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The Editorial Staff will print articles highlighting accomplishments of Loyal Ladies, Sublime Princes and Grand Inspectors General. The staff prefers articles pertaining to community activities and actions relative to The Scottish Rite. On occasion, we will print items with reference to Ancient Craft Masonic activities when those items impact positive aspects of Freemasonry. All submissions must not violate copy write laws. The Editorial Staff reserves the right to reject or edit the content of submissions. We prefer all articles and pictures to be formatted in “Microsoft Word” to facilitate changes. Email items to William J. L. Crisp, wjlcrist@aol.com or Lawrence W. Henry, npcusc@gmail.com. For assistance call William J. L. Crisp at (H) 910-864-1669 or (C) 910-818-5892; please no texting.



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Grand Orient, Washington, District of Columbia



Greetings Illustrious Brothers and Loyal Ladies,

I am pleased with the progress that our organization has made in only three years. The 2018 progress within our various Councils of Deliberation has been outstanding and we appreciate the great leadership that is being provided by our Deputies of the Orient. I am confident we will continue to grow in membership as well as in knowledge. I delayed the release of this bulletin in anticipation of including the details of the judge's ruling from the Virginia lawsuit. The federal judge ruled in our organization's favor including our right to use Prince Hall Affiliated. The judge also indicated that USC-TN should not have been collecting dues for years, so I anticipate a class action lawsuit will be filed against them to recover the payments made by members. We anticipate a ruling in the DC court soon as we will be filing our motion for summary judgment in a few weeks.

I reaffirm my pledge to you for transparency, education and opportunities, but we need your patience and understanding as we continue to deal with the litigation. The good news is the Ladies are on the move and growing. We have chartered some new Assemblies and Consistories. Along this theme, we still encourage each of you to actively participate with other houses in your Orients. It has been said, "Our strength is not just in numbers, our strength is in unity." We can accomplish many things if we work together. Do not be disappointed that we had some initial delays. Stay confident because we will achieve our goals and objectives. We will build as we eliminate our growing pains and glitches.

Although our growth is steady, I am, asking each of you to bring in a new member. We can do this and the results will be that our membership will double. I am asking all Commanders-in-Chief and Loyal Lady Rulers to embrace this as your goal and work to accomplish this as a part of your annual calendar. I encourage you to continue working in Ancient Craft Masonry and the Order of the Eastern Star; these organizations are our foundations. Your Worshipful Masters and Worthy Matrons will help you achieve our goals if we are sincere in helping them in their endeavors. Again, I remind you, the stronger we are at the foundation, the easier it will be for us to build.

On October 5-9, 2018, we will hold our annual session in Raleigh, North Carolina. The Orient of North Carolina will host the session and confer the Thirty-third Degree. The leadership in North Carolina is working to ensure our session will be successful, educational and most importantly, an enjoyable one. I am proud of each of you and the progress we have made because of your individual and collective sacrifices; but, there is still much work to be done. Please continue to do all you can, when you can and support our leaders at every level. As we continue our faith journey, may our Eternal God continue to bless and keep you enveloped in His loving embrace.

With love and appreciation I remain,

Dr. Ralph Slaughter
Sovereign Grand Commander



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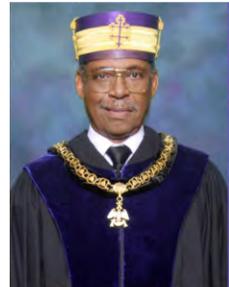
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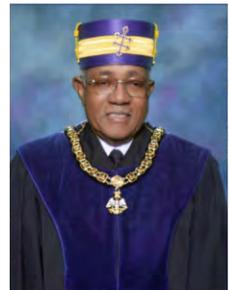
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***The success of our Inaugural Session is attributed largely to the stalwart
leadership of our elected leaders.***

“God and My Right”



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PASSAGES

Reflection – Robert Mosie Lee Walker



He was a “street-wise” kid, who grew-up in “The Big Apple.” Born and raised in Brooklyn, New York, he enlisted in the United State Army and served his country (in uniform) for more than thirty years. He did not talk much about his life, except to a few who were very close to him. He did not “brag” that he was a hero, having earned the Silver Star for valor in Vietnam. Every now and then he would wear a small lapel pin depicting the Silver Star—the nation’s third highest award for heroism.

Then the city boy became the country boy by living in the Fayetteville and Fort Bragg area during most of his military career and after he retired from the military. Perhaps he stepped into some Carolina tar that stuck to him and transformed him into a stately southern gentleman. Maybe a few close friends know what endeared him to the Carolina Sandhills. What we do know is those who came to know him, cherished the friendship and we are richer for knowing him. He seldom raised his voice, yet he had a “knack” for being understood simply by the way he looked in your eyes and conveyed a message. Was he flawed as a human being? Aren’t we all? What is important is not his imperfections, but what we will long remember is the good we saw.

