

# Voice of the Temple



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## A MESSAGE FROM THE GRAND MASTER

In the past, my Grand Master's message alluded to the idea that change has a considerable psychological impact on the human mind. To the fearful, it is threatening because it means that things may get worse. To the hopeful it is encouraging because things may get better, and to the confident, it is inspiring because the challenge exists to make things better.

I am happy to say in this last year of my administration I have seen several members step up to help in this change; those involved have been confident in their actions.

They have also encouraged new members to be proficient in their studies. New ideas have been shared and the fire has been lit as never before in recent memory. I want to let all in this jurisdiction know I am proud of what I have seen in recent months.

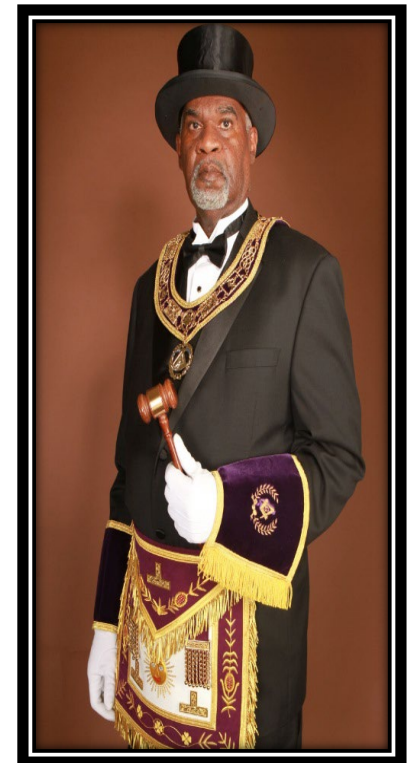
I admit, the responsibility of this office seemed gigantic almost overwhelming. I was taught that the privilege of the membership includes an important responsibility on the part of members. The officers cannot "drive the good vessel alone". Through the co-operation of officers and members, I feel we are going in a new, bright direction for Hiram Grand Lodge and Naomi Grand Chapter.

There are a few jobs, if any, in which ability alone is sufficient. There is also the need for loyalty, sincerity, compassion, enthusiasm, and cooperation. A good leader has several important characteristics: they are going somewhere with a vision; they can persuade others to go with them; they provide resources to get the job done and continue reaching higher goals.

A good leader is a person who takes a little less of the credit and a lot more of the blame. There are a lot of individuals to whom I am proud to give credit. Extensive renovation is going on throughout this building and Turners Station. We have developed a Mission Statement and are starting to make contacts to work in the surrounding community and to have our fraternal organization become more visible.

The real essence of the fraternal spirit is to be ever mindful of the welfare of others, to bring cheer and gladness into other lives. So, let us put heart and soul into every virtual hug, greet each other as Sisters and Brothers, and enjoy life's sunshine together. This Covid Pandemic may knock us back, but we are resilient.

In the words of JOHN QUINCY ADAMS, "If your actions inspire others to dream more, lean more, do more and become more, you are a leader" We are leaders of our community!



Honorable  
Ronald E. Code, 33°

Most Worshipful  
Grand Master





From the Office of:  
Vanessa J. Ajayi  
Grand Worthy Matron



Fraternal Greetings to you, my Sisters and Brothers

As we enter the third year of this COVID-19 pandemic, we continue to ponder as to when this pandemic will finally end once and for all. We have been masked up, closed out of the ability to fellowship with one another, unable to hug and greet one another as in the past, we hold on to memories of the past and wonder what the future holds for us.

Romans 5:3-4 tells us that “We also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; perseverance, character; and character hope.” I share that blessed hope to each of you as we activate our faith that the Father won’t abandon us but will continue to walk with us as we walk through this pandemic or whatever adversity we may face.

