



DISTRICT NINETEEN

LOUISIANA JURISDICTION

June 30, 2025

SECOND EDITION 2025



Calendar of Event



1. MWPHGL of Louisiana Monthly Masonic Webinar Training: 4th Saturday of each month at 0900 CST.

The Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Louisiana is delighted to announce the upcoming Monthly Masonic Webinar Training, scheduled via ZOOM on Saturday, July 19, 2025.

Join Zoom Meeting Video Link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89330969417?pwd=T3JScG9pN3Rwc2szNWZ5YzZzczNHZz09>

Meeting ID: 893 3096 9417

Passcode: 036222

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Find your local number: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/koayDwWEx>

2. MWPHGL of Louisiana Monthly Prayer Call – Last Thursday of each month - Time: 8:00 PM Central time zone, Call in Number: 1-978-990-5000 Access Code: 887638. After calling in, please do not announce yourself & Press *6 to mute your phone.

3. EGCOES of Louisiana Weekly Monday Devotional Service - Time: 7:00 PM Central time zone, Call in Number: 1-480-660-5323 Access Code: 125234

4. District # 19 Quarterly Meeting – We will send out the zoom link and read ahead.

District Nineteen website: <https://district-19.github.io/Lodge-Website/>

MWPHGL of Louisiana website: <https://mwphglla.org/>

5. Quarterly submissions to the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Louisiana Plumb line journal. The MWPHGL of Louisiana Plumb Line is published quarterly, and the MWPHGL of Louisiana Plumb line submissions will be taken from the quarterly District newsletter.



District News

Brothers,

As we reflect on the second quarter of the year, I want to extend sincere appreciation to all three of our lodges for their outstanding work. From degree work and community outreach to strong fellowship and ritual excellence, your efforts continue to uphold the highest standards of our Masonic tradition.

One of the most uplifting moments this quarter was gathering at the Grand Lodge Session. Seeing so many of you in person—exchanging ideas, reconnecting, and reaffirming our shared mission—was both energizing and inspiring. District Seventeen and Nineteen was selected to host the 2026 Grand Session. We look forward to your support, more to follow.

We also continued our proud tradition of charitable giving through another generous donation in support of Camp Chicota, helping ensure that young men have access to mentorship, growth, and opportunity through this meaningful program. Thank you for your unwavering commitment to investing in the next generation.

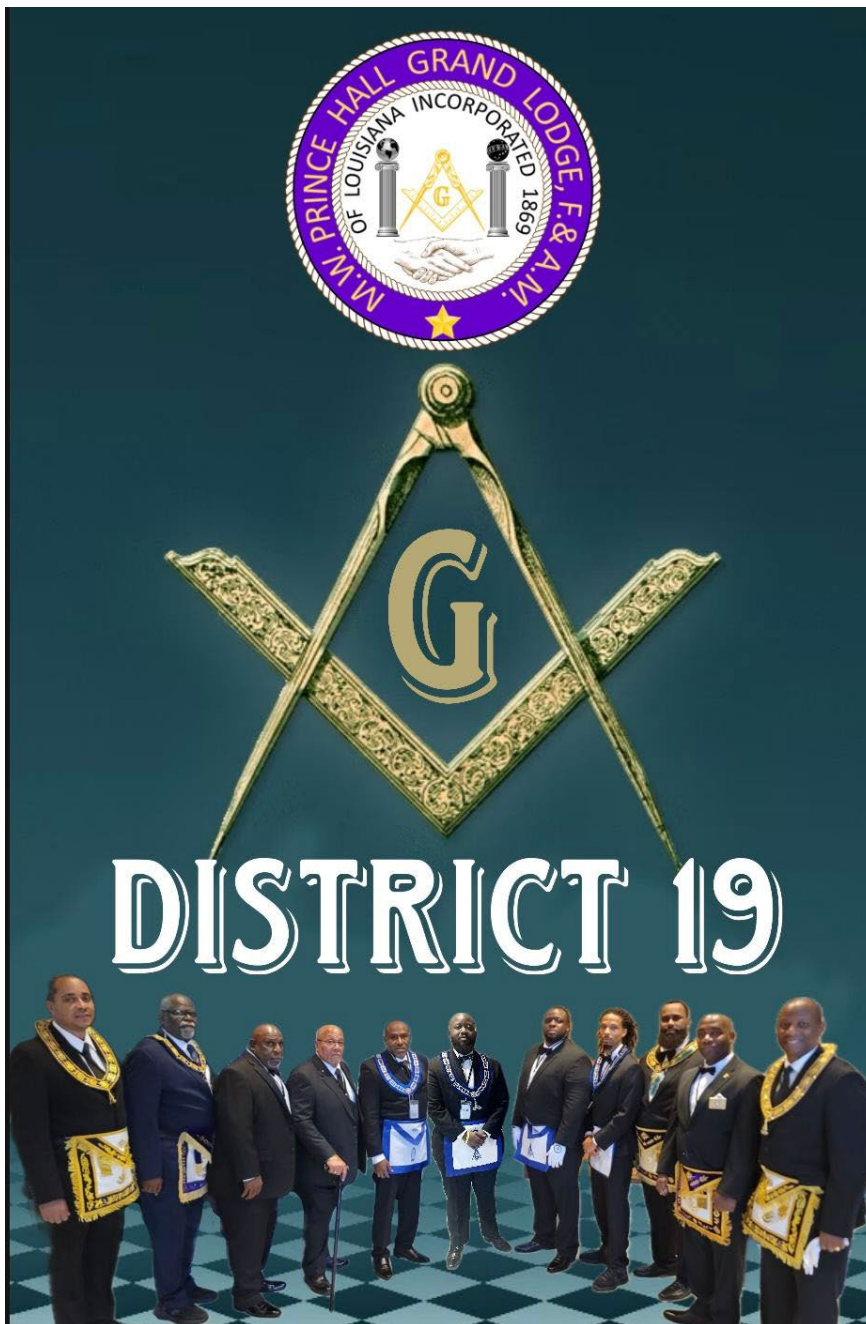
Finally, we closed the quarter with the celebration of St. John's Day, a powerful reminder of our spiritual roots and the light we are called to carry forward.

