

Jan. 28, 2008

To Whom It May Concern:

Re: James Stokes

I am President of the Mt. Vernon Neighborhood Assoc. consisting of more than 400 families. I have known Mr. Stokes for many years. He was very involved with helping the Lawrence neighborhood groups gather toys for the needy in our City. He was directly responsible for our Assoc., along with the Lawrence Housing authority for being able to deliver toys and turkey dinners to over 100 needy families in the Beacon Project.

Year after year he worked very hard, sorting toys loading boxes, and delivering them to the different neighborhoods.

Mr. Stokes as part of the Stadium Commission was also instrumental in the renovation of the Lawrence Veterans Memorial Stadium

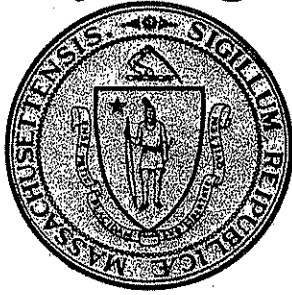
Mr Stokes was also instrumental in running wonderful Veterans programs at the Stadium, as well as the Memorial Day Services at the Cemetery. He has done a great deal to honor our Military.

Thank You

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Frank J. Incropera
President Mt. Vernon Neighborhood Assoc.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
State Senate



Official Citation

Be it Known, that the Massachusetts Senate
Hereby extends its Congratulations to:

REVEREND JAMES STOKES,
MARINE CORPS AND NAVY CORPSMEN MONUMENT

In Recognition of:

OUR REMARKABLE WORK IN THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE UNITED STATES
MARINE CORPS AND NAVY CORPSMEN MONUMENT AND YOUR
CONTINUED SERVICE TO LAWRENCE AND OUR COUNTRY

; and

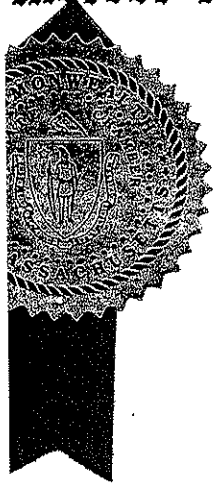
Be it further Known that the Massachusetts
Senate extends best wishes for continued success;
that this Citation be duly signed by the
President of the Senate and attested to and a copy
thereof transmitted by the Clerk of the Senate.

By: Robert Birmingham
President of the Senate

Attest: Patrick F. Scanlon
Clerk of the Senate

Offered by: Susan C. Tucker
State Senator SUSAN C. TUCKER

Date: November 10, 2002



RESOLUTION

WHEREAS: Reverend James Stokes has worked diligently in the Toys for Tots Program bringing happiness to numerous children; and,


WHEREAS: The children are our future and their well being is everyone's priority; and,

WHEREAS: With these deeds he has assisted non-profit entities by minimizing their expenses by providing the children with games and toys during the Christmas Season.

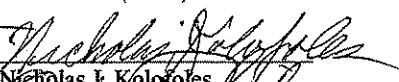
Now, Therefore, Be it Resolved that, we the Members of the City Council applaud and commend Reverend James Stokes for his efforts with the Toys for Tots Program and his willingness to extend himself to bring a little joy and happiness into the lives of so many deserving youngsters.

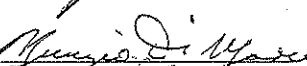
In witness whereof we set our hands and cause the seal of the City of Lawrence to be affixed this 4th day of February in the year of our Lord Two thousand and three.


Nilka I. Alvarez-Rodriguez


Marcos A. Devers, Council President

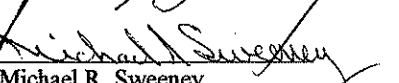

Patrick J. Blanchette

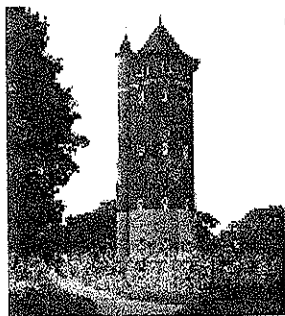

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National Monument Built in
1896 and Listed in the
Register of Historic Places

TOWER HILL NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

"Because Inter-Active Neighborhoods Are Safer Neighborhoods"

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To whom it may concern,

The Tower Hill Neighborhood Association (T.H.N.A.) was established in 1989 and is a nonprofit organization in place to help preserve the quality of life throughout the neighborhood. This organization has been fortunate to work with Reverend James Stoke over the past six years. He has kept us in contact with the Marine Corps. Reserve Toys for Tots Program which allows us to help many less fortunate families in the community. Several Members of our Association have been to numerous fund-raising events that Reverend Stokes and his wife have organized for the Boy Scouts, Toys for Tots and Veterans. In recent weeks James was featured on the front page of our local newspaper, Rumbo, for raising funds for a community flag pole.

