



The STAR

"When they saw the STAR, they rejoiced with exceedingly great joy!"

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O' Jerusalem...

**ONE
MORE
TIME**



"I was glad when they said unto me, 'Let US go into the House of the Lord! OUR feet shall stand within thy gates, O Jerusalem."

I give GOD all the glory, honor, and praise!!!

I am thankful to Honorable Jeffery G. Jones, MWGM and his Executive Board for allowing me this opportunity to lead the Jerusalem Grand Chapter ONE MORE TIME!!!

And I'm so thankful for each and everyone of you for electing me to this position. And I promise to give you my best!

Your Grand Officers have been quite busy

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Meet PM Raymond Cromartie, Jr. Grand Worthy Patron "The Example"

Our GWP is a charter member and hails from Morning Star Chapter #75. He is also a PM of Joppa Lodge #7, having transferred from J. R. L. Conyers Lodge #364. Bro. Cromartie has served in leadership in all masonic houses, and is a member of all female auxiliaries. In addition, he is a PP of Idris Temple #239, member of Northwest Florida Consistory #253, member of United Supreme Council 33rd Degree Mason, and member of Fred M. Moore Union Grand Council Knights of Pythagoras.

Bro. Cromartie is a member of Gregg Chapel A.M. E. Church, under Pastor Rev. Cecil Williams.

When asked about his purpose for working so diligently with Jerusalem Grand Chapter, his reply was as follows:

"I have been in service of Jerusalem Grand Chapter Since 2009, starting as a Worthy Patron, the liaison between the Lodge and the Chapter. My Great Grand Father, Pastor Will M. Young, was a Mason in Service to the Lord and to the Masonic Order. This is a family affair.

Upon my appointment by Grand Master Walter Gulley, Jr. to the position of Grand Associate Patron, I was asked if I would serve? My answer was "Yes, in any capacity". Then, the journey began! We as Brothers must do more to protect and lend a helping hand to our Mothers, Wives, Sisters, Daughters and Widows. I will work with this Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter to move this Jurisdiction to a higher level of excellence.

We must continue to be vigilant in completing every task. As Grand Officers, we must lead by example. We are not here to receive praise for the work we do; that will come when we get our wings, and hear the Lord say, 'Well done my good and faithful servant.'

"But someone may well say, 'You have faith and I have works; show me your faith without the works, and I will show you my faith by my works.'" James 2: 18



Meet Sis. Renee Elise Bolden Grand Associate Matron

Our newly elected GAM is a member of E. J. Cameron Chapter #4, where she served as a Worthy Matron, prior to her appointment to District Deputy Grand Worthy Matron. In this capacity, she was instrumental in assisting with the chartering of Walter Gulley, Jr. Chapter #125 in Callahan.

Sis. Bolden is also very active in Heroines of Jericho, Ladies of the Circle of Perfection, Order of the Golden Circle and Daughters.

She is a proud and faithful member of First Missionary Baptist Church of Fernandina Beach, where she is known as the "First Lady", wife to Rev. Dr. Darien Bolden.

