On January 16, 2015, the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge, F. and A. M. of Alabama lost a giant of a man and mason in that of the Honorable Dr. William O. Jones, Past Grand Master of this great jurisdiction. Dr. Jones was devoted to this Grand Lodge and was an extraordinary Grand Master. We thank God for the way he touched our lives. He will forever live in our memories. May God rest his soul. Let us all keep Dr. Jones’s family in our prayers during their hour of bereavement.

As we begin the new year, efforts are continued to propel our Grand Lodge into the 21st century. One of our immediate goals is to obtain the Grand Lodge of Alabama License Plate. We are approximately ten commitments away from accomplishing this goal. We are only a couple of months away from the deadline, so please commit to your license plate now. What a special day it will be to see our license plate proudly displayed on our vehicles. Not only will we proclaim to the world that Prince Hall Masonry is alive and well in Alabama, but we will also be contributing to the education of our youth. I am looking forward to that day and I hope you are looking forward to it, as well.

On March 8, 2015, we will come together in Selma, Alabama to participate in the 50 year anniversary of “Bloody Sunday”. As we make plans to participate in this commemorative march, let us remember the real purpose of this day. It is to remember the many who risked their lives and those who lost their lives so that we may have a right to vote. We should not take their sacrifices lightly. Let us honor them by participating on March 8th and by going to the polls on election days. Outside jurisdictions have been invited to participate, as well. I am expecting a massive turnout by the brothers and by the members of the Order of Eastern Star.

I am looking forward to attending our regional meetings which will be held in March and April. I enjoy the opportunity to get out and mingle with the brothers, hear your concerns and disseminate information. Please make plans to attend your regional meeting. I am anticipating large numbers at each of them.

As in the past, I ask you for your continued support and open minds. Your efforts thus far have been immeasurable. Let us continue to work together to make the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge, F. and A. M. of Alabama the model grand lodge for all of freemasonry. We can accomplish any goals we set as long as we keep God first and work together. “For with God nothing shall be impossible.” Luke 1:37.

May God Almighty, our Father and Creator, continue to pour His many blessings down upon us all and may He continue to bless the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Alabama, as well as, the entire masonic world!

Fraternally,

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

To all the readers and supporters of this Official Publication of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Alabama titled The Cornerstone Message: As we have transitioned from 2014 to 2015 I would like to take this time to wish all readers a happy new year. You will find in this edition of the Cornerstone Message some of the philanthropic events conducted by several lodges within the jurisdiction over the Thanksgiving and Christmas holiday seasons. I would like to commend those lodges on the service to their respective communities. Also, I want to thank you for your articles allowing those moments to be captured in our newsletter. You will also find a pictorial tribute to Past Grand Master Dr. William O. Jones displaying some significant moments throughout his lifetime. I am still soliciting any feedback from the membership regarding our newsletter. This can include information you would like to see or any modifications to the current layout. Please be reminded that guidelines for article submissions can be found on the last page of the newsletter. I ask that you please adhere to them. Lastly, I want to encourage each member of the jurisdiction to support the upcoming march in Selma, AL as this is a great opportunity to show the world that Prince Hall Masonry is alive and well in the state of Alabama.

- RW Anthony J. Johnson
Publication Editor

Reclamations Drive (TARP)

In an attempt to give suspended Brothers an opportunity to become active again during these tough economic times, our Most Worshipful Grand Master has devised a plan named TARP—Traveling Again Reclamation Program. This program is designed to allow suspended members to reinstate for a more affordable fee.

