

Past State President Elmer Moore

Brother Elmer E. Moore was born in Baltimore, MD on September 19, 1925.

He graduated from Bates High School in Annapolis, MD in 1943. He entered the U.S.

Army in 1944 and received his first honorable discharge in June 1946. After being

discharged, he joined the Army Air Corp reserves for the extra money and attended

sessions one weekend a month. As a result, in 1951, while working in the Baltimore Post

Office, he was recalled to active duty and sent to Korea as an aerial photographer. A job

for which he had been trained during World War two but never performed in action.

Brother Moore joined East Baltimore Lodge # 1043 in November 1949, however, while

stationed in Texas, he demitted and joined Mission Lodge 499 until 1971 when he

demitted again and rejoined East Baltimore Lodge. Brother Moore has served as

Secretary and Exalted Ruler of East Baltimore Lodge several times. He also served

as Trustee, First Vice President and President of the Tri-State Association of Maryland,

Delaware, and the District of Columbia. Brother Moore had the good fortune to be

President when the Tri-State raised \$ 30,000. A donation of \$10,000 each to the

University of Maryland Eastern Shore, Delaware State University and the District of

Columbia University. Brother Moore is also a member of the Antlered Guard and holds

the title of Deputy Commander Emeritus of the Eastern Division and President of the Tri-

State Emeritus.

Brother Moore holds a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Maryland with a

major in Russian History and a minor in Russian Language. He also holds a Master's

degree in Public Health Administration and Administrative Services. Brother Moore has

attended numerous schools, to name a few, Howard University, Coppin State University,

Syracuse University, St. Mary's University, San Antonio Community College, Baltimore

Community College and Indiana University in Bloomington, Indiana where he met his

wife, who has since passed to the Great Beyond.

Brother Moore was married to Willa Mae Cobbs. They have two children, Urah Mae Blackwell of Baltimore, MD. and Ronald M. Moore Sr. of Culver City, CA. and a host of grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Brother Moore is a life member of American Legion Post #19, Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter #451, Disabled American Veteran Chapter #18, and the Retired Enlisted Association. He is also a member of the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Masons, King David #18 and Past Master of Mt Moriah 56, PHA. Brother Moore retired from the U.S. Air Force as a SMSgt, Crypto Linguist in 1971 after 22 years of service and retired from the Social Security Administration as an Information Specialist in 2017 after 44 years of service.

Past State President Carlton Webster Stanley

Carlton Webster Stanley, the son of the late Mildred Young Stanley and the late Earl Webster Stanley, was born November 16, 1941, in Cambridge, Maryland. He is the fifth child of seven – having three brothers and three sisters,

Proud father: one son and five daughters, six grandchildren and five goddaughters.

Education: Dorchester County Public Schools, 1959 Graduate from Maces Lane High School. After graduation, he attended Maryland State College, presently known as the University of Maryland Eastern Shore in Princess Anne, Maryland. The United States Army later drafted him where he served his country with pride and honor during the Vietnam War.

He retired from Sears& Roebuck Company after 41 years plus starting as a maintenance mechanic and working his way up to sales coordinator.

Carlton is a vital member of Mt. Pleasant United Methodist Church in Salem, Maryland where he presently serves in various leadership roles.

August 1970, he joined the Improved Benevolent Protective Order of Elks of the World in Cambridge, Md. Dorchester Lodge #223.

His Elk's journey includes:

Treasurer, Trustee, Chairman of the House Committee,

Dorchester Lodge #223 Exalted Ruler for 29 consecutive years

Member of Council #76 Eastern Shore of Maryland and Past State Presidents Council

State President Emeritus of the Tri-State Association---Maryland --Delaware & District of Columbia

Member of the Charles H. Carroll Past Grand Exalted Rulers Council

Additional Community Organizations are:

Past Master and Treasurer of the Pride of Cambridge Lodge #50 - Prince Hall Affiliation.

Worthy Patron of Chapter #23 – Order of Eastern Star.

Past District Grand Lecturer of District #4 Myra Grand Chapter Order of Eastern Star – Prince Hall Affiliation.

The Corporal Herman Hughes American Legion Post #87, Cambridge, Maryland,

Board President of The Cambridge Empowerment Center, Inc.

Recognition & Awards:

1994 & 1995---- Exalted Ruler of the Year by the Past Exalted Rulers Council #76

1995---- National Active Exalted Ruler of the Year Award from Region 2

June 1998--- received the Dr. Bernard Harris Sr. Elk of the Year Achievement Award

1994 ---- The Governor's Citation from the State of Maryland for his dedication and outstanding commitment to the citizens of his community.

Recipient of the Tri-County NAACP Martin Luther King Award

In 2014 -- the Commander Leadership Award from the National Association for Black Veterans, Inc.

Additional Community Activities:

Dorchester County NAACP

Dorchester Chamber of Commerce

President of the Pine Street Committee, Inc.,

Chairman of the Board of Commissioners of the Housing Authority of Cambridge

President of the Management Board of the former Governor's Hall at Sailwinds Park, Inc.

