

Central Light



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Masons and Marines (*Toys for Tots*) By Santa “Kris Kringle” Claus

From the Halls of Montezuma, to the floor of Barnes United Methodist Church on E. 30th Street & Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard in Indianapolis...the United States Marines have stepped up to defend our Nation. This time they had the Prince Hall Masons of Central Lodge #1 by their side in battle! This particular battle; however, was for a very Merry Christmas for hundreds of families in Indianapolis.

For a third straight year Central Lodge #1 and the Marines’ Toys for Tots program joined forces with Barnes United Methodist Church to help provide families in Indianapolis with toys, food, and clothing for Christmas!

The program was coordinated by Central’s Junior Warden, Brother Ahmad Perry. The doors of the church literally opened at 9:30 a.m. with a beautiful church service and culminated with toys, food, and cloth-

ing for all in need of just a little assistance for the holidays! Central Lodge would like to thank Barnes United Methodist Church for another successful year of giving back to the community. The Lodge would also like to thank the United States Marine Corps’ Toys for Tots program, as without their generosity, and the generosity of those providing the toys, our efforts would not have been possible. And, last but not least, the Lodge would like to recognize the efforts of the many community volunteers, church volunteers, and all the brothers and sisters of the Prince Hall Masonic family that came out on a cold December’s morning to help ensure that all those in need...indeed, had a very Merry Christmas!!

Looking forward to doing it all again next year!

Ho, ho, ho!!



Inside Central Lodge—Community Partnership By David M. Bryant

On December 28, 2011 the brothers from Central Lodge #1 were guests of the Horizon House Day Shelter for the homeless, and received a tour of the facility from Executive Director John Joannette.

For our members not familiar with Horizon House, they are a “Day Center” for the homeless...it is a model to be emu-

lated when it comes to providing services for Indy’s homeless community. Horizon House is a one-stop-shop for their neighbors (as they refer to the population they serve). Individuals seeking their assistance are initially triaged and assessed when they come in the door, and immediately assigned a case manager to help prioritize needs. Continued on Pg. 2





**“Welcome my
brothers from
the Jurisdiction
of
Indiana...Behold
how good and
how pleasant it
is.....”**

SPOT LIGHT - Brian Sanchez...Phylaxis Nomination & Appointment

Congratulations to our own Bro. Brian Sanchez, Indiana's newly appointed Rep. for the Phylaxis Society! The Phylaxis Society is an international organization of Prince Hall Freemasons dedicated to studying the life of Prince Hall, and researching the history of Prince Hall Freemasonry. It was designed to educate Masons about Prince Hall Freemasonry. Bro. Sanchez became involved with Phylaxis after being introduced to it by South Carolina's Rep., Bro. Bruce Benjamin. Upon becoming a member,

Sanchez quickly presented to Phylaxis President and Council of Representatives President, on how the Phylaxis Society can improve its image, brand identity, and extend its reach among the brethren. This led to his appointment as the Society's first Social Media Administrator. His dedication to promoting not just the Phylaxis Society, but Prince Hall Masonry in general eventually led to his appointment as Editor of the Phylaxis Council of Representatives newsletter, and most recently as the official Council

Representative for the State of Indiana. As Indiana's newly appointed Council Rep., Sanchez hopes to not only spread further light in Masonry within Central Lodge, Central District, and throughout our jurisdiction, but hopes to attract more bros. into the Society. Bro. Brian Sanchez is another example of proactive brothers making a difference for the benefit of the craft, and we are proud to call him a brother of Central Lodge #1! To learn more about Phylaxis, visit www.thephylaxis.org.

On the Road Again!! By David M. Bryant

Visitation, visitation.... visitation!! At least once a year, Central Lodge #1 takes to the road to gain "Light" from other jurisdictions, and 2012 is no different. On January 20th, the Senior Warden Todd Carpenter and several other members of Central Lodge will be in search of Light in the Georgia Jurisdiction and will be making an unofficial stop by Derwin Brown Lodge #599, PHA, F&AM. Derwin Brown #599's

legacy in Prince Hall Affiliated Masonry is short but intriguing! Derwin Brown, the man, was an unlikely candidate for Sheriff in DeKalb County in the year 2000 and won an unprecedented victory over the incumbent Sheriff before being tragically assassinated on Dec. 15, 2000. Derwin Brown, the Lodge, the former Louis Styles Lodge #163 International Free and Accepted Modern Masons, was healed and charted into

the Prince Hall Affiliated family on October 2, 2009 under the authority of Most Worshipful Grand Master Davis.

A childhood friend of Central Lodge's Senior Warden, Todd Carpenter is being raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason on January 21st, and will soon be part of the history of Derwin Brown Lodge #599...please contact the Senior Warden if interested in traveling to Georgia.

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Services provided by Horizon House include, but are not limited to, a continental style breakfast, laundry/shower facilities, medical care, mental health counseling, mail pick-up, job readiness, temporary storage, and housing placement and assistance just to name a few...and all under one roof!!

