



Investiture
The Queen's Birthday Honours, 2016

by

Her Excellency the Governor-General

on

Thursday, 2 June 2016 at 11:00 a.m.

Ballroom
Government House
Mount Fitzwilliam
Nassau, The Bahamas



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The Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George (Knight)

SIR FRANKLYN WILSON, KCMG (London)

For services to business and philanthropy



Having started an accounting firm in 1971 and having served as the Managing Partner of Deloitte & Touche, Bahamas to 1994, Mr. Wilson's current business interests include Chairman of Sunshine Holdings Ltd., Focol Holdings Ltd., Arawak Homes Ltd., Sunshine Insurance (Agents & Brokers), Royal Star Assurance Ltd., Sunshine Finance Ltd., and Cotton Bay Developers Ltd.

His other activities include membership of the Board of Advisors to the president of Dalhousie University in Halifax, Nova Scotia, his alma mater. In 1972, Mr. Wilson was elected to Parliament; one of the youngest persons to have ever been elected. He has served as chairman of the Council of the College of The Bahamas, which has commenced plans to operate the Franklyn Wilson Graduate School of Business and as the founding chairman of each of The Bahamas Chapter of the Young Presidents' Organization (YPO) and the World Presidents' Organization (WPO). Mr. Wilson was the founding chairman of Junior Achievement Bahamas and, for almost ten years, served as a director of Junior Achievement Worldwide; and as a trustee of Elmira College at Elmira, New York.

Mr. Wilson has been honoured by the Bahamas Chamber of Commerce as its Distinguished Citizen and almost 30 years later with the Chamber's Lifetime Achievement Award. Several national trade unions, including the country's largest, have honoured him for his role in the advancement of the overall labour movement. Forty years after being one of twelve incorporators of the Bahamas Institute of Chartered Accounts, he received that organization's Lifetime Achievement Award. He is the "chairman emeritus of YPO. He has received a Lifetime Achievement Award from St. Barnabas Anglican Church, and has been awarded a Global Trumpet Award by the Trumpet Foundation based in Atlanta, Georgia, USA.

His wife, an attorney by profession, serves as president of the Senate of The Bahamas and the couple has three adult children and ten grandchildren.

For his services to business and philanthropy on the recommendation of the Government of The Commonwealth of The Bahamas Her Majesty the Queen has awarded him the honour of Knight Commander of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George.

SIR EDWARD CHARLES CARTER, KCMG (London)

For services to broadcasting and the media

Edward Charles Carter is the eldest of eight children and grew up with his parents on Augusta Street in Bain Town, Nassau. His father, the late Harcourt Carter, owned a number of music stores, so the entire family grew up appreciating Bahamian music.

Charles Carter attended many schools: St. John's College in Nassau; he studied business administration at New York University; broadcast administration at Ryerson University in Toronto, Canada and public administration at the University of Manchester in England. Mr. Carter's career has been in broadcasting and he is a former General Manager of ZNS Television. He became widely known for the creation of programmes based on Bahamian Culture, namely, "The Young Bahamian Show" and the Bahamians series, "These Are Bahamians," which is heard every Saturday morning at 8:30 on 1540 AM and Saturday evening at 6 on 102.9 Island FM.

Mr. Carter was a former Member of Parliament for the Holy Cross Constituency and held ministerial posts in Foreign Affairs and Health.

For his services to broadcasting and the media on the recommendation of the Government of The Commonwealth of The Bahamas Her Majesty the Queen has awarded him the honour of Knight Commander of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George.



The Most Excellent Order of The British Empire (DBE)



THE HONOURABLE DAME ANITA MILDRED ALLEN, DBE (LONDON)

For services to the Bahamas Court of Appeal and Judiciary

Dame Anita Allen née Bethell was born on New Providence on 21 December 1947. She attended the Western Junior and Senior Schools and Government High School.

Dame Anita was admitted to the Bar of England and Wales by the Honourable Society of Grays Inn in July 1973 and later admitted to the Bahamas Bar the same year. In 1974, she married Algernon Allen Sr. and they have five children.

Her strong desire to serve her country led her to join the Attorney General's Office, where she remained for thirteen years. She left for private practice in October 1986 and there she remained for ten years.

In 1996, she was elevated to the Supreme Court bench where she served with distinction on all sides of the court but particularly in the Criminal Division, where she spent most of her judicial career.

In 2010, she was appointed president of the Court of Appeal. Dame Anita is known as a fearless and courageous judge, striving always to administer justice in accordance with the highest judicial standards of impartiality, independence, accountability and fairness. She lives the maxim that justice must not only be done but must manifestly be seen to be done.

Although her profession is profoundly rewarding, she cherishes and is most proud of her roles as wife, mother and now grandmother. Despite her very demanding career, she is proud of her enduring marriage of 41 years and her phenomenal and highly successful children.

As is evident from her life, Dame Anita is passionate about her country and loves young people. She grasps every opportunity she can to inform the youth of The Bahamas of the role of the Court of Appeal and of their obligations as citizens. She uses the Court of Appeal's education outreach programme to inspire, motivate and encourage all to be good citizens of The Bahamas.

For her services to the Bahamas Court of Appeal and Judiciary on the recommendation of the Government of The Commonwealth of The Bahamas Her Majesty the Queen has awarded her the honour of Dame Commander of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire.



Order of Ceremony

Entrance of Her Excellency the Governor-General

The National Anthem

Invocation
Rev. Kenris Carey, OBE
President Emeritus, BCAC

Presentation of Insignia of Orders of Chivalry and other Awards

Musical Selection
Royal Bahamas Police Force Band

Remarks:

The Rt. Honourable Perry S. Christie, MP
Prime Minister of the Commonwealth of The Bahamas

Her Excellency Dame Marguerite Pindling, GCMB
Governor-General of the Commonwealth of The Bahamas

The National Anthem

Official Photograph

Reception



The Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George Companion (CMG)

MR. WILLIAM ALFRED MCCARTNEY, CMG, DD,
For services to the Brethren denomination and entrepreneurship



William Alfred McCartney Sr. was the first child born to Alfred Arnold McCartney and Addie Del née Allen McCartney in February 1926 in the picturesque settlement of Tarpum Bay, Eleuthera. He was affectionately called "Al". At age six the family relocated to New Providence in the area of Fort Fincastle, then to McCartney Lane off Wulff Road.

