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43RD & 42ND ANNUAL GRAND SESSIONS CHANGES AT THE TOP RANKS



The 43rd and 42nd Annual Grand Sessions and festivities came to a close on late afternoon Saturday, June 1, 2024 with changes at the top of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Nevada and Desert Rose Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star.

First, God Blessed this jurisdiction as the Grim Reaper did not take anyone this past year as St. Mark Lodge #1 hosted the Memorial Service on Wednesday, May 29, 2024 as the Eastern Stars provided refreshments for the brothers. On Thursday, May 30th, King Solomon Lodge #2 hosted the Table Lodge and a meal for the attendees. Friday, marked the last time we'd see then Grand Master Ken Askins at the podium as the Grand Master/Grand Worthy Matron Banquet as he had announced in April that he would not seek re-election as Grand Master. But, it also marked the last time, then Grand Worthy Matron Sarah Hernandez would be at the podium as head of Desert Rose Grand Chapter.

Levy Belton was elected and installed as the 12th Grand Master for the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Nevada.

Grand Master Belton's administration includes, Deputy Grand Master Archie McArthur III, RW Senior Grand Warden Anthony Downton, RW Junior Grand Warden David Austin, RW Grand Treasurer Lionel Newby, RW Grand Secretary Jamar Grovner, RW Grand Lecturer Khalid Sultan, RW Grand Tyler Elisha Sumbani, RW Grand Trustees Carl Dawson, Robert McGee and Scott Walker.

Desert Rose Grand Chapter also had changes as Yasmin Stampley became Grand Worthy Matron beating out PGM Sarah Fernandez as she served just one year in the seat. PM Thomas Nicholson was appointed Grand Worthy Patron along with the Grand Associate Patron Kinte Mitchell. Kimiya Williams retained the seat of Grand Associate Matron. Grand Conductress went to Tina Hardin-Howard. The Grand Treasurer is PGM Sandra Pardue-Jones and the Grand Secretary is Shannon Smith.

Grand Session is over. Now it's time for unity and progression. This body has one more year before the next session to grow, come together and work on peace and harmony.

GOD IS...

OUR REFUGE
AND STRENGTH

Proverbs 3:5-6

Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight.

Rev. Richard Vega
PMW Grand Master

MOST WORSHIPFUL
PRINCE
HALL GRAND LODGE OF
NEVADA

JACK HAYWOOD LODGE #6 AWARD \$500 SCHOLARSHIPS TO SIX STUDENTS



Jack Haywood Lodge #6 showed one of the reasons why they are Lodge of the Year for 2024. Community Service was served in a big way as they developed a relationship with the “STEAMbotics-Robotics After School Program through Past Master Hillmon’s wife. The program was to provide sponsorship 2 years ago. The brothers of Jack Haywood was so impressed with their work that they committed to work with them and support them. It was decided that they would award 6 students scholarships and ensure their parents received information on how to establish and maintain a 529 college account through the bank. A job well done by Jack Haywood #6.

SILVER STAR CHAPTER #1 CHAPTER OF THE YEAR

The Sisters of Silver Star Chapter #1 stayed busy in the community. They hosted bingo for the seniors at Doolittle Senior Center. They also donated water to Doolittle. They hosted a family of 3 for Christmas. Participated with the backpack drive to name a few. Salvation Army Christmas Day feeding. As you can see, Silver Star #1 put in some work....and this is not all of it. Congratulations to the ladies of Silver Star #1.

JACK HAYWOOD LODGE #6 LODGE OF THE YEAR

What can you say about Jack Haywood Lodge #6. They offer 6 students scholarships. Well, they sponsor an AAU Team. They support an Elementary School with chaperones and funding for their school dance. This is what Lodge of the Year does. Great job for brothers of Jack Haywood Lodge #6.

