The Most Worshipful Grand Master
at the opening of the 24th International Triennial Convention held in Trinidad

Rt. Hon. Clive Oscar Sang, Most Worshipful Grand Master speaking on the theme "Members Matters Most" at the Church Service held at Trinity Cathedral in Port of Spain, Trinidad to mark the opening of the 24th International Triennial Convention. Celebrants officiating during the service were: The Rt. Rev. Claude Berkeley, Bishop of Trinidad & Tobago. The Very Rev. Colin Sampson, Dean of the Cathedral, Rev. Canon Dr. Knolly Clarke, Organist: Mr. Richard Owen Page. Special guests at the service were representatives from the Government of Trinidad & Tobago.

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“Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise: be thankful unto him, and bless his name. For the LORD is good; his mercy is everlasting; and his truth endureth to all generations.” (Psalm 100 verses 4-5)

Frateral Greetings. Today we give thanks to the Great Geometrician of the Universe for the many blessing we have received, and for our beloved Order, the Independent United Order of Mechanics, Friendly Society of North, Central and South America, Island of the Seas and the Entire Western Hemisphere, Inc. We are privileged to be celebrating this Two Hundred and Fifty Seven (257th) Anniversary in the annals of our Order as we share in the opportunity to re-commit ourselves to the efforts to reach out to each other and our communities, to lift up each other in the practice of Friendship, Truth and Love.

In these three words – Friendship, Truth and Love – lie the power to transform our lives beyond our wildest dreams, and in so doing effect a transformation in those around us and who we come in contact with in our life’s journey. We may not be able to change the world overnight, to solve the conflicts between nations and between cultures and different religions, however we can certainly show the way in our caring for each other, our benevolence and humanitarian services provided in our communities, which engender the respect for the individual and justice and equality for all. Our Order’s philosophy has stood the test of time and needs to be solemnly embraced by all our members who themselves can be exemplars to the world.

I continue to be buoyed by the enthusiasm that was on display at our 24th Triennial International Convention in October 2013, and I continue to promote the Convention Theme of “Members Matter Most,” as the Executive Committee of Grand Council work to enact the directives of the Convention with an emphasis on membership growth and development. A full report will be delivered at the Annual corporate meeting in October 2014.

This Mechanics Day celebrated worldwide gives the leadership within each of our District Grand Jurisdictions the opportunity to worship together with our Brothers, Sisters, families and friends, and to inspire a re-dedication to the goals and objectives set out for their individual Jurisdiction. Let us give thanks and count the many blessings that the Great Geometrician has bestowed upon us as a fraternal organization, while committing ourselves to the activities which will ensure the longevity and continued development of our Noble Order.

Today we also remember and pay tribute to our departed Brothers and Sisters who over the years have worked assiduously within these earthly vineyards for the betterment of our Order, and who have gone on to their just rewards. We pay special homage to our founders and subsequent leaders for their wisdom in establishing the rudiments which have served us with resilience over the many years of continuous and imminent development of our Order. Their memory will be forever etched in our hearts and minds.

Today I join with the Executive Committee of Grand Council in issuing a challenge to each and every District Grand Jurisdiction within the Order, to prepare a future vision for your District Grand Jurisdiction, making the necessary plans to accomplish this future vision in the next three to five years. The Executive Committee of Grand Council will also share with you our future vision for the next three to five years. Together we will use this project as the impetus to coordinate the efforts of all District Grand Jurisdictions towards the growth and development we so dearly wish to experience.

It is my fervent prayer and wish that this Mechanics Day will be filled with reverence and joy, and will be a very memorable one. On behalf of the Executive Committee of Grand Council and myself, the Most Worshipful Grand Master, accept our sincerest congratulations on this remarkable occasion.

May the Great Architect of the Universe, the Almighty and Everlasting Father continue to bestow His blessings, His mercies and benevolence on our members, our families, our friends, and our communities.

Peace Profound!

In Friendship, Truth and Love,

Clive Oscar Sang
Right Honorable Clive Oscar Sang
Most Worshipful Grand Master

"Members Matter Most"

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On Saturday, May 17, 2014 the Mechanics World Headquarters, 65 Putnam Avenue, Brooklyn, New York became the mecca of Mechanic festivities. At 4:30 Rt. Hon. Barrington Gray, Master of Ceremonies for the Unveiling Ceremony called the event to order with the usual devotional formalities and invocation done by Rev. Sheldon Hemblin, (new-found cousin of the Blades Family) and Rector of the Church of St. Paul’s in Flatbush. This was followed by the welcome to a large crowd of family members, Mechanics and friends, by Rt. Hon. Walter Benjamin, Deputy Grand Master.

Highlights of the program included a “Mechanic Salute”, performed by a group of regaled members of the Order, displaying the various ranks and degrees (from the EA to the Venerable Past Grand Master’s Degree). This was done with much pomp and pageantry led by Hon. Reynaldo Gayle, and a display of Mechanic artifacts by the Historical Division.

Unveiling of was performed with much pomp and circumstances, by Rt. Hon. Winston Anthony Jones, Past Most Worshipful Grand Master and Ambassador at Large of the Order. Members of the immediate family including Mrs. Lois Rosado and Mr. Colin Blades Grand-daughter and grand-son of the late Joseph Blades, with family members stood in awe as they gazed on the life-size bronze plaque approximately 20ft x 24ft.

The Most Worshipful Grand Master, Rt. Hon. Clive Oscar Sang introduced dignitaries present in the persons of Mr. Herman Lamont, Consul General of Jamaica to New York; and Mr. Lennox O. Price, Consul General of Barbados to New York. Both brought greetings and best wishes and offered their congratulations on behalf of the government and people of Jamaica and Barbados where Rt. Hon. Joseph F. Blades was born.

Proclamation from Hon. Eric Adams, Brooklyn Borough President was read by Rt. Hon. Glenver Jones, and a Letter of Commendation from Congresswoman Yvette Clarke of the 35th Congressional District in Brooklyn was read by Rt. Hon. Cecelio Leacock. Warrant of Authority giving autonomy to the Historical Archive & Documentation Division (HADD) was presented on behalf of the Executive Committee of Grand Council by Rt. Hon. Leighton Dingwall, to the Director of the Historical Archive & Documentation Division (HADD), Rt. Hon. Edward Barrow.

There were expressions of admiration, appreciation and gratitude on behalf of the Blades family by the Mrs. Rosado and Mr. Blades who spoke on behalf of the family. Mr. Blades also presented a wooden gavel to Rt. Hon. Clive O. Sang, Most Worshipful Grand Master on behalf of the Blades Family.
Pictures from Unveiling ceremony


4. Mrs. Rosado and Mr. Carlos Blades (grand-son), making presentation to Rt. Hon. Clive Oscar Sang

5. Hon. Rolando Gayle leading members of the Order into the main Hall for the Mechanics Salute.

6. Mechanic Salute – performed by members of the Order


8. Members viewing the Historical Exhibits

9. Rt. Hon. Edward Barrow – Director, HADD Division arriving

10. Rt. Hon. Barrington Gray, Master of Ceremonies at the microphone

11. Rt. Hon. Barrow receiving the Warrant of Authority from Rt. Hon. Leighton Dingwall on behalf of Grand Council
Blades, Rosado, Ed.D.

