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**: Health Alert for The Holidays**

**Othniel McGriff**  
**National Chairman**

Dear Cousins,

**Sheila Brevard**  
**National Vice**  
**Chairman**

I'm hoping that this communication will find everyone doing well and in the very best of health.

**Bennie McGriff**  
**National Treasurer**

First let me stop and acknowledge the Shannon Family, for the loss of the Matriarch of the Family, Mother Hazel Barnes Shannon. May God continue to bless the family and give them strength as they move forward.

**Cheryl Hatton**  
**National Secretary**

Now for a Health update on the importance of taking this Covid-19 Pandemic seriously: On 10/20/21, my wife and I traveled to North Carolina to attend my Shaw University 50<sup>th</sup> Class Reunion. Once we left North Carolina we traveled to Cancun Mexico, to celebrate my wife's 65<sup>th</sup> Birthday. I started experiencing some Covid symptoms, i.e., chills, tiredness, confusion, cough, etc. I was immediately tested, and the results were positive. Somewhere between Michigan, North Carolina and Mexico I was infected with Covid-19, and I was immediately placed into quarantine at the Resort.

**Reverend Doctor**  
**Clarke McGriff**  
**National Chaplin**

**Sherri Sivels**  
**National Historian**

**Gerald Brevard**  
**National**  
**Parliamentarian**

On Saturday October 30<sup>th</sup> I tested again, and my results were negative, which was great since I was scheduled to return home on October 31, 2021. Returning to Detroit eight days later, after passing the test. I contacted my physician and was told to go to emergency room at the hospital the next day, and was tested again and placed back into quarantine, as I had tested positive just that quick, with additional symptoms. As of today, both my wife and I are currently in quarantine with Covid-19 symptoms.

**Wyvetra Crawford**  
**National Youth**  
**Coordinator**

During my visit at the hospital I noticed that 98 percent of people in the hallways were people of color. Being a diabetic, a 72 yr. old black man placed me in a critical risk area for the disease. Eight hours later, God Blessed me to make it out, but I often wonder how many others didn't make it out of the hospital?

My wife and I have taken every vaccine known to man, except the Covid booster. You can't take anything for granted. First "Everybody won't be Truthful about their Health", #2. Some people are carriers of the disease," but don't know it; this is



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because they have no symptoms. This disease is looking for a host wherever it can find it.

**Othniel McGriff**  
**National Chairman**

I apologize, however I'm sure you understand under these circumstances I've been too sick to conduct any meetings, they will be rescheduled; and you will be notified as soon as they are.

**Sheila Brevard**  
**National Vice  
Chairman**

As it relates to my letter of October 5, 2021, and July 5, 2021 (go to the website and read them) In them you will find that my focus was and continues to be on helping our kids/students. What other reason do we exist? We want these kids to continue the legacy that was given to us by our founders in 1970 (read our history on the website).

**Bennie McGriff**  
**National Treasurer**

**Cheryl Hatton**  
**National Secretary**

I plan to review the sales report for the Popcorn campaign as soon as I receive it from the vendor. Then we will begin to identify and publicize, where the support for the kids and this family really is! Preliminary information suggests that out of over 300 addressed cousins, on our roll, and over 600 Cousins on Facebook, we sold to only over (40) "forty" Cousins during this popcorn campaign which, by the way was extended twice. I will reserve my comment for later.

**Reverend Doctor  
Clarke McGriff**  
**National Chaplin**

**Sherri Sivels**  
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To everyone who participated in this first Scholarship fundraiser effort on behalf of the students, you will we acknowledged later, following the receipt of the report. Thank You so much.

**Gerald Brevard**  
**National  
Parliamentarian**

I encourage you to prepare for the next Scholarship Fundraiser which is currently being organized.

**Wyvetra Crawford**  
**National Youth  
Coordinator**

Thank You for your support and have a good holiday.

God Bless,

Othniel