I encourage each of you to continue to follow the CDC recommendations which includes the following:

- Get your COVID-19 vaccines and booster
- Stay 6 feet apart (two arm’s length) from others
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw it away in the trash
- Do not touch your eyes, nose and mouth
- When in public, wear a mask over your nose and mouth
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces
- Stay home when sick, except to get medical care
- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds

It will take each one of us doing our part to stop the spread of this disease.

I express my condolences to all who have suffered a loss during the past year. I leave these words with you in closing penned by Susan Polis Schutz:

We all cry the same tears, tears of fright, tears of sadness, tears of loss, tears of frustration, tears of disappointment, tears of loneliness; Lands are flooded with our tears.

We need one another’s kindness, cooperation, trust and respect to survive.

# From the Grand Associate Matron Sister Sabrina M. Rose



**SISTERS FOR LIFE**

Self-care has been an increased theme over the past 2 years. We've learned that self-care isn't a luxury, it's a necessity. When He slowed us down, He gave us time to look within and to start focusing on ourselves too. As women, wives, mothers, bread winners, care givers and all other roles we fill, we tend to focus on everyone else first. Now is the time to focus on you first. Taking care of yourself in a world that thrives off capitalism can be hard because we all need to make ends meet. One thing I've learned is that you can't make ends meet if you're unfulfilled and burned out.

As life continues to change and we learn to navigate this new normal, I encourage you to take some time to put yourself first. I also challenge you to explore different avenues of self-care that work for you because one size does not fit all. Do something for yourself weekly, even if that is alone time. You can do simple things like take a walk, turn off the tv, do some breathing exercises, draw a picture, light a candle, write affirmations, read, or just sit by yourself and reflect. Whatever you decide to do for you is okay. Be kind to yourself. Be gentle with yourself. Remember, Self-care is not selfish! Your future self will thank you for it!

## Happy Women's History Month

# A WORD FROM OUR EDITOR

What is "Normal?"

Normal is defined as, conforming to a standard, usual, typical, or expected. My mind was flooded last night with many thoughts, as to what is normal. Is it how a person acts, or the way of life in our society? Is it the "What was, in comparison to what is?" I was awake all night thinking about this and more.

Thoughts on this, was reminded, we have a standard and we are expected to conform to that standard. It's found in the Great Light of God's Holy Word. As we remember, the Bible is to be the Rule and Guide, of our faith. This should be our norm in everything we do, as a Mason or a righteous man or woman. We must study and conform, to its teachings, to show ourselves approved in God's sight. And if the Lord, draws you repentance, yield to His spirit, that you may be forgiven and receive the gift of eternal life.

A movie a titled, "Life in Normal." A Christian movie. Not to give much away from the movie, a big city lady doctor was stopped by police for speeding, while passing through this small town named, Normal. She was arrested for unpaid parking tickets. She went before the judge, who was also the town's doctor, preacher, and probably wore other hats in the city, as well. He sentenced her to community service as a doctor. Her first patient asked her to pray for her before her treatment. She managed to get through a prayer. Later, the doctor attended church services, where she heard the words. "If we do our part, God will do His part." Let me repeat this, "If we do our part, God will do His part."

So what is this telling us? A familiar verse of scripture we've heard many times in our lives, says this from 2 Chronicles 7:14. "If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sins, and will heal their land. I'm sure there has been more praying going on and more prayers lifted up these past few months than ever before. I think a lot of people have been praying, seeking, and I'm sure some have found forgiveness. But, there's one thing that's been overlooked and is the hardest to do and that is, "Turn from their wicked ways." I'm sure we all have something in our lives, we need to turn from, I included."

So as this Easter Sunday passes, let us think about the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. The price He paid for our sins. Let us remember, God has already done His part, in making a Way for us. It's time we do our part. As I close, let me share some verses of scripture with you. 1 Samuel 12:23 says, "Moreover, as for me, God forbid that I should "SIN" in ceasing to pray for you, but I will teach you the good and right way." That means we should be praying for one another. Secondly, Luke 10:27 says, "And He (Jesus), answering said, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God, with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy strength, and with all thy mind, and thy neighbor as thyself." And Mark 12: 30 says the same thing but includes, "This is the first commandment."

