



A QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER FROM THE MWP HGL OF NEVADA // JULY 2018

PHAMILY *Life*

MOVE OVER PGWMS..... YOU HAVE COMPANY!



2014 was the year that Patricia Armstrong became Grand Worthy Matron of the Desert Rose Grand Chapter. And here's how she reflect on those four years.

Sending Sisterly greetings to each of you

As I've made this journey the last 4 years I have bitter-sweet memories; never the less memories are what I will cherish. I would first like to say "THANK YOU" to all that has gone over and beyond the service, for doing what was asked of you and doing it in Love and Kindness. I could not have accomplished any of it without the support of each of you.

A leader is only as good as the followers behind them, and I salute each of you for being the anchor that carried this grand body with me. Each of you bring something unique to this jurisdiction that binds it together, and make it a good jurisdiction. Congratulation to the newly elected Worthy Matrons you have taken on a role that is a great responsibility. Your members have put their trust in you. Lead in good conscious knowing that the decisions you make are for the Good of the Chapter and not for self, or personal motives.

I see Great things for Desert Rose Grand Chapter. I encourage each of you to be an active voice in what is to be. I leave you with this:

Cherish the PAST –

For it tells who we are and holds the memories of those that worked hard to create what we have today.

Embrace the PRESENT –

It is history in the making, what we do today will determine who we are tomorrow.

Prepare for the FUTURE –

For the great things coming to our Jurisdiction.

GOD IS... OUR REFUGE AND STRENGTH

Psalm 16:7

**When a man's ways
please the Lord, he
maketh even his enemies
to be at peace with him.**

Brothers, let this be a guide for all seasons.

Thomas Nicholson
RW Grand Chaplain

ISSUE HIGHLIGHTS

Fundraisers, charity events and upcoming events that are happening around the jurisdiction. Brothers and sisters doing charity work outside the jurisdiction.

Grand Master comments. Sick and Distress. Wedding Bells. Ticket sales. Consistory education.

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A WORD FROM THE MOST WORSHIPFUL GRAND MASTER REV. RICHARD VEGA

Greetings my Brothers and Sisters of the MWPHG LNV and DRGC OES. As we begin the ensuing year 2018-19, I would like to thank you for all the outstanding support you have given me in my first two years as your Grand Master. We have accomplished many things and the Jurisdiction is heading in the right direction. I can say we are on

the move and we should not lose momentum. We will be hosting the 2019 Four Corners Conference and we will have a great conference. We will, also, have our



second annual Grand Lodge Retreat, in addition, our annual Prince Hall Americanism Day Cookout. And the list goes on. So as you can see, we will be busy again this new Masonic year. Again, I thank you all my Brothers and Sisters. You do make a difference in our communities. God Bless You All!
—MWGM Rev. Richard Vega

OPHIR TEMPLE #211 CELEBRATE JUBILEE DAY

On June 3, 2018, the Nobles of Ophir Temple # 211 held their annual Jubilee Day Service. This year marked the 88th anniversary of the historic unanimous Supreme Court decision in the case of Ancient Egyptian Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine et al. v. Michaux et al on June 3, 1929. The decision confirmed our rights as African Americans to participate in fraternal orders the same as our White or Caucasian counterparts. In addition, we were granted the rights as Prince Hall Shriners to use the same titles, emblems, and regalia used by White or Caucasian Shriners. It was a long 15-year battle that began in 1914 and decided in our favor during an era filled with Jim Crow laws with the sole purpose of racial segregation and limiting our rights as African American citi-



zens. Jubilee Day is indeed a great day for celebration. We are forever grateful to the fearless and dedicated group of African American Nobles that fought for rights as African American Shriners.

2018-19 LODGE OF THE YEAR PHILLIP E. BELL JR. #5



A surprised congratulations is warranted to Phillip E. Bell #5 for winning Lodge of the Year for 2018-19. A Congratulations nonetheless. Community service and participation within the jurisdiction is the name of the game. This is Phillip Bell's 2nd Lodge of the Year in the last 3 years with Jack Haywood Lodge #6 keeping them from a threepeat.