Members suspended after June, 2002, can reinstate by paying the following:

- $20.00 reinstatement fee
- $10.00 taxes
- $25.00 registration
- $50.00 assessment (Have two years to pay the remaining $150.00)
- $105.00 Total

TARP serves a two-fold purpose: (1.) It gives suspended Brothers a more affordable means of reinstating and (2.) It gives dying lodges a final opportunity to salvage their existence by increasing their numbers before being forced to close or merge. Our Grand Master has extended a challenge for the members of this jurisdiction to go out and reclaim our lost Brothers. TARP will be in effect through July 31, 2015.
Our Mission

The mission of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons of Alabama is to continue the legacy of making good men better through fraternal brotherhood, to aid and assist our widows, orphans, and distressed brothers, and to contribute to the community through service, scholarship, charity and training.

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✧ YOUNGER BROTHERS: PLEASE ASSIST OUR SENIOR BROTHERS WHEN POSSIBLE ✧

(You may commit to the MWPHGL of AL Tags Anytime Not just during your renewal Month!)
“A large crowd is expected; therefore I am asking all brothers and sisters to arrive at the designated time. Please bring plenty of water, snacks and lounging chairs as they will be needed, particularly by our elderly brothers and sisters. All brothers are to participate in the March dressed in proper masonic regalia to include a black suit, white shirt and solid black tie. Consider this March as a time to remember for the seasoned brother and a history lesson for the younger brother. I am counting on you to help make this another great success.”

Corey D. Hawkins, Sr., Esq.
Grand Master of Alabama

50th Anniversary Selma to Montgomery Voting Rights March ‘Bloody Sunday’

The Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge F. & A. M. of Alabama

Invite all Brothers and Sisters of the Jurisdiction to be a part of this Historic re-enactment of our State’s History in the struggle for equality...

March 8, 2015

National Participation is Expected
We will gather at 119 Washington Street
Selma, Alabama
at 11:00 a.m.
Grand Master Corey D. Hawkins, Sr. has been recognized by Trademark’s Who’s Who for showing dedication, leadership and excellence in Membership Organization.

Grand Master Hawkins has dedicated the past year of his career to membership organization. He has been a member of the Grand Lodge of Alabama since 1991. Having knowledge of the organization for the past 21 years, and being elected into the position, has given Grand Master Hawkins the tools necessary to be a more than reputable Grand Master. He plans to continue to bring in new members and grow the organization. Grand Master Hawkins will join the likes of many professional men and women who also have achieved great success in the forthcoming 2014-2015 edition of the Trademark Who’s Who publication.

With expert members representing every major industry, Trademark Who’s Who is the trusted resource and historic tool that facilitates the creation of new business relationships in all areas of business. Following the same tradition of the now more than 100 year old concept, Trademark Who’s Who prides itself on preserving the stories of each member as each of them deserve his and her own place in history. The talented professionals profiled in the historic registry share such virtues as determination, courage, patience and discipline. It is not these characteristics which set them apart from the rest of society, but their extremely high degree of accomplishment. Now more than ever these people serve as an example, each of these extraordinary people documented in the Trademark Who’s Who book offer tangible evidence of the value of hard work, goal setting and passion.

Trademark Who’s Who membership provides these hardworking men and women with a certified and validated third-party endorsement of their accomplishments, and serves as a way to spread the word about themselves through a trusted network of individuals brought together by the same common morals, values and dedication. The historic preservation of one’s family legacy and personal achievements is also a driving force in the success of the publication. Such a well-researched and verified source ensures this tool to act as a bridge forging long lasting new business relationships.

Congratulations to Grand Master Hawkins. We applaud you for your hard work and dedication.
Buffalo Bills defensive tackle and Master Mason, Brother Marcell Dareus, was selected as an NFL Pro Bowler and as an All Pro Defensive Lineman. Brother Dareus will be making his second consecutive Pro Bowl appearance after he earned Pro Bowl honors as an alternate last season. The fourth-year defensive tackle led all NFL defensive tackles this season with 10 sacks, in addition to accumulating career-highs in both quarterback hits (13) and tackles for loss (12). Since entering the NFL, Dareus has the second-most sacks amongst defensive tackles with 28.5 quarterback takedowns.

