rite rituals. Incidentally, it is not necessary to remind you of what practically all Masonic scholars know very well, viz., that in the closing years of General Pike's Masonic career, he became a very staunch friend of Negro Masonry." (Letter on Southern Prince Hall Jurisdiction stationary dated 'This 2 day of the Hebrew Month Shebat, 5705, Corresponding to the 16th day of January 1945 from the Cathedral of the Northern Prince Hall Jurisdiction' among the books of George W. Crawford.)

At the urging of Bros. Mingo and Walkes, I wrote my article, "On the Origins of the Prince Hall Scottish Rite Rituals" published in *\_Hautes Grades: The Transactions of The Scottish Rite Research Institute: Prince Hall Affiliation\_* (Kansas City: The Phylaxis Society, 1997) and *\_Heredom\_ 5* (Scottish Rite Research Society, 1996). My article includes much more information.

In April 2001, we were happy to revisit this history by hosting a delegation of the PHA Supreme Councils when we presented them with the Revised Standard Pike Ritual.

If you look near the middle in the second row, you'll see my much younger, smiling face.





# Samuel R. Scottron

(1843-1905)

Inventor, Entrepreneur, Prince Hall Mason

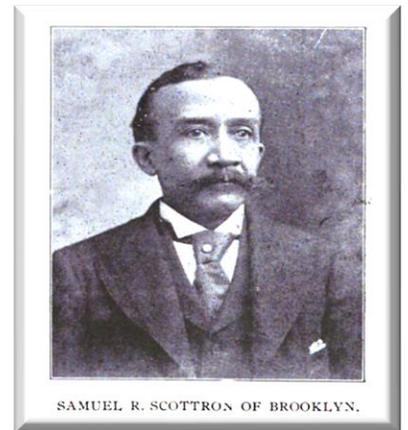


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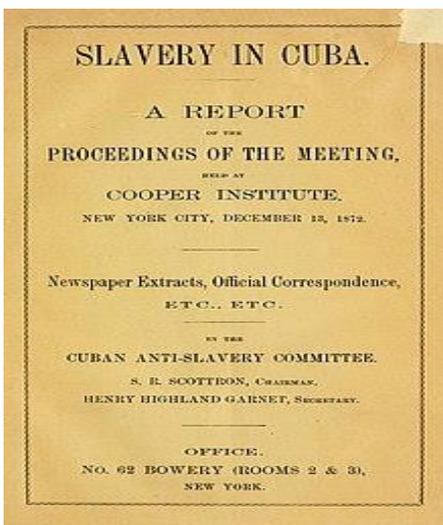
*P.G.M. Ludwick S. Hall (47)*

Samuel Raymond Scottron, a prominent entrepreneur and inventor, was an important member of Brooklyn’s elite black community from the 1860s through the early 1900’s. He earned his wealth from numerous inventions and secured patents for a number of items that led to his becoming one of the wealthiest men of his time. A Republican, Scottron was prominent in the political circles in the borough. In 1895 he became the first African American member of the City of Brooklyn’s Board of Education and held that prestigious post for eight years. An Episcopalian, Scottron was a member of St. Phillips Episcopal Church in Manhattan for most of the time he lived in New York. Sometimes when unable to attend services at St. Phillips in Manhattan, he would attend the services at St. Augustine Episcopal Church in Brooklyn.

For thirty five years his work as an activist for racial equality was reflected in the many articles he wrote on race which were widely published in some of the most prominent newspapers of the time, among them the Boston Herald, the Colored American and the New York Age. In addition to his work as a writer, he was also a co-founder along with Henry Highland Garnett of the Cuban and Puerto Rican Anti-Slavery Society.



SAMUEL R. SCOTTRON OF BROOKLYN.



