



THE PERFECT ASHLAR



By the Rough Ashlar we are reminded of our rude and imperfect state by nature; by the Perfect Ashlar, of that state of perfection at which we hope to arrive by a virtuous education, our own endeavors, and the blessings of God"

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2022 Grand Session

This past July marked the 110th anniversary of our Annual Communication.

Our Grand Lodge and Chapter came into existence May 26, 1910, having thrived through the Spanish Flu of 1918 and most

recently the COVID pandemic. Through our Grand Lodge and Chapter's 112 years of existence, we lost some remarkable brothers and sisters, but we also gained new and returning members. It is commendable for lodges such

as our founding lodge Alpine #1, Friendly #19 & others continued to meet regularly, which led to an overwhelming attendance at Grand Session. Las Vegas was filled with joy and lifelong memories —see pg. 2

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Congratulations to our new Deputy Grand Master Bro. Harold Jones 33°



Phinehas Mosley: Brother Jones not that you are Deputy Grand Master, you have nothing to do, what are your plan for this masonic year?

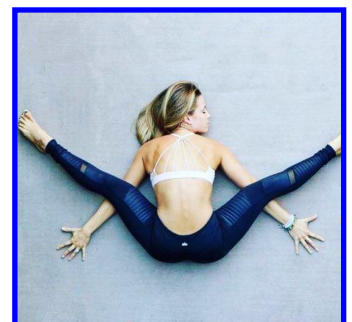
Harold Jones: I'm going to mentor Bro. Mosley.

PM: I'm taking it to print

HJ: I'm taking it to prayer.



P. Mosley (left); Harold Jones (top)



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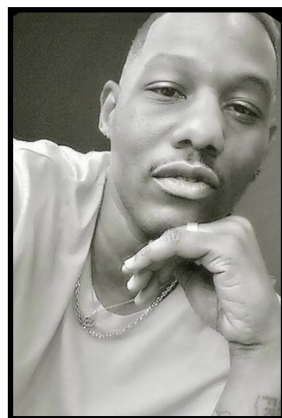
during Grand Session.

A significant time had passed since out Last Grand Session, which encouraged the genuine love, laughter and appetite in the room.

Friday night began with a social gathering in the Grand Master's Suite followed by the Saturday night Hawaiian Luau with tons of dancing and great eats. Sunday morning's brunch was truly the highlight of the weekend with elegant hats galore across the entire room. Brunch was followed up with a soulful religious service with Brother Mosley in the role of Master of Ceremonies and a powerful soloist that even the angels in heaven could hear. Sunday nights festivities were filled with flawless tributes to those who have passed in the last few years, which will be viewable to all via the Grand Lodge's Facebook page by the end of October. Monday began with closing meetings which all minutes will be discussed during individual lodge/chapter meetings this fall.

The Monday night 5-star festivities were arranged by Sis. Avis James with upper echelon entertainment and a new Miss Golden Poppy being crowned.

Grand Session closed with our Tuesday night Scholarship banquet in which 9 recipients were awarded, along with our newly elected officers officially announced. Though the pandemic prevented some of our events and gatherings, we are in hopes this Masonic year will be much better, as we look forward to our Master Mason Can Cook event Saturday, September 24. We give love and appreciation to Most Worshipful Grand Master, the Grand Worthy Matron, the Grand Worthy Patron, Past and Present Grand Officers.



written by my new *co-editor*,
Bro. Michael Barker, (Friendly #19)

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2022 Grand Session



Grand Lodge Officers 2022-23



To the Most Worshipful Grand Master, to the Grand Worthy Matron, the Grand Worthy Patron, Past and Present Grand Worthy Matrons and Grand Officers, Brothers and Sisters, good evening.

This has been a most unorthodox time as Miss Golden Poppy. Due to the pandemic, there were no Eastern Star Days, northern and southern visits, Sister/Sister Days, fund raisers or gatherings. We even held our chapter meetings on Zoom.

And now we are once again together and all I can say is:

"It's very clear our love is here to stay.

