

The Masonic Mission

So Long, Brother Robert Miller (1912-1996)

This week we must say good-bye to our friend, our mentor, our gift from God.

Bro. Robert Miller was the epitomny of freemasonry.

He earned accolades and respect from this community and this state.

He worked relentlessly as a newsreporter writing about the accomplishments of his black brothers and sisters in the community in an era when news of the black community was considered to be newsworthy only if violence was involved.

financial institutions in this state.

Bro. Miller always had a word of encouragement. He had the ability to communicate to all ages, races, creeds, and denominations.

He truly loved the Lord. If we were to write all the accomplishments in chronological sequence achieved by Bro. Miller during his lifetime, it would be in volumes.

When we remember Robert Miller, we will remember his smile, the warm and affection-



Bro. Robert Miller

vant. We will miss him deeply. We will always cherish his memory.

We love you Bro. Miller, but we have to let you go, because God Loves You Best! In the early hour on Sunday, Sept. 8, God spoke to our Bro. Miller. "Well done, thou good and faithful servant."

We leave you with a heavy heart.



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BY Pat Rhodes Landingham

He was instrumental in turning Victory Credit Union into one of the most profitable and secure black-operated

ate family man, the devoted church member, the mason.

He has passed on to his reward. His labor was not in

N.J. Foundation earmarks \$1.8 million to minority accounting doctoral candidates

KPMG Peat Marwick Foundation, a not-for-profit organization based in New Jersey, announced it awarded 15 new scholarships renewable for the next 5 years to 15 African-, Hispanic-, and Native American accounting doctoral candidates beginning the 1996-97 academic year.

In support of its continuing effort to diversify the ranks of our nations business schools and eventually the greater business community, the KPMG Peat Marwick Foundation has, to date, earmarked a total of \$1,829,000 in scholarships to minority accounting doctoral candidates.

Bernard Milano, executive director of the KPMG Peat Marwick Foundation, says the program "is one more substantial way that we can help get more minority professors in the classroom. We believe that more minority professors will yield more minority students, which, in turn, will yield more minority business professionals, something all of corporate America will benefit from."

Milano describes the 15 candidates who received scholarships as "some of the most dynamic and motivated professionals I ever met. They will all, no doubt, serve as important role models to minority students who, without mentors, might have overlooked business as a potential career."

KPMG scholarships are helping students in a wide variety of ways beyond the immediately obvious. Several recipients have made clear that they could not have returned to school without the financial support. For one, a single mother of two children, the scholarship provides necessary funding to help support her education. Another student, who previously was forced to crowd her schedule with an assortment of part time jobs to make ends meet, is now able to devote full time and attention to her studies. For a third student, the KPMG scholarship enabled her to select the university that offered a program in her field of speciality — even though it was clear across the country and entailed higher living costs than schools closer to home.

The Minority Accounting Doctoral Scholarship Program is part of a large commitment by the KPMG Peat Marwick Foundation to increase minority representation, not only in accounting programs at colleges and universities, but in the American work force.

Presently, African-, Hispanic-, and Native Americans make up less than 5 percent of all business school faculties. Academic research has demonstrated that minority students are discouraged by the severe scarcity of minority business school professors serving as role models and mentors.

The results of virtually a mono-ethnic doctoral community are seen clearly in the accounting field where, as a result, minorities are grossly under-represented.

The scholarship program complements the PhD Project, a groundbreaking \$1.3 million program created by KPMG Peat Marwick that recruits minority professionals from all business fields into doctoral programs in all business disciplines. The PhD Project and Doctoral Scholarship Program attack the root cause of minority under-representation in corporate jobs: historically, very few minority college students study business as an entree to a corporate career.

Both programs have been tremendously successful. Since the inception of the PhD Project two years ago, 78 individuals who took part in the project have gone on to enroll in business Ph.D. programs. Consequently, in 1995 business schools experienced a 42 percent increase in the number of minority students who entered business Ph.D. programs.

