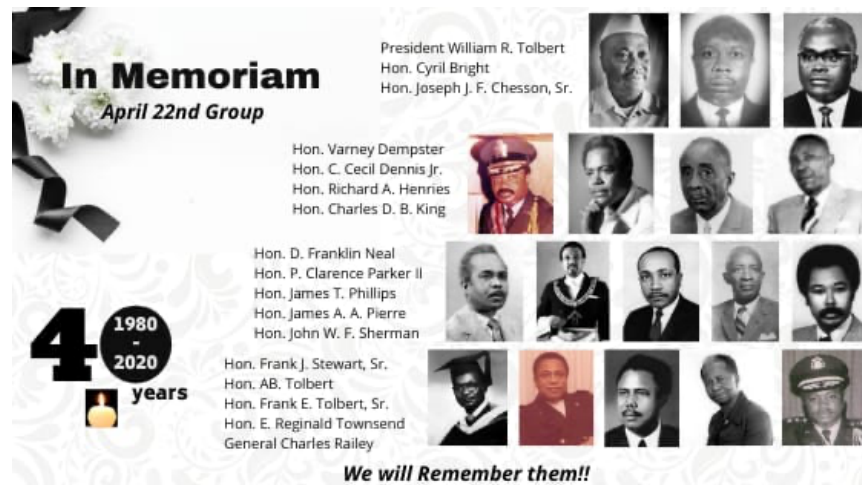


40 years ago, April 22nd 1980, thirteen officials of the Liberian Government were killed on South Beach in Monrovia, Liberia, as a result of a military coup d'etat on April 12th 1980 that toppled the government of President William R. Tolbert, Jr.

President Tolbert was the patriarch of Pastor Hank's family, and the events all those years ago are part of his story as well. Upon reflection of this event, and our current situation today, Pastor Hank wrote this short poem.



We still tend to believe might is right, and that my life matters more than your death.

We still choose dark over light, and me over we.

I know best, that doesn't honor and heed the rest, isn't freedom but selfish destructive ambition.

Forty years is but a day.

From 96 South Carolina to the beaches of Monrovia, from JFK Hospital to JFK Airport, from Palisades Park to Philadelphia, I'm grateful for a family that chooses life.

Choosing life means life for all, and not just for you and yours.