

The Mighty 31st Masonic District

The Mirror



CONGRATULATIONS TO THE MIGHTY 31ST VERY OWN!

Most Worshipful Grand Master

The Honorable

Beverly W. “Butch” Morgan, Jr., #298

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The 147th Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Virginia F & AM, Inc. Grand Communication Session

RICHMOND, VA (September 15, 2023) – Brothers! On September 15, 2023, The Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Virginia, held the 147th Annual Communications in Richmond, Va. at the Doubletree by Hilton Hotel. This year’s event was a combination of MWPGM Donald S. Wilson’s administration, as well as a celebration of our newly elected Most Worshipful Grand Master, the Honorable Beverly W. “Butch” Morgan and his elected and appointed administration. The Brothers of the Mighty 31st Masonic District were in attendance, led by our DDGM Charles CJ James.

The Annual Communication is always a time to meet and fellowship with Brothers outside of the District, as well as meet Brothers from foreign jurisdictions. And this year’s annual communication was no different, with a large turnout of Brothers from all over the state.

Finally, we were able to keep the 31st Masonic District at the forefront of Prince Hall Masonry in the state of Virginia, as DDGM Charles “CJ” James winning District Deputy Grand Master of the Year and the 31st Masonic District being recognized as District of the Year WPM James Conway was recognized as Treasurer of the Year, respectively. All great accomplishments.

Contribution by
WPM Steven E. Goodson #293



MWGM Morgan and the Mighty 31st visits the MWPHGL of Maryland Annual Session

Ocean City, MD (December 2, 2023) – it was a great day, as our MWGM, The Honorable Beverly W. “Butch” Morgan and many of the Grand Lodge Officers and 31st Masonic District Brothers visited the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Maryland at their 175th Annual Grand Lodge Communication in Ocean City, MD at the Roland E. Powell Convention Center.

The Mighty 31st Masonic District was in full support of our MWGM, as more than a dozen Brothers made the 3-hour trip, early on Saturday Morning to be a part of the event and be in place to be received at 10 a.m. Great Job Mighty 31st Masonic District.

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WPM Steven E. Goodson #293



MWGM Morgan and the Mighty 31st to support the MWPHGL of D.C. at the Annual Session

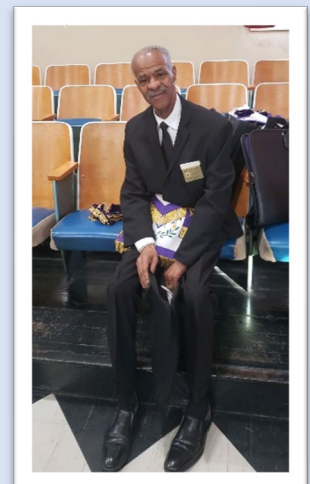
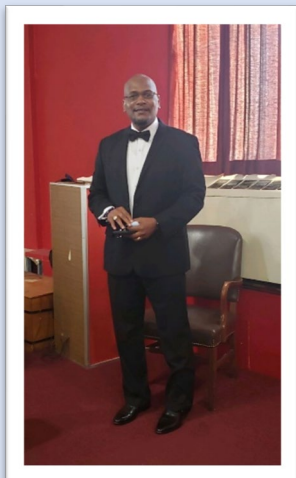
Washington, D.C. (December 13, 2023) – Our MWGM, The Honorable Beverly W. “Butch” Morgan has surely been busy in support of his peers in the DMV, making his second visit of the month by visiting the MWPHGL of DC at their Annual Grand Lodge Communication in Washington, D.C.

As usual the Mighty 31st Masonic District came out in full force to support our MWGM. The Brothers made sure the jurisdiction of Virginia was well represented. Great Job Brothers! Great Job Mighty 31st Masonic District.

Contribution by
WPM Steven E. Goodson #293



MWGM The Honorable Beverly “Butch” W. Morgan Jr, #298 with GL Officers and Brothers of the Craft



MWGM Visits Diversity Lodge #330

Alexandria, Va. (November 29, 2023) – Our MWGM The Honorable Beverly W. “Butch” Morgan continued to make visitations around the 31st Masonic District. MWGM Morgan and several of his elected and appointed officers from the 31st District were able to visit WM Lateef Watson and Brothers of Diversity Lodge #330, at their regular stated communication.

It was indeed a great night of instruction, fellowship, and laughter as MWGM Morgan addressed many of the current Grand Lodge initiatives and answered questions for the Brother on many masonic topics. Also, in attendance was our very own DDGM Charles James #11 and ADDGM A. Marques Pitre #298, and RWGD Earnest L. Prather. After the meeting, the Brothers gathered around for the traditional photo opportunity. The Brothers assembled downstairs for repast that consisted of chicken, greens, and sides. Great night of Brotherly Love.