I pray you all had an excellent Father's Day!

It is with great pride that I announce the addition to our Father and Son family Master Mason Joe L. Canada, Jr. Kadosh lodge number 148. District Nineteen has a strong roster of Father and Son consisting of Coombs, Whitlow, Lewis, Simmons, Joshua and now Canada. It is always an honor when Father and Son can sit together as Brothers. Also, PM Anthony M. Bryant was selected as the 2024 Worshipful Master of the year for District Nineteen.



First photo left to right: MM Joe Canada Jr., Rev Dr. PM Joe Canada Sr. Second photo left to right PM Anthony M. Bryant, DDGM Frank Joshua, and PM Hosie J. Stephens III



From left to right PM Raymond A. Hacker, DDGM Frank Joshua, WM Gary Freeland, SW John Yeoman, JW Terrell Harrison, SW Maurice White, JW Lawrence Souffrant, WM Eric Martin, PM Treven Lagerman, PM Pierre Boynton, and PM Anthony M. Bryant

Let's keep this momentum going into the next quarter—with unity, purpose, and pride in our work.

Fraternally,
Frank Joshua
DDGM
District Nineteen

Upcoming Events & Important Dates

JULY		
4	4th of July	
12	Kadosh 148 Business Meeting	Zoom
14	Pyramid Lodge #238 Business Meeting	Zoom
26	Pyramid Lodge #238 1 st Degree Work	In-person
26	MWPHGL of Louisiana Monthly Training	Zoom
AUGUST		
9	DGM James “Bull” Baker Celebration	Hammond, LA
11	Pyramid 238 Business Meeting	Zoom
23	MWPHGL of Louisiana Monthly Training	Zoom
23	Pyramid Lodge #238 2 nd Degree Work	In-person
SEPTEMBER		
1	Labor Day	
8	Pyramid 238 Business Executive Council/Business Meeting	Zoom
TBD	Prince Hall and Americanism Day Celebration Hal Singer Lodge # 273	Zoom
27	MWPHGL of Louisiana Monthly Training	Zoom
27	District Nineteen Quarterly General membership meeting	Zoom
27	Pyramid Lodge #238 3 rd Degree Work	In-person
OCTOBER		
11	Kadosh 148 Business Meeting	Zoom
11	Pyramid 238 Business Meeting	Zoom
13	Columbus Day	
25	MWPHGL of Louisiana Monthly Training	Zoom
NOVEMBER		
10	Pyramid 238 Business Meeting	Zoom
11	Veteran’s day	
22	MWPHGL of Louisiana Monthly Training	Zoom
DECEMBER		
6	St. John the Evangelist District Celebration Pyramid Lodge # 238	Zoom
6	District Nineteen Quarterly General membership meeting/Elections	In-person
8	Pyramid 238 Business Meeting (New administration)	Zoom
25	Christmas Day	

KADOSH LODGE NUMBER 148

2nd Quarter Message from the East
Kadosh Lodge No.148
April – June

Brethren,

As we conclude the second quarter, I want to extend heartfelt thanks to each of you for helping make this a season filled with genuine fellowship and renewed energy within Kadosh Lodge.

