

Garden City Lodge No. 59

Free and Accepted Masons

LeRoy C. Barnes Jr.

Worshipful Master

HAVE *courage*
TO STAND IN THE GAP

*Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord,
and he shall lift you up. James 4:10 KJV*

*Bro. Christopher Trass
Senior Warden*

*Bro. Marcus Brown
Junior Warden*

MW. Bro. Roland G. Simon, Grand Master

Garden City Lodge #59 Prayer 2024



*Heavenly Father,
Everlasting God:*

It is by Your will that all things come to pass. In sincere and heartfelt humility, we bow down to Your divine providence and the majesty that is You. Our finite minds are totally incapable of grasping Your vastness, yet You've placed in each of us a portion of Yourself. Let us now seek to find You in us so that we may better know how to treat each other. Obedience is better than sacrifice, so let us now become obedient in fulfilling our purpose as men, brothers, and Masons to collectively continue to be that light that need not be hidden but is placed upon a hill so that all can see. Eternal God, you've said in our Great Light, Your Word, that if You be lifted up, You would draw all men unto You. Let us now lift You so that men will see our good works and know that all things done are to Your glory.

Now, Father, as we bring our gifts to this Lodge of Masons, the gifts You have so graciously provided us, we forever seek Your face, direction, wisdom, and guidance, realizing that we are mere vessels for fulfillment of Your divine purpose. As brothers, we are called to a higher degree of accountability so let us do so with glad hearts, temperate spirits, and compassionate tongues knowing that it is all in fulfillment of your purpose for your glory. Empower us, Lord, to be diligent in obedience, consistent in service and humble in spirit understanding that we should not grow weary in well doing while realizing that we will reap a harvest if we don't give up.

We seek your blessing as we move forward in faith, hope and charity, In the matchless name of Jesus we pray ... Amen, Amen, Amen.

So mote it be!!!

In Memoriam

They're ready for their last degree.
They've come to the end of the level of time
That leads us to that Grand Lodge sublime,
From whose borne none ever return,
More light in Masonry there they shall learn
By an altar where light shall evermore shine,
They're ready for their last degree.

With the Apprentice's gauge, they divided their time
Into equal parts since life's early prime.
And this they did find amidst life's great turmoil,
their wages were due them, in corn, wine and oil,
They're ready for their last degree.