While some sources claim that Scottron was born in Philadelphia sometime in 1843, Scottron, according to Gail Lumet Buckley, his great, great Granddaughter, in her book on the history of their family, “The Hornes “An American Family”, he was born free in New England, where he, his father, Samuel R., Sr., his mother, Jane Scottron and his sister Cordelia, had been residents of Springfield, Massachusetts. According to Gail Buckley Lumet, their ancestors were born in the West Indies, and were a mixture of Africans from the Gold Coast of Africa, and some of the poorest British emigrants to the island from which they came. After migrating to New England, they inter-married with Native Americans from eastern Massachusetts, possibly from the Pequot tribe of the Algonquian nation. Miss Lumet speculated that some of their ancestors may have been “indentured servants, seamen, small farmers, and artisans. The Scottrons moved to New York City in 1849 and in 1852 relocated to the City of Brooklyn (Brooklyn was a separate City until 1898). Samuel’s sister Cordella subsequently married Dr. Peter Ray, who in 1864 was one of the founders of the Scottish Rite, Supreme Council of the United States in the State of New York. Ray,

a member of the old Stone Square Lodge No. 6 that was located in the Williamsburg section of Brooklyn, also served as the Grand Master of the United Grand Lodge of New York in 1868. That Grand Lodge was one of the two Prince Hall Grand Lodges that existed in the State of New York in that time.

In 1849 when the Scottron family first arrived in New York, Samuel attended a public school in New York City (Manhattan). In 1852 when they moved to Brooklyn, he transferred to a grammar school there, and in 1857 graduated from high school at the age of fourteen. His ambition at the time of his graduation, was to continue his education, as many of his schoolmates had done. But much to his dismay his father, had other plans, and he had to defer continuing his education until later in his life. In those difficult times, his father did what he had to do, to support his family.

He worked as a barber, bar tender, and also as a baggage handler on steamers (river boats, the “Daniel Drew” and the “St John” of the Albany Line), which travelled daily between New York City and Albany on the Hudson River. The work was not steady, and whenever his father was able to find work on the river boats, he often took Samuel with him as his helper.

Just after the Civil War began, his father and two partners started a civilian contracting business, (Statia, McCaffil, and Scottron). providing supplies for the Third Infantry Regiment, of the United States Army Colored Troops, an all-black army unit from Pennsylvania. Unfortunately, on Saturday January 15, 1862, not long after they started the business, his father died after a long illness.

In 1863 Scottron met and married Anna Maria Willett, an Algonquin Indian who was born and raised in Peekskill, N.Y.



**Anne Marie Willett Scottron**

That union yielded six children, three boys and three girls. One of the Scottron’s granddaughters, Edna Louise Scottron was the mother of the famed singer, actress and Cotton Club dancer, Lena Horne. Later when Scottron and his wife Anna purchased a brownstone on Stuyvesant Ave., and Monroe Street, they were among the first Fifty African Americans to live in the Stuyvesant Heights section of the City of Brooklyn.

In 1863, after inheriting his father’s business, he travelled with the Third Infantry Regiment to Morris Island, South Carolina, where the regiment had been deployed. While en-route from Morris Island to Hilton Head Island, the cargo, he, and his partners were transporting on the small boat on which they were travelling, consisted of barrels, perishables, canned goods, and other inventory. The perishable items decayed as bad weather extended the trip to six weeks, on what would normally have been a one-week trip. Later in the trip, they lost the remainder of their inventory while traveling on the St. John’s River to Jacksonville, Florida.

Joseph Walkes author, and one of the most prominent researchers on the history of Prince Hall Masonry, in his book “Black Square and Compass”, stated that in 1864 Scottron was a member of the Grand Lodge of New York, FAAYM, and served as its Grand Secretary. Walkes in the above book reproduced a copy of the Charter/warrant that was issued by the Grand Lodge of New York, FAAYM to Phoenix Military Lodge No. 1, which is signed by Scottron, as the Grand Secretary. Phoenix Military Lodge No. 1 was only the second Military Lodge that was chartered by a Prince Hall Grand Lodge. It was attached to the 29th Infantry Regiment, United States Army Colored troops, which at the time was also stationed on Morris Island, in South Carolina.

In 1864, in Fernandina, Florida a year after President Lincoln had issued his Emancipation Proclamation freeing the slaves, Scottron, an out spoken advocate for the rights of African Americans, assisted in the first general election in the State of Florida that allowed the newly freed former slaves to vote. In 1865, because of his work enabling the freed blacks to vote, they selected him to represent them in the National Colored Convention, which was held that year in Syracuse, New York. The two-years he spent in the South between 1863 and 1865 bankrupted his business. In a subsequent attempt to regain some financial solvency, he opened grocery stores in Jacksonville, Gainesville, Lakeville, Tallahassee, and Palatka. When some of those ventures failed, he returned to New York and attended Cooper Union Institute to finally complete his education. In May of 1875 he graduated from Cooper Union with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Mathematics, with a concentration in Algebra.