Not for a year but ever and a day, The radio and the telephone and the movies that we know May just be passing fancies and in

time did go. But oh my dears, our love is here to stay. Forever we're going a long, long way. In time the Rockies may tumble, Gibraltar did crumble, They're only made of clay. But, our love is here to stay."



Sis. Cheryl Robinson (QKD #18)
Miss Golden Poppy 2019-2022



Congratulations Sister Ellen Wilson for the beautiful award received from your church. What an outstanding , personal achievement to behold!

Keep on shining Sis. Wilson. So proud of you and all the charitable work you do. May God keep Blessing you!

What a lovely picture too.

Love you always,

Sls. L. Billingsley



SIS. LORI WRIGHT— GPGC New Grand Secretary

1. First things first! Give us a bit of your personal background.

Past Worthy Matron (2019 – 2021) of Esther Chapter #2. Within the organization, I am the elected Assistant Secretary for Esther Chapter and I part of the Sick & Distress Committee and Fundraising Committee within my chapter. I participated with the Chapter of Sorrow Team for 2015, 2016, 2017 and 2018. I am a member of Heroines of Jericho, Queen of Sheba Court #1. I am also a member of the Royal Court and was crowned Ms. Golden Poppy in 2018.

2. At what age did you join OES and where?

I've been a member of Golden Poppy Grand Chapter since 2014. I was initiated into Esther Chapter #2 at the John G. Johns Lodge Masonic Hall in Los Angeles, California.

3. What attracted you to OES? I was attracted to OES because of the sisterhood, its active participation in the local community and the interest in our youth.

4. Now lets talk about your new Grand Position...what is it and what are your duties?

As stated, in my chapter I am the Assistant Secretary. I assist the chapter secre-

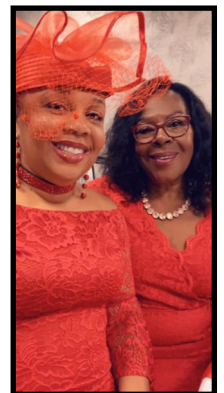


tary in whatever duties that need to be performed and in her absence, perform all the duties of her office. In the Chapter, Grand Chapter, Grand Secretary. As Grand Secretary, I make proper record of the proceedings of the Grand Chapter, receive all monies belonging to the Grand Chapter and pay them to the Grand Treasurer, perform all other duties as prescribed in the Grand Chapter Constitution and any other duties that may be required by the Grand Worthy Matron and Grand Worthy Patron.



5. What would you like to see happen in the future? I would like to see this position move in a direction wherein records and communications can be processed electronically.

6. I heard you were very sick, what happened? I wasn't very sick. I caught COVID and my symptoms were mild. I have recovered and I am doing well.



Council of Deliberation 2022 Grand Lodge of Perfection





California delegation at the 2022 Supreme Session in Tennessee

Frat Games by Anthony Graves

We need a elite opening team. The Frat games is about Charity giving school supplies computers back packs shoes all summer long during the softball season and then the tournament. All Fraternities are sponsoring, and private sponsors displayed on the back of T Shirts included St. John lodge #5 of Prince Hall. (MWGM) Bro. Ward is going have Hiram of Tyre involved in the sponsorship. The Frats welcomed us Masons, and Eastern Stars to the table meeting with the all Frat Presidents; Kappas, Alphas, AKA, Sigmas, Iodas, Omegas. The Grand is an Omega. The Committee wants the Masons to put a ball team together for next season. We are thinking of an all Masons team or AF&AM team

TRAVEL-ING all Stars! It's been nothing but nice positive energy you can bring your kids to, and not worry about anything; PHDs, Masters, Business men and women, Alumni



representing in Fraternity or Sorority colors. The Competition is very tight. Those teams are put together right.

Yesterday's (9.4.2022) game was so competitive it had us up on our feet. We were chewing BBQ, drinking a glass of beer or beverages dancing to the DJ music, just having a festive good time. ALPHA's took the trophy in extra innings from the Kappa's 16 to 15. Congratulations to them because I never would have thought the Alphas would beat the Sigmas, and that was hard Alphas won that game by 1 point. I can't wait to see all those Happy faces next season.