James and Fern Stokes have been leaders in the community of Lawrence, Massachusetts and are a true asset to the Tower Hill Neighborhood Association. We look forward to many more years of teamwork with the Stokes Family.

Thank You

Nicholas Kolofoles
THNA President

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To Whom it May Concern:

This letter is a letter of reference in support of James Stokes who has asked me to provide you with information concerning my knowledge of his character and standing in the Lawrence Community.

I first came to know Jim approximately 10-12 years ago working as an Assistant Clerk-Magistrate for the Lawrence District Court. Reverend Stokes often came to the Courthouse to offer his assistance by providing the Court with alternatives to incarceration for those convicted of crimes. Reverend Stokes would personally see to the care of those individuals who often were afflicted with serious drug problems, homeless, jobless, and often socially and physically emaciated. Reverend Stokes instilled these individuals with a sense of dignity as well as personal values to improve their lives which [in turn] made the community a better place.

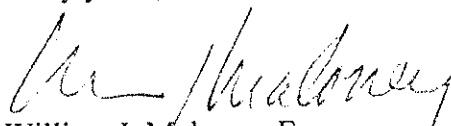
As a practicing Attorney, I had the occasion to obtain the assistance of Reverend Stokes who intervened on behalf of young adult client [17 years of age] accused of a violent crime. Despite the lack of any prior involvement in the criminal justice system, the District Attorney's Office sought a term of incarceration due to the serious nature of the offense. As a result of Reverend Stokes' direction and guidance, a course of action devised to address the behavioral and education aspects of this young man's life not only impressed the Court enough to withhold incarceration but also changed the course of this individual's future in a way that could never be measured.

Jim Stokes is also deeply involved with the Lawrence Community and actively participates in many civic and religious endeavors that provide a better quality of life to the Community and our Society. He always asks help for those who cannot help themselves and provides his brand of benevolence in a responsible and meaningful way.

Jim Stokes possesses the unique ability to reach and challenge people for their betterment. Jim is always respectful, honest, diligent, and an unwavering in service to God, Country, and Humanity. It is without hesitation or reservation that I endorse Jim Stokes for any purpose that he may chose to apply his talents since it is without question that the result will be for the greater good.

Please feel free to contact me if you require any additional information concerning Jim Stokes.

Truly yours,


William J. Maloney, Esq.

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To Whom It May Concern:

Please let it be known that I have had the pleasure of knowing both Fern and Reverend James Stokes of 13 Prospect Way Lawrence Massachusetts for over fifteen years both as a friend, and as an elected City Official. Mr. and Mrs Stokes have always been available to help both his city and people in need. A clear example of this, is the most recent endeavor undertaken by Mr. & Mrs. Jim Stokes. A successful fund raising effort to erect a memorial to a City of Lawrence Civil War Veteran , never recognized, for his heroic act of bravery, during, a raging battle .Corporal William Lord a Lawrence native carried an injured soldier back to safety thus saving the soldiers life

Signed:


Nicholas J. Kolofos
City Councilor District D

Lawrence Housing Authority

Beacon Courts

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To the Lawrence City Council

Just wanted to let you know how much the generous donation of Christmas toys, that was handed over to the Beacon Courts. Reverend Stokes is one of a few people in the city, that has the consideration of the youth, in the Beacon Courts, and around the city. Please, be reminded that many families were helped out at the Beacon Courts, and that we would like to give our thanks to him, the Youth Awareness Program, and of course the U.S. Marine Corps Reserves Toy's for Tot's. We hope and are looking forward to another Happy Christmas Season.

Thank you very much.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bill Blanchette". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "B" and a long, sweeping underline.

William M. Blanchette
Manager Beacon Courts