

The below guidelines were implemented January 23, 2009, for the Interdenominational Church Ushers Association of Virginia, Inc. - District #1 George E. Brown Award.

GEORGE E. BROWN AWARD

BACKGROUND:

The George E. Brown Award was initiated during the administration of the Immediate Past District #1 President, Shirley McWilliams-Jackson. The award **was established in 2002** in the loving memory of our beloved Brother George E. Brown for his lifelong and untiring commitment to ushering and his dedication and love for the Interdenominational Church Ushers Association of Virginia, Inc. (ICUA of VA, Inc.) District #1. George exemplified the attributes of a Christian usher, i.e., a spirit of meekness and chastity, tact, diplomacy, courtesy, quietness, and reverence.

The award is **presented annually** to a noteworthy usher who has demonstrated the characteristics of George E. Brown, i.e., made outstanding contributions to District #1, rendered loyal and faithful service to District #1, and exemplified the attributes of a Christian usher. The first award recipient was Ruby Strother. Past award recipients include:

2002	Ruby Strother	Ebenezer Baptist Church, Alexandria
2003	Harrison Manson	Ebenezer Baptist Church, Alexandria
2004	Barbara Johnson	Ebenezer Baptist Church, Alexandria
2005	Evelyn Townes	Macedonia Baptist Church, Alexandria
2006	LueAnn Green	Oakland Baptist Church, Alexandria
2007	Mattie Cain	Oakland Baptist Church, Alexandria
2008	No Award Presented	

GUIDELINES:

1. The nominee must be an active member of a church usher ministry located in District #1.
2. The nominee must be involved in District #1 activities and have attended a minimum of two District Meetings and a minimum of 15 Annual Usher Days during the period of September 1st of the prior year to August 31st of the current year of being nominated for the award, i.e., the period for the 2009 award is September 1, 2008 to August 31, 2009.

3. The nominee and the nominee's church usher ministry must be in good financial standing. Good financial standing is defined as the church having paid their District and State assessments by ICUA of VA, Inc. Constitution and By-Laws and District #1 Guidelines.
4. The nominee must exemplify the attributes of a Christian usher, i.e., a spirit of meekness and chastity, tact, diplomacy, courtesy, quietness, and reverence.
5. The nominator must submit a picture, biography, and reason for nominating the nominee.
6. The nominee may be nominated by a District #1 usher or self-nominated.
7. All information included in the nomination package must be typed.
8. The Church Usher Ministry President must sign the nomination package. If the Church Usher Ministry President is the nominee, the Church Usher Ministry Vice President must sign the nomination package.
9. The nomination packages must be postmarked no later than September 30th or in the possession of the chairperson/and or committee members no later than September 30th.

Cheryl Allen, Chairperson, Strategic Committee

Members: Bobby Bostic, 1st Vice President
Jerdleen Boffman, 2nd Vice President
Jimmie Barber, 3rd Vice President
Phil Chambers, Ritualistic Team Coordinator
Cordell Riddick, President, Dale City Church Usher Ministry
Skip Brown, Immediate Past State President
Irene Washington, District #1 President

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GEORGE E. BROWN BIOGRAPHY

George E. Brown joined the Ebenezer Baptist Church, 909 Queen Street, Alexandria, Virginia in 1956. He immediately joined the Senior Usher Ministry. He served as President of the Senior Usher Ministry from 1971 to 1973. The Usher Ministry was always a vital part of George's life. George exemplified the attributes of a Christian usher. He was a Christian man who walked, talked, lived, and breathed ushering.

George not only supported his local Usher Ministry, but was a great supporter of the Interdenominational Church Ushers Association (ICUA of VA, Inc.) of Virginia, Inc. District #1. He was one of the most dependable, dedicated and committed ushers in District #1. He attended each of the 50 plus Annual Usher Days year after year. There was never a District #1 Meeting, Christmas Celebration, or any other event without the presence of George.

George served for many years as the ICUA of Virginia, Inc. State Marshal. He will always be remembered for his ability to assemble the ushers at the Annual Usher Days and march them into the sanctuary. After graduating from the George T. Grier School of Ushering, he was certified as an Instructor. He was a member of the first Senior Drill Team that performed at the State Convention. If there were any State functions, memorial programs or state conventions, you could be assured that George would be there.

George travelled up and down the highways to the numerous Regional and National Conventions and other events. He was a member of the first Senior Drill Team from Virginia to compete at the National United Church Ushers Association of America, Inc. Convention in 1959 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. This team won 2nd place. He was the escort for the George T. Grier School of Ushering Contestants for the King and Queen Pageant for the following years: 1981, 1982, 1984, 1985 and 1986.

George went home to glory July 21, 2000. We are grateful to God for allowing George to have been a part of our lives.

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