Brother Dareus played defensive end for the University of Alabama and was Defensive Most Valuable Player of the 2010 National Championship game. He was the third overall pick of the 2011 NFL draft. Brother Dareus was raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason on May 17, 2013. During the off season Dareus resides in his native home of Birmingham, Alabama.

Brother Dareus is a young brother that we should be proud of. We congratulate him and wish him much more success.
# MOST WORSHIPFUL PRINCE HALL GRAND LODGE of ALABAMA

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WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU THERE!!!
Gone But Not Forgotten...Remembering Past Grand Master Jones
"O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory?"
While continuing to research the history of Freemasonry within the State of Alabama, we continue to stumble upon vital information that has been overlooked for over 145 years. Specifically, we’re still attempting to identify when and how Prince Hall Freemasonry came to Alabama.

Our oral tradition and written history inform us Prince Hall “Freemasonry came to Alabama in 1867, two years following the close of the Civil War.” We uncovered in the previous edition of the *Cornerstone* that we find a Prince Hall Mason, Bro. Richard Potter gracing Mobile between the years of 1812-1820. Now we fast-forward to 1867, just 20 years after the formation of the National Grand Lodge.

If we were reading the script to a movie, you’d see the caption, “Enter Simon S. Ashe”, whom we’ll affectionately call the Father & Forgotten Grand Master of Alabama Prince Hall Freemasonry. The story of Ashe was and is still being uncovered as we identify new sources and materials on the earliest known Masonic organizers in the State of Alabama.

As we read the standard history of our Grand Lodge, the story of Olive Branch Lodge is narrated as merely a lodge set up by the Grand Lodge of Ohio. But, after reviewing the proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Ohio, our view on the establishment of this lodge could possibly vary.

The story that changes the typical 1867 Grand Lodge narrative is located in a single line of the 1910 Grand Lodge Proceedings of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge, Ancient Free & Accepted Masons of Alabama (the Prince Hall Grand Lodge before undergoing our name change) on page 19. The narrative by MWPGM Henry C. Binford states the following:

“Some time in the fifties, Col. James Lewis and others of New Orleans, LA, came here and initiated, passed and raised Simon S. Ashe, Henry Clement, Geo. W. Daniels, Wm. Little, Wm. Taylor, Pollard and others, who the first colored lodge organized in this State.”

On face value, this line would mean nothing; yet, if we look closely, the references to “Louisiana” and the “fifties” upends our indoctrinated history. Let’s begin with the man surrounding the story himself, MWPGM Bro. Simon S. Ashe. Details are sparse surrounding his early life in Alabama; however, we do identify Ashe as a mulatto, and was born c.1814. In the 1880 Census records, Ashe’s father is shown being from England, his mother from North Carolina and he born in Alabama. Bro. Ashe’s condition of servitude at birth remains unknown.

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The earliest known document with his *signature* is on a marriage application in Ohio dated, May 4, 1868. And we can verify the information contained in the 1880 Census record because it coincides with the information on his marriage application.

If we are to follow the narrative as suggested, Ashe was a free-man living in Mobile during slavery, which is verified in the 1860 Census. The question raised is: Were they really raised in the 1850s? To answer this inquiry in the affirmative is almost impossible due to the lack of records for the lodge returns in Louisiana’s several lodges (Richmond #4, Parsons #18 and Stringer #11), that was under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Ohio, between 1854-1859.

What we have discovered are the names of several of the Brothers on the rolls in both Eureka Grand Lodge and the Grand Lodge of Ohio prior to the dispensation of Olive Branch Lodge in 1867. This further lends credibility to Grand Master Binford’s statement of them becoming members in the 1850s. We found records that site the following:

- G. Pollard – Member of Parsons Lodge, No. 3 (Eureka Grand Lodge): 1863;
- Simon Ashe – Admitted as a member of Wilberforce Lodge, No. 21 (Grand Lodge of Ohio): 1864;
- William Taylor – Member of Wilberforce Lodge, No. 21 (Grand Lodge of Ohio): 1864; and,

As we continue to look into who Simon Ashe was, we look closely at the 1860, 1870 and 1880 Census records, which reflect that he was a commodities and cotton trader/merchant. He is shown to have been a prominent businessman in Mobile with a number of businesses, such as a grocer and porter. His net worth is listed in those times as $8,000, which reflects “$145,263.82 with inflation in modern terms.

