
Spotlight on Que: Brother Stefon Atmore

By Jeffrey T. Smith

Brother Atmore is a Christian, father, brother, and friend. He consistently displays the attributes of intelligence, inquisitiveness, modesty, resoluteness, empathy, and diplomacy. Atmore is also a leader and he fully understands the value of selfless service on behalf of people. His lengthy record of honorable projects and successes in the Masonic Order provides a model for others to follow within Omega and beyond. Brother Atmore's life is squared by the four cardinal principles of Manhood, Scholarship, Perseverance and Uplift; the fraternity's motto 'Friendship is essential to the soul' is his hallmark.

Brother Atmore and I met not long after his initiation into Omega Psi Phi. It was during the memorial service for the late Brother Samuel Hunter that I learned more about Brother Atmore and his talents and leadership. We have been linked ever since with mutual respect and exhortation. Atmore inquired on me and provided help during my wife's medical ordeal in 2019 for which I will

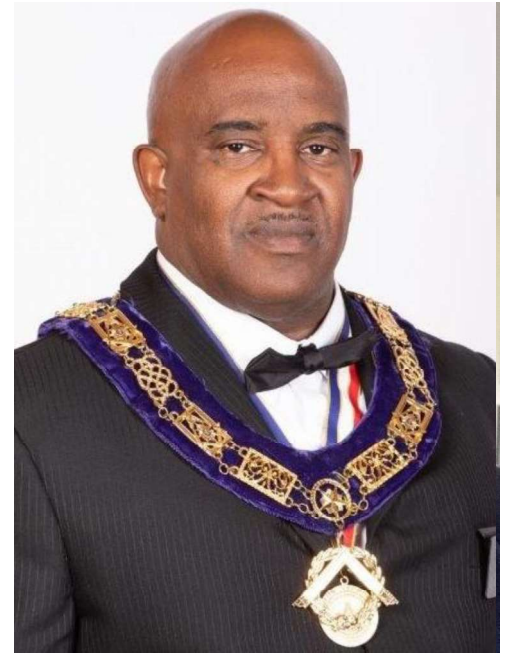
always be grateful. Brother Atmore's condensed story of family first, vocation, and fraternal pursuits are contained in the following paragraphs.

Brother Atmore was born in Babson Park, FL which has a population of 1300 people; there are no traffic signals just a caution light. Atmore's family moved to Lake Wales, FL (7 miles away) where he attended and graduated from Lake Wales Senior High School. In school, Atmore was a letterman in both football (receiver & defensive back) and track (120 & 330 hurdles, 4x100, long jump and triple jump); he was in ROTC and participated with the drill team. Brother Atmore's parents are deceased and he has three sisters, Ellen and Eunice both of Lake Wales, FL and Sharon who is deceased. Atmore has three adult children, two of which are twins: Stefon Jr. (age 33); Ashton (age 27, enrolled in medical school at the University of North Carolina; and, Yazmin (age 27, an artist with a degree from Metro State University). Brother Atmore delights in spending time with his children, playing racquetball, golf, and socializing.

Brother Atmore graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in Occupational Education from Wayland Baptist University in October 1999. He obtained his first Master of Science degree in Human Resources Administration from Central Michigan University in May 2001 and a second Master's degree in Health Administration from Webster University in May 2010. Atmore started a PhD program in Business Administration.

Brother Atmore currently works as a Senior Veterans Service Representative (authorizer) at the Denver Veterans Administration Regional Office, Veterans Benefits Administration. He promulgates and authorizes disability claims for veterans. Atmore serves as a mentor to team members and new employees assigned to the Post Development Team. He started with the Veterans Administration (VA) as the Lead Medical Instrument Technician (hemodialysis) at the Denver Veterans Administration Medical Center (VAMC). Brother Atmore volunteered as an employee of the Denver VAMC to help with the aftermath of two tragic hurricanes, Katrina and Rita. He travelled to Marlin, TX and Waco, TX, taking care of displaced people from New Orleans, LA and Houston, TX affected by the two devastating storms. He has worked 10 years each at the Veterans Benefits Administration and the Denver VAMC. Brother Atmore has received two VA employee awards.

Brother Atmore is a retired Staff Sergeant from the United States Army, having served honorably from August 1981 to August 2001 for a total of 20 years and 17 days. He was stationed in Gelnhausen, Germany as a combat medic with the Headquarters and Headquarters Company (HHC), 1st Battalion, 48th Infantry, 3rd Armor Division. Atmore was assigned to Fort Carson, Colorado Springs, CO, with the HHC, 4th Infantry Division. He attended and completed the Army's Practical Nurse Program (License Practical Nurse - LPN) at Fitzsimons Army Medical Center (AMC), Aurora, CO. Atmore was the non-commissioned officer in charge (NCOIC) of the Surgical Clinic at Eisenhower AMC, Augusta, GA prior to attending the Army's Hemodialysis



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program at Walter Reed AMC, Washington, D.C. Atmore returned to Fitzsimons AMC serving as a LPN and hemodialysis technician. He became the NCOIC of the dialysis technicians at Tripler Army Medical Center, Honolulu, HI; the Hemodialysis unit covered the Pacific Rim Region.

Brother Atmore's Army Awards & Designations:

- Meritorious Service Medal; awarded to recognize superior and exceptional non-combat service
- Army Commendation Medal (2 awards); awarded for consistent acts of meritorious service
- Army Achievement Medal; granted for outstanding achievement in a combat area, but for non-combat meritorious service
- Army Good Conduct Medal (6 awards); awarded for honorable and faithful service
- National Defense Service Medal; recognized for service in active duty and honorably during The Gulf War and the War on Terrorism
- Non Commissioned Officer Professional Development Ribbon (Numeral 2); awarded for completion of Primary Leadership Course & Basic Non Commissioned Officer Course
- Army Overseas Service Ribbon (2 awards); awarded for completion of overseas tours
- Army Service Ribbon; awarded after successful completion of basic training
- Army Expert Field Medical Badge; awarded for successful completion of a set of qualification tests which include both written and performance elements
- Expert, M16 Rifle & M9 Pistol (9MM)

Brother Atmore is a member of the Gospel Chapel at Fort Carson, CO. His community service works include a plethora of groups and activities. Here are just a few of his undertakings:

- Helped with the area beautification of surrounding neighborhood adjacent to the Masonic building at 4200 Colfax Avenue, Denver, CO.
- Initiated clothes collection program in 2002 for the less fortunate in the Denver Metropolitan area; the collection of clothes served numerous families and individuals whose living and financial situations were less than optimal, making it extremely difficult to sustain a normal day-to-day existence.
- Feeding the less fortunate.
- Developed a widow's program in 2003 for his Masonic lodge providing bi-weekly checks on their well-being and ascertaining any type of assistance or need; widows are treated to lunch or dinner once a quarter to show that the lodge still cares.
- Participated with the Thanksgiving and Christmas baskets and Toys for Tots program at the Masonic lodge.
- Served as treasurer and board member for the Colorado Ravens youth basketball group, 2004 -2007. The Colorado Ravens is a non-profit youth organization based in Denver/Aurora. Most of the youth are from low-income, single-parent households; they are encouraged to participate in the basketball, golf, and educational programs. The Colorado Ravens youth organization is designed to provide guidance and mentorship to disadvantaged children.

Brother Atmore's endeavors as an active, senior leader in the Masonic Order are wide-ranging and remarkable.

Here is his Masonic resume and related accomplishments:

Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Colorado and Its Jurisdiction (MWPHGL)

- Currently serves as the 68th Most Worshipful Grand Master
- Service as the Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master; Right Worshipful Senior Grand Warden; Right Worshipful Junior Grand Warden
- Jurisprudence Committee; Appeals and Grievance Committee; Credentials Committee
- Past Master Daniel "Chappie" James Jr. Military Lodge #27

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Most Excellent Prince Hall Grand Chapter of Colorado Holy Royal Arch Masons

- Severed as Most Excellent Grand High Priest, 2013 – 2015
- Served as Grand Treasurer
- Past Excellent High Priest, D.R. Butler Chapter #1
- Served as Most Worthy Joshua Heroines of Jericho

Grand Commandery of Colorado Knights Templar (PHA)

- Served as Most Eminent Grand Commander, 2014 – 2016
- Advisor to the Most Eminent Grand Commander
- Past Eminent Commander, Ira C. Meadows Commandery #1

Most Illustrious Prince Hall Grand Council Royal and Select Masons, Ohio

- Thrice Illustrious Master, Roy Ward Council #33
- Past Thrice Illustrious Master

United Supreme Council A.A.S.R. Northern Jurisdiction, PHA

- Sovereign Grand Inspector General (SGIG), Denver, CO, May 28, 2021
- Dean of Instructions, Colorado Council of Deliberation
- Grand Inspector General (GIG), Samuel Brogdon Jr Class 2004, Philadelphia, PA, May 31, 2004
- Past Commander-in-Chief, Mountain and Plains Consistory #33
- Past Most Wise and Perfect Master, Lodge of Perfection
- Commanders of the Rite

Imperial Council Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine AEAONMS, PHA

- Currently serves as Imperial Deputy at Large for the Desert of Hawaii
- Past Imperil Deputy Advisor
- Past Potentate of Takbir Temple #227, Honolulu, HI

Masonic Conventions and Meetings

- Shriners Convention; Council of Deliberation; United Supreme Council; Grand Lodge Session; Grand Conclave for Knights Templar; Grand Convocation for Royal Arch Masons; Conference of Grand Masters; Four Corners Grand Lodge (AZ, CO, NM, NV)

Masonic Achievements

- Master Mason of the Year, MWPHGL of Colorado Master
- Mason of the Quarter, Daniel “Chappie” James Jr. Military Lodge #27
- Thrice Illustrious Master of the Year, Royal and Select Masons
- Noble of the Year, Desert of Hawaii
- Noble of the Quarter, Takbir Temple #227
- Commander in Chief of the Year, Colorado Council of Deliberation

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- Sublime Prince of the Year, Mountain and Plains Consistory #33
- Companion of the Year, Roy Ward Jr. Council #33
- Colorado Exemplar Award, MWPHGL of Colorado
- Consistory of the Year, Colorado Council of Deliberation
- Council of the Year, Royal and Select Mason
- Lodge Certificate of Appreciation, Daniel “Chappie” James Jr. Military Lodge #27
- Temple Certificate of Appreciation, Takbir Temple #227, Honolulu, Hawaii
- Grand Lodge Certificate of Appreciation, MWPHGL of Colorado
- CIC Certificate of Appreciation, Mountain and Plains Consistory #33
- Men of Honor Community Involvement Award, Colorado Prince Hall Foundation

Brother Atmore was initiated on April 18, 2011 into Chi Phi Chapter as the Ace on the ‘Centennial 6 Bloodied But Unbowed’ line (2/Jonathan Savoy, 3/Al Gardner, 4/Keon Richardson, 5/Tramaine Duncan, and 6/V.J. Holmes. Atmore was the chapter’s Keeper of Peace, he has assisted with the Membership Selection Program (MSP) committee, and supported the Adopt-a-Spot (Downing Street cleanup) and annual Paint-a-Thon. Atmore received a Basileus Certificate of Appreciation. His aspirations and hopes for Omega Psi Phi and Chi Phi Chapter are for both organizations to continue to flourish well into the future. Brother Atmore would like each entity to continue to initiate and mold young men with the hopes of making the world a better place to live. He is very excited about the direction of Chi Phi Chapter overall.

May Jesus the Christ continue to watch over, protect, and bless Brother Atmore and his family.