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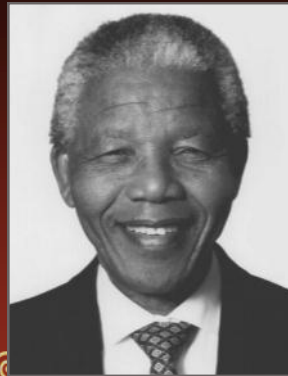
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HONORABLE BROTHER NELSON MANDELA: A FREEDOM FIGHTER ~ A PRINCE HALL MASON

Bro. Nelson Mandela departed this earthly life on December 5, 2013 at the age of ninety-five but his spirit continues to live on in the hearts of many across the world. The life of Bro. Mandela is one of the greatest stories of our lifetime. “Madiba” as some affectionately called him was born July 18, 1918 in the Republic of Transkei which is in southeastern South Africa¹. Bro. Mandela spent much of his adult life fighting against apartheid in South Africa. On June 12, 1964 he was sentenced to life in prison for sabotage and conspiracy to overthrow the white government of South Africa². Bro. Mandela was released from prison on February 11, 1990 after serving twenty-seven years³.

Later in the same year after his release Bro. Mandela went on a tour raising awareness about the fight against apartheid. He came to United States where he was celebrated in several major cities. He stopped in Atlanta, GA in June of 1990⁴. During his stay he met M.W. Bro. William C. Parker Jr. who was at the time the Grand Master of the M.W. Prince Hall Grand Lodge of North Carolina. Even though he was a visitor in the state of Georgia the North Carolina **Grand Master proceeded to make Mandela a Mason “at sight”** to be later affiliated with a lodge under the jurisdiction of North Carolina.⁵ He also dubbed Bro. Mandela’s second wife, **Winnie, a member of the Order of Eastern Star** as well under the jurisdiction of North Carolina.⁶

South Africa’s held its first democratic election for a president on April 27, 1994⁷. Bro. Mandela won the election and his inauguration was on May 10, 1994⁸. After he served one term and he remained an activist until “retiring” in 2004 because of his health⁹. After 2004 he only made occasional public appearances. He died on December 5, 2013 after a long bout with a respiratory illness.¹⁰ In the days leading up to his funeral Bro. Mandela’s life was celebrated by many including world leaders to ordinary people who were inspired by his life. His memory across the world shall be everlasting as an evergreen tree.

“Until then, dear friend and Brother, until then, farewell”

(Special thanks goes to W. Bro. Damajo Smith, Asst. Grand Historian, M.W.P.H.G.L. of North Carolina and Bro. Kobie Coltrane)

- Submitted by Worshipful Brother Adrian V. Cooley, #155

EDITORIAL—

The Holiday Season is generally met with an abundance of charitable activities. It certainly is the season to be jolly and to focus more on helping others than on helping ourselves. This edition showcases the activities of the jurisdiction for this season and spotlights many achievements made by brethren and sisters across the State of Illinois. These efforts are extraordinary and help to define the true actions of Freemasonry to the public at-large who watch these acts first hand. By continuing to do so in every corner of the state, we improve our standing in the community which will, eventually, contribute to the growth of our organization. So, let your light shine before others, that they may be drawn to join our ranks.



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SUBMISSIONS TIMELINE

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From the Office of the

MOST WORSHIPFUL GRAND MASTER

*"The Will of God will never take you where the Grace of God will not protect you.
To get something you never had, you have to do something you never did." - Millard V. Driskell*

Be it known that I, Millard V. Driskell, Grand Master of Prince Hall Masons of the State of Illinois and Its Jurisdictions, by virtue of the authority in me vested, and in accordance with the Constitution, By-Laws and Ceremonies of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, State of Illinois, Article XIV, Sections 2, 3, 4, & 5, p 61, do hereby summons all Past and Present Grand Lodge Officers, Past Masters, Worshipful Masters, Lodge Representatives and all Master Masons of all Subordinate Lodges who hold allegiance to this Grand Lodge, to assemble on Saturday, February 15, 2014, at 10:00 am, in the Abraham Lincoln Hotel, located at 701 East Adams Street, Springfield, Illinois, 62701 to convene for our Constitutional Convention and other fraternal and legal matters that affect the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, State of Illinois and Its Jurisdictions.