May 26, 2014

The Rt. Honorable Clive Oscar Sang
Most Worshipful Grand Master
Independent United Order of Mechanics, Friendly Society
Western Hemisphere Inc.
Mechanics World Headquarters Building
65 Putnam Avenue
Brooklyn, New York 11238

Dear Rt. Honorable Sang:

On behalf of the Blades family, I thank you and the members of the Executive Committee of Grand Council for providing our family with knowledge about the achievements and contributions of our grandfather, the Rt. Honorable Joseph Francis Blades. For us the event was more than an unveiling. For us, it was a history lesson and a celebration of the life of this incredible man. I was born the year he died, and my father, Carlos Vernon Blades seldom spoke about his father or of the importance of the great Order of Mechanics in the lives of the Blades family.

We were humbled and honored to participate in the official Bronze Plaque Unveiling Ceremony on Saturday, May 17, 2014. My three daughters and granddaughters, and my Cousin Joseph’s son and daughter and grandson were absolutely in awe upon learning about the work of their great and great-great grandfather, Joseph Francis Blades. Our grandfather had two families, so while, Joseph, Colin and I, and a few others, share the same grandfather, we have different grandmothers, and that is all I will say on that topic.

Our family felt as though we had come home to a long lost family and that was probably the greatest tribute that the Independent United Order of Mechanics could have bestowed upon us. It was also wonderful sharing that moment with my cousin, Rev. Sheldon Hamblin, from my mother’s family.

There is a quote from Henry Wadsworth Longfellow in the journal containing granddad’s speeches on page 15. Growing up, I heard that quote every day from my father. Now I wonder if he heard it from his father as often. “The heights of great men reached and kept were not attained in sudden flight, but they while their companions slept, were toiling upwards in the night”; became the family mantra.

May the Great Geometrician continue to Bless and guide the Independent Order of the Mechanics.

With much appreciation,

Joan Lois Blades Rosado

Cc: Joseph and Colin Blades

“We need men who can dream of things that never were, and ask why not.”
- George Bernard Shaw
Highlights of the 24th International Triennial

PICTURES:
1. Most Worshipful with Government Officials paused after the service with The Ambassador at Large and Councilor Edward Barrow outside the church
2. Sisters entering the church
3. Celebrants during the service
4. The Rt. Rev. Claude Berkeley, Bishop of Trinidad & Tobago, Venerable Past Grand Masters of the Order at the service
5. Government officials participate during the service
6. Grand Tyler entering the church with dignitaries and clergy
Highlights of the 24th International Triennial

PICTURES:
1. Most Worshipful assisted by Executive Grand Councilors at the unveiling of Portrait of the first Most Worshipful, 1Hon. Joseph F. Blades, by the Historical Division
2. Opening of the Convention Business Session
3. Hon. Joseph Morgan and Hon. Fred Bob parading with the Order’s Banner
4. Members of the Boys Scout in the parade
5. Sis. DeSouza of the Convention Planning Committee in Trinidad poses with members of the St. John’s Ambulance Brigade
6. Executive Grand Councilors march in the Parade
7. Trinidad’s Department of Defense vehicle during the parade.
8. Sisters participating in the Parade.

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Excerpts from 24th International Triennial Convention Opening Address
Given by:
Rt. Hon. Clive Oscar Sang,
Most Worshipful Grand Master
Held at the Marriott Hotel in Trinidad

“We have designed a very informative and visionary Agenda for our review and discussion, one that will give our District Grand Jurisdictions “food for thought” and provide working tools and examples to take back home for general review and possible implementation. The Convention theme of “Members Matter Most” will put in perspective what the Order means to each of us and in turn what our responsibilities as members require. Your participation in the debates will be essential and your input indispensable as we forge a way forward through our consensus decisions. These truly are exciting times, and as an organization we stand ready for the challenges ahead.

A distinctive characteristic of our Noble Order is our international structure. This occasion is a perfect opportunity to create and renew our distant friendships and to share the organizational attributes that unite us together across several boundaries. I look forward to meeting with each of you during our stay in Trinidad & Tobago. Together, we can make this 24th Triennial International Convention a success in our fraternal journey, and a meaningful event in the Annals of our beloved Order.”

Rt. Hon. Clive Oscar Sang
Most Worshipful Grand Master

Excerpt from Welcome Address
Given By Host District for the Convention

Hon. Mervin Franklyn
District Grand Master, Trinidad & Tobago

“On behalf of all members of the Trinidad and Tobago District Grand Lodge No.2, their relatives, friends and the wider fraternal community, I would like to extend heartfelt greetings and a warm welcome to the twin islands Republic of Trinidad and Tobago.

It is hoped that during your stay here, you take every opportunity to experience our diverse cultures and excellent Caribbean cuisines. Your presence here bears testimony to the fervent love and concern for the future of Mechanism, given the many challenges the Order faces, as it strives to keep pace with an ever changing and demanding world.

The hosting of the 24th Triennial International Convention marks a very significant milestone for the fraternal movement in Trinidad and Tobago as well as the rest of the Caribbean.

The excellent facilities the Hyatt Regency offers are impeccable, and you are guaranteed a wonderful, relaxing atmosphere, conducive to positive and inspiring results on the work that is before you. And so it is only fitting that I pause to acknowledge the work done by the Trinidad and Tobago District No.2 Convention Planning Committee, and the support they received from the Tourism Development Company’s (TDC) Convention Planning Bureau.”
Highlights of the 24th International Triennial Convention

Members of the International Mechanics Choir, performing at the Installation Ceremony of the Most Worshipful Grand Master during the 24th International Triennial Convention under the direction of Ven. Huburn Benjamin – Director (seen above)
Highlights from the 24th International Triennial Convention Ball
Sunday, July 19, the beautiful and elegant Leonard’s of Great Neck Catering Hall was the venue where Mechanics, families and friends came to celebrate another afternoon for the 2014 IUOM Annual Luncheon. Hosted by the Resource & Finance Commission, with Rt. Hon. Cecelio Leacock as Chairperson, it was quite evident that the committee worked very hard to make this event the success it was. The event began at 11:00am with cocktail hour, and festivities continued until 5:00pm.

Again, “Ladies in the Hat” was the theme used for the Luncheon – and most of the ladies showed up in their fancy hat ready for the competition. This year, the competition was so difficult, that in the end, four contestants emerged as the winner. They were presented with gift baskets by members of the committee.