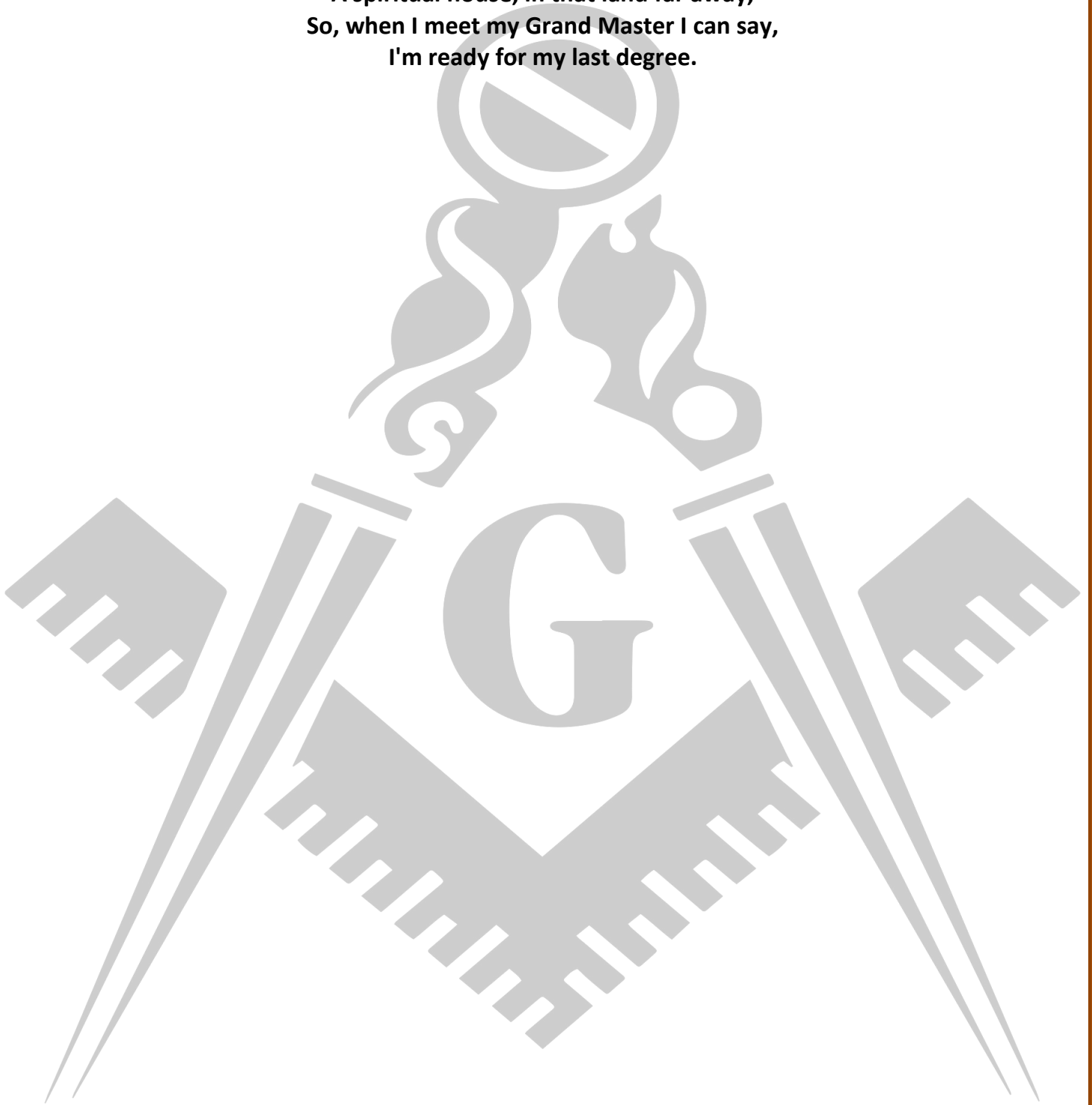
Each day from life's quarries, they've hewn a stone,
With the gavel They've shaped them, each one alone,
And shipped them along beyond that bright stand,
To build them a house in that fair land,
A spiritual house not made with hands,
They're ready for their last degree.

They've squared each stone by the virtue square,
And plumbed them all true, as they shipped them there,
With the compass They've measured the Master's designs
And kept within due bounds, with his points and his signs,
They're blueprints are folded, they've answered his signs,
They're ready for their last degree.

The mortar They've made from friendship and love,
To be spread with the Master's trowel up above,
Their apron is worn, but its surface is white,
Their working tools will now be cold and quiet
Their trestle board's bare, and They're going tonight,
They're ready for their last degree.

Upward and onward, to the great door,
Where they gave an alarm, and a voice did implore,
Those broken links gave their answer with words once more,
They're ready for their last degree.

**That night in a Lodge, free from all strife and storm,
They took that degree, their last in due form,
So may I live like they did, to build day by day,
A spiritual house, in that land far away,
So, when I meet my Grand Master I can say,
I'm ready for my last degree.**





Worshipful Master's Address

To M.W. Bro Roland G. Simon Grand Master of Prince Hall Mason for the state of Illinois, PGM, Elected and Appointed Grand Lodge officers, Past Masters, Wardens and Brothern and Special invited Guest

Esteemed brethren, good afternoon,

In humble gratitude to the Almighty, the guiding force in my life, I stand before you as your elected Worshipful Master for the year, 2024.

Our journey ahead is guided by a theme that is both simple and profound: "Have Courage to Stand in the Gap."

Having been part of Garden City Lodge for 45 years, having served in this same position 35 years ago, the question naturally arises: Why stand in the gap? The answer is woven into the fabric of changing times, the evolving legacy of our lodges, and the need to bridge gaps in our communities, churches, and foundation and the perpetual cherished organizations.

To stand in the gap encourages us to go back to basic principles and reconfirm our main goal: to maintain a strong foundation and to elevate good men into the realm of greatness. We are, indeed, Master Builders, and the cornerstone of Masonic Light IS the ceaseless pursuit and application of knowledge. Within the walls of Garden City Lodge #59, we carry a profound responsibility to one another – an obligation to extend Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth. Therefore, let us summon the courage to stand in the gap, recognizing that each of us is accountable to every brother in this lodge. Beyond our immediate circle, our fraternity extends globally, demanding accountability to every brother worldwide. This awareness should kindle a recognition of shared humanity, and the inspiring acts of charity, for in truth, charity is LOVE.

