







2023 - WINTER EDITION

# **GRAND MASTER'S CORNER**

### OFFICE OF: HONORABLE PRIMUS T. JAMES, 33° MOST WORSHIPFUL GRAND MASTER

AS WE CONVENED IN THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBUS GEORGIA, ANOTH-ER GRAND LODGE HAVE COME AND GONE. ONCE AGAIN, THE JURIS-DICTION OF GEORGIA CAME PREPARED TO SPREAD THE CEMENT OF BROTHERLY LOVE AND AFFECTION. TOGETHER, WE CAN MAKE A DIF-FERENCE. THANK YOU FOR GIVING ME THE OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE, AND I WANT YOU TO KNOW 2022-2023 HAS BEEN A GREAT YEAR FOR THE GRAND LODGE AND GRAND CHAPTER OES, JURISDICTION OF GEORGIA.

I WOULD LIKE TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO RECOGNIZE THE APPOINTED OFFICERS AND SAY THE PROGRESS OR SUCCESSES MADE BY YOUR ELECTED OFFICERS HAS BEEN DUE TO THE SUPPORT OF THE APPOINTED OFFICERS' EFFORTS TO SEE THAT IT WORKS. I APPRECIATE THEIR DEDICATION. I WOULD LIKE TO THANK DIRECTOR ALDRIC LITTLE AND HIS DEDICATED STAFF, PAST GRAND MASTER BRUCE A JAMES, GRAND SENIOR WARDEN DERWIN CANTY, AND ANY OTHER GRAND LODGE OFFICERS AND ALL FACILITATORS WHO WORK WITH THE KNIGHT OF PYTHAGORAS. THEY SPEND MANY HOURS AND THEIR PERSONAL FUNDS TO HELP SUPPORT THE PROGRAM. THE GREATEST CONTRIBUTIONS MADE TO THE WORLD ARE THE POSITIVE CHANGES MADE IN THE LIVES OF OUR YOUTH.

I ASK GOD TO GUIDE US TO THE PERFECT DESTINY HE HAS SET FOR US AND HELP US TO MAKE THE RIGHT CHOICES AND RIGHT SOLUTION TO ANY PROBLEM WE MAY ENCOUNTER DURING OUR TRAVELS. AS I BEGIN MY SECOND YEAR WITH THIS ADMINISTRATION AND NEW DIRECTION, I SOLICIT YOUR PRAYERS AND SUPPORT FOR THE JURISDICTION. WE MUST NOT FORGET THOSE WHO HAVE LABORED BEFORE US.

REMEMBER, "PEOPLE DON'T ALWAYS REMEMBER WHAT YOU SAY, THEY DON'T ALWAYS REMEMBER WHAT YOU DO, BUT THEY WILL ALWAYS REMEMBER HOW YOU TREAT THEM."



# Prince Hall Grand Chapter O.E.S. Jurisdiction of Georgia

Serving with Joy through Charity, Truth, and Loving Kindness



# Grand Worthy Matron's Corner

A Charge to keep I have, a God to glorify, a neverdying soul to save and fit it for the sky. To SERVE this present age, my calling to fulfill; O may it all my powers engage to do my Master's will!

# Sisters and Brothers,

I am filled with gratitude for God's Amazing Grace, which has brought me tremendous joy since the moment I first believed. It is a great honor and privilege to serve as the 18th Grand Worthy Matron of the Prince Hall Grand Chapter. I am deeply grateful for the trust and confidence that you have placed in me, and I am committed to carrying on the legacy of the Past Grand

Worthy Matrons by building upon the significant progress they made during their tenure in our great Jurisdiction of Georgia.

# Our theme is "Serving with Joy through Charity, Truth, and Loving-kindness."

When we focus on all that God has done for us, our service will flow from a heart of gratitude and joy! Throughout my membership in the Order of Eastern Star, I learned the significance of embracing and practicing the core values of Charity, Truth, and Loving-kindness from my Beloved Parents. Their demonstration of how even a small act of kindness can brighten someone's day truly inspired me.

Living by the values of Charity, Truth, and Loving-kindness requires us to be considerate and caring towards others. It means giving without expecting anything in return, being honest and transparent in all dealings, and treating others with respect and compassion. We can all make a positive impact in the world by doing good and spreading joy, love, and kindness. Let's strive to create positive change wherever we go.

Congratulations and accolades are extended to Columbus District No. 4 for an outstanding job hosting our exceptional 123rd Annual Communication of Prince Hall Grand Chapter Order of the Eastern Star. We appreciate the hospitality, hard work, and dedication of District Worthy Matron Abby Davis, District Worthy Patron Garry Fuller, and their committees. Bravo on a job well done!

Attending the Grand Session in Columbus was an absolutely wonderful experience. The energy and camaraderie that permeated all the events was truly awe-inspiring. Witnessing the entire Jurisdiction come together to celebrate our shared values was an unforgettable sight. We sincerely thank the Grand Chapter Officers and the numerous Committees for their exceptional efforts and remarkable achievements.

The Lillian E. Blake Queen's Extravaganza for the Sol C. Johnson Scholarship Fund was tremendously successful, raising over \$250,817.07 that will help deserving students pursue their educational goals. We want to congratulate Sister Audrey Warner-Pinckney, who has been crowned Grand Queen. Savannah District No.1 has once again achieved the remarkable milestone of winning the Platinum Crown, with a total of \$26,702.15. I am grateful to all the Queens who represented at the bronze, silver, gold, and platinum levels. The outstanding contribution of each District Queen and Chapter Queen played a crucial role in shaping the future of our children.

Our visit from the Grand Youth Chapter was truly impressive. The saying "train up a child, and they will not soon depart" proved to be accurate. It is reassuring to know that our future is in good hands.

