

Dear Friend

I am pleased that you asked about Scottish Rite Masonry, what we do, and in just

A few words what is the organization's philosophy or way of life.

The ritualistic or esoteric part of the organization would not be of particular interest to anyone who is not already a Mason, but any Master Mason that is interested may apply by petition to the consistory in his locale for admission.

Because we take pride in Our endeavors, permit me to share just a few of our many accomplishments

Elected Officers

Sovereign Grand Commander

(Chief Executive Officer)

Melvin J. Bazemore

Lt. Grand Commander

(To be Announced)

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Lorenzo Cruger, Sr.

Grand Recording Secretary

Ivory M. Buck, Jr.

Cathedral Secretary

Raynard W. Hughes

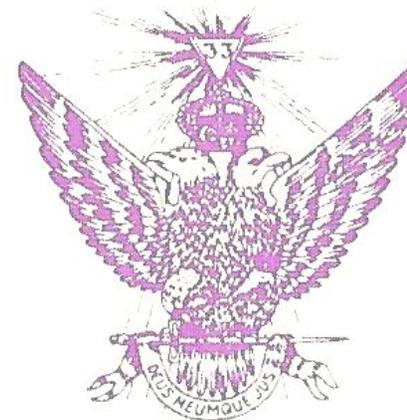


The United Supreme Council

Ancient and Accepted
Scottish Rite of Freemasonry

Prince Hall Affiliation

Northern Jurisdiction, USA, Inc.



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The Scottish Rite has often been referred to as to as the University of freemasonry, for it embraces all of the higher Masonic degrees, from fourth through the thirty third.

Having been introduced to America in 1801 and to the Prince Hall Fraternity in 1820, we continually exist to serve humankind. In 1881 and with the establishment of The United Supreme Council in the Northern Jurisdiction, we meet every third year in various major cities.

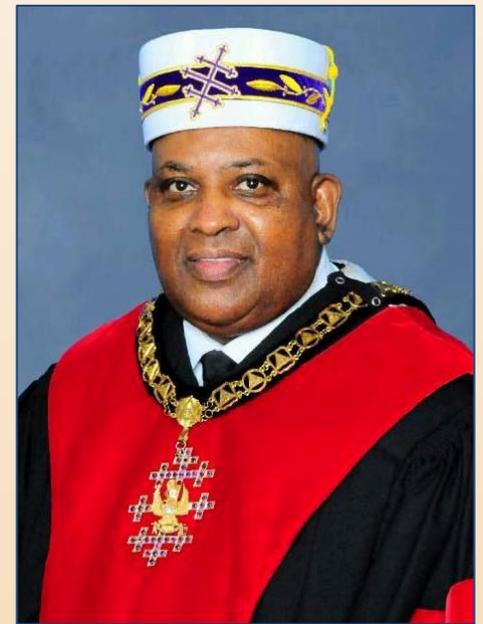
Much like the Symbolic Lodge, The Supreme Council encourages its members to study, and engage in those endeavors which make good men better — belief in a Supreme Being, love of family and devotion to country. It stresses motivation, self-improvement, and charity to all.

With charity being one basic tenet, The Supreme Council contributes annually to the NAACP, and the NAACP Legal Defense Fund, The Urban League, United Negro College Fund, Camp Eureka, various direct gifts to universities and other charitable organizations. We Give matching

educational grant dollars annually for students in each of our 26 Orients. In 2007, we initiated a mentoring program to assist high school aged young people in four Orients. This program has grown to six Orients and results in thousands of hours of community service each year. Also, we support the “widowed and orphaned,” veterans, and other charities annually and make benevolent contributions through local Consistories.

We operate two housing facilities for low/moderate income and seniors with HUD support adjacent to our Cathedral in the City of Philadelphia. These facilities provide over 230 units. Our organization is over 130 years old and draws its membership from 20 Northern states, the Bahamas, Canada, Asia, the Far East and Europe, all of which comprise the Northern Jurisdiction.

Complementing our endeavors, we Take great pride in the Ladies of The Golden Circle, which is an Auxiliary Organization made up of the wives, mothers, sisters and daughters of the membership



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This, of course, is only a “thumbnail” sketch, and there remains much more to be said about the Order, but hopefully, this provides some insight as what Prince Hall Scottish Rite Masonry entails.

Sincerely,

Melvin J. Bazemore
Sovereign Grand Commander
(Chief Executive Officer)