This Proclamation shall be read in every open lodge meeting beginning November 1, 2013, until the convening of the Constitutional Convention on February 15, 2014.

Given under my hand, attested to, and given the Seal of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, State of Illinois and Its Jurisdictions, on this, the first day (1st) of November, 2013.

MW Millard V. Driskell
Grand Master

ATTEST

RW Sean Queen
Grand Secretary



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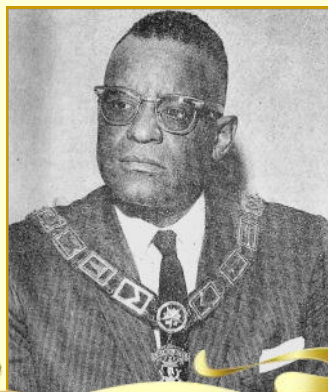
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EUREKA GRAND CHAPTER ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR



**Sister Sandra D. Smith
and Brother Anthony Atwood,
Worthy Grand Matron and Patron**



At the 124th Annual Grand Session of Eureka Grand Chapter, OES, State of Illinois, PHA July 29, 2013 at the Springfield Hilton Hotel, Springfield, IL Sister Teresa D. Abner, WGM for Eureka Grand Chapter and Sister Louise Westergaard, WGM for the Grand Chapter of Illinois signed an "Agreement of Recognition" between the two Grand Chapters. Accompanying WGM Sister Westergaard was the WGP Brother Joe Poole and 18 of the officers and members of the Grand Chapter of Illinois.

Also as witness to this occasion were MW Brother Terry L. Seward, Grand Master, Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, State of Illinois and his elected line officers – RW Deputy Grand Master Barry Weer, RW Brother Anthony R. Cracco, Grand Senior Warden, RE Gregory L. Clark, Grand Junior Warden and MW Brother Millard V. Driskell, Grand Master, Prince Hall Masons, State of Illinois and his elected line officers – RW Deputy Grand Master Dwayne A. Smith, RW Brother Aubrey Barlow, Grand Senior Warden, RW Brother Roland Simon, Grand Junior Warden.

Eureka Grand Chapter officers witnessing the ceremony were Sister Sandra D. Smith, Associate Grand Matron, Brother Anthony L. Atwood, Associate Grand Patron Sister Stephanie Atwood, Grand Conductress, Sister Lena D. Roberts, Associate Grand Conductress, Sister H. Lorraine Jeter, PWGM, Sister Dollie L. Sanders, PWGM, Sister Annie M Cooper, PWGM, Sister Marilyn Watt-Crook, PWGM, Sister Joyce Walkup, PWGM, Sister Weatau A. H. Barsh, PWGM, Sister Sholanda F. W. Patterson, PWGM, Sister Paulette Brown, PWGM, Brother Clyde W. Cooper, Sr., PWGP, Brother Willie Moore, PWGP, Brother Jerome Abner, PWGP, Brother William L. Norman, PWGP, Brother James Barsh, PWGP, Brother William W. Jackson, PWGP.

Grand Chapter of Illinois officers witnessing the ceremony were: Sister Donna Starkey, Associate Grand Matron, Brother Bruce Strasser, Associate Grand Patron, Sister Marge Kalivoda, Grand Conductress, Sister Joyce Hopping, Associate Grand Conductress, Sister Meg March Past Grand Matron and Sister Judy Thyesen, Past Grand Matron along with 12 other Sisters and Brothers.

Sharing this historic occasion were officers and members from 4 Jurisdictions (75 visitors):

- GWM Mary A. Lewis, Prince Hall Grand Chapter, Indiana Jurisdiction
- GWM Mary E. Anderson, Electa Grand Chapter, Iowa Jurisdiction
- GWM Loling M. Sawyer, Amaranth Grand Chapter, Ohio Jurisdiction
- GWM Barbara Nash, Unity Grand Chapter, Wisconsin Jurisdiction

Sister Teresa D. Abner, WGM thanked PWGP Jerome Abner, Moderator, PWGM H. Lorraine Jeter, PGM Melvin Frierson, PGM Clarence W. Trotter, PGM Benny Grisham, PGM Daniel Yandel, and PGM Richard Swaney for their work to make this day possible.

