



A QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER FROM THE MWPHGL OF NEVADA // APRIL 2018

# PHAMILY *Life*

## 2018 FOUR CORNERS DESERT CONFERENCE NEVADA REPRESENTS IN ABQ



Albuquerque, New Mexico was the scene, from March 23-25, for the Four Corners Regional Desert Conference. Arizona, Colorado, Nevada along with this years host, New Mexico were the representatives. Most Worshipful Grand Master Edward C. Mitchell Sr. and Grand Worthy Matron Dianne Williams had an amazing agenda for the brothers and sisters. Imperial Deputy of the Desert of New Mexico HPIP Jessie Watkins and Imperial Deputy for the Desert PC Mary Martin provided an informative and stimulating agenda for the Nobles and Daughters.

Nevada Jurisdiction delegates were represented by Most Worshipful Grand Master Rev Richard Vega and Grand Worthy Matron Patricia Armstrong. Nevada, which became accustomed to winning the annual Trophy, finished in third with 42 delegates. It wasn't enough as the Colorado Jurisdiction and Most Worshipful Grand Master Keith Weston pulled off the upset with 59 delegates. Congratulations to the Brothers and Sisters of the Colorado Jurisdiction.

All Grand Masters and Grand Worthy Matrons delivered memorable speeches. With the President of the Conference of Grand Masters, MW John Bettis, in attendance, brothers and sisters had their voices heard first hand.

MWGM Vega delivered the more memorable speech. Labeled the "Crisis in Prince Hall Freemasonry", he magnified the three tenets of freemasonry and went into detail of what it should mean to each of us as Masons. And how we should avoid slander, gossip, jealousy, ignorance, and apathy to name a few.

GWM Armstrong titled her speech to the OES, "United We Stand". It focused more on the history and the tireless hours put in by the first Grand Worthy Patron Cranford Crawford and PGWM Louise Dave to establish the Nevada Jurisdiction.

Overall, a great weekend put together by the New Mexico Jurisdiction. Now, it's up to next years host, Nevada, to raise the bar higher from all aspects to have a great turnout.

## GOD IS... OUR REFUGE AND STRENGTH

*Psalm 16:18*

**Pride goeth before destruction,  
and an haughty spirit before a fall.**

Pride can break any organization. It can take the time to humble yourself and in the end it is for you only, but in the end it is for many organizations have fallen because of the selfishness of men use the word I it denotes self not team. May God encourage your hearts.

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. Grand Worthy Matron comments. Sick and Distress. Wedding Bells. MLK Day Parade. Ticket sales. Consistory education.

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# MASSEY TAKES THE KIDS TO SEE BLACK PANTHER



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On February 18, 2018, Bro. Ned Massey helped take a group of kids to see the private showing, hosted by Educated T.H.U.G. of the Marvel film, Black Panther and the African country of Wakanda. Not only did the kids grade 6-12 watch the private viewing, They were also educated on the importance of seeing positive images of people of color on the big screen.

Each youngster received a ticket to the 3D showing, snacks, swag bag and entered into a raffle of great prizes.

Brother Massey is a member of King Solomon #2. He also will be head of the KOP for the Nevada Jurisdiction

## NOBLE FROM THE OASIS OF LAS VEGAS SHINES

Noble Khalid Sultan of Ophir Temple No. 211 won the walking suit contest at Friday night's festivities of the 2018 Four Corners Regional Desert Conference in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

## KING SOLOMON CONTINUES TO FEED THE HOMELESS

Charity work that's been going on from some time. King Solomon #2 has been going to feed the homeless for quite awhile. Queen Esther #2 has come out to help King Solomon consistently for the past few years. Not only do they provide a small meal to the homeless, but they also have provided toiletries, clothes, blankets, hat and gloves, and socks. Brother Dewayne Hernandez has been committed to this charity work for many years. Keep up the good work to everyone that's involved.

## PHILLIP E. BELL JR. #5 LOVE IS IN THE AIR

Phillip E. Bell Jr.#5 held their 27th Annual Wives and Sweethearts Dinner on February 21, 2018. This event was established in 1991 by Past Master Maurice Hall. The dinner was a way to show appreciation to the wives and sweethearts for supporting the Masons of PEB Jr. Pictured is Mr. and Mrs. Eli Thompson.



