

THE 40TH ANNIVERSARY

OBSERVANCE OF "AX HANDLE SATURDAY"

Saturday, August 26, 2000
10:00 a.m.

Historic Bethel Baptist Institutional Church
Hemming Plaza
Historic Snyder Memorial

Sponsored By

The Jacksonville Historical Society

The Jacksonville Human Relations Commission

The Jacksonville Urban League

NAACP, Jacksonville Branch

The National Conference for Community and Justice (NCCJ)

"Ax Handle Saturday"
Observance of 40th Anniversary

Saturday, August 26, 2000
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Commemorative Mass Meeting
Historic Bethel Baptist Institutional Church

Presiding **Rodney Hurst, Sr.**
President, Jacksonville Youth Council NAACP, 1960

Opening Prayer **Reverend Rudolph McKissick, Sr.**
Senior Pastor, Historic Bethel Baptist Institutional Church

Greetings from the City **The Honorable Matthew Carlucci**
Council Vice President, City of Jacksonville

Presentation of Proclamation **The Honorable Pat Lockett-Felder**
Council Member District 7, City of Jacksonville

Recognitions **Rodney Hurst, Sr.**

Statement of Occasion **Rodney Hurst, Sr.**

Interpretative Dance **Attitudes Performing Arts Studio**
"Revelation" (as performed by the Alvin Ailey American Dance Theatre)

"Lift Every Voice and Sing" **Choir & Assembly**
by James Weldon Johnson (1871-1938)

Benediction **Reverend Rudolph McKissick, Sr.**
Senior Pastor, Historic Bethel Baptist Institutional Church

Commemorative Walk
Historic Bethel Baptist Institutional Church
to Hemming Plaza

Continuation of the Commemorative Mass Meeting
Hemming Plaza

Presiding **Alton W. Yates**
Vice President, Jacksonville Youth Council NAACP, 1960

Statement of Occasion **Alton W. Yates**

Laying of the Wreaths
Honoring Rutledge Pearson **Mary Ann Pearson & Wendell Holmes Jr.**
Honoring Earl Johnson **Janet Johnson & Dr. Arnett Girardeau**

Announcement of Historical Marker **William H. Jeter, Jr.**
Immediate Past President, The Jacksonville Historical Society

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Greetings from NCCJ **Scott S. Cairns**
Board Chairman, The National Conference for Community & Justice (NCCJ)

Roll Call, NAACP **Rodney Hurst, Sr. & Alton W. Yates**
Youth Council Members, 1960

Introduction, Keynote Speaker **Honorable William H. Maness**
Judge (retired)

Keynote Speaker **Honorable Leander J. Shaw, Jr.**
Justice, Florida Supreme Court

Closing Comments **Isaiah Rumlin**
President, NAACP Jacksonville Branch

RECEPTION IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING PROGRAM AT
TRADITIONS RESTAURANT, 400 N. HOGAN ST.
Buffet Lunch Available for Small Cost
Everyone is Welcome

Grateful Acknowledgments to

Dr. Chester A. Aikens

Ford, Jeter, Bowlus, Duss & Morgan, P.A.

Historic Bethel Baptist Institutional Church

The Jacksonville Historical Society

Wendell P. Holmes, Jr.

Willard Payne, Jr.

Gertrude H. Peele

Presentation Resource

The National Conference for Community and Justice
(NCCJ) Jacksonville Region

St. Johns River City Band

Fred W. Schultz

Traditions Restaurant