This quarter, we were especially blessed to welcome a new Brother into our sacred circle through the raising ceremony—a powerful reminder of the enduring strength and beauty of our ritual work. The spirit, support, and presence each of you brought to the degree exemplified the best of what it means to be Masons.

Another highlight was the opportunity to gather at Grand Lodge Session, where many of us reconnected with Brothers from across the jurisdiction. The fellowship shared, the wisdom exchanged, and the sense of unity reaffirmed our Lodge's purpose and promise in the greater Masonic community.

Congratulations are also in order for the St. John's Day Committee, who hosted an outstanding celebration that was both inspiring and uplifting. Your efforts reminded us of the deep spiritual and historical roots of our Craft—and the power of well-executed teamwork.

In joyful news, we also celebrate the newest addition to the Kadosh Family—Baby Kynd (Kind) Samone Reeves, born at 8 lbs, 10 oz and 20½ inches long. Congratulations to her proud mother, Myaja L. Hardin. We send love and blessings as they begin this beautiful new chapter together.

Kadosh Lodge continues to thrive because of your dedication and brotherly love. Let's carry this momentum forward into the next quarter with renewed purpose and unity.

Below are pictures of SW Yeoman, who sponsors an elementary school in Panama.



Fraternally,
Gary Freeland
Worshipful Master
Pyramid Lodge No. 238

HAL SINGER LODGE NUMBER 273

2nd Quarter Message
Hal Singer Lodge No. 273
April – June

Brothers,

As we reflect on the second quarter of 2025, we do so with pride and appreciation for the active role Hal Singer Lodge No. 273 has played in our local community. Through your time, energy, and commitment, we've continued to demonstrate that Freemasonry is not just about ritual—but about meaningful service and lasting impact.

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MWPGL of Louisiana website: <https://mwphglla.org/>

This quarter, our Lodge proudly participated in a series of community events that extended our hands in fellowship and strengthened our visibility as servant-leaders. From volunteering with local food banks and mentoring youth, to supporting neighborhood clean-up efforts and civic engagement forums, your involvement continues to uplift those around us and reflect the values we hold dear.

We were also blessed with the wonderful opportunity to fellowship during Grand Lodge Session. Reconnecting with Brothers from across the state, exchanging ideas, and celebrating our shared purpose reminded us of the strength and unity of our Masonic bond. Thank you to all who attended and represented Hal Singer Lodge with pride and dignity.

Let us carry this momentum into the next quarter, remaining committed to service, brotherhood, and building a legacy our community can count on.



Fraternally,
Damon Wooten
Worshipful Master
Hal Singer Lodge No. 273

PYRAMID LODGE NUMBER 238

2nd Quarter Message
Pyramid Lodge No. 238
April – June

Brothers,

The second quarter of 2025 has been a season of purpose, progress, and pride for Pyramid Lodge No. 238. We continue to thrive through the remarkable efforts of our members, and this quarter has given us much to celebrate.

We recognize Past Master Bishop Dr. Derrick P. Whitlow I for his distinguished achievements—facilitating the Presidential Lifetime Achievement Award for three distinguished Louisiana Masons and he was inducted into the National Sports Karate Museum in Houston, Texas. PM Whitlow’s continued leadership and service are an inspiration to us all.

We also recognize Past Master Hosie J. Stephens III, whose consistent efforts to support our local schools and lead impactful community events have not gone unnoticed. His recent initiatives focusing on Men's Mental Health Awareness have opened important conversations and provided much-needed resources and encouragement to our Brothers and the community at large.



Congratulations to PM Bryant for being selected as District Nineteen 2024 Worshipful Master of the year. A special congratulations to Brother Willoughby, who recently became engaged on April 25th and is excitedly preparing to welcome a baby boy on October 22nd! We share in your joy and look forward to supporting you in this exciting new chapter.

