



August Newsletter 2025

Pyramid Lodge #238

District Nineteen, Louisiana Jurisdiction

## 💡 From the Worshipful Master's Corner

As we approach the 3rd quarter of 2025, I'd like to give thanks to the Supreme Architect for bringing us this far, with hopes to continue through this year with protection while in service to the greater good.

My wife Dontinai Edmondson of Stars of Light Chapter 194 decided to bring in her 30th birthday in service to others. She and I traveled to Cuba to bring medical supplies to a local clinic. Although Cuba is a developing country with extreme poverty, it was easy to find kindness in the hearts of the citizens, and the clinic was happy to collect our donations.

Also, as a fitness trainer in Huntsville AL, I've been donating my time and expertise to a local community center by hosting a chair fitness class to their dementia clients on a weekly basis (no pictures taken in respect to the nurse's privacy requests).

Let's continue to be a light for those who are consumed with the darkness of our world. I believe there is just as much positivity as negativity, and it is up to us to choose our own place of dwelling!

### Wellness Tip:

Live more peaceful by giving your emotional response to things a rest. At least 1 hour before bed, improve your overall mental and emotional health by avoiding all things that trigger an emotional response (social media, TV, news articles, music with lyrics, etc.). This has been proven to improve one's quality of life.

Fraternally,

WM Eric Martin



## **From the Senior Warden's Corner**

At present, we have three gentlemen on the trestle board awaiting interviews, as well as one candidate whose degree work has been delayed due to an unforeseen change in his work schedule, preventing him from traveling to Huntsville, Alabama this past July.

St. John's Day has been scheduled for December 6th, 2025 via Zoom. JW Lawrence Souffrant and Bro. Bobbie Choate have graciously volunteered to serve on the committee alongside me, as discussed in our last business meeting.

I have also been working closely with our two newly initiated Entered Apprentices on their proficiency studies. They have demonstrated great potential and dedication, successfully completing their assigned community service hours prior to our next study hall session.

Finally, I encourage each of us to reflect on why we petitioned to join this Fraternity in the first place. Remember the excitement and drive you felt upon being raised, and let us return to that spirit. While many of us serve in various houses and roles, we must never forget that the foundation begins here—in the Blue House. By strengthening this foundation, we ensure that our newer and younger brothers have something strong to stand on, and even more importantly, something meaningful to stand for.

## **From the Junior Warden's Corner**

No Report



### **Welcome New Members!**

N/A



### **Upcoming Events & Important Dates**

Date	Event	Location / Time
September 8	Pyramid Lodge Business Meeting	Zoom
September 27	Pyramid Lodge 3 <sup>rd</sup> Degree work	Madison, AL

 **Member Spotlight:****Interview with SW White:**

What has been the most meaningful or impactful Masonic experience you've had since joining Pyramid Lodge #238?

Since being raised on December 9, 2020, the most meaningful and impactful experience I have had in Pyramid Lodge #239 has been being taken under the wing of my District Deputy Grand Master Frank Joshua, and his family. For nearly five years now, I have been blessed to learn from his guidance, witness his example, and gain valuable lessons that continue to shape my Masonic journey. I look forward to many more opportunities to grow under his mentorship and to carry those lessons forward in my service to the Craft.

How have your travels and interactions with Brothers from other lodges shaped your understanding of Freemasonry?

My travels and interactions with Brothers from other lodges have broadened my understanding of Freemasonry beyond the walls of my home lodge. Each lodge has its own culture, traditions, and ways of working, yet the same principles of brotherly love, relief, and truth are evident wherever I go. Meeting Brothers from different backgrounds has shown me how universal our teachings truly are, and how Masonry provides a common bond despite differences in age, profession, or culture. These experiences have deepened my respect for the Craft and reminded me that Freemasonry is a lifelong journey of learning, service, and fellowship.

What inspired you to begin your Masonic journey, and has that purpose evolved since you were initiated?

What originally inspired me to begin my Masonic journey has certainly evolved over time. Growing up, much of what I thought I knew about Masonry came from media portrayals, which often left me in the dark about its true purpose. During my initial interview with PM Derrick Whitlow, my perspective began to shift. Although I had always tried to live by principles that actually align with Prince Hall Freemasonry, I wanted to discover for myself whether it was truly what I had heard, or something deeper. Since being brought to light, my understanding has completely transformed. Masonry has not only reshaped my perspective but has also molded me into a better man in every aspect of life.