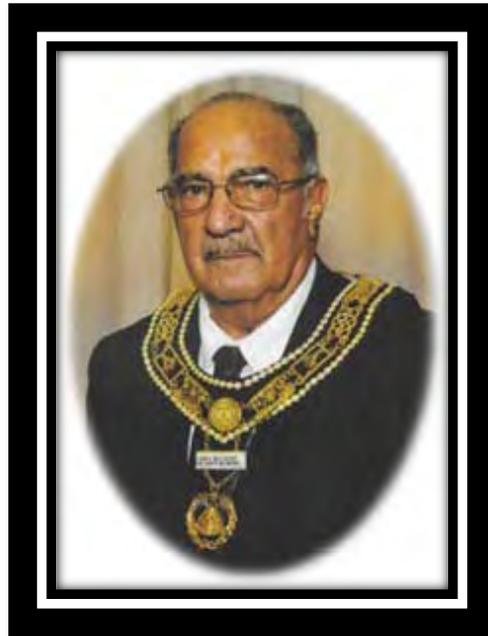
He was a Christian man, active in his church until the end. He loved gospel music and took great joy in singing in his church choir and serving as President of the Male Chorus in his church. He even took charge of what he called the United Supreme Council Men’s Chorus. He was gifted with a vibrant voice and was proud to have sung with the famed Brooklyn Tabernacle Choir. We never met a more “giving” person. He found great satisfaction in helping others and loved giving. Four of us could eat breakfast in a hotel and he would pay the bill and walk away before we could protest or thank him for his generosity. He had a very big heart, especially concerning children and he was passionate about supporting the Central Children’s Home of North Carolina in Oxford. He would walk past Sisters and Brothers for opportunities to be with the children just to touch them and let them know he loved them. His financial generosity “touched” many who were in need. His love and passion was evident when he spoke about his wife, Lenora and their daughter, Tryphina. He was totally devoted to them and his great wish was for them to be happy.

We have heard it said, “the character of a man is who he is.” His character was always on display. He mentored, he taught, but most of all, he set an example of what a Mason ought to be and what a Mason can be. Revered and respected by all, he was at ease and never over-bearing with any Sister or Brother. He made differences in the lives of many Prince Hall Mason and Sisters in the Order of the Eastern Star. He did not talk leadership; he epitomized leadership by example and never backed away from a task when he felt it would enhance the Brotherhood or the Sisterhood. We can clearly understand why Sisters and Brothers reposed special trust in him and placed him in numerous positions including Deputy

Grand Master, Most Worshipful Grand Prince Hall Grand Lodge of North Carolina and as Deputy for the Orient of North Carolina, United Supreme Council-DC, PHA.

His titles are too numerous to cite, but more importantly, we cherished him as “Brother Walker.” Robert Mosie Lee Walker “went on ahead” on January 18, 2018. However, he left a legacy for us to build upon and he left us with thousands of fond memories. We will remember him for years to come. Yes, his memory will slowly fade from us as the sands of time and the winds of change slowly blow traces of him from our minds and hearts grain-by-grain, but he will always be remembered and immortalized in the archives of our fraternity as a man who came, who labored, who shared, who love us one and all.

*Paul said, “For I am now ready to be offered,
and the time of my departure is at hand.
I have fought a good fight,
I have finished my course, I have kept the faith.”
(2 Tim 4:6-7)*



For those of us who knew him well, we know he was a man of unwavering faith and trust in God. Therefore, we (the living) are not worried about his soul because he was a man who embraced Christ Jesus and he continued to “Hold onto the hem of His garment” throughout his faith journey. It is for these reasons that we know, beyond doubt, he is with our God in that “Celestial Kingdom, that House not made by Hands, Eternal in the Heavens.” This we know for the Bible tells us so. And when we get there, we will no doubt find Robert Mosie Lee Walker surrounded by children he so dearly loved. “God Speed Brother Walker.”



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BRIEF REPORT ON THE USC-DC ANNUAL SESSION 2017

Dateline, Thursday, October 5, 2017

The Deputies began arriving. This afforded an occasion for them to again informally discuss issues and fellowship with each other thus creating stronger bonds among the leadership of the various Orients. The remainder of the evening allowed time to dine with each other and prepare for the following morning meeting with the Sovereign Grand Commander.

Dateline, Friday, October 6, 2017

The Deputy's meeting was called to order at 09:00 A.M. when the Sovereign Grand Commander met with the Illustrious Deputies from the various Orients. Present also were elected officers of the United Supreme Council, District of Columbia. The SGC discussed a range of topics.