Lastly, remember these three words, Faith, Hope, and Charity or LOVE. The greatest of these is, "LOVE." This is the "NORM", we should be conforming too.

Message from Editor

# A WORD FROM *the* VOTT

## Hope in Freemasonry

The second round in the theological and Masonic ladder, and symbolic of a hope in immortality. It is appropriately placed there, for, having attained the first, or faith in God, we are led by a belief in His wisdom and goodness to the hope of immortality. This is but a reasonable expectation; without it, virtue would lose its necessary stimulus and vice its salutary fear; life would be devoid of joy, and the grave but a scene of desolation. The ancients represented Hope by a nymph or maiden holding in her hand a bouquet of opening flowers, indicative of the coming fruit; but in modern and Masonic iconology, the science of Craft illustrations and likenesses, it is represented by a virgin leaning on an anchor, the anchor itself being a symbol of hope.

## Faith in Freemasonry

In the theological ladder, the explanation of which forms a part of the instruction of the First Degree of Masonry, faith is said to typify the lowest round. Faith, here, is synonymous with confidence or trust, and hence we find merely a repetition of the lesson which had been previously taught that the first, the essential qualification of a candidate for initiation, is that he should trust in God.

In the lecture of the same Degree, it is said that "Faith may be lost in sight; Hope ends in fruition; but Charity extends beyond the grave, through the boundless realms of eternity And this is said, because as faith is "the evidence of things not seen," when we see we no longer believe by faith but through demonstration; and as hope lives only in the expectation of possession, it ceases to exist when the object once hoped for is at length enjoyed, but charity, exercised on earth in acts of mutual kindness and forbearance, is still found in the world to come, in the sublime form of mercy from God to his erring creatures.

## Charity in Freemasonry

The apostle in comparing it with faith and hope calls it the greatest of the three, and hence in Masonry, it is made the topmost round of its mystic ladder. We must not fall into the too common error that charity is only that sentiment of commiseration which leads us to assist the poor with pecuniary donations. Its Masonic, as well as its Christian application, is nobler and more extensive. Love a word denoting that kindly state of mind which renders a person full of goodwill and affectionate regard toward others. John Wesley expressed his regret that the Greek had not been correctly translated as love instead of charity, so that the apostolic triad of virtues would have been, not "faith, hope, and charity," but "Faith, Hope and Love." Then would we have understood the comparison made by St. Paul, when he said,

"Though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and though I give my body to be burned, and have not love, it profited me nothing."

Guided by this sentiment, the true Mason will "suffer long and be kind." He will be slow to anger and easy to forgive. He will stay his falling brother by gentle admonition and warn him with kindness of approaching danger. He will not open his ear to his slanderers and will close his lips against all reproach. His faults and his follies will be locked in his breast, and the prayer for mercy will ascend to Jehovah for his brother's sins. Nor will these sentiments of benevolence be confined to those who are bound to him by ties of kindred or worldly friendship alone, but, extending them throughout the globe, he will love and cherish all who sit beneath the broad canopy of our universal Lodge. For it is the boast of our Institution, that a Mason, destitute and worthy, may find in every clime a brother, and in every land a home.

## THE PAST AND PRESENT

### City History

#### Lose Yourself in a Masterpiece

Baltimore is home to three outstanding art museums: the Baltimore Museum of Art, the Walters Art Museum, and the American Visionary Art Museum. [The Walters](#), housed in three buildings along Mount Vernon Place, is noted for its collections of ancient artifacts, medieval armor, and Asian art. The [Baltimore Museum of Art](#), Maryland's largest art museum, is best known for the Cone Sisters' important collection of early 20th-century artwork. It also contains collections of American decorative arts, including 18th-century furniture from Baltimore, and African, American, and Oceanic native artwork. The [American Visionary Art Museum](#) is just steps from the Inner Harbor and focuses on the works of intuitive, untrained artists, both local and international.