Guest speaker for the event was Dr. Barbara Kendall, PhD. Edu from the NYC Department of Education. She was introduced by Sis Hyacinth Robinson-Goldson, Community Liaison Officer of the IUOM (NY). Dr. Kendall, spoke on “The impact of social media in the educational system today”. Entertainment, much to the pleasure of the large gathering, was provided by Rick Daniels Band, with guest appearances from members of Motown and a Diana Ross look-alike. Give-a-ways were provided for guests, compliments of Royal Caribbean Bakery.

Highlight of the event, was presentation of the 50-year Award/Medallion to Rt. Hon. Arthur Collins, by the Rt. Hon. Clive Oscar Sang who thanked all for attending the event, and their continued support.

(1) Contestants in the “Lady in the Hat” Contest
(2) Rt. Hon. Clive Oscar Sang with District Grand Masters
(3) Winners of the “Lady in the Hat” contest – L-R: Mrs. Leighton Dingwall, Dr. Barbara Kendall, Mrs. Denies Roberts, Sis. Donna Hemans
(4) Motown Entertainers
NATIONAL NIGHT OUT AGAINST CRIME (NATW) - “Night Out” is a national Crime Prevention event. It is designed to heighten crime prevention awareness, increase neighborhood support in anti-crime efforts, and unite our communities. It is a great chance to learn about crime prevention, while also celebrating your community and spending time with your neighbors.

This national event was celebrated on Tuesday, August 5, 2014, and for the first time, the Mechanics Order participated in the event. There were rides for the kids, food and drinks for participants, meet and greet, and speakers from the Community Youth Council, Elected Officials, and members from the NYPD including Captain Peter Fiorillo of the local 88th Police Precinct, Ms. Laurie Cumbo – Councilwoman from the 35th City Council District (Brooklyn) (note: The Mechanic headquarters located in this District), and Kenneth P. Thompson – Kings County, Brooklyn District Attorney.

Pictured above are members of the Order with community representative and members from NYPD. Precinct.

1) Participants in the event
2) L-R: Councilwoman Laurie Cumbo with Sis. A. Maldonato, Sis. Elvie Gibbon, Sis. H. Robinson-Goldson, IUOM Community Liaison Officer
3) Sis. H. Robinson-Goldson (middle) share a pleasant moment with members of NYPD
4) Brooklyn DA Kenneth Thompson speaks to the audience
5) Ms. Laurie Cumbo, Councilwoman at the microphone

For more information on this annual event go to the website at: http://natw.org
Gnothi seauton
Know Thy Self


In some of our Lodge buildings, normally inside above the entrance, you will find the frase “Know Thy Self”, taken its origin from the Greek temple of Delphi, some good six thousands years ago, written as follows: “γνωθι σεαυτόν” and pronounced “gnothi seauton”. Repeated in some Roman temples with the Latin words ”Nocete Ipse”. In Dutch “Ken Uzelven”.

The double-plugged question here is: IUOM, do you know thy self? And the other one is: Members do you Know Thyself? Philosophers and Philosophical Schools from far way down have always encouraged to study and try to achieve that goal in our life. Knowing Thy Self enables you to be a better person, a better member and better members create a better IUOM and surely inducts to a better contribution to society. Something overwhelming and of great value. Worthy brothers and sisters, first and foremost is it to know who you are. How do you do that? Partially by methods and techniques, by lessons and lectures as history shows us, but from a point of unisism, there are no full answers. All kinds of people, all kinds of writers and scientists tried. Also all kinds of answers, but up till now never the one and only million dollar response. Such will not come I’m afraid, but still we have to endeavour, because if not, we will not be able to stress forward in virtues and values, especially in our spiritual life.

Because we Mechanics are much more clerical and christian based than most of the other fraternities, we are allowed to think that our One and Only Supreme Being made us to his own image and gave us His only begotten Son, Jesus Christ, to Whom we can pray and ask in honesty anything as promised in Matthew 7:7-8. He will answer. Never leave you empty handed. Just live by His rules and glorify His name.

With the belief in Hebr.11, you can pray earnestly, fervently to be acquainted and equipped with knowledge to Know Thy Self and use that knowledge for betterment all the way.

But not all members are Christians. Hindu, Moslim and some others became a Mechanic because they believed in a Supreme Being, in Whom they put their trust. This Supreme Being, whom we also named the Great Architect of the Universe, has many outspoken and also unpronounced names, i.e. in monotheism God, Allah, Jahweh, Adoniram and in polytheism i.e. the Greeks had Zeus, the Hindus have Vishnu etc.. Not those “stupid atheist” as called in the Landmarks of Dr. Anderson (1723), but others more likely to be agnostics, will adhere to their higher entity, to teach and instruct them in what they want to know. As a matter of facts mankind is by nature religious, (not to be confused with belonging to a church). People tend to admit that there is something higher and wonderous, “Something out there”.

You will hardly hear anyone say there is nothing out or up there. By natural instinct mankind always ask for help in times of need and do adore and have esteem. They could and would pray. They can pray for health, wealth, strength, but also to “know thy self” (better). This can be encouraged by education. In the homes and at schools, by research and science. Also stimulated by peergroups (brotherhoods), as done before and is still needed. Our Mechanic Order, as a part of the unbounded Philosophical School of the Universe, has the duty to continue. So, IUOM “know Thy Self” and remain eager to be a pearl in God’s hands and a propeller for members and mankind, Christians or not, to know their good purpose in life. This is my research based personal editorial.

“"We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give."
-Winston Churchill
The Mechanic Order has no boundary to religion, creed or races. It teaches one to know thyself, thereby learning to respect and appreciate others, while elevating themselves not only by material possessions, but by their character, integrity, profession and humanity.

Unlike many other Fraternal Organization, the Independent United Order of Mechanics, members of good standing, possess the rights and privilege to engage, interact and fraternize with any Branch of our Order worldwide. Members visiting the Continents of Europe, North America, South America, Central America the Caribbean Regions, are free to partake in any closed or open Ceremony within a Lodge or Chapter, or in any other Ritualistic or Social Engagement.

Their time, talent and valuable resources to strengthen the communities in which our Lodges and Chapters exists. The Order promotes a contagious spirit of harmony among mankind, which is devoutly practice and promoted by its members. This affirms and actualize the concept of the Orders worldwide membership as one family.

Family may mean very different things to different people around the world, primarily as it relates to their particular culture. Notwithstanding, within our fraternal culture, family denotes a cohesive relationship, bounded either by genealogical descent, the Laws of Covenant or the Laws of Adoption.

The Order’s teachings emphasize and extol the virtue and sanctity of the family’s tutelage and vehemently oppose any act of violation or infraction. It promotes morality and ethics as a structural means of one’s continuance within the fraternal family and repudiates any contrary behavior.