KING SOLOMON'S ASOLUPE BIRD RECEIVED A DISTINGUISHED AWARD

Asolupe Bird of King Solomon Lodge #2 received a distinguished but well deserved award. Asolupe is a very active member of the Wounded Warrior Project and within his community. In March of 2018, he was invited to by the Wounded Warrior Project to participate in a Leadership Conference held in San Diego and was awarded a plaque recognizing and acknowledging him for his service to others. For the last 3 years, Asolupe has coordinated and directed a peer support group for veterans on the first and



third Wednesday of every month in the Las Vegas area. In this group, he has been able to help veterans receive the help they need to obtain emotional, financial and professional strength and stability. Identifying that social health is also important to one's overall being, Asolupe helps organize fun activities to bring veterans and their families together. Asolupe's passion in life is to see others live their lives at their best capabilities. Asolupe serves others every day. His service can be something as simple as helping a neighbor move their furniture, giving someone a ride or just simply lending a listening ear or a shoulder to lean on. Asolupe is full perseverance, determination and love for mankind.

2018-19 CHAPTER OF THE YEAR

SILVER STAR #1



Silver Star Chapter #1 and Worthy Matron Sandra Horton are the winners of the 2018-19 Chapter of the Year. Silver Star #1 put in hard work. A big congratulations to the Chapter of the Year.

That was not the only award passed out at the Gloria Freeman Appreciation Dinner on April 28th. Grand Associate Patron and Worthy Patron Jamar Grovner and Sis Michelle Sanders, both of Queen Esther #2 are King and Queen respectively. But the most awards went to Bells of Joy Chapter #3 as they won Worthy Matron of the Year (Tessa Williams), Worthy Patron of the Year (Kinte Mitchell), Associate Matron of the Year (Tina Hardin-Howard), What a night. Congratulations to all!

PROMOTION IN THE CHURCH

Bro. Anthony Nixon of Phillip E. Bell Jr. Lodge #5 has a new title added to his name. Reverend Nixon has been elected Pastor at Pleasant Grove Missionary Baptist Church. Congratulations to Bro. Rev Anthony Nixon.

2018-19 OES EASTERN STAR OF THE YEAR

Past Matron Theresa Thomas of Bells of Joy Chapter #3 has earned the title of Star of the Year. Congratulations to Sis Thomas for a job well done.



2018-19 MASTER MASON OF THE YEAR

LeMelvin Dockett of Phillip E. Bell Jr. #5 has won 2018-19 Master Mason of the Year in the Nevada Jurisdiction. Congratulations is in order for your hard work and dedication to the fraternity.

WEDDING ANNOUNCEMENT

FRANK WADE & EMILEE GRIFFIN

Brother Frank Wade and his fiancée Emilee Griffin would like to announce the date of their wedding March 7th 2019 at Emerald at Queens Ridge.

Brother Wade is a member of King Solomon Lodge #2 in Las Vegas Nevada.



SICK & DISTRESSES

- PGM Charles Searcy
- PGM Jesse J. Smith
- PM Will Collins (family)
- PM William "Art" Hall
- PM Joe Holmes
- PM Ron Collins
- PM Franklin Briggs
- PM Donald Veal
- PM Robert McGee (family)
- PM William Hince
- PM Jack Spivey
- PM Nathan Pressley
- PM Larry Watkins
- MM Devon Smith
- MM Asolupe Bird (family)
- MM Rachied Jenkins
- MM Devin Smith
- MM Will McCoy
- WM Tessa Williams
- PM Ella Veal
- PM Marina Briggs

Prayers

COMMUNITY PARTNER WITH MATT KELLY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



Representatives of the of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Nevada and Desert Rose Grand Chapter Order of the Eastern Stars were recognized for the support the Jurisdiction has given Matt Kelly Elementary School in the community. Representatives from the Jurisdiction were, from left to right, Shrine, Jeffrey S. Jones; Order of the Eastern Stars, PGM Tarra Green-Jackson; Masons, MWGM Rev Richard Vega and Scottish Rite, Levy Belton.

