



*The Most Excellent Prince Hall Grand  
Chapter of Holy Royal Arch Masons of the  
State of Texas and Jurisdiction*



***Shiloh Chapter No.16  
2022  
Year In Review Of  
Grand Chapter Initiatives  
And  
Community Service***



# C.H.R.I.S.T.

## EHP Kenneth G. Carnes

First, and foremost, peace be upon the “Great I Am”, our Companions and our families.

The 2022 Capitular Year experienced many achievements, highlights, successes, and accomplishments. However, the aftermath of the COVID-19 pandemic continuously posed our Chapter and loved ones with numerous challenges. It resulted in social, economic, and politically driven changes in our world. Through divine prayer, guidance, and faith, we remained steadfast, adaptable, and cognizant of our surroundings and our limitations as “men” and respected “leaders.” With respect and assistance from both predecessors and mentors, we continued to press forward and conscientiously embraced innovative ideas, opinions, feedback, constructive criticism, involvement, guidance, and honesty. Through all the challenges posed, the Companions of Shiloh RAC No. 16 continued to execute its agenda and supported Royal Arch Masonry in support of the MEPHGC’s mandated initiatives, both locally and regionally.

It is also a privilege to serve amongst all Companions who have served and those who are continuing to serve, both near and afar. With this Chapter’s support, guidance, positive assurance, and working collectively to achieve our purposes, OUR energies will bountifully produce future endeavors for years to come. As Excellent High Priest, I am immensely proud to acknowledge the leadership and membership of Shiloh RAC No. 16 for ensuring that our decisions were properly voiced for the benefit of each Companion within our membership by the following principles:

- 1) Keep God, first, as always.
- 2) Positively engage and sustain our membership
- 3) Inspire training, mentorship, and leadership opportunities with our Past High Priests
- 4) Invigorate our passion (s) as Holy Royal Arch Masons and York Rite bodies.
- 5) Provide a basis of support for one another and our families, FIRST!
- 6) Proactively assist our sick and shut in and their widows and orphans.
- 7) Promote student aid assistance and educational opportunities to our youth and their families.
- 8) Positively invest, listen, and learn from others through team building approach.
- 9) Continue to acknowledge our accomplishments, collectively, as a *whole!*
- 10) Continue to be historically *consistent*, methodically *persistent*, and categorically *gifted* in everything we do.

Through Consistency, Harmony, Responsibility, Integrity, Support, and Trust., Shiloh RAC No. 16 will continue to flourish and accomplish great opportunities in the years to come.

*Kenneth G. Carnes*

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Excellent High Priest  
Shiloh RAC No. 16



# SHILOH CHAPTER #16 HRAM 2022 ELECTIONS



Shiloh Royal Arch Chapter #16  
San Antonio, Texas

*Seated left to right: PGHP Anthony L. Davis; Treasurer Trancle Byrd; King Victor Rodrigue; EHP Kenneth G. Carnes; DDGHP Kenneth Lightfoot; Secretary Sidney Thompson and PGHP Ben Burluson.*



*2021 Companion of the Year Trancle Byrd*



*2021 PHP Legacy Award PGHP Anthony L. Davis*

### **On Friday, November 19<sup>th</sup>, 2021:**

DDGHP Kenneth Lightfoot conducted the elections of Shiloh Chapter No. 16 HRAM in the city of San Antonio, TX. The following Officers were duly elected and installed at that time by DDGHP Lightfoot. EHP Kenneth G. Carnes; King Victor Rodrigue; Scribe Kevin Mathews; PSJ Andre Gholson; Treasure Trancle Byrd; Secretary Sidney Thompson and Sentinel Vernon Nauls.

After the completion of the elections newly installed EHP Carnes made several End of the Year Awards. 2021 Companion of the Year recipient was Companion Trancle Byrd and the 2021 Past High Priest Legacy Award was presented to PGHP Anthony L. Davis.

EHP Carnes thanked the members of Shiloh Chapter No.16 for their untiring support of the Grand Chapter Annual Initiatives as well as Shiloh's own Trestle board Initiatives. He reminded the members about our obligation to provide worthy community service throughout the year.