 **Education Corner / Feature Article:** We kindly ask you to read the Book of Ruth this month. The book of Ruth is a short book, however there are many lessons regarding character, loyalty, faith, obedience, kindness, integrity, and humility.

**Sick and Distressed:**

N/A

## Member Birthdays & Anniversaries

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Bro Faulkner	August	
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PM Whitlow I		August
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### Congratulations:

Congratulations to EA Elliot Smith and EA Charlie Davis who were passed to the degree of Fellowcraft in Madison, AL 30 August. We would like to extend a heartfelt thanks to the brothers of Kadosh Lodge for their support.

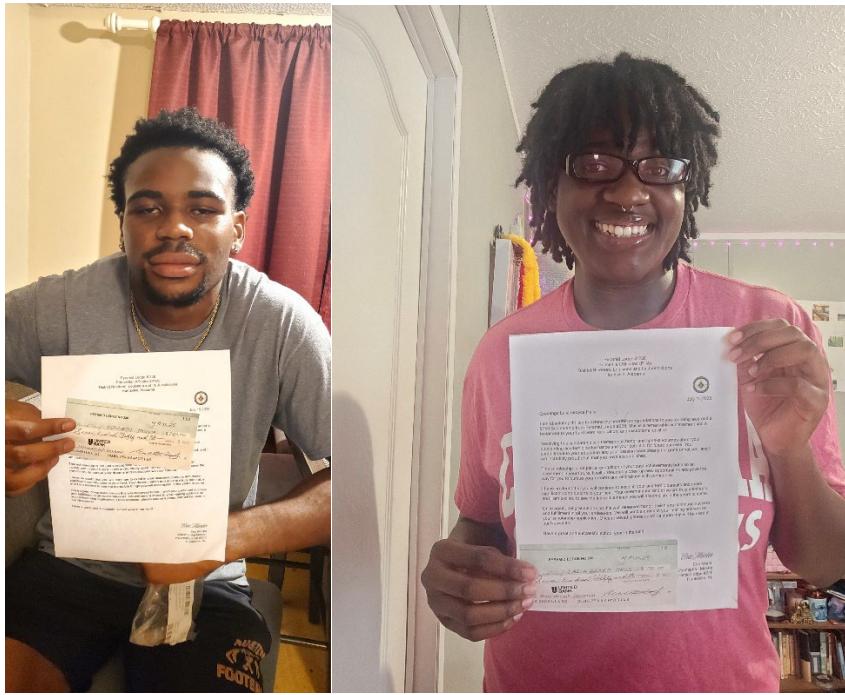


Congratulations to PM Whitlow - "I Am So Very Blessed as I Thank the Most High as I Celebrate 12 Wonderful and Beautiful Years;(August 25, 2013) with the Lady of my Dreams, Prophetess (Seer) Val Windrow-Whitlow!"



Congratulations to the 2025 Scholarship Recipients!

Mr. Kenneth Joshua Jr. and Ms. Laila Grayce Halls



### Community Service:

WM Martin - donated his time and expertise at a local community center by hosting a chair fitness class for their dementia clients on a weekly basis (no pictures taken in respect to the nurse's privacy requests).

PM Bryant – donated school supplies to an alternative school in Fayetteville, NC.



### August Awareness:

National Immunization Awareness Month (NIAM), National Wellness Month, National Breastfeeding Month, Summer Sun Safety Month, and National Black Business Month. Other notable observances include Spinal Muscular Atrophy Awareness Month and National Make-a-Will Month.

## **Quote of the Month:**

“Everything we hear is an opinion, not a fact. Everything we see is a perspective, not the truth.”  
- paraphrase of stoic thought from Marcus Aurelius

## **Closing Words**

It was truly an honor and a pleasure for PM Dr. Joe Canada Sr. and myself to represent District Nineteen at the celebration of DGM James “Bull” Baker at Southeastern University in Hammond, LA. Sharing in this special occasion allowed us to recognize his leadership and commitment while presenting meaningful gifts on behalf of DDGM Joshua and the District. The moment reflected both our respect for his service and the unity of the Louisiana Jurisdiction and District Nineteen. Please see the photos below.

PM Anthony M. Bryant

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