During that period, to support his family, and while attending Cooper Union, he worked part time as a bookkeeper. Eventually, like his father before him, he opened a barbershop in Springfield, Massachusetts. While running the Barber Shop, he observed some of his customers using hand mirrors to examine their haircuts. Seeing the difficulty they had in trying to get a full view of the sides, back, and top of their heads, he invented a mirror, known as the Scottron Adjustable Mirror, it gave a view of every side of the head at the same time.



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That mirror was the first of his many inventions. He was so successful in selling the mirrors, that to quickly expand the business, he took on a partner, John R. Pitkin, and opened a business in large location at, 658 Broadway in New York City, where they were able to both manufacture and sell the mirrors. An investor, Thomas Richmond subsequently bought out Pitkin’s interest in the business, and almost immediately because of the Great Chicago Fire of 1871, lost all of his finances and personal property. As Richmond was Scottron’s financial backer, this had a disastrous effect on Scottron and his mirror business.

A list of inventions for which Scottron obtained patents were: An Adjustable window cornice, for which he received Patent #224,732 on February 17, 1880, He subsequently opened a business at 211 Canal St. in Manhattan. There he made improvements on the previous cornice, for which he received Patent #270,851, on January 16, 1883, the new cornice was so popular, that he contracted with a large manufacturer to both manufacture and sell the product. He also invented a pole tip for which he received Patent #349,525 on September 21, 1886, a Curtain rod, for which he received Patent #481,720 on August 30, 1892, and a Supporting Bracket for which he received Patent #505,008 on December 9, 1893. There were many other inventions which, for unknown reasons, he did not obtain patents.

In 1894 he perfected a way to make glass look like onyx and other attractive stones; he called it “porcelain onyx.” Together with his wife and daughters, the Scottrons manufactured several thousand of the porcelain onyx tubes which were eventually made into brass lamps and candlesticks by four large firms in Connecticut. This was one invention for which Scottron never sought a patent. Still in business after the turn of the century, his Company then known as the Scottron Manufacturing Company, which at the time was located at 98 Monroe St., in Brooklyn, made pedestals, tabourettes, lamp columns, and lamp and vase bodies. For these items they used both domestic and imported imitation onyx, agate, fossil wood, and various pottery finishes.

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When he was appointed to the Board of Education in the City of Brooklyn, it made him the first person of African descent to be so appointed. Prior to 1898, the Borough of Manhattan was considered the City of New York. At the time, the five boroughs which now comprises the City of New York were

separate entities. In 1898 they were incorporated into what is now the City of New York. Scottron was allowed to serve as a member of the Board of Education until the conclusion of his term in 1903. Having been allowed to continue in office after the consolidation of the five boroughs into the City of New York made him the first person of African descent to serve on the Board of Education in the consolidated City of New York. The first person of African descent to be appointed to the Board of Education after the consolidation of the five boroughs into the City of New York in 1898, was John Coleman. Coleman, a Prince Hall Mason, was a member of Carthaginian Lodge No. 47 in Brooklyn, N.Y. He was appointed to the Board of Education by Mayor William O’Dwyer, on March 6, 1946. some 43 years after Scottron’s term had expired.

Scottron was one of the most prominent Prince Hall Masons in the 19th Century. He was originally raised in Jephthah Lodge No. 17, a Lodge that was located in Albany, N.Y., and at that time was under the jurisdiction of the National Grand Lodge’s New York affiliate, the Grand Lodge of New York, FAAYM. That Grand Lodge was one of two Prince Hall Grand Lodges that existed in the State of New York between 1849 and 1878. Originally chartered on March 30, 1860 by the Grand Lodge of New York, FAAYM, at the merger of the two Grand Lodges in 1878, Jephthah Lodge No. 17 was re-warranted as Jephthah Lodge No. 13 under the current Grand Lodge. According to information in the “Harry Williamson’s Papers”, which was published in a column written by Bertram Baker in the December 26, 1936 edition of the New York Age newspaper, Scottron served as a Worshipful Master of Jephthah Lodge and as Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of New York, FAAYM. However, Williamson gave no dates of Scottron’s service in those positions.