# SHILOH CHAPTER #16 HRAM Zerubbabel Day



*The members of Shiloh Chapter No.16; Roosevelt Tennessee UD and Rebecca Court No.2 HOJ takes time for a photo with Pastor Les Bramlett of Cleft of the Rock Church.*



*Companions and Heroines seated in preparation for today's Worship Service.*



*EHP Kenneth Carnes; MAM Monica Cooper and King Darrin Prude present donation to Pastor Les Bramlett*

## **On Sunday, April 24<sup>th</sup>, 2022:**

Shiloh Chapter No.16, Roosevelt Tennessee UD and Rebecca Court No.2 HOJ accepted an invitation to fellowship with Cleft of the Rock Church. Pastor Les Bramlett and the entire congregation well received the members. The sermon of the day was "Giving back to your communities while serving God".

After the morning worship service EHP Kenneth G. Carnes of Shiloh Chapter No.16 HRAM; King Darrin Prude of Roosevelt Tennessee UD HRAM and MAM Monica Cooper Rebecca Court No.2 HOJ were able to bring greeting from their perspective organizations. Each head of houses also made indivial donations to Cleft of the Rock Church Building Program.

Pastor Bramlett acknowledged receipts of these blessings toward the Church Building Fund Program and cordially invited all to fellowship any time soon. The church visit was coordinated by Secretary HPHP Sidney Thompson who is a member of Cleft of the Rock Church.

# SHILOH CHAPTER #16 HRAM SPOTLIGHT

*Dr. Ron Kelly*



**NORTH EAST**  
INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT  
Discover NEISD

**Presentation of Superintendent's Award**

## **Companion Dr. Ron Kelley – April 27, 2022:**

Companion Dr. Ron Kelley was recently awarded the Superintendent's Award from the North East Independent School District in San Antonio, Texas. This high honor was awarded to Dr. Kelley for the tremendous success of his youth mentoring program within the school district. He currently serves as CEO of the National Mentoring Foundation, a highly-acclaimed national corporation which sponsors dynamic mentoring programs in school districts nationwide. His company specializes in mentoring at-risk African-American males at schools and HBCU's at hundreds of schools. He is the former principal of two high-performing schools and is a certified school superintendent. He previously served as CEO of the National Training and Education Group (NTEG), a highly-successful national education company that provides training for schools. He also served as the National Chair of the Boulé Scholars Program, one of the nation's top scholarship and mentoring programs for African-American males. Before serving in the education field, Dr. Kelley was one of the youngest music industry executives, having served as a record label executive for numerous platinum artists and as a member of the Recording Academy which selects the Grammy Awards.

He received his Ph.D. from Texas A&M University, his Master's Degree from Texas State University, and his Bachelor's Degree from the University of Texas at Austin. He was inducted into the Educators Hall of Fame in 2018. Fraternally, he is a member of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc., Sigma Pi Phi Fraternity (The Boulé), served as Grand Master of Texas for the Odd Fellows, Past Grand Chancellor-Knights of Pythias, and is a Past State President in the Elks. He became a member of Shiloh Chapter No. 16 in 2001 and has served as Lecturer. He is a Past Master of Noble Star Lodge No. 277 where he was awarded "Worshipful Master of the Year" and "Lodge of the Year" during his term. He is also a Grand Inspector General and Past Commander-in-Chief of Lone Star Consistory No. 113 where he was awarded "Consistory of the Year" during his term of leadership of the Consistory.

## SHILOH CHAPTER #16 HRAM SOUTH REGIONAL TOWN HALL



*MEGHP Michael Berry, Jr.; REGSA Carlo Davis; REGS Victor Wiggins; RDDGHP Kenneth Carnes and members of Shiloh Chapter No. 16; Harry Carson Chapter No.141 and Roosevelt Tennessee UD.*



*REGSA C. Davis; CH. M. Stuart; MEGHP M. Berry and EHP K. Carnes engaged in discussion.*



*The Companion's was relaxed and attentive to the instructions being provided by REGSA C. Davis*

### **On Saturday, June 13<sup>th</sup>, 2022:**

South Region consisting of Shiloh Chapter No.16, Harry Carson Chapter No.141 and Roosevelt Tennessee UD held it's Annual Town Hall meeting with MEGHP Michael Berry and members of his Grand Staff.