The 1980s brought new investment experiences with the establishment of Wilcha Limited and the construction of a 38-apartment complex in the Cable Beach area. During this time Al also partnered with a son and nephew to develop the subdivision called Bahamia West.

He also established Commonwealth Fashion Centre Ltd. (Commonwealth Fabrics). A devoted Christian, Al has attended East Street Gospel Chapel for decades and has served as elder, Sunday school teacher, choir director, preacher and counsellor. Many church projects have been established with Al's participation and leadership: Blue Hill Gospel Chapel, Believer's Gospel Chapel, and the Christian Life Centre on John F. Kennedy Drive. Al is currently serving as the vice president of the Assemblies of the Brethren in The Bahamas, after serving for twelve years as president.

Al was married to Eliza Eileen McCartney née Culmer for 60 years until her passing in 2011. They were the proud parents of five very accomplished children; William (Billy), Dr. Barrette, Lennox and Keith McCartney and Tamara (Tammy) McCartney-Cargill. Al is loved and highly respected among Bahamians. Many have been trained in body repair work and other auto part skills by him and are thankful to him for his vigorous "do it right the first time" attitude.

For his service to the Brethren denomination and entrepreneurship on the recommendation of the Government of The Commonwealth of The Bahamas Her Majesty the Queen has awarded him the honour of Companion of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George

LEONARD AUDLEY JOHNSON, CMG, DMin, JP (London) For services to the church

Born on of New Providence, Dr. Leonard Johnson pursued higher education at West Indies College (now Northern Caribbean University), graduating with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Theology in 1981 and a Master of Arts degree in Religion in 1990. Four years later, he earned the Doctor of Ministry degree from the Reformed Theological Seminary. In 2005, Sojourner-Douglass awarded him the honorary degree Doctor of Humane Letters.

During his more than 30 years in ministry, Dr. Johnson has served the Adventist Church in The Bahamas and the Cayman Islands as a church pastor and a departmental Director for Youth ministries, communication, and ministerial as well as the Spirit of Prophecy coordinator. In addition to being a pastor and departmental director, he also served the church in The Bahamas as the executive secretary (1999-2003) and the president (2003-2010) of the Bahamas Conference of Seventh-day Adventists (now South Bahamas Conference of Seventh-day Adventists).

Among his contributions to the Bahamian community is his service on the Airport Authority and Nassau Airport Development boards for three years.

Dr. Johnson is the author of two books and scores of articles published in magazines such as *Priority*, *Ministry* (Spanish edition), and *The Message*. He has conducted seminars and participated in training up to the doctoral level for the Inter-American Division Theological Seminary and the Euro-Asia Division, in particular Ukraine and Moscow. His numerous preaching assignments have taken him to the United States, London, Italy, Moscow, Ukraine, the Caribbean, and Central America.

Dr. Johnson loves to write, operate computers, travel, read, and spend time with family. He is married to his special friend, Denise Cooper, a Registered Nurse and Guidance Counsellor. They have two adult children, Larnelle and Darnell; a daughter-in-law, Ivy; and a grandson, Ike.

For his services to the church on the recommendation of the Government of The Commonwealth of The Bahamas Her Majesty the Queen has awarded him the honour of Companion of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George.



The Most Excellent Order of the British Empire (Civil Division) Officer (OBE)

MR. JAMES JULIUS CATALYN, OBE

For services to culture and drama



James Julius Catalyn began writing poetry when he was about sixteen years of age. Many of his early poems leaned toward the topic of love. For many years he kept his collection private, only letting those near and dear to him (including the late Meta Davis Cumberbatch) read them. It wasn't until December 1979, at the insistence of his dear, lifelong friend, Louis Walter Archer Hanchell, that he took courage and published his first collection of poetry, *Expressing Myself*. This collection he dedicated to his mother, Theresa Elizabeth Major. Louis was given the distinct honour of writing the foreword to that first publication.

James Catalyn is an accomplished playwright, poet, satirist, lyricist, actor, and comedian, among many other attributes. He penned the book and lyrics for the hit Bahamian musical, "Guanahani" – for which Andrew R. Curry I wrote the music and several other pieces.

He is a strong believer in and an advocate of things Bahamian. His works in glorifying the Bahamian dialect are legendary. Through his efforts, he has brought national acceptance to "Bahamianese", the name he gave the Bahamian dialect in the mid 1970s. He also coined the expressions, "Laughin' at we sef" and "Guard our heritage! Speak Bahamianese! Use English only when necessary!"

He was recognized as a Cultural Icon and named among the 41 Cultural Warriors of The Bahamas in celebration of the Bahamas' 41st anniversary of Independence, 10 July 2014.

Mr. Catalyn is the recipient of several local and international awards. He was the creator of the International Cultural Weekend and served as chairman of the International Cultural Committee of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs for 14 years. He served as a director of the Hotel Corporation of The Bahamas and is founder and President of the Bahamas' premier performing troupe, "James Catalyn & Friends".

He currently serves as chairman of the national HIV/AIDS Resource Committee.

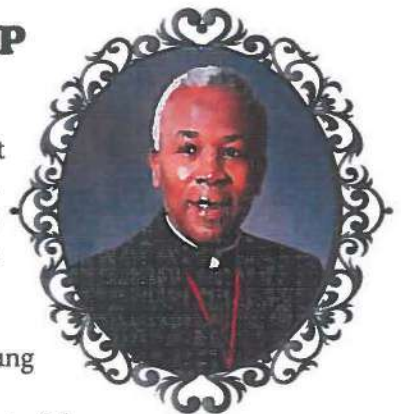
For his services to culture and drama on the recommendation of the Government of The Commonwealth of The Bahamas Her Majesty the Queen has awarded him the honour of Officer of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire (Civil Division).

