



# The Phylaxis Notes Of The Phylaxis Society



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The Greater New Orleans Chapter is entering a new era. This chapter has known good times and times we all would like to forget. We are currently in a period that is becoming more positive. In our part of the country, everything is measured by the "influence of the Storms Katrina, Rita, and Gustav. Our Masonic District was literally torn apart. Ironically, just a few months prior to the storms, we help to host one of the best conventions the Society ever had. Now we are starting over.

Facing many economical, physical, and emotional roadblocks members in this area still maintain an interest and desire to acquire masonic knowledge. The need to help others as we try to improve our conditions is ingrained. So doing for others in some helpful way is just a basic form of brotherhood kindred to our masonic beliefs. Our current President, Huey Hill, is recovering from a hip replacement. We are still following his lead as we continue to do what we can to help our masonic and civic community to recover.

Our Chapter works very closely with the Phyllis Auxiliary. We meet on the same dates and location. Our meetings are independent of each other until closing. We then socialize together. We have one meeting where we go to visit our brother / sister units in Lafayette. This allows mem-

bers who do not live in the immediate area to participate. We again share a common meeting at the time of the Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter. The Phyllis Auxiliaries have a joint breakfast and the Phylaxis brothers are invited to participate. This activity brings members of the Society statewide together. It also lays the foundation for future growth.

Our current activities are varied and growing. Our available members right now are 25 to 30. Bro. Truehill and other members manage and services the food bank operation at our temple. Here the immediate community finds help with food to supplement their families. This project is operated without regular civilian help. The masonic group as its outreach has provided the space and utilities for this operation.

Phylaxis members serve as mentors for the Lafitte Playground sport teams. This group additionally has provided a meeting place and guidance for the kids and their parents. Their booster club and its organization was guided by Phylaxis Members. At the end of their sport season the members provided a banquet and awards for the kids. We are proud to say that this effort continues and is also growing.

In cooperation with our sisters in the Phyllis Auxiliary a clothing drive was very

successful. The clothes were distributed through a very cooperative church. Our president, Bro. Hill is the father of the pastor of that church. The clothes were needed. They were accepted with many positive comments of appreciation.

This report started by noting the status and conditions affecting us as we try to reestablish our chapter as a functioning unit. We note now that we do make an effort to reach out to our members needing comfort and cheer to overcome mental stress. A very special crew actually gives haircuts and shaves to some of our homebound in brothers. There is no better gift than to lift a brother's spirit when he is in a depressed situation. This chapter understands the hurt and depression that can arise from overwhelming situations. We find when you are working to help others, somehow your burdens are also lightened.

Respectfully submitted,  
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## 2<sup>nd</sup> Masonic District of Missouri, Kansas City, MO Sons of Hiram Youth



- A roast was performed by Junior Architect Jalen Ashford
- Houston Smith performed saxophone jazz solo.
- The members of the Council also performed a step performance, under the direction of Jermaine Jenkins.

Special awards were presented to three members of the group that exemplified the Mission and Core Values of which the Son's of Hiram Council #2 were founded. The three young men receiving special recognition were Jalen Ashford, Ramon Strickland and Lestyn Williams. The event was well attended and all guests seemed to have enjoyed themselves.

The Son's of Hiram is a mentor group for young men ages 7-17 years old. The group is under the direction of Byron Ashford, Area Youth Supervisor.

On Saturday, November 14, 2009, The Son's of Hiram Youth Council #2 held its 1st Annual Pre-Holiday Appreciation Banquet. This event was held at the Knight's of Columbus Hall located at 5111 E. 112<sup>th</sup> St., Kansas City, MO. The Guest speaker's for the evening were: Mr. Lawrence Goldblatt, Mr. Darren Washington, and Mr. Michael Long,

The theme for the evening was "It's All About the Boys". As the theme suggested, there were many times during the banquet that showcased the skills and talents of the young

men within the group. To set the stage, the Senior Architect, Zachary Hoare along with Supervisor Byron Ashford welcomed the attendees. The Master of Ceremony, Melvin W. Hawkins, III introduced the members of the Son's of Hiram Youth Council #2. The youth highlights of the evening included the following:

- Drum solo by James Bonner III;
- Poetry readings by Jordan Hawkins and Zachary Hoare;
- Robert Dean presented a special honor to his mother, who was in attendance;
- Prayer and Benediction were performed by Lestyn Williams;





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## PILLAR OF SOCIETY



This month's spotlight is on Hon. Clayvon Wesley, MPS, Brother Wesley is a member of Archway Phylaxis Chapter of St. Louis, Missouri. He was most influential in the establishment of The Prince Hall Family Support Center located in that city. It is a Missouri State Center organized to provide and delivery all forms of services to the people of St. Louis. All Social Services are available there. It was dedicated to the memory of Prince Hall by the State Legislature in 2002. Clayvon was so taken by the Chapter members who he worked with on the project to name the Center after Prince Hall that he asked for a Petition to become a Mason. He has been our gain ever since then.