I am obliged to share with the world a recent event in Jamaica West Indies, “as reported” where at the Installation Banquet of the Right Worshipful District Grand Master, Honorable Clifford Warmington, an upstanding member of the Mechanics Order with an impeccable stature as one of Jamaica’s outstanding politician and a humble public servant being a member of Parliament; invited to his Banquet the
Most Honorable Mrs. Portia Simpson-Miller, Prime Minister of Jamaica and Leader of the Government of Jamaica. But most surprisingly to all the guest in attendance, the Prime Minister was escorted into the Banquet Hall, by no other – than the Honorable Mr. Andrew Holness, former Prime Minister of the Opposition Party in the Jamaica House of Parliament.

The audience was in total admiration of this unbelievable spectacle of political unity that unveiled before their eyes, never before witnessed. One guest in attendance echoed quietly “The Mechanics Order is a thing of beauty and indeed very powerful.”

This was certainly a milestone in the history of Jamaica and a powerful testimony to the intrinsic and core values of the District Grand Master Honorable Clifford Warmington, who has always promoted the Mechanics ideal of the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of mankind, and that unity is the hallmark of prosperity.

Membership is open to all intelligible men and women, boys and girls of high moral and ethical standards, who believe in a “Supreme Being who rules and governs the Universe.” Membership is open to individuals of the Community who desire to contribute and share in the pursuits of improvement and development of mankind.

To this end, I greet and welcome you, to our Ancient, Great and Noble Fraternity, the Independent United Order of Mechanics, Friendly Society, Western Hemisphere, Incorporated.

Rt. Hon. Winston A. Jones

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**On Truth**

“If you tell the truth, you don’t have to remember anything” – Mark Twain

The Truth is inside all of us, therefore be humble with what you do and be a good guy and be a man; because the things you do for yourself are gone when you are gone, but the things you do for others remain as your legacy.

*Ven. Clarence R. Williams
Ontario District College of Past Grand*

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**CONGRATULATIONS TO BROOKLYN DISTRICT GRAND LODGE NO. 1 DOMINO CHAMPION FOR THE 24TH TRIENNIAL INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION AT RECREATION DAY**

(1) Pictured above Members playing in the Domino Tournament

(2) District Grand Master, Anderson L. Shorey of the Barbados, Dominica & St. Vincent District Grand Lodge (in blue shirt) and Hon. Joel Jack (in red shirt), District Grand Master of the Brooklyn District Grand Lodge #1 Captain of both teams shaking hands after the game.

Get your teams ready for the 2016 World Championship at the 25th International Triennial Convention!
Some answers are in this edition of the IUOM Newsletter

ACROSS
1. Mechanics Day is celebrated in this month
5. He is the Ambassador-at-Large of the Order
7. Last name of Most Worshipful Grand Master
9. Name of Grand Deputy Master of the Order
11. Installation of new District Grand Master was held on May 24, 2014
13. Celebrant at the Thanksgiving Service at the opening of the 24th Triennial International Convention
14. Last name of Grand Secretary of the Order
15. Definition for volume of the sacred law
16. City of the IUOM world headquarters
17. This District has a Community Outreach Program
18. The 23rd International Triennial Convention was held

DOWN
2. First name of Grand Prelate of the Order
3. First Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Order
4. Hon. Patrick Bailey is District Grand Master of this District
6. She was the first Illustrative Matron of Pride of Toronto Chapter #12
10. Number of Districts in Canada
11. Foundation member of Mystic Pyramid Lodge #19
12. Triennial convention month

E-mail your response to: hrh234@verizon.net. First member to respond with correct answers will be featured in next publication

“The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others.” -Gandhi
Holland District Grand Lodge #1

Installation Address on May 24, 2014

Hon. Desi Sabajo
Rt. Worshipful District Grand Master

Good afternoon. Thank you very much for making the effort and taking the time to be present here today. Today is a very special day, the moment that a new District Board has been installed. Allow me to take a moment to address, that we are here today because of our predecessors that have established this Grand Jurisdiction. Personally I would like to say that I’m very grateful for this. The Order is very dear to me. I ask you to applaud our predecessors together with me.

Sisters and brothers, an Order like ours gives many of us what we expected and sometimes even more than that. The above mentioned predecessors have put in a lot of hard work and are still working hard. Despite the hard work we do see that things don’t always go the way that we want them to go. I therefore challenge you today to accept the challenge to use all your positive abilities to turn around the matters that aren’t going well, to create harmony in case of disagreement, where there is doubt, turn this doubt into hope. Let us at all times realize that we are a member of a brotherhood and that brotherly love, support and truth should at all times be kept up high. Having said this, I would hereby like to declare that we will accept this challenge. This, however, can only succeed with your unconditional support which is very much needed.

Our Order is not a secret Order, nor is it a church society, we do however have morality on the top of our priority list. I consider myself lucky to have joined the Order back in 1978. The first lodge was Lodge Jozua, established in 1973. Our District Grand Loge exists for 32 years and last April 27th, the 16th District Convention was held and the 10th Grand Master has been elected, which is me. What is the reason that I have been a member for this long? Believe in your own abilities and continue to stand for your beliefs.

I have once stated that Mechanism is my religion, this wasn’t appreciated. However I stated this because I feel connected to the words written by Hall Lindsay (American author of the book ‘the Planet called earth) ‘religion is a process that develops within the human being that through own effort comes closer to his creator. And this is what I do all the time.

Let me tell you the following so that you have a better understand as to what I mean to say: Leonardo Boff, a brilliant Brazilian theologian, in dialogue with the Dalai Lama. He asks; what according to you is the best religion? The answer; the best religion is the one that brings you closer to god. This is what makes you a better person. The next questions asks; what makes us better? The answer to this; everything that you sympathize with, what makes you more sensitive, friendlier, more human, more responsible and respectful for ethics. The religion that does all of this for you is the best religion. My friend, I’m not interested in your religion nor the fact whether you are religious or not. What’s most important is how you deal with the people surrounding you, your family, your colleagues at work, your community and the entire world. Remember that the universe is the echo of our actions and thoughts.

The law of action and reaction is not limited to the physical aspect. It is also about human relationship. When I do good I will receive goodness. When I act unkind, I will receive malice. What our grandparents have taught us is the clear truth. You will always receive what you wish for others. Luckily it is not a matter of faith but of options and choices. Finally he said; take care of your thoughts since these thoughts will eventually turn into words, care for your words since these will become your actions, take care of your actions since these will turn into habits and these habits will form your character. Take care of your character since this will form your destiny. This destiny will be your life and there is no greater religion than the TRUTH. I thank you all for listening to me.