I personally want to shout out to the Alumni , and Presidents of all Fraternities and Sororities for welcome us with open arms and the the Teacher Village. Big league events and all the Vendors the DJ has been Awesome and the steppers made me feel like a teenager. All the conversations with new friends. The Coordinator is a lovely person. Next page



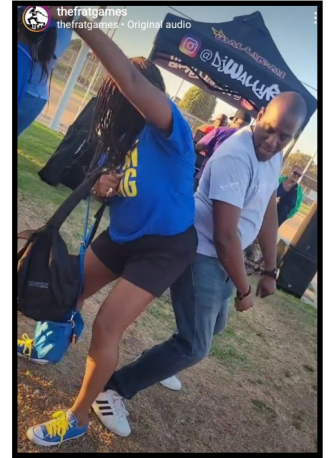


The Cigar Smokers. And a very special shout out to all the Masons and Eastern Stars from all over. I found out that we're all One, and that's a Myth that we are separated.

Any shoutouts to our brothers or sisters? Yes especially Donnie Monford I just got off the phone with him thanking him for all he's done. I told him it wouldn't have

worked out with him doing his BBQ and I love you Bro, and he'll tell you I told him

that. Wouldn't have been rallied up without Dale Grimes support and a expertise in his socializing he was the key. Avis James willingness setting the Table representing Golden Poppy Grand Chapter. Dragging her tents preparations and the food and her dancing she is utterly amazing and a jewel. All the Brothers and Sisters that showed up. I was all alone when started, and I told them that my Brothers and sisters are coming y'all just wait and see. And then it happened and then they were proud I was totally happy we were posing for cameras and place in the archives of this season.



Audit and Finance Team "The noisy crew"



Rosalyn Wise & Phinehas Mosley

Grand Nurses





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CONGRATULATIONS!



(top) Bro. Carl Jackson (St. Paul #48) son Mr. Faison earned his white coat now that he's a Physician Asst. A doctorate degree is in his future. Faison gave our Bro. Edward V. Johnson 33° (S.P. #48) a free full check-up during a August home visit.

(left) Rev. Lester (Alpine #1) & Sis. Denise Mosley celebrates his 39th Pastoral Appreciation Service at Tabernacle BC in Los Angeles 8.28.22

(right) Bro. Jorrie (Exec. #69) & Sis. Teresa Estrada (QKD #18) on being ordained Deacon and Deaconess at their home church. 8.28.2022



(top) Bro. Nathaniel Garrett (*Alpine #1*) on his August 25th Graduation Ceremony. He was apart of Company C, 1st Battalion, 34th Infantry Regiment 165th Infantry Brigade, United States Army Training Center & Fort Jackson

<https://fb.watch/fiouinSwcL/>
or go to grand lodge Facebook page
[Hiram of Tyre Grand Lodge AF&AM](https://fb.watch/fiUdl_dmsv/)
https://fb.watch/fiUdl_dmsv/

(bottom) 7.9.2022 Happy Birthday Sis. Freda King (she is on bottom right, posing with her sisters in Queens of King David #18) during

our Grand session she celebrated 80+ years of life. Still good-looking, moving, fussing and dancing like she did as a teenager.

Congratulations to Alpine Lodge #1 on the September 16,th raising of **Brother Jonathan Coleman**. Bro. Coleman is a Producer, Tour Manager, Talent Manager at Whitethrone Productions / Very Good Touring Inc. and Chief executive officer at JONCO Entertainment. He says he cant wait to start contributing towards the growth of his mother lodge. He is also eager to learn more about masonry and masonic life.



Pictured: Bro. J. Coleman on the left posing with Alpine #1 RWM, Bro. Louis Paxton and his friend Bro. Michael Barker (right) who is his from Friendly #19.



Bro. & Sis. Lee who is Miss Golden Poppy 2022-23



Congratulations to our recently deceased (4.15.2022) **Sis. Dellia James (Esther #2)** on being acknowledged in July for 25 years as an Eastern Star and winning the 'Supreme Queen' for the Sphinx @ the United Supreme Council in August 2022. Thanks to Sis. Avis James and Betty Holland for accepting on Sis. Dellia James' behalf.