## QUEEN ESTHER #2 VISITS JIMMY LEE COOK. AT AGE 102, THE ELDEST MEMBER OF DRGC



To our PHAMILY of the MWPGLNV and DRGCOES I greet you all with True Friendship and Brotherly Love. I am excited about our first edition of our very own PHAMILY LIFE Newsletter that is focus on bonded us together through the great works throughout the Jurisdiction. I am so proud of all the great works that we as a family have and are doing caring for our communities and more important our youth.

Please let us know what your Lodge, Chapter, Consistory and Temple are doing, or have done during the Quarter so we may in turn support each other. We have come a long way and still growing lets have the best Grand Lodge Session this year and set a new standard.

I thank you for all you have done and are doing I am here to support you in all your undertakings. May God Bless each and every one of you.

MWGM *Rev. Richard Vega*



Thank You to everyone that attended our Four Corners Conference held in Albuquerque New Mexico this past weekend. We had an awesome time and I truly appreciate you attending all the long meetings and participating in the forum. To all that was not able to attend thank you for holding down the fort here at home.

*John 11:25-26*

*Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies; and whoever lives and believes in me will never die." (Martha)*

We as members of Order of Eastern Star have an obligation to Believe and Love one another. We have turmoil in our Order and each of us took an oath that no matter what, we will treat each other in a loving manner. I plead with each of you to RE-Read your obligation, think back to what you did, where you were, what you were holding, and where you were holding it, when you became a member of the Order of Eastern Star. The old saying goes "If you don't use it you lose it".

"I'm I My Sister Keeper" - **FATAL** is who we are, and **FATAL** is what we should strive to be. We have the potential to be the greatest Jurisdiction, but we often let our personal feelings, and bad choices cloud our emotions and enter into decisions that we make. I Believe in each and every one of you and wish the best for our Jurisdiction.

**5 Heriones - our foundation -**  
**Adah - the blue - sacrifice, honor, obedience**  
**Ruth - the yellow - committed, dedication, principles**  
**Esther - the white - honor, loyalty, willingness**  
**Ruth - the green - strong faith, endurance**  
**Electa - the red - love, open hearted, charity**

These are the characters we represent, the basis of who we are, the values we should strive to be.

**LOVE, CHARITY, SISTERHOOD**  
 GWM *Patricia Armstrong*





# SICK & DISTRESSES

*PGM Charles Searcy*

*PM Will Collins (family)*

*PM William "Art" Hall*

*PM Ron Collins*

*PM Franklin Briggs*

*PM Robert McGee (wife)*

*PM William Hince*

*PM Jack Spivey*

*WM Thomas Nicholson*

*MM Rachied Jenkins*

*MM Devin Smith*

*MM Vi'Ance Easter (daughter)*

*MM Will McCoy*

*MM Marcus Knight*

*Sis Beverly Crosby*

*Sis Jasona Martin*

*Prayers*

# EASTER..... DOING EASTER



Brother Vi'Ance Easter of King Solomon Lodge #2 held his 2nd Annual Easter Egg Hunt at Cunningham Elementary School on Friday, March 23, 2018. It was a full day of activities that included an 85 foot Bounce House Obstacle Course, egg dying station, face painting and over 2000 eggs. But, Easter would not be complete without the Good ol' EASTER Bunny himself. Many, many kids enjoying themselves for the 2nd year in a row.

**OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE** Bells Of Joy on their Lubertha Senior Community Toiletory Donation



## WEDDING ANNOUNCEMENT



**ZACHERY A. COLLINS &  
GINA A. SHANKS**

RW Junior Grand Warden Zachery Collins and his fiancé, Gina Shanks have their sights set on the summer of 2018 where they will exchange nuptials.

The date for the newlyweds to be is August 25, 2018.

Congratulations from all of us and may you enjoy many years together.



# “BLACK HISTORY” DANCE DINNER

Ophir Court #201 presented it's Annual Black History Dinner Dance at Arizona Charlie's. The Court modeled clothes from Sylvia Dress Shop on MLK BLVD. 10% of all proceeds went to our scholarship fund.



## QUEEN ESTHER #2 VISITS RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE

The Ronald McDonald House provides home-away-from-home for families and children who are receiving inpatient and outpatient medical treatment at local hospitals. Without the Ronald McDonald House, families may have to sleep in the hospital lobby, a child's hospital room, or in their car.