#### Transport Yourself... Literally!

Take a sentimental journey to the golden age of railroading at the [B&O Railroad Museum](#). With one of the world's oldest and most comprehensive collections of railroad history, visitors can see, touch, hear and explore the magic of the rails. Visitors can see how Baltimoreans used to get around at the [Baltimore Streetcar Museum](#). Open on weekends, the museum operates several streetcars and is dedicated to preserving Baltimore's public transportation history. Those desiring a more fluid experience can explore the [Historic Ships in Baltimore](#), a collection of significant vessels spanning centuries of seafaring. Climb aboard the USS *Constellation*, the U.S. Navy's last sail-powered vessel. Dive into history on the USS *Torsk* (a World War II-era submarine), the U.S. Coast Guard Cutter *Taney*, and the lightship *Chesapeake*.

#### Live It Up (Historically)

The city has several fascinating house museums that show how Baltimoreans lived in previous generations. The [Mount Clare Museum House](#) is a grand mansion built in 1760 and once the center of a bustling 800-acre farm and industrial complex. There are no horrors, just fascinating history, at the [Edgar Allan Poe House and Museum](#). Poe lived in the house from 1833 to 1835 with his aunt, grandmother and two cousins. Not far from the Poe House is the [Irish Railroad Workers Museum](#), a series of modest alley houses where workers from the B&O Railroad lived. The humble rowhouse where Babe Ruth was born is [now a museum](#) dedicated to the Sultan of Swat and baseball in Baltimore.

#### Immerse Yourself in African American Culture

The [Reginald F. Lewis Museum of African American History and Culture](#), which opened in 2005, features permanent and special exhibitions on the traditions, culture, and experiences of African Americans in Maryland and Baltimore. The [National Great Blacks in Wax Museum](#) is the nation's only wax museum dedicated to African Americans. Exhibits with life-size and life-like wax figures explore the immense diversity of the African American experience, from the horrors of captivity to the fight for liberty and civil rights.

**Great difficulties may be surmounted by patience and perseverance.**

Abigail Adams



## 3rd QUARTER GRAND LODGE SESSION

**MOST WORSHIPFUL HIRAM GRAND LODGE, A.F. & A.M.  
Incorporated**

*Third Quarterly Communication of the above name Grand Lodge  
A.F. & A.M. Inc.,  
Jurisdiction State of Maryland.*

*All representatives are hereby instructed to be present at this Quarterly  
Communication on*

*Saturday March 26, 2022*

*2:00 p.m. in full Masonic Dress*

*1205 Eutaw Pl*

*Baltimore, MD 21217*

**For the safety of all, face masks will be worn**



Naomi Grand Chapter  
Order of the Eastern Star  
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*Grand Worthy Matron, Sister Vanessa J. Ajayi*

*3rd Quarterly Grand Session*

***Wednesday, March 30, 2022***

*7pm in full O.E.S. regalia*

*1205 Eutaw Pl*

*Baltimore, MD 21217*

***Committees reports due this session will be***

*Trustees*

*Financial Committee*

*School of Instruction*

*Sisters of Grace*

**Everyone is required to wear a mask that covers their nose and mouth**





# To Your Health

Vanessa J. Ajayi

According to the Center for Disease Control and Prevention, over 40% of Americans have delayed or avoided medical care because of concerns related to Covid-19. Others have avoided having their regular check-ups because of financial issues such as loss of employment and health insurance.