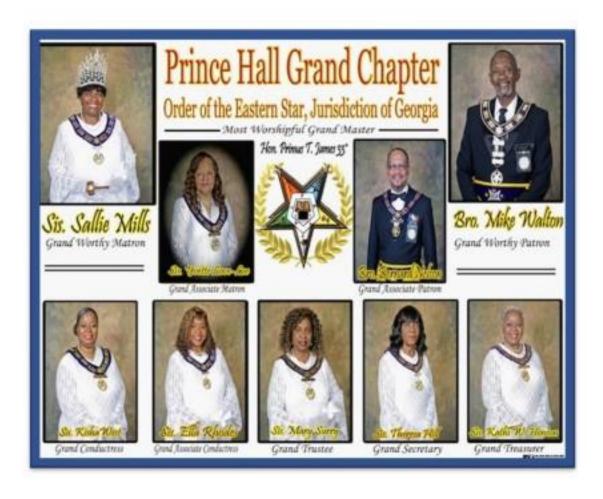
Following our 123rd Grand Session, the Grand Chapter Officers and other Sisters and Brothers have traveled extensively to visit different locations in Georgia and the Jurisdictions of South Carolina, Alabama, Tennessee, and Michigan. During these visits, we have established new connections while also strengthening existing bonds.

We are excited about your participation in our goals, charitable initiatives, and social events. As the world continues to change, it is important for us to stay true to our core values while also being open to new ideas that can help us do greater works.

By seeking God's guidance, we can work towards building a bright and prosperous future for our organization. I'm thrilled to be part of this joyous journey with all of you and I am grateful for the opportunity.

Serving with Joy,

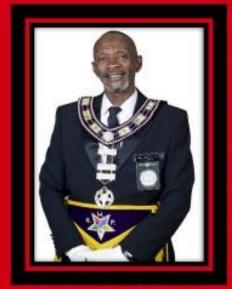
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18th Grand Worthy Matron







# Grand Worthy Patron's Corner



Let me start by saying," Thank You Phamily," for all the generosity during my first year as Grand Worthy Patron. I am overwhelmed how often you all extended your hand of friendship, your words of kindness, and heart of love to myself and my family as we traveled throughout the Jurisdiction of GA. My second year being appointed Grand Worthy Patron of Prince Hall Grand Chapter Order of the Eastern Star is simply an honor. Grand Worthy Matron Mills and myself have great faith and trust that we can and will continue

Working hard to provide the best possible ways for the Prince Hall Grand Chapter to continue to provide for our youth, strengthen and build our membership, and improve our proficiency. So I ask the members of this Great organization to jump on this Prince Hall Grand Chapter Train of Georgia where we believe that SERVING with JOY, through CHARITY, TRUTH, and LOVING KINDNESS, we will elevate to countless possibilities. I believe if the late Grand Associate Matron Yvette Love Lee were sitting on that train along with countless others we lost in the past year, they would join me in this song Keep On Rollin by King George because they knew how important it is to keep striving for the best we can be. Again I say continue being AMAZING and this train will "Keep On rollin', this thing called life gon' keep on goin."





#### FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

# MORRIS BROWN COLLEGE SELECTS NEW PROVOST AND SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT FOR ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

ATLANTA (August, 2023) – After an extensive nationwide search, Morris Brown College (MBC) proudly announces the appointment of Dr. Toneyce Randolph as its new Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs.

Expressing his enthusiasm for this significant development, Dr. Kevin James, President of Morris Brown College, said, "As we navigate through a transformative phase known as THE HARD RESET, we are elated to welcome Dr. Randolph to our team. Her extensive leadership experience within historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs), particularly in the realms of accreditation, student advancement, governance, financial stability, and academic affairs, makes her an exceptional addition. Particularly, in her prior role as Vice President for Academic Affairs at Clinton College located in Rock Hill, South Carolina, Dr. Randolph led the accreditation reaffirmation by the Transnational Association of Christian Colleges and Schools (TRACS) for the next decade – a remarkable achievement without any recommendations,

findings, or suggestions. Dr. Randolph's strategic insights will undoubtedly propel Morris Brown College's academic department and programs to unprecedented heights in our storied legacy."

In her new capacity, Dr. Randolph assumes the role of the most senior member of the President's Executive Cabinet. Tasked with defining and executing strategies to advance the Morris Brown College strategic plan, research agenda, and academic objectives, Dr. Randolph's office will play a pivotal role in scaling the college's educational profile and mission. Overseeing the college's instructional initiatives and assuming direct responsibility for faculty development, Dr. Randolph will champion MBC's core priorities of academic excellence and student triumph. Her leadership will guide the institution's commitment to excellence and innovation across its diverse programs, aligning seamlessly with the college's overarching mission.

Dr. Randolph stands as a respected academic trailblazer and visionary in the field of education, recognized for her unwavering dedication to fostering excellence in both teaching and learning. Her career boasts a succession of accomplishments within academia. From her early roles as a registrar and admissions representative, she seamlessly transitioned into academic affairs, ultimately ascending to the position of Chief Academic Officer. Her compassionate and empowering approach to education has merited her admiration and accolades from both students and peers alike. Dr. Randolph's accomplishments span a spectrum of honors, ranging from excellence in crisis management to the distinguished title of Faculty Member of the Year.

Throughout her leadership journey, Dr. Randolph has consistently championed interdisciplinary collaboration, advocating for a holistic approach to higher education that prioritizes critical thinking, creativity, and the practical application of knowledge. As a custodian of academic excellence, she is entrusted with the continuous evolution of the curriculum, ensuring its relevance, vigor, and alignment with emerging industry trends. Dr. Randolph will forge strong collaborations with MBC faculty members, fostering an inclusive, empowering, and intellectually stimulating environment that nurtures the comprehensive growth of students.

Beyond academia, Dr. Randolph remains deeply engaged in her community through her active membership in Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated.

Dr. Randolph's academic journey includes a bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice from LeMoyne-Owen College, a master's degree in Liberal Studies from the University of Memphis, and a Doctor of Education degree in Higher Education Leadership from Northcentral University. She is also a graduate of the Institute for Management and Leadership in Education (MLE) at Harvard University.

#### **About Morris Brown College**

Morris Brown College was founded by formerly enslaved religious leaders at Big Bethel AME Church in 1881, and it is the first college in Georgia to be owned and operated by African Americans. The iconic Fountain Hall and the current Morris Brown campus are where Dr. W.E.B. Du Bois wrote The Souls of Black Folk in 1903. Notable alumni include Alberta Williams King, mother of Martin Luther King, Jr., and James Alan McPherson, the first Black writer to win a Pulitzer Prize for Fiction.