After the merger of the two Grand Lodges in 1878, he became a member of the Supreme Council of the United States in New York. In 1879 when his brother-in-law, Dr. Peter Ray became the Sovereign Grand Commander of that Supreme Council, Scottron was elected its Secretary General.

By 1881 there were five Supreme Councils composed of Prince Hall Masons, existing at the time. The membership of two, the King David Supreme Council in Philadelphia and the Supreme Council for the Southern and Western Jurisdiction in Washington D.C., was composed exclusively of members of the National Grand Lodge, and the Star of Bethlehem Supreme Council in Baltimore, the King Frederick Supreme Council in Philadelphia and the Supreme Council of the United States in New York to which Scottron and his brother in law, Dr. Peter Ray were members, were composed exclusively of members of States Rights or Eastern Alliance Grand Lodges.

As most of the Grand Lodges in the National Grand Lodge by that time had merged with the Grand Lodges of the Eastern Alliance, to conform to the requirements of the Scottish Rite Constitution of 1786 it was agreed that the Supreme Councils in Baltimore and Washington will merge to become the United Supreme Council AASR for the Southern Jurisdiction, and the two Supreme Councils in Philadelphia and the Supreme Council for the United States in New York would merge and become the United Supreme Council AASR for the Northern Jurisdiction. But in 1880, the Ray and Scottron’s Supreme Council for the United States had established a Consistory (the Occidental Consistory) in Chicago. Prior to the establishment

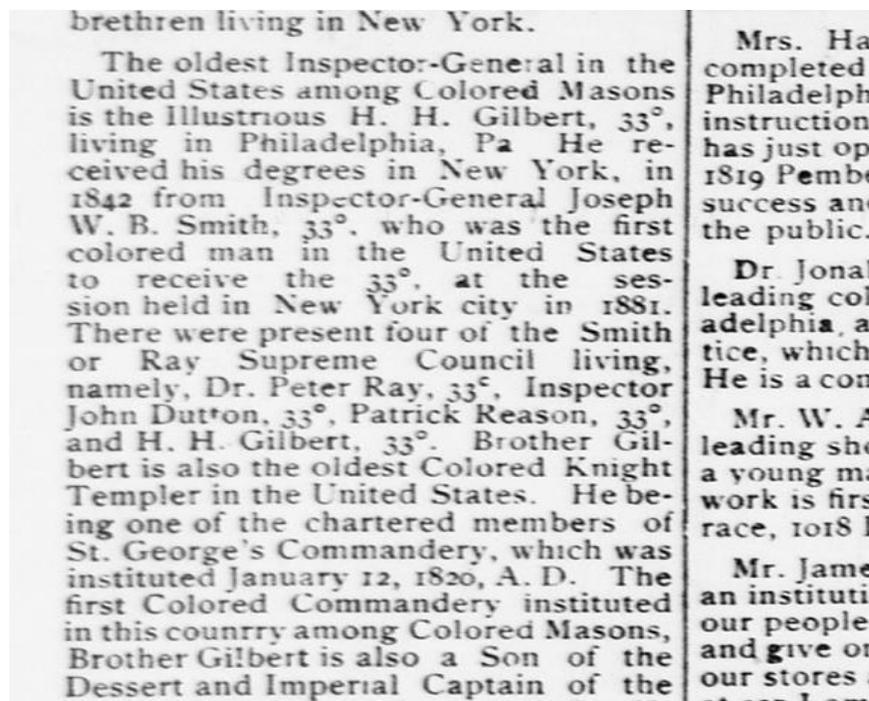
of the Occidental Consistory, another Consistory, the Prince Hall Consistory had been established in that City by the Supreme Council for the Southern and Western Jurisdiction.

Consequently, before the date of the proposed merger between the two Supreme Councils in Philadelphia and the Ray and Scottron Supreme Council of the United States in New York, the members of the Prince Hall Consistory led by John G. Jones, a member of that Consistory, and an attorney, obtained an injunction in the United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois against the administrative officers of the Supreme Council of the United States, effectively preventing its leadership from engaging in Scottish Rite affairs.