Since that time Hon. Wesley has headed the Chapter's programs that provide Books, Glasses, Medicines and other tangibles to the people of Senegal, Africa. He has and continues to be strategically involved in The Sister Cities exchange between Saint Louis, MO and Saint –

Louis Senegal. The programs are ongoing and have grown to be a significant source of direct assistance to Senegal.



Hon. Brother Wesley also carries out directing mentoring programs to assist the youth of Saint Louis. Still finding time for his first love...His family which he serves with an even greater determination. Clayvon "Ambrose" Wesley is a celebrated Artist whose works are internationally known.

To donate eyeglasses, books or other items to Senegal contact the Archway Phylaxis Chapter of St. Louis Mo at [sinusode98atcentury-tel.net](mailto:sinusode98atcentury-tel.net)



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## **HOMEGOING SERVICES HELD FOR TWO PROMINENT MEMBERS OF THE MISSOURI PRINCE HALL MASONIC FAMILY**

Fraternal services for Past Matron Sharon Lewis, wife of Hon. Joe B. Lewis, FPS, Past Grand Master of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Missouri, were held Monday, Sept. 28, 2009 at the Mt. Olive Baptist Church, 2912 St. Louis Ave., St. Louis, Mo. Order of Eastern Star. and Daughters of Isis, services were attended by well over three hundred family and members of the Prince Hall and The Grand Lodge of Missouri and many dignitaries from around the country. Sister Lewis was carried from the church on a Bier led by six white horses. We of The Phylaxis Society continue to pray for our Brother and his family.



The Dreaded Messenger struck again on January 29, 2010 when Most Worshipful Grand Master, Hon. Charles E. Jones, MPS was called to eternity. M.W. Jones was elected to that Grand Office in July of 2009. He was born March 15, 1951 in Hughes, Arkansas. M.W. G.M. Charles E. Jones lived in Hayti, Missouri and had held various positions in the Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Missouri from Junior Grand Warden, Senior Grand Warden, Deputy Grand Master and finally as M.W. Grand Master. He was a Holy Royal Arch Mason and served Missouri as Most Excellent Grand High Priest. A member of The Knights Templar, Order of The Eastern Star, an AASR, SJ 33 °an Honorary Past Potentate of Medinah Temple and member of The Phylaxis Society. Hon. Charles E. Jones will be greatly missed by us all.





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## **Minority Organ Tissue Transplantation Education Program (MOTTEP)**

The Prince Hall Masons painfully discovered that here in the District of Columbia we have over 1,400 people on the waiting list for organ transplantation. We further recognized the problem of low minority donors as compared with the high percentage of minorities waiting for organs and tissue. This was a local problem that we could make a difference. We would use a comprehensive educational and organ tissue donor recruitment program designed, implemented and supported by the Prince Hall Masonic Family of the District of Columbia. The Minority Organ Transplantation Education Program is a high priority item for Most Worshipful Grand Master David A. McWilliams, Sr. and the Prince Hall Masonic Family of the District of Columbia

Earlier in 2009 year, we began developing staff and resources to address this vital issue. Our task was to format and assemble materials and project jurisdictional service delivery schedules. Within the Prince Hall Masonic family we had personnel who understood the program and knew what was needed to move the program forward. We have used the intellectual resources and expertise of Brother Dr. Clive O. Callender, a renowned transplant surgeon and founder of the Minority Organ Tissue Transplantation Education Program at Howard University Hospital. We then conferred with the Washington Regional Transplant Community (WRTC) who graciously agreed to collaborate. The Prince Hall

Masonic Family of the District of Columbia, MOTTEP and WRTC launched the "Prince Hall Masonic Family Organ and Tissue Initiative. We have signed up over 300 people since the inception of this program.