# **LECTURE**

#### SUBMITTED BY P.M. EZEKIEL WALTHOUR II, 33%, KYCH

# **EXPLORING THE CONNECTION BETWEEN THE LODGE AND THE CHURCH**

I RECENTLY GAVE A LECTURE WHERE I WAS TASKED WITH CREATING A DISCUSSION ON THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE CHURCH AND OUR HUMBLE CRAFT. THIS ARTICLE IS A RECAPITULATION OF MY LECTURE, WHERE I WILL BRIEFLY DISCUSS WHAT FREEMASONRY IS, DEFINE ITS PURPOSE, AND COMPARE AND CONTRAST THOSE GOALS WITH THE PURPOSE OF THE CHURCH. THE ARTICLE AIMS TO PRESENT FACTUAL INFORMATION TO OUR MEMBERSHIP AND DEBUNK FALSEHOODS THAT PREVENT A STRONG RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE LODGE AND THE CHURCH. FREEMASONRY, BY DEFINITION, IS A BEAUTIFUL SYSTEM OF MORALITY VEILED IN ALLEGORY AND ILLUSTRATED BY SYMBOLS. FREEMASONRY IMPLIES THAT HUMANITY IS THE ACTUAL TEMPLE WHOSE BUILDING BECAME OBSTRUCTED AND THAT WE, WHO ARE BOTH THE CRAFTSMAN AND THE BUILDING MATERIALS OF WHAT WAS INTENDED TO BE AN UNPARALLELED STRUCTURE, ARE LIVING HERE IN THIS WORLD WHERE THE GENUINE SECRETS OF OUR NATURE ARE LOST TO US. THE CEREMONIES THROUGH WHICH THE CANDIDATE PASSES ARE SYMBOLIC OF THE STAGES OF PROGRESS THAT EVERY MAN PASSES BY WAY OF SELF-PURIFICATION AND SELF-BUILDING UNTIL HE DIES IN HIS PRESENT STATE IS RAISED OUT OF A STATE OF IMPERFECTION, AND IS BROUGHT INTO A PERFECT UNION WITH THE LORD OF (HIS) LIFE TO GLORIFY HIM AS A NEW CREATURE THAT HAS BEEN SHAPED AND FORMED. A TRANSITION FROM A ROUGH STATE TO ONE THAT IS PERFECT IS DONE BY CHOOSING A PLAN (TYPE OF ARCHITECTURE) THAT BEST SUITS HIM AS AN INDIVIDUAL.

RELIGION IS A PROCESS USED BY CHURCH MEMBERS TO BIND BACK TO THEIR CREATION,

ACCOMPANIED BY A DOCTRINE THAT PROVIDES A PLAN OF SALVATION FOR THE INDIVIDUAL PARISHIONER. THE

CHURCH'S MISSION IS TO PREPARE FOR THE FINAL ESTABLISHMENT OF THE KINGDOM OF GOD ON EARTH. ITS

PURPOSE IS TO DEVELOP ITS MEMBERS' CHRIST-LIKE ATTRIBUTES AND TRANSFORM SOCIETY SO THAT THE WORLD

MAY BE A BETTER AND MORE PEACEFUL PLACE TO LIVE. THE LODGE SHARES SOME CHURCH TRADITIONS AND HAS

SEVERAL MEMBERS WHO ARE GREAT SERVANTS FOR BOTH ORGANIZATIONS. TWO TRADITIONS INSTITUTED BY THE

CHRISTIAN CHURCH ARE THE CELEBRATIONS ON FORMER PAGAN WORSHIP DAYS OF JUNE 24 AND DECEMBER

27 TH, KNOWN AS ST. JOHNS DAY. WE, AS FREEMASONS, EMBODY THE PRINCIPLES OF BOTH JOHN THE

BAPTIZER AND THE EVANGELIST, WHILE ONE WAS LEARNED AND THE OTHER ZEALOUS; BOTH WERE GODLY MEN.

IT IS INTERESTING TO NOTE THAT ST. JOHN THE BAPTIZER WAS A MEMBER OF A FRATERNAL ORGANIZATION

DURING HIS DAY KNOWN AS THE ESSENCES. THE ESSENCES WERE A SECT OF JEWS DURING THE SECOND

TEMPLE PERIOD THAT FLOURISHED FROM THE 2 ND CENTURY BCE TO THE 1 ST CENTURY CE. THE MEMBERS

METICULOUSLY OBSERVED THE LAW OF MOSES ON THE SABBATH AND PRACTICED RITUAL PURITY. THEY

PROFESSED BELIEF IN THE SOUL'S IMMORTALITY AND DIVINE PUNISHMENT FOR SIN. IN HEINRICH GRAETZ BOOK

"HISTORY OF THE JEWS", IT IS WRITTEN THAT THE NAME JOHN TRANSLATES AS ESSENCE-MEANING HE WHO

UNDER THE BANNER OF PRINCE HALL FREEMASONRY BY RICHARD ALLEN, A MINISTER, EDUCATOR, AND
WRITER, ONE OF OUR MEMBERS FOUNDED THE AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH. THE A.M.E
CHURCH IS THE FIRST INDEPENDENT BLACK DENOMINATION IN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA. HE OPENED
HIS FIRST CHURCH IN 1794 IN PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA. WE, AS FREEMASONS, MUST BE FAMILIAR WITH
SOME TOPICS THAT TEND TO DIVIDE US FROM THE CHURCH SO THAT WE CAN SPEAK INTELLIGENTLY WITH THOSE
WITH OPPOSING OPINIONS, LEAVING THE WORLD CONVINCED OF OUR SOUND EFFECTS. SOME MEN WILL SAY:

THE BROTHER OF JESUS, WAS THE LEADER OF THEIR FRATERNAL ORGANIZATION.

THE DEVIL AFTER RECEIVING THE 33 RD DEGREE, AND WE PARTAKE IN IMMORAL SEXUAL BEHAVIOR WITH OTHER
MEMBERS AND THEIR WIVES AND FAMILY MEMBERS. NONE OF THESE ACCUSATIONS ARE FOUNDED IN TRUTH,
BUT WE HAVE TO BE ABLE TO SET THE RECORD STRAIGHT WITHOUT BECOMING ANGRY OR ENGAGING IN

ARGUMENTS WITH THOSE WHO RIDICULE US.