2022 Scholarship Recipients

Taylor Lewis: Alpine #1
 Kendahl Martin: Rising Sun #2
 Mia Tillman: Rising Sun #2
 Isaac Handy: St. Andrews #16
 James Johnson Jr: Friendly #19
 Bryant Bernard Jr.: Friendly #19
 Ryan Gardner: Executive #69
 Jacob Berry: Alpha #75
 Amaya Seria: Alpha #75

2021 recipient **Cedric Jones** is still attending Grambling State University and finishing his Criminal Justice BS degree. (Cedric and Bro. Kevin Harrison standing in front of Cedric's fathers Los Angeles store on 76 St. and Vermont)



2022 recipient **Bryant Bernard Jr.** will be attending CSUN Cal-State University Northridge. He has been acting in movies, and TV for many years so its only fitting that he is majoring in film. He is posing with his proud empty nester parents, Shelia (QKD #18) and Bryant Bernard Sr. (Friendly #19).

Hello Bro. Mosley!
 I am now a Freshman at Benedictine College in Atchison, KS. My major is in Finance- Business Admin. I will be a Real estate Investor when I **graduate**. Currently I have been recruited to be a member of the college football team. The position I plays is safety. Sometimes simple words say it best. I will always be grateful to M.W. Hiram Tyre Grand Lodge for your thought-



fulness, consideration and generosity, for choosing me as a Scholarship Recipient this year. You had restored my faith in God, with the aid you've granted me towards furthering my education! I will be forever thankful... Thanks you so much for this awesome Scholarship MWHTGL. You're the Best!
 Sincerely appreciative,
James Johnson Jr. (2022 recipient)



2021 recipient **Stacio Jackson** (Carl's son. St. Paul #48) is attending California State University Los Angeles. 2nd Year student. Majoring in Psychology. He is apart of the RISE Peer Mentoring Program (Retention through Interpersonal Student Engagement) is here to help! We pair continuing students with new students to help them successfully settle into their home away from home.



2022 recipient Miss **Taylor Lewis** is attending Tuskegee University. Her career goals are to be a nurse, to help others with diseases like diabetes. Also, to work in the entertainment field.

St. John's /Eastern Star Day; June 12, 2022



Los Angeles Area met at Tabernacle Baptist Church where our brother Lester Mosley (Alpine #1) is the pastor. Bro. Elvin McNeal (RWGWJW) and Sis. Avis James (Grand Martha) spoke well on behalf of us.



St. John's /Eastern Star Day; June 12, 2022



Srg. Stanley Hollis (KDL #8) working to make his community a better place. It's been reported to be that he is a certified bonafide licensed electrician who does jobs large and small. Contact his for all your electrical needs @ 310.462.7637. He even does 'honey dos.'



Sis. Donna Dawkins (Alpine #1) does party planning and decorations. I've seen her work for myself and everything she does looks excellent. She plans for parties large and small. Contact: 323.697.9127

Who's your

 Youravon.com/beautybyLisa
 Facebook.com/avoncalling

 SCAN ME
 AVON lady?

Sis Lisa Cook (Alpine #1) is our Avon lady and she could be yours to: YourAvon.com/beautybyLisa



Introducing, Sis. Angel Bradley

Tell us a little about yourself.

Hello all! My name is Angel Brantley and I am the Worthy Matron for Serenity Chapter #82. Born and raised in Mobile, AL, I currently reside in Las Vegas, NV and have been here for almost 8 years. I enjoy live



music, good food and traveling!

Why did you move from steamy hot Alabama to dry heat Nevada and what are the differences?

Lol, I was living in Nashville, TN when I moved to Las Vegas. I moved for my job. The difference is the humidity and weather for sure. For in TN, they had snow.

What is your profession?

I work in tech support for Asurion.

Who are your favorite artists and what are your favorite places to travel? I have A LOT of favorites lol. If I had to choose, it would be Monica, The Isley Brothers, Mary J. Blige and UGK and Earth, Wind and Fire.