A very special event in the history of the two Grand Chapters.

Submitted by Sister H. Lorraine Jeter, PWGM, Grand CCFC

The Masonic Journal Salutes 2013 Award Recipients



**PM Ken Page, #3
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Matron of the Year (2)**



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Matron of the Year (3)**



**Brian Beatty, #28
Patron of the Year**

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The signers on the official document are:

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Brother Armand Harris, WGP;
Sister Mildred Lloyd, Grand Secretary
- **For the MWPHGL of Illinois:**
MW Bro. Millard V. Driskell, Grand Master;
RW Brother Daryl Andrews, Grand Secretary
- **For the Grand Chapter of Illinois:**
Sister Louise Westergaard, WGM;
Brother Joe Poole, WGP;
Brother Damon Stotts, Grand Secretary
- **For the Grand Lodge of Illinois:**
MW Bro. Terry L. Seward, Grand Master
RW Brother Franklin Cline, Grand Secretary



Feedback Corner:

- "I appreciated the comments of the Grand Master on 'Ujamaa'. We need our people to step up."
- "Best wishes to the Ankhamen Brothers in their efforts to make it to the 2016 Olympics."
- Congratulations to the Prince Hall Masonic Journal on turning 50 years old. It has evolved nicely."
- "You should interview former editors of the Journal since it has turned 50."
- "The Mentality of Misery' piece was deep. It made me think about my life and how I can make some changes."
- "As a teacher, I think the Buffalo Soldiers Museum article and interview is the type of thing that we need to see more of. Please keep a focus on things like this and continue to place them in the Journal. Also, you need to do a second interview to dig a bit deeper into the founder. It was a good interview but it was a bit short. Please do a part 2."
- "Why isn't our charity work on the radars of our public officials? Can you put them on the mailing list?"

AGNES BERRY MOODY

QUICK NOTES ON A PAST WORTHY GRAND MATRON WITH INTERNATIONAL IMPACTS

Submitted by
Right Worshipful Brother
Daryl L. Andrews



Many of our sisters in the Order of the Eastern Star were international figures at the turn of the 20th Century. One of our sisters was not only a Past Worthy Grand Matron (1899) and the first Grand Treasurer (1889) of Eureka Grand Chapter Order of the Eastern Star but also the Past Most Ancient Grand Matron of the Most Ancient Prince Hall Grand Court Heroines of Jericho when the Grand Lodge initially adopted the Grand Court in 1877. She was also known by two names which still resonate in the minds of many citizens today. Internationally, she was known as “Aunt Agnes” but nationally she was known as the first non-fictional “Aunt Jemima”. She is none other than Sister Agnes Berry Moody.

The early life of Sister Moody is yet to be uncovered but her efforts in

her latter years were remarkable. At 60, she ran the American Corn Kitchen which was one of the most popular features at the U.S. Agriculture Department's Building during the 1900 Universal Exposition. The purpose of the exhibit was to promote the use of American corn and cornmeal for cooking. Despite being cast in the role of “Aunty” or kitchen caretaker, she was described as the “presiding genius” by the *Virginian Pilot* and numerous publications across the globe touted her skills in cooking and promotion. Her popularity skyrocketed as a result and made her appearance at special affairs during the exposition to be highly desired. The *Minneapolis Journal* reported that she was “entertained and fed by royalty” not only for her efforts at the exposition

but also for her personality as she was a most accomplished leader.

Recognizing a need to promote social change in America, Sister Moody had become active in civic and social movements prior to the exposition. By 1900 she had become a charter member of the National Association of Colored Women and John Brown's Women's Relief Corps, President of the Ida B. Wells Club and other local and national civic organizations. She was also the sitting Worthy Grand Matron of Eureka Grand Chapter during the Paris Exposition. These accomplishments provide evidence to the fact that she was a lady and leader of the highest caliber and confirm her ability to hold her own with any audience.

For America, her efforts at the exposition helped to boost total exports to foreign countries. From 1891 to 1895, it is estimated that America exported more than 50 million bushels of corn and 166 million bushels of wheat. By 1900, these totals increased to more than 176 million bushels of corn and nearly 180 million bushels of wheat. Her representation and promotion of American corn produced great dividends for the country. For these efforts, she was awarded a gold medal by the U.S. Agriculture Department upon her return.