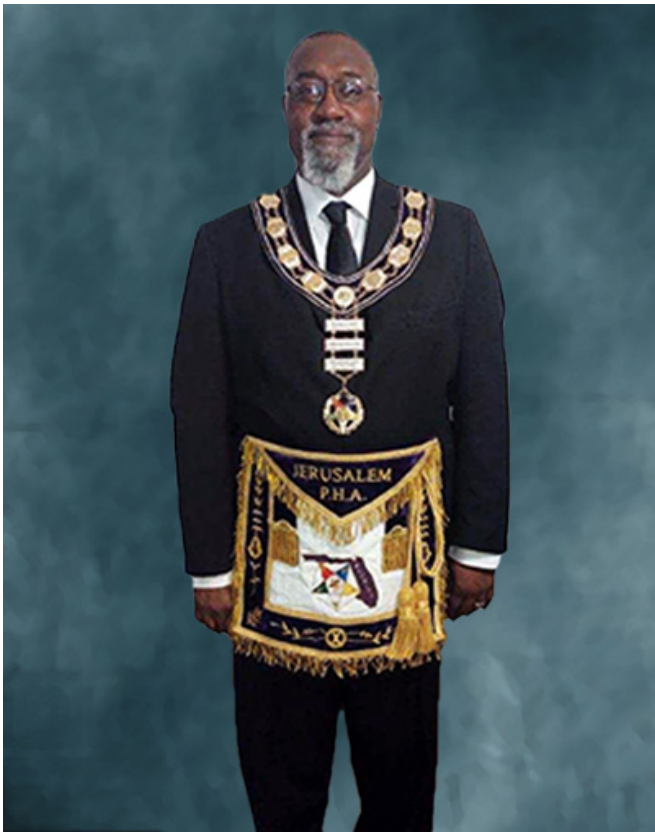
She is also actively involved in Mission Ministry, Union St. Missionary Baptist Association, Interdenominational Minister Wives and Widows of Jacksonville and Florida State Minister Wives and Widows, assisting with donating clothes and food to Haiti, distributing food in the community, and working with Sickle Cell and Breast Cancer Awareness projects.

When asked about her service, she replied, "In 1995, after marrying my husband, I began to go with him to the fellowship dinners his Lodge (Washington #386) would have, and I witnessed the love and respect they had for one another. And after attending a few Festive Day Celebrations, I knew I wanted to be a member of this great organization.

Since my initiation, I have completely committed to always showing myself as a true sister beloved. I have continued my community service efforts in conjunction with my chapter.

And I was able to spearhead the E. J. Cameron/ Donald Rice Scholarship, where 8 high school recipients received assistance with their senior fees.

I am committed to showing Christ-like love and volunteering to help wherever I can brighten someone else's day. My commitment to JGC is to always show love towards all sisters as **Jeremiah 31:3: "Yea, I have love thee with an everlasting love: therefore, with loving kindness have I drawn thee."**



Meet PM Mukimbah H. Bess Grand Associate Patron

GAP Bess is an active member of Ruth Chapter #79, where he served as Associate Patron, Worthy Patron, and as a chapter trainer.

His love for God and the Word lead him to complete his BA in Theology (Pastoral Studies). He is also a member of Patrick AFB Chapel (Satellite Beach)

GAP Bess is also actively involved with Holy Royal Arch Masons and Knights of Pythagoras. And he provides ongoing community service with National Diabetes Initiative, Florida Voters Registration and American Legion.

He had this to share with us in reference to his service agenda with Jerusalem Grand Chapter: "I want to serve the Jerusalem Grand Chapter because He who doeth all things well blessed me to find a place of service for the greatest Jurisdiction I know.

When I was born, my mother told me God gave her a scripture I would need to live by, Proverbs 3: 5-6: 'Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding; in all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths.'

I am committed to God, and since this is where He has placed me, I will serve to the best of my ability. I plan to serve the Grand Chapter and its membership with hope, faith, and love, all things beginning at these essential points can not be wrong.

My commitment to the Jerusalem Grand Chapter, Florida, and the membership is steadfast and remains unshaken. I believe God implicitly and that is enough for me to know my commitment is well founded in Jerusalem Grand Chapter and this Jurisdiction."



Meet Sis. Bernice McFadden Grand Conductress

Sis. Bernice McFadden was initiated into the Order in 2006, and currently is a member of Lola Simon Chapter #33.

She is a faithful member of New Progress Missionary Baptist Church and serves as the Sunday School Superintendant.

Sis. McFadden is involved in Heroines of Jericho, Order of the Golden Circle, and Daughters, and has extensive community service with Metropolitan Ministries and Trinity Cafe'. When asked about her service, she stated, "Our purpose for being on this earth is service to mankind because that is what our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ set the example for us to do. If we learn to follow His teaching of loving one another as He has loved us and to do unto others as we would have them do unto us, we will set the example for other sisters and brothers, by allowing our light to shine before men, that they may see our good works and glorify our Father which is in Heaven."