To the graduating seniors of the Class of 2025: We salute your dedication, perseverance, and achievement. You've reached a milestone worth celebrating, and we encourage you to continue striving for greatness as you embark on your next journey. Well done and best wishes for a future filled with purpose and success!

As we look ahead, let's continue to build on our legacy of leadership, service, and Brotherhood. Pyramid Lodge No. 238 stands strong because of each of you.



Fraternally,
Eric Martin
Worshipful Master
Pyramid Lodge No. 238

DISTRICT LECTURER

Grace for Purpose

Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen. (HEBREWS CH 11 VERSE 1) KJV.

But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him. (HEBREWS CH11 VERSE 6) KJV.

And Jesus answering saith unto them, have faith in God. Verily I say unto you, Whosoever shall say unto this mountain, Be thou taken up and cast into the sea; and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that what he saith cometh to pass; he shall have it. Therefore I say unto you, All things whatsoever ye pray and ask for, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them. (MARK CH 11 VERSES 22, 23, 25) KJV.

PM. Walter R. Simmons, Sr.
Department Director, District Nineteen

DISTRICT CHAPLAIN

Why are We Here?
Matthew 28:18-20

¹⁸ And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth.

¹⁹ Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:

²⁰ Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen.

Why are we here?

The Westminster Shorter Catechism says that Man's chief end is to glorify God, and to enjoy him forever.

God will reveal His purpose for us through the burdens He places on our heart. In response, we fulfill our purpose by yearning to improve the status quo, working to improve the situation, trusting God to bless our work, and implementing steps to achieve our dream.

Why Are We Here?

I got the idea for this morning's message from Dr. Jerry Young, president of the National Baptist Convention, during his graduation message at Belhaven University fall commencement exercise. He asked, "why are we here?"

Today, I'm asking the church, why are we here? We can make it personal, why am I here. What is my purpose for being here.
Why are we here?

I'm not asking why we are in this place, in this sanctuary at church today. The question is, why are we here on this earth. Why did God create us and place us on planet earth. Why are we here?

The story is told about a wealthy woman who married a poor man. Soon after the marriage, they moved into a brand-new mansion. The wife told her husband, we wouldn't be in this mansion if it wasn't for my money. As they walked through every room, the wife would state, we wouldn't have this if it wasn't for my money. After a while a delivery truck showed up with beautiful expensive

furniture. Once again, the wife stated, we wouldn't have this luxury furniture if it wasn't for my money.

About this time the husband had had enough of her saying what they would not have without her money. He said honey, I don't mean to be rude or disrespectful, I realize none of this would be here with your money.

To tell you the truth, I wouldn't be here, if it wasn't for your money. He knew why he was there. Do you know why you are here?

Let's look at a few reasons why we are here. We're going to look at the purpose, the Plan and the partnership, and the power.

The Purpose

Our purpose is to go make disciples. We are to make disciples for the lord to carry out the work of winning souls to the king of God. To lead them to blessed salvation.

The Plan

God has a plan of salvation for the lost/unsaved. The plan that God design is to reach, teach, preach.

Reach

Mark 16:15 - Go ye into all the world.

We have got to leave the safety of these concentrated walls and go into this mean cruel world and tell the dying word that God is good all the time and all the time, God is good.

Isaiah 6:8 - also I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, Whom shall I send, and who will go for us? Then said I, Here am I; send me.

The song writer sang – I'll go if I have to go by myself.

Teach

Matthew 28:20 - Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you:

What do we teach them? We must teach them everything.

What to do, when to do, and how to do it. The elder shall teach the younger.

Preach

Mark 16:15 - And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature.

2 Timothy 4:1-2 - I charge thee therefore before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ, who shall judge the quick and the dead at his appearing and his kingdom;

² Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all long suffering and doctrine.

1 Corinthians 9:16 - For though I preach the gospel, I have nothing to glory of: for necessity is laid upon me; yea, woe is unto me, if I preach not the gospel!

The Partnership

Matthew 28:20 - and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world.

We are not in this all by ourselves. Jesus promised that he would be with us, not just sometimes, but all the time.

Power

Matthew 28:20 - and Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth.

Rev Dr. PM Joe L. Canada, Sr.