OUR ORGANIZATION IS BASED ON SELF-IMPROVEMENT AND SUPPORTING YOUR FELLOW MAN AND COMMUNITY WITH THE UNDERSTANDING THAT WE ARE ALL CHILDREN UNDER THE FATHERHOOD OF GOD. WE, AS MASONS, TOTALLY AGREE WITH THE STATEMENT THAT ONLY GOD IS WORTHY OF WORSHIP. THE TITLE "WORSHIPFUL MASTER" IN THE CONTEXT THAT WE USE IT MEANS "HONORABLE BROTHER," A TERM TO DESIGNATE THE CURRENT PRESIDENT OF OUR LOCAL MEMBERSHIP. MASONS WORK TO RID THEMSELVES OF VICES OR HABITS THAT TAINT THEIR CHARACTER AND DO NOT ADVOCATE ANYTHING CONSIDERED SATANIC. ALBERT PIKE, A MEMBER OF THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH, REPACKAGED THE 25 DEGREES OF THE AASR INTO 29 SO THAT THEY WOULD EQUAL 33 ALONG WITH THOSE OF ANCIENT CRAFT, WHICH WAS THE AGE OF HIS LORD AND SAVIOUR JESUS CHRIST AT THE TIME OF THE CRUCIFIXION. MASONS USE THE HOLY BIBLE AS A GUIDE FOR THEIR ACTIONS, SO IT WAS CONSIDERED A WAY TO HONOR THE GREATEST EXAMPLE THAT THE BOOK GIVES US ON HOW TO LIVE. ALL OUR MEMBERS MUST HAVE THE UTMOST RESPECT FOR A FELLOW MEMBER'S DAUGHTER, SISTER, AND MOTHER, AND WE DO NOT PROMOTE FORNICATION AMONG THEIR RANKS. SUCH BEHAVIOR CAN LEAD TO EXPULSION FROM THE ORDER IF IT IS DISCOVERED TO HAVE OCCURRED. THE CHURCH AND THE LODGE ARE TWO ESSENTIAL PARTS OF THE AFRICAN-AMERICAN COMMUNITY, AND IT SERVES US ALL BEST IF WE PROMOTE A DUAL EXISTENCE AND ADMIRATION FOR BOTH BY MEMBERS OF BOTH INSTITUTIONS. I PRAY THAT PEACE AND HARMONY WILL PREVAIL IN BOTH ORGANIZATIONS AND HOPEFULLY, THIS ARTICLE HAS HELPED US PREPARE TO DO

FRATERNALLY SUBMITTED,

# BRINGING LIGHT BACK INTO OUR LOCAL COMMUNITY

SUBMITTED BY BROTHER CHRISTIAN F. PITTMAN

JANUARY 2023: JOPPA LODGE NO. 43 AND AMERICAN BEAUTY CHAPTER NO. 214 JOINED HOTC AND BRAVED THE COLD TO SERVE OUR LOCAL COMMUNITY. THIS IS THEIR FIRST COMMUNITY OUTREACH EVENT OF THE YEAR AND CONSISTED OF THE PASSING OUT OF FOOD BOXES TO SEVERAL FAMILIES. WHAT A WAY TO START 2023. JOB WELL DONE.

FEBRUARY 2023: JOPPA LODGE NO. 43 ATTENDED HARPER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL THIS EVENING. TO JOIN FORCES WITH OTHER COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS AND LEADERS TO ASSIST IN THEIR READING BUDDY INITIATIVE.

AMERICAN BEAUTY CHAPTER NO. 214 AND JOPPA LODGE NO. 43 ATTENDED CARDIOVASCULAR DISEASE TRAINING AT ARCHBOLD IN RECOGNITION OF HEART HEALTH MONTH. THEY ATTENDED SEVERAL LECTURES LEARNING WAYS TO BE HELPFUL WHEN SOMEONE IS STRUGGLING WITH THE DISEASE. WE ARE FOREVER EDUCATING OURSELVES TO BETTER AID OUR COMMUNITY.

MARCH 2023: JOPPA LODGE NO. 43, AMERICAN BEAUTY CHAPTER NO. 214, AND OTHER COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS CAME TOGETHER ONCE AGAIN TO LEND A HELPING HAND TO THE THOMASVILLE ROTARY CLUB, IN EFFORTS TO GIVE AWAY FREE VEGETABLES, FRUITS, AND PROTEIN TO THE LOCAL COMMUNITY.

APRIL 2023: JOPPA LODGE NO. 43 AND AMERICAN BEAUTY CHAPTER NO. 214 JOINED FORCES TO PARTICIPATE IN THE 102ND ANNUAL ROSE SHOW PARADE IN THOMASVILLE, GEORGIA. WE ENSURED THAT OUR COMMUNITY KNEW THAT WE WERE STILL HERE AND THAT WE HAD NOT FORGOTTEN ABOUT THEM.

JULY 2023: JOPPA LODGE NO. 43, TOOK THE TIME TO CONSTRUCT, BUILD, AND INSTALL A BRAND-NEW MAILBOX FOR A LOCAL SENIOR CITIZEN IN THOMASVILLE, GEORGIA.



# **DISTRICT NO. 1 CONTINUES LEADING THE WAY**

SAVANNAH DISTRICT NO. 1 BELIEVES "NUMBER 1" MEANS MORE THAN JUST CARRYING THE NAME. IT MEANS SETTING THE PACE AND EXAMPLE FOR ALL OTHER DISTRICTS TO FOLLOW, AND UNDER THE LEADERSHIP OF DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTER EVERETT E. TOLBERT OF EUREKA LODGE NO. 1 AND DISTRICT WORTHY

MATRON NATASHA MILLS OF PRIDE OF GUYTON CHAPTER NO. 292, THAT HAS BEEN ACCOMPLISHED JUST IN THE FIRST HALF OF THE YEAR THROUGH PROGRAMMING

AND COMMUNITY SERVICE DESIGNED NOT ONLY TO STRENGTHEN AND ENRICH MEMBERS OF THE MASONIC ORDER BUT ALSO THOSE IN THE COMMUNITIES WE SERVE.