It was a sunny day and while some were arriving by air, I arrived around 2 P.M. via automobile. There were several Brothers sitting in front of the hotel greeting arrivals. Notably were the Grand Treasurer-General, SGIG Gilbert S. Reddings and the Grand Secretary-General, SGIG Robert E. Wheeler. Past Imperial Potentate, Rochelle "Rick" Julian was with them and appeared to be "holding court" near the hotel entrance. Simply stated, they were very relaxed and jovial and greeting Sisters and Brothers. Friday evening and night provided more opportunity to relax, rest and do some "skinning and grinning." Many of us dined-in, but the hotel restaurant and food left a lot to be desired.



GIG Fred Key, Maryland, and others "People Watching"

Dateline, Saturday, October 7, 2017

At breakfast we were able to meet with Sisters, Brothers and old friends; many of them we had not seen since last year in Washington, DC. The Illustrious Grand Chancellor, SGIG A. K. Wilkins, Sr. called the first Executive Session to order promptly at 09:00 A.M. As in all our undertakings, the first order of business was honors to our God. Bishop Rodney McFarland, Sr. lead us in prayer. This was a mandatory meeting for all Sovereign Grand Inspectors General and the roll was called. Some were still in route and a few were excused. Absent was the Lieutenant Grand Commander, SGIG Milton F. “Toby” Fitch, Jr. due to illness. Unfortunately, LGC Fitch was unable to attend the session this year. The SGC recognized all Grand Masters or representatives. MWGM Lee A. Taylor, Maryland and the Host Grand Masters was away at the Masonic Temple in Baltimore and PGM LeRoy A. Lassiter welcomed all to Maryland. The SGC clarified that we have not been as transparent as he would like because of ongoing litigation.



Executive Session, “Welcoming SGC Slaughter”

In keeping with our objective to educate, SGIG Ben Harrison set-up a proper display of a Consistory. With the assistance of some class members from the Dr. Alvin V. Blount, Jr. Class of 2017, the duties of all Consistory officers were discussed in detail and questions answered. Also, SGIG Crisp escorted two class members around the chamber pointing out and explaining in detail the meanings and history of the Consistory furnishings. We then presented a power point presentation compiled by SGIG Harrison and assisted by SGIG’s Crisp and Lipscomb on crosses and jewels worn by Sovereign Grand Inspectors General and the origins of these emblems. SGIG Nathaniel Hill, Deputy for Virginia was recognized and thanked for allowing the use of Virginia COD equipment.



“Symposium Display—courtesy of Virginia COD” How many Oxen or Bulls? Representing Who or What?



“SGIG Ben Harrison, Symposium Slide Presentation”

Symposium Continued



“SGIG Bill Crisp, Imparting a little knowledge”

Meanwhile, across the aisle (meaning the Loyal Ladies) they were busy with registration. Leisure time afforded time for some Brothers and Sisters to visit a casino and the National Great Blacks in Wax Museum. On display in the museum is the wax figure of Most Worshipful Samuel Thornton Daniels, Sr. who served as Grand Master of Maryland for thirty-eight consecutive years. On Saturday night, Sisters and Brothers danced and enjoyed musical entertainment.

Dateline, Sunday, October 8, 2017

Following breakfast, we assembled for our Divine and Memorial Service. It was wonderful to witness our Brothers with speaking parts not using/reading from papers. It was a solemn and fitting tribute to those who have “gone on ahead.” SGIG Bishop Rodney McFarland, Sr., from Louisiana, filled the church with the Holy Spirit. Wow, what a service!!!!



“The Divine Service participant’s - Elected Officers”



“Members of the Clergy prepared for the Divine Service”



“Assembling for the Divine Service”

Sunday, October 8, 2017 continued

In the afternoon, the Loyal Ladies presented a fashion show and I am told it was a rousing success. They even had Brothers “strutting their stuff.” The Deputy for Louisiana, SGIG Harris, the Deputy for the Middle East, SGIG Walton, SGIG Willie Dickens, North Carolina, Michael Williams, Virgin Islands and Rev. Joshua participated. The Coordinator for the show was PSGLLR Patricia Lassiter, Maryland and the Narrator was ASGLLR Patricia Tutt, D.C. It was a fun time by all.

Dateline, Monday, October 9, 2017

The United Supreme Council open in full ceremonial. The Loyal Ladies opened with a prayer breakfast followed by the opening of their annual session. The SGC visited the Loyal Ladies and commended them on their progress thus far. He also announced that there would not be an election and the current national officers would retain their seats.