My favorite place to travel is anywhere with a beach! I love the water. Also, I enjoy traveling back

home to Alabama yearly for Mardi Gras. FYI, Mobile, AL is the birthplace of Mardi Gras.

At what age did you join OES and where? I joined OES on my birthday, November 15, 2015 at the age of 30 here in Las Vegas, NV.



What attracted you to OES? The Order has been a long goal of mine since college while attending Jackson State University. My father Ray A. Waiters Sr. is a Mason so I have always wanted to join, as a honor to him. After moving to Las Vegas and becoming friends with our Associate Matron, Sis Latoyur Tisdale, I was approached to join. Sis Latoyur (see pic, top left) was a colleague of mine and had recently moved to Las Vegas as well and we connected instantly. Her personality and kind spirit made me want to join with no hesitation. We were new to the area and knew this



would be a great opportunity for both of us. After speaking to my father about it, he gave me the confirmation I needed to make the decision to join.

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Didn't you come from a different jurisdiction? Elaborate on that and the change to GPGC.

I did. Modern Free and Accepted Masons was the jurisdiction I was initiated in. Transitioning from that to GPGC was a total 360. The support and love from GPGC has been amazing and like nothing I have experienced before. I have learned so much and continuing to learn more daily.

Now lets talk about your title... What spot were you nominated for?

Grand Mortuary Secretary

How did it feel to be nominated?

Being nominated was a TOTAL SHOCK to me. Not only was I honored, but it felt good to know I was trusted to be nominated. It gave me the confirmation that all of the hard work I have put in is not going unnoticed and is appreciated.

As soon as I heard my name, my eyes literally bucked like a deer in headlights lol. I'll have to admit, I was nervous at first, but that feeling quickly went away after receiving all the kind words and offers to help me out and teach me everything I need to know. Installation was a blessing. I was full of emotions and trying my best to hold back tears. I knew this was a big task and I made a promise to



myself to give 200%, as I have always done. I am ready to get to work!!!

What would you like to see happen in the future?

I am excited to see all of the new changes we are working to make in all areas. I am looking forward to the continued growth and how I can implement ideas to take part in the growth. It's only up from here.



You like other sisters enjoy traveling, give us a good road story?

One day a few of my sisters and I were craving the Waffle House. There is no Waffle House here in Las Vegas. Out of the blue, my sisters and I decided to make a turnaround road trip to Phoenix, AZ just to go to the Waffle House lol. We ordered food there and order food to take back with us to Vegas lol. There and back in one day lol.

How does fashion and fitness work together to make you a better you?

I don't consider fashion to make me a better me. That's just a hobby for me and something I enjoy. But health is very important. I take daily

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walks and watch what I eat. I don't eat beef or pork and the majority of my diet consist of sea-food and chicken. All of that makes a better me overall

Every one doesn't have your fashion sense. Where do you draw your inspiration

I would say my parents. Less is more. I love making the most simple things look good. My mom loves to wear black and I have picked up that trait. My dad has love for shoes and sunglasses, so I most definitely get that from him. It's not about what you wear, but how you wear it.

Up until now what has been your favorite parts of OES life?

My favorite part has been traveling and learning the Order the right way. Traveling to meet sisters and just receiving their wisdom and guidance has been by far the absolute best. I LOVE to pick their brains on which direction to go and how to get there. They have so much knowledge and I strive to be as knowledgeable as them.

Listening observing has been vital for me, especially now since I have been elected as a Grand Officer.

Favorite members? EVERYONE!!!! Lol



Thanks for lending your time to us, were all praying for your continued success.



WHAT IS A FREEMASON

Freemasonry is one of the world's oldest fraternal organizations. The lessons Freemasonry teaches in its ceremonies, are to do with moral values. Freemasonry's acknowledgement, without crossing the boundaries of religion, is that everything depends on the providence of God. Freemasons feel that these lessons apply as much today as they did when it took its modern form at the turn of the 17th century.

Despite what many people claim, Freemasonry is not in any way a secret society. Freemasonry's so-called secrets are solely used as a ceremonial way of demonstrating that one is a Freemason. In any case, Freemasonry has been exposed by the media for almost as long as they have existed. The real point of a Freemason promising not to reveal their secrets is basically a dramatic way of promising to keep one's word in general.