Contribution by
WPM Steven E. Goodson #293



MWGM The Honorable Beverly “Butch” W. Morgan
Jr, #298 addressing the Craft

Mighty 31st attends Divine Sunday

Alexandria, Va. (October 29, 2023) – The Brothers of Pride of Fairfax County Lodge No. 298 were the gracious host for the 31st Masonic District Divine Sunday Worship Service, which was held at Bethlehem Baptist Church of Alexandria, Va.

The Brothers historically visits local Churches in the Northern Virginia area on the 5th Sunday of the month, and this visitation was yet another day of Worship, where the Brothers of the 31st Masonic District and Sisters of the Order of the Eastern Star showed up and showed out in their Masonic Black and Whites and the Sisters in their beautiful white gowns. A wonderful day of worship Brothers!

Contribution by
WPM Steven E. Goodson #293



DDGM James #11, ADDGM Pitre #298, & ADDGM Brannon #293



31st Masonic District & 26th District OES

Triangle Lodge No. 293 and Grace Chapter No. 239 Joint Thanksgiving Day Donations

Triangle, Va. (November 18, 2023) – The Brothers of **Triangle Lodge #293** and **Grace Chapter #239** continued their Joint Annual Thanksgiving Day Basket Donations, giving back to the surrounding communities of Dumfries, Triangle, Woodbridge, and Stafford, Virginia.

Contribution by
Bro Eugene J. Porter #293



WM Bothwell, of **Triangle Lodge #293**, WM Watson of **Grace Chapter #239**, and the Brothers and Sisters gather to donate Thanksgiving Baskets

Arlington Lodge #58th Supports local High School

Arlington, Va. (November 20, 2023) – Arlington #58 gave gift cards to some needy students at Washington Liberty High School in Arlington, VA. Pictured here are (from l to r) WM Ronnie Hall, Brittnee Stephens (school social worker), JW Roger Baskin (Dean of Students), and WPM Carlton Newton.

Contribution by
JW Roger Baskin, Sr. #58



(from l to r) WM Ronnie Hall, Brittnee Stephens (school social worker), JW Roger Baskin (Dean of Students), and WPM Carlton Newton.

Triangle Lodge #293 supports the Wreaths Across America

Alexandria, Va. (October 16, 2023) – The Brothers of Triangle Lodge No. 293 were up early before dawn to participate in what has become a traditional event for the lodge, The Wreath Across America at Arlington National Cemetery is an event the Brothers pride themselves in supporting and this year was no different. Worshipful Master Shelly Bothwell Jr. leads the Brothers of Triangle Lodge #293, F&AM as they volunteered as the truck crew during the annual event.

The event was a success, as the Brothers along with Mr. Chris Jackson (High School Junior) passed out 3,900 Wreaths to volunteers, who placed them at the gravesite of our deceased Veterans.

Contribution by
Bro Eugene J. Porter #293



WM Bothwell #293 and the Brothers



Triangle Lodge #293 laying wreaths at
Arlington National Cemetery



SW Cedric T. Martin #293



The Brothers of the Craft

Diversity Lodge No. 330 Veterans Day Appreciation Cookout

Dale City, Va. (November 11, 2023) – On November 11, 2023 (Veterans Day), the brothers of Diversity Lodge No. 330, continued their 15-year tradition of providing a Veterans Day Cookout to show their appreciation to those who have served in the U.S. Armed Forces. The cookout was held between the hours of 12:00-4:00 p.m. at the Veterans of Foreign War (VFW Post 1503 in Dale City, Virginia). During the event, the brethren of Diversity manned the grill and served over 200 plus people with some tasty food; and provided plenty of good music, games, a Bounce House, and a photo booth for their guest to enjoy. Additionally, during the event, and keeping with the lodge’s tradition, Worshipful Master Lateef Watson with the assistance of Secretary Worshipful Past Master Gordon Renfrow presented the VFW Post Commander Bernie Carter with a gift for the post, and a personal gift for the Commander. We would like to thank VFW Post 1503 for continuing to support our lodge in hosting this annual community service event; and the brothers of the 31st Masonic District and their family members who were able to come out and show their support of our annual event.

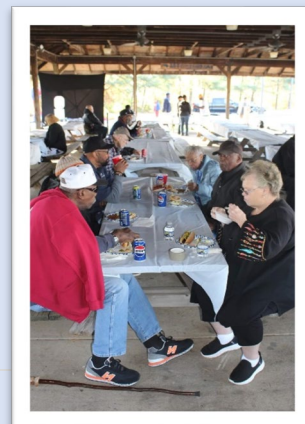
Contribution by
JW Carroll Alexander #330



WM Watson #330 and DDGM James #11



The Brothers of the Mighty 31st Masonic District



Acacia Lodge No. 32, Universal Lodge No. 1 and Esther Chapter No. 23 perform Joint Holidays Gift Card and Toys Giveaway

Alexandria, Va (December 13, 2023) On December 13, 2023, Brothers of Acacia Lodge #32 participated in a joint effort with Universal Lodge #1 and Esther Chapter #23 to donate Christmas toys and gift card at the Cora Kelly Elementary School in Alexandria, Va. Acacia Lodge #32 donated five (5) \$50 gift cards to needy and deserving kids in helping to provide joyous and happy holidays, Acacia Lodge #32 strongly believes that our kids are our future and will continue to support in this annual event.