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COMMUNICATIONS



MOST WORSHIPFUL GRAND LODGE

1. MWPHGL of Louisiana is requesting that you register to the M.W. Grand Master Dr. Ralph Slaughter Mailchimp email account. This registration will be completed by all members Please see the Mailchimp registration link below.

Mailchimp Registration Link: <http://eepurl.com/hdvddD>

2. MWPHGL of Louisiana Office of the Grand Lecturer Walter R. Simmons, Jr. is requesting that you register to the Mailchimp email account. This registration should be completed by all members. Please see the Mailchimp registration link below.

Mailchimp Registration Link: <http://eepurl.com/hn40Ej>

3. MWPHGL of Louisiana Facebook –
https://www.facebook.com/Most-Worshipful-Prince-Hall-Grand-Lodge-FAM-of-Louisiana-and-Jurisdiction-351729555996290/?view_public_for=351729555996290
4. MWPHGL Social Media Policy Letter was approved on 24 March 2021, and it is recommended that each member of the District Nineteen do the following - review, understand and comply with the guidelines set forth in the document. Take do notice and governed yourself according.
5. MWPHGL 1st, 2nd, 3rd Master Mason Certifications- will be offered at regional meetings or Grand Session Call in June.
6. MWPHGL: June 18, 2025 Communication: Lecture, Disagreeing without being disagreeable, by DDGM Shawn Papillion, District 7
7. MWPHGL: June 19, 2025 Notice of Appointment – Brother Joseph D. Antoine as State Director, Knights of Pythagoras (Louisiana)



THOUGHT FOR THE QUARTER

Titles

In the ancient and honorable fraternity of Freemasonry, titles carry deep symbolic and functional meaning. Unlike in many organizations where titles are primarily about hierarchy or prestige, Masonic titles are speculative by nature—rooted in the allegorical tools and roles of operative stonemasons. These titles, such as Worshipful Master, Senior Warden, and Grand Lodge Officer, are not mere honorifics; they are reflective of responsibilities, philosophical lessons, and the aspirational character of those who hold them. The speculative use of these titles reinforces the fraternity's focus on moral development and personal transformation, reminding each Brother that leadership in Freemasonry is a calling, **not a conquest**.

To be addressed by a Masonic title is to carry the honor and legacy of those who have served before with humility and purpose. These honors are not granted for social standing or public acclaim, but rather in recognition of trust, dedication, and labor toward the betterment of the Craft. When a Brother is elected or appointed to a titled role, it is both a personal milestone and a collective affirmation by the lodge of his virtues and readiness to serve. The reverence with which Masons address each other by title reflects the respect embedded in the fraternity's ethos—an enduring reminder that true honor lies in selfless contribution and faithful stewardship.

Yet with every title comes the expectation of meaningful work. Masonic leaders are entrusted with more than ritual proficiency or administrative duties—they are expected to be exemplars of Masonic

values in word and deed. The Worshipful Master must govern with wisdom and balance, while officers and committee leaders must engage in the continuous work of building a lodge culture rooted in brotherly love, relief, and truth. Titles in Freemasonry are thus **not a destination**, but a point of departure for **deeper service**. We call each Brother to labor not only for his lodge, but also for the uplifting of humanity through the principles that unite us as Masons.

PM Anthony M. Bryant
Pyramid Lodge #238

VETERAN'S CORNER

June 14, Happy 250th Birthday, United States Army!

Veteran's Day Tribute Request: Honoring Our Veterans – to all Veterans, please submit the following by 31 Jul 2025 abryant4691@yahoo.com:

- A photo of you in uniform (past or present)
- Your branch of service
- Total length of service
- A brief reflection on what you gained from your military experience

Check on Your Veteran Buddy!

One of the most enduring aspects of serving is the strength of relationships formed with those who shared those same experiences, often under dangerous and challenging conditions. Re-establishing those bonds by reconnecting Veterans with their former comrades-in-arms served as the main driving force behind the 2003 creation of the Veterans website Togetherweserved.com

VA Resources, we're here for you.

For any questions or requests, 1-800-MyVA411 (1-800-698-2411).

Veterans Crisis Line: 988 and press 1, Chat, or Text 838255

Vet Centers: 1-877-927-8387

Homeless Veteran Resources: 1-877-424-3838 or Chat

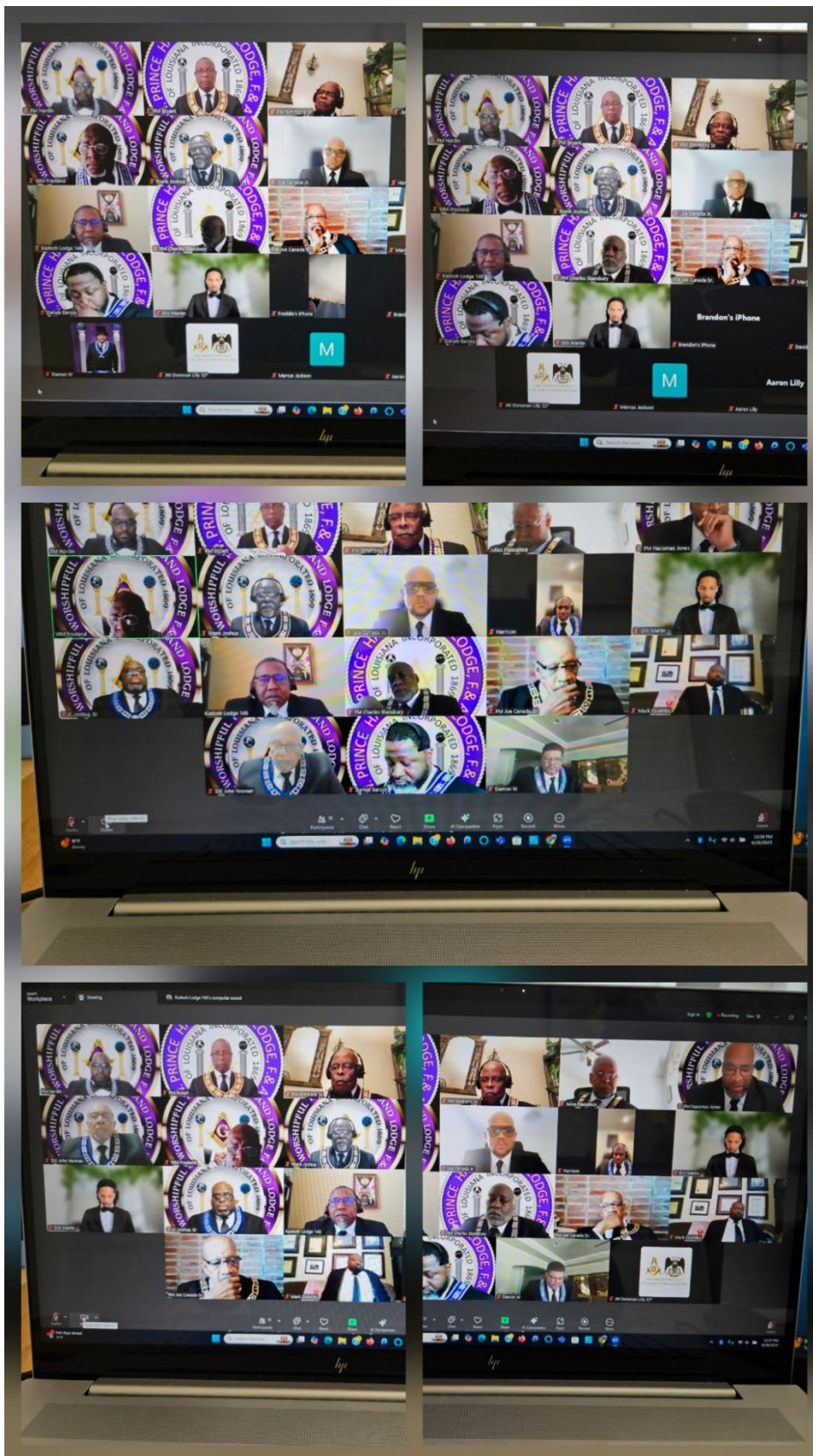
Ask VA

Schedule a 1-on-1 Appointment with a VA Benefits Expert

For non-urgent questions, you can reach VA using the VA Health & Benefits App or MyHealthVet secure messaging to schedule an appointment, refill prescriptions, and access your medical records.

THIS IS YOUR Newsletter!!!! - We continue to seek the support of every member of this District with submissions to our monthly newsletter. Submissions to the Newsletter should arrive at my office the first week of each month. This dissemination is required to all members of the lodge.

Below are photos from the District meeting and the St. John's Day event.



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