“The best religion is the one that brings you closer to God”
ACTIVITIES OF THE JAMAICA DISTRICT
GRAND LODGE NO 2
SINCE FEBRUARY 23RD, 2013

The Jamaica District Grand Lodge was installed on February 23rd, 2014 under the Leadership of Hon. Clifford Everald Warmington.

The Officers installed were:
Hon. Clifford Warmington
District Grand Master
Hon. Beresford Pennant
District Grand Deputy Master
Hon. Osbourne Henry
District Grand Secretary
Hon. Leabert Sutherland
District Grand Assistant Secretary
Hon. Rupert Andrews
District Grand Treasurer
Hon. Leon Meredith
District Grand Senior Deacon
Hon. Lunville Watt
District Grand Junior Deacon
Hon. Andrew Wheatley
District Grand Inner Guard
Hon. Trevor Byrd
District Grand Tyler
Hon. Glenville Rule
District Grand Trustee
Hon. Gilbert McLean
District Grand Trustee
Hon. Lloyd Shaw
District Grand Trustee
Hon. Ronald Chisholm
District Grand Auditor
Hon. Ezzard Miller
District Grand Auditor
Hon. Howard Charvis
District Grand Steward
Hon. Cloville Coombs
District Grand Steward
Hon. Timothy Watts
District Grand Steward

Since the Installation Hon. Ronald Chisholm has passed away and Hon. Howard Charvis has been promoted to Auditor.

Last year 2013 the District installed officers of eight Lodges and three Chapters out of fourteen combined into office and officers of four Encampments out of seven into office.

Since year 2014 all Lodges, chapters and encampments due to be installed have been installed.

On a yearly basis and this goes for year 2013 and is continuing in year 2014 the Grand Lodge staged Outreach programs such as the Indigent Easter Treat and the Christmas Children Treat. At these Outreach function items such as cook meal, bun and cheese, sugar, rice, calaloo, gifts, toys, drinks, cash and entertainment such as Bounce-a-bout is given. Some times as much as 800 persons is accommodated.

The Grand Lodge also facilitated a family week every August from Sunday to Sunday, where it starts with a Church Service, Presentation on a current topic, visit to the sick and shut-in members where gifts are given, games evening and finally a Outing usually to some Beach, this was done last year but had to be put on hold this year because of financial strain.

We also have a yearly Grand Master’s Brunch where all members get together for a social at a small cost. This year we are planning to have a District Ball.

The District conducts quarterly District Sessions and attend unit Lodges from time to time to give Lectures on Ritualistic affairs.

Presently the District is embarking on renovating a part of the Building at 4 Seaforth Street into a District office and a Mechanics Shop where members will be able to purchase rituals and paraphernalia etc.

At the Retreat of the first year of this Administration held March 23rd, 2013 several Aims/Programs were set out to be achieved for the life of the Administration. Listed below are those that are achieved to date:

1. Require sound fiscal responsibility and accountability.
2. Uphold the integrity and Nobleness of the Order.
3. Be more family oriented.
4. Return to level of public recognition
5. Regular Retreat with Illustrative Grand and Illustrative Matron, their Deputies, Secretaries and Assistant Secretaries and Treasurers.
6. Launch recruitment drives e.g. University and College Campuses to attract quality membership to the Order.
7. Promote and strengthen our lecture sessions
8. Inclusion of motivational sessions
9. Standardization of opening and closing of Lodges and Chapters
10. Standardization of investigation of applicants

Prepared by:
Hon. Osbourne Henry
District Grand Secretary

“Out of Many, One People”
**DISTRICT NEWS:**

**BEN HUR YOUTH SECTOR INSTALLATION**

Members of the Ben Hur Youth Sector were installed into office by Hon. Frederick Gordon, District Grand Master (Interim) on Sunday, June 7, 2014. Siting to witness the installation were a number of Dignitaries of the Order led by Rt. Hon. Clive Oscar Sang, Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Order.

Sis. Imani Craig was installed as President of the Youth Sector. In the Most Worshipful address, he challenged members of the Youth Sector when faced with challenges to always “think before they react to any situation.”

The event ended with a festive Reception in the Main Hall of the Mechanics Temple, attended by Parents of the Youth and other members of the Order.

Hon. Andre Carr of the Ben Hur District Grand Lodge, and Patron of the Youth Sector, was applauded by the Most Worshipful for his devoted, committed and successful service with the Youth Sector, and was encouraged to “continue the good work”

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1. Banquet Hall at the Mechanics Temple
2. Most Worshipful Grand Master with Executive Grand Councilors and members the St. Michael Youth Sector
3. President of the Youth Sector – Sis. Imaci Craig delivers the Vote of Thanks at the Banquet
4. Birthday Celebration for the Youth Sector Chaplain – Sis. Kaylee Chung
At the Biennial Convention of Alpha District Grand Lodge No. 1 Canada, held on Saturday June 7th, 2014, delegates to the convention elected Hon. Winston A. Blair as the next Rt. Worshipful District Grand Master, for the 2014-2016 term.

The officers were installed into their respective offices on Saturday July 12th, 2014, by the College of Past Grand Masters, and was officiated by Ven. Woodrow Higgins Acting Patriarch and other members of the College, and attendance by members of the College Past Grand Masters of Ontario District Grand Jurisdiction.

It was indeed a privilege and honour to have Rt. Hon. Walter L. Benjamin, Grand Deputy Master of the Order and accompanied by Rt. Hon. Lennox Miller, Grand Auditor and Ven. Paul Hutton, who witnessed a very moving and enjoyable ceremony, and the assistance of the Deputy Master was very well appreciated. His advice was very inspirational and was a great boost to us all as we listened with rapt attention.

We look forward to a brighter future of this Grand Jurisdiction, as we continue to practise the Doctrine of Mechanism. As the Grand Master I admonish those of us who teaches, must first practise it, and let our example of generosity, charity and tolerance commended our practise to the consideration of others, not only on our lips but also in our hearts.

May God bless the Most Worshipful Grand Master and Grand Councillors, Brothers and Sisters of this Noble Order that we will continue to grow from strength.

Let us then be forging, forging stronger still the Mystic chain.
For the glory of the meeting and the work that doth remain.

In the spirit of the Poet, let us do our work with care “As we meet upon the Level, and we part upon the Square”

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STAR OF BETHEL CHAPTER NO. 12

Submitted By: L.B. Michell

“Let the spirit of Truth, Unity and Concord be with us.”
Sis. Daphney Mullings
1st Illustrative Matron.
Pride of Toronto Chapter #12
October 29, 1979
DISTRICT NEWS:
BROOKLYN DISTRICT
GRAND LODGE #1 - Installation
Ceremony

Hon. Joel Jack, P.G.M
Rt. Worshipful District Grand Master.

