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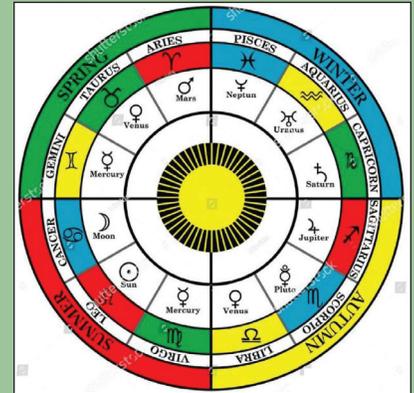
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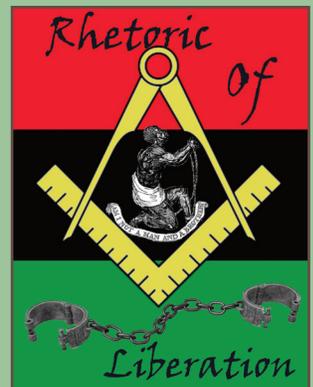
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the business of making good men better. From its
inception, our Brotherhood has sought to develop the
Black race beyond our conditioned state.

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THE FACE OF PRINCE HALL

MOST WORSHIPFUL GRAND MASTER

JEFFERY G. JONES

MOST WORSHIPFUL UNION GRAND LODGE OF FLORIDA

Mr. Jeffery Gerard Jones, a resident of West Palm Beach, Florida, was born on April 22, 1963 in Lake Worth, Florida to the late Jerome Jake Jones and Mildred Knight-Jones. His mother, a retired educator, still resides in Royal Palm Beach, Florida. He is married to Mrs. Yolanda Jones. They have three daughters (Chena, Erika, and Lakisha), one son (Jimmie) and eight grandchildren (Cedrick, Darren Jr., Joshua, Jake, Niyema, Korin, Jimmie III, and Kayla).

Mr. Jones accepted the Lord as his personal savior at an early age. He was baptized in the presence of God by Rev. Isaiah S. Clark at Union Missionary Baptist Church in West Palm Beach. Jones and his family currently attend church in West Palm Beach.

Educated in the Palm Beach County school systems, Jones received his high school diploma in 1981 from North Shore Senior High School. Additionally, Jones furthered his education by attending Florida A & M University in Tallahassee, Florida. While in college, he joined the world renowned "Marching 100" Band. Jones subsequently graduated from the College of Engineering Science and Technology with a bachelor's degree in technology. After graduation, he returned to his hometown to begin a career in information management. Jones has been employed by Florida Power & Lights (FPL) for more than 33 years. He currently serves as a principal information technology project manager, who is responsible for overseeing the integration and deployment of network infrastructures for new construction projects within the FPL service territory.

In April 1985, Brother Jones was raised from a dead level to a living perpendicular on the square in Thomas City Lodge #226 in Wacissa, Florida by Worshipful Master Willie King. In 1988, Brother Jones moved his Masonic membership from Thomas City Lodge #226 to the Pride of Palm Beach Lodge #447 in West Palm Beach. Due to hard work and dedication, he was appointed in his new lodge as Junior Deacon by Worshipful Master Alfred J. Jones. Additionally, over time, Jones held all



positions in his lodge prior to being elected as Worshipful Master in 1995. He became a Past Master of the lodge in 1997, leaving the new Worshipful Master and his Lodge in an excellent financial position.

In 1999, Brother Jones received the honorary 33° degree in Little Rock, Arkansas (S. J. Bennett class). The degree was conferred upon him by Sovereign Grand Inspector General Edgar Bridges, who was the Sovereign Grand Commander of the United Supreme Council, Southern Jurisdiction. Additionally, Brother Jones is affiliated with or served as the leader of several other Masonic houses and community-based organizations, which include: A.T. Stafford #10 (Holy Royal Arch Masonry), Walter Johnson Jr. Council #13 (Royal and Select Masters), Ft. Pierce Commandery #69 (Knights Templar), Sam Brady Consistory #312 (Scottish Rite), Masud Temple #69 (Prince Hall Shriners), and

Valentine Chapter #12 (Order of the Eastern Star). Jones is also affiliated with the Grand Court and Grand Council of the Heroines of Jericho and Ladies of the Circle of Perfection, respectively.

Over his Masonic career, Brother Jones held several positions and chaired various committees, including, but not limited to: Worshipful Master; Most Excellent High Priest; Thrice Illustrious Master; Eminent Commander; Illustrious Potentate; Grand Master of Ceremonies, Florida Council of Deliberation; Desert of Florida Chief Rabban; Imperial Deputy of the Oasis, Masud Temple #69; Imperial Organizer, Desert of Florida; General Chairman, Gala Day 2008; Assistant District Deputy Grand Master, District #31, and; Grand Trustee, Most Worshipful Union Grand Lodge of Florida (MWUGL).

In addition to Masonic affiliations, Jones is a member of the West Palm Beach Chapter of the NAACP, the Florida Power & Light Political Action Committee, United Way Fair Share Contributors, and the Lambda Alpha Alpha Chapter of Omega Psi

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In 2009, Jones was elected and installed as Right Worshipful (RW) Junior Grand Warden of the MWUGL. In 2010, he was elected to the office of RW Senior Grand Warden and, subsequently, in 2015, as RW Deputy Grand Master. In 2018 RW Jones was consecrated a Sovereign Grand Inspector General (Active Emeritus) of the United Supreme Council. In 2020, he became a member of the Knight York Cross of Honor, as he served as the leader of all York Rite Masonic bodies.

In August 2020, having been found worthy through his continuous service to the Jurisdiction of Florida, RW Jones was elected and duly installed as the 19th Most Worshipful Grand Master of the MWUGL. Election to the pinnacle of masonry in the Great State of Florida was done in the presence of God and a lawful number of master masons, who were duly assembled at the Jurisdiction's 150th Grand Communication.

Grand Master Jones is known in Florida as a dedicated individual, who has Prince Hall Masonry deeply rooted in his heart. With the blessings of God and the Jurisdiction of Florida in mind, Most Worshipful Jeffery G. Jones plans to lead his membership into a renewed era of growth and development during his tenure.

*“Of all my inventions, I liked the phonograph best.
Life’s most soothing things are sweet music
and a child’s goodnight.”*

— Thomas A. Edison, 1847-1931