



Representatives from the Conference of Grand Masters Prince Hall Masons Inc., (COGM), were invited by Dr. Benjamin F. Chavis, Jr., President and CEO of the National Newspaper Publishers Association, (NNPA), to attend a Press Conference on September 21, 2017 at the National Press Club, Washington, DC. The purpose of the Press Conference was to present the results of the NNPA and Pfizer Rare Disease Report National Poll of African Americans on Sickle Cell Disease Awareness conducted by Howard University. At the 98th COGM convened in Dallas, Texas, May 17-21, 2017, a white paper on Sickle Cell Disease Awareness authored by MW Malcolm Harris, Grand Master, (PA), presented by the NE Region and was unanimously adopted as an education program of the Conference. Pictured Above L-R are: MW Malcolm Harris, Grand Master, (PA); MW John M. Bettis, PGM, (NJ), President, COGM; Sister, Dr. Venecia Bessellieu, PGWM, (DC), PR Staff; and Brother, Dr. Benjamin F. Chavis, Jr., President and CEO of NNPA, and PR Staff.