*Listed below are 6 reasons to schedule an appointment to see your Doctor:*

1. You are experiencing an emergency like shortness of breath, chest pain, dizziness, confusion, a head injury, difficulty speaking or uncontrolled bleeding.
2. You are due for a cancer screening such as mammograms or colonoscopies- especially if there is a family history of cancer.
3. It is time for your vaccines; keep children up to date with their vaccines. Older adults should stay up to date on their flu, pneumonia, and shingles vaccines.
4. You have a chronic condition such as heart disease or diabetes
5. You are in constant pain.
6. You are afraid to go into the physician office. Most physicians offer telemedicine visits that can help address your concerns and a decision can be made if your condition is serious enough to require an in-person appointment.

**YOUR  
HEALTH  
MATTERS!**



# SPIRITUAL CORNER



## A Letter for You

### The Best Things in Life

**READ:** [Proverbs 23:1-18](#)

*Do not overwork to be rich. —Proverbs 23:4*

An old adage says, “The best things in life are free.” There’s a lot of truth in that. Some people, however, believe that the best things in life are expensive or perhaps elusive. Recently I saw a sign that made me smile and think. It said, “The best things in life are not things.” What a great way to say it! The value of family, friends, and faith points us to the realization that what matters most in life is all wrapped up in people and the Lord.

Solomon was well qualified to speak about material things because he “surpassed all the kings of the earth in riches and wisdom” (1 Kings 10:23). His advice? “Do not overwork to be rich; because of your own understanding, cease! Will you set your eyes on that which is not? For riches certainly make themselves wings; they fly away like an eagle toward heaven” (Prov. 23:4-5). His recommended course of action was, “Apply your heart to instruction, and your ears to words of knowledge. . . . For surely there is a hereafter, and your hope will not be cut off” (vv.12,18).

The best things in life are the eternal riches that come from God’s goodness and grace in Jesus Christ. We do not hold them in our hands, but in our hearts. —David McCasland

The treasures of earth are not mine,  
I hold not its silver and gold;  
But a treasure far greater is mine;  
I have riches of value untold. —Hartzler

**Our greatest riches are the riches we have in Christ. *Jesus***

**Submitted by PGM Eugenia B. Starghill**



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TO: Family and Friends  
FROM: Students of the Order of the Eastern Star School of Instruction  
SUBJECT: Class of 2021- 2022 Souvenir Journal

The Order of the Eastern Star School of Instruction is proud to announce that we will publish a Journal for the class of 2021-2022. The School has the distinct pleasure of having on its roll women from all walks of life and we feel that they should be remembered along with the School history. The Journal will serve the purpose of retaining events that are dear to us through words and pictures.

We are striving to bring forth a Journal that will not only reflect life in our professions, but also life in our communities, because the two blends to make the total individual.

We urgently solicit your support in making the Journal a true work of art that reflects the 2021-2022 graduates, and those preceding them. We are encouraging and building the School of Instruction to achieve a higher standard.

For your convenience, a contract is attached to identify the cost and breakdown of the types of advertisements available. Please review and return no later than **Saturday, April 30, 2022**. We look forward to compiling the Journal early in the School year to ensure accuracy and for review. If you wish to place an ad please include all information desired for advertisement.

Our Grand Lecturer is requesting that you take part in our efforts to be represented in the 2021-2022 Journal, ads can also be emailed to [OESSOI2022@gmail.com](mailto:OESSOI2022@gmail.com).

The Class of 2021-2022 thanks you in advance.

Contact Sister Sabrina Rose to place an ad in the journal: (240) 346-4754 / [risingstar2baltmd@yahoo.com](mailto:risingstar2baltmd@yahoo.com)

## From the Desk of the Grand Chaplain

Sister Reba Fitchett

Greetings Hiram Grand Lodge and Naomi Grand Chapter!

The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The lord is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid? One thing have I desired of the Lord, that will I seek after; that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the Lord, and to enquire in his temple. Psalm 27 1 and 4

We have come to the New Year of 2022 and have moved through cycles of Corona virus and praying for it to come to a reasonable slowness. We have moved through snowstorms, icy conditions, blowing winds and chilly temperatures with changing of seasons.