Other reasons why Freemasonry cannot be called a secret society are that Freemasons do not promise to keep their membership a secret. Where and when Freemasons meet are matters of public record.

It is ironic that Freemasons used to be quiet about their membership. They were and still are taught never to use it to advance their own interests. Critics have taken this the wrong way and think that there is something secretive and nasty because of the silence. Nothing could be further from the truth.

Masonic ceremonies are secular morality plays, which are learned by heart, by members of the lodge for the benefit of the person who is becoming a Freemason. Each ceremony has a message for the candidate. A further reason why Freemasons do not go around broadcasting their contents is simply because it would spoil it for the candidate. The same way you would not tell someone the ending of a good book or a film, you would not tell someone about the ceremony.

Freemasons are required to profess and continue in a belief in a Supreme Being. Their ceremonies include prayers, which are not in any way a substitute for religion. It has no theological doctrines, it offers no sacraments,

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and it does not claim to lead to salvation. By having prayers at its meetings Freemasonry is no more in competition with religion than, say, having a meal where grace is said.

Freemasons are not allowed to discuss religion or politics at meetings. Freemasonry's aim is to encourage its members to discover what people from all different backgrounds have in common. As is all too well known, debate about religion and politics can lead to heated discussion rather than enlightenment.

A Freemason is thus basically encouraged to do his duty first to his God, and then to his family and those who dependent on him. He is to help his neighbors through charity and service.

None of these ideas is exclusive to Freemasonry, but all should be universally acceptable and Freemasons are expected to follow them.



You Can Still Get Long COVID If You're Vaccinated and Boosted

<https://time.com/6211659/long-covid-after-vaccination-boosters/>

COVID-19 vaccines were designed primarily to [prevent severe disease and death](#)—two purposes for which they continue to work very well. But when the shots first rolled out, many people also hoped they would block [or even reverse](#) symptoms of Long COVID, such as fatigue, cognitive dysfunction, chronic pain, and neurological issues.

By now, it's clear that even people who are fully vaccinated and boosted can get Long COVID, and recent research suggests that vaccines aren't the Long COVID shields people wished for.

Studies have come to very different estimates about the degree of protection vaccines offer against Long COVID. But some of the latest findings point to fairly disappointing protection. In one [July report](#) from the U.K.'s Office for National Statistics, more than 4% of vaccinated and boosted adults in the U.K. who were infected by Delta, Omicron BA.1, or BA.2 still had symptoms at least 12 weeks later. A [preprint posted online](#) on Sept. 6 (which has not yet been peer-reviewed) suggests the situation isn't any better in the U.S. Researchers surveyed people from June into July, [as the BA.5 variant was taking over](#). Among those who said they'd had COVID-19 at least a month earlier, roughly 20% had symptoms that lasted at least four weeks, with little difference between vaccinated and unvaccinated people.

That's not to say vaccines are useless against Long COVID. [A research re-](#)

[view](#) published in *eClinical Medicine* in August analyzed a mix of peer-reviewed and preprint studies, six of which looked at whether people who were vaccinated before they got infected had a lower chance of developing Long COVID than unvaccinated people who got sick. All six studies concluded that vaccinated people are at lower risk.

At first, it appeared that vaccines were pretty protective against Long COVID. Some 2021 research suggested [vaccinated people were up to 50% less likely to develop Long COVID](#) after a breakthrough infection, compared to unvaccinated people who got COVID-19. But [a large study published in Nature Medicine in May](#) reached a less-encouraging conclusion: it found that vaccinated people were only about 15% less likely to develop Long COVID than their unvaccinated counterparts.

Studies have reached a wide range of estimates because of differences in how they were designed, how long they tracked people, and [how they defined Long COVID](#), says Dr. Ziyad Al-Aly, chief of research and development at the Veterans Affairs St. Louis Health Care System, a clinical epidemiologist at Washington University in St. Louis, and a co-author of the *Nature Medicine* study. But regardless of the exact numbers, "the common thread is vaccines do offer some protection, but it's never complete," he says. "It's partial." That

secondary benefits for Long COVID prevention. Though anyone can develop the condition, people who have severe initial cases of COVID-19 are at highest risk—so the fact that vaccines tend to keep cases milder hopefully means fewer people will develop lasting complications.