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- *Special thanks to Sister Sybil Moses, Princess Hager #7, Phyllis Society for presenting “Research Agenda” at the 2013 Phylaxis Society session.*

On March 6, 1775, Prince Hall and 14 others were raised to the degree of Master Mason. As a man, Hall was dedicated to the principles outlined by the United States Constitution and worked to secure those rights for all citizens. A volunteer in the Revolutionary War, he joined more 5,000 other Blacks fighting for the full freedom that still alluded them after the war in New England. In doing so, Hall filed petitions against abuses on Free Men in the North and petitioned the Massachusetts State Legislature to abolish Slavery for ten consecutive years until it was finally abolished. Though times have changed, Prince Hall Masons of today must work to ensure that his example is never forgotten and should remember Americanism Day as described by the late Past Grand Master of Arkansas, Howard Woods. He stated that “as the Christian has a revival, the Muslim has a pilgrimage to Mecca, Prince Hall Masons celebrate Prince Hall Americanism Day to revive the spirit of the Craft. It is a time for Masons to take stock of their lives, renew their faith in God, Country and Fraternity and his duty to mankind. It is in the truest sense a Masonic Revival.” It is in this spirit that the Masons of today celebrate Prince Hall Americanism Day.—Source: “Why Masons Celebrate Prince Hall Day” by PGM Howard Woods, Arkansas

FIRST DISTRICT—Americanism Day services were celebrated at the Grand East on Sunday, September 8, 2013 in Carter Hall where many gathered to commemorate the contributions of the father of organized African American Freemasonry to America. RW Bro. Daryl L. Andrews spoke so eloquently on the spirit and integrity of Prince Hall that we all thought we

were back in a Sunday morning church service. He stressed that Freemasonry was a tool that Prince Hall utilized for improvement and not a silly social club. His history lesson opened the eyes of many to a large degree. He challenged the brethren and sisters which included Most Worshipful Brother Millard Driskell, Sister Sandra D. Smith and others to be leaders in the community like Prince Hall was. By living up to this legacy, our fraternity will surely stand the test of time.

THIRD DISTRICT—The Masonic Family of Decatur Hosted the annual Prince Hall Americanism Day Celebration at the Greater Northside Baptist Church. A heart felt and stirring sermon was given by Rev. Bro. Jimmy Waddell, #17. It was refreshing and entertaining to see the different masonic dress attires from Shrine, Consistory, Golden Circle, York Rite Bodies, O.E.S. and Blue house bodies. Prior to the program the brothers and the sisters were able to fellowship with a Masonic Dinner, hosted by St. Mary’s Chapter # 65, O.E.S. of Decatur. It was a honored to have Right Worshipful Brother Aubrey K. Barlow on hand to give closing remarks on behalf of the Most Worshipful Grand Master. — Submitted by Worshipful Brother Ron Wilson,#17

PRINCE HALL AMERICANISM DAY ACROSS ILLINOIS

IN SALUTE OF THE FATHER OF AFRICAN AMERICAN FREEMASONRY IN AMERICA AND BEYOND

DORIC & ETERNAL LIGHT—SCHOOL DRIVE AT WEST POINT MBC



Blocks away from the Grand East, West Point Missionary Baptist Church has served as a beacon of hope in the City of Chicago since 1917. Each year, the church hosts an “Back to School Effort” where the brethren of Doric Lodge #77, Eternal Light Lodge #156 and sisters from multiple Chapters have been yearly participants. This year the brethren cooked and served the community and passed out school supplies to the youth while Past Master Carl Pickett of Richard E. Moore Lodge #109 presented information on the Illinois Child Identification Program (IL-CHIP) to the community.

GOVERNOR SIGNS BILL FOR PHA LICENSE PLATES



On August 9, 2013, the Honorable Pat Quinn, Governor of the State of Illinois, signed the bill to grant license plates for Illinois Prince Hall Masons. The effort began under the term of Grand Master Otis Cromartie

in early 2013 who worked to introduce the bill through State Representative Rita Mayfield. The effort made its way through both State Houses in June of 2013 and to the Governor's Desk by the efforts of Grand Master Millard Driskell and the current administration. This effort is set to provide a consistent revenue stream to the Grand East.