Despite environmental conditions, we as a Brotherhood and Sisterhood, are coming together to acquire knowledge and truth, stirring up our spiritual gifts and praying in faith.

This year 2022, let us as Brothers of the Craft and Sisters of the Order, reflect for this period, as Esther. She symbolized humility, high standards and modesty. During our encounters with each other let our light shine brightly throughout the cities, counties and states with our lamps trimmed in the love of Jesus Christ.

Let us continue to pray for our sick, shut-in, and bereaved Sisters and Brothers.

### The Jewel Within

When your spirit is restless, and your eyes fail to see that God in His glory  
can transform you to be, to be robed in the riches that money can't buy  
and clothe you in wisdom like a jewel in disguise. He can make your heart merry  
amidst the despair like gold flakes descending from out of nowhere.

He will help you to polish your faith so to shine, revealing the beauty  
of His love most divine. So, the next time you're troubled and lost in despair,  
just look deep in your soul and you'll find God is there.

Chris Zambarnard



## Protocol Guidelines for Master Masons and Eastern Stars

If a Brother or Sister has a problem with another Brother or Sister in the Lodge or Chapter the steps that should be taken to remedy the situation are:

### **For Brothers:**

Go to the Worshipful Master of the Lodge, if he cannot give a satisfactory answer,

Go to the Deputy Grand Master, if the issue is not satisfied,

The Deputy Grand Master will take the issue to the Most Worshipful Grand Master; and

The Most Worshipful Grand Master will make the final decision.

### **For Sisters:**

The member should discuss her concern with the **Worhty Matron**. If the issue is not resolved to the member's satisfaction, she should:

Request a meeting with the **Worthy Patron** of her chapter. If the issue is not resolved to the member's satisfaction, she should:

Request a meeting with the **Grand Worthy Matron**. If the issue is not resolved to the member's satisfaction, she should:

Request a meeting with the **Right Worthy Grand Patron**. If the issue is not resolved to the member's satisfaction, she should:

Request a meeting with the **Deputy Grand Master**, if the issue is not resolved to the member's satisfaction, she should :

Request a meeting with the **Grand Master**

When the meeting is scheduled, the Member, the Most Worshipful Grand Master and any one else as directed by the Grand Master will attend

The final decision will be made by the Most Worshipful Grand Master and the issue will be considered resolved.



Don't get upset if things seem to go wrong. When faith is tested patience has a chance to grow  
James 1:2

### THE WAY TO GET THINGS DONE

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|----------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. PLAN YOUR DAY           | 6. AVOID CLUTTER         |
| 2. MAKE A TO DO LIST       | 7. GUARD YOUR TIME       |
| 3. USE YOUR CALENDAR       | 8. DON'T BE A WORKAHOLIC |
| 4. DON'T PROCRASTINATE     | 9. SAY NO AND MEAN IT    |
| 5. ASK FOR HELP – DELEGATE | 10. PROTECT YOUR HEALTH  |

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The happiest people don't have the best of everything; they make the best of everything.

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### Without God

Our weeks would be:

Sunday, Mournday, Tearsday, Wasteday, Thirstday, Fightday and Shatterday

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### A few things to think about

- Life isn't fair, but it's still good.
- When in doubt, just take the next small step.
- Your job won't take care of you when you are sick. Your friends and family will.
- When it comes to chocolate, resistance is futile.
- Make peace with your past so it won't screw up the present.

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Life is only this place, this time and these people right here and now.