Early in vaccine distribution, some anecdotal reports also sparked hope that the shots could improve symptoms among people who already had Long COVID. But it's still not clear whether that's true. The authors of the *eClinical Medicine* research review couldn't find a strong consensus in the 11 studies they analyzed on this topic: seven found that Long COVID patients' symptoms improved after vaccination, while four found that they stayed the same or worsened. In rare cases, people have also reported developing Long COVID-like symptoms after getting vaccinated, even if

they hadn't knowingly had the virus.

The new Omicron-specific boosters only raise more questions about vaccination and Long COVID, Al-Aly notes, since researchers haven't had a chance to study them yet. In the future, he says he hopes researchers will develop vaccines that provide longer-lasting protection against all variants, block viral transmission, and prevent Long COVID. Some of these efforts are underway, as scientists work to develop nasal vaccines that could reduce the risk of infection and shots that could target many different coronaviruses at once.

For now, though, even vaccinated, boosted, and previously infected people aren't immune to Long COVID. Any infection could lead to lingering complications, which underscores the importance of limiting exposure to the virus as much as possible.

Grand Lecturer what 3 –7 books do you recommend new members read

- *Master Mason Catechism
- *Most Worshipful Hiram of Tyre's Ritual
- *Most Worshipful Hiram of Tyre's Constitution



- *The Standard Masonic Monitor

*Mackey's Jurisprudence (emphasis on 25 Landmarks, Masonic Etiquette, the duties of the position they hold in the Blue Lodge, and the next position they may have in the next ensuing year)

- *Purchase a Masonic Bible and study when you can.

Also, for outside reading: The Lost Keys of Freemasonry, African Origins of Freemasonry, Look to the East

- *Bible
- *OES/Queen of the South Ritual
- *Amaranth Ritual (If member has received this degree)
- *Robert's Rules of Order
- *Chapter By-Laws
- *Methods book



Remember, the Bible being the word of God gives us light, knowledge and guidance and better understanding.

Our ritualistic work is based on the Bible.

For a new member I suggest reading about our 5 heroines (Adah, Ruth, Esther, Martha and Electa).

Is Hiram Ready for a “KING?”



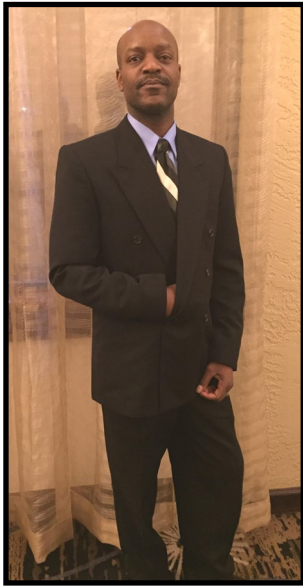
How can we benefit from an Ambassador to the Grand Lodge?

— By Brother Alvin Anderson

There has been discussions in the past about Hiram of Tyre Grand Lodge having a “King.” The basis for these discussions lies in the functionality of Golden Poppy Grand Chapter’s “Miss Golden Poppy.” Every year since the early 1950’s, Golden Poppy Grand Chapter crowned a Miss Golden Poppy at the organization’s Annual Session. The Miss Golden Poppy crown is awarded to the member that raises the most money for the Grand Chapter’s Educational Fund. Member’s interested in running must notify their Chapter by October and the Grand Matron must be notified by February.

A ceremony is held at every Annual Communication named “Civic Night” where every past Miss Golden Poppy in attendance is promenaded by an escort and seated on a stage. After a small ceremony, the new Miss Golden Poppy is crowned.

I personally enjoy this annual event, but I asked myself, “How about the Grand Lodge? Why don’t we have a “Hiram King?” Seems basic. And how wonderful it would be to have an Ambassador to the craft. I would like to see it go beyond just fund raising however. I would like to see a pure example of a member living by the working tools and jewels of our craft. This King or Ambassador will be a true representative of Masonry. This member will be active in community service. He will be supportive in his Lodge and in the Grand Lodge. He will be a member that will be able to tell non-members what being a true mason is all about. He will care for humanity. And family. And will wear the crown of Masonry with Dignity & Respect. Does this sound good to you? If so, then jot down a few notes on how you would like to see this “King Hiram” or “Grand Lodge Ambassador” selected and submit it to the Grand Lodge. We may have our first ever “King.”



I would first like to thank the brethren for their accepting me as the new Grand Instructor for the bay area. When I first began my travels as a Freemason some years ago I challenged myself to learn more about the order. Since then, having been a Past Master and also a Shriner, I have learned many amazing things about this most ancient, free and accepted rite. Not only have I learned about having faith in our creator and how to guide myself with right action by the compass and

square, but I have also learned to be charitable and hospitable to those in need. We learn to extend ourselves beyond the length of our cable tow to help a worthy brother whenever and wherever possible.

As the new Grand Instructor my focus and plan will be to bring more knowledge to our order and to teach the true history and lineage of Freemasonry. And also, to broaden our understanding of the lessons and rituals of Freemasonry so that we may form a better connection with our order and of the works therein.

So mote it be!

Bro. Judah Aton, San Andres #70
District Deputy Grand Instructor (Bay Area)

If you are new to the 357 group (previously Yahoo and now Google), please send an email to **lashawnlawson@gmail.com** and include your name and chapter or lodge name. Please note: you **MUST** be a member of either Golden Poppy Grand Chapter or Hiram of Tyre Grand Lodge in order to be granted membership to the Google Group page.

Excellent High Priest Dale Grimes presenting Past HP cap to Devon Gregory. Bro. Dale Grimes has worked diligently along with others to restore the York Rite in the Southern and LA area; and he has quietly spent his own money towards accomplishing these goals.



EVENTS

Mark Your Calendar

September 24, 2022 1—6pm
Master Masons Can Cook
Bro. Anthony Graves—President

October 8 Breast Cancer Awareness Luncheon (Esther Chapter #2) Sis. Avis James—Chair

October 15—Nov. 15 Fundraiser
Friendly #19 Custom Dominos \$30 call
Bro. M. Barker for details 310.921.0649

October 28 Halloween @ Carver Park in LA—Gina Morrow—chair (Esther #2) 1400 E. 118th St. LA CA 90059

October 29 Master Mason Day 3pm
5904 So. Broadway Los Angeles CA

October 31, 2020 6-8pm
LA Area Halloween Candy Give-Away
Time: 6:30pm (5:30pm for staff)
Sis. Freda King, Phinehas Mosley— Co-Chairs

November 1 – 20 Fundraiser Alpine #1 is taking orders for **fried turkey**. You can receive one all month. Kevin Harrison (713) 725-0525 & Tim Bryant (*below*) —Chairmen



November 2022 Masonic Book Club
TBA Bro. Bernard Bryant —Organizer

November 13 5 Star Point Tea (Esther Chapter #2) Sis. Avis James—chair; call Bro. Mosley 323.273.8151 for tickets

November 19 Thanksgiving @ Carver Park in LA—Gina Morrow—chair (Esther #2)



November 18-19 Shrine Creation in Oakland, CA—Harold Jones, chair

December TBA Amos #4 Toy Give-A-Way—Bernard Lee, chair (Bay Area)

December 3 Angel City Celebration TBA—Patricia Bennett, chair

December 3 Christmas w/ Snow @ Carver Park 1400 E 118th St, Los Angeles, CA —Gina Morrow—chair



December 17 LA Area Joint Installation Day— DDGI K. Harrison, chair

December 31, 2022—Jan 1, 2023 New Year's Eve Dinner & Dance Buffett Breakfast; Contacts: Melvin James 310.713.1836; Joe Rogers Jr. 323.369.3666; Michael Myles 323.806.9384

January 16, 2023 MLK Day Parade in Las Vegas, Nevada—Reginald Willis, chair

