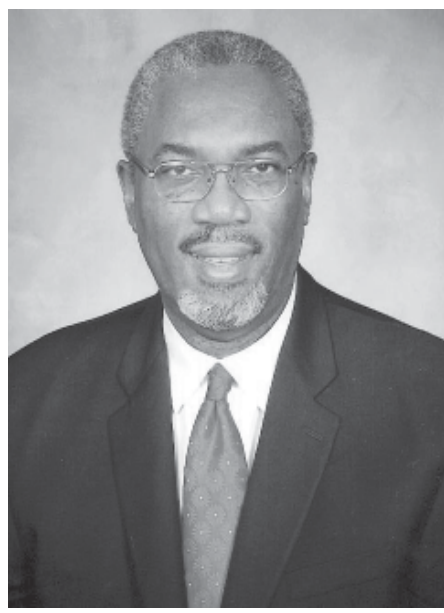


Successful Women Bridging the Past and Upholding the Future

The United Order of Tents of the J. R. Giddings and Jolifee Union, a/k/a Southern District No. 1, will hold its 136th Annual District Grand Convention and 144th Anniversary June 26 – 30, 2011, at The Hotel Bordeaux & Conference Center.

This year's theme is "God Has a Plan for His People".



Lodies J. Gloston
President of United Order of Tents, aka Southern District No. 1 since 2001

Rev. Dr. John D. Fuller, Sr.
Senior Pastor of Lewis Chapel Missionary Baptist Church and Guest Speaker at Presidential Membership Luncheon on Wednesday, June 29 at 2:00 pm.

Dr. Lorine C. McLeod
President Emeritus of United Order of Tents, Southern District No. 1 (1976-1996)

a "C" or above grade average. The Order believes that it is their duty as Christians and citizens of the United States of America to do all within their power to assist in attending to the sick, to raise in the heart a fountain of purity and love as well as be a joy to the living and a source of consolation to the bereaved.

The Order also believes that it is their duty to encourage the youth in seeking their highest potential, to care for the aged, respectfully bury the dead, promote sisterhood and love among themselves, invoking the favor and guidance of Almighty God.

Monday, June 27
Awards Luncheon 2:00 pm **\$25.00**
Public Night 7:30 pm **Free**

Rev. Reginald Wells, Co-Pastor of Lewis Chapel Missionary Baptist Church, Guest Speaker. Music will be provided by the Lewis Chapel Missionary Baptist Church Male Chorus. Praise Dancers.

Tuesday, June 28
Prayer Breakfast 7:00 am **\$20.00**
Rev. Dr. Beverly Spivey-Rivers, Guest Speaker.

Deputy's Banquet 6:30 pm **\$40.00**

Wednesday, June 29
Presidential Membership Luncheon 2:00pm **\$25.00**
Rev. Dr. John D. Fuller, Sr., Senior Pastor of Lewis Chapel Missionary Baptist Church, Guest Speaker.

Additional information may be obtained by contacting **Diane Newell** at (910) 476-6288 or dianenewell@earthlink.net or **Keeley McCray-McDonald** at (910) 977-3023 or kmccraymcdonald@yahoo.com.

All activities will be held at **The Hotel Bordeaux & Conference Center**, xxxx Owen Drive, Fayetteville, NC.

The Order was organized in 1867 by two former slaves, Annetta M. Lane of Norfolk, VA, and Harriett R. Taylor of Hampton, VA. It is a Christian fraternal benevolent organization managed predominately by black women. The membership spans from Georgia to Maryland. The Order was incorporated on June 17, 1883, by the Circuit Court of the City of Norfolk as "The J. R. Giddings and Jolifee Union; and began operations as such. Through error, the Corporation became popularly known by its present name and on June 28, 1912, a charter amendment was granted changing the name. The United Order of Tents was first licensed as a fraternal benefit society in 1906 and has continually operated as such.

The entire history of the organization displays a record of providing shelter and service to people who are unable to care for themselves. In 1897, the United Order of Tents, Southern District No. 1 established a sixteen (16) bed home for adults. It was named Rest Haven Home for Adults. The home was operated with a hands on approach by management and Tent Sisters. The home was primarily set up for their members as a haven for their sisters without family members to care for them when they reached their golden age. However, the number of sisters that needed this service was so few that the home was opened to men and women not of The Order. The home operated for 105 years being subsidized by annual contributions given by the Tent Sisters and carried no debt as its closure on February 22, 2002.

On March 24, 1994, HUD awarded a \$2,736,000.00 grant to The Order to build a 48 housing unit for the elderly in Rocky-Mount, NC. It was named the Bullock-McLeod Apartments. HUD has also awarded 2 other grants to build the Annetta M. Lane Apartments in Norfolk, Va, (40 units) and the Hariston and Johnson Apartments (41 units) in Danville, Va.

The Order has provided services to the minority community of the Southeastern United States on a continuous basis. The services have taken many different forms over the past centuries and have addressed community needs appropriate to the times. The Order has supported Christianity and mission work in Africa, India, Liberia, Guyana and South America through the Lott Carey Foreign Mission Convention.

The Order's Headquarters is located in Norfolk, VA. It serves as a clearinghouse for funds raised by members and distributes them to organizations whose goals and purposes match their own; such as the United Negro College Fund, Sickle Cell Anemia Research Fund, Special Olympics, St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, Shaw University Divinity School, Virginia Union University, Lost Boys of Sudan and many other charitable organizations. The Order offers as many as 11 scholarships a year to deserving students to attend an accredited institution of their choice for 4 years with the maintenance of

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