In relationship to his service in the fraternity, Brothers of our Grand Lodge often wondered how Bro. Ashe received the honor of serving as the presiding officer during the Grand Lodge Organizational Convention in 1870. First, he is one of the first initiates into Freemasonry in the state of Alabama.
Next, we gather a glimpse as seen in Ohio’s 1869 Grand Lodge Proceedings on p. 16, with his appointment as the first District Deputy Grand Master in Mobile. Shortly thereafter, we find the Brothers of the jurisdiction honoring Bro. Ashe to act as the presiding officer during the convention. Within the 1871-74 Grand Lodge Proceedings, Ashe is listed as a Past Master, which could have been his membership in the unknown Louisiana (Grand Lodge of Ohio) Lodge during the 1850s – early 1860s. Afterwards, Ashe is elected Grand Senior Warden and serves in this capacity from 1873-1875. He also serves as Grand Representative to numerous Grand lodges such as the District of Columbia and Ohio.

The last obstacle surrounding our Grand Lodge and Simon Ashe, is the lost records from the Independent Grand Lodge from the years 1875-1876, which identify who was Grand Master.

Numerous Grand Masters since then, from our Jurisdictions, placed calls to Brothers seeking the missing proceedings from those years. With the advent of social media and electronic communications, we have been able to identify who was Grand Master, in a sister Grand Lodge CCFC Report on Alabama, during this time period, none other than MWGM Simon S. Ashe!

As we continue looking into our historical background, the third and final installation of Footprints of Prince Hall Freemasonry in Alabama will cover the organizational convention and obstacles the Brothers faced in those trying decades.

-Contributor RW Dr. L. Ken Collins,(No.319)
Grand Historian
St. John Lodge No. 2 Practicing Charity

St. John Lodge No. 2 is thankful for the ability to give back to the community that we live in. We were very busy for Thanksgiving 2014. Pictured here are the Brothers getting ready to deliver over a dozen full meal Thanksgiving baskets to families in need. Junior Deacon Robert Webb Jr. and Bro. Matthew Sargent prepared a meal and we found a homeless couple that lives under the bridge and gave them an early Thanksgiving meal. St. John Lodge is continuing to move forward with Faith, Hope, and ESPECIALLY Charity.

-Contributor PM Terrence Anderson (No. 2)

“Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me.”

-Matthew 25:40
For the past five years, the Brothers of St. John Lodge No. 2 have participated in the American Cancer Society’s Breast Cancer walk in the streets of downtown Mobile, AL and donated to the organization. This year we decided to participate again in like manner with the exception of making the donation to one of our own. Past Master Michael Rocker and his wife, Brenda E. Rocker, are the founders of Project Faith Breast Cancer Intervention Program. Their most recent case, Deszeray, is an early 20’s year old breast cancer patient who came out of surgery days before the walk. We sprung into action and were proud to present our largest donation thus far of $2,000 to Project Faith in support of the expenses for the medical procedures.
Mack-Andrew Lodge No. 624 Supports Local Elementary School

On November 10, 2014, the brothers of Mack-Andrew Lodge No. 624, under the leadership of Worshipful Master Lonnie Myricks and Chairman of the Back to School Committee Brother Nathaniel Mayo, donated $300.00 to Center Point Elementary School. Center Point Elementary will use the donation to assist in the day-to-day efforts of providing school supplies for the students of Center Point Elementary.
Mack-Andrew No. 624 Donates to Toys for Tots