No more sitting on the sidelines saying, "I've done that, let someone else do it." Instead, let us actively engage. Whatever task requires attention, let us rise to it with a spirit of service. Together, we hold the power to contribute to transformation, weaving change household by household, neighborhood by neighborhood, city by city, and state by state. The mantle of responsibility is upon our shoulders.

Beyond the rituals of business, the paying of bills, and the organization of events, our most important duty lies beyond the everyday tasks. As men, as Masons, and as a Lodge, we are entrusted with the sacred obligation to provide Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth. In the sanctuary of our unity, let us exercise the virtues of Faith, Hope, and Charity, not as mere words, but as the living representation of our commitment to the betterment of mankind. This is where our legacy takes root, and it is my sincere prayer that we continue this profound legacy, transcending time for generations to come.

In conclusion, as we stand on the threshold of a new year within the hallowed halls of Garden City Lodge #59, let us not merely glance at our past triumphs but immerse ourselves in profound reflection, recognizing that our accomplishments are the echoes of the legacy we inherit. We must honor and build upon that legacy. While the gavel rests in my hand, and the hat adorns my brow—decisions bestowed upon me by the collective wisdom of this revered body—I am but a singular note in a harmonious symphony. It is through our collective harmony, our unified heartbeat, that the loftiest of tasks can be achieved.

Thank you, my esteemed brethren, for your commitment, your unity, and your enduring courage to stand in the gap. May our collective journey inspire standing ovations in the hearts of those who witness the legacy we carve together.

Fraternally yours,

Leroy C. Barnes Jr.,

Worshipful Master 2024.

Garden City Lodge #59 F.& A. M
Elected and Appointed Officers 2024



Worshipful Master:	Bro. Leroy C. Barnes Jr.
Senior Warden:	Bro. Christopher Trass
Junior Warden:	Bro. Marcus Brown
Treasurer:	P.M. Greg Hart
Secretary:	P.M. Roger Buckley
Assistant Secretary:	P.M. Traneil Thomas Sr.
Senior Deacon:	Bro. Vincent Jones
Junior Deacon:	Bro. Robert Patterson
Senior Steward:	Bro. Lloyd Smith
Junior Steward:	Bro. Walter Knight
Marshal:	Bro. Tara G. DeRamus
Chaplain:	Bro. Robert Newman
Tyler:	P.M. Wendell Tucker Sr.

***Love one another with brotherly affection. Outdo one another in showing honor. ~ Romans
12:10 (ESV)***

Past Masters of Garden City Lodge # 59 F.&A.M



P.M. John Brown	1961
P.M. Henry Dorsey	1979
P.M. Marvin Ward	1982
P.M. Thurston Hill	1985
P.M. Leroy C. Barnes	1989
P.M. William W. Jackson	1900
P.M. Wendell Tucker, Sr.	1993
P.M. Arthur Hodo	1995
P.M. Roger A. Buckley	1996
P.M. Wilford J. Hollaway	1997
P.M. Michael D. Ramey, Sr.	1998
P.M. Darrin White	1999
P.M. Lucas S. Rawls Sr.	2000
P.M. Keith Sanders	2002
P.M. Walter Koonce	2003
P.M. Gordon Brewer, Jr.	2004
P.M. Wesley J. Brown	2007-08
P.M. Maurice L. Hatter Sr.	2009-10
P.M. Clifton Scott	2011
P.M. Traneil A. Thomas, Sr.	2012
P.M. Larry Collins	2014
P.M. Timothy R Davis	2015-16
P.M. John L Richardson	2017
P.M. Greg Hart	2018-19
P.M. Darryl Bedar Sr	2020-22
P.M. Shawn Jackson	2023
P.M. Kevin Hayes Sr	****

***"The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge: but fools despise wisdom and instruction."
Proverbs 1:7 KJV***