SAVANNAH FIRST MASONIC DISTRICT CELEBRATED BLACK HISTORY MONTH WITH A PROGRAM ENTITLED "BLACK RESISTANCE: PAST, PRESENT, AND FUTURE" ON SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2023. THE MASTER AND MISTRESS OF THE CEREMONY WERE BRO. PHILLIP WALKER, WP, AND SIS. JUSHARA COPLES. ESSAYS THAT INCLUDED "MOMENTS IN BLACK HISTORY" WERE PRESENTED BY YOUTHS FROM CHATHAM COUNTY (TAMIR NEALY), BRYAN COUNTY (JAMARION "AJ" COPLES), LIBERTY COUNTY (HARMONY BUSTER), AND EFFINGHAM COUNTY (TELAH EDWARDS). "BLACK RESISTANCE PAST" WAS PRESENTED BY REV. DR. BOBBY W. JONES, AND "BLACK RESISTANCE PRESENT" WAS PRESENTED BY WM NICOLE DAVIS-EDWARDS. AFTER A WONDERFUL PROGRAM, A DELICIOUS DINNER WAS PROVIDED FOR ALL.

ON MARCH 4TH, THE GEORGIA COUNCIL OF KNIGHTS OF PYTHAGORAS (PHA) OF SAVANNAH, GEORGIA, INITIATED 15 YOUNG MEN. THE KNIGHTS OF PYTHAGORAS IS AN ORGANIZATION COMPOSED OF YOUTHS FROM AGES 7 TO 18 WORKING UNDER THE SUPERVISION OF PRINCE HALL MASONS AND IS DESIGNED TO PROMOTE LEAD-ERSHIP, CHARACTER DEVELOPMENT, AND COMMUNITY SERVICE AMONG YOUNG MEN. MEMBERS PARTICIPATE IN VARIOUS PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES THAT HELP THEM DEVELOP VALUABLE LIFE SKILLS AND POSITIVE CHARACTER TRAITS. THROUGH MENTORSHIP AND POSITIVE ROLE MODELS, MEMBERS ARE EMPOWERED TO BECOME COMMUNITY LEADERS AND POSITIVELY IMPACT THE WORLD. THE ORGANIZATION IS AN ESSENTIAL RESOURCE FOR YOUNG MEN SEEKING TO GROW AND DEVELOP IN A SUPPORTIVE AND EMPOWERING ENVIRONMENT.

THE SAVANNAH FIRST MASONIC DISTRICT HAS A LONG-STANDING TRADITION OF COMMUNITY SERVICE, AND ITS MEMBERS ARE COMMITTED TO POSITIVELY IMPACTING THEIR COMMUNITY. ELECTA CHAPTER NO. 1 PROVIDED MEALS TO HOMELESS INDIVIDUALS, SAVANNAH CHAPTER NO. 159 AND PYTHAGORAS LODGE NO. 11 WORKED TOGETHER TO CLEAN UP THE STREETS IN THE COMMUNITY, PRINCE HALL CHAPTER NO. 258 SERVED BREAKFAST TO FAMILIES AT THE RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE, MT. MORIAH CHAPTER NO. 37 DONATED HYGIENE PRODUCTS TO A SPECIAL NEEDS CLASSROOMS, SOLOMON TEMPLE CHAPTER NO. 95 DONATED SOCKS TO THE TODDLER ROOM AT THE WESLEY COMMUNITY/LADY BAMFORD CENTER, AND THE ENTIRE DISTRICT PARTICIPATED IN A DONATION DRIVE FOR THE EDUCATIONAL TRANSITION CENTER. THESE PROJECTS SHOW THAT THE SAVANNAH FIRST MASONIC DISTRICT HAS A COMMITMENT TO IMPROVING THE LIVES OF OTHERS AND DEMONSTRATE THEIR DEDICATION TO SERVICE.

THE FIRST MASONIC DISTRICT OF SAVANNAH CAME TOGETHER ON SUNDAY, APRIL 30TH, FOR A REMARKABLE 5TH SUNDAY CHURCH FELLOWSHIP AT JERUSALEM MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH, ORGANIZED BY EASTERN STAR LODGE NO. 58 AND AFFECTIONATE CHAPTER NO. 489. IT MARKED THE TRANSITION FROM APRIL TO MAY WITH A PROFOUND SENSE OF UNITY AND SPIRITUALITY. PASTOR GREG STAFFORD LED THE CONGREGATION THROUGH A MEMORABLE SERVICE WITH INSPIRATIONAL SERMONS AND HEARTFELT PRAYERS. THE EVENT SERVED AS A POWERFUL REMINDER OF THE ENDURING VALUES UPHELD BY THE MASONIC COMMUNITY, FOSTERING FELLOWSHIP AND PROMOTING THE PRINCIPLES OF BROTHERHOOD AND CHARITY. THE 5TH SUNDAY CHURCH FELLOWSHIP WAS A TRULY UPLIFTING EXPERIENCE, LEAVING A LASTING IMPACT ON ALL WHO ATTENDED, AS THEY CARRIED THE SPIRIT OF TOGETHERNESS AND SPIRITUAL GROWTH INTO THE COMING MONTH.