Queen Esther prepared food for these families and then delivered it at the RMH. It's a great charity and service that the ladies of QE#2 provided.

# NEVADA JURISDICTION TICKET SALES

## SILVER STAR #1 SIP & PAINT FUNDRAISER

Tickets for the Sip & Paint Fundraiser on April 7th from 7pm-9pm at the Masonic Lodge Hall can be purchased for \$25. For more information contact Zulema Wilson at 912.484.6627

## GLORIA FREEMAN APPRECIATION BANQUET TICKETS ON SALE

Tickets are on sale for the Gloria Freeman Appreciation Banquet. The event will be held April 28, 2018 from 6pm—10pm at Nevada Partners, Lake Mead/H Street. Tickets are \$60. For more information, Please contact Sandra Pardue at 573.528.4188 or pazazz1@aol.com.

## HEAD OF HOUSES BANQUET TICKETS ARE NOW ON SALE

Lewis F. Cottrell #339 Consistory will hold an Appreciation Banquet for the Head of Houses on Saturday, August 4, 2018. 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

# NOMINATED FOR HONORARY 33rd DEGREE... JOHN McDOWELL

At the Council of Deliberation, where the Illustrious Commander in Chief, Sovereign Grand Inspector General Jesse J. Smith presides, Sublime Prince John McDowell was nominated and accepted to receive the Honorary 33° at Ancient & Accepted Scottish Rite, United Supreme Council 33°, Southern Jurisdiction, Prince Hall Affiliated, in Memphis, Tennessee in October 2018.

John McDowell Jr. became a mason in 1991 and is currently the Worshipful Master for Phillip E. Bell Jr. #5. He is the Facility Chief Information Officer at the US Department of Veteran Affairs, Office of Information Technology, IT Operations and Services, VA Southern Nevada Healthcare System. Mr. McDowell holds a BS in Business/Information Systems from the University of Maryland and an MS in Information Systems from Bowie State University. Congratulations!



# BELLS OF JOY #3 PRE VALENTINES DANCE



Worthy Matron Tessa Williams and Bells of Joy #3 of the Desert Rose Grand Chapter held a Pre Valentines Dance on February 10, 2018 at the Masonic Lodge Hall for the community. Brothers and sisters of the masonic body came out to support the kids and parents. There were food, cupcakes and plenty of love to go around. It was great to see the kids happy as they played and danced around in excitement. Along with other Chapter members in attendance, MWGM Vega, GWM Armstrong and WP Kinte Mitchell were also enjoying the festivities.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### April 2, 2018

- \*Ophir Court #201  
Buffalo Wild Wings (Joint)  
190 W. Craid Rd

### April 7, 2018

- \*Bells of Joy #3  
Community Yard Sale  
2700 Colton St., 7am—2pm
- \*Silver Star #1  
Sip & Paint  
2700 Colton Ave. 7pm-9pm

- \*Desert Rose GC  
OES Fun Day  
2700 Colton St, 530pm-8pm

### April 16, 2018

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

### April 21, 2018

- \*Ophir Court #201  
March of Dimes Walk
- \*King Solomon #2  
Feed the homeless, 11am  
2700 Colton Ave

### April 28, 2018

- \*Desert Rose GC  
Gloria Freeman App Dinner  
Nevada Partners 6pm-10pm

### May 5, 2018

- \*Ophir Court #201  
Women's Shelter
- \*Queen Esther #2 & Phillip E. Bell Jr. #5  
Ice Cream Social  
Shade Tree Women's Shelter, 1230pm

### May 14, 2018

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

### May 19, 2018

- \*King Solomon #2  
Feed the homeless, 11am  
2700 Colton Ave

### May 20, 2018

- \*Ophir Court #201  
Feast of Isis

### May 30, 2018

- \*Ophir Court #201  
Shoe Drive,  
Accepting shoes until May 30
- \*GL & GC  
Memorial Service

### May 31, 2018

- \*Grand Lodge  
Table Lodge  
2700 Colton Ave

# MLK DAY PARADE

Masons of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Nevada along with the Nobles of Ophir Temple #211, did what they have done for many years in January. And that's marching in the Martin Luther King Day parade. With an earlier lineup number, it allowed more brothers from the jurisdiction to participate in honor of this annual Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.



# 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.

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*Remember Our Widows*

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