The Workshop was called to order at 10:00 am by RDGHP Kenneth G. Carnes.2. The Opening Prayer was given by Right Excellent Grand Secretary Victor Wiggins Jr. of MEGHGC, HRAM of Texas. Regional Deputy Grand High Priest Kenneth G. Carnes gave the Welcome. Roll Call was conducted by Right Excellent Grand Secretary Victor Wiggins Jr. MEGHP Michael Berry, Sr. made opening comments and provided an overview of the direction in which the Grand Chapter is striving towards. Right Excellent Grand Special Assistant Carlo Davis explained the importance of the Mental Health Initiative, The RAM Strong Program and asks all companions to support. The goals are to inform the membership about mental health by developing a more in-depth and meaningful understanding of mental health and wellness.

Final Remarks were given by MEGHP Berry, Sr. who said the topic of leadership is near and dear to his heart. This Grand Body of Companions is comprised of leaders, and We Must Lead. He thanked RDGHP Carnes for setting up the town hall event and thanked everyone in attendance. He said it was an excellent event and fully enjoyed the visit.

**SHILOH CHAPTER #16 HRAM  
STUDENT AID AWARD**



*Standing left to right: Treasurer T. Byrd; EHP K. Carnes; Comp. G. Shell; Student Recipient Gavin Clark; Scribe Kevin Mathews; (Father) Garfield Clark; King Victor Rodrigue and Secretary HPHP S. Thompson*



*EHP Kenneth Carnes along with King Victor Rodrigue Presents Shiloh Chapter No. 16 Student Aid Award.*



*EHP Kenneth Carnes along with King Victor Rodrigue presents MEPHGCOTX Student Aid Award.*

**On Friday, August 19<sup>th</sup>, 2022:**

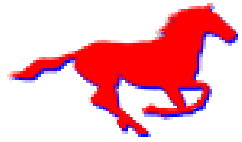
Congratulations to both Shiloh RAC No. 16 and this year's Student Aid Scholarship Award recipient, Mr. Gavin Clark. He was recognized and awarded \$1,000.00 locally and \$1,000.00 regionally through the Most Excellent Prince Hall Grand Chapter level for his exemplary academic performance.

Gavin is currently enrolled and will be attending Texas State University, San Marcos, TX to pursue an academic degree program majoring in Computer Science.

Special thanks to both the MEPHGC and Shiloh RAC No.16 Student Aid Committees and the student winners who were recognized for their academic performance, time, and efforts throughout the past four years.



# SHILOH CHAPTER #16 HRAM 19<sup>th</sup> District York Rite School Supply Drive



*19th District York Rite Bodies consisting of Shiloh Chapter No.16 HRAM; William H. Craig Council No.4 RSM and Alamo Commandry No. 7 KT present School supplies to the staff of Montgomery Elementary School.*



*TIM Jackson; Generalissimo Harrell; Family Specialist, Ed. D G. Zavala; EHP Carnes and Asst. Principal Click*



*Members of 19th District York Rite Bodies unload several boxes and bags of school supplies for drop-off.*

### **On Wednesday, August 24<sup>th</sup>, 2022:**

Members comprised of Shiloh RAC #16, Holy Royal Arch Masons, P.H.A., William H. Craig Council #4, Royal and Select Masters. P.H.A., and Alamo Commandery #7 Knights Templar, P.H.A., jointly combined efforts to support the 19th Masonic District York Rite School Supply Donation Drive at Montgomery Elementary School, San Antonio, Texas. Supplies such as composition books, pencils, disinfectant wipes, and other supplies estimated in value of \$600.00 was donated servicing over 500 students from Pre-K to 5th grade.

Special thanks to the Montgomery Elementary School staff and its students for their hospitality, including its leaders from the 19<sup>th</sup> York Rite appendant and concordant bodies for their time, support, and donations.