NFL HALL OF FAMER FAULK MADE A MASON

On August 28, 2013, in the City of East St. Louis, Illinois, Most Worshipful Brother Millard V. Driskell assisted by Past Grand Master Melvin Frierson, Honorary Past Grand Master Earl D. Scott, Past Masters Sam Hurd, D. Gilmore, Milton Jackson, D. Harris and Worshipful



Brother John Richardson exercised made NFL Hall of Fame Running Back, Brother Marshall Faulk, a Mason at site. His induction extends the trend of prominent athletes who wish to receive more light. Congratulations to Brother Faulk and to the brethren of Southern Cross Lodge #112 on their new addition.

AS WE THREE DO SUCCEED!!! - Local, State, International

Did you know that all three of these Companions served as Holy Royal Arch Masons Scribe at the same time? Did you know that all three of these three Companions are in the same subordinate chapter, the same Grand Chapter, and the same Lodge? Now that is amazing!!! Who are they?

Companion Santik Hogan served as Scribe of Oriental Chapter #21, Holy Royal Arch Masons in 2013, in Chicago, Illinois and he is a Past Master of Stone Temple Lodge #137, PHA, in Chicago, Illinois, where he also serves as Dean of their School of Instruction.

Right Excellent Companion David Fields serves as Grand Scribe of the Most Excellent Grand Chapter Holy Royal Arch Masons of the state of Illinois in 2013. He also is a Past High Priest of Oriental Chapter #21 HRAM and also a Past Master of Stone Temple Lodge #137, PHA, in Chicago, Illinois. David is also a member of John W. Thompson, Jr. Priory #3, Chicago Illinois, Knights of the York Cross of Honour (PHA).

Most Excellent Companion Damon P. Anderson, Sr. serves as General Grand Conference of Grand Chapters Holy Royal Arch Masons, PHA, United States and Bahamas, Inc.. General Grand Scribe during 2013. Yes M.E. Comp. Anderson is also a Past High Priest of Oriental Chapter #21, a Past Master of Stone Temple Lodge #137, and a Past Eminent Prior of John W. Thompson, Jr. Priory #3, Chicago Illinois, Knights of the York Cross of Honour (PHA).

Congratulations to Stone Temple Lodge #137 (PHA) and Oriental Chapter #21 (HRAM) in Illinois for instilling leadership traits in the men of Illinois and for being the first to have outstanding individuals to serve on the different levels in the same position of Holy Royal Arch Masons at the same time.

- Submitted by Right Worshipful Brother Damon P. Anderson, Sr., #137





SOMEONE YOU SHOULD KNOW



In recognition of 50 years of news, this edition of **Someone You Should Know** is dedicated to Past Master Charles Young, past Editor of the Prince Hall Masonic Journal. - Submitted by PM Dontane Farmer, #30

IN PERSPECTIVE OF A PAST EDITOR



In my perspective, serving as Past Editor of the Prince Hall Masonic Journal, for the Most Worshipful Prince Grand Lodge, State of Illinois and Jurisdiction has been a very humbling and gratifying undertaking.

I was appointed to the Editor of the Prince Hall Masonic Journal, by Most Worshipful Past Grand Master Jerry Butler 33°, after serving as Assistant Editor under the leadership of the Past Editor P.M. Earnest Carthan, #121.

That's just a simple path to my past editorship. The pathway leading to this esteemed honor started long before the actual appointment as Editor of the Prince Hall Masonic Journal.

I have worked with the Prince Hall Masonic Journal for many years, dating back to 1985, under the Editorship of several Past Editors: Past Editor Emeritus P.M. Isaac Washington 33°, #59, Past Editor, P.M. Brain Abrams 33°, #109, and Past Editor P.M. Earnest Carthan, #121; as a contributing writer. I initially presented the idea of writing consumer related articles in a parallel spinoff, as a member of the Consumer Education Committee. This committee chaired by the late P.M. Silas K. Brown, #109, and fellow committee member/secretary, P.M. Hebert R. Williams 33°, #121.