"For I know the plan I have for you" declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." Jeremiah 29:11



Meet Sis. Bridgette A. Howell Grand Associate Conductress

Our GAC is a member of Valentine Chapter #12 and a member of Hurst Chapel A.M.E. where, PGWP Rev. Dr. E. J. Parker, III is pastor. She has held several positions in her chapter, and is also active in Heroines of Jericho and Order of the Golden Circle. Sis. Howell is a member of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc, Sigma Alpha Iota International Music Fraternity for Women, and Marching Alumni of Bethune-Cookman University.

Service has been the fabric in my blueprint of life since the age of 11. From visiting the elderly to delivering Thanksgiving baskets to our seasoned members, service is the one conviction that keeps me grounded in knowing that, "if I can help somebody along life's way, then my living will not be in vain." I plan to fully support this administration by using my talents and skills to enhance the understanding of the ritualistic work of our beloved Order. I also plan to strongly support the Grand Worthy Matron in her platforms of payback, investment, and development. As we continue to allow Almighty God to lead and guide us in this next phase of the growth of Jerusalem Grand Chapter, we will be able to declare the Word in Luke 1:37 - **"For with God, nothing shall be impossible!"**



Meet Sis. Lira M. Latimer **Grand Treasurer**

Sis. Latimer was initiated into the Order in 2005, and currently is a member of Simmons Chapter #2. She is also the charter WM of Simmons #2, under Jerusalem Grand Chapter, where she is a Life Member (#10).

She is a faithful member of Jerusalem Missionary Baptist Church, where Dr. Joseph T. Wright is pastor.

Sis. Latimer is also a member of Heroines of Jericho, Ladies of the Circle of Perfection, Templar Crusaders, Order of the Golden Circle, and Daughters. She served as Grand Chairwoman of the Committee of Foreign Correspondence for JGC (2015-16), and has been a presenter at masonic workshops. She is also a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., and participates as a Supervisor of Elections Precinct Clerk and League of Women Voters. She also volunteers with Farm Share and Second Harvest. When asked to share her views on service, she offered the following: "I believe in the mission, vision, and values of our great Order. The Lord created us to serve, so I take delight in serving by being action-oriented, collaborative, and transparent (ACT) but above all else, serving with lovingkindness."



Meet Sis. Temekee Armstrong **Grand Secretary**

Our GS is a member of D.W. Perkins #29 and is an active member of St. Paul Missionary Baptist Church. She has also held leadership positions in Heroines of Jericho, Ladies of the Circle of Perfection, Templar Crusaders, and Order of the Golden Circle. As a business owner, she partners with other entities to support residents in low income housing.

Sis. Armstrong shares the following: "My OES journey began in May 2011, and I've grown to love this

beautiful Order more than I imagined. I work each day to grow, learn, give and love. I plan to serve by focusing on the membership. Helping Stars remember the reason they joined the Order of the Eastern Star. I want to show young women like me that you really do not have to struggle alone. Yes, it takes a village to raise a child but it also takes that same village to care for the seniors. I want to tap into remembering the history and the shoulders of the women we stood on as we grew in the Order. My commitment to Jerusalem Grand Chapter and the Florida Jurisdiction is to STAY COMMITTED. Loving this order and committing to its core values do not require title nor crown. Instead, it requires passion and love. I look forward to the upcoming years. The best has yet to come."



To my Beloved SiStars and Brothers of the Jerusalem Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, PHA,

I am so excited to bring this GROWTH CHALLENGE to our Jurisdiction!!!

The purpose of the challenge is to assist each of our chapters to grow...either by reinstatement of former or by initiation of new members into our Order. And I've done my best to make it as simple as possible. And most importantly, a benefit to YOU!!!

As it stands, from now until our tentative scheduled Mid-Year Workshop (September 24-25), the cost to the Grand Chapter will remain \$100.00 for any reinstatement or initiation. However, for every member added to your chapter, you will receive from the Grand Chapter \$25.00 to add to your Chapter's treasury!

