



A QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER FROM THE MWPHGL OF NEVADA // APRIL 2019

# PHAMILY *Life*

## 2019 FOUR CORNERS INVADES THE NEVADA JURISDICTION

### PROCLAMATION

GOVERNOR OF THE 4 CORNERS  
CONFERENCE

### WANTED

FOR SMILING HARD MINUS THE PUERTO RICAN

### The Grand Master Gang



GM white coats have many followers, so don't be fool of their danger.

**\$50K REWARD**

SEE SHERIFF SHONUFF

## GOD IS... OUR REFUGE AND STRENGTH

*Proverb 3:5-6*

*5* Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding.

*6* In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths.

Thomas Nicholson  
RW Grand Chaplain

MOST WORSHIPFUL  
PRINCE  
HALL GRAND LODGE OF  
NEVADA

# PAST GRAND MASTER CHARLES SEARCY.....GONE BUT NOT FORGOTTEN

Born in Toledo, Ohio on October 11, 1937. Most Worshipful Past Grand Master Charles W. Searcy has laid down his working tools on January 21, 2019. He was a prominent figure in Prince Hall Masonry of the Nevada Jurisdiction and the 6th Grand Master of the Jurisdiction. He was a devoted husband to Olamae for over 62 years and a great father, grandfather and great-grandfather.



## KING SOLOMON LOSES ANOTHER PAST MASTER

Another Past Master of King Solomon Lodge #2 has laid down his working tools. Past Master, Past Grand Patron, Past Deputy of the Desert and Grand Inspector General Franklin D. Briggs was always there when brothers needed someone to talk to. A great asset to Prince Hall Freemasonry and Order of the Eastern Star.

Brother Briggs was born March 27, 1941 in Florence, South Carolina. He was with his loving wife Marina Briggs for 54 years. Past Master Briggs has gone on to that undiscovered country on March 29, 2019.



## BROTHERS AND SISTERS WALK IN THE MLK DAY PARADE

The Brothers walked while the Sisters rode on floats in the Martin Luther King Jr. Day Parade in downtown Las Vegas.



Nevada had position number 14 in the lineup which made standing in the cold not as bad as in previous years.

## BROTHER TRACY WILLIAMS BIKES ACROSS THE COUNTRY

Bro Tracy Williams who is from Eureka #36, Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of New York, riding his bike from LA to NY, riding through 13 States and stopping at all 13 Prince Hall Grand Lodges. In support of Knights of Pythagoras. We were the 2nd State on his route.



# SICK & DISTRESSES

*Prayers*

- PGM Charles Searcy Family*
- PM William "Art" Hall*
- PM Ron Collins*
- PM Franklin Briggs Family*
- PM Donald Veal*
- PM William Hence*
- PM Jack Spivey*
- PM Nathan Pressley*
- PM Larry Watkins*
- MM Patrick Nelson*
- MM Devon Smith*
- MM Devin Smith*
- MM Will McCoy*
- PM Ella Veal*
- PM Marina Briggs*

## COMMUNITY COLLABORATION

Brothers from King Solomon Lodge #2 and Sisters from Queen Esther Chapter #2 collaborated with Airmen from the United States Air Force and Brothers from Omega Psi Phi, Inc. to volunteer to assist Junior Achievement's Financial Literacy instructions at Kit Carson International Academy.



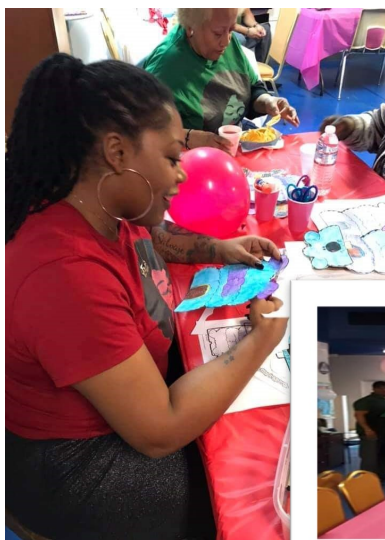
Kit Carson is a Title 1 School with a diverse population that is at risk and disadvantaged. Junior Achievement's financial literacy curriculum is instructed in classrooms by the volunteers with the assistance of the assigned classroom teacher and consists of a full academic day. Junior Achievement is a 501(c) non-profit and the goal of the financial literacy curriculum is to empower at risk and disadvantaged Students with the assistance of community partnerships and volunteers.