Installation ceremony of Hon. Joel Jack, Rt. Worshipful District Grand Master of the Brooklyn District Grand Lodge for a third consecutive term was held on Sunday, August 10, 2014 at the Mechanic World Headquarters, 65 Putnam Avenue, Brooklyn, New York.

Following are excerpts from his Installation address:

“Let me at this time thank the Installing Officers for the wonderful performance here today. This is an attestation to your effectiveness as Colleges in the Metropolitan New York area and your demonstrated capability and skillfulness in the arts and sciences of the Mechanics Craft. I am extremely grateful you for empowering the District Grand Lodge through its installation to function legally in its role as a Divisional Branch of the Independent United Order of Mechanics of the Western Hemisphere.

We shall continue in our effort to expand on our present experiment of working in unison as District Grand Jurisdictions in this New York Metropolitan area and in our support of each other, and in so doing, protect the survivability and longevity of this Order.

Today, the Brooklyn District Grand Jurisdiction reaffirms its commitment to the Ideals and Principles as outlined in the Preamble of Constitution and General Laws of the Independent United Order of Mechanics; Let me unambiguously state; we the members of the Brooklyn District Committee reaffirm our support and commitment to the Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Independent United Order of Mechanics, and to the dictates of the Executive Committee of Grand Council.

We have begun the process of accomplishing our set goals and priority will be given to maximizing their successful achievement during this biennial term of 2014-2016. Some things may seem hard to accomplish but with collective minds and collective efforts, the seemingly impossible becomes possible. We know that from time immemorial as free moral agents, there have always been periods of conflicts, adjustments and reconciliations among people: We are therefore encouraged not to be disheartened by these normal processes but to do everything in our powers in to adjust to them.

We are counselled to do some serious reflection on our original teaching as to the purpose we meet in the Lodge rooms; and that is; for mutual counseling, and for relief of the distress members. So today in reflection, I am calling on all District Grand Officers without exception, to forget the ambiguities of yesterday and in recognition of our teaching; become true to ourselves as servants of those who elected us to represent their interest in our role of servant-leadership.

Let me at this time congratulate those of you who have served with me in the last administration on your reelection. Let me also congratulate and welcome to the Brooklyn District Grand Lodge those of you who were elected for the first time and look forward to your contribution in making the Brooklyn District Grand Jurisdiction proud.”

Brooklyn District hosts
2014 IUOM FAMILY DAY


Chaired by Hon. Casper Edwards of the Brooklyn District Grand Lodge on behalf of the other Districts in the New York Metropolitan area, members of the committee entertained the children who were present with music, food, dancing and other entertainment. Trophies were presented to winners of the various competitive sports offered by the committed. District Grand Masters from the various districts in NYC were present.
FLORIDA DISTRICT GRAND LODGE - INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

Hon. Patrick Bailey - Rt. Worshipful District Grand Master
Hon. Leon Morgan - District Grand Deputy Master
Hon. Bertram White - District Grand Secretary
Hon. Michael Aitcheson - District Grand Asst. Secretary
Hon. George Hemans - District Grand Treasurer
Hon. Canute Marriott - District Grand Senior Deacon
Hon. Jasper Smith - District Grand Junior Deacon
Hon. Guy Giordani - District Grand Inner Guard
Hon. Errol Tomlinson, Grand Tyler
Hon. Rudolph Richards - District Grand Prelate
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Hon. Victor Roye - District Grand Trustee
Ven. Augustus Chester, P.G.M. - District Grand Trustee
Ven. Egbert Roy Chambers, P.G.M. - District Grand Auditor
Hon. Alban R. Calderon, P.G.M. - District Grand Auditor
Hon. Arthur Morgan - District Grand Steward
Hon. Carl F.A. McKenzie - District Grand Master Emeritus

We hope the new administration will work collectively to face the challenges of the future.

Submitted By:
Ven. Alban R. Calderon, P.G.M.

Hon. Patrick Bailey
Rt. Worshipful District Grand Master

On Saturday, November 16, 2013, Florida District Grand Lodge No. 1 held its ninth Biennial Convention at the Sunshine Ball Boom, in Lauderhill, Florida. On the second day of the convention, Hon. Patrick Bailey, who served two terms in the office of district Grand Deputy Master, was elected as Right Worshipful District Grand Master for the ensuing term.

To date, the sixth District Grand Master of the District Grand Jurisdiction. The installation of officers was held on Saturday, January 25, 2014 at Norland United Methodist Church Hall, 885 N.W. 195th Street, Miami, Florida. Later that evening, an Installation Banquet was held in honor of the Rt. Worshipful district Grand Master and District Grand Officers.

We were fortunate to have the Most Worshipful Grand Master, Rt. Hon. Clive Oscar Sang, accompanied by Rt. Hon. Errol G. Collins, Executive Grand Secretary. Unfortunately, the Most Worshipful Grand Master did not attend the banquet due to his travel itinerary.


The installed officers were:
DISTRIBUTED NEWS:

ALPHA DISTRICT GRAND LODGE #1, INC. (NY)

ALPHA DISTRICT GRAND LODGE #1, NY will host its 39th Biennial Convention commencing Friday, September 19, 2014 through Sunday, September 21, 2014. Registration of delegates will commence on Friday, September 19 at the Mechanics World Headquarters. On Saturday morning at 9:00 the convention will convene through 3:00 on that day. A District Grand Master’s Ball which is a Black Tie Affair is planned for Saturday, September 20th at the Astoria Manor located at 22-25 Astoria Boulevard, Astoria, NY. Cocktail hour will be from 9:00 – 10:00pm followed by dinner and dancing until 2:00am. Donation is $80.00 per person – all inclusive.

On Sunday, September 21st, the convention will re-convene at 10:00 and will close with Nomination and Election of Officers. Business sessions for the convention is for members only, however the District Grand Master’s Ball is open to all. For tickets to the Ball, please contact the District Grand Secretary, Hon. Winston Smith at 917-836-2656 or the Convention Committee Chairman, Hon. Sylvester Gibson at 917-514-5437.

Alpha District - host of 2014 IUOM Health Fair

The IUOM Health Fair was held on July 19th at the Mechanics World Headquarters and was once again hosted by Alpha District Grand Lodge #1 in collaboration with Brooklyn, Composite, Ben Hur and King Solomon District Grand Lodges. Hon. Brian Blackwood of Alpha District served as Chairperson, assisted by Ven. Merton Owens and other committee members from the four Districts in New York City including Sis. Jean Powell of the Ben Hur District Grand Jurisdiction, Sis. Catherine Williams of the Brooklyn District Grand Jurisdiction, and other members who are healthcare professionals.

Representatives from Downstate Medical Center, Maimonides Hospital, Brooklyn Hospital, other Healthcare agencies, and representatives from New York Life Insurance Company volunteered the day for blood-pressure screening, information material distribution, providing basic healthcare information to participants. The event kicked off at about 10:00am through 4:00pm. The entire block in front of the Mechanics World Headquarters was blocked off, specifically for the event. There was music, food, rides, face-painting, a kiddie’s pavilion, dancing and other entertainment provided for the event.