And guess what? It gets better!!! At the Mid-Year Workshop, we will announce the chapter that has added the most members to their roll, and that chapter will receive a Gift of Appreciation of 2 registrations for Mid-Year Workshop and 2 registrations for 2022 Grand Session! AND, for the member that refers the most members back to our beloved Jerusalem, they one will receive registration for Mid-Year Workshop and 2022 Grand Session!!! (The referred members can be to other chapters in the Jurisdiction).

At the end of the day, EVERY CHAPTER OF THE JERUSALEM GRAND CHAPTER IS A WINNER!!!

Now, this is where I need your help! Because our membership has suffered the loss of many, I'm asking that during this GROWTH CHALLENGE all subordinate chapters will suspend the collection of dues for 2021. (You will resume collection in December 2021 in preparation for 2022 Annual Returns). It is only fair, that as we WELCOME SiSTARS and Brothers, we give consideration to their finances during this pandemic. The modified forms are available on the website at: www.jgc-oesphafl.org

Growth Challenge Continued-

When you elected me as your 3rd Grand Worthy Matron, I told you that I would need your help to advance our Jurisdiction. And so here I am again, as your 5th....asking that you HELP me make this challenge a great success!

Who will meet me in the WINNER'S CIRCLE at Mid-Year Workshop???

Come on Jerusalem, It's Time To GROW!!!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

2021 Tentative Dates for The Jerusalem Grand Chapter

June 11 - 12	Executive Board Meeting
August 7	Zone 1 Visitation
August 14	Zone 2 Visitation
August 21	Zone 3 Visitation
August 27-28	Most Worshipful Union Grand Lodge of FL Educational Leadership Lyceum
September 4	The Virtual Wrap-Up Visitation
September 24-26	Mid-Year Workshop and Testimonial for GWM Lillian L. Carter
December 3-5	OES Celebration Weekend

**All dates are tentative and subject to final approval from MWGM Honorable Jeffery G. Jones.*

You've Got Questions? We've Got Answers!

Contact Us!

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Fraternal Greetings Continued~

these first few weeks. From collecting properties, reviewing reports, adjusting banking mechanisms, we've held weekly Executive Board meetings to discuss the present state of the Grand Chapter, and where we want to see Jerusalem go! In addition, we are spending time reviewing our governing documents, making sure that we are all on the same page across the Jurisdiction. Jerusalem is one Grand Chapter, with 3 Zones....not 3 mini grand chapters.

Going forward, this Grand Chapter will present and move as one harmonious unit. While your Zone may have an occasional fund raiser, all activities that are designed to support the Grand Chapter will be the same, including the price.

Within this newsletter, I will share the 2021 tentative dates for the Jerusalem Grand Chapter.

Registration of principals officers to the Visitations and Mid-Year Workshop will remain, however the fee for everyone will be the SAME PRICE!!! In addition, per the Constitution, all chapters are required to "gift" the Grand Worthy Matron \$50 upon her visitation. This year, I, Tracy A. Thomas, by the power vested in me, as the Grand Worthy Matron of the Jerusalem Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, PHA, do hereby WAIVE the visitation donation, and ask that each chapter retain \$25 for their treasury and make a \$25 donation to the Starlight Youth Council in their area. If there is no Starlight Youth Council, the chapter is to make the donation to the Grand Chapter, noting "Starlight donation" in the memo section of their check or money order. (Sounds my gavel!!)

You may be wondering, why??? It's simple. I want to help you GROW your chapter's membership, and I want to teach you how to make your chapter thrive...even in a pandemic. You elected me to SERVE...and that's exactly what I plan to do!!!

In closing, it is my hope that you've enjoyed this newsletter. We're looking to fill it with more information about you, your chapters and the service that you're doing for mankind!!!

Thank you Jerusalem....for giving me "One More Time!"



Worthy In White (Rev. 3: 4-5),
Tracy A. Thomas, PT, DPT, PhD
Grand Worthy Matron
Jerusalem Grand Chapter
Order of the Eastern Star ~ PHA ~ FL
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