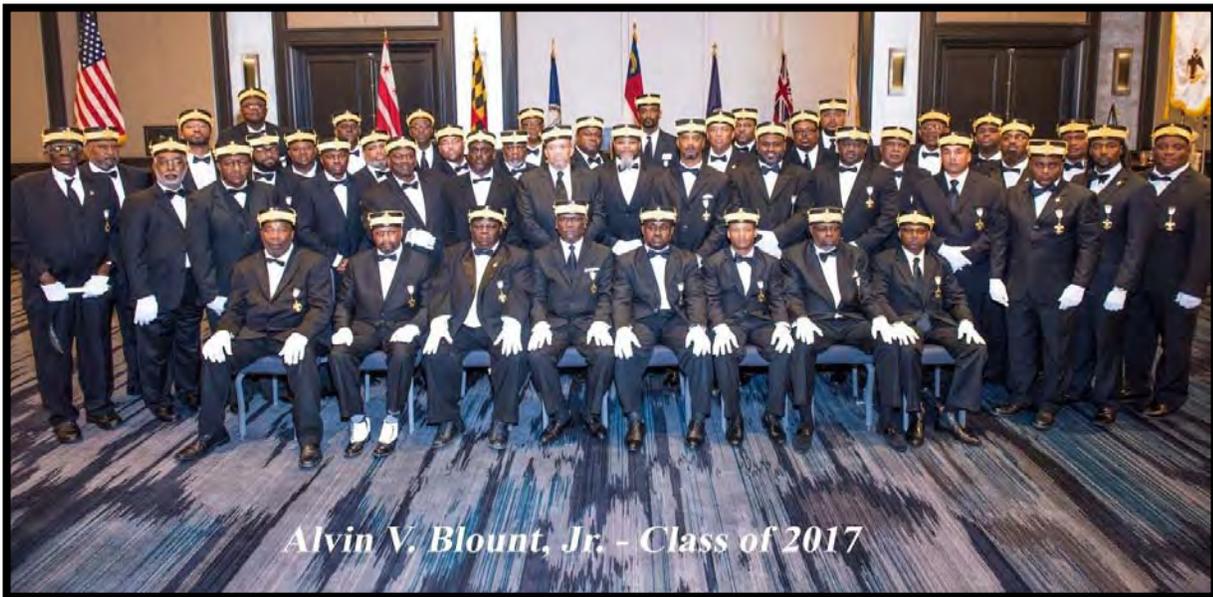
**“Beautiful Loyal Ladies assembled”
Absolutely beautiful and impeccably attired. WOW!!!**

Coming in the next edition:

The History of the Golden Circle will be featured and reprinted, permission of PSGLLR
Pattie Brown, North Carolina, Co-author

Monday, October 9, 2017 Cont

Back to the men. Following protocol and after receiving all dignitaries and guests, a delegation from Maryland, headed by SGIG Michael B. Allen conferred the Thirty-third and last degree upon the SGIG Dr. Alvin V. Blount, Jr. Class of 2017. I must admit it was a splendid job.



**Class Officers: Pres Louis Tolliver, LA, VP Nelson Moody, MD, Sec Raymond Renfrow, NC,
Trea Jacques Laroche, VI, Sergeant-at-Arms John Richardson, ME**

The SGC's allocation was inspiring. He spoke on what lies ahead for us to accomplish. That evening, the banquet was held. The Master of Ceremonies was SGIG A.K. Wilkins, Sr. and we commend him for holding the banquet to two hours. Now if we can only teach our Brothers to not respond to the toasts, meaning **we do not say**, "To the President or Hear, Hear." **Verbal responses are NOT given by attendees.**

Dateline, Tuesday, October 10, 2017

The United Supreme Council reconvened. However, some Sisters and Brothers had departed. Additional reports were presented and SGIG Andrew Pryor (Maryland) eloquently presented the State of the Rite Report. Following all reports and remarks by Sovereign Grand Commander, Dr. Slaughter, the session was closed with the "Chain of Union" and prayer. It was an enjoyable, educational and informative session. *(William J. L. Crisp)*



“SGIG’s assembled with the SGC Slaughter and Elected Officers” (LGC Fitch not shown)

A NEW CONSISTORY IS CONSECRATED

Jerusalem Consistory #294 Valley of Germany, Orient of Louisiana held its inaugural meeting on the 24th and 25th of November 2017 at the Miesau Army Depot, Kaiserslautern, Germany Military Community. During this time, they were able to *advance* four Master Masons through the 4th – 32nd Degrees in Scottish Rite Masonry. Jerusalem Consistory #294 welcomes Sublime Prince Alton Ashford, Sublime Prince Michael W. Lewis, Sublime Prince Daniel Gibson and Sublime Prince Treven Lagerman into the Scottish Rite family. The class name is “**Brothers of the Double Edge Sword.**”

We extend a much appreciated "Thanks" to: GIG Jeffery D. Mack, 1LT #294; SGIG Nathaniel Hill, Deputy for the Orient of Virginia; SGIG Frank F. Joshua, GIG Albert Pierce, GIG Robert Ford, GIG Charles T. Wells, GIG Charles Clements, and SP Colin Ford, Most Wise and Perfect Master, Lodge of Perfection #294. Their professionalism and support were great contributions to giving the newly



advanced Sublime Princes a view of “**The Rite.**” SGIG Nathaniel Hill graciously accepted an invitation and traveled from Virginia to Germany to assist SGIG Frank F. Joshua in the consecration and degree work.