In March 2009, the Program was presented to a regional (MD, VA, DC, SC, WV, NC) Conference of Grand Masters and Grand Worthy Patrons and Grand Worthy Matrons that was held in Raleigh, North Carolina. The Conference voted to fully endorse and support the Program. In May 2009, the Program was presented at the National Conference of Grand Masters and Grand Worthy Matrons and Grand Worthy Patrons held in Los Angeles, California. The National Conference voted to fully endorse and support the Program.

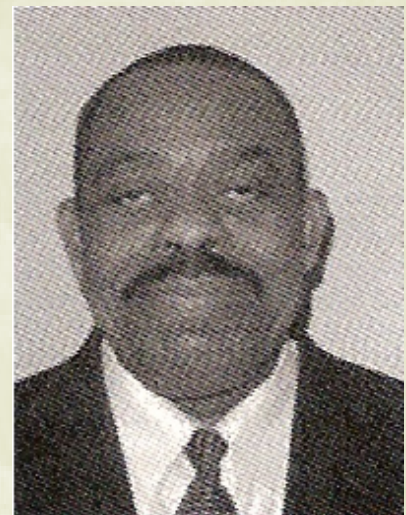
The United Supreme Council, Southern Jurisdiction, also gave its endorsement of the program and made a contribution in support of MOTTEP.

We in the Jurisdiction of the District of Columbia have agreed to assist the entire Prince Hall Masonic Family across this massive to educate our populations on the current and emerging technological status of organ and tissue transplantation potentials.

The Prince Hall Family has a unique opportunity to impact the quality of many lives, sustain and maintain lives of many persons waiting for organ and tissue transplantation. The technology

has increased the efficiency of transplant surgery, however, the dilemma of a lack of minority organ and tissue donors limit the success for many. The other reality is that minorities make up the largest group on the waiting lists.

If you have not signed up as an organ and tissue donor, please do so today. Contact your Grand Lodge for details. You may also sign up when you renew your driver's licenses. We can make a difference without monetary cost.



**Hon. Alton Roundtree, FPS**



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## **M.D. Member Of MWPHGL Of New York, Part Of Relief In Haiti**

\*From The Baltimore Sun\* \*A return to Haiti on mission of mercy\* \*Family fled to U.S. when he was 5; now he's back as Navy doctor\*By Robert Little and Jill Rosen  
January 24, 2010  
PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti  
When Mill Etienne's family fled Haiti in 1981, he was just 5 years old, not much bigger than the broken little body now stretched before him on a gurney aboard the USNS Comfort. Growing up in suburban New York, Etienne had wanted to sever any connection to that violent, impoverished Caribbean nation. He sought a comfortable American life and cringed at the sound of his family's tropical lilt. He acted as if every book he devoured and every test he aced could help him forget the squalor. But when he turned on the TV the first night after Haiti's catastrophic earthquake, he knew almost instantly that, as a neurologist and one of the few in the Navy who speaks Creole, he not only had to be there, he wanted nothing more. Late last week, when Etienne bent over the seriously injured boy, with a foot wrapped in bandages to the knee and an intravenous line running from his little hand, he spoke softly to him in his native tongue. And he knew, with certainty, that he was doing his life's work. "The

two countries that I've grown to know and love all my life, now I [am] on a mission to serve them both," he said.  
Lt. Cmdr. Etienne, 34, is one of the 1,100 doctors, nurses and support staff aboard the Comfort, a hospital ship that sailed from Baltimore to help some of Haiti's most seriously injured quake victims.  
On board, he is equal parts doctor and diplomat, in demand to treat patients and to help the medical staff and Haitians understand one another. As the ship sailed south, Etienne led its staff through a crash course in Creole.  
As the only doctor and only officer aboard who speaks the French-based dialect, he worked with 15 others during the trip to arrange cultural awareness seminars and write a manual describing Haiti's history and people. "When they see a doctor that speaks their language, they feel like they're at home, like this guy is looking out for them," he said. "They're going to trust me."  
Etienne and his seven brothers and sisters grew up in a town called Spring Valley, in suburban New York. His father drove a cab; his mother cleaned houses. Though their English was poor, his parents made sure their kids understood the value of education. The message clearly got through to the young