REV. DR. PHILIP ARTHUR RAHMING, OBE, JP

For civic services and religion

A graduate of Calbar Theological College, Kingston, Jamaica, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Kentucky, and United Theological Seminary, Dayton Ohio. Dr. Rahming began his schooling at Sandilands Public School in Fox Hill, his hometown. As a boy, Philip always had a love for service and determined to become outstanding in something.

Nurtured in a Baptist Sunday school where his grandfather was the superintendent, young Rahming learnt that God gave special gifts to individuals and that each person has a particular contribution to make in life. As an adult Rev. Dr. Rahming became president of the Bahamas Christian Council and served for six years. Later he became a member of the Ethics Commission of the Baptist World Alliance (BWA).



A former Secondary School Teacher, retired College of the Bahamas Lecturer, and past Chaplain to the Honourable Speaker of the Bahamas Parliament. Dr. Rahming is currently vice president-at-large of the Bahamas National Baptist Missionary and Educational Convention, a commission member on Baptist doctrine and inter-church co-operation of the BWA, and Pastor of Rehoboth Ministries. Rev. Rahming is a Justice of the Peace.

For his services to civic and religion on the recommendation of the Government of The Commonwealth of The Bahamas Her Majesty the Queen has awarded him the honour of Officer of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire (Civil Division).

Officer (OBE) cont'd

CLEOPHAS R. E. ADDERLEY, OBE For services in music

Mr. Adderley is the eighth of nine children born to the late Cleophas E. Adderley (former Member of Parliament for the City of Nassau) and the late Mrs. Helen L. Adderley née Bailey (daughter of the late R. M. Bailey, for whom a public high school is named).

Mr. Adderley is an Attorney-At-Law, founder and director of the Bahamas National Youth Choir, director of the Senior Choir of The Parish Church of The Most Holy Trinity, founder and director of The National Choir of The Bahamas, former Director of Culture and the Executive Director of National Musical Heritage and Research at the Ministry of Youth, Sports and Culture.



Mr. Adderley read law at The University of the West Indies obtaining the LL.B. (Hons.) degree, and also studied at The Norman Manley Law School obtaining a Certificate of Legal Education (C.L.Ed). He subsequently practiced for fourteen years.

He studied piano and organ with his aunts, the late Rosalie and Gladys Bailey respectively, and piano with the late Marion St. George, E. Clement Bethel and Godfrey Davis. He studied organ with Douglas Potts and the late John Gittens. He studied voice with Dawn-Marie Nash (Virtue) and the late Pauline Glasby and participated in master classes with internationally acclaimed opera diva Gloria Davey at the University of Indiana at Bloomington, and opera divo Simon Estes. He studied orchestration as a private student of Nancy Petterson-Strelau at the University of Miami and orchestral conducting as a private student of Harold Glickman, New York City.

Mr. Adderley is the composer of the first Bahamian grand opera "Our Boys". He is also the composer of the first Bahamian concert mass, "Missa Caribe". He is the composer of music and rhythms for the play "You Can Lead a Horse to Water" by Winston Saunders. He has written and arranged music for piano, pipe organ, choir and solo voice. Some of his choral compositions have been published by Hal Leonard Corporation, the largest publisher of choral music in the United States.

As Director of the Bahamas National Youth Choir he has taken the singers to twenty-five countries on four continents, including Mexico, Germany, Italy, China, United States of America, Finland, South Africa and Swaziland. They have sung in twenty-five languages, before royalty, heads of state and internationally acclaimed celebrities, at some of the most notable venues including The John F. Kennedy Center for The Performing Arts, Weill Recital Hall at Carnegie Hall, Beijing Symphony and the Poly Theatre, Notre Dame Cathedral and Saint Peter's Basilica.

Mr. Adderley has produced ten commercial compact discs of choral music. He conceived, composed and produced music for the cultural shows for the opening ceremonies of the 1995 and 1998 Bahamas Games and the official opening of the new Thomas A. Robinson Stadium in 2012, and was the co-producer of the national cultural show for the 40th anniversary of the Bahamian independence held at Clifford Park in 2013. He is a founding board member of the National Art Gallery of The Bahamas, a founding board member of the Antiquities, Monuments and Museums Board, a former member of The National Cultural Heritage Commission, a former president of The Bahamian Students Association (The University of the West Indies, Mona Campus), a former president of The Nassau Music Society, a trustee of the Cultural Arts Foundation and a member of the Harry C. Moore Memorial Scholarship in the Arts Committee.

He is married to Francoise Brooks-Adderley and is the father of two children.

For his services in music on the recommendation of the Government of The Commonwealth of The Bahamas Her Majesty the Queen has awarded him the honour of Officer of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire (Civil Division).

Officer (OBE) cont'd

MRS. TELATOR STRACHAN, OBE For services to craft and entrepreneurship

Mrs. Telator Cumi Strachan née Moxey was born in New Providence. She received her early education at St. Agnes Day School, Woodcock School and Western Junior and Senior Schools. She also pursued courses in shorthand, typing and English.

An avid Baptist, Telator is a founding member of the Judaea Baptist Church where Rev. Dr. Marina P. Sands is the pastor. She is also a licensed minister and a member of the Trustee Board.



Inspired by friends in the straw industry and by her mother, the late Deaconess Mother Pearl L. Moxey, a talented straw vendor and seamstress, Mrs. Strachan joined the ranks of persons employed in the largest cottage industry in The Bahamas in 1955. Through self-training she designed, manufactured and marketed two types of tourist gift items – the straw work and the seven-way sun dress designed by the matriarchs in her family, as well as shirts.

In 1968, Mrs. Strachan became the president of the Straw Vendors' Association where she organized the women in self-help projects and in promoting the industry. Telator was also instrumental in the formation of the New Providence Handicraft Cooperative Society, an organization to promote the local straw work through interaction with suppliers of raw material and straw items in the Family Islands, as well as to facilitate wholesale export.