*Faith it until you make it*

Bro. Henry Clements  
Annual All White Cabaret

Hosted By The Brother 20

June 18, 2022 at 8:30pm

5440 Old Tucker Row  
Columbia, MD 21044

Cost: \$25.00

Food Will Be Provided (BYOB)

Contact for Tickets

Bro. Arthur Akhi-Gbade - (202) 607-8751  
Bro. Byegah Herring - (202) 360-8713  
Bro. Joel Williamson - (443) 810-3758  
Bro. Irvine Elder - (240) 475-2329

*Paris by A 7 Apparel, ICC  
6740 C Reisterstown Road (Inside Reisterstown Road)  
Baltimore, Maryland 21215*

*Owners: Jeff Hanner, Marilyn Geter*

*They sell a variety of apparel in addition to uniforms and suits*





# *The Vanessa Ajayi Annual Safety Award*

The UMMC-Midtown Patient Safety Program is an ongoing program to proactively identify and mitigate risks to patient safety and reduce medical errors. The goal of the organization is to become a High Reliability Organization (HRO) and to achieve zero preventable patient harm. As a learning organization, MMC-Midtown is moving along the path to becoming an HRO by encouraging collective mindfulness, situational awareness, and promoting a non-punitive approach to reporting events. In addition, UMMC-Midtown is fostering the HRO reinforcing cycle of trust in leadership, a strong safety culture, and robust process improvement.

To reach the overarching goal of Zero Harm, we must continue to work towards establishing a Culture of Safety.

This includes:

- Acknowledgment of the high-risk nature of an organization's activities and the determination to achieve consistently safe operations
- Creating a blame-free environment where individuals are able to report errors or near misses without fear of reprimand or punishment
- Encouraging collaboration across ranks and disciplines to seek solutions to patient safety problems
- Commitment of organizational resources to address safety concerns

The Vanessa Ajayi Annual Safety Award recognizes individuals or groups who work towards zero harm) and embody a culture of safety.

Criteria:

The award presented annually to staff members or a department, whose actions clearly affect patient safety, embody a culture of safety and demonstrate Vanessa Ajayi's passion and commitment to patient safety in caring for patients.

Frequency:

Annually, presented during Patient Safety Awareness Week (typically in March) Time Period:

**Winners chosen from the previous calendar year Eligibility:**

- All Great Catches from UMMSafe
- Any "Speaking up for Safety" stories
- Nominations (for staff not covered by above options)

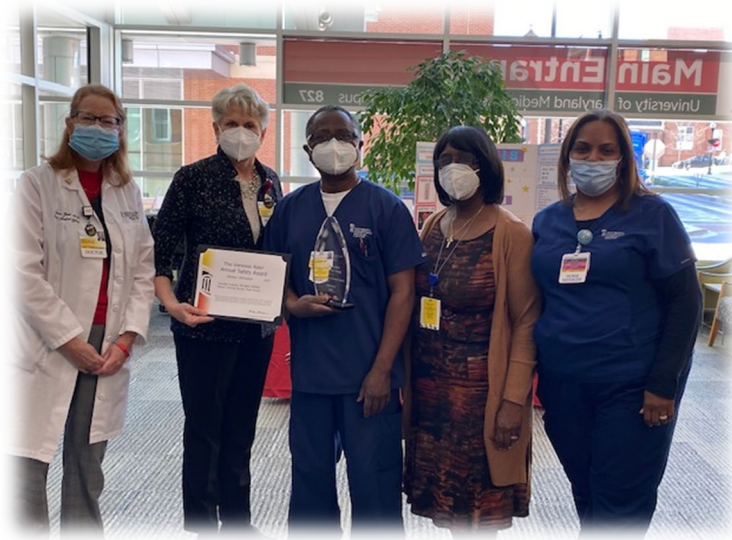
**Time Frame:**

- December/January: call for nominations based on criteria set above
- January: all submissions reviewed by the weekly UMMSafe committee (CMO, DONs, Dir of Quality/Safety/PI, Dir of Regulatory, Risk mgr., PSO, PSC); 5 are chosen (all nominations are forwarded if less than 5 submissions)
- February: The five nominees sent to executive leadership, Directors and Vanessa Ajayi.

Nominee with the most votes wins.

March: certificate, plaque, safety pin presented during Patient Safety Week.

Winner posted on the Insider, announced at Leadership meeting, and placed on Quality page on Intranet.