Members of the Order, families and members from the community participated. The Most Worshipful Grand Master, and other members from the Executive Committee of Grand Council and District Grand Masters were also in attendance. Thanks to members of the committee from Ben Hur, Brooklyn, Composite and King Solomon Districts who helped with the planning. Special thanks to representatives from the 88th Precinct Public Relations Department who assisted with granting permit and assisted with patrolling the area to make sure “everything was ok”. We look forward to future health fairs in providing valuable information to our members and the community.

Condolence

Alpha District lost three Nonagenarians

Our condolence goes to the family of three stalwarts who have serve the District and the Order for over 100 years combined. They have finished their earthly tasks and have gone home to rest in the Celestial Lodge above.

Bro. Ruolph Howell, PIG, SK, Co-Founder of Mystic Pyramid Lodge #19 (member of the Order for over 50 years. Was presented with the Mechanics Award posthumously by the Most Worshipful Grand Master accepted by his daughter Sis. Claudette Scott, PIM, member of Pride of the Bronx Chapter.

Bro. Dudley Fletcher, PIG, SK, Patriot, Foundation member and Lecture Master for many years for Mystic Pyramid Lodge #19

Bro. Herbert Pennicott, PIG, SK (1917 – 2014) Foundation Member of William Penn Lodge #1 he served the lodge with total commitment and dedication.

Our sincere condolence is also extended to the family of the late Bro. Joseph Taylor, H.P (1932 – 2014) of Phoenix Triangle Lodge #34 a. Bro. Taylor became a member of the Order in Jamaica and served Alpha District upon his arrival in the USA as District Grand Trustee. He was a very ardent and active member of his Lodge.

We thank them for their years of service to the Order, the memories and the strong legacy they have left for their Brothers and Sisters.

May they be granted eternal rest, as may light perpetual shine upon the departed soul.

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DISTRICT NEWS:

APHA DISTRICT – Achievements & Accomplishments

Congratulations to Jorsan Rowe – Son of Sis. Sandra Miller of Candace Chapter #6, who got accepted into The Dr. Richard Izquierdo Health & Science Charter School which is the first Career Technical Education (CTE) chartered in New York City.

School Mission and Model
The Dr. Richard Izquierdo Health & Science Charter School is designed to provide our students with a nurturing and challenging educational experience to achieve their fullest potential and address the health and economic disparities in our communities. Upon graduation, our students will be prepared for numerous pathways to post-secondary success, including: the highest levels of college achievement, gainful employment as certified health care professionals, and a commitment to serve others as they pursue rewarding lives and respected careers for themselves.

DRIHSCS community lives by four core values: Efficacy, Empathy, Self-Reliance and Healthy Communities.

Congratulations!

To Nkosi Winchester – Son of Bro. Daniel Winchester of William Penn Lodge #1. Nkosi graduated Valedictorian from Philadelphia Military Academy in June this year. He is presently a Freshman at Penn State University where he plans to do Medicine and later switch to Law. During his high school years, he worked as a Life Guard for the City of Philadelphia and the YMCA. He loves to read, play chess and Music and is popularly known among the brothers and sisters of the Alpha District who has been celebrating his birthday for the past six years at the annual Sir Knight Retreat in Philadelphia. He has three brothers and four sisters.

Excerpt from his Valedictorian Speech...
“As the first graduating class of the new Philadelphia Military Academy, we had to overcome a borage of obstacles such as the change of environment, the loss of teachers and counselors, senior project, and most importantly the merge between Leeds and Elverson. On the other hand, I’m glad it was hard for us. Why? Because it proved how strong we truly are inside. It proved that no matter how hard things get, we can keep fighting until we accomplish our goals. We proved to everyone that a flower can bloom in a dark room”.

Newly Initiates...

We welcome two new links to the Chain of Mechanism. Bros. Carl Henderson, EA and Domonic St. Joy, EA who were initiated into the Order of Mechanics on Saturday, March 22, 2014.

Thanks to Bro. Paul Charles, Illustrative Grand and his team of Officers and Members of William Penn Lodge #1 who continue to work on the rebuilding of the Lodge in Philadelphia.
The Composite District Grand Lodge

Community Outreach Committee

will host its annual Community Brunch on Saturday, September 6, 2014 at the Mechanics World Headquarters, 65 Putnam Avenue, commencing at 12:00 noon to 5:00 pm

This event is open to all members of the public. Refreshments will be served and all are invited to join in the fun and entertainment.

**ADMISSION IS FREE**

**Composite District Grand Lodge No. 2**

Composite District Grand Lodge No. 2, cordially invites you to its 75th Anniversary Dinner Dance to held at the Glen Terrace Ballroom, 5313 Avenue N, Brooklyn, New York 11234 on **Friday, November 4, 2014** commencing at 9:00 pm – 2:00 am.

Cocktail Hour 9:00 pm – 10:00 pm, Dinner served at 10:00-1:00 am. Music by the fabulous Vision Band, **Donation is $100.00 (all inclusive)**

Contact Hon. Brenton Pusey, Chairman for further information at: 718-913-5348

A Black Tie Affair

Sis. Pauline Taylor, P.I.M., S.K
Worthy Past Illustrative Matron
Composite District PIM Conclave

Sis. Pauline Taylor, PIM, SK was elected and installed into office of Worthy Past Illustrative Matron of the Composite District PIM Conclave which was held on Sunday, July 27, 2014 at the Mechanic World Headquarters in Brooklyn, NY. Installation was conducted by **Hon. Earl G. Thompson, Rt. Worshipful District Grand Master** with his staff of officers.

In her address at the banquet which followed, Sis. Taylor challenged the members to “dedicate themselves for the task ahead, stating that it would not be easy, but with togetherness and unity anything could be possible”.

Congratulations and much success to the administration.

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comp. Joesphine “Joy” Davis, PIM, PEC
Late member of
Nightingale Chapter and
Queen Esther Grand Christian Encampment
Comp. Davis served the Order faithfully with commitment and dedication.

**May Her Soul Rest In Peace**
DISTRICT NEWS

Quebec District Grand Lodge Hosts District Grand Master's Ball

Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!

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ALL ARE INVITED!
Where Does the Best Motivation Really Come From?

Where does the best motivation really come from? The thing is; you already know the secret. If you are like many people, you just need a reminder from time to time. Here’s a story that might help:

Recently a woman asked the writer: “how do you do it all?” She seemed amazed at how much energy the writer had, despite traveling, speaking extensively and working on a number of projects, like books, conferences, etc. She knew right away the woman didn’t want to know how she did it. She wanted to know what motivated her to achieve so much.

Here’s the answer the writer gave – and it’s the secret referred to above: “The best source of motivation is yourself”. Not your supervisor, spouse, friends or other loved ones. Yourself.

It’s the excitement and amazement you feel for the life you lead, knowing that you are unique and have a limited time on Earth to leave your mark, your legacy. It’s the practice of being a “Star” and asking yourself, “Have I given 100% to this task, this project, this moment, this person?” It’s a commitment to living as fully as possible at all times – an appreciation for the gift of life. It’s that simple and that complex.

Steve Jobs – of Apple Computer, iPod and Pixar Animation fame – during a speech he gave at Stanford University’s commencement last year said: “Your work is going to fill a large part of your life, and the only way to be truly satisfied is to do what you believe is great work. And the only way to do great work is to love what you do."

Love what you do…. You can do that, right?

If you aren’t feeling as satisfied and motivated as you’d like in work or life, or the organization; pause to think about why – and then ask yourself, “How can I influence the situation so I love what I’m doing?” Some people jump to the conclusion that a new job, a new home, a new office, a new title or other major life change is necessary – when the truth is, the source of motivation is your attitude. A small change in the way you approach a situation, task or person – combined with a positive attitude – is often the antidote to many motivational challenges in life.

Love your life! That is the secret – and no one else can do it for you. As the saying goes, “Motivation is an inside job!” So, until next time, keep reaching for the stars.

Excerpted from: Office Dynamics

**DISTRICT NEWS:**

**SAVE THE DATE**

**NEW ENGLAND DISTRICT GRAND LODGE NO. 1 APPRECIATION DINNER**

In honor of Hon. Favian Holness, P.G.M. Saturday, September 27, 2014 Hartford Hilton Hotel 315 Trumbull Street Hartford, CT 06103

Cocktail Hour: 7:00pm – 8:00pm CASH BAR
DINNER 8:30 pm – GRAND BALLROOM
Music: Tymless Sound
RSVP: September 14, 2014
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Virtues

Which ones do you practice?

1. Charity
2. Charity
3. Benevolence
4. Boldness
5. Chastity
6. Compassion
7. Composure
8. Confidence
9. Consideration
10. Contentment
11. Forgiveness
12. Discernment
13. Encouragement
14. Courage
15. Generosity
16. Gentleness
17. Gratitude
18. Helpfulness
19. Honesty
20. Hospitality
21. Humility
22. Loyalty
23. Meekness
24. Obedience
25. Orderliness
26. Patience
27. Perseverance
28. Respect
29. Sincerity
30. Tolerance
31. Wisdom
32. Justice
33. Fortitude
34. Prudence
35. Faith
36. Hope
37. Love

ACTIVITY

1. Travel the Winding Path of Virtues. Is it challenging?___________
2. What are some of the obstacles you faced while traveling along this path?_______
3. Which/how many virtue(s) have you demonstrated today?___________
4. Identify the 7 Supreme Virtues______________________________________
5. Which one is the greatest?_______ Why?_________________________________
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A Black Tie Affair
Healthfair at Mechanics Headquarters - Saturday, July 19, 2014
Brooklyn, New York
Members of the Mechanics’ Order paused for a group picture on the steps of the New Jerusalem Baptist Church in St. Albans, Queens, New York pastored by Rev. Dr. Calvin Rice, Senior Pastor, following the Anniversary Service commemorating the 52nd Year of Independence of the Island of Jamaica on Sunday, August 3, 2014.

Guest preacher was Rev. Dr. Audley Donaldson, Rector of St. Stephens & St. Martins Church, Brooklyn, New York who spoke to Jamaicans, the Government and people of Jamaica on the subject “I’LL WAIT FOR YOU, SHOULD I FOLLOW BEHIND? WAIT FOR ME” and its relevance to the genius of Jesus, in His response to James and John, two of His Disciples, who wanted to be leaders” Matthew 10:32.

In attendance were Mr. Herman G. Lamont, Consul General, who read the Prime Minister’s message, Ambassador Courtenay Rattray, Permanent Representative of Jamaica to the United Nations, a cadre of Religious leaders and City and State elected Officials. Music was provided by the Jamaica Independence Choir under the direction of Mr. Lloyd Chung, Organist. Special performance in poetry was done by Ms. Nadine Williams – a Canadian with Jamaican roots who is on her second book tour. She entertained the audience with one of her poems entitled: “The Immigrant Child” from the book on her poetic journey entitled: “Pen on Fyah”

Master of Ceremonies was Cannon Calvin McIntyre, Chaplain of the Consulate General in NYC, and Rector of the Church of the Good Shepherd, Bronx, New York.

Pictured above: Front Row: L-R; Hon. Neville Reid, Rt. Worshipful District Grand Master of Alpha District Grand Lodge #1, Sis. Paulette Eberhart, Sis. Cynthia Dixon-Barton, Sis. Gloria Lewis-Francis

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On Sunday August 17, 2014, the **Alpha Canada and Ontario Districts Joint Working Committee**, with **Sister Edna Piggott as Chairperson**, held its annual Walk-A-Thon, proceeds in aid of the Ontario Cancer Society specifically for Breast Cancer, Sis. Piggott being a survivor. For more than 10 years members of the Alpha and Ontario Grand Jurisdiction, their families and friends participate in this walk. The walk was from the lodge hall, south on Keele Street, to the lake and return. There is always a warm breakfast ready to welcome the walkers on their return. This Sunday was no different.

The walk began approximately 9:20 am. We arrived at the lake about 9:58 and ritualistically dip our hands into the water, take some pictures and at about 10:00am began the return trip to the lodge hall. The entire trip took about an hour and 20 minutes, or according to one of the younger walker who had a measuring device we took approximately 7802 steps or strides. As usual, a warm breakfast awaited us on our return.

Welcoming us back at the hall were; Sis. Edna Piggott, she didn’t take the walk this year, Sisters Rose McGlashen, Norma Griffith, Edith Walker, Minnette LaTouche, Cynthia Espeut and Hilda Paul. Hon. Dalton McGlashen and Hon. Humphrey McDonald.

The walkers comprised of Hon. Winston Blair, District Grand Master, Alpha jurisdiction, Ven. Claude Piggott of the Ontario jurisdiction, Mrs. Opal Davis, wife of Bro. Clifford Davis, Ontario jurisdiction. Bro. Davis was absent this year due to work. Ven. Horace James, Alpha jurisdiction and his grandson Jordan. Mrs. Shirley James, Ven. James’ wife who is also a regular supporter, was unable to attend this year. Ven. Edmond Paul, his daughter Nadia, and her children Malcolm, Dante, Shae-Ann and Tamia.

Proceeds from the walk will be handed over to the Cancer Society at a function later this year.

Submitted By:
Ven. Edmond Paul
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