Telator Cumi Strachan also served as a goodwill ambassador for The Bahamas, travelling throughout the United States, Canada, Europe and the Caribbean with the Ministry of Tourism, promoting straw handicraft and The Bahamas as the number-one destination for vacations.

The continuity of the straw industry has always been a pet project of Mrs. Strachan's, who has presented many lectures at various schools, including the College of The Bahamas, and participated in many seminars and conferences on the history and development of the straw industry.

One of the highpoints of Mrs. Strachan's career was her appointment to the Senate in 198. She was the first straw vendor to serve in this capacity and later became part of the first mother-daughter team to serve in either house of Parliament when her daughter was appointed a Senator in 1999.

Her civic achievements include serving on the Town Planning Committee of the Ministry of Works, the Cooperative Advisory Council of the Ministry of Agriculture, the Tourism Advisory Committee of the Ministry of Tourism, the Women's Advisory Council of the Ministry of Social Services and Community Development, member of the Nassau Tourism Development Board, member of the Business and Professional Women's Association, a charter member of the Over-the-Hill Reunion Group and the Social Security Commission of the Ministry of Housing and National Insurance.

Mrs. Strachan is the mother of three children, granddaughter, Celine, and one son-in-law. The quintessential example of the strong Bahamian woman, Mrs. Strachan is a woman of deep faith and belief in God. Her motto is, "If I could help somebody as I pass along, my living will not be in vain."

For her services to craft and entrepreneurship on the recommendation of the Government of The Commonwealth of The Bahamas Her Majesty the Queen has awarded her the honour of Officer of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire (Civil Division).

The Most Excellent Order of the British Empire

(Civil Division)

Member (MBE)

MR. THOMAS A. BASDEN, MBE

For services in business and commerce



Thomas Arnold Basden was born on the island of North Caicos in the Turks and Caicos Islands in 1934. His mother, Anna Casandra Grant, was employed in the household of Norman and Jane Quant-Basden, parents of Arnold Basden, the father of Thomas Basden. At a young age, Thomas migrated to The Bahamas with his mother and established residency in Bain Town, New Providence. His mother enrolled him in Our Lady's Roman Catholic School on Deveaux Street. He was taught by the Sisters of Charity and joined the Roman Catholic marching band, where he studied music under the direction of Roman Catholic Priest, Father Alban.

Thomas was only able to receive a sixth grade education before joining the workforce to assist his mother with finances. During the course of his development, he practiced many different trades and rose to be a carpenter foreman for the English Construction Company, Higgs and Hill. He was one of the original members of the Bahamas Federation of Labour started by the late Sir Randel Fawkes.

In 1956, Thomas Arnold Basden married Mary Victoria Farah, the daughter of Domet and Birdie Farah of Arthurs Town, Cat Island. The union produced four sons: Gregory, Kevin, Lorne and Sean.

In 1958, using his talents developed in the Bahamas Federation of Labour, Thomas joined the Progressive Liberal Party and worked as a foot soldier in the struggle for the liberation of the masses and majority rule. From 1958 to present, Thomas Basden continues to be a working member of the Progressive Liberal Party.

In 1960, Mr. Basden began to work for Otis Elevator Company where he also had the opportunity to study electrical engineering through the Otis Educational Program. He rose to become the lead foreman for the installation and maintenance of Otis Elevators in The Bahamas.

In 1969, Thomas Basden incorporated Basden Elevator Company Limited, which remains the only wholly-owned Bahamian elevator company. Thomas Basden was its chief executive officer from 1969 to 2007 when he retired and turned the company over to three of his sons. The company has established itself in The Bahamas and Turks and Caicos Islands and is on the verge of third generation leadership.

His tenacity and strong moral principles have gained him respect in both his public and private life. He has served on many governmental boards over the many years. More notably, as the chairman of the Town Planning Committee from 2002 to 2007 and presently as a member of the Board of Directors of Bahamasair. He has been an astute businessman and an extraordinary developer. In 2011, he began the development of a special-projects resort on Rose Island in The Bahamas. The resort caters to clients requiring private island access with modern amenities and it is in its final stage of development.

Mr. Basden enjoys spending his leisure time with his children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren whether it be fishing, boating or relaxing on Rose Island.

For his services to business and commerce on the recommendation of the Government of The Commonwealth of The Bahamas Her Majesty the Queen has awarded him the honour of the Member of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire (Civil Division).

Member (MBE) cont'd

MR. GEORGE GILBERT E. PINDER, MBE

For services in commerce and fishing

George Gilbert Esdale Pinder, better known as Gill, was born in Spanish Wells on the 12th June, 1952 to Mr. & Mrs. Leo R. Pinder. Gill attended Spanish Wells All Age School until the age of twelve, when he went to Munro College in Jamaica to receive further education. After spending two years at Munro, Gill returned to The Bahamas where he attended Queen's College in Nassau. After a year at Q.C., he decided to make a career at sea in the fishing industry which he did for about ten years.



He began working with his father at Ronald's Servicentre Ltd. becoming an Evinrude certified mechanic and refrigeration troubleshooter. He soon became general manager of the company. However, his passion was towards the fishing industry.

He continued moving the company forward while focusing more heavily on the seafood department. Eventually, he relinquished his other responsibilities at the company to concentrate on and manage Ronald's Seafood with a desire to improve the crawfish product. Mr. Pinder realized that crawfish (rock lobster) was a mainstay for the community of Spanish Wells and also a major export for The Bahamas, bringing in monies necessary for the island as well as the country.

Mr. Pinder has also been involved in other areas of the fishing industry, including serving on The Fisheries Advisory Committee for 25 years. He also has partnered with others over the years to buy fishing vessels, affording other fisherman the opportunity to earn a living from the sea. Gill has always been there to help the fishermen, and as a result has gained their respect and appreciation. Recently Gill was awarded the "Lifetime Achievement Award For Fisheries" by the JCN award committee.

Since 1979 Mr. Pinder began serving on the Town Planning Committee and the Local Government Town Council for the past nine years. Gill has also been involved in the development of our youth as well. He has helped out tremendously by donating to many youth related groups such as the Spanish Wells All Age School, Spanish Wells Community Band, Spanish Wells Sport Association and many others.