## NUPTIALS RICHARD JAMES DENISE WILLIAMS



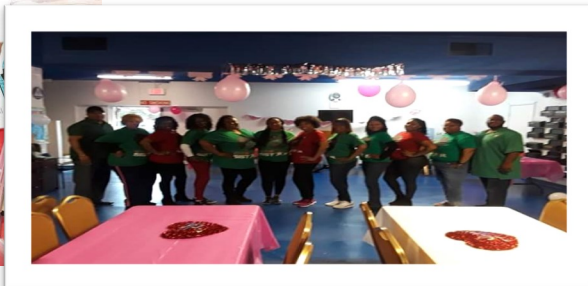
CONGRATULATIONS ON THE WEDDING OF BRO RICHARD JAMES AND DENISE WILLIAMS MARCH 17, 2019. BRO (REV) ANTHONY NIXON OFFICIATED THE EVENT. GOOD LUCK TO THE NEWLYWEDS.

## BELLS OF JOY VALENTINE'S DAY PARTY



Bells of Joy Chapter #3 held their 2nd Annual Valentine's Day Community Party. Great turnout and they all had lots of fun

Bells of Joy has been a great asset to the community and this Jurisdiction. Keep doing great things and represent the Nevada Jurisdiction well.



# 2019 FOUR CORNERS HITS NEVADA

Over 170 people came and went through Las Vegas as the Most Worshipful Prince Grand Lodge of Nevada hosted the Four Corners Conference and Gala Days. From the community service by Ophir Temple #211 and Ophir Court



#201 to the party at the Starlight Boom Boom Room, to the Denim & Bling Party, to the Conference itself, brothers and sisters had a great time. The Golden Nugget Hotel and Casino in downtown Las Vegas was the hotspot. There



were hospitality rooms on Thursday, Friday and Saturday. Food was provided by the hotel and it was good. All Grand Masters were in attendance for their last Four Corners



together as Grand Masters. With the Colorado Jurisdiction bringing in 48 members, Arizona bussing in 44 members, Nevada Jurisdiction homing in 40 and New Mexico bringing 16 members, Colorado, for the second consecutive year wins the Bryant-Robinson-Mathis Traveling Trophy. Next year, Four



Corners Conference moves to the Colorado Jurisdiction for more learning, food and fun..



# NEVADA JURISDICTION TICKET SALES

## BELLS OF JOY #3 COMMUNITY YARD SALE

The ladies from Bells of Joy will have a community yard sale on April 13, 2019 from 7am-2pm at the lodge, 2700 Colton St, NLV, NV. They offer \$15 table rentals. They also offer smoke sausage/hot link combo for \$5.

## BRIGHT LIGHT SOCIAL CLUB (SILVER STAR #1) SIP & PAINT

Silver Star #1 is having their 2nd annual Sip & Paint on April 13, 2019 at 7p - 9p. The event is at the lodge, 2700 Colton St, NLV. Tickets are \$25. This is an adult only event. For more information, contact PGWM Patricia Armstrong, 702.372.6999 or

## LEWIS F. COTTRELL CONSISTORY RAFFLE TICKETS

1st Lieutenant Patrick Nelson Sr. has raffle tickets to help support the agenda of the Consistory. The drawing for the raffle will be April 20, 2018. Tickets are \$1 each. For tickets, please contact SP Nelson, 702.884.2770

## GLORIA H. FREEMAN APPRECIATION BANQUET

Desert Rose Grand Chapter will have it's annual appreciation banquet in honor of PGWM Gloria H. Freeman. The event is Saturday, April 27, 2019 at Aliante Casino & Hotel, 7300 N. Aliante Pkwy, North Las Vegas, NV. The event will go from 6pm - 10pm. Tickets are \$60. Please contact a Nevada OES member for tickets.

## 2018 HARLEY DAVIDSON MOTORCYCLE RAFFLE

RW Grand Junior Warden Zach Collins is holding a fundraiser for the jurisdiction. Raffle tickets are \$50 per ticket. The winner will win a 2018 Harley Davidson motorcycle. Support our Grand Lodge. Please contact RWJGW Zach Collins, 702.809.2767.

## HEAD OF HOUSES BANQUET AND COMEDY SHOW TICKETS ARE STILL ON SALE

Lewis F. Cottrell #339 Consistory will hold an Appreciation Banquet for the Head of Houses on Saturday, July 27, 2019 at 7pm. The event will be held at Culinary Academy, 710 W. Lake Mead Blvd, NLV. Tickets are \$55 each. For more information contact GIG Anthony Downton, 702.466.8646 or PLLR Tarra Green-Jackson, 702.773.2190,

## ST. MARKS #1 & SILVER STAR #1 ANNUAL BACKPACK DRIVE

It's never too early to get ready for going back to school for the kids. Silver Star #1 is looking for backpack donations for it's annual backpack drive. So, purchase those backpacks early and often. The event will be at Fountain of Hope AME Church, Saturday August 3, 2019 from 9am—2pm.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### April 11, 2019