Including the 29 scholarships renewed earlier this year, the KPMG Peat Marwick Foundation now provides financial assistance to 44 minority accounting doctoral candidates. To date, approximately two thirds of all minority accounting doctoral candidates in the nation, have received financial support from the KPMG Peat Marwick Foundation.

The 15 winners of the KPMG Peat Marwick Foundation's 1996-97 scholarships follow:

- Darryl E. Allen, CPA, George Washington University;
- Bridget C. Anakwe, Rutgers University; Marnilka Barros-Carrero, University of Maryland;
- Ira W. Bates, University of Arkansas in Fayetteville; Rose Marie A. Clarke, New York University; Laura Frances-Gladney, Southern Illinois University;
- Aretha Y. Hill, CPA, Texas A & M University; Kevin L. James, University of Tennessee; Wede E. Knuckles, CPA, Oklahoma State University; Jo Yvette Lacy, CPA, George Washington University;

Adam S. Maiga, University of Memphis; Karen R. Nunez, University of Oklahoma; Mercy G. Quintela, CPA, University of Washington; Winifred D. Scott, CPA, Florida State University; Nicole D. Thorne, CPA, University of Iowa

Winston-Salem AIDS Task Force to host Baby Boomers AIDS awareness benefit

The Winston-Salem Chapter of the AIDS Task Force will host Baby Boomers for AIDS, an awareness benefit, at the Benton Convention Center, Section 3 on Sept. 21 from 7 p.m. to midnight.

The purpose of the event is to raise money to donate to the

Winston-Salem chapter by promoting prevention and education about AIDS with informed guest speakers, and providing a relaxed atmosphere in which the subject of AIDS can be discussed honestly and openly among community members. The event will serve as an

opportunity to promote a healthy lifestyle and raise the necessary funding to continue serving the needs of HIV and AIDS patients.

Anyone interested in helping further AIDS education and prevention, and having a great evening of fun is invited.

Salesman: Find a job you like, you'll never have to work

By MAURICE CROCKER
Community News Reporter

If you have ever considered being, or wondered what it takes to be a car salesman, just ask Kevin Bruce of Flow Chevrolet.

Bruce is the used car manager for Flow, and has been a part of the Flow team for five years.

Originally from Baltimore, Md., Bruce moved to the Triad in 1982. His expertise in sales is what brought him to the area.

For several years, he worked as an account executive for a local television station, and later became a sales representative for a subsidiary of R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Company. Bruce said he came to work for Flow in 1991.

According to Bruce, he always knew he wanted to be in sales, but selling cars interested him the most.

"My father told me, 'If you find a job you like, then you'll never have to work for the rest of your life,'" Bruce said.

Bruce said he has found something he truly likes to do.



Kevin Bruce is used car sales manager at Flow Chevrolet.

He also said he likes knowing that he has taken a challenging situation, overcome it and helped someone while doing so.

"I enjoy the fact that people rely on me and my expertise when they are looking for a car," he said.

Bruce said he likes the idea of knowing he has helped people make the right decisions.

"Although the job can get frustrating when you aren't selling what you think you should,"

Bruce said. "It's also good to see the results when you've met your goals."

Besides helping others achieve their goals, Bruce is also a husband and a father.

He and his wife Tilda have four children, Marcus Stevenson, DeShawn Wilson, Kelly Whiteside, and Nicole Bruce.

He is also the proud grandfather of Myracle Stevenson.

Bruce and his family attend Dellabrook Presbyterian Church. According to Bruce, they have been attending the church for five years.

Originally from Baltimore, Bruce says he doesn't miss living there.

"I don't miss it, because it's not the type of place I would want to raise a family," he said.

According to Bruce, his future plans include owning his own dealership, but he wants to learn the ins and outs of management first.

"I think I'd like to become general sales manager for a couple of years and then maybe start my own dealership," he said.

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