Past Editor, P.M. Brain Abrams 33°, #109 who was serving as the Grand Historian in 1985, inspired me in his shared vision providing essential historian information. P.M. Abrams 33°, #109 imparted wisdom on the importance of providing a quality in the leadership role as an Editor.

The role of Editor requires taking on responsibilities beyond the scope placing a generalize category/theme of articles of past and current events. It requires a special skill set encompassing leadership, project management and interpersonal skills. The

Editor has to “wear many hats”, that of data entry, writer, researcher, printer, photographer, timeline scheduler, budget manager and the like, associated with the final production of the Prince Hall Masonic Journal. In addition, the Editorship requires a great deal of “Objectivity” and “Political Correctness”.

As a Past Editor, I strongly encourage the Prince Hall Masonic membership of all Houses, and the Sisterhood of all Houses, in all jurisdictions to proactively plan in advance and in a timely manner to submit information to the Editor for future publication.

QUESTIONS FOR THE PAST EDITOR:

Who influenced you about masonry, before you became a mason?

I observed family members who were active in Masonry and the Eastern Stars. Two of my uncles in Chicago and an uncle living in Mississippi, who was a 33° Mason, sparked my interest and desire to seek more light, especially when I was informed that neither would give me information; I would have to get it on my own. I continued to seek more light, eventually given a petition by college classmate, thereby gaining admittance into Eureka Lodge #64.

Who would you say influenced you as a mason?



There are several people and brothers I will name in this reply: The late P.M. Silas K. Brown, #109 (pictured), was a great influence based on his vast knowledge of consumer affairs, politics, and his expertise in demographics and socioeconomics. I initially met P.M. Silas K. Brown in 1985, after inquiring about the Consumer Education Committee he chaired. I was immediately challenged to develop a consumer packet for the committee, later to be introduced Past Editor Emeritus P.M. Isaac Washington 33°, #59, the editor at the time and P.M. Brain Abrams 33°, #109, Grand Historian and Circulation Manager. Shortly there after, P.M. Silas K. Brown introduced me to another component of his Consumerism, a radio broadcast show entitled “The Consumers Eye Radio Talk Show”, which he hosted at WKKC (located at Kennedy King College). I tried to take on a role behind the scenes as researcher and scheduler, but that was not accepted, so I had to take on an active role in co-hosting the one hour weekly broadcast. The baton was passed onto me and a fellow co-host Derek McNeil, to carry out the legacy of “The Consumers Eye Radio Talk Show” for more than 25 years.

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YORK RITE SERVICE AWARD INTRODUCED BY ROYAL ARCH



The Jenkins-Tucker York Rite Service Award was introduced by Most Excellent Companion Charles Holiday Jr. to recognize York Rite Masons for their service to society and the Rite. The namesakes of the award are two men who fully embodied the principle of service during their times on this earth. Most Excellent Companions Clyde L. Jenkins and Raymond T. Tucker have both served in leadership roles in the Male and Female York Rite Houses. Their level of dedication was second to none

and their efforts helped to elevate the Illinois York Rite to its highest levels. Under their terms of leadership the visibility of the Illinois York Rite increased to a global level. Together, their examples of leadership and service are those which should be emulated for years to come. The York Rite Service Award was unveiled to the public and presented to the very first recipient at the Illinois Council of Deliberation Annual Session in October of 2013. The recipient was selected based on a unique accomplishment as he is the only Mason in the history of Freemasonry in Illinois to have served Most Excellent Grand High Priest (York Rite), Deputy for the Orient of Illinois (Scottish Rite) and Most Worshipful Grand Master (Grand Lodge). Like the award namesakes, this recipient is second to none. Congratulations to Most Excellent Companion Melvin Frierson on being the first recipient and congratulations to Most Excellent Companion Holiday for creating this award.



HARAM ANNUAL JAZZ BREAKFAST FOR AUTISM

The Most Excellent Prince Hall Grand Chapter of Holy Royal Arch Masons held its Second Annual Jazz Breakfast at Pearl's Place restaurant in Chicago to raise funds to support Autism Awareness. Under the leadership of Most Excellent Companion Charles Holiday Jr., the Grand Chapter has worked to raise thousands of dollars for this cause via ticket sales to the breakfast and through the silent auction. This year's breakfast featured a guest speaker from the Autism Society in the Chicago area and auction items which ranged from Masonic books and regalia to shoes and ethnic art. Congratulations to the Grand Chapter on a job well done!