Seated: SP M. Lewis, SP D. Gibson, SGIG Nathaniel Hill, (Deputy for the Orient for Virginia)
 SGIG Frank Joshua, (Overseer for Western Europe for Louisiana) SP A. Ashford, SP T. Lagerman
 Standing: GIG J. D. Mack, SP C. Ford, GIG C.T. Wells, GIG A. Pierce,
 Not in picture: GIG R. Ford, GIG C. Clements

ORIENT OF WASHINGTON, DC – HISTORY IS MADE

History has been made. This is the first time a State Grand Assembly has been named after a female member of our Order. The Fraters from United Consistory No. 1 and Morality Consistory No. 50, along with the RWSGW Anthony Corbitt of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia were in attendance to witness this historical occasion.

The Loyal Ladies of the **Thelma J. Tyler State Grand Assembly**, Order of the Golden Circle, Valley of Washington, Orient of the District of Columbia were installed on October 30, 2017. Illustrious Deputy for the Orient, SGIG Fredrick Joyner, 33 presided over the ceremony and installed SGLLR Eunice J. Dingle and the Elected and Appointed State Grand Assembly Officers.

The Orient was elated that Sovereign Grand Commander Dr. Ralph Slaughter made a surprise appearance while in Washington, DC on business. Sovereign Grand Commander Slaughter was also able to attend the reception with the Loyal Ladies and Fraters. This was indeed an honor for the District of Columbia.

CHARITY IS ALIVE AND WELL IN DC

SGLLR Dingle's first charitable endeavor, with the Eagles and the Doves, was held December 9, 2017. Food and clothing was passed out to the homeless. The Loyal Ladies and Fraters were so well received by the recipients that another event will be done in the near future. This was indeed a united task. Our Fraters worked along with us, helping with packing lunches, sorting clothes and toiletries, and with deliveries.



Eagles and Doves at Sixth District Metropolitan Police Department (MPD), Washington, DC



Doves preparation of food and clothing for distribution to the homeless



Eagles and Dove food preparation at Sixth District, MPD, Washington, DC



Food distribution for the homeless at Sixth District MPD, Washington, DC Conference Room



SGIG's Campbell & Brittingham
SGLLR Eunice J. Dingle



SGLLR Eunice J. Dingle ~ SGLLAR Patricia A. Tutt ~
SGLL Special Assistant Iceleen Griffin



WHO WAS THELMA JONES TYLER

Thelma Jones Tyler was born in Washington, DC on November 17, 1934 and died on April 12, 2012. Let's look at the dash between 1934 and 2012.

Orphaned at an early age and reared in a foster home with her two brothers, Thelma was always ambitious and excelled in all she did. She was enrolled at Howard University majoring in Nutrition Education. It was necessary for her to work and attend college. Her employment in a medical office developed her zeal for the health care profession.

With perseverance and determination, working and taking courses at Howard and Georgetown Universities, Thelma became a Dental Hygienist. She was employed by the Department of the Army at Walter Reed Medical Center Dental Clinic as a Hygienist for 37 years.

Her love for travel and need to travel with her membership in numerous organizations, she again enrolled in college to become a Certified Travel Agent. Thelma also had a flare for fashion and gardening. Thelma was an active member of Calvary Episcopal Church located at 820 6th Street, NE in Washington, DC.

Memberships of Thelma J. Tyler: As a member of Calvary Episcopal Church, she worked in the St. Monica's Guild and Daughter and Sons of Dorcas Quilting Guild; International Association of Accredited Travel Agents; Metropolitan Democratic Women; National Association of Retired Federal Employees Community serving as Chapter Treasurer for 12 years; CPR Instructor National Capitol American Red Cross for 28 years; National Association of Fashion and Accessory Designers serving as President of the DC Chapter; Past National Financial Secretary and Past National President; American Sewing Guild; Knitting Guild of America; Uhuru Quilter's Guild; and the Silver Spring Garden Club.

Prince Hall Affiliations of Thelma J. Tyler:

- 1977 ~ Worthy Matron, Gethsemane Chapter No. 3, Order of the Eastern Star
- 1985 ~ Grand Worthy Matron, Georgiana Thomas Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star; established the Grand Chapter Moorland Spingarn Depository at Howard University
- 1985 ~ Honorary Past Commandress, Mecca Court No. 2, an Auxiliary of the AEAONMS, Inc
- 1986 ~ Loyal Lady Ruler, Richard Howell Gleaves Assembly No. 2, Order of the Golden Circle
- 1995 ~ Most Ancient Grand Matron, Julia A. Jackson Grand Court, Heroines of Jericho
- 1998 ~ Grand Princess Commandress, Marie I. Smith Grand Court, Cyrene Crusaders
- 2001 ~ Chartered Member and first Royal Grand Perfect Matron, Dorcas Grand Court, Ladies of the Circle of Perfection
- 2006 ~ Honorary Past Imperial Commandress, an Auxiliary of the AEAONMS, Inc
- 2007 ~ Honorary General Grand Conference Most Ancient Grand Matron, Heroines of Jericho
- 2007 ~ Chartered Member of Matthew Ellis, Jr. State Grand Assembly, Order of the Golden Circle – State Grand Loyal Lady Guide
- 2010 ~ State Grand Loyal Lady Associate Ruler, Matthew Ellis Jr. State Grand Assembly, Order of the Golden Circle
- 2010 ~ General Grand Conference Royal Grand Perfect Matron, Ladies of the Circle of Perfection

Her Life Long Motto: *"I will not ask more of you than I have been willing to give."*

How fleeting is the dash between the cradle and the grave? Thelma J. Tyler lived a committed life and contributed much. Her value and worth can only be judged by Almighty God and He alone.
(PLLR Barbara J. Clark)

Hear The Doctor

SPIRITUALITY and HEALTH

We are all marvelously created and designed by GOD.



Our MIND, BODY, SOUL and SPIRIT are all connected and work together perfectly according to HIS design. When we live according to HIS PRINCIPLES, our life will be fulfilling and we are more likely to experience a life of PEACE, JOY and HOPE. This creates an environment that favors good health. The link between Spirituality and Health is synonymous with the relationship between Faith and Health. Research studies have

shown that dedication to GOD or a "Higher Power" translates into less stress reactivity, greater feelings of well-being and ultimately a decreased fear of death.

After practicing medicine for more than forty years, I have become acutely aware that my patients, as well as all of us, may have different belief systems. I know that in the management of my patients, GOD guides my hand. I know that not only do I care *for* my patients, I care *about* them. Unfortunately, the delivery of Healthcare in the 21st Century has changed and the "personal touch" has often been lost in far too many situations.

Consider prayer and healing. When we turn our hearts and minds to our Lord and Savior, we know that it is through HIM that positive things will happen. Praying for one who is sick can stimulate faith in that person. This envelops that person we are praying for and they become a part of the prayer, even without that person saying anything at all.

If we believe GOD answers our prayers (not always as we think HE will, but nevertheless always), we naturally will have a heartfelt desire to thank him, "THANK YOU LORD." My Sisters and Brothers in your search for Health and Wellness in your MIND, BODY, SOUL & SPIRIT, it is maximally important to have FAITH, in addition to all the academic and formal information you receive.

I hope this article has been stimulating. For more information I can be contacted at: jacksonldavis3@verizon.net or (202) 550-7067. (SGIG Jackson L. Davis, III, MD)

(This article was written by then GIG William Powell Thomas, President, Commanders of the Rite, Orient of Maryland. It logically follows our previous article on the Kings and the use and prominence of these Prophets should be apparent to you. Perhaps their value or lessons to us are not as clear as the Kings; however, we encourage your contemplation and speculation. Reprinted with permission from SGIG William Powell Thomas.)

SEVEN SELECTED PROPHETS

“Hear now my words: If there be a prophet among you, I the LORD will make myself known unto him in a vision and will speak unto him in a dream.” Num 12:6

In the Spring Bulletin, you were introduced to a very select set of sovereigns. That begs a follow-up of a similar select set of prophets. All of these seven prophets are found in the Holy Bible which you are encouraged to read for yourself. The Bible makes references to hundreds of prophets. Some are named some are not. Some were true some were false. Most were male, but some were female. Some wrote, some were written about. But, before we focus on the seven selected prophets, we should have a general understanding about prophets. True prophets were called by God; whereas, kings (in most cases) were selected from the first-born son of the preceding king; judges were by appointment, and priests (normally by birthright) from a family of priests. The priests spoke to God for the people. The prophets spoke to the people for God. Their job was to remind the people of God's laws; to announce God's instructions, and to foretell coming events. True prophets spoke what “thus saith the Lord.” False prophets spoke for personal gain and were often killed when found to be false. The Hebrew names for prophet were words that meant "to see" or "to announce."

Another way of categorizing prophets is now used for those prophets with books in the Old Testament (OT.) This category is based on

book length and has nothing to do with any of the prophets without books in the Bible. Some of these books are called major and some are called minor. The difference is books written by the major prophets are longer than those by the minor prophets. In fact, the shortest book by a major prophet (Daniel) is almost twice as long as the longest book (Zechariah) by a minor prophet. Look at a sequential list of the OT. The last seventeen books were written by this group of prophets. The first five of the last seventeen books were written by Major Prophets. (One of these, Jeremiah, also wrote Lamentations.) The last twelve of these books (the last twelve in the OT) were written by the Minor Prophets.