Garden City Lodge #59 Widows & Orphans Roster

Mrs.Sarah K. Armstrong
9717 S. Van Vliissingen Rd
Chicago,IL 60617
Ph 773-221-6996

Mrs.Willette Banners
1704 W.Marquette Rd
Chicago, IL 60636
Ph 773-471-2627
Birthday March 1

Mrs. Arthur Gene Burns
12334 S.Yale
Chicago,IL 60628
Ph 773-821-1688

Mrs.Delores Chrismon
1515 S Prairie #916
Chcago,IL 60605
Ph 708-275-0492
Birthday September 3rd

Mrs.Marie Ann Crowder (Sammie)
8429 S.Essex
Chicago, IL 60617
Ph 773-768-7587
Birthday June 16th

Mrs. Carrie Dorsey
8972 20th Ave.
Bitely,MI 49309
Ph 231-745-6044
Birthday February 10th

Mrs.Doris Echols (Bro Morris)
250 E.107th St
Chicago,IL 60628
Ph 773-995-1713

Mrs.Keala Harrington
Allen, TX 75013
Ph 773-562-6336
Birthday February 26th

Mrs. Pauline Johnson
7924 California
Chicago, IL 60652
Ph 773-874-2276
Birthday December 3rd

Mrs.Gloria Jones
11941 S.Ridgeway Ave. Apt#8
Alsip,IL 60803-1191
Ph 708-577-4951

Mrs. Denise Slaughter
1228 Prince Dr.
South Holland, IL 60473
Ph 708-543-9652
Ph 708-559-4869 Daughter

Mrs.Mable Stewart (Bro Lavell)
14434 S. Wallace Ave.
Riverdale, IL 60827
708-841-5131 Home 708-638-5811 cell
Birthday October 18th

Mrs.Barbara Thames
4548 S.Forestville Ave.
Chicago,IL 60653
Ph 773-456-0542
Birthday June-17th

Garden City Lodge #59 2024 Committee Appointments

Auditors- To audit and monitor checks and balances on all financial activity of the Lodge and the Social Club, and to ensure that proper accounting procedures are followed and report quarterly on all audits.

The Chairman or his designee will work with both the Worshipful Master and the President Of the Social Club to ensure the timely submission of any and all required financial documents necessary for a thorough Audit. The Senior and Junior Wardens are to attend audits for instructional purposes only.

P.M. Timothy R. Davis-Chairman

P.M. Walter Koonce

P.M. Larry Collins

P.M. Darryl Bedar Sr.

S.W. Chistopher Trass-Observer

J.W. Marcus Brown-Observer

Budget- To review the past spending activity of the Lodge, report its findings and advise therefore on current and future spending activity.

P.M. Wendell Tucker, Sr.-Chairman

P.M. Roger Buckley

P.M. Greg Harts

J. W. Marcus Brown - Observer

S.D. Vincent Jones

By-Laws- To read over the by-laws of the Lodge and Social Club keeping in strict adherence to and providing instruction in the constitution and edicts of the MWPHGLIL. Also, to advise on necessary amendments, updates or deletions.

P.M. John L. Richardson- Advisor

P.M. Timothy R. Davis – Chairman

P.M. Roger Buckley – Co-Chairman

P.M. Michael D. Ramey, Sr.

P.M. Wesley J. Brown

S.W. Christopher Trass

J. W. Marcus Brown

School of Instruction- To instruct and inform Brothers on the By-Laws, Ritualistic practices, Leadership, Masonic Customs and Traditions.

P.M. William W. Jackson – Dean Emeritus/Advisor

P.M. Gordon Brewer – Advisor

P.M. Wesley Brown-Dean

P.M. Clifton Scott-Dean

P.M. Arthur Hodo

P.M. Kevin E. Hayes Sr.

J.W. Marcus Brown

Sick & Shut in - To keep constant contact through calls and or visits of all sick and shut in Brothers & bereaved Brothers who are not present regularly at Lodge meetings, and to report Monthly on such contact. Any other brother that would like to be active on this committee, please see the committee chair

J.W. Marcus Brown - Chairman
S.S. Llyod Smith – Co-Chairman
J.S. Robert Patterson
Marshall Tara DeRamus
Chaplain Rev Robert Newman

Courtesy Committee- To escort and welcome visiting Grand Lodge Officers, as well as visiting Grand Lodge Officers from foreign districts.