SHILOH CHAPTER #16 HRAM  
19<sup>th</sup> District Prince Hall Americanism Observance



*Pastor Michael S. Brown along with First Lady Joy Denise Cyrus Brown shared a moment to take a group photo with DDGM William Paige and the entire Prince Hall Masonic Family after an aspiring service.*



*Standing left to right: EHP Kenneth G. Carnes; TIM Derrick Jackson and Captain General Trancle Byrd.*



*The Prince Hall Masonic Family of 19th District prepare for Sunday Devotion and Worship Service.*

**On Sunday, September 11<sup>th</sup>, 2022:**

District Deputy Grand Master William Paige, District Deputies, Worshipful Masters from respective lodges and leaders from York Rite appendant and concordant bodies represented the 19<sup>th</sup> Masonic District and joined together in observance of Prince Hall Americanism, at True Vision Church, San Antonio, TX.

Prince Hall Americanism Day is celebrated as close to the 12<sup>th</sup> day of September of every year. As Prince Hall Masons, it serves as time of renewal of his faith in God, Country, and Fraternity, refocus on life, and our relationships with our neighbor.

Special thanks to the Pastor Michael S. Brown, his clergy, and staff for extending the invitation and kindness shown in celebrating together.



## SHILOH CHAPTER #16 HRAM

### Presentation of Exaltation Certificates

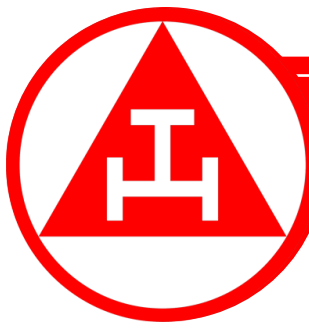


*Standing left to right: Companion Michael Green; EHP Kenneth G. Carnes and Scribe Kevin Mathews are presented with their Exaltation Certificates by EHP Carnes.*

#### **On Friday, September 16<sup>th</sup>, 2022:**

At its regular scheduled meeting Excellent High Priest Ken Carnes of Shiloh Chapter No. 16 presented Certificates of Exaltation to Companion King Kevin Mathews and Companion Michael Greenwood. We congratulate you on being exalted into Royal Arch Masonry, at once the foundation and keystone of the whole Masonic structure. A perfect understanding of the secrets and mysteries of the Royal Arch can only be gained by passing through the three Principals' Chairs, and we look forward to the day when you will occupy those high offices and complete your knowledge of this Order.





## SHILOH CHAPTER #16 HRAM Carver Community Library Book Drive



*Members of Shiloh Chapter No.16 led by EHP Kenneth G. Carnes along with the staff of the Carver Community Library lead by Dr. DL Grant took a moment to share the blessing of receiving many book*



*Dr. DL Grant and EHP Kenneth G. Carnes displays one of Companion Dr. Ron Kelley's earlier written book.*



*Left to right: PGHP Davis; King Rodrigue; EHP Carnes; CH Shell; PGHP Burluson; HPHP Thompson*

### **On Friday, September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2022:**

In keeping with the Grand Chapter initiatives Shiloh Chapter No.16 delivered it's Annual donation of a variety of educational books to the Carver Community Library. We had the pleasure of being received by Branch Manager Dr. DL Grant.

As manager of the Carver Branch Library, Dr. DL Grant Jr. is surrounded by his favorite things -- books. But there are other perks. Working in the branch has afforded him the opportunity to meet many different people in the community and discover the kinds of services and programs they wish to see in their library. Another aspect is facilitating networking opportunities and establishing partnerships that make the library stronger, more visible and viable. He is actively involved in issues related to the Library and Information Science profession. He formerly served on the executive board of the Black Caucus of the American Library Association, and was a two-term chair of the Black Caucus Roundtable of the Texas Library Association. Before joining the library profession, he studied journalism at Texas State University, and spent a decade working for the San Antonio Express-News. He went on to attend the School of Information Studies at Dominican University in River Forest, Illinois, where he received the doctor of philosophy researching African American heritage and cultural preservation. He is a native of San Antonio and enjoys watching Saturday afternoon college football on TV.

# *Traveling through 2022 to get to 2023*