THE MEMBERS OF THE FIRST MASONIC DISTRICT DISPLAYED GRACE AS THEY REPRESENTED THEMSELVES ADMIRABLY IN COLUMBUS, GEORGIA, DURING THE PRINCE HALL GRAND SESSION. DISTRICT MEMBERS SERVED ON THE GRAND LODGE AND GRAND CHAPTER LEVEL, INCLUDING THE NEWLY FORMED GRAND CHAPTER PROFICIENCY TEAM. THE SAVANNAH DISTRICT WOWED THE AUDIENCE WITH THEIR OUTSTANDING PRESENTATION OF EMBLEMS. SIS. AUDREY PINCKNEY RECAPTURED THE CROWN, BECOMING THE NEWLY CROWNED GRAND QUEEN AND SECURING FIRST PLACE FOR THE DISTRICT. SIS. LOUISE LAWYER, PM OF MT. MORIAH CHAPTER #37, RECEIVED THE HONOR OF GRAND PEARL. THE KNIGHTS OF PYTHAGORAS JOSEPH F. HYMES, SR. COUNCIL #12, LED BY CHAIRMAN BRO. ANDRE JONES RECEIVED AN OFFICIAL CHARTER. MCKINLEY LODGE #211, LED BY WM LORENZO MILLS, WAS AWARDED LODGE OF THE YEAR FOR ZONE 2, WHILE WM MALACHI FOGLE OF EASTERN STAR LODGE #58 RECEIVED WORSHIPFUL MASTER OF THE YEAR FOR ZONE 2. ADDITIONALLY, THE SAVANNAH DISTRICT CLINCHED THE SECOND-PLACE POSITION IN THE SCRAPBOOK COMPETITION, AND DWM NATASHA MILLS ACHIEVED FIRST PLACE IN THE GERALDINE MCKINEY WALK-RUN EVENT. AS A REMARKABLE ACHIEVEMENT, SAVANNAH DISTRICT #1 WAS AWARDED THE PRESTIGIOUS DISTRICT OF THE YEAR TITLE FOR ZONE 2. WE COMMEND DDGM EVERETT E. TOLBERT AND THE DISTRICT LEADERSHIP FOR THEIR OUTSTANDING GUIDANCE AND DEDICATION AND CONGRATULATE OUR SISTERS AND BROTHERS ON THESE REMARKABLE ACHIEVEMENTS.

AS FULL AND REWARDING AS THE FIRST HALF OF 2023 HAS BEEN, THE MEMBERS OF THE FIRST MASONIC DISTRICT KNOW THERE IS MORE WORK TO BE DONE. WE STAND READY AND WILLING TO DO THE WORK AS WE ARE REMINDED OF THE OLD HYMN'S WORDS, "....TO SERVE THE PRESENT AGE, MY CALLING TO FULFILL: OH, MAY IT ALL MY POWERS ENGAGE, TO DO THE MASTER'S WILL."

### PARTICIPATING IN COMMUNITY SCHOOL DRIVE

SUBMITTED BY DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTER VERNON C. HALL

ON AUGUST 1, 2023, HATOFF LODGE NO. 409 OF RENTZ, GA., PARTICIPATED IN THE NATIONAL NIGHT OUT (NNO) BACK-TO-SCHOOL EVENT IN DUBLIN, GA.

DURING THIS EVENT, HATOFF LODGE, IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE SOUTHSIDE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION AND NUMEROUS OTHER ORGANIZATIONS, PROVIDED LOVE AND SUPPORT TO THE LAURENS COUNTY COMMUNITY BY PROVIDING ITEMS SUCH AS SCHOOL SUPPLIES, BACKPACKS, TOILETRIES, UNDERGARMENTS (BOYS/GIRLS), HAIRCUTS, SCHOOL UNIFORMS, FOOD, MUSIC, GAMES, AND ENTERTAINMENT.

IN EFFORTS TO IMPROVE THE PRESENTATION OF OUR YOUTH, HATOFF LODGE HAD THE PRIVILEGE OF PROVIDING BELTS TO THE YOUNG MEN IN THIS COMMUNITY. THIS EVENT WAS TRULY A TIME OF JOY AND FULFILLMENT, AND WE LOOK FORWARD TO OUR NEXT STEP TOWARDS GREATNESS.





# DONATING SCHOOL SUPPLIES AND AWARDS SCHOLARSHIPS

SUBMITTED BY PAST MASTER REGINALD MURRAY, SR.

CHATTAHOOCHEE LODGE #31 IS A SMALL LODGE WITH MIGHTY MEMBERS DEDI-CATED TO THE COMMUNITY AND DOING WHAT IS GOOD AND PLEASANT AT ALL TIMES.

ATTACHED ARE PICTURES OF SOME OF OUR LATEST EVENTS:

- FISH FRY/BBO FUNDRAISER FOR OUR CLAUDE WELCHEL JR. SCHOLARSHIP
- BACK TO SCHOOL BACKPACK AND SUPPLIES GIVEAWAY
- FLYER FOR OUR UPCOMING CASINO FUN DAY TRIP TO CHEROKEE, NC
- OUR 2023 LODGE PICTURE AND LODGE MEETING PICTURES
- WE WERE BLESSED TO RAISE ENOUGH FUNDS TO GIVE AWAY 3 SCHOLARSHIP CHECKS TO UPCOMING COLLEGE FRESHMEN AND THEY ARE PICTURED WITH MEMBERS DELIVERING THE CHECKS.

WE MEET EVERY 2ND AND 4TH TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH, AND OUR MEETINGS START AT 7:00 PM. PLEASE COME OUT TO VISIT OR JOIN US DURING OUR EVENTS.







# ATHENS DISTRICT NO. 6 ATTENDING GRAND SESSION

SUBMITTED BY DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTER MARVIN J. NUNNALLY

THE 152ND PRINCE HALL GRAND SESSION WAS RECENTLY HELD IN COLUMBUS, GEORGIA. THE BROTHERS OF THE MOST WORSHIP-FUL PRINCE HALL GRAND LODGE OF GEORGIA AND THE SISTERS OF THE MOST WORSHIPFUL PRINCE HALL GRAND CHAPTER RAISED \$250,000 IN SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS TO BE AWARDED TO GEORGIA HIGH SCHOOL AND COLLEGE STUDENTS.

PERSONAL AWARD WINNERS FROM ATHENS INCLUDED ATHENS DISTRICT NO. 6 MASONIC LODGE OF THE YEAR WATKINSVILLE NO. 21 WITH WORSHIPFUL MASTER RODERICK WISE; GRAND MASTER'S CONVENTION DIRECTOR AWARDEE DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTER MARVIN J. NUNNALLY; ATHENS DISTRICT NO. 6 WORSHIPFUL MASTER OF THE YEAR STAR OF MT. ZION LODGE NO. 370, RANDY WATKINS, AND MOST WORSHIPFUL PRINCE HALL GRAND CHAPTER OF THE ORDER OF EASTERN STAR ZONE 2 WORTHY MATRON OF THE YEAR DEBBIE WATKINS. THE WEEK-LONG CONVENTION PLANS TO RETURN TO ATHENS, GEORGIA, IN THE FUTURE.