CEO/Owner of C-Stan Development, LLC and the CStanley Delish Catering, both located in Cambridge, MD.

Lifetime Scripture:

Mark 12:31 - And the second is like, namely this, Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. There is none other commandment greater than these.

Past State President Bettie L. Daughton Weems

Bettie L. Daughton Weems was born in Sparks, Maryland February 8, the only child to Bettie Daughton Weems received her education in Baltimore County public schools and graduated from Douglass High School in Baltimore City.

Bettie Daughton Weems joined Esther Progressive Temple #586, Towson Maryland in 1970. She served all stations in the temple before being elected in 1980 as Daughter Ruler.

In 1971 she joined the Peace and Harmony Council and served as Trustee, Treasurer and Financial Secretary.

Daughter Weems joined the Tri-State Association of Maryland, Delaware and District of Columbia in 1972. In 1973 she was appointed to the Mileage Per Diem Committee of the Tri-State.

She received her Past State Presidents honors in 1977 and received her Past Grand Daughter Rulers honors in 1980 in Washington D.C

Bettie was appointed Directress of The Tri-State Athletic Department in 1980.

In 2002 she received the Harlow Fullwood Recognition Award for her Community Service.

Also, in 2002, she received the Daughter Elk of the year award at the Tri-State Convention. In that same year she was elected 2nd. Vice President of The Tri-State Association Daughter of Elks.

2003 She was elected Grand Directress of the Grand Temple Social Session.

2010 in Cambridge, Maryland she was honored by the Grand Lodge Athletic Department.

In 2015 Bettie Weems was elected as Tri-State President and is presently serving in that position.

Bettie Weems is a member and an usher at Stevenson A.M.E. Church in Sparks, Maryland.

She is the mother of three boys, three girls, thirteen grandchildren and one Aunt Mary.

Her hobbies are traveling and family gatherings.

Her motto is: "If I can help somebody along the way, then my living will not be in vain."

Past State President Bernard Brown

There are not too many living Fredericktonians with their names on a building, but Bernard W. Brown of Thomas Avenue is one of them. He is, without a doubt, the epitome of a life well lived. He has accomplished much in his 96 years and is determined to remain active and vital for as long as he can.

At the current United Way of Frederick County offices at 629 North Market Street, the Bernard W. Brown Community Center proudly bears his name. The Center stands as a testament to his lifelong work advocating for affordable housing in Frederick.

His building is no longer a community center but serves as the United Way's main conference room, featuring prominent floor to ceiling windows. Seeing it still thriving and providing support to residents makes Brown proud.

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Throughout his career, Brown has worked tirelessly behind the scenes, not only leading the Housing Authority but with a number of boards and committees.

But perhaps one of his greatest achievements was to serve Exalted Ruler of the Mountain City Elks Lodge #382 for more than 50 years. Oct. 15 of every year is now Bernard W. Brown Day at the Elks. He was even presented with a key to the lodge, so he can come and go as he pleases.

“What can I say? I love the world of ‘Elkdom,’” Brown said of his time and service with the Elks. “My brother Adrian and I joined up together. He got sick and passed at a young age, but he told me that’s a good organization so stay there as long as you can. I’ve been a member for 58 years now. I stepped down five or six years ago as exalted ruler.”

As for his special day at the Elks, Brown is characteristically humble.

“My brother and I saw that a lot of help was needed. We wanted to do as much as we could and didn’t want our efforts to fall away, so I pledged to carry on after my brother died as a tribute to him. Before I knew it, decades had passed,” Brown said.

Now he looks forward to his special day every year because friends near and far call to congratulate him on his life and legacy, typically ones he’s not heard from in years.

It wasn’t always hard work with the Elks.

“We’d go to the convention in whatever city, and then we’d stay an additional week,” he recalled. “That gave us a chance to travel, and most of the time we drove. My wife wouldn’t fly or take the train. These were some of our most enjoyable times. We’ve been to Vegas, Detroit and lots of trips to Atlanta. My wife was also a teacher, so we had summers off and took advantage of that for our trips.”

Brown lost his wife Ruth in 2023. They had been married for 68 years. Ruth Brown worked as a local teacher and coach and founded the Bernetta R. Brown Dance Troupe, named for their late daughter.

Brown credits Ruth as the person who kept him grounded. Together, they were a power couple to be reckoned with.

They both joined the NAACP and delighted in helping others solve problems. In addition, his wife Ruth was a member of Madame CJ Walker Temple #509 for many years.

Along with his passion for the Elks and his work at the Housing Authority, Brown was instrumental in the restoration of Laboring Sons Memorial Grounds on Chapel Alley between Fifth and Sixth streets. It was a Black cemetery when it was donated to Frederick in 1941. The city then converted the site to a whites-only playground in 1948, but after the original purpose for the site was discovered in 1999, the playground was dismantled, and the site was re-dedicated as the Laboring Sons Memorial Grounds in 2003.

At 96 years old, Bernard Brown's lifelong dedication to service and Elkdom continues to inspire everyone around him, and he is optimistic about the city's and the Lodge's direction.

His impact is lasting, and his example reminds us of the power of service and community.