Following are the seven selected prophets. The first two are the **last two of the Major Prophets** and the last five are the **last five Minor Prophets**:

Ezekiel (ee-zee'kee-el) meaning God Strengthens (570 BC)

His is the twenty-sixth book of the OT and the fourth book of the Major Prophets. He prophesied as an exile in Babylon during the reign of Nebuchadnezzar. He was a contemporary of Daniel. He was in the country with most of the exiles while Daniel was more in and around the palace. He was among the first captives and he was able to send word to the people still in Jerusalem, urging them to turn back to God or they would be forced to join him in exile. After Jerusalem fell, he continued to urge his fellow exiles to turn again to God, so they could eventually return to their homeland. He had great visions. He saw, "a wheel... in the midst of a wheel." (Ezek 10:10) and he saw the valley of "drybones" (Ezek 37-38) that predicted the restoration of the Jews in Jerusalem. In the 34th Chapter, he foretold of a good shepherd (John 10:11.)

Daniel (dan'i-el) meaning God Is My Judge (606-534 BC)

His is the twenty-seventh book of the OT and the fifth and last book of the Major Prophets. He

probably was in his mid teens when taken with the first group of captives by the Babylonians. He prophesied both to Gentiles and to Jews during captivity. He was well educated and held high office under four different kings, Nebuchadnezzar, Cyrus, Belshazzar, and Darius. Three of his friends were Hanniah, Mishael, and Azariah. The Babylonians had trouble pronouncing their names, so they called Daniel Belteshazzar and called his friends Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego. His friends would not worship the Babylonian God and the Babylonians tried to kill them by putting them in a fiery furnace. God delivered them. The Babylonians put Daniel in a den with lions because he worshiped his own God, but God also delivered him from harm. Daniel predicted the coming of the Messiah 483 years after a decree to rebuild Jerusalem and that the Messiah would be cut off (Dan 9:25 26.) Because of Nehemiah 2:1-8, the decree is dated in 444 BC. Jesus' Triumphant Entry into Jerusalem is made in 33 AD - 476 years. However, a prophetic year was only 360 days thus making the prophetic calculation 483 years.

Habakkuk (huh-bak'kuhk) meaning One Who Clings (612-589 BC)

His is the thirty-fifth book of the OT and the eighth book of the Minor Prophets. He was active about the same time as Jeremiah. He prophesied to the Judeans before the captivity of Jerusalem. He climbed onto his watchtower and asked God why nothing was done about the sins of the people of Judah. God told him the Babylonians would destroy Judah. Then Habakkuk asked God why a people more evil than Judah would be allowed to destroy them. God said the Babylonians only seemed to be prospering for a time but that “the just shall live by faith.” Habakkuk realized that God is “my salvation” and “my strength.” (Hab 3:18-19.) The use of the word salvation is also a reference to Jesus because the name Jesus means savior.

Zephaniah (zef-uh-ni'uh) meaning Yahweh Hides (640-621 BC)

His is the thirty-sixth book of the OT and the ninth book of the Minor Prophets. He was the great-great-grandson of Hezekiah, King of Judah 745-716 BC. He probably overlapped Jeremiah and Habakkuk. He prophesied to the Judeans before captivity and he denounced the rulers and the nation for various kinds of sin. He said they would be punished, especially those in Jerusalem, but that a faithful remnant would be saved. He predicted the destruction of Assyria. He foretold the savior (Zeph 3: 17.)

Haggai (hag'ay-i) meaning Festival of Yahweh (520 BC)

His is the thirty-seventh book of the OT and the tenth book of the Minor Prophets. He returned with the exiles for the rebuilding of the temple and he was probably an old man at the time. His recorded ministry was about four months and overlapped the ministry of Zechariah. He rebuked the people for rebuilding their houses instead of rebuilding the temple. The people started work on the temple and he assured them it would be as glorious as the old temple. The Jesus connection of this book is made through Zerubbabel (also spelled Zorobabel), the governor of Judah after captivity. Zerubbabel was a link in the David to-Jesus lineage (Luke 3:27.) He connected the twenty-one generations from David to himself to the twenty-one generations from himself to Jesus. Zerubbabel was made a signet of God (Hag 2:23.) Zerubbabel was the center of the Messianic line sealing both parts.

Zechariah (zach-uh-ri'uh) meaning Yahweh Remembers (520 BC)

His is the thirty-eighth book of the OT and the eleventh book of the Minor Prophets. He returned with his grandfather to help rebuild the temple. He was a contemporary of Haggai but a much younger man and his ministry lasted about two years. He stressed the importance of temple worship and encouraged the people to complete the temple. He warned his generation not to behave as their fathers had done. Their fathers were gone but God remained. Zechariah made

several references to the coming Savior. Some of the more obvious are: "...thy King cometh. . . lowly and riding upon an ass..."(Zech 9:9;) "Out of him came forth the comer, out of him the nail,"(Zech 10:4;) "So they weighed for my price thirty pieces of silver."(Zech11:12;) "they shall look upon me whom they have pierced,"(Zech 12:10;) "a fountain opened. . . for sin and for uncleanness."(Zech 13:1.)

Malachi (mal'uh-ki) meaning My Messenger (432-425 BC)

His is the thirty-ninth and last book of the OT and his is the twelfth and last book of the Minor Prophets. He prophesied almost one hundred years after the second temple was completed. The priests had grown tired and corruption had crept into the system. The people neglected their tithes and offerings. They were asked, "Will a man rob God?..." (Mal 3:8,) but if they brought their tithes and offerings they were promised, "...I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it."(Mal 3:10.) Malachi foretold of the coming of John the Baptist, preparing the way for Christ (Mal 3:1.)

The following is a timeline of the lives of the prophets.

959 BC. The first temple was completed at Jerusalem. The Twelve Tribes were united under the reign of Solomon as the nation of Israel.

931 BC. King Solomon is dead. The kingdom divides in two parts. The Southern Kingdom was formed by the tribes of Benjamin and Judah (the tribe of David.) It was also known as the Kingdom of Judah. The Northern Kingdom was formed by the remaining ten tribes and continued to be called Israel.

722 BC. The tribes of Israel are taken into captivity by the Assyrian Empire. These tribes of Israel were not heard of again.

632 BC. The Babylonian Empire takes the Assyrian Empire. (Both empires were located on lands that are now Syria and Iraq.)

Habakkuk 612-589 BC.

Zephaniah 640-621 BC.

586 BC. The three stage captivity of Judah began by the Babylonians.

Ezekiel 570 BC.

Daniel 606-534 BC.

538 BC. The first of the exiles of Judah returns to Jerusalem.

Haggai 520 B.C.

Zechariah 520 BC.

Malachi 432-425 BC.

And then there were four hundred years of prophetic silence.

SCOTTISH RITE PRONOUNCIATIONS

(Bold numbers represent the degrees with words found therein)

Lodge of Perfection

4. Zizon – Zie as in eye and zon with the o as in ah Adonai – Add dough nye
5. Jehovah 6. Joabert – Joe bert 7. Tito. Cimi Cumi. – Sim me Kum mi – Cum as in Kum Bah Yah
- Shekinah – Shek in naw 8. Benkhorim - Benk Ho Rim Jah Hua. Yevay Shekinah. Ya with broad
a – Jah Hua (Ya Way) – Yevay Shekinah - Ye Vay as in Faye
9. Nekum - Knee cum - Gaborai Khayil – Ga as in car Ga bore rye Car Yield
10. Zerbal - Alkhanan – Al Ka Hain none 11. Emeth – E meeth - Adonai - 12. Rabanaim –
Ra bane knee um – Adonai - 13. Hamaleck Gibulum – Ham are leck Gibb a lum
Y.H.V.H (sometimes shown as Y.H.W.H.) representing Yehweh (the Tetragrammaton)
14. Be Makah Bomearah – Bee Ma Car, Bo Mear rah, Mahabin – Ma Haw bin
J.H.V.H. – Yod He Vau He – Yod as in hoed Hay Vow Hay (Yod – sometimes as in Hood)

Chapter of Rose Croix

15. Libertas – Lib er tas 16. Tebet – Ta bet Adar – Ah dah 17. Jubulum - Abaddon –
Ah bar don 18. Emanuel - I.N.R.I. (to be lettered alternately)

Councils of Kadosh

19. Emanuel Alleluia 20. Jekson, Stolkin 21. Peleg – Pay leg – Shem Hem Japhet – Shim Hem Jar fet
22. Japhet, Aholiab – Ah Holy ab, Lebanon - Noah, Bezaleel – Bey za leal, Sardonias – Saar
don as in condone - nay us 23. Uriel – Uh Rye el 24. Uriel 25. I.N.R.I. to be lettered only -
Moses
26. Gomel – Go mel, Ghiblim and Gabaon – Gibb limb and Gar bar on - Jehovah, Jachin
Ednl-pen-cagu - Endle pen car goo 27. Solomon 28. Stibium – Stee bee um
29. Ardriel – Ah dree el 30. Nekam - Knee come

Consistory

31. None 32. Phalkol – farle call - Pharashkol – Far rask call
Hockmah – Hock maw Tsedakah – Say dock ah

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