KING SOLOMON #2 & QUEEN ESTHER #2 FEEDING THE HOMELESS

King Solomon Lodge #2 and sister chapter, Queen Esther #2, continue to do their community service as they feed the homeless as they do every third Saturday of the month. This community service has been going on for quite some time. Bro. Dwayne Hernandez of King Solomon Lodge #2 has been managing this mainstay for a long time. He's unofficially named this after the late Bro. Bernard McGee of King Solomon Lodge #2. Brothers and sisters are welcome to come out or give a donation. Please contact Bro Hernandez at 702.292.4766



NEVADA JURISDICTION TICKET SALES

HEAD OF HOUSES BANQUET TICKETS ARE STILL ON SALE

Lewis F. Cottrell #339 Consistory will hold an Appreciation Banquet for the Head of Houses on Saturday, August 4, 2018 at 7pm. It is to include; Lodge of Perfection, Chapter of Rose Croix, Council of Kadosh, and Consistory. The event will be held at Culinary Academy, 710 W. Lake Mead Blvd, NLV. Tickets are \$55 each. For more information contact GIG Gary Sharpe, 702.497.9312

JOINT PRAYER BREAKFAST TICKETS ARE STILL ON SALE

Lewis F. Cottrell #339 Consistory and Gems of the Valley Order of the Golden Circle Assembly #339 will hold a Joint Prayer Breakfast on Saturday, August 25, 2018 at 10am. The event will be held at the Lodge Hall, 2700 Colton St, NLV. Tickets are \$20 each. For more information contact Rose Gordon, 775.232.4384, Lionel Newby, 702.501.4762

DANCING WITH THE STARS TICKETS SALES

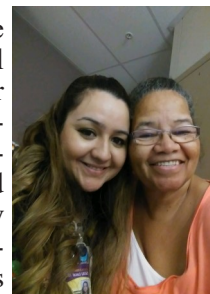
Queen Esther Chapter #2 will host an All White Dancing With The Stars fundraiser event. The event will be held on August 25, 2018 from 7pm-11pm at Arizona Charlies, 740 S. Decatur Blvd, Las Vegas, NV 89107. The event will feature a live DJ. Tickets are \$50 and can be purchased at the door.

ANNUAL JOINT BALL TICKETS

Ophir Temple #211 and Ophir Court #201 are selling tickets for their annual Joint Ball to honor Illustrious Potentate Oliver Day and Illustrious Commandress Yo-londa Killen. The event will be at the Suncoast Hotel & Casino, 900 Alta Dr., Las Vegas, NV 89145 on October 26-28. Tickets are \$65/ea. For more information, contact Daughter Tarra, 702.773.2190 or Noble Khalid, 818.264.6849

NEW HEIGHTS IN ELECTA #5

Congratulations to the newest professional from Electa Chapter #5. Sister Laura Iniquez is now a Licensed Registered Nurse and currently working at a prestigious hospital in Las Vegas.



UPCOMING EVENTS

July 16, 2018

*Lewis F. Cottrell #339
Degree Study Discussion
2700 Colton Ave 7pm-8pm

July 28, 2018

*Jack Haywood #6
Family Day
Texas Station 7pm-10pm

August 4, 2018

*Lewis F. Cottrell #339
Head of House Banquet
Culinary Academy
710 W. Lake Mead Blvd 7pm

August 25, 2018

*Lewis f. Cottrell #339
Gems of the Valley
Prayer Breakfast
2700 Colton Ave, 10am

*Queen Esther #2

All White Dancing With The Stars
Arizona Charlies
704 S. Decatur Blvd 7pm

September 10, 2018

*Lewis F. Cottrell #339
Degree Study Discussion
2700 Colton Ave 7pm-8pm

STAR★TIME AT THE APOLLA

An Apollo style talent show was held on June 30, 2018 at the lodge hall, hosted by the social club of Queen Esther Chapter #2, On Point Productions. A fun-filled night that displayed talent of all ages.



FURTHER EDUCATION

LEWIS F. COTTRELL #339 CONSISTORY ED.

Fraters of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite Southern, and Northern Jurisdiction, lend me your ear! Lewis F. Cottrell #339 will have degree discussions the Monday before every consistory meeting, which will be that Saturday. Come and teach and be taught. We can all learn together. What will be discussed, you ask? Degrees, meanings, symbolism. The classes will be led by GIG Levy Belton, GIG David Austin, and GIG Anthony Downton. Hope to see you all you Fraters there.

Remember Our Widows

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