The claim of the membership of the Prince Hall Consistory of "Exclusive Territorial Jurisdiction", was based on they having been the first Consistory to have been established in the City of Chicago. Therefore, on April 9, 1881, the date that was set for the merger of the three Supreme Councils, the injunction prevented the Ray/Scottron Supreme Council from becoming a part of the merger.

On July 23, 1881, Grand Inspector General, Major Richardson Poole 33° was appointed Deputy for the Orient of New York by the Acting Sovereign Grand Commander of the Supreme Council, A.A.S.R., F.M., for the Northern Jurisdiction, S.G.I.G., Moses Wheeler, 33°. When by October 1, 1881 the injunction against the Ray/Scottron Supreme Council had not been lifted, Major Poole, pursuant to his authority as the Scottish Rite Deputy for the Orient of New York, allowed those members of the Supreme Council of the United States in New York, who were not restricted by the injunction of the United States District Court to form a new Consistory in New York, the King David Consistory No. 3. For the next Nine (9) years the United Supreme Council for the Northern Jurisdiction became a major power in Scottish Rite Masonry among Prince Hall Masons in the Northern Jurisdiction.

By 1889, with its power and influence greatly diminished, and its membership virtually non-existent, Ray, Scottron and the remaining members of the Supreme Council for the United States in New York decided to disband their Supreme Council



From an Article in "The Washington Bee", newspaper, March 27, 1897, Pg. 8

As to their affiliation as Scottish Rite Masons, Ray and Scottron spent the balance of the lives as Non-Affiliated 33° Scottish Rite Masons.

In addition to Scottron's masonic affiliations, he was also a member of the Cooper Union Alumni Society, the Brooklyn Academy of Science and the "Sons of New York".

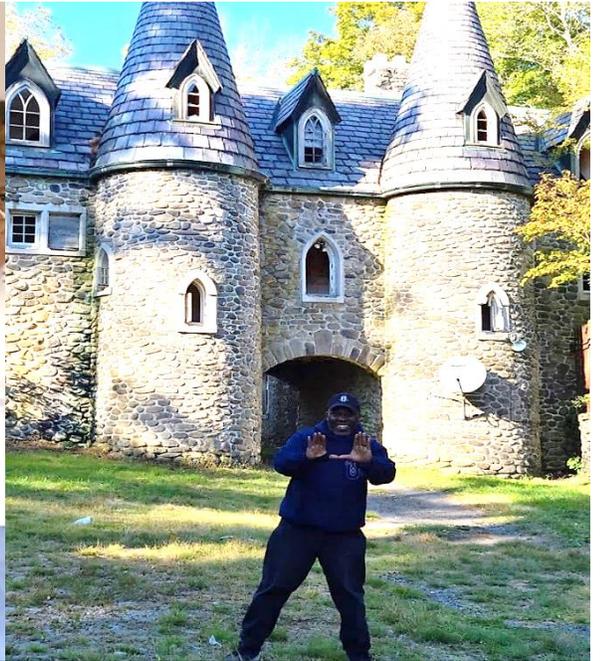
Samuel Scottron died in Brooklyn on October 14, 1905 at 62 years of age and is buried in Evergreen Cemetery.



# Family & Friends Day

## Roscoe New York







# 9 Things We Need to Do To Fix Our Lodges



Submitted by

R. : W. : Kevin P. Wardally (14)



Let me begin by saying that this list is by no means meant to be exhaustive, nor does it have the right answer for every Lodge or group of brothers, but what it does have is a beginning of a roadmap to get things on the right track. Each of these and a few others I personally experienced and helped bring to fruition for my own Lodge, that helped it go from barely meeting with 3 people to one of the largest and most engaged Lodges in my jurisdiction in less than 6 years.

## 1. Utilize Better Time Management

We need to have shorter more intentional meetings. In today's world where folks have so many options you must make Lodge meetings and activities worth their attendance. Find out why your members come and give them more of what they ask for whether that be: Fellowship, Masonic Light, or Charity work. Give them Masonry or they will choose the world they can access via their phones and televisions.