Central Lodge is positioning itself to become a partner with

Horizon House by serving as volunteers when needed for special projects, coming up with projects of our own, monetary donations, and beginning immediately we will have donation drives all year long for items such as clothing, blankets, toiletry needs, and can goods. (Men's clothing is the number one need, but women's clothing will be accepted as well).

We will be looking at weekend projects this coming spring at Horizon House (1033 E. Washington Street), and if you have project ideas, please feel free to contact your Junior Warden, Bro. Ahmad Perry at 317-412-7070.

For more information on the Horizon House visit www.horizonhouse.cc or call 317-423-8909



A Message from the Master By Worshipful Master David M. Bryant

FREEMASONRY IS FOR YOU!

To my brothers of Central Lodge #1. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the craft for electing me as your Worshipful Master for the year 2012.

I do hereby, solemnly and sincerely, promise and swear that I will represent each and every one of you to the best of my ability during my tenure as Master of Central Lodge #1, The Lodge will need everyone in order to prosper. My prom-

ise is leadership and guidance, but success does not come from me...it comes from us, and it is FOR US!!

My brothers, my mentor once told me that Masonry was for me, and that I would get out of it, whatever I put into it! That bit of advice has resonated in me throughout my Masonic life...and so I say to you, my brothers...Masonry is also "for you" come get all the light you desire, and never let anyone, or anything steer you away from what is rightfully yours! Let's have a great year and make

Central Lodge #1..."THE" Lodge of the District, and one to be emulated by the entire Jurisdiction. See you the 1st and 3rd Thursday of each and every month this year!

Fraternally Yours!
WMDB



Worshipful Master David M. Bryant

Grand News! By David M. Bryant

2012 Calendar of Events

- 1/14-Past High Priest Degree
- 1/21-Central Dist. Workshop
- 2/18-Calumet Dist. Wrkshp
- 2/25-S.East Dist. Wrkshp
- 2/26-Black Hist. Program
- 3/3-GWP Banquet
- 3/3-Dist. 2&3 Spring Conv.
- 3/10-Dist 1&6 Spring Conv.

3/10-Spring Wrkshp Alpha Grand Court

3/10—Cawthar Temple Ball
3/15-18th Midwest Reg. Conf of Grand Masters-Milwaukee

3/20-Ceremony of Remembrance & Renewal –AASR

3/24-North Cent. Dist Wrkshp

3/24-S. Western Dist Wrkshp

3/24-Queen Vashti Ct#5 Annual Day

3/31-Alpha Gr Ct Breakfast

The previous events represent the Grand Lodge, First Quarter, list of events for 2012. Please refer to this list when planning for any events or functions for Central Lodge #1



Most Worshipful Grand Master, PHA, Jurisdiction of Indiana, The Honorable Otis Dodson

Moments with a Past Master By Past Master Randall Evans

Step Outside Your Comfort Zone

Men come to Freemasonry of their own free will and accord. Their true reason of joining our age old institution, is often only known to them. The first reality to the newly inducted should be the requirement to step outside his life long comfort zone. This is a must, in order to be successful and comfortable in Masonry. Masonry will require you to com-

municate differently, learn differently, trust differently, change your schedule, embrace new friendships, change your way of thinking, and include your family, in aspects of your life that did not previously exist. The Lodge has the responsibility to help lead you to what you do not know, regarding Freemasonry. However, change, motivation and commitment are your sole responsibilities. Without the willingness to change, motivation to

learn, and commitment to your own decision, success in Freemasonry will always and forever remain, elusive. Take due notice thereof and govern yourself accordingly.



2013 2nd Annual PHamily & PHriends Caribbean Cruise - Announcement is Coming!!

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IN JANUARY WE WILL ANNOUNCE OUR EXCITING PORTS OF CALL FOR THE 2013 PHAMILY CRUISE, AND BEGIN TAKING DEPOSITS. ONLY \$50 PER PERSON (DBL OCCUPANCY) GETS YOUR CABIN! RESERVE YOUR CABIN NOW, AND PAY AS YOU LIKE FOR THE NEXT 12 MONTHS!!

Central Lodge Quarterly Calendar —First Quarter 2012

JANUARY — 2012:

- Jan 5—Business Meeting
- Jan 7—Master Mason Degree
- Jan 19—Instr. Meeting
- Jan 21—Unofficial Trip to Georgia
- Jan 26—Officer's Meeting
- Jan 28—Supreme Circle Matinee Fundraiser



FEBRUARY— 2012:

- Feb 2—Business Meeting
- Feb 11—Lodge Photo Shoot
- Feb 16—Instruction Meeting
- Feb 19—Black Hist. Program
- Feb 23—Officer's Meeting

MARCH — 2012:

- Mar 1—Business Meeting
- Mar 15—Instruction Meeting
- Mar 24—Supreme Circle Matinee Fundraiser
- Mar 29—Officer's Meeting

Contact your Junior Warden for details on any event listed in this newsletter.