## ANNUAL STOP THE VIOLENCE AND BACK TO SCHOOL GIVEAWAY

#### **SUBMITTED BY JUNIOR WARDEN KWAME TOWNES**

THE ATHENS MASONIC DISTRICT NO. 6 CO-SPONSORED THE 10TH ANNUAL STOP THE VIOLENCE AND BACK TO SCHOOL GIVEAWAY WITH THE TWINS FOUNDATION, INC. ON SUNDAY, JULY 30TH. THE GROUPS BLESSED OVER 2,000 STUDENTS AND PARENTS WHO PACKED THE CEDAR SHOALS HIGH SCHOOL GYM ON SUNDAY, JULY 30TH.

THE GIVEAWAY PUT SMILES ON SO MANY. SHELIA AND SHARON BARNETT ARE THE FOUNDERS OF THE TWINS FOUNDATIONS. ATHENS MASONIC DISTRICT NO. 6 GATHERED ITS MEMBERS FROM NORTHEAST GEORGIA, MANAGING DESIGNATED STATIONS AT THE GIVEAWAY.

SOME OF THE MEMBERS PARTICIPATING INCLUDED DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTER MARVIN J. NUNNALLY, DISTRICT WORTHY MATRON DEBBIE WATKINS, KENNETH STRAUGHTER, DARRELL WARD, MONTAQUE FOSTER, DEXTER MEADOWS, DEREK MORTON, CLARENCE DEWBERRY, RANDY WATKINS, BRENDA ROBBINS, KATURAH PATTERSON, KASSANDRA WILLIAMS, SANDRA APPLING, QUEENA DORSEY, LYNN HILL, AND LINDA SMITH. OTHER SUPPORTERS INCLUDED THE NATIONAL PAN-HELLENIC COUNCIL, IN TOUCH MANAGEMENT GROUP YOUTH ACADEMY, ATHENS-CLARKE COUNTY MAYOR KELLY GRITZ, CLARKE COUNTY SHERIFF JOHN Q. WILLIAMS, WESTERN JUDICIAL CIRCUIT DISTRICT ATTORNEY DEBORAH GONZALES, CEDAR SHOALS HIGH SCHOOL, AND CLARKE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT.







# **SNEAKER GIVEAWAY IN ATHENS**

SUBMITTED BY DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTER MARVIN NUNNALLY

LINCOLN LODGE NO. 62 AND STAR OF MT. ZION LODGE NO. 370 LED THE SNEAKER GIVEAWAY AT THE RECENT TWINS FOUNDATION STOP THE VIOLENCE AND BACK TO SCHOOL GIVEAWAY HELD AT CEDAR SHOALS HIGH SCHOOL.



# **DELIVERING WATER AND SMILES IN BURKE COUNTY**

**SUBMITTED BY PAST MATRON ANNIE FRAZIER** 

NEW MARION CHAPTER NO. 381 (OES) DELIVERED 11 CASES OF WATER TO THE PRIDE OF BURKE COUNTY BAND ON TUESDAY, JULY 24TH AT BURKE COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL. MR. DWAYNE DEBOSE LEADS THE BAND.







# NEW MARION CHAPTER NO. 381 MEMORIAL DONATIONS TO THE COMMUNITY

SUBMITTED BY PM ANNIE FRAZIER

NEW MARION CHAPTER NO.381 OES DONATED 90 BLANKETS TO THE WAYNESBORO DIALYSIS CENTER IN MEMORY OF OUR BELOVED LM SISTER VIANNA LANE. THE STAFF WAS OVERJOYED, SHEDDING TEARS BECAUSE OF OUR CONTRIBUTION. WE WORE GREEN, REPRESENTING KIDNEY DISEASE.







# A CHAPTER ON A MISSION

#### SUBMITTED BY PAST MATRON SHIRLEY CARLYLE

UNDER THE LEADERSHIP OF WORTHY MATRON MARY CARTER, NEW AURORA CHAPTER NO. 60 HAS BEEN ON A MISSION TO BE VISIBLE IN THE COMMUNITY. THE CHAPTER IS COLLECTING SCHOOL SUPPLIES FOR THEIR BACK TO SCHOOL GIVE-A-WAY ON AUGUST 12TH IN WAYNESBORO, GEORGIA. WE CANNOT WAIT TO SHARE THESE ITEMS WITH THE COMMUNITY.

THE SISTERS ALSO ATTENDED CHURCH VISITATION AND FELLOWSHIP AT WEST-MINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, WAYNESBORO, GA. THE MESSAGE DELIVERED WAS VERY INFORMATIVE, MUCH NEEDED, AND ENJOYED BY ALL PRESENT. THE CONGREGATION SHOWED GREAT HOSPITALITY DURING OUR VISIT.

EDUCATION IS NEAR AND DEAR TO THE SISTERS OF NEW AURORA, AS SEVERAL ARE RETIRED EDUCATORS OR FORMER STAFF WITHIN THE SCHOOL SYSTEM. MILLEN DISTRICT HELD ITS ANNUAL QUEEN CONTEST IN MAY. SISTER BELLESHEBA DENT REPRESENTED NEW AURORA NO. 60 AND WON THE QUEEN'S CONTEST ON THE DISTRICT LEVEL FOR MILLEN DISTRICT NO. 16. SISTER BELLESHEBA DENT REPRESENTED WELL AT THE GRAND SESSION IN COLUMBUS, GEORGIA, IN JUNE. BECAUSE OF OUR HARD WORK AND EFFORTS, NEW AURORA RECEIVED 18 SCHOLARSHIPS FOR YOUTH.





# SHINING BRIGHT IN THE COMMUNITY

SUBMITTED BY DISTRICT WORTHY MATRON T. JOY ROBERTS

THE SISTERS OF MILLEN DISTRICT HAVE CONTINUED TO LET THEIR LIGHT SHINE WITHIN THE COMMUNITY. UNDER THE LEADERSHIP OF WORTHY MATRON SHEILA YOUNGS, BEULAH CHAPTER NO. 116 IS ONE OF THOSE CHAPTERS DOING GREAT THINGS. MAY OF THIS YEAR WAS THE ANNUAL DISTRICT MEETING AND ELECTIONS. DURING THIS TIME, THE 17TH GRAND WORTHY MATRON, SAUNDRA PARKS, MADE A NEW APPOINTMENT IN NAMING BEULAH'S VERY OWN PM T. JOY ROBERTS AS DISTRICT WORTHY MATRON OF MILLEN DISTRICT NO. 16.

