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## Sons of a King Lodge #123 Hosts 5th Annual Edward Swire Memorial Blood Drive

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**Brooklyn, NY** – Sons of a King Lodge #123, a prominent community organization, successfully hosted their 5th Annual Edward Swire Memorial Blood Drive on Saturday, September 23. The event occurred at Vanderveer Park United Methodist Church, where residents and lodge members gathered to support this worthy cause.

Worshipful Master Mark Alexander of Sons of a King Lodge #123, expressed his heartfelt appreciation for the overwhelming support shown by the local community. He said, "It is through the sweat and tears of the members of any organization that keep it going. The blood donated at our 5th Annual Edward Swire Memorial Blood Drive will help people in dire need. This is one of the highest forms of charity."

The annual blood drive, now in its fifth year, has gained recognition as a crucial event in the community. Each year, it aims to honor the memory of Edward Swire by encouraging blood donations that will save lives. This year, the fifth annual memorial blood drive saw an overwhelming response from residents, with a record-breaking number of thirty-eight participants, resulting in 40 life-saving donations.

The lodge and its members strongly believe in the power of giving back to the community and in the tremendous impact of life-saving efforts. Through the combined efforts of Sons of a King Lodge #123 and the community, this year's blood drive proved to be a resounding success. The donated blood will undoubtedly make a difference in the lives of those in need.

### **About State Senator Kevin Parker**

Senator Kevin S. Parker is intimately familiar with the needs of his ethnically diverse Brooklyn district including sections of Flatbush, East Flatbush, Kensington, Ditmas Park, Midwood, Flatlands, Canarsie, Georgetown, Old Mill Basin, Mill Basin, Marine Park, and Bergen Beach. A lifelong Brooklyn resident, Senator Parker is the Chair of the Senate Energy

and Telecommunications Committee and a member of several other Senate committees including Finance, Rules, Banks, Internet and Technology, as well as Budget and Revenue.