

THE COMPASS

The Communication of the MWPHGL of KY (5th Edition)

2025 Grand Session: July 28th through July 31st, 2025

From the Desk of the Most Worshipful Grand Master

PHA Family:

In the last issue of THE COMPASS I ended with the following:

"Let's All Remember to Keep Our Lights Shining! In these great times of difficulty we need to stand out and be present in our communities!"

I felt the need to begin my message with the same statement.....

There are great challenges, confusion, and negativity that are presented to us each day and I truly believe that these will increase, prior to becoming better. It seems as if the world is becoming dimmer and people around us care less and less about the truth, knowledge, peace, or the needs of others. This is the time that our Masonic principles and teachings should provide us peace, comfort and the desire to go out and spread more light!

We must remember that knowledge is power and we consider this knowledge to be "Enlightenment". Now is the time to leave our sacred retreats and once again mingle with the outer world. During these times of challenge, we should "Keep our Lights Shining!" We need to let the world know how Mason's love one another and our communities.

Please remember to stay active in your communities; provide needed supports and services; participate in community leadership opportunities; stay involved; and stay visible.....



Johnny L. Ware
52nd Most Worshipful Grand Master





From the Desk of the Grand Worthy Matron

GRAND WORTHY MATRONS LETTER OF THANKS AND APPRECIATION

To: All Heads of Houses, Cecelia Dunlap Grand Chapter, Present and Past, Elected and Appointed Grand Officers, Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge, Present and Past, Elected and Appointed Grand Lodge Officers, Worthy Matrons, Worthy Patrons, Worshipful Masters, Sisters, Brothers, Family, and friends.

On behalf of the Grand Worthy Matron, the District Deputy Grand Matron of the Central District, the Chair and members of the Grand Worthy Matrons Testimonial Banquet Committee, we would like to thank you for your presence, your ads, all the many acts of kindness presented and sent to me during my testimonial celebration. I am so grateful and appreciative to all of you for shining on me and making this event an occasion I will remember forever.

By Gods Grace and for Gods Glory,
Thank you! Thank You! Thank you!

Carla D. Goode Thomas
Grand Worthy Matron



2025 Grand Session Registration Form

2025 Grand Session: July 28th through July 31st, 2025

Location: Holiday Inn University Plaza, 1021 Wilkinson Trace,
Bowling Green, KY 42103

Phone: (270)745-0088

HOTEL ROOM RATE: \$125.00 STANDARD / SUITE RATE \$147.00

HOTEL RESERVATION DEADLINE JUNE 30th

2025 REGISTRATION DEADLINE JULY 11th, 2025



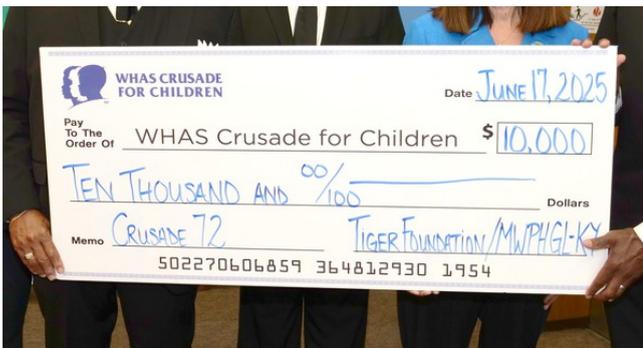
NO ONSITE REGISTRATION ***LATE REGISTRATIONS ADD \$50.00***

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Souvenir Journal Contract (DEADLINE: July 7th , 2025)

VENDORS APPLICATION FOR A VENDOR BOOTH

2025 Grand Session Registration Form



Tiger Foundation Donation to the Crusade for Children

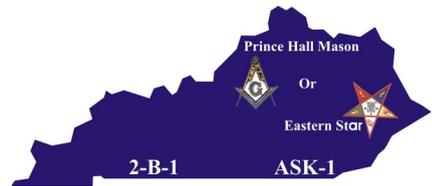
On June 17th representatives from the Tiger Foundation presented a check to the Crusade for Children. Thanks to our Lodges and OES Chapters for your generous donations! We were able to make another \$10,000 donation this year on behalf of the Tiger Foundation and PHA Masonic Family!



Tiger Foundation Recognized by the Mayor and Juneteenth Commission

The Tiger Foundation was invited to a press conference on June 17th for a press conference with Mayor Greenberg. At this press conference the Tiger Foundation was recognized by the Juneteenth Jubilee Commissioner of the Metro Boards and Commissions for its work within our community. The Tiger Foundation received "The Village Award".





St. John's Day Celebration (Cookout)

The Central District celebrated St. John's Day at Shawnee Park on Saturday, June 21st. It was a hot day, but many found a light breeze under the shelter. Thanks to all of those that participated and thanks to the Central District Leadership for a great event!

St. John's Day Church Service

The Central District hosted its church service at the Hughlett Temple A.M.E. Zion Church at 2115 West Jefferson Street.

Why Do Masons Celebrate St. John's Day

St. John the Evangelist holds great significance in Freemasonry, serving as a representation of the spiritual aspect of the craft. Freemasonic rituals and teachings often make references to John the Evangelist and his Gospel, which is regarded as a symbol of light and enlightenment. This aligns perfectly with Freemasonry's focus on self-improvement and the pursuit of knowledge.

Within Freemasonry, St. John the Evangelist is associated with the southern position in the lodge. This association symbolizes the rising sun and the season of summer. By doing so, it emphasizes the importance of light both in a physical and metaphorical sense. Moreover, this connection highlights key Masonic values such as wisdom, understanding, and enlightenment.

Flashback to the Central District St. John's Day Pic Nic



Preparing to Feed the Multitudes!



It is good when brothers dwell together in unity!



True Dedication!



Fun Times!



It's Got to Be Hot!!!!!!



Master Chef!



Enjoying Cards and Fellowship!



Enjoying Great Food and Fellowship!



PGM Newton!



**Central District St. John's
Day Church Service**
Hughlett Temple A.M.E. Zion
Church
2115 West Jefferson Street
Louisville, KY



**Thanks to Hughlett
Temple A.M.E. Zion
Church!**
Hughlett Temple A.M.E. Zion
Church
2115 West Jefferson Street
Louisville, KY



**Thanks to our Grand
Officers and the Central
District Leadership!**



The Brothers of Mount Moriah Lodge #1 had a great time participating in and serving at the 2025 Saint John's Day Cookout! It was a day filled with... | By Mount | Facebook

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Thanks to all of those who celebrated GWM Carla Goode-Thomas' Testimonial

Let all that you do be done in love. 1st Corinthians 16:14



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Greetings and Salutations

When I look back over my life, I can truly say that I am blessed. I am blessed to be the first and only baby girl of the late Harold Goode, Sr., and Ann C. Goode. From an early age, my parents taught me to serve the Lord with gladness - and for that I am eternally grateful.

In 1977, my parents guided me to the youth organization of the Order, where I was initiated as a Diamond. That moment marked the beginning of my journey with the Order of the Eastern Star. And look at me now - humbly serving as the 52nd Elected Grand Worthy Matron of Cecelia Dunlap Grand Chapter, Order of Eastern Star of Kentucky, Inc. Prince Hall Affiliation.

My blessing continue as I joyfully welcome each and every one of you to a weekend of fun, laughter and celebration. Thank you for being part of this amazing affair. I extend deep gratitude to the Committee, whose dedication and hard work have made this occasion both memorable and meaningful.

To my beloved family - thank you for your unwavering support and encouragement throughout the years. And to my husband Kermic P. Thomas, Jr., affectionately known as "Worm" - thank you. Thank you for sharing me, even when it wasn't easy. Thank you for driving, cooking, singing, packing, hauling, and running whenever I called. Thank you for sleeping with the light on and rarely complaining as the keyboard clicked deep into the midnight hour. Thank you for being my rock - for loving me unconditionally.

May my work speak for me.
By God's Grace and For God's Glory,

Carla D. Goode Thomas
52nd Grand Worthy Matron

Thank You!




Worthy Matron Watkins
Marshalling In Our Grand
Worthy Matron



Our Grand Worthy Matron
Carla Goode-Thomas



Our Grand Worthy Matron
and her husband (Bro.
Kermit Thomas)

Picture of GWM Carla Goode-Thomas being escorted in to her Testimonial Banquet!

Recognizing Hard Work!

Temple Director - Brother Norfleet

Past Master John A. Norfleet, Sr. serves as the Grand Temple Director for the MWOHGL of KY. Brother Norfleet has been an active member of the St. Thomas No. 2 Lodge in Louisville KY for 25 years. He has also served as the lodge's secretary for the past 8 years. As the Temple Director, he oversees the day-to-day functions of the Grand Temple, coordinating between 26-32 meetings and special events each month. Brother Norfleet handles the scheduling, room set-ups, decorations, and cleaning afterwards for every each event. Brother Norfleet and his assistant take care of maintenance and overall care of the entire property and its well-being.

Brother Norfleet expresses, "It has been an honor and pleasure to serve this Grand Body, our fraternity and our community with Love, Pride, and Enthusiasm to better the lives of everyone who enters Our Holy Edifice."



Parkland Temple (Our Home)



The Corner Stone of the Parkland Neighborhood



The Work on our Temple Continues!

Assistant Temple Director - Orenzio Tobin

Brother Tobin is currently the Assistant Temple Director to the Parkland Masonic Temple located at 28th and Dumesnil Streets. He has been a resident of West Louisville all his life from Old Walnut Street to the Chickasaw Area. Orenzio, affectionately known as Ren, spends countless hours beautifying the Parkland Masonic Temple including building maintenance and upkeep of the grounds. He has completely remodeled Farris Hall with brand new floors, remodeled bathrooms and electrical updates.

Orenzio is a Prince Hall Mason having been a member of Mount Moriah Lodge No. 1 since 2019. He was given the honor of Master Mason of the Year in 2022. He is a member of the Ancient



Egyptian Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine Damascus Temple No. 58, Cyrus No. 4, and Magician Bowling League.

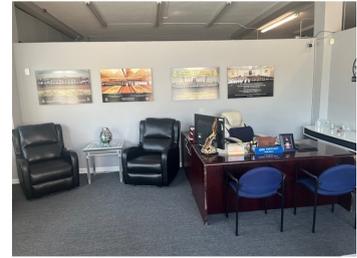
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3rd Floor Looking Great!



OES Meeting Room Updated!



New Reception Area at the Front of the Temple!

From the Desk of the Grand Lecturer - Brother T. Howard

I congratulate every mason for taking the first step to become a mason to become a better man. We should keep and understand our charge we received as a master mason. Once you rediscover this charge, you will start to understand the true responsibility of someone taking on that respectable character that you now bear.

This is when rubber hits the ground. We are to preserve unsullied the reputation of the fraternity. Unsullied is defined as (not spoiled or made impure. Not soiled or tarnished.) May our reputation and actions speak volumes of this word, unsullied, throughout our fraternity. In this respectable character you are authorized to correct the irregularities of your less informed brethren. We need to guard them from every allurements to vicious practices. Are we fortifying our minds with resolutions against the snares of the insidious? Don't forget your duty and honor binding you to be faithful to every trust. If your conduct is exemplary, you will have an opportunity to convince the world that merit is the just title to our privileges. Continue to make your vouchers proud that they pointed you out as a proper person for a peculiar mark of their favor to become a mason.



Bro Terrence Howard R.W.G.L.

June 28, 2025

Upcoming Events

DAMASCUS TEMPLE NO. 58 PRESENTS:

Day at the Races

WITH THE PRINCE HALL SHRINER'S

Saturday
September 27th

TICKETS \$75

INCLUDES FREE

PARKING CHEF'S BUFFET &
NONALCOHOLIC DRINKS

FIRST RACE BEGINS AT 12:45 PM

BUFFET FROM 11:30 AM UNTIL 2:30 PM (GET THERE EARLY!)

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CYRUS CHAPTER NO. 4

Annual

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\$40
Donation



August 30, 2025

6PM-11PM

River City FOP Lodge 6204 Price Ln Rd.

Louisville, Kentucky 40229

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Any Companion of Cyrus Ch.4



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