John V. Thornton  
41<sup>st</sup> Annual Mid-Winter Conference  
Bridging the Gap XI



March 16-20, 2022  
Atlanta, Georgia

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**Special Prayers for Our Sick and Bereaved Members**

**"God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble"**

*Psalm 46:1*



**Special Prayers for our Sick and Shut in**

<i>Brother Hilmon Rowuls, Lodge #32</i>	<i>Sister Tonia Rowlette, Chapter #21</i>
<i>Brother Freddie Williams, Lodge #1</i>	<i>Sister Carol Cobb, Chapter #2</i>
<i>Brother Robert Jackson, Lodge #11</i>	<i>Sister Mary Giles, Chapter # 6</i>
<i>Brother S. Arthur Gilliam, Lodge# 20</i>	<i>Sister Christina Young, Chapter #2</i>
<i>Sister Paulette Roberson, Chapter #22</i>	<i>Sister Edna Jones, Chapter #2</i>
<i>Sister Darlene English, Chapter # 21</i>	<i>Sister Julia Summerville, Chapter #22</i>

*Brother Linwood Perkins, Lodge #15*

*Heartfelt sympathy and prayers for the family and friends of our departed Brothers and Sisters*

*Brother Joe Stokes, New Bethlehem #11*

*Brother John Cooper, King Solomon #3*

*Brother Cyrus Lawrence, Benjamin F. Chisolm # 20*

*Brother Melvin Green, Omega #17*

*Brother Lorenzo Bates Omega #17*

*Brother Jessie Boyd, P.T.P. Enoch Lodge of Perfection*

**Special Prayers for:**

*Brother James Wesley for the loss of his wife*

*Brother Matthew Wesley for the loss of his mother*

*Sister Elizabeth Jones for the loss of her brother*

*Brother Terry Tuck for the loss of his sister*

*Sister Nechelle Curry-Tuck for the loss of her sister-in-law*

*Sister Fecelia Akhi-Gbade for the loss of her father*

*Brother Authur Akhi-Gbade for the loss of his father-in-law*

*Sister Marlo Tuck for the loss of her brother*

*Sister L. Denise McCoy for the loss of her sister-in-law*

***"The Lord is a strong hold...in times of trouble. And those who know your name put their trust in you,  
for you O Lord, have not forsaken those who seek you."***

*Psalm 9:9-1*



# Bro. Cyrus Diggs Lawrence

Sunrise: November 7th, 1970

Sunset: January 7th, 2022

“Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God; believe in Me as well. In My Father’s house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and welcome you into My presence, so that you also may be where I am. You know the way to the place where I am going”

John 14:1-4

# Happy Birthday



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Herbert Jenkins	3 <sup>rd</sup>
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Brenda Wright	26 <sup>th</sup>
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Melreta Herring	1 <sup>st</sup>
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Dorothy Patterson	6 <sup>th</sup>
Alvin Truesdale	6 <sup>th</sup>
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Mary Giles	13 <sup>th</sup>
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Tyrell Jackson	16 <sup>th</sup>
Anthony Lloyd	18 <sup>th</sup>
John Pryor Sr.	21 <sup>st</sup>
Gregory Miller	25 <sup>th</sup>

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Myra Bates-Otgonjargal	1 <sup>st</sup>
Agnes Hebron	6 <sup>th</sup>
Paulette Roberson	7 <sup>th</sup>
Charles Jefferson	8 <sup>th</sup>
Teresa McKinney	14 <sup>th</sup>
Tony Russell	19 <sup>th</sup>
Sammie Harvin	19 <sup>th</sup>
Vincent Pinder	19 <sup>th</sup>
Dion Watts	26 <sup>th</sup>
Tenneh Johnson-Kemah	26 <sup>th</sup>
Eeron Holder	26 <sup>th</sup>
Marqeeet Jackson	26 <sup>th</sup>
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