



Akil Chinua Kokayi's (Chris Lee) love of technology and his passion for service have benefited the PAOCC and the wider community since 1992, when he joined Shrine #9 during his senior year at Georgia Institute of Technology. He earned his Bachelor of Electrical Engineering degree from Georgia Tech later that year, and continued at Georgia Tech to earn his Master of Science in Electrical Engineering in 1995. From 1996 to 2001 (the birth of Internet Age), he managed the creation of PAOCC community technology centers in Atlanta, Detroit, and Beulah Land. During that time, he collaborated with local organizations like the National Society of Black Engineers to create free computer classes for children and adults. He also created the Shrine Bookstore's first website and

later led the implementation of online sales on the site. In 2011, he designed and installed the online streaming system for Shrine #9 and managed the installation of the streaming systems in Houston and Detroit, all while living in Jacksonville, Florida. In addition to his technological contributions, Akil also served the PAOCC as a Missionary, a Minister and a Maccabee.

Akil lives in Jacksonville, Florida, where he is Associate Dean of Engineering and Industry at Florida State College at Jacksonville (FSCJ). Prior to his current role, he was a Professor of Information Technology at the college for nine years. His other professional endeavors have included being a software loadbuilder and an electrical engineer at Nortel Networks, a technical change analyst at NGA Human Resources, as well as an entrepreneur for several years. He has served the Jacksonville community as a FIRST LEGO League Robotics coach since 2020. His team, the MFK Warriors, has gone to the state championship three out of the past six years. His son Jawara is a sophomore at Florida Polytechnic University, where he is studying video game programming.