Greeting Worshipful Masters, Wardens, Past Masters and Brothers of District # 17,

As we begin a new year of dedication and service to Masonry, I would like for each of you to know that it is indeed a pleasure for me to serve as the Grand District Deputy of District # 17. Thank you for your hard work and your continued support.

I hope that all is well with you and your families.

I would like to offer my sincerest thanks to the two assistants who have worked so diligently with me as Grand District Deputy: (PM ), WM Robert L. Goodloe, Lodge # 46 and PM Anthony Johnson , Lodge # 50. The month of June was election time. I would like to thank all the other Past Masters who held elections: PM Walter Rice, Lodge # 817, PM Fletcher Owens, Lodge # 69, PM Frank Langford, Lodge # 99, PM Will Liner, Jr., Lodge # 583 and PGSW Robert (Bobby) Langford Lodge # 98. Again I would like to thank each of you for leading by example and for your unwavering commitment to Masonry. Congratulations to the newly elected Worshipful Masters, Wardens, Secretaries, Treasurers and all appointed officers.

The 143rd Annual Communication of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge Free and Accepted Masons of Alabama was held in Mobile, Al, July 22-24, 2013. The meeting was challenging, informative and productive. On Wednesday, July 24, 2013, the annual election was held and the newly elected Grand Lodge Officers are:

Corey D. Hawkins, Sr., Esq.,
Most Worshipful Grand Master

Robert W. Glenn,
Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master

Woodie Pugh, Jr.,
Right Worshipful Grand Senior Warden

Matthew Hardy, Jr.,
Right Worshipful Grand Junior Warden

Lucius Fleming,
Right Worshipful Grand Treasurer

George D. Echols,
Right Worshipful Grand Secretary

Trustees are:
Right Worshipful Victor Pettus, Warren L. Duncan, and Ellias Thompson

Submitted By Andrew J. Fuller
RW Grand District Deputy (District No. 17)
The Brothers of Morning Star Lodge #50 set out to honor a very special bunch of people at their latest Community Service event. On May 3rd, 2013 the men of Morning Star served up a special luncheon of recognition and appreciation to the Mothers of the community in Northeast Huntsville, Alabama. The idea was first proposed by Worshipful Master Jerome Glover as a community service endeavor to recognize community mothers who lived around and who also frequent the Dr. Richard Showers Recreation Center. This idea was quickly accepted and implemented by the members of the Lodge. The idea was brought back that the event should be a catered luncheon put on by the Brothers of Morning Star Lodge #50. Fifty mothers were invited to attend a midday meeting. Unbeknownst to them the meeting was actually a ruse put on by the members of the Lodge to get them to come and be served by the brothers of the lodge. Worshipful Master Glover gave the welcome and occasion and after the blessing of the food by Chaplain Jay Reaves lunch was served. The menu which was cooked and prepared by the Brothers of Morning Star Lodge #50 included both fried and smoked chicken, beef brisket, corn, green beans, rice, dinner rolls and an assorted variety of desserts. The women were seated as they came in and were waited on hand and foot. Their orders were taken and their plates were prepared for them and brought to their tables. After they completed their meals, each mother in attendance was presented with their own Mother’s Day Card and a single long stem red rose from the Lodge. Many of the mothers were moved to tears. The general consensus among those in attendance was put into words by Mrs. JoAnn Rutherford who said “This was truly a blessing and a surprise and to have received such a gift from men who you never met and who are not your own children is truly a gift in itself”. The women took many pictures and thanked the Brothers of Morning Star #50. Worshipful Master Glover said to them that the Lodge will try to return and make this an annual celebration much to the delight of the women and brothers in attendance. All and all everyone in attendance said that they look forward to the event next year.

Submitted By: Bro. Barrington Dames

Morning Star Lodge No. 50 Honors Community Mothers

I have often been asked, what can be done to get to know your lodge members better? My answer would be to have events that your members and you would be willing to get involved with. Have an event where the brothers will feel free to talk about anything that is on their minds, without being judged. I have found out that if a brother can trust you and not have you judge him, he will be more willing to talk to you. By having such conversations they will get to know you better and you can get to know them better.

One event that Evening Star Lodge # 6 has had over the summer months are “Car Washes”. It was during this time that the members came together and just had plain good fun. We were able to raise funds, but the most important part was that brothers were able to laugh and joke around. It is at this time I would like to thank Brother Andy Fuller for being the Chair person for the Car Washes. As one knows being the chairperson of an event means you are the first one there and the last one to leave. Your hard work has not gone unnoticed. THANK YOU

Submitted By: WM James Lewis

Evening Star Lodge No. 6 “Closeness”
Pride of Lincoln No. 817 Provides Service to Veterans

During the Memorial Day weekend the members of No. 817 make an annual visit to the Tutt Fan Veterans Home located in Huntsville where they sponsor a cookout which includes food, music, and games. This event allows the members of No. 817 to interact with the veterans and to show their appreciation of the service they provided to our country.

Submitted By: WM Quentin Pearson

Grand District Deputy Fuller Appoints Assistants

Effective 1 June 2013 Right Worshipful Grand District Deputy Fuller officially appointed PM Anthony Johnson (No. 50) and PM Robert Goodloe (No. 46) as Assistant Grand District Deputies for District 17. PM Johnson will be assisting GDD Fuller in his duties to oversee the Lodges in (Limestone/Madison Counties) and PM Goodloe will provide assistance for Lodges in the (Shoals). PM Johnson and PM Goodloe accepted the challenge of assuming this position and is committed to providing exceptional service to the District.

Madison/Limestone Counties WM Council Awards Banquet

On Friday, 24 May, 2013 the Madison/Limestone Counties Worshipful Masters Council held it’s Annual Awards Banquet. During this event Lodges of District 17 and OES Chapters of District 15 came together to recognize individuals for outstanding service to their respective organizations and to make charitable contributions to nonprofit organizations and award scholarships to deserving students who demonstrated academic excellence during the 2013 school year. Also during this event Pride of Lincoln Lodge No. 817 named their scholarship in recognition of one of the pioneers of the Lodge PM Walter L Rice. Morning Star Lodge No. 50 made a charitable contribution to Operation Making a Difference, Inc. which is a nonprofit organization which focuses on the betterment of at-risk children in the Huntsville community. Award recipients for the evening included Bro. Taurean Dawkins No. 50 and Bro. Frank Jackson No. 98 as Master Masons of the Year, WM Jerome Glover No. 50 as Worshipful Master of the Year, PM Frank Langford No. 99 as Perry O. Ward
award recipient, and PM Walter Rice No. 817 Honors of the Council award recipient. Several other awards were given to members of Eastern Star Chapters as the event came to an end once again recognizing the exceptional work of the Brothers and Sisters in District 17 and District 15 respectively.

President George Ball presents 2013 Master Mason of the Year Award to Bro. Frank Jackson (No. 98) and Bro. Taurean Dawkins (No. 50)

St. John’s Day Celebration

On Sunday, 23 June, 2013 the Lodges of District 17 came together to conduct their Annual St. John’s Day service. Also in attendance were the OES Chapters of District 15. During the ceremony an inspiring message was delivered by Pastor Robert Jefferson (Past Master No. 99). Scholarships were presented to some deserving students in the Huntsville community by Morning Star Lodge No. 50 and Mizpah Chapter No. 37. Final remarks were given by Right Worshipful Grand District Deputy Fuller and Right Worshipful Grand Senior Warden Robert Langford focused on the need for Masons and Eastern Stars to become a strong presence in mentorship for those children in failing schools in the area.
Temple Lodge No. 98 Salutes a Pioneer

Temple Lodge #98 successfully held its 2nd Annual Past Master Banquet on September 6, 2013 at Holiday Inn Research Park, Huntsville, Alabama.

With your help this year’s celebration was huge success. Thank you for coming out and help celebrate the two Past Masters that was honored, District Deputy Andrew Fuller and Right Worshipful (RW) Robert (Bobby) Langford Sr. We appreciate your dedication and donation, and the distributing your organization’s information. Your presence helps to show them their legacy is still rolling on.

District Deputy Andrew Fuller, of District #17 and a member of Evening Star Lodge #6, received a gift and well spoken words from his Worshipful Master James Lewis. DD Fuller delivered a short message and a word of gratitude not only to his Lodge members but also to the Brothers of the District #17.

Right Worshipful (RW) Robert (Bobby) Langford Sr., of Temple Lodge #98 received the Honor of Worshipful Master Emeritus and emotional spoken word from his Worshipful Master L. Tyrone Harris. RW Langford delivered a thank you message to #98 and the participating audience as well. WM Harris had Temple #98 with the members of Madison/Limestone Worshipful Master Council to come forward the receiver RW Langford.

On behalf of Temple Lodge #98, we wish to extend our sincere thanks to you and your organization for your support and participation of our Past Master Banquet, and we look forward to next year’s Banquet.

Submitted By

WM L. Tyrone Harris