“The Degrees are taken forward, but they are understood backwards.”¹ In that spirit, we have received the first lesson of Masonry from Millard V. Driskell, Grand Master of Illinois Prince Hall Masons in the Winter 2012-13 issue of the Prince Hall Masonic Journal—**“Purpose of Freemasonry”**. Now, let’s take a step back to lesson two, “What is Freemasonry?”

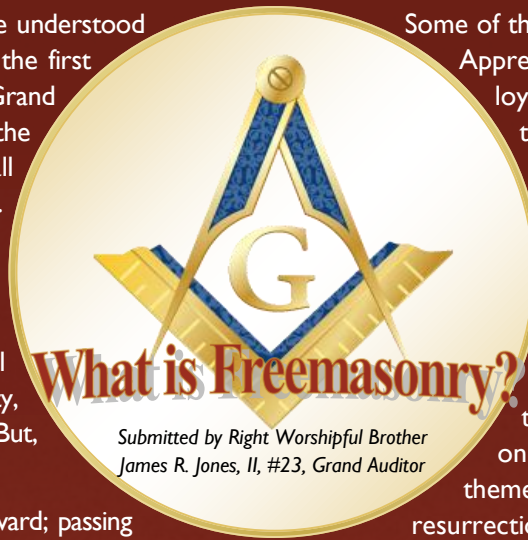
Freemasonry is said to be a lot of things. “It is a way of life.” It is a noble art and a royal science.” It is “a beautiful system of morality, veiled in allegory and illustrated by symbols.” But, most importantly, “it is a Progressive Science!”

Progressive is defined as “going forward or onward; passing successively from one stage to the next.”² Science is defined as “knowledge, as of facts or principles; knowledge gained by systematic study.”³ Therefore, by consideration, the definition of Progressive Science is “knowledge gained through systematic study by going forward or onward, passing successively from one stage to the next”.

Freemasonry has numerous parts, branches and stages of learning. There are those most common, such as, the Ancient Craft, the Mark Master and (Holy) Royal Arch, the Royal and Select, Knights Templarism, the Knights of the York Cross of Honour, the Ancient and Accepted Rite, and Shrinedom. There are, also, those that are unknown, unfamiliar and believed to be out of reach. Some are the Tall Cedars of Lebanon, the Allied Masonic Degrees, Masonic Rosicrucianism, Athelstan, the Knight Masons, the Holy Royal Arch Knight Templar Priests, the York Rite Sovereign College, the Order of the Red Cross of Constantine and the Royal Order of Scotland.

In a Progressive Science, one can’t wish long enough, hope long enough, “wait long enough, listen long enough, [or] work in the Lodge long enough” expecting the Light to shine!⁴ He must travel to foreign countries from the Quarries of his initiation and the Lodge of his first building site to the Quarries of his advancement. Though he may wander through the wilderness and may have to seek refuge and relief in the Tabernacle amidst the Encampment, he should have and, always, continue to pray to the G.A.O.T.U. to strengthen and guide him on his pilgrimage by the ways that the blind cannot see while making crooked things straight. All this travelling and learning, he must do while keeping sacred the knowledge of this noble art and royal science deep within his Secret Vault through secrecy and silence.

The lessons of Freemasonry are weighty. Therefore, in order to comprehend them, one must accept, embrace and reclaim the most important part of Freemasonry’s equation—the disregarded science of TIME. It takes time to absorb all the lessons that Freemasonry has to impart. Nonetheless, he can spend a lifetime on learning these lessons and still blind, deaf and dumb of its wisdom. He, also, must submit to the second most important part of its equation—the forgotten art of Mentality. One must place himself in a position, mentally, to receive the lessons that await his arrival. Hence, this is the true purpose of entering an apprenticeship and bearing the burdens thereof. Then, and only then, will the Light shine on, in and through him.



Some of the lessons that are to be learned, as an Entered Apprentice, are humility, submission, patience and loyalty. However, the one underlying lesson of the first degree is “who do you listