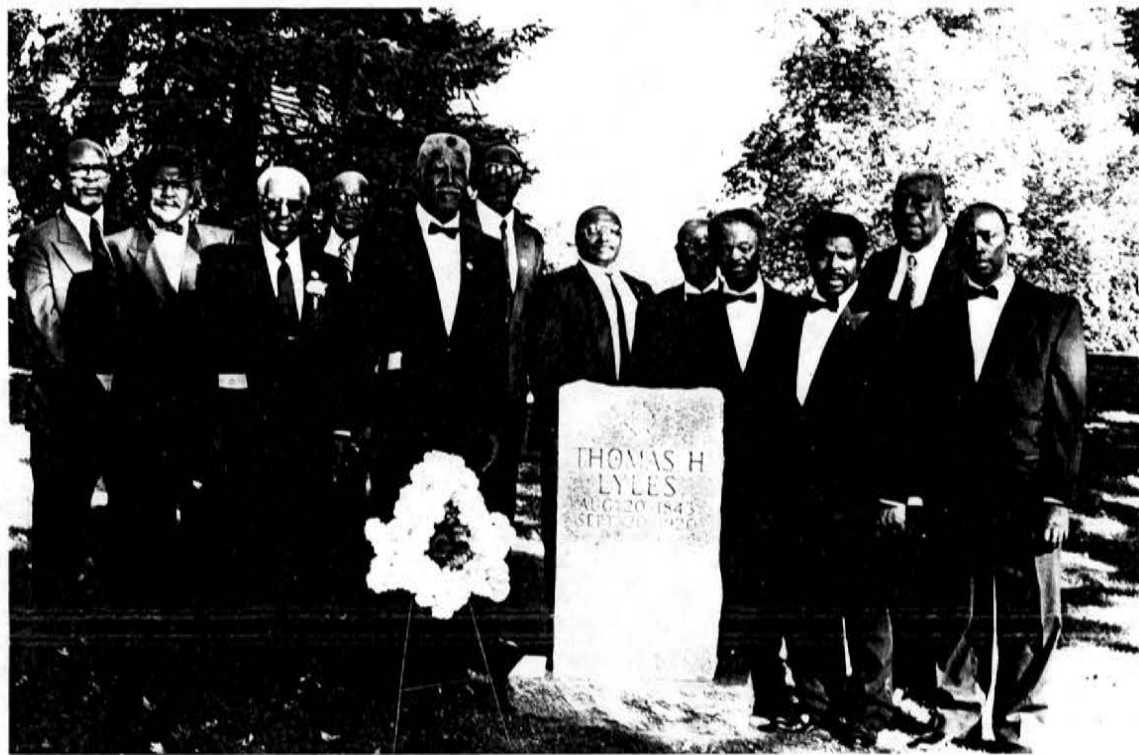




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# THOMAS H. LYLES

AUG. 20. 1843  
SEPT. 20. 1920

FIRST GRAND MASTER OF  
M. W. PRINCE HALL,  
GRAND LODGE, F. & A. M.  
MINNESOTA & JURISDICTION  
1894 — 1896

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| M. W. Robert Johnson    | M. W. William Davis |
| M. W. Milton Henry      | M. W. Wayne Glanton |

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Worshipful Masters—Steven Davis, #7; Hallie Williams, #1;  
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# Centennial Memorial Service

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for Past Grand Master  
**Thomas Lyles**

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September 17, 1994

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'America the Beautiful' **led by** ..... Past Master  
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Senior Warden Pioneer Lodge #1

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**Hymn** ..... 'Battle Hymn of the Republic'

**Benediction** ..... Rev. Brother William Smith

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Above the fruited plain.  
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And crown thy good with brotherhood,  
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'Till earth and heaven ring  
Ring with the harmonies of liberty  
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That the dark past has taught us  
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Facing the rising sun of our new day begun  
Let us march on 'till victory is won.

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