Mill.  
Vinci Etienne remembers his little brother being so excited about school that he would be up and dressed earlier than anyone else, standing at the front door with his lunch box.  
Mill Etienne knew in high school that he wanted to be a doctor. He won admission to Yale. His sister, Murille, suspects that some of his drive to excel stems from watching his parents struggle to make a living. "It frustrated him to see how hard my parents worked, wanting us to have everything they didn't have," she said. "He tried very hard to be the best." It was in high school that Etienne, on a path to success himself, became almost obsessed with helping underprivileged children join him.  
While in 10th grade, he was the creator and host of a local cable television show that spotlighted role models, and he tutored the neighbor's kids. After he started at Yale, he'd make the nearly two-hour trip home once a month to tape new episodes. He won a prestigious Paul and Daisy Soros Fellowship for New Americans in 1998 that largely paid for his medical degree at New York Medical College. More than a decade later, fellowship director Warren Illchman remembers him as a stand-out in his pool of achievers.





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"When I got his e-mail saying he was going to Haiti, I was not surprised. He was never looking just to be a doctor. He wanted to be a doctor to do something." In medical school, Etienne volunteered to be a mentor to young people in the Bronx, tutoring them in physics and helping them to prepare for college interviews.

"Even after he graduated, he'd come back on Saturdays to help teach," said Marva Richards, who coordinates the volunteer program and came to know Etienne as a person she could call when she needed anything. "I think it's just his nature. I always say, 'Some people are born to be healers,' and he's really that kind of person - a real doctor."

After medical school, he signed on with the Navy, completed his residency in neurology at Columbia University Medical Center, and then simultaneously earned a master's degree in public health while completing two more fellowships. Somehow, Etienne, who is single, also found time to tutor minority high school students through a chapter of the Alpha Phi Alpha

service fraternity based in Harlem. His hospital colleagues were appalled that he was joining the military. "They thought it was career suicide," Etienne said. He says they couldn't have been more wrong. He liked taking care of patients in New York, but says taking care of the troops is even more fulfilling. He feels better helping those who have made deep sacrifices, those who have literally given themselves for their country.

It's not that Etienne is so patriotic. His desire to become an American citizen only evolved after medical school when it occurred to him: "Wow, I've really gotten a lot from being in the United States. I'm really proud to be here, and I want to be an American. One day, it just struck me."

Etienne has been on active duty in Bethesda, where a large Navy hospital is located, since August. He has offered to help the medical center start an epilepsy center, his specialty. And he's thrilled that his service is taking him to Haiti. Hours after the earthquake, he'd gone into his office to resolve all of his projects so that he would be free to take leave and head to the disaster site.

But before Etienne could ask his supervisor for time off, he heard the Comfort crew needed a neurologist and promptly volunteered. "I was like, 'Oh, so you're going to pay me to go do what I'd be doing anyway?'" he said, laughing. "This is what I'd be doing right now, regardless." Etienne's mother wept when she heard that her son was on his way to Haiti - not out of fear but out of joy. With her son aboard the Comfort this week, Marie Etienne was in the Dominican Republic, trying to get to Haiti. The family still has many relatives and friends there. Copyright © 2010, The Baltimore Sun <<http://www.baltimoresun.com/>>





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My Brethren;

I pray that this communication finds you and yours well and staying in the Ark of Safety with the GAOIU.

Rarely in recent history has a leader found it necessary to ask his organization to gird up their loins and make sacrifices such as I am about to impose on you. As Masons, we have but a few real obligations that we are bound by; obligation and just plain human conscience to name a few. The Holy Writ proclaims that charity and brotherly affection are to be religiously and steadfastly practiced. If this isn't the time for a herculean effort from PRINCE HALL MASONS to rally up and contribute then there isn't ever a time.

Haiti is a black country formed by slaves and anointed to survive despite tremendous poverty and hardships. I need not tell you of the catastrophic devastation heaped upon this country by the recent earthquake. Every human being is rushing to aid and assist this nation to get back to a reasonable semblance of order. ARE WE INCLUDED?

I am requesting a sum of not less than \$1,000 per jurisdiction to be forwarded to the Executive Treasurer of the Conference of Grand Masters made out to the COGM Charitable Foundation. The total sum received along with a \$5,000 donation from the Foundation accounts will be forwarded to the Haitian Earthquake Relief Fund (via the Red Cross) from the CONFERENCE OF GRAND MASTERS, PRINCE HALL MASONS, INC. We are requesting that all monies be forwarded to MWPGM Ronald Robinson not later than 15 February 2010.

All donations will be acknowledged and amply publicized.

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Fraternaly yours,

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