**Allocution  
of the   
Most Illustrious Commander-in-Chief  
of the Ohio Council of Deliberation  
and Deputy for the Orient of Ohio**

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**October 23, 2021**

“For I know the plans 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 NIV*

To the 20th Sovereign Grand Commander, The United Supreme Council, Ancient & Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry, P.H.A., Northern Jurisdiction, USA, Inc., the Honorable Melvin J. Bazemore 33°; to the Lieutenant Grand Commander, The United Supreme Council, Ancient & Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry, P.H.A., Northern Jurisdiction, USA, Inc., S.G.I.G. Sidney D. Broadnax Jr. 33°; to the 65th Most Worshipful Grand Master, Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Ohio, the Honorable Jerry R. Ellerson 33° and his Trustees; to the Assistant to the Deputy for the Orient of Ohio S.G.I.G. Louis C. Crocheron 33º; to the Sovereign Grand Inspectors General; to the Ohio Council of Deliberation officers; to the Grand Inspectors General; to all past and present Illustrious Commanders-in-Chief; to all Grand Inspectors General; to all Sublime Princes; and to all of our distinguished guests…

Good morning.

**Intro**

Before any important undertaking we should always invoke the blessings of Deity.

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I would first like to thank my Creator and Lord and Savior Jesus Christ for His divine intervention for allowing me the strength and spirit to represent this Ohio Council of Deliberation for another year. I would also like to give thanks to Cheryl Williams, the First Lady of the Orient of Ohio, along with our daughters and grandchildren. Without their support it would be no joy in this labor of love that I have for this organization.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our Sovereign Grand Commander, the Honorable Melvin J. Bazemore 33º…



for his extraordinary leadership and for possessing the confidence in allowing me to continue to serve as his representative in the stead as the Most Illustrious Commander-in-Chief and Deputy for this great Orient. I humbly and proudly serve to the best of my ability.

I would like to commend the early-stage efforts of St. Mathews Consistory No. 24 and La Paz Assembly No. 35 to accommodate this 112th Annual Session of the Ohio Council of Deliberation. We hoped to have an in-person session, but the current public health emergency required us to convert this meeting to one held on a virtual platform.

I would also like to thank the officers of the Ohio Council of Deliberations and the Ohio Commanders of the Rite.

**Necrology**

Since our last annual session several Fraters and Loyal Ladies have laid down their crosses here on Earth and donned crowns in heaven above. Notably stalwart Scottish Rite Mason S.G.I.G. Van C. Barnette 33° moved from his house on earth to a mansion in heaven above.



**State of the Nation**

Where do we start? The past year has been like none other in recent history. Murphy’s Law was in full effect.

One of the most important elections of our lifetime happened last November. As a result, our leadership changed from Republican to Democratic and former Vice President Joe Biden was elected as the 46th President of these United States. We look forward to a change in direction especially because increasing numbers of women and minorities were elected to the House of Representatives and the U.S. Senate.

We have noticeably steered away from the normalized immorality of the previous occupant of the White House. However, we have a long road ahead. Evidence of the lingering negative effects of the 45th President culminated in seditious effrontery not seen in the United States since the War of 1812—none other than an insurrection set amid our nation’s Capitol Building.

What is done in the dark always comes to the light and day by day we are seeing that old adage come true.

The death of George Floyd was vindicated by the conviction of former police officer Derek Chauvin. All is not right with the world, but we are inching slowly toward closer to an ideal situation. While striving for zero defects we look for progress instead of hoping for perfection.

A shining light in the years-long fight for justice for all, Congressman John Lewis, passed on to join the ancestors this summer. There is not much to say that has not already been said concerning this civil rights giant. Leadership is an action and example and was exemplified by his life.

The overarching backdrop of the past year has been co-existing with coronavirus. Various lockdowns/quarantine protocols remained in place nationwide as the federal government enacted measures to mitigate the spread of this deadly virus. However, the first wave has passed and now we are fighting against a different strain—the Delta variant.

Our annual session is always a week or so before Election Day. It is so very important that you know and understand the issues and vote your conscience. Nowadays the only disenfranchisement is that you do to yourselves by not intelligently exercising your right to VOTE!

**State of the State**

The impact of COVID–19 was omnipresent. There is nothing anywhere that was not impacted.

Governor Mike DeWine shepherded us through turbulent times by amazingly staying one step ahead of the President.

As usual Cleveland sports teams were the bridesmaid and not the bride. The Cavaliers, 2 years removed from the presence of LeBron James, improved on mediocrity and lowered themselves yet again.

The Cleveland Indians concluded their season without a playoff berth and heading into next season with a name change to the Guardians. The Cleveland Browns are off to a fantastic start and are legitimate Super Bowl contenders.

As for the other professional sports teams in Ohio? We will talk about them when the pandemic is over.

**State of the Rite**

All is well and constantly moving even though our normal progress has been stymied by the presence of coronavirus. Scottish Rite education is slowly creeping to the forefront once again, and despite our social distancing, overall interest in the Rite is increasing.

There is a lot to look forward to and it is safe to say the State of the Rite is strong.

**State of the Orient**

Due to COVID-19, this Orient respects social distancing protocols and keeping the safety and welfare of our members paramount while adhering to the guidance set forth by the Sovereign Grand Commander thus resulting in a virtual annual session.

Outside of the Presidential race another political race hit a little closer to home. In the quest to win the 11th Congressional District race to replace Congresswoman Marcia Fudge (who was nominated and confirmed to serve as the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development) one of our very own, G.I.G. John Barnes Jr. 33° (15), was a candidate in this race. However, he was not elected. Due to the influence of late-arriving dark money flooding the contest, Shontel Brown, a Cuyahoga County Commissioner, defeated former Ohio State Senator Nina Turner.

In March 2021, a very informative and much-needed panel discussion was held among community leaders concerning the Stand Your Ground law. This was facilitated by Voter Awareness Committee chairman G.I.G. Joseph Clark Sr. 33° (21) and moderated by S.P. Cortez Bogard 32° (15). The panelists are deeply entrenched in the Democratic political landscape and are also members of the Ohio Prince Hall family. The event was streamed live on Facebook.

The Orient of Ohio, the jurisdiction of Ohio, and freemasonry in general suffered a devastating loss with the passing of S.G.I.G. Charles W. “Charlie” Hales 33°…



in December of last year. His contributions to freemasonry are innumerable. Illustrious Hales served as the Convention Director for both the Shrine and our United Supreme Council. I had the pleasure of being mentored by him for 16 years.

*Virtual Statewide Reunion*

The Orient of Ohio held its first virtual statewide Reunion on Saturday, May 8, and it was a rousing success. A team primarily composed of Sublime Princes Advanced 18 candidates into Scottish Rite freemasonry.

The Reunion enjoyed the presence of our Sovereign Grand Commander, the Honorable Melvin J. Bazemore; Ohio’s very own, Lieutenant Grand Commander, S.G.I.G. Sidney D. Broadnax Jr. 33°; and a host of other guests from different Orients throughout the jurisdiction.

*Inspections*

I have performed virtual inspections of all five Consistories and all five Assemblies. All fiscal books of the respective officers are sound and will survive an audit. The equipment is in good condition, and the works of the Rite are performed adequately. All bodies have met their obligation to the Orient of Ohio and the United Supreme Council. I want to thank all the officers of the various Consistories and Assemblies for the courtesies extended to me this past year.

*Scholarships*

The listing of scholarships awarded by our Council of Deliberation is included in the book of reports. The members of our Council of Deliberation continue Ohio’s strong tradition of masonic philanthropy ensuring that future generations have a decent beginning to their college careers partially free from the financial burden often incurred in order to progress. This year we awarded more than $23,000 to 34 worthy students.

We must ensure that our scholarship funds (plural) remain generously funded and our students phenomenally resourced. Between the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Ohio, Ohio Council of Deliberation, and the United Supreme Council I know the framework is in place for their success.

The Ohio Council of Deliberation has awarded more than 500 scholarships totaling in excess of $450,000 throughout the past 50-plus years.

*Mentoring program*

The specter of COVID–19 severely impacted normal in-person schooling, which affected our ability to mentor to those affected students. We hope that we can resume our efforts with minimal interruption this fall.

Taking advantage of the enforced social distancing that accompanied COVID–19 G.I.G. Gregory F. Clifford 33° (15) sought to enrich the lives of inner-city youth by taking them on educational outings in the Cleveland Metroparks system in conjunction with the 100 Black Men of Cleveland, Inc.

*Website*

Through the efforts of the website development team, we have a first-class product and we own one of only four COD websites in the Northern Jurisdiction. Response to the website has been positive and encouraging. Please continue to check it for news and information.

The Scottish Rite of Freemasonry is alive and well in the Orient of Ohio and the State of the Orient is strong.

**United Supreme Council**

*Annual Session*

The 140th Annual Session was scheduled to be held in the Valley of Detroit, Orient of Michigan, but due to the coronavirus, in a first for the United Supreme Council, a virtual session was conducted on the Zoom platform.

*Class*

Due to the widespread effects of the coronavirus, and in another unprecedented move, the Elevation of the Class of 2020 and the Class of 2021 was performed virtually as well.

The *Frederick O. Dobson Sr. Class of 2020* participated in the time-honored tradition of being Elevated to the Thirty-Third and Last Degree of Scottish Rite Freemasonry. The Class was named in honor of Illustrious Treasurer-General of the Holy Empire Emeritus, the late S.G.I.G. Frederick O. Dobson Sr. 33°. Illustrious Dobson belonged to DeHugo Consistory No. 2, Valley of Camden, Orient of New Jersey.



The Class of 2021 was named, unsurprisingly, in honor of one of the Orient of Ohio’s very own—S.G.I.G. Charles W. “Charlie” Hales 33°. It was a fitting tribute to a Mason who loomed so large in every organization in which he was a member. Illustrious Hales was a longtime member of Bezaleel Consistory No. 15 and served as Convention Director for 25 years.

*Reclassifications*

In an effort to thin the herd at the upper levels of leadership, our Sovereign Grand Commander only allowed 10 reclassifications to the Emeritus grade. Fraters take notice. It is becoming increasingly more difficult to move up to the next level. What you do and how you support is being closely monitored.

*Address to the Rite*

Commander Bazemore delivered an inspirational and all-encompassing Address to the Rite covering the events of the past 2 years as the United Supreme Council did not hold a traditional in-person annual session last year.

He made sure to give everyone their flowers for the service they rendered during the past 2 years. His address was filled with a laundry list of accomplishments reflective of the efforts of the last 2 years.

A response to the address was provided by Deputy-at-Large S.G.I.G. Edward B. Darnell 33° (6) which highlighted much of the content covered by the Sovereign Grand Commander. Illustrious Darnell brought to the attention of all that this year’s Annual Session was the first time a Sovereign Grand Commander reached out to ALL members of the United Supreme Council—Fraters AND Loyal Ladies.

Initiatives

*Lifetime Membership*

The Lifetime Membership program for the United Supreme Council has launched and is in now in full swing.

Each Lifetime Membership secured creates a small-scale endowment for that member. Even after the member is deceased their dues will be paid into perpetuity thereby creating a “legacy.”

For the introductory price of $2,500 any Sovereign or Grand Inspector General may join. It is a one-time fee that can be paid in installments. All payments must be completed before November 2021. In addition to never paying United Supreme Council membership dues again you will also be accorded priority seating at the Annual Banquet and a custom Lifetime Membership lapel pin, among other benefits. Please support this worthwhile endeavor. The Orient of Ohio has no less than 10 members enrolled.

*Raffle*

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The Annual Fundraising Subcommittee’s inaugural raffle ticket promotion proved to be successful. The drawing was held and all seven prizes were awarded.

Nothing succeeds like success so the Committee will be offering raffle tickets again!. As the 141st Annual Session will be held in person in the Valley of Philadelphia, the drawing will take place during the banquet.

By virtue of Ohio being the largest Orient, we received the largest allotment of raffle tickets. Responsibility will again be in the capable hands of G.I.G. Gregory L. Allen 33° (20).

*Scottish Rite Reflections*

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This is a project which sought to delve into the minds of the Scottish Rite Freemasons in our jurisdiction and have them commit to paper their thoughts and experiences concerning the Rite. Volume 1 launched in June and response to the project was impressive. A number of Fraters from the Orient of Ohio are now published writers.

*Walk of Fame Brick Paver Program*

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There is still room available in the Walk of Fame Garden at the Cathedral. The Orient of Ohio was represented in large numbers during phase 1 of the project, and I thank the Fraters and Loyal Ladies of the Orient of Ohio for participating.

When I served as Most Worshipful Grand Master I had a saying—“Grand Lodge officers support Grand Lodge programs.” Well, here I am saying it again with a slight twist—“Scottish Rite Masons support Scottish Rite programs.” Nothing is guaranteed, but if you support you stand a more of a chance of being noticed for whatever it is that *may* come down the pike than someone who does not.

**Ohio Commanders of the Rite**

Led by S.G.I.G. Gregory S. Snead 33°, the Ohio Commanders of the Rite remains on a steady course. Favorable reports were received by all Valleys.

Polo shirt sales are steady and they are still available. The polo shirt is a joint venture between the Ohio Commanders of the Rite and the Ohio Council of Deliberation. Please remember that a rebate of $5 for the Council of Deliberation; $5 for the Ohio Commanders of the Rite; and $5 for the member’s Consistory is included in the price. This is a winning situation for all involved!

Our newest endeavor is a fall raffle ticket campaign. G.I.G. Sean P. Ruffin 33° (15) is leading the charge on this front. All tickets have been distributed. The drawing will be held in mid-December and the top prize is $500.

Please keep in mind that ALL Sovereign and Grand Inspectors General are members of the Commanders of the Rite. It is up to the Valley Secretaries to collect the dues. It is disheartening to hear the reports of the Valley Vice Presidents indicating there are *X* number of Grand Inspectors General in their Valleys, but only *Y* number of Grand Inspectors General are dues-paying members.

**Order of the Golden Circle**

Per the Sovereign Grand Commander, the edict remains in effect that all women who are members of the Order of the Eastern Star and the Heroines of Jericho, may join the Order of the Golden Circle. Please encourage the eligible ladies in your life (mothers, sisters, wives, *etc*.) who are not members to pursue membership. Just so there is a complete understanding and no ambiguity, female relatives are able to join the Order of the Golden Circle **without** first joining the Order of the Eastern Star due to the temporary suspension of bloodline requirement to join the Order of the Eastern Star in some of our jurisdictions.

It should also be noted that this year is the Ohio Grand Assembly’s 50th Annual Session. It should be further noted that ***our Grand Assembly*** isfirst organized in the Northern Jurisdiction. How appropriate is it that the Loyal Ladies of the Order of the Golden Circle are celebrating their golden anniversary!

**Fraternal Relations**

The Orient of Ohio remains in lockstep with the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Ohio and we hope that there is no daylight between us.

The Orient of Ohio maintains excellent relationships with the Most Excellent Prince Hall Grand Chapter of Ohio Royal Arch Masons; Most Illustrious Prince Hall Grand Council, Royal and Select Masters, State of Ohio and Jurisdiction; Prince Hall Grand Commandery, Knights Templar, State of Ohio and Jurisdiction; and the Desert of Ohio. Furthermore, we have synergized efforts with the Desert of Ohio as it relates to voter awareness efforts.

I accepted an invitation from S.G.I.G. Joseph A. Slay Jr. 33° and attended a virtual reunion of the Orient of Indiana. That proved to be very instructive for me and helped to make this session a smooth one. I learned a bit more about how to maximize the abilities of the Zoom platform.

**For the Good of the Order**

Fraters please submit newsworthy articles to the United Supreme Council’s *Bulletin*. It is printed twice yearly—spring and fall. All articles must be sent through me. Also, please submit articles to the Grand Lodge’s *Lamp*. Spread the good news of Scottish Rite freemasonry and its members!

**Recommendations**

It is my recommendation that the Orient of Ohio—Consistories and Assemblies—continue to comply with all directives issued from the United Supreme Council, the Sovereign Grand Commander, and the Most Illustrious Commander-in-Chief and Deputy for the Orient of Ohio.

*Honorary memberships*

It is my recommendation that—

* Illustrious Grand Minister of State, S.G.I.G. William R. Stark 33° (70);
* Illustrious Treasurer-General of the Holy Empire, S.G.I.G. Roland K. Lee 33° (1);
* Illustrious Secretary-General of the Holy Empire, S.G.I.G. Edward M. Brooks II 33° (65);
* Illustrious Grand Recording Secretary, S.G.I.G. Daniel R. Poole 33° (111);
* Illustrious Cathedral Secretary, S.G.I.G. Raynard W. Hughes 33° (86);
* Most Illustrious Commander-in-Chief and Deputy for the Orient of Delaware, S.G.I.G. James A. Scott 33° (5);
* Most Illustrious Commander-in-Chief and Deputy for the Orient of Indiana, S.G.I.G. Joseph A. Slay Jr. 33° (67);
* Most Illustrious Commander-in-Chief and Deputy for the Orient of Michigan, S.G.I.G. Christopher Buck 33° (6);
* Most Illustrious Commander-in-Chief and Deputy for the Orient of Pennsylvania, S.G.I.G. Leonard A. Heard 33° (1);
* Assistant to the Deputy for the Orient of Delaware, S.G.I.G. Peter J. Forbes 33° ;
* Assistant to the Deputy for the Orient of Michigan S.G.I.G. Robert Meekins 33° (71);
* S.G.I.G. Wayne E. Phillips 33° (6); and
* S.G.I.G. Milton Jackson 33° (28)

be made honorary members of the Ohio Council of Deliberation.

*Donations*

It is my recommendation that $1,000 be donated to the United Supreme Council’s Benevolent Foundation on behalf of the Ohio Council of Deliberation.

It is my recommendation that $250 be donated to *The Lamp* on behalf of the Ohio Council of Deliberation.

*Awards*

It is my recommendation that G.I.G. Jimmie E. Johnson 33° (26) be posthumously recognized as Illustrious Assistant Grand Secretary Emeritus.

It is my recommendation that G.I.G. Freeman Russell 33° (20) be awarded the Outstanding Service Award for being the Secretary of the Year.

It is my recommendation that G.I.G. Tony J. Dye 33° (15) be awarded the Meritorious Service Award for continuous IT support.

It is my recommendation that G.I.G. Bradford J. Stallworth 33° (26) be awarded the Meritorious Service Award for his diligent performance as the Illustrious Grand Webmaster.

**Conclusion**

I have now arrived at the end of another allocution. The time for reflection is upon us once again.

If you live long enough you will learn the following things:

* Your best ability is your availability. Success should be both incremental and monumental.
* Practice living with no regrets. Do not get in the habit of apologizing for your yesterdays. That does not mean move recklessly. Instead proceed with caution and put your best foot forward.
* Helping people gets you your blessings. You never want to negatively impact your own karma.
* Education is power, but there is strength in humility.
* The bottom line comes down to this—Is your willpower equal to your horsepower? Faith without works is dead.

I would like to take this time to thank all of you who impacted my journey positively or negatively in my time in freemasonry. Lessons are learned through every interaction and experience is the best teacher. During these past 5 years I have appreciated and cherished the opportunity to serve.

I merely say

Thank you.

Fraternally,

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Most Illustrious Commander-in-Chief   
and Deputy for the Orient of Ohio

**Official Acts and Visitations**

**October 24, 2020** Presided, 111th Annual Ohio Council of Deliberation, VIRTUAL

**October 25, 2020** Attended, 49th Annual Ohio Grand Assembly, VIRTUAL

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**November 7, 2020** Attended, 139th Annual Pennsylvania Council of Deliberation, VIRTUAL

**November 18, 2020** Attended meeting, Bezaleel Consistory No. 15, VIRTUAL

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**December 9, 2020** Attended masonic service, S.G.I.G. Charles W. “Charlie” Hales 33°, Calhoun Funeral Home, Bedford Heights, Ohio

**December 10, 2020** Attended civil service, S.G.I.G. Charles W. “Charlie” Hales 33°, Mt. Zion Congregational Church, Bedford Heights, Ohio

**December 16, 2020** Attended, virtual Reunion, Bezaleel Consistory No. 15, VIRTUAL

**December 20, 2020** Attended, St. John the Evangelist Day celebration, Christian Hope Missionary Church, Cleveland, Ohio

**December 25, 2020** Attended, Christmas Observance, Emmanuel Commandery No. 32, VIRTUAL

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**January 15, 2021** Attended Deputy Conference, United Supreme Council, VIRTUAL

**January 20, 2021** Attended elections, Bezaleel Consistory No. 15 / Bezaleel Assembly No. 19, VIRTUAL

**January 26, 2021** Participated, Sovereign Grand Inspectors General teleconference

**January 27, 2021** Participated, Grand Inspectors General teleconference

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**February 17, 2021** Attended meeting, Bezaleel Consistory No. 15 / Bezaleel Assembly No. 19, VIRTUAL

**February 23, 2021** Participated, Sovereign Grand Inspectors General teleconference

**February 24, 2021** Participated, Grand Inspectors General teleconference

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**March 17, 2021** Attended meeting, Bezaleel Consistory No. 15 / Bezaleel Assembly No. 19, VIRTUAL

**March 17, 2021** Attended, Ceremony of Renewal and Remembrance, Bezaleel Consistory No. 15, VIRTUAL

**March 23, 2021** Participated, Sovereign Grand Inspectors General teleconference

**March 24, 2021** Participated, Grand Inspectors General teleconference

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**April 13–15, 2021** Attended corporate meetings, United Supreme Council, Northern Jurisdiction, VIRTUAL

**April** **21,** **2021** Attended meeting, Bezaleel Consistory No. 15 / Bezaleel Assembly No. 19, VIRTUAL

**April 24, 2021** Attended 154th Annual Grand Convocation, Most Excellent Prince Hall Grand Chapter of Ohio Royal Arch Masons, VIRTUAL

**April 27, 2021** Participated, Sovereign Grand Inspectors General teleconference

**April 28, 2021** Participated,GrandInspectorsGeneralteleconference

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**May 1, 2021** Performed inspection, Miami Consistory No. 26, VIRTUAL

**May 8, 2021** Attended statewide Reunion, Ohio Council of Deliberation, VIRTUAL

**May 16, 2021** Attended 101st Annual Grand Assembly, Most Illustrious Prince Hall Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters, VIRTUAL

**May 19, 2021** Performed inspection/attended meeting, Bezaleel Consistory No. 15

**May 19, 2021** Attended meeting, Bezaleel Assembly No. 19, VIRTUAL

**May 24, 2021** Performed inspection, St. Matthews Consistory No. 24, VIRTUAL

**May 28-29, 2021** Attended 140th Annual Session, United Supreme Council, Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry, Prince Hall Affiliation, Northern Jurisdiction, USA, Inc., VIRTUAL

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**June 17, 2021** Attended meeting, Bezaleel Consistory No. 15 / Bezaleel Assembly No. 19, VIRTUAL

**June 19, 2021** Attended memorial service, G.I.G. Carlos R. Artagos IV 33°, Zion Hil Missionary Baptist Church, Cleveland, Ohio

**June 28, 2020** Attended Seventh Masonic District St. John the Baptist Day observance, VIRTUAL

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**July 15, 2021** Attended civil and masonic services, S.G.I.G. Van C. Barnette 33°, Faith Fellowship Church, Middletown, Ohio

**July 17-18, 2021** Attended 148th Annual Grand Conclave, Prince Hall Grand Commandery, Knights Templar, State of Ohio and Jurisdiction, VIRTUAL

**July 21, 2021** Attended meeting, Bezaleel Consistory No. 15 / Bezaleel Assembly No. 19, VIRTUAL

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**August 13-19, 2021** Attended 128th Annual Session, Ancient Egyptian Arabic Order Nobles Mystic Shrine of North and South America, Inc., Downtown Philadelphia Marriott, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

**August 29, 2021** Attended 171th Annual Communication, Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Ohio, VIRTUAL

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**September 11, 2020** Attended, Prince Hall Americanism Dayservices, VIRTUAL

**September 14, 2021** Attended meeting, Bezaleel Consistory No. 15 / Bezaleel Assembly No. 19, VIRTUAL

**September 18, 2021** Attended,Cleveland Commanders of the Ritemeeting,VIRTUAL

**September 23, 2021** Attended civil and masonic services, G.I.G. Jimmie E. Johnson 33°, Mt. Caramel Missionary Baptist Church, Dayton, Ohio

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**October 14-19, 2021** Attended 135th Annual Session, United Supreme Council, Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry, Prince Hall Affiliation, Southern Jurisdiction, USA, Inc., Sheraton Memphis Downtown, Memphis, Tennessee

**October 20, 2021** Attended meeting, Bezaleel Consistory No. 15 / Bezaleel Assembly No. 19, VIRTUAL

PROCLAMATIONS ISSUED

CAW 2–21 Observance of Whit Sunday  
May 23, 2021

CAW 3–21 Observance of Renewal and Remembrance  
March 18, 2021

CAW 4–21 Announcement of 112th Annual Session of the Ohio Council of Deliberation/50th Annual Session of the Ohio Grand Assembly