\*Lewis F. Cottrell Consistory  
Further Education  
2700 Colton St 630m-730pm

### April 13, 2019

\*Bells of Joy #3  
Community Yard Sale  
2700 Colton St 7am-2pm

### April 13, 2019

\*Bright Light Social Club  
(Silver Star #1)  
Sip & Paint  
2700 Colton St 7pm-9pm

### April 20, 2019

\*Andrew Horton Lodge Visit  
Jurisdiction Visit  
Idaho

### April 27, 2019

\*Desert Rose Grand Chapter  
Gloria H. Freeman Appreciation Ban  
Aliante Hotel & Casino  
7300 N. Aliante Pkwy, 6pm-10pm

### May 29, 2019

\*MWPGLNV & DRGC  
Memorial Service  
Prayer Breakfast  
2700 Colton Ave, 6pm

### May 30, 2019

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

### May 31, 2019

\*MWPGLNV & DRGC  
Annual Banquet  
Golden Nugget Hotel & Casino  
129 E. Fremont St.

### June 1, 2019

\*MWPGLNV & DRGC  
Grand Session  
Golden Nugget Hotel & Casino  
129 E. Fremont St.

### June 2, 2019

\*Ophir Temple #211  
Jubilee Day  
TBD

# A WORD FROM OUR GRAND MASTER

Greeting my Brothers and Sisters, I pray that you have truly enjoyed this last quarter, we accomplished some major events and they were very successful. First, I am sad to say that we have lost two pillars of this Jurisdiction MWPGM Charles W. Searcy and PM/PWGP Franklin Briggs. They set the standard for us to follow to make the jurisdiction the best it can be. We will truly will missed them both. I want to thank you

all for your prayers for me while I was deployed to Afghanistan; I felt them as I moved throughout the country. Thank You.



The two major events we had this quarter were the Annual Grand Lodge retreat and our annual Four Corners Conference. We had a great time during these

events and grew as a body, sharing and enjoying each other's fellowship. This truly was important to us as we prepare for our Grand Lodge Session. I thank you all for all that, you do and your support of our events. May God bless you and your families as we move forward.

Reverend Richard Vega  
MWGM, MWPGLNV

## OPHIR COURT #201 GETS VISITORS

The Imperial Commandress Dt. Josephine Stokes-Wheat (15) made an appearance at our annual conference which happened to be in Las Vegas, Nevada. Over 50 Daughters showed up from 4 states and enjoyed workshops geared toward making their court thrive. Each court donated brand new jeans to Westcare Women's Shelter. Westcare has several locations throughout the city. They serve abused women and children due to domestic violence. The donations came from all courts from the four-corners. Hygiene items were also purchased and delivered. The daughters enjoyed their time with the Imperial Commandress and discussed the upcoming Imperial Session in Baltimore, Maryland.



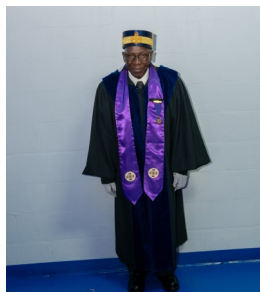
## OPHIR TEMPLE #211 GO TO VETERAN VILLAGE



The Nobles of Ophir Temple #211 paid a visit to Veteran Village to lend support to our veterans who have served our nation.

## COUNCIL OF DELIBERATION MEET

Andrew O. McSwain Council of Deliberation congregated on Saturday, March 9, 2019 for their annual meeting. Deputy of the Orient of Nevada, Sovereign Grand Inspector, Jesse J. Smith conducted the meeting of fraters. Deputy



of the Orient of Ari-

zonia, SGIG William Brooks was the special guest. Sovereign Grand Inspector General Brooks has been a long time guest of Andrew O. McSwain's Council of Deliberation. MWGM Rev. Richard Vega of the MWPGLNV was also a special guest. It is noted that



© WM John McDowell  
GM Vega is of the Northern Jurisdiction.

## GRAND LODGE MEMBERS GO TO CLASS AT GRAND LODGE RETREAT

The Brothers of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Nevada come together for the 2nd Annual Grand Lodge Retreat on February 23, 2019. Grand Lodge Officers held classes for subordinate lodge officers.



# GRAND LODGE SESSION

Summer is almost here. That must mean Grand Lodge Session is close. Wednesday, May 29, 2019 will be Memorial Service. Thursday, May 30, 2019 will be Table Lodge. Friday, May 31, 2019 will be Banquet Night. And Grand Session will be Saturday, June 1, 2019.

# SCOTTISH RITE 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 2nd Thursdays at 630p. Come and teach and be taught. We can all learn together. What will be discussed, you ask? Degrees, meanings, symbolism. The classes will be lead by GIG Levy Belton and GIG Anthony Downton. Hope to see all you Fraters there.

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*Remember Our Widows*

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