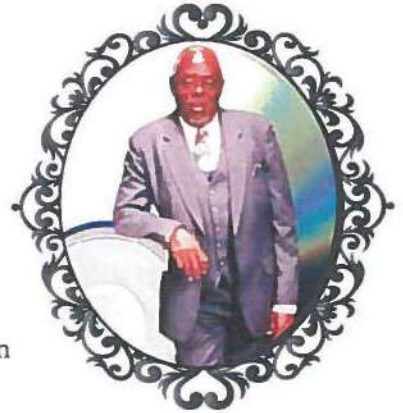
Also active in the real estate industry, Mr. Pinder has partnered with a few others to develop property on Russell Island including the Pelican Bay/Crystal Bay project.

For his services in commerce and fishing on the recommendation of the Government of The Commonwealth of The Bahamas Her Majesty the Queen has awarded him the honour of the Member of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire (Civil Division)

Member (MBE) cont'd

MR. DENNIS HALL, MBE

For services to the community



Mr. Dennis "Preacher" Hall Sr. was the first of two children born to Ms. Alberta Musgrove and Mr. Walter Hall in Whitby, Turks and Caicos Islands in 1928.

He grew up with his grandparents and went to the all age school in Bottle Creek. In 1946, in search of a better life, at the tender age of 17 he migrated to New Providence.

In 1955, he and his family relocated to West End, Grand Bahama. There he ventured into tourism as a taxi-driver.

In those days, West End was an active community and many tourists visited West End because it had the only airport and the only hotel, the Jack Tar Hotel.

In 1960, Mr. Hall was instrumental in the formation of the first Grand Bahama Taxi Union making the way for others in Grand Bahama. It was in 1967 that Mr. Hall joined a gospel group called "The Cooling Waters" as a bass singer.

Mr. Hall has twelve children and, adopted four children.

For his services to the community on the recommendation of the Government of The Commonwealth of The Bahamas Her Majesty the Queen has awarded him the honour of the Member of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire (Civil Division).

Member (MBE) cont'd

MR. JOSHUA CULMER, JP, M.O., L.P, MBE

For services to civic affairs and community development



Joshua Emerald Culmer Jr., was born in the settlement of North Palmetto Point on 16 November 1938 to Joshua E Culmer Sr. and Euphemia Sands-Culmer, both now deceased.

His wife of 52 years is Mrs. Ivis Agatha Carey-Culmer, formerly of Tarpum Bay, Eleuthera. They have four children: Yvette, Charles, Anthony, Tanya. They also have eleven grandchildren.

Mr. Culmer was educated at Palmetto Point All Age School, now known as (Emma Cooper Primary School). He was employed by Star Insurance (Bahamas) Ltd. for twenty-five years, where he advanced from agent to district manager. Presently, he is a general insurance agent/broker with Bahamas First General Insurance/Nassau Underwriters Agency.

Proprietor of Tacy Auto Parts Co. Ltd., a family-owned business that he established over thirty-one years ago, Mr. Culmer is a well-known appraiser, licensed marriage officer.

In 1989 Mr. Culmer was one of four persons who donated five acres of land to the Bahamas Government for the purpose of building a Senior High School in Palmetto Point, Eleuthera. That site is now home of the Central Eleuthera Junior and Senior High School formerly Governors Harbour High School.

Mr. Culmer or "Bro. Josh" as he is affectionately called is a dedicated, committed Methodist who loves and serves the Lord within the church, community and island-wide. He has served as Deputy Congregational Chairperson for thirteen (13) years and as Congregational Board Chairperson at Wesley Methodist Church Palmetto Point for seven (7) years. Currently he is the Advisor to the Congregation Board. The church experienced many positive changes under his leadership. As a leader, he always encourages the young and older members to take part in the administrative and spiritual activities of the church.

He has also served as the President of the Men's Ministry at Wesley Methodist Church Palmetto Point. He has served as a junior and senior circuit steward for ten years in the South Eleuthera Circuit. After playing a major role in assisting the Bahamas Conference of the Methodist Church (BCMC) to become autonomous, he was appointed the first regional lay moderator.

He is a founding member of the Eleuthera branch of the Gideon's Society, an international organization dedicated to the distribution of Bibles.

He has spent many hours visiting the sick and shut-ins of Palmetto Point and the neighbouring communities, encouraging them and assisting the minister with pastoral care. Mr. Sands has provided monthly devotional visits for our local police officers.

For his services to civic affairs and community development on the recommendation of the Government of The Commonwealth of The Bahamas Her Majesty the Queen has awarded him the honour of the Member of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire (Civil Division).

Member (MBE) cont'd

REVEREND DR. MARINA SANDS, MBE, JP

For services to the community and religion



The Reverend Dr. Marina P. Sands was born in Blanket Sound, Andros, as the sixth of eleven children the union of Mr. and Mrs. Wilfred and Theresa Roberts.

Rev. Sands attended Blanket Sound All Age School and, like many young persons of that era, left school at a very tender age. In her pursuit of excellence, she enrolled in numerous local and international theological seminars and workshops to equip herself for ministry. Even as a widow with five dependents, she became an outstanding graduate of The Bahamas Baptist Institute in the subject areas of: Theological Studies, Old and New Testament Survey, and music: voice training, piano, handbells, recorder and choir directorship. She also obtained a distinction in the General Certificate Examination in the subject of English language.

She was employed as a housekeeper for Eugene C. Knowles for eleven and a half years and Miriam Culmer for over twenty-two and a half years where she was recognized for her unmatched confidentiality, dependability and trustworthiness. Immediately following her retirement in 1996, she went full-time into the gospel ministry.

In 1997, Louisiana Baptist University awarded a Doctor of Divinity degree to Rev. Sands for her outstanding contribution in the fields of Christian leadership and evangelism.

Dr. Sands held numerous leadership positions including president emerita of the Bahamas National Baptist Missionary and Educational Convention Women's Department; "Mother of Baptists" in 2014; eleven years of exemplary leadership as president of the Bahamas National Baptist Missionary and Educational Women's Convention Auxiliary; representative for the Bahamas Baptist Convention on the Bahamas Christian Council; and also the past assistant recording secretary. In 2010, she retired after 30 years as president of the Bahamas Baptist Association Women's Department. She also served as vice president of the National Organization of Women in The Bahamas.

Rev. Dr. Sands in 1987, was ordained to the sacred gospel ministry. After 40 years as counsellor she left the New Bethlehem Baptist Church on 19 January 1997. She can be described as a prayer warrior, mentor, comforter, friend, personal and marriage counsellor and confidante. Her hobbies include travelling, running, cooking, sewing, and singing.

For her services to the community and religion on the recommendation of the Government of The Commonwealth of The Bahamas Her Majesty the Queen has awarded her the honour of Member of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire (Civil Division).

Member (MBE) cont'd

CAPTAIN ANSIL SAUNDERS, MBE

For services to the historic and cultural development of the Island of Bimini

Born in 1932 in Alice Town, Bimini, Captain Ansil Saunders is the second of ten children born to the late Milton and Alicia Saunders. The Saunders family descends from Scotland and a long line of boatbuilders.

Captain Saunders attended the Bimini Public School and enrolled in correspondence courses. He received his high school diploma from a correspondence school in Chicago. Subsequently, he attended night classes at the Lerner Marine Laboratory in Bimini for five years.

Captain Saunders is married to Mary Saunders née Smith and he is the father of two children Tyron and Jewel, and is a grand- and great-grandfather.

Captain Saunders is a long standing member of Our Lady's and St Stephens Anglican Church and served on its Vestry Board for over 14 years. He was also a member of the Local Board of Works serving on that for 14 years also.

At the age of 15, Captain Saunders built his first boat. He built six more boats until he took up bonefishing under the tutelage of the renowned bonefish guide Sammy Ellis, who taught him the art of bonefishing and trained him to become a qualified bonefish guide.

In 1971, he caught the largest bonefish at 16 pounds, a record. He also proudly holds the Bonefish Challenge Record to date. Captain Saunders masterminded the first independence ceremony on Bimini. He is the proud recipient of the Minister's Cacique Award and also received awards and recognition from the US House of Representatives, Corrine Brown, and the former US Ambassador to The Bahamas, Nicole Avant.

For his services to the historic and cultural development of Bimini on the recommendation of the Government of The Commonwealth of The Bahamas Her Majesty the Queen has awarded him the honour of Member of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire (Civil Division).



MR. LEVITICUS ROMEO FARRINGTON, MBE, JP

For services to business and tourism

Mr. Farrington started out in the construction industry, but after realising his deep affection for people, he departed that field and in 1965 entered the transportation industry. His interest in the transportation industry led him to the first BahamaHost programme, where he graduated as the plaque winner from that class in 1978. In 1979, he won the National Tourism Achievement Award. By this time, Mr. Farrington had started his own limousine company, which is still in operation today under the name of Romeo's Executive Limousine & Taxi Services.

Mr. Farrington holds many certificates of merit for the development of the tourism industry and is a man of many talents, among which are singing and acting. Mr. Farrington has had small parts in TV shows such as "Roy Clarke's TV special", as well as in the movies "Never Say Never Again" (James Bond), "Jaws the Revenge" and "The Love Boat Valentine Special". He was chosen as one of the persons to pose for the Pride and Joy posters that were seen in store windows throughout The Bahamas in addition to several foreign countries. Mr. Farrington said he spent 22 years asking people if they "need a taxi", and boasts that for the past 21 years everyone has been asking him for taxi or limo services. This, he feels, is due to the fact that he puts service above self.

Mr. Farrington has been a lecture for the BahamaHost programme for the past 20 years. He is married to Curlene Farrington née Barr, and they have eight children, all of whom at some time or the other worked with their father's transportation business.

Mr. Farrington holds the highest respect for time, and is nationally known as someone who will not be late for an appointment. He will hasten to tell you that he hopes the day will come when his company will be known as the best limousine company in the world as it relates to service

For his services to business and tourism on the recommendation of the Government of The Commonwealth of The Bahamas Her Majesty the Queen has awarded him the honour of Member of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire (Civil Division).

The British Empire Medal (Civil Division) (BEM)



MR. CURTIS DAZEL HANNA, BEM For services to business and tourism

Curtis Hanna was born 27 January 1940 and is the third child of the late Richard and Nellie Hanna of Spring Point, Acklins. Curtis attended the Spring Point All Age School. He later travelled to Miami Florida in 1955 to work on "the Contract" after which he returned to his homeland Acklins where he met and married Mable Hanna in 1959.

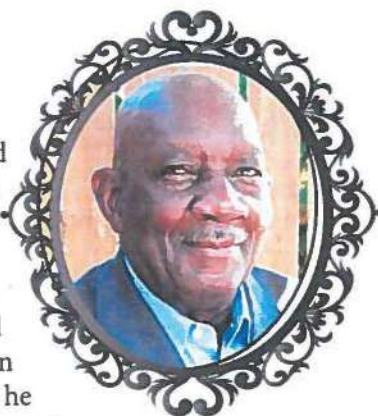
This union produced six children. Curtis is the "Jack of all Trades and Master of all". Curtis operated the Ferry Service between Spring Point and Salina Point, Acklins, from 1969 to 1984 until the road was completed to Salina Point. Then he was employed at Bahamasair from 1983 until retirement, becoming the longest serving Family Island agent for twenty-two and a half years. During the period he was an agent for Bahamasair, Curtis drove the school bus. After retiring as bus driver, a very hard working man, he formed a small business in which he did small-home repairs. Curtis now bottles water and produces ice for the entire Acklins Island, which was a vision of his deceased son, Nelson.

Mr. Hanna also serves as a Catechist of St. Clement Anglican Church in Acklins. He is still going strong, loves fishing and playing dominoes. One of the things that has contributed to his success is his willingness to go above and beyond to make sure the job is done to perfection. He is proud of the work done and does not settle for less. Pride in giving exemplary service; and delivering one hundred percent is important for the survival of his business.

For his services to business and tourism on the recommendation of the Government of The Commonwealth of The Bahamas Her Majesty the Queen has awarded him the honour of the British Empire Medal (Civil Division).

MR. HILTON ALEXANDER BOWLEG, BEM For services to the community

Hilton Alexander Bowleg, JP, was born in the quaint historic settlement of West End, Grand Bahama, on 28 August 1942 to James and Estella Bowleg. He received his early education at the West End All Age School. At an early age his father enrolled him in a trade school to learn auto mechanics and he worked under the guidance of Mr. Tom Rahming. He was employed as a heavy equipment operator at the Jack Tar Hotel in West End, Grand Bahama. Hilton always had a mind to excel and never settled for less; he knew that one day he would become an entrepreneur. He became one of the youngest persons on Grand Bahama to own a taxi franchise and was a taxi-driver for many years. Along with several other taxi-drivers he was responsible for establishing West End Tour Co. Ltd. He served in the capacity of secretary and treasurer. Mr. Bowleg is an active member of Saint Mary Magdalene Anglican Church in West End, where he was People's Warden for many years.

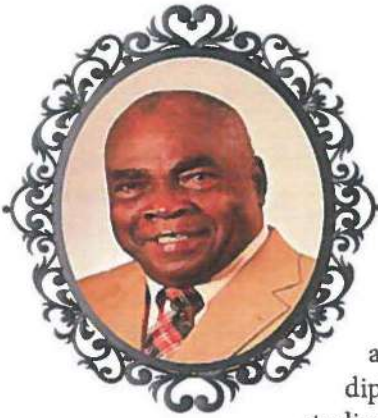


Mr. Bowleg is an activist in his community and the entire island of Grand Bahama, promoting and encouraging development for Bahamians. Family life is important; he is a devoted husband and father. He is married to Janet Bowleg née Gibson of Nassau, and they are the proud parents of three children and four grandchildren.

For his service to the community on the recommendation of the Government of The Commonwealth of The Bahamas Her Majesty the Queen has awarded him the honour of the British Empire Medal (Civil Division).

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REVEREND REVY FRANCIS, JP, BEM For services to the community through religion and civic service



Bishop Revy Francis was born on the 6 July 1940. He is the sixth child born to Ernal and Bloneva Francis of Bailey Town, Bimini. He attended Eastern Senior School and graduated in June 1955.

Bishop Francis accepted the Lord in 1959. Having felt the call of God on his life, he commenced theological studies at the Evans Barr Theological Institute where he successfully completed a diploma certificate in Theology and Christian Education. He also studied and achieved a diploma in Theology from the Caribbean Community Ministerial Academy. He furthered his studies with the Church of God where he received the licences in Exhorter, 1979; Licenced Minister, 1982; Ordained Bishop, 1988. Bishop Francis is one of the founding members of Southland Church of God, Soldier Road. During his tenure at the Southland Church of God, he served as an Associate Minister, Sunday School Teacher, Director of Family Training Hour and church bus driver.

Over the years, he was blessed to be coached by the late Bishop William R. Franks, Pastor of Fowler Street Church of God, and the late Bishop Clifford Moss, Pastor of Southland Church of God. He also served as District Overseer for the Churches of God in North Andros and the Eastern and Western Districts in New Providence.

In 1990, he was appointed senior pastor of New Victory Temple Church of God, Hospital Lane. Bishop Francis is married to Rev. Bernice née Rolle and this union is blessed with five children: Gail, Alphanette, Shawn, Marcus and Devard; ten grandchildren, three great-grandchildren, one daughter-in-law, Janique Francis, and one son-in-law, Dwight Grant.

For his service to the community through religion and civic service on the recommendation of the Government of The Commonwealth of The Bahamas Her Majesty the Queen has awarded him the honour of the British Empire Medal (Civil Division)

MS. CARMETTA BURNS, BEM For community development and social services

On 6 January 1940, on the beautiful settlement of Pete, Mangrove Cay, Andros, Carmetta Jones was born to Prince Jones and Lencher Evans. She was christened at the All Saints Anglican Church and received her early education at Swains All Age School, Mangrove Cay.

Carmetta decided to move to Nassau to be with her older siblings. She worked at the Soda Factory, Shirley Street, then Blanco Bleach, Fox Hill and finally at L. W. Young Secondary School, where she served as head janitress retiring in 1999 after 25 years of dedicated service.

Mrs. Burns was a member of the Jr. Red Cross Link and assisted with the annual Christmas parties for the elderly by preparing scrumptious meals. Mrs. Burns met the love of her life Basil Burns Sr., now deceased, and they produced seven wonderful children.

Church is Mrs. Burns's life. She was a very active and vocal member of the Pilgrim Baptist Temple having served under three pastors, Rev. Edward Morris, Rev. L. W. Rodgers and Bishop Earl Fraser.

She also served as the head usher for many years, choir member, former prayer band member, former lay shepherd, former Intercessor, Director of Social Concerns and the soup kitchen and Head Adjutant under Bishop Fraser.

Mrs. Carmetta Burns was one of the ladies who signed the petition for the Women's Suffrage Movement and was the chaplain; for the Eastern Women's Branch for many years. She is also a member of the Brave Heart Yellow Elder Community Organization.

For her services to the community and social services on the recommendation of the Government of The Commonwealth of The Bahamas Her Majesty the Queen has awarded her the honour of the British Empire Medal (Civil Division)



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MS. DORIS FARAH, BEM

For community development and social services



Grammy Farah's childhood is the reason she has developed into an outstanding woman.

In November 1941, she was born to Rosa Farrington and Fred Benjamin Johnson. This was a time racism wreaked havoc in the Bahama Islands and, unfortunately, Grammy Farah succumbed to one of its blows. She was sent to live with a woman known as Ms. Capron simply because she was darker than her other siblings. This setback would have been disheartening for many, but it ignited a spirit of perseverance within Grammy Farah.

After leaving school, she went to pursue a career in nursing and teaching simply because she loved extending a helping hand to others. She later joined Batelco and gave the company thirty-six years of service.

Grammy Farah returned to Cat Island after retirement to assist in building the island she so dearly loved. She is currently enjoying the fruits of her labour and simply getting better with age.

Ask any Cat Island native about Doris Johnson-Farah and a plethora of responses will ensue. She is THE GENERAL, loyal friend, hardworking businesswoman, rake'n scrape dancing diva and, of course, the lovable, kindhearted grammy to everyone who is fortunate enough to meet her.

For her services to the community and social services on the recommendation of the Government of The Commonwealth of The Bahamas Her Majesty the Queen has awarded her the honour of the British Empire Medal (Civil Division).

SISTER AGATHA HUNT, BEM

For services to religion and education

Winifred Barbara Hunt is the oldest daughter of seven children born to Edmund and Geneva Hunt on 2 September 1933. She was baptised a Roman Catholic and attended the All Age Public School in United Estates, San Salvador, from ages 6 to 14.

At 15 Sister Agatha assisted the Principal of the school by being a Teacher's Aide. She became a Monitress at 16 and continued to serve the school until she was 19.

At the beginning of her 19th year, she left San Salvador for Nassau to enter the convent of St. Martin de Porres in 1952. Her name was changed to Sister Agatha Hunt in 1955.

After a period of training she joined the teaching staff of the Catholic Education Programme and continued to live and work with the native sisters.

She continued her education at Xavier's College and completed high school in 1957. From that time on she taught in three elementary schools and also joined the Benedictine Sisters of St. Joseph, Minnesota, where she was able to attend summer school at college level. She completed her college education in 1970.

Sister Agatha returned to The Bahamas and taught at Grand Bahama Catholic High School and served as principal for six years. The following year she studied at Barry College, where she obtained a Master's degree in Administration Education.

After returning to The Bahamas, she became administrative assistant at Aquinas College for seven years, and the following year she joined St. Augustine's College as the Assistant Principal for thirteen years.

Sister Agatha retired from teaching and administration in 2000. She thanks God for all the years He has given her to care for our people and she looks forward to His generous blessing.

For her services to religion and education on the recommendation of the Government of The Commonwealth of The Bahamas Her Majesty the Queen has awarded her the honour of the British Empire Medal (Civil Division).



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MR. EVERETTE FERGUSON, BEM

For service to sports

Everette Oswald Ferguson was born on 21 February 1952 to David and Deaconess Ceti Ferguson. He was an energetic baby, as he began moving his legs and hands in a boxing position from birth.

Everette received his early education at Eastern Senior High School and made a decision to pursue a boxing career as opposed to attending college, as one day he aspired to become a world champion boxer. He was an inspiration and mentor to many young men as people loved to watch him jog and practice his jabbing skills as he travelled throughout the island.

Everette was determined to become one of the world's middleweight boxing champion and became known to many as "Elisha Obed".

Obed's boxing career began in 1967 and lasted for two decades. In 1972 he defeated Sugar "Bahamian Buzzsaw" Cliff to become the Bahamas welterweight champion. Because of his winning performances and track record from 1968 to 1975 Obed earned a world title fight. On 13 November 1975, fighting in Paris, France, he became the WBC light middleweight champion. He successfully defended his title three times. Elisha Obed retired from boxing in 1988. He had a successful career with 88 wins, 59 of them by knockout. He is the father of nine children; his family is very proud of his accomplishments.

*For his service to sports on the recommendation of the Government of The Commonwealth of The Bahamas Her Majesty the Queen
as awarded him the British Empire Medal.*

The Queen's Police Medal (QPM)

MR. STEVEN SEYMOUR, QPM
SENIOR ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER OF POLICE
For services to the Royal Bahamas Police Force



Mr. Steven Seymour is a graduate of Bahamas Academy and holds the Post Graduate Certificate in Criminal Justice and Police Management from the University of Leicester, United Kingdom. He also successfully completed the International Commanders Programme at Centrex Worldwide Policing Excellence International Faculty of Bramshill.

Presently, Mr. Seymour serves as Commander for all Uniformed Branch Divisions in New Providence. He is presently affiliated with the National Organization of Black Law Enforcement (NOBLE), International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP) and International Association of Criminal Investigators (IACI).

Mr. Seymour is the recipient of the Police Force's Medal for Long Service and Good Conduct. He is also the holder of five Commissioner's Commendation. He is married and has three children.

*For her services to the Royal Bahamas Police Force on the recommendation of the Government of The Commonwealth of The Bahamas Her Majesty the Queen
has awarded him the honour of the Queen Police Medal*

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MR. HULAN ANTHONY HANNA, QPM, MPA, BA ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER OF POLICE (RETIRED)

For services to the Royal Bahamas Police Force



Mr. Hulan Hanna joined the Royal Bahamas Police Force on 8 June 1978. His career has taken him throughout the Force where he served in the following areas: Fire Services (New Providence & Grand Bahama), Central Division, Western Division, Southern Division, Community Relations Section Press Liaison Office, Southern Bahamas District, District Headquarters and Office of the Assistant Commissioner – Management & Support Services.

Mr. Hanna holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Business Administration with honours from Sojourner Douglass College, Baltimore, USA. He also has a Post Graduate Certificate in Criminal Justice and Police Management from the University of Leicester, United Kingdom. He has also participated in courses at the Florida State Fire College. Mr. Hanna also holds a Master's degree in Public Administration. Currently, Mr. Hanna is pursuing a Master's degree in Religion from Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary, Boston, Massachusetts, USA. Mr. Hanna is the recipient of the Police Force's Medal for Meritorious Service, and the Medal for Long Service and Good Conduct. He officially retired from the Royal Bahamas Police Force in August 2015.

For her services to the Royal Bahamas Police Force on the recommendation of the Government of The Commonwealth of The Bahamas Her Majesty the Queen has awarded him the honour of the Queen Police Medal

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