## 2. More Light

We must have Guest Lecturers or Masonic information shared at every meeting. Most men I believe join Masonry for what they think they can learn, for "our secrets." It may not be the lost mines of King Solomon you can point them too, but masonry has unlimited pools of knowledge that can be shared with your members and with a little research and effort you can keep them in Masonic Light every time you get together. It does not have to be overwhelming, but it should be purposeful, whether its History, Esoteric knowledge, or Symbolism the well of knowledge in Masonry is boundless.

## 3. Better Processes

We must develop or utilize a clear curriculum of learning for the EA, FC and MM degrees so that we are all becoming well rounded Masons beyond just the Ritual. We must teach our member Roberts Rules of Order the Masonic Edition. We must make sure that brothers know how to make and move a proper motion. Being better organized and delivering a better product to our members helps ensure that the experience is never lacking and always adds on to their lives and teaches them something new which increases participation.

## 4. More Fellowship

We must break bread with our brothers every time we meet. There is nothing wrong with meeting in Lodge or in study class but there is something about the way that you get to know a man over a meal that is unique and cannot be replaced. It is at the dinner table where we can talk about our jobs, our wives, our kids, our foibles, and truly be ourselves and share with each other. Over a meal is where both the silent tongue and the attentive ear are put most to work in a most constructive way. Even if it's just pizza or cold cuts, have a meal with your brothers every time you are brought together.

## **5. Committee Work**

**We must utilize collective work and have more group project driven events. Everyone brings something that they can contribute to Masonry and often it will be the job of the Master to find a “job” for everyone. Committee work is one of the best ways to keep folks engaged, to teach people new skills, to foster teamwork and to get a great product out of the talented members of your lodge. Do not forget to give people tasks and hold them accountable for them.**

## **6. Travel and Visit**

**We must visit other Lodges that are doing well and actively learn best practices and bring them back to our Lodges and utilize those practices that will work for our individual Lodges. Masons are at their core.... travelers and what better place to learn how to do things better or in a different way but upon your travels. Visit learn and be open to new things as you visit, not everything that works for others will work for you or your Lodge, but some things just might help you and should be adopted right away. Imitation is the clearest form of flattery and can possibly help your Lodge be better than it was, I know it helped us.**

## **7. Lodge Leadership Development**

**We must have a clear system of Masonic Leadership Development in our Lodges so folks can learn all the things they need to know to lead our Lodges effectively and efficiently. People on the road to leadership in your lodge should have access to all the same materials. Take the time to put them all together in one binder, scan it in and hand it down from generation of leadership to the next generation of leadership and hopefully they will add something of value to it. This includes Trestle boards, and Stewardships, and Budgets, and memos on events, and spreadsheets, and lists of vendors, and curriculums for study class, and lodge history, etc. Give them the tools they need to be better than you were in the seat and perhaps they will be.**

## **8. Develop A Brand**

**We must develop a niche for our Lodges, something to be proud of and that can be displayed prominently. Every Lodge is unique, every group of men are distinct. Find that thing that helps signify who you are and embellish upon it, feel free to put it on a shirt, a hat, your letterhead, or everything and take pride in it and be proud of it. When my Lodge embraced its destiny as “The U” we became a force that couldn’t be stopped.**

## **9. Touch The Community**

**Engaging in organized and charitable activities is part of the process of teaching and cementing the lessons of morality within the Brothers of the Lodge. We aren’t just in the community as Prince Hall Masons, we are the community, so take every opportunity to connect your Lodge and the surrounding community in productive ways, especially in the times we find ourselves, all help and charity will be appreciated and help bring men together.**

**Brothers I know this is not easy, no change worthwhile has ever been easy. I know that there will be setbacks and disappointments but keep pushing on. I know that some brothers we counted on will walk away with little or no explanation and that will hurt, but you must keep pushing for if we who love Masonry, who have committed to her and her principles and practices, if we walk away, who do we leave her in the hands of, but the unworthy. And that will never be the path for me or good men like you, who are trying to make this a better Craft, who know Masonry to be a true way of life that gives you the tools you need and the support you need to be a bit better tomorrow than you are today. Know that you are not alone, and that forever good men travel with you.**

**R. . W. . Kevin P. Wardally (14)  
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