To be appointed as necessary. (Primarily Past Masters and Deacons)

Special Efforts/ Mother's Day brunch - To research, plan, and prepare a proposal for any and all special efforts sponsored by Garden City Lodge #59

P.M. Wesley Brown – General Chairman
P.M. Wilford Holloway- Co-Chairman
P.M. Mike Ramey - Ticket Chairman
P.M. Kevin E. Hayes Sr.-Ticket Co-Chairman
Marshall Tara DeRamus
S.D. Vincent Jones
J.D. Robert Patterson

Awards- To monitor and advice on merit and recognition within the Lodge.

P.M. Wesley Brown - Chairman
P.M. Greg Hart
S.W. Christopher Trass

Charity - To research and recommend charitable organizations for the Lodge to either Contribute works or funds. Will plan and coordinate a school supply/book bag charitable effort for the school age children of Garden City Lodge#59 plus 25 additional youths. Will also Coordinate a donation to a food depository decided upon by the recommendations of the Committee tempered by the Will of the Craft.

P.M Timothy R. Davis -Advisor
P.M. Wilford Holloway – Chairman
P.M. Kevin E. Hayes Sr. – Co-Chairman
J.W. Marcus Brown
S.D. Vincent Jones
J.D. Robert Patterson
Marshall Tara DeRamus

Bro. Jeffery Brown
Bro. Robert Dutton

Annual Cookout- To plan, organize and prepare for the Lodge's annual cookout. (4 th Saturday in June)

P.M. Wendell Tucker Sr. - Advisor
S.W. Christopher Trass- Advisor
J.W. Marcus Brown – Chairman
S.D. Vincent Jones – Co Chairman
J.D. Robert Patterson
S.S. Lloyd Smith
J.S. Walter Knight
Marshall Tara DeRamus

Burial- To perform the duties of Blue Lodge Burial ceremony in accordance to the MWPGLIL Constitutions and By-Laws.

P.M. Gordon Brewer - Advisor
P.M. Wesley Brown -Chairman
P.M. Clifton Scott - Co-Chairman
S.D. Vincent Jones
J.D. Robert Patterson
S.S. Lloyd Smith
Marshall Tara DeRamus
Chaplain Robert Newman

Widows & Orphans- To communicate regularly with the Lodge's Widows keeping them well informed on Lodge events, and to coordinate transportation to Lodge events if needed. Also, to report quarterly on the status and wellbeing of our Widows & Orphans

P.M. Roger Buckley – Advisor
P.M. Willford Holloway- Chairman
P.M. Lucas Rawls -Co-Chairman
J.W. Marcus Brown
Marshall Tara DeRamus

Saint John/ Prince Hall Day- To represent the Lodge at St. Johns/Prince Hall day committee meetings, and inform the Lodge on the proceedings.

S.W. Christopher Trass - Chairman
J.W. Marcus Brown - Co-Chairman
S.D. Vincent Jones
J.D. Robert Patterson
S.S. Lloyd Smith
J.S. Walter Knight
Marshall Tara DeRamus

Regalia- To maintain Lodge regalia and or furniture, to keep an account on damaged regalia, and advise on the cost of repairs or replacement of such articles.

P.M. Darryl Bedar - Advisor

J.W. Marcus Brown – Chairman

S.D. Vincent Jones – Co-Chairman

J.D. Robert Patterson

S.S. Lloyd Smith

J.S. Walter Knight

Chaplain Tara DeRamus

Website- To maintain and update info of the Garden City Lodge#59 website.

P.M. Wesley Brown – Webmaster/Advisor

P.M. Larry Collins – (Lodge Photographer)

Investigations- To investigate on all petitions and Brother desiring reinstatement or demit, and return with a favorable or unfavorable recommendation.

P.M. Wesley Brown – Advisor

P.M. Clifton Scott - Advisor

3-5 Brothers appointed when necessary.

Ritualistic and Degree- To perform all degree and ritualistic practices in accordance to the MWPHGIL constitutions and ritual. Each Brother has been charged with learning by rote and performing two (2) sections of the approved degree ritual.