On December 18, 2014, the brothers of Mack-Andrew Lodge No. 624 under the leadership of Worshipful Master Lonnie Myricks and Chairman of the “Toys for Tots” Drive Brother Daniel Everson, partnered with the United States Marines Corps and H & R Block to donate several boxes of toys to “Toys for Tots” to be delivered to under privileged children. The objective of “Toys for Tots” is to help less fortunate children throughout the United States experience the joy of Christmas. The primary goal of “Toys for Tots” is to deliver a new toy at Christmas, a message of hope to less fortunate youngsters that will assist them in becoming responsible, productive, patriotic citizens.

Contributor- PM Charles Motley (No. 624)

North Birmingham No. 319 Thanksgiving Community Service

On November 27, 2014, the members of Pride of North Birmingham No. 319 gathered at Kelly Ingram Park in downtown Birmingham, AL to provide Thanksgiving dinner for the homeless. Since 2004, the lodge has gathered annually at the park to provide food, clothing, blankets and shoes to individuals and families attending the Thanksgiving Day event.

Pride of North Birmingham No. 319 would like to thank the lodges of District 14 and the OES chapters from District 15 and 19 that participated in this year’s event. Pride of North Birmingham No. 319 would also like to give a special thanks to Shady Grove Missionary Baptist Church, New Vision Community Baptist Church and American Legion Post No. 347 for their assistance.

Contributor- Brother Thalmus Mahand (No. 319)
New Beginning No. 970 Donates Food and Clothing

New Beginning Lodge No. 970 was busy during the month of December collecting food and children’s clothing items for worthy charities for the holidays. Non-perishable food items were donated to the Children’s Village in Southwest Birmingham on December 23, 2014. The Children’s Village of Birmingham is the only long term placement facility in Jefferson County providing care and housing to neglected and abused children between the ages of 6 and 17. Brothers Cedric Primm, Jerome Womack, Eric Agee, Devin Womack and James Huntington were on hand to deliver the food items to the Children’s Village facility.

Clothing items collected by the Craft of New Beginning No. 970 were donated to the Daycare of Greater Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church. It was the desire of New Beginning that some young children of our community would have a brighter Christmas and feel a little more joy because of the efforts of the Craft.

“Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver.”

- 2 Corinthians 9:7
District No. 17 Supports Veterans

On Tuesday, November 11, 2014, the brothers of District No. 17 came together to show support and appreciation for the veterans in the Huntsville and surrounding areas by their participation in the Annual Veteran’s Day Parade. One of the goals that Grand District Deputy Anthony Johnson has set out to achieve is to make Prince Hall Masonry more visible in North Alabama, and the participation of the district in this parade was a step in the direction of meeting that goal. Grand District Deputy Johnson has deemed the Veteran’s Day parade to be a staple event going forward for the district not only to support the veterans in the North Alabama area but to support those veterans that are members of lodges in District No. 17. One of the highlights for the brothers that participated was to share this moment with Brother Charlie King (Keystone Lodge No. 40) who is an 88 year old World War II Veteran. Brother King’s participation truly inspired the brothers and gave them a true sense of why they were there. At the completion of the parade Grand District Deputy Johnson offered some closing remarks to the brethren expressing his appreciation for their participation and that he looks forward to an even larger turnout at the 2015 parade.

Contributor—Grand District Deputy
RWAnthony Johnson

Grand Trustee Fuller, Bro. Charlie King (WWII Veteran), Grand District Deputy Johnson, and Asst. Grand District Deputy Langford

Brothers of District No. 17 preparing for Veterans Day Parade
Brothers from George W. Braxdall Lodge No. 28 placed smiles on the faces of this single parent family by donating a food box for Thanksgiving. The single father with two children was very appreciative.

Brothers of George W. Braxdall No. 28 helping a single mother with two children in the Decatur area by donating a truck load of food and other supplies to the needy family.

