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**MINNESOTA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
I.P.B.O.E. of W.**

**ANNUAL
ORATORICAL CONTEST**



SUNDAY, JUNE 5, 1994

4:00 P.M.

**PILGRIM BAPTIST CHURCH
732 W. CENTRAL AVE.
ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA**

LET EVERY PERSON UNITE WITH US IN THE FIGHT FOR EQUALITY THROUGH UNDERSTANDING, LOVE AND EDUCATION

The Improved Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the World in inaugurating these Oratorical Contest, national in their scope, are hopeful that in this way a force will be put in motion that will result in directing the minds of all America to the injustice of Race discriminations, and will aid in the correction of these great evils.

Through the Department of Education of the I.B.P.O.E. of W. many of our present day leaders have received their education through Elks Scholarship aid. To name a few of the distinguished leaders such as Dr. Martin Luther King, Nobel Prize Winner; James Farmer, Past National Field Director of Core; Josepy Waddy, served as Municipal Judge of the District of Columbia; Kessler Montgomery, Former Assistant Attorney General of the State of Massachusetts; Vel Phillips, first Negro Woman serving on the Democratic National Committee; Dorothy Height, International Y.M.C.A. secretary and also National President of the National Council of Negro Women; Constance Motley, famous Civil Rights Lawyer and William Lissenmeyer a white graduate who formerly was the English Tutor to the brother of King Saud of Arabia - and a host of other leaders.

All nationalities are eligible to participate in these contests. These young orators have helped to crystalize all races to determination to move faster in the march toward full Recognition of the equality of Citizenship for all Americans.

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LIFT EVERY VOICE AND SING

Lift every voice and sing
Till earth and heaven ring,
Ring with the harmonies of Liberty;
Let our rejoicing rise
High as the listening skies,
Let it resound loud as the rolling sea.
Sing a song full of the faith that the
 dark past has taught us,
Sing a song full of the hope that the
 present has brought us,
Facing the rising sun of a new day begun,
Let us march on till victory is won.

Stony the road we trod,
Bitter the chastening rod
Felt in the days when hope unborn had died;
Yet with a steady beat,
Have not our weary feet
Come to the place for which our fathers sighed?
We have come over a way that with
 tears has been watered,
We have come, treading our path
 through the blood of the slaughtered;
Out of a gloomy past
Till now we stand at last
Where the white gleam of our bright star
 is cast.

God of our weary years,
God of our silent tears,
Thou who has brought us thus far on the way,
Thou who has by thy might
Let us into the light,
Keep us forever in the path, we pray,
Lest our feet stray from the places, our God,
where we met thee,
Lest, our hearts drunk with the wine of the world,
 we forget thee,
Shadowed beneath thy hand,
May we forever stand;
True to our God,
True to our native land.

MINNESOTA STATE ORATORICAL CONTEST

PROGRAM

Presiding.....Martin O. Weddington
Local Co-Chairperson: St. Paul

Music Gloria & Felix James

Processional

Lift Every Voice And Sing..... All

Invocation Dr. Fred Bacon

Opening Ode All Elks

Welcome Hayward McKeerson
Local Co-Chairperson:Mpls

Music: Piano Solo Jessie McKinley
Student: Central High School

Introduction of Alexander Jordan,P.G.E.R.
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State Directress

Speaker Dr. Curmin Gaines
Superintendent: St.Paul Public Schools

Explanation of Rules DonnaM. Davis, P.G.D.R.

The Contestants... No. #1 No. #2 No. #3

Music: Piano Solo Christopher Love
Student - St. Louis Park

Introductions of Special Guests

Decision of Judges

Introductions of Contestants and Parents Alexander Jordan, P.G.E.R.

Remarks Julius Clemons, P.G.E.R.
District Deputy-Minnesota: Emeritus

Benediction Rev. Thomas E. Fantroy

We, the State Education Committee would like to extend
our deepest appreciation to all who have contributed in
any way towards the success of this program.

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