PM ANTHONY HORSLEY MASTER MASON OF THE YEAR

Past Master Anthony Horsley is the 2023-24 Master Mason of the Year. Brother Horsley is a member of Phillip E. Bell Jr. #5. Brother Horsley is always willing to help in any way he can. A recent Past Master, he not only participates in community service with PEB #5, but he assist brothers from other lodges as well as Grand Lodge events and activities. A congratulations is well deserved to Brother Horsley.

SIS. KESHERA “KIKI” MILES EASTERN STAR OF THE YEAR

Sister Kiki Miles is a member of Queen Esther Chapter #2 is Eastern Star of the Year. She’s a mighty influential member of Queen Esther #2. She’s innovative and ambitious when it comes to the activities of the chapter. Participates in all community service events. She assists the Grand Chapter in events as well. Congratulations to Kiki for an outstanding job well done.

NEVADA REPRESENTING AT MOST WORSHIPFUL PRINCE HALL GRAND LODGE OF NM GRAND SESSION

Most Worshipful Grand Master Belton, the 17th Past Grand Matron Hernandez, Grand Worthy Matron Stampley, Sister Kim Conner, Brother Ed Story representing MW Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Nevada.



In accepting the honor of Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Nevada, my main goal will be for the Grand Lodge to Promote Masonic Growth. We need to seek all eligible and potential members and give them the opportunity to join our great Order.

As stated earlier, My question to the membership is, What have you done for The Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Nevada lately? Another of our task for the grand Lodge this year is to communicate and work together — individual glory and praises will be given to those accomplishing the work of Grand Lodge of Nevada. This Grand Lodge has many suggestions on its’ agenda and with your assistance and the blessing of the leaders you elected, we will provide the knowledge and material to make the Grand Lodge a model for all Prince Hall Grand Lodge.



MWGM *Levy Belton*

I am grateful, blessed and honored that I have been elected to the position of Grand Worthy Matron of Desert Rose Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, Prince Hall Affiliate, Nevada Jurisdiction. This is the organization that I love and have been a dedicated member since October 7, 2007 (17 years of service.). Through this journey, I have always remembered to love one another no matter what the challenges may have been.

During the 2024-25 year my goal is to,

My goal is to increase our presence in the local and national community. As a collective group, we can make a substantial impact. On the local level, back-to-school and masonic angel tree. On a national level, March of Dimes and American Cancer Association (Breast Cancer).

Technology is ever growing and changing. We must not be left behind. I would like to automate I would like to transition into automating Desert Rose Grand Chapter forms, financial transactions, and manuals. Ongoing training will be provided to ease any concerns that individuals may have.

Policies and procedures that guide our organization and give us a clear understanding of how our work should be done are essential. My goal is to begin work on a policies and procedures manual to guide our operating functions. This will help our chapters run smoothly and have an understanding on necessary policy and procedures.

In conclusion, we can work together for the greater good of the organization. As a team, with unity and peace, service ignites progress: Together we thrive.

GWM *Yasmin Stampley*

SISTERS SICK & DISRES

- PGM Cranford Crawford*
- PGM Willie Waters*
- PGM Tyrone "TC" Freeman*
- PGM Richard Vega*
- PGM Ken Askins (Family)*
- PM Jesse Reynolds (Family)*
- PM Roosevelt Freeman*
- PM Khalid Sultan*
- PM Gary Sharpe*
- PM Robert McGee*
- PM Thomas Nicholson*
- PM Ron Collins*
- PM Claude McKinney*
- PM Art Hall*
- PM Kinte Mitchell (Aunt)*
- MM Odell Bryant*
- Bro Angelo Coleman*
- MM George Thornton*
- MM Jayanni Joseph (Sister)*
- FC Nathan Scott*
- PM Theresa Thomas*
- WM Michelle Sanders (family)*

Prayers

Jurisdiction Celebrates St. John's the Baptist Day



As God shines His Light on the church, First African Methodist Episcopal Church, the Brothers and Sisters of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Nevada entered as one body to the house of Worship to celebrate St. John's the Baptist Day. It's a mandatory event for masons throughout Prince

KING SOLOMON #2 along with **QUEEN ESTHER #2** continue to feed the homeless



MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY PARADE



Then Grand Master, now Past Grand Master Ken Askins led the way along with a few of his Phillip E. Bell Jr. #5 Brothers who are preparing to lineup to walk the Martin Luther King Day Parade. Soon there would be 30 brothers and more sisters to follow as the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Nevada and Desert Rose Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star marched downtown Las Vegas in honor of the late great Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. The jurisdiction was 25th in the marching lineup. This parade has been going on for many years with no end in sight.

HANGING WITH THE BROTHERS OF ANDREW HORTON #8



Past Most Worshipful Grand Master Jesse J. Smith got to enjoy some time with old buddies at Andrew Horton Military Lodge #8.

NEVADA JURISDICTION TICKET SALES

HEAD OF HOUSE BANQUET
JULY 27, 2024

Tickets for the Heads of House Banquet are on sale. Cost is \$100 and it will be at Nevada Partners at 7pm. Use your camera to pay by Zelle. Or, reach out to 2nd Lieutenant Ivan Smith @ (847) 347-1299 for cash arrangements.



Breaking News!!

SISTERS SUPPORTING SISTERS

The Stars from Silver Star #1, Bells of Joy #3 and Alpha and Omega #4 came together and supported a serious matter, the Walk for Lupus. Purple was the color of the event. As those of you that may not know, Lupus, also known as systemic lupus erythematosus (SLE), is a chronic autoimmune disease that causes the body's immune system to attack healthy tissues and organs. This attack can lead to inflammation and permanent tissue damage in many parts of the body, including the skin, joints, heart, lungs, kidneys, brain, and blood vessels. A job well done to come together to support the cause.

PRINCE HALL AMERICANISM WEEKEND

SEPTEMBER 13-14, 2024

Before we eat barbeque and play games on our Prince Hall Americanism Day, come enjoy a night of music, laughter and hors d'oeuvres with a live band, comedian and DJ. Friday's event starts at 7pm. Use your camera on the QR Code to purchase the \$100 ticket for Friday night.



NOMINATED FOR HONORARY 33rd DEGREE...

SP IVAN SMITH III

At the Council of Deliberation, where the Deputy of the Orient, Sovereign Grand Inspector General Jesse J. Smith presides, Sublime Prince Ivan Smith III was nominated and accepted to receive the Honorary 33° at the Ancient & Accepted Scottish Rite, United Supreme Council 33°, Southern Jurisdiction, Prince Hall Affiliated, in Memphis, Tennessee in October 2024.

I was born in the charming town of Lawrance Kansas to Ivan and Betty Smith on May 19, 1966, the eldest of three siblings, I grew-up in Kansas City, Kansas. I graduated from Washington High School, and shortly after entered the United States Army. I served in the Army for 32 years in the Corps of Engineers, twelve of those years were on Active Duty and the balance in the Army Reserve.



I am a Sublime Prince of Lewis F. Cottrell Consistory #339 where I have been elected to the following stations:

- Most Excellent & Perfect Knight Senior Warden, Chapter of the Rose Croix
- 2nd Lieutenant Commander, Council of Kadosh
- Illustrious Grand 2nd Lieutenant Commander, Consistory

I am also appointed the Illustrious Grand Master of Ceremonies, Council of Deliberation.

OPHIR TEMPLE #211 & OPHIR COURT #201 JOINT BALL WEEKEND

OCTOBER 25-27, 2024

Come celebrate Illustrious Potentate Carl Dawson and Illustrious Commandress Ursula Hatcher at SunCoast Hotel and Casino, 9090 Alta Drive, Las Vegas, NV. Tickets \$100 until September 10. After September 10, \$125



UPCOMING EVENTS

July 27, 2024

- *Head of House Banquet
- Nevada Partners
- 690 W. Lake Mead
- North Las Vegas, NV
- 7pm

September 13, 2024

- *Sneakers & Stiletto Night
- (Venue revealed when tix is bought)
- See ticket sales section for details
- 7pm - 1am

October 25, 2024

- *Ophir Temple #211 & Ophir Court #201
- Party Sunrise Room & Hospitality
- SunCoast Hotel & Casino
- 9090 Alta Drive
- Las Vegas, NV
- 6pm-10pm

August 3, 2024

- *Desert Rose Grand Chapter
- Back-to-School Backpack Drive
- Skyview YMCA
- 3050 E. Centennial Pkwy
- North Las Vegas, NV 89081
- 10am—2pm

September 14, 2024

- *Prince Hall Americanism Day
- Craig Ranch Park
- 628 W. Craig Ranch Rd.
- North Las Vegas, NV 89032
- 5pm—10pm

October 26, 2024

- *Ophir Temple #211 & Ophir Court #201
- Ball Cocktails, Ball & Hospitality
- SunCoast Hotel & Casino
- 9090 Alta Drive
- Las Vegas, NV
- 6pm-11pm

PM AARON THOMAS OF ANDREW HORTON MILITARY LODGE #8 HAS LAID DOWN HIS WORKING TOOLS

The Grim Reaper has reared its ugly head, but on the bright side, God has received a hard working innovator. Past Master Aaron Thomas, age 78, has laid down his working tools. Bro. Thomas fought a long fight but succumb to his illness. Past Master Thomas was not only Worshipful Master for Andrew Horton Military Lodge #8, he was also Worshipful Master for then David Coe Lodge #2 before changing its name to King Solomon Lodge #2. Most Worshipful Grand Master Levy Belton delivered the Proclamation for Past Master Aaron Thomas. He will definitely be missed. This jurisdiction has lost a good one.



DESERT ROSE GRAND CHAPTER BACK-TO-SCHOOL BACKPACK EVENT

Desert Rose Grand Chapter will again host their annual back-to-school drive. Past Grand Matron Patricia Armstrong is the Chairperson for the event. It will be held at Skyview YMCA, 3050 E. Centennial Pkwy, North Las Vegas, NV 89081. The date is Saturday, August 3, 2024 from 10am - 2pm. Let's all come together and help out by donating backpacks for this event. There are many families that could receive relief of one less thing to worry about in receiving a donated backpack and supplies. Desert Rose's goal is 700 backpacks. We have the people and the means in all lodges and chapters. Let's get out and support. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact PGM Armstrong at (702)372-6999 or by email at armstro-pa@yahoo.com. Grand Worthy Matron Yasmin Stampley along with PGM Patricia Armstrong and The Desert Rose Grand Chapter, Order of the Easter Star thank you in advance.

MAAHES TEMPLE #277 CELEBRATE JUBILEE DAY

The newest Prince Hall Temple in the Desert, Maahes Temple #277, with the Illustrious Potentate Monty McCoy, Oasis of the Desert David Austin and Deputy of the Desert Gary Sharpe celebrates Jubilee Day on June 1, 2024.

The history of Jubilee Day began in August 1914, with a lawsuit sought by White Shriners against Prince Hall Shriners, which ended in a historic decision by the United States Supreme Court on June 3, 1929. The lawsuit attempted to deprive Prince Hall Shriners of using the name, designation, letters, emblems, and regalia as Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, and to only be recognized as Shriners. It also extended those implications to all appending Prince Hall Masons established in the United States.



RWDGM McARTHUR III

VISITS MWPHGL OF KANSAS GRAND SESSION TO SEE CABLETOW ELECTED AS MOST WORSHIPFUL GRAND MASTER

RW Deputy Grand Master Archie McArthur III attends MWPHGL of KS 2024 Session to witness cabletow MWGM Johnnie Eaves elected.

In the photo, these Brothers were members of Cornerstone Military Lodge #135, Baumholder, Germnay, MWPHGL of OK in 1994
Left to Right, PM Larry Strickland(PDDGM), PM Edward Walker(PDDGM), RWDGM Archie McArthur, MWGM Johnnie Eaves(JW), PM Jonathan Goodwin(WM), and PM Silas Allen.



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