Contributor- WM Winston Engram (No. 28)
“Wish Upon a Star” Christmas

On Saturday, December 20, 2014, Glittering Star Chapter No. 94 and Lincoln Lodge No. 99 helped the Marilyn V. Mabry shelter to celebrate Christmas. Santa Claus, played by Bro Jimmy Payne of Lincoln Lodge No. 99, “Big Tex” and “Big Baby” of the Al Azhar Temple Show Tymers Clown Unit, played by PM Willie Keller, and WM Marion Orr of Goodway Lodge No. 222 helped to grant Christmas wishes and to spread some Christmas cheer.

Contributor- WM Laffon Brelland (No. 99)

Members of Lincoln Lodge No. 99 and Glittering Star Chapter No. 84
Lincoln Lodge No. 99 Holiday Celebration

Lincoln Lodge No. 99 hosted its 10th Annual Holiday Celebration on December 5, 2014, at the House of Alpha in Huntsville, Alabama. The event was another delightful occasion for the Masonic bodies to meet with guests from other lodges and OES chapters in North Alabama as well as the public at-large. The celebration continues to grow in popularity each year. It allowed our most recently raised Master Masons the opportunity to get hands-on experience in planning one of the lodge’s most prominent yearly events.

Food and refreshments, along with entertainment, was provided for attendees. Fellow lodge members also had the opportunity to be photographed with family and friends. Profits from the Holiday Celebration will be used to help fund many of the lodge’s planned projects in 2015.

“This year’s Christmas celebration was a blast,” said Michael Harrington, who recently became a Master Mason in Lincoln Lodge No. 99 in November. “Everyone was excited and the crowd grew larger as the night progressed. I hope with the proper planning and advertisement that it gets bigger and better next year.”

Special thanks belong to Glittering Star No. 94, Order of Eastern Star Chapter, for their hard work in helping to decorate and assist with many of the accommodations which enabled this to be a very successful event. Both Lincoln Lodge No. 99 and Glittering Star Chapter No. 94 have shared impressive teamwork in 2014 to make sure all of their activities and events were met with positive responses from its participants.

Laffon Brelland, Worshipful Master at Lincoln Lodge No. 99, is proud of the outstanding efforts of the planning committee and the participation of new Masonic members. His plans for the next Annual Holiday Celebration will consist of a bigger venue space to meet the growing demand of attendees and to create initiatives to purchase tickets in advance.

“It is great to celebrate the holidays with family and friends of the Madison County Masonic community,” said Brelland. “It enables Lincoln Lodge No. 99 to continue serving the community and the Craft.”

Contributor: WM Laffon Brelland (No. 99)
Dr. William Oliver Jones, DVM, Ph.D., passed away on January 16, 2015, at the age of 78 in Smyrna, GA. He was born in Westminster, South Carolina, to Lawrence Aaron and Alpha Oglesby Jones. He was the youngest of the couple’s four children. He served in the United States Army on active duty and the U.S. Army Reserves. He was a professor in the College of Veterinary Medicine at Tuskegee University for 38 years. Visitation was held at Peoples Funeral Home on Friday, January 23, 2015, at 2:00 p.m. Funeral Services was held at the Tuskegee University Chapel on the campus of Tuskegee University on Saturday, January 24, 2015, at 11:00 a.m., with Rev. E. Baxter Morris officiating. Burial followed in Greenwood Cemetery. He is preceded in death by his father, his mother and his brother, Leroy Luke. He is survived by his wife, Dr. Mary Ann Jones of Tuskegee, Alabama; two daughters, Cheryl Jones Pappy and Leslie (Keven) Patterson of Smyrna, GA; five grandchildren, Adlai and Camille Pappy, Keve C., Austin D. and Blake A. Patterson of Smyrna, GA; two sisters, Isabella (Harold) Williams of Piedmont, SC and Louise (Willie) Wilson of Westminster, SC; one goddaughter, Kanika Walcott Hyman of Alexandria, VA and many nieces, nephews, relatives and friends.

“Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth, while the evil days come not, nor the years draw nigh, when thou shalt say, I have no pleasure in them.”

-Ecclesiastes 12:1
Bro Larry Arthur McCaulley, Jr. of Lincoln Lodge No. 99 made his transition from this life on Friday November 14, 2014. Bro McCaulley was born on January 21, 1937 in Madison County, AL to the late Larry Arthur McCaulley, Sr. and Mary Betts McCaulley Ragland.

He was a faithful member of Lincoln Lodge No. 99 since 1971. He served many years as the lodge Senior Warden and Chaplain. Under his leadership and guidance, he mentored and educated many generations of Masons. Larry was also a member of the Tennessee Valley Consistory No. 160 where he received the prestigious Sublime Prince 32nd Degree. His faithfulness, dedication and unswerving service brought great credit to Lincoln Lodge No. 99, the Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Alabama and to all Prince Hall Masons in Madison County.

His formal education was obtained in the Madison County School System. He attended West Madison Elementary and Council Training High School until drafted into the United States Army where he served our country faithfully for 6 years.

He was a loyal and committed life-long member, officer, and leader at the Saint Peter United Methodist Church. He served dutifully in several ministries doing God’s work, whatever the task. He was serving as Superintendent of Sunday School and Adult Class Sunday School teacher at the time of his passing, a task he had performed for decades. Additionally, he was an active member of the St. Peter Pastor Parish Staff Relations Committee and a fervent prayer warrior.

Larry retired from the Dunlop Tire Company, Huntsville, AL in 2000 where he worked more than 20 years as a tire labeler and machinist. He was also employed by First National Bank as a courier, and the Radio Corporation of America (RCA). He was honorably discharged from the United States Army and Army Reserve, September 20, 1961.

Immediately following the news of his sister, Cora Sue Bae McCaulley’s transition to Glory on November 14, 2014, the Master called him home that same day. That was the Master’s plan.

His parents and four brothers; Charles McCaulley, Ollie B. McCaulley, Oliver Ragland and Comer V. McCaulley, also preceded him in death.

He leaves to cherish his memories, five daughters: Earline Robinson, Huntsville, AL; Tracy (Ernest) Rouse, Birmingham, AL; Vangelon (Wayne) Everson and Ollie (Eric) Collins, both of Madison, AL; Kristan (Ryan Farr) Pam, Davisonville, MD, and a stepson, Darryl Harden, New Market, AL; a sister, Mary Eliza McCaulley Wheeler, Huntsville, AL; two brothers, James (Lois) Ragland, Huntsville, AL and Melvin Ragland, Madison, AL and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. He was loved and respected by many and will be deeply missed by all.

Funeral service for Mr. Larry McCaulley, Jr. was held Friday, November 21, 2014 at 11:00 a.m. at Union Hill Primitive Baptist Church (2115 Winchester Road - Huntsville, AL) with Pastor Danny Jefferson (Pastor of St. Peter United Methodist Church) officiating. Interment was at Madison’s Memory Gardens.
The Cornerstone Message accepts submissions of articles, flyers, and information of events of general interests to Prince Hall Masons throughout the state of Alabama. The Cornerstone Message is published quarterly in the months of April, July, October, and January. Submission of articles and photographs are to be forwarded to the publication’s editor via email (cseditor@mwphglal.com). Articles and photographs become property of the publication and the right is reserved to edit and use the articles and photographs as deemed necessary. Deadline for submissions for the next issue of The Cornerstone Message is 31 March, 2015. These articles should include events conducted from January 2015-March 2015. Articles are to be submitted with a minimum of one paragraph and using Microsoft Word (Times New Roman 11) and photographs should be of good quality JPEG format and captioned. No more than two articles per lodge can be submitted for each edition. Permission to reprint original articles appearing in The Cornerstone Message is granted to all recognized Masonic publications.