WE CONGRATULATE HER ON HER NEW LEADERSHIP POSITION.
THE REMAINDER OF MAY, JUNE, JULY, AND AUGUST HAVE BEEN BUSY FOR THE CHAPTER. AT THE END OF MAY, THE CHAPTER SUPPORTED THE ANNUAL DISTRICT QUEEN CONTEST. IT ASSISTED IN RAISING A PHENOMENAL AMOUNT OF MONEY TO PROVIDE SCHOLARSHIPS FOR THE YOUTH IN THE COMMUNITY. DURING THE GRAND SESSION, THE CHAPTER HAD ANOTHER REASON TO CELEBRATE AS PAST DISTRICT MATRON ELLA RHODES WAS ELECTED GRAND ASSOCIATE CONDUCTRESS. WE WERE ALL SO PROUD AND GAVE CONGRATULATIONS TO PM RHODES.

BEULAH CHAPTER CONTINUES TO SUPPORT OUR FELLOW BROTHERS AND SISTERS IN THE DISTRICT BY ATTENDING ST. JOHN'S DAY, THE JOINT ANNIVERSARY OF NEW MARION # 381 AND LIGHT OF HILTONIA #433, THE ANNIVERSARY OF SPRING FOUNTAIN # 278, A COMMUNITY JUNETEENTH CELEBRATION AND FINALLY, OUR ANNUAL PRAYER BREAKFAST AND BACK TO SCHOOL GIVEAWAY. DURING THE GIVEAWAY, SHOES AND CLOTHES WERE DONATED TO THOSE IN NEED, SCHOOL SUPPLIES, AND OVER 150 BOOKBAGS.







# **EDITOR'S CORNER**

TO THE BROTHERS AND SISTERS OF THE MOST WORSHIPFUL PRINCE HALL GRAND LODGE AND CHAPTER OF GEORGIA, OUR BROTHERS OF THE GRAND LODGE OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA, AND ALL OUR PRINCE HALL BROTHERS AND SISTERS WORLDWIDE:

THIS SEVENTH ISSUE OF THE MASONIC DIGEST HIGHLIGHTS THE SPRING 2023 AND SUMMER 2023 COMMUNITY SERVICE AND SOCIAL ACTIVITIES IN WHICH THE BROTHERS AND SISTERS HAVE BEEN ENGAGED. LIKE PREVIOUS ISSUES, THIS SEVENTH ISSUE FEATURES THE GRAND MASTER'S AND GRAND WORTHY MATRON'S CORNER OF 19TH MOST WORSHIPFUL GRAND MASTER HONORABLE PRIMUS T. JAMES AND OUR NEWLY ELECTED 18TH GRAND WORTHY MATRON SALLIE MILLS. REMEMBER THAT OUR ELECTED GRAND LODGE OFFICERS, ELECTED GRAND CHAPTER OFFICERS, DEPUTIES, DISTRICT WORTHY MATRONS, AND DISTRICT WORTHY PATRONS ARE HERE TO SERVE THE MEMBERSHIP AND ARE ALWAYS AVAILABLE TO LEND AN ATTENTIVE EAR.

AS YOU SUPPORT YOUR LODGE AND CHAPTER ENDEAVORS, REMEMBER THAT THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC IS STILL HERE. THERE IS A RENEWED DANGER IN EACH SEASON AS COVID-19 MUTATES. YOUR HEALTH IS YOUR WEALTH, AND YOUR WELL-BEING IS PARAMOUNT TO THE LEADERSHIP OF THE MOST WORSHIPFUL PRINCE HALL GRAND LODGE OF GEORGIA AND THE MOST WORSHIPFUL PRINCE HALL GRAND CHAPTER OF GEORGIA. PLEASE FOLLOW THE UPDATED GUIDELINES ESTABLISHED BY THE CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION AND LOCAL HEALTH DEPARTMENTS.

PLEASE CONTINUE TO SUPPORT THE "BUT GOD INITIATIVE" AS IT IS A METHOD TO PERPETUATE FINANCIAL STABILITY FOR OUR FUTURE. RIGHT WORSHIPFUL DEPUTY GRAND MASTER JONATHAN WHITE SPEARHEADED THE CHANGE IN THE INITIATIVE THAT PROVIDES SEVERAL OPTIONS TO SUPPORT. WE WANT TO THANK ALL THE BROTHERS AND SISTERS WHO CONTINUE TO THINK LONG-RANGE REGARDING THE FINANCIAL FUTURE OF THIS JURISDICTION.

WE AS A JURISDICTION MUST ALSO CONTINUE TO SUPPORT THE EFFORTS OF MORRIS BROWN COLLEGE. THEY ARE FULLY ACCREDITED AND CONTINUE TO OFFER TUITION DISCOUNTS TO OUR MEMBERS. THE COLLEGE IS LED BY ONE OF OUR BROTHERS, DR. KEVIN JAMES, WHO NEEDS ALL THE SUPPORT WE CAN GIVE HIM. PLEASE TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THIS UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY TO FURTHER YOUR EDUCATION.

PLEASE SUBMIT ALL PICTURES AS SEPARATE FILES OUTSIDE THE ARTICLES INSTEAD OF EMBEDDING THEM WITHIN THE ARTICLE. PLEASE SUBMIT ONLY IN WORD FORMAT AND NOT PDFS. CONTINUE HIGHLIGHTING YOUR YOUTH ACTIVITIES AND YOUR LODGE AND CHAPTER FUNCTIONS AS WE STRIVE TO INCLUDE ALL ARTICLES AND WILL PUBLISH ALL ACCORDING TO OUR LAYOUT SPACE. YOUR ARTICLES WILL BE PUBLISHED IN A SUBSEQUENT ISSUE FOR ANY THAT DID NOT MAKE IT INTO THIS ISSUE DUE TO THE DEADLINE. THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT OF THE MASONIC DIGEST, THE MOST WORSHIPFUL PRINCE HALL GRAND LODGE, AND THE GRAND CHAPTER OF GEORGIA.

FRATERNALLY,
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