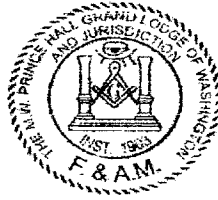


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TO: The Most Worshipful Grand Master Kenneth B. Anthony, Past Grand Masters, Right Worshipful and Worshipful Grand Lodge Officers, Worshipful Master, Past Masters, Wardens Visiting Dignitaries and Brothers.

Subjects: Annual Report of the Youth Department

Greetings and fraternal blessing from the office of the Director of Youth. As I stated in my Grand Junior Warden report it has been a privilege to service this great, Jurisdiction as it's Director of Youth under my office as Grand Junior Warden. This has been the highlight of this year, working with our young people. I will now give an account of my stewardship with the Youth Department for the past twelve months.

When I started this Masonic year as the Director of Youth I wanted to make a difference. I feel that having a strong youth department is the key to sustaining our growth. Therefore, getting the administrative part of this office organized was key.

First, I talked to the State Youth Director RW Wayne T. McNeal to find out what was the number of councils and status of the Board of Regents. We then set out to appoint the new Board of Regents. I gave him and our Most Worshipful Grand Master an overview of my plan for the year. I want to thank Most Worshipful Grand Master Anthony for the confidence he placed in me and allowed me to try new and innovative ways to service the youth department.

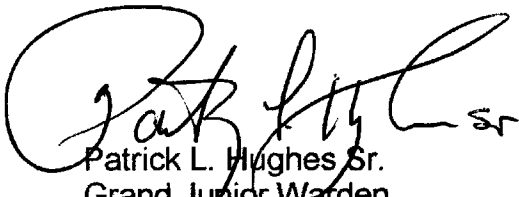
The Knights of Pythagoras was the first order of business. After talking at length to the Supreme Master Knight PGM Gilbert Tyler. I then had a total understanding of what needed to be done. The dress was a key point for me along with what should be received when you become a member of the KOP. The dress for the members is a blue beret with patch and gold berets are worn by senior key members, along with black suits, white shirts and tie. Each new member should receive a beret, patent, ritual, book of constitution and dues card. All these items are included in his initiation fee for membership. Next order of business was getting all of the council's paperwork in order. We had to work with each Council as needed. In the past the Council in Germany was given the same number as the Council in Tacoma, Washington. Each of them was listed as Council #1, the only difference was the Council in Germany was listed as Dr. Martin Luther King Jr Council #1 and in Tacoma it was Martin Luther King Jr Council #1. Also, the one in Germany we made inactive but wanted to get restarted. During the District #9 visit by the Grand Masters and his party, PGM Morgan stated he would like to reactivate the council and have the number corrected for the Council. Upon my return I talked to RW McNeal and Supreme Master Knight Tyler about his request. RW McNeal informed me that he was working on it and had sent in paperwork to get it done. During the phone call with PGM Tyler he again requested the paperwork and also stated he had a charter for Olympia Council #9. A request was made to forward both charters to me, after talking to the State Youth Director, The Most Worshipful Grand Master, Brother Foster #70 and WB Sheggog #70 who would act as District Deputy Stated Youth Director for that Council. All of us were in agreement and we received both charters. District #9 restarted Dr Martin Luther King Jr #3 and on June 18, 2009 we restarted Olympia Council #9.

am happy to say we now have four (4) councils up and running as of today. They are Martin Luther King Jr Council #1, Ira Simon Council #2 , Dr Martin Luther King Council #3 and Olympia Council #9. We are also working on a fifth Council in Angela City, Philippines. The District Deputy State Youth Director Johnson is working hard to get the required number of youth to request the formulation letter. That letter will be issued from my office very soon. I am proud to say we started with two Councils one year ago and now we have four Councils and one in process. Great Job, to all that helped us get to this point. Our Annual Grand Conclave was a hit this year. The hall was full with Knights, Sir Knights and guest. We had a full Grand Conclave from start to finish. You may ask what I mean by a full Conclave from start to finish. "I am so glad you asked". Most Worshipful Grand Master Anthony as I stated earlier was behind me and the Stated Youth Director on this event. For the first time we had a registration fee for our Grand Conclave \$12.00 for each Sir Knight and \$10.00 for all Knights to be paid by their Council. On a special note it was voted that all parents would attend at no fee. We also had registration packets and gifts for each person that registered. The Most Venerable Grand Master Knight ran the show with the help of the State Youth Director and myself. Each council gave a report on its activities and other important information reference the Councils. The reports were received and a great time was had by all. We then had elections and installed each of the principle officers. The gavel was then turned over to Most Worshipful Grand Master Anthony for his comments and to close out the Grand Conclave. The afternoon ended with a Luncheon honoring Most Worshipful Grand Master Anthony and the newly elected Most Venerable Grand Master Knight. Again, this was a great event. A special thanks to PM Garraway #16, SW Dume #98, RW McNeal #83, RW Phillips # 17, RW Andrew Harris #72, WB Simmons #, DDGM Lozan #2, WM Saunders #45 and the Board of Regents and many, many more.

Lastly, we gave funds to the Elizabeth Wesley Youth Program in the amount \$365.00 We also gave Christmas toys to the youth in the area, had a clothing drive and plan to give even more next year. I want to thank two key people that helped us in the youth department. Sister Bobby Key's wife of PGM Harden Keys #44 that gave us toys for the youth during Christmas and Sister Martha Davis wife of RW Ciarence Davis #72 who gave us clothing for our clothing drive. You will hear more about them later, thanks. I also want to thank each of the lodges for their funds and support in their lodge's youth programs.

In closing we have tried to make this a fun year along with working hard. Please help us make our youth program stronger and give a hand when you can.

Fraternally Submitted,



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