Contribution by
JW Curtis Dixon #32



SW Dixon #32 and Sisters of Ester Chapter #23
donating Gifts

Triangle Lodge #293 – Salvation Army Red Kettle

Woodbridge, Va. (December 2, 2023) – The Brothers of Triangle Lodge No, 293 continued the annual participation in support of the Salvation Army Red Kettle Event. On December 2, 2023, the Brothers of the Craft, lead by WM Bothwell, participated in supporting the Prince William County Salvation Army by volunteering 24 man-hours to ringing the bell for the holiday Red Kettle Campaign at the local Walmart Supercenter in Woodbridge, Va.

Contribution by
SW Cedric Martin #293



WM Bothwell #293 with the Brothers



SW Martin @293 leads the way.



Lincoln Lodge #11 Thanksgiving Basket Giveaway

Alexandria , Va. (November 18, 2023) – The brothers of Lincoln Lodge Number #11 and the sisters of Lincoln chapter #242 OES, met at the Andrew Adkins Homes, in Alexandria Virginia, for our Annual Turkey Basket Giveaway. We look forward to this yearly event. It gives us the opportunity to give back to the community in whi ch we serve. The weather was fine, and the participation was great. We were able to distribute 25 baskets. This is what Thanksgiving is all about-Giving.

Contribution by
WM Michael A. Petty #11



Brothers of Lincoln Lodge # 11 gather to donate Thanksgiving Baskets

Acacia Lodge #32 supports the Wreaths Across America

Alexandria, Va (December 16, 2023) On December 16, 2023, members of Acacia Lodge #32 participated in the annual Wreaths Across America event at Alexandria National cemetery in Alexandria VA. Acacia Lodge #32 donated five (5) wreaths, in addition to volunteering time and effort into helping to place wreaths on every fallen Veteran burial site at the cemetery. This was a very beautiful and highly honored event for our military heroes in which, Acacia Lodge #32 will continue to participate annually.

Contribution by
SW Curtis Dixon #32



Brothers of Acacia #32 in action!

King Tyre Lodge # 292 and Evening Star #228 supports annual “Breakfast with Santa”

Falls Church, Va. (December 16, 2023) – On Saturday, December 16, 2023, members of King Tyre Lodge #292 and Evening Star #228, working in coordination with other local service groups, supported the annual “Breakfast with Santa” event hosted by the James Lee Community Center (JLCC) in Falls Church, Virginia. Each year, the hard-working JLCC employees and volunteers reach out to families in the East Falls Church community, welcoming them to a delicious meal, gifts for kids of all ages, and a special visit with Santa Claus! The event started receiving guests at 9 AM and breakfast was served at 10 AM. JLCC keeps track of how many guests visit the center for each event and stated that more than 250 people were in attendance, the most since the pre-pandemic time. King Tyre Lodge #292 and Evening Star #228 donated more than \$1,000 worth of toys and clothing to JLCC for this event and handed out gifts to more than 100 children aged 6 months to 16 years old. King Tyre Lodge #292 is led by Worshipful Master Jacques Thomas, and Evening Star #228 is led by Worthy Matron Marion Allen.

Contribution by
WPM Eric Lawson #292



Pictured Above (left to right): Bro. Michael Smith, WPM Andre Beary, WPM Eric Lawson, WM Jacques Thomas, Sis. Tamatha Arnold, and WPM James Collier. Pictured Below in black, JLCC Director Chris Scales.



Diversity Lodge No. 330 “Christmas Giving”

Dale City, Va. -- The brothers of Diversity Lodge No. 330 collected donations amongst the brethren “near and far” to purchase and donate over \$500 dollars’ worth of toys, games and sporting good items for the local community service “Toys for Tots” collections, hosted by VFW Post 1503 in Dale City, Virginia.

The brethren also donated an additional \$200 dollars to purchase needed clothing for a local family that is going through hardship, due to the loss of a family member. Our continued thoughts and prayers are with the family in need.

Contribution by
JW Carroll A. Alexander #330



WPM David Alvarado, JD Terry Thurman, and JW Carroll Alexander II, presenting donations.

Triangle Lodge #293 supports the Town of Dumfries Christmas Parade

Dumfries, Va. (December 9, 2023) - On 9 DEC 23 Members of Triangle Lodge #293 lead by SW Martin and accompanied by Worthy Matron Sametha Watson of Grace Chapter #239 of the Order of Eastern Stars. He Brothers joined Dumfries Mayor Derrick Wood and Congresswoman Abigail Spanberger and participated in The Town of Dumfries Christmas Parade, a family-friendly event for all ages. Members of Triangle passed out hundreds of candy bags while playing traditional Christmas tunes through the parade route.

Contribution by
SW Cedric Martin #293



SW Martin #293 and WM Watson #239