P.M. Gorden Brewer-Advisor

P.M. Wesley Brown-Advisor

P.M. Clifton Scott-Advisor

P.M. Darryl Bedar - Advisor

J.W. Marcus Brown - Chairman

S.D. Vincent Jones - Co-Chairman

J.D. Robert Patterson– Co-Chairman

S.S. Lloyd Smith

J.S. Robert Patterson

Chaplain Robert Newman

Marshal Tara DeRamus

Bro. Robert Dutton

Other team members to be appointed as needed

Contact & Reclamation- To keep constant contact through calls and or visits of distant Brothers, and those Brothers who are not present regularly at Lodge meetings, and to report Bi-monthly on such contact. To contact and try to reclaim all qualified Brothers who have been suspended for non-payment of dues. Also, to make mass notifications when necessary of important events and issues about the Lodge. Any other brother that would like to be active on important events and issues about the Lodge. Any other brother that would like to be active on this committee, please see the committee chair

P.M. Michael D. Ramey, Sr. – Advisor

P.M. Larry Collins

S.W. Walter Koonce (P.M.)

Marshal Tara DeRamus

Committee on Benevolence – To assess the need of our widows, orphans, and distressed brothers and all those that petition Garden City for benevolent assistance and to make recommendations on said assistance.

P.M. Timothy R. Davis - Advisor

P.M. Roger Buckley – Chairman

P.M. Michael D. Ramey, Sr.

P.M. Greg Hart

P.M. Larry Collins

Marshal Tara DeRamus

Garden City Lodge # 59 F & AM
Calendar of Events 2024

<p style="text-align: center;"><i>January</i></p> <p>8 G.L. S.O.I./Law 12 Lodge Meeting 15 G.L. S.O.I./Ritualistic 18 G.L. S.O.I./LDR School 22 G.L. Burial Practice 27 Social Club</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>February</i></p> <p>5 G.L. S.O.I./Law 9 Lodge Meeting 12 G.L. S.O.I./Ritualistic 15 G.L. S.O.I./LDR School 19 G.L. Burial Practice 24 Social Club</p> <p>23-25 G.L. Mid-Year Session. 28 Social Club</p> <p><i>Grand Lodge Valentine's Day Dinner Dance – Date TBD</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>March</i></p> <p>4 G.L. S.O.I./Law 8 Lodge Meeting (1st Degree) 11 G.L. S.O.I./Ritualistic 14 G.L. S.O.I./LDR School 18 G.L. Burial Practice 27 Social Club</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><i>April</i></p> <p>1 G.L. S.O.I./Law 8 G.L. S.O.I./Ritualistic 12 Lodge Meeting (2nd Degree) 15 G.L. Burial Practice 19 G.L. /LDR. School 28 Social Club</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>May</i></p> <p>6 G.L. S.O.I./Law 10 Lodge Meeting 11 Mother's Day Brunch 13 G.L. S.O.I./Ritualistic 16 G.L. /LDR. School 20 G.L. Burial Practice 25 Social Club</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>June</i></p> <p>3 G.L. S.O.I./Law 10 G.L. S.O.I./Ritualistic 14 Lodge Meeting (<u>3rd Degree</u>) 15 Annual Picnic 20 G.L. S.O.I./LDR School 22 Social Club 23 St. Johns Day Program</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><i>July</i></p> <p>1 G.L. S.O.I./Law 8 G.L. S.O.I./Ritualistic 12 Lodge Meeting 18 G.L. . Burial Practice</p> <p>Grand Lodge Jul-30-Aug.1 Unification</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>August</i></p> <p>1 -2 Unification 9 Lodge Meeting (<i>Junior Warden Night</i>) 24 Social Club</p> <p><i>Volunteer at the Greater Chicago Food Depository – Date TBD</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>September</i></p> <p>8 Prince Hall Americanism day</p> <p>13 Lodge Meeting (<i>Senior Warden Night</i>) 28 Social Club</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><i>October</i></p> <p>7 G.L. S.O.I. 11 Lodge Meeting (<i>Past Master' Night</i>) 14 G.L. S.O.I. 24 G.L. S.O.I. 26 Social Club</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>November</i></p> <p>4 G.L. S.O.I. 8 Lodge Meeting (<i>Lodge of Joy or Sorrow</i>) 11 G.L. S.O.I. 18 G.L. S.O.I. 23 Social Club</p> <p><i>Holiday Charitable Work - TBD</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>December</i></p> <p>2 G.L. S.O.I. 8 G.L. S.O.I. 13 Lodge Meeting (<i>Lodge Elections</i>) 19 G.L. S.O.I. 28 Social Club</p>

Some Dates and/or Events May Be Added at A Later Date.

***Although not carried in each month's announcements, a meeting of officers will be held monthly
– date, time and place to be announced.***

THE HISTORY OF GARDEN CITY LODGE # 59

F.&A.M. - P.H.A

Garden City Lodge # 59 was built on a solid foundation. The idea of the lodge was conceived in the minds of several reputable and outstanding citizens of Chicago in the early part of 1900. On June 27, 1900 a prayer was made to the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge Free and Accepted Masons of Illinois for dispensation to work.

On September 8, 1900, Garden City was organized as an under-dispensation lodge with Bro. James Renfroe as Worshipful Master, Bro. John T. Montgomery as Senior Warden, Bro. A.H. Dorsey as Junior Warden, Bro. Joseph Wright as Treasurer, Bro. Reuben G. Bell as Secretary, Bro. Lucien O. Renfroe as Senior Deacon, Bro. Arthur McCoo as Junior Deacon, and sixteen other members. They worked as such until October 11, 1900, at the convening of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge at which their request was granted and Garden City Lodge # 59 was formed as a regular and well governed lodge.

Garden City has been able to withstand many disappointments, trials, and tribulations with the thousands of brothers that have entered this lodge since its origin. The disappointments are easily overshadowed by the great work performed by the majority.

The lodge grew from its original twenty-three to one hundred and forty-five by 1911, four hundred and forty-eight by 1920, when they raised one hundred and sixty brothers which was only good for fourth place, and six hundred and thirty-three by 1923. It moved from its first meeting place at Union Masonic Temple on 3956 State, to Casey Hall on 4653 S. State, then to 711 E. 47th St., to where we currently reside at 809 E. 42nd PL.

From 1900 - 1909 we had seven Worshipful Masters, James A. Renfroe(1900), A.H. Dorsey(1901), James T. Montgomery(1902), Lucien O. Renfroe(1903), Peter R. Thomas Sr.(1904) Reuben G. Bell, 33° (1905-1907), and Arthur L. McCoo (1908-1909).

From 1910 - 1919 we had four Worshipful Masters, W.C. Ellington 33° (1910-1912) helped form Royal Eagle Lodge # 94, East Gate Lodge # 98, and Mt. Tabor # 92 in Chicago Heights; Bail S. Christmon (1913- 1915), H.A. Haynes(1916), and P.J. Wheatley(1917-1919).

From 1920 - 1930, these are the years when several of the living Past Masters knew all or some of the Worshipful Masters who served from 1920 - 1930. P.M.'s Tate, Redding, Hicks, Brisco, Martin, Prentiss, Jackson, Jones, and Harvey were in the lodge at the time these brothers were still with us. George B. Fort 33° (1920-1921), O.M. Hummons(1922-1923), Dr. Roscoe C. Giles 33° (1924-1925), Dr. Walter N. Thomas 33° (1926-1928), and H.W. Calhoun(1929-1930).

From 1931 - 1940 we had seven Worshipful Masters, Frank Vaulx(1931), James A. Walker 33° (1932-1933), Earl T. McMillan(1935), Hannibal M.Cox 33° (1936), James H. Williams(1937-1938), and J.B. Gilmore(1939-1940).

From 1941 - 1950 we had seven Worshipful Masters, B.V. Armstead(1941-1942), William H. Jones 33° (1943-1944), Otis L. Simmons(1945-1946), S.H. Rosenberg(1947), Peter R. Thomas Jr.(1948), and David Tate 33° (1949-1950).

From 1951 - 1959 we had eight Worshipful Masters, William Robinson(1951-), James Terry(- 1951-1953), Theodore R. Tate(1954), Robert L. Tate(1955), Esquire Buckner(1956), Eugene Purdy(1957), Oddie L. Redding(1958), William H. Williams 33' (1959).

From 1960 - 1969 we had nine Worshipful Masters, Landry Bryant(1960-1961), James R. Bank(1962), Maude L. James(1963), Lee V. Hicks(1964), Earl D. Peterson(1965), Dr.Otha Brisco(1966), Kenneth Chrismon(1967), Nathaniel Martin Jr.(1968), Arvon A. Prentiss Sr. 33° (1969),

From 1970 - 1979 we had ten Worshipful Masters, Isaac Washington 33° (1970), George Jackson(1971), Claude Mitchell(1972), Charles H. Jones(1973), John V. Harvey(1974), John J. Johnson(1975), Rev. Tobbie P. Gowans(1976), Prince E. Marshall 33° (1977), Henry Dorsey(1978), Robert B. Rowe(1979).

From 1980 - 1989 we had ten Worshipful Masters, Arthur Murry(1980), Ernest Johnson 33° (1981), Marvin Ward(1982), James R. House(1983), Lawrence Watts(1984), Thurston Hill(1984), Arthur Parrott 33° (1986), Samuel Crowder 33° (1987), William. W. Willis(1988), Leroy C. Barnes 33° (1989).

From 1990 - 1999 we had ten Worshipful Masters, William W. Jackson 33° (1990), George G. Reid 33° (1991), Kevin Sparks(1992 - passed in office), Wendell Tucker Sr 33°.(1992 -succeeded after K. Sparks death-1993), Lawrence E. Richard - Bey(1994), Arthur L. Hodo(1995), Roger A. Buckley(1996), Wilford Holloway 33° (1997), Micheal D. Ramey 33° (1998), Darin White(1999).

From 2000 - 2019, Lucas Rawls 33° (2000), Vincent Sykes(2001), Keith Sanders(2002), Walter Koonce(2003), Gordon L. Brewer Jr 33°.(2004), Kevin L. Harrington Sr.(2005) Gregory L. Brewer Sr.(2006),Wesley J. Brown(2007 - 2008), Maurice L. Hatter Sr.(2009-2010), Clifton Scott (2011), Traniel Thomas (2012), Morris Cirton (2013), Larry Collins (2014), Timothy R. Davis 33°(2015-16), John L. Richardson 33°(2017), and Greg Hart (2018-19)

From 2020 – Present, Darryl Bedar Sr. (Covid~2020/21 and 2022), Shawn Jackson (2023), Leroy Barnes (2024-)

Garden City Lodge # 59 has carried on a long history of great men and masons which have done many great works for freemasonry and mankind. We pride ourselves on our knowledge, wisdom, strength, friendship, morality, and brotherly love. We have furnished many high-ranking executive officials to all branches of masonry and affiliates. Even though this brief account does not show members who did not hold the office of Worshipful Master and many never aspired for executive positions in the lodge this does not dilute the quality and dedication to the craft there are so many great and historic events that have improved the art of freemasonry.

Garden City Lodge is blessed to have in 2024 Twenty-Five Past Masters, ten Illustrious peers and several Grand Lodge Elected and Appointed Officers

Through the years this lodge has contributed to its widows, we have a life membership in the NAACP, we have contributed to the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, YMCA, Urban League, Parker Community Academy (Chicago Public Schools), Phoenix House for Women and Children (Garden City Chapter # 33 O.E.S.P.H.A.), The Sickle Cell Anemia Association, The National Multiple Sclerosis Society, The Masonic Family Health Foundation, St. Jude's Children's Hospital, and a host of other charities, organizations, and causes.

As the years have come and passed from the time Past Master James A. Renfroe our first warranted Worshipful Master to Worshipful Master Leroy Barnes Jr. (2024) there have been many outstanding brothers who have stood as giants in the East that were ably supported by the brethren who supported their ideas. To the pioneers, to those on the rolls today, Garden City owes its accomplishments. We stand proud of the accomplishments of the brethren and equally proud of the laymen who supported the ideas of masonry and this lodge through it's one hundred and twenty-four years of existence.

We are proud to humbly say that we are members of **GARDEN CITY LODGE # 59 FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, PRINCE HALL.**

"If anyone speaks, they should do so as one who speaks the very words of God. If anyone serves, they should do so with the strength God provides, so that in all things God may be praised through Jesus Christ. To Him be the glory and the power for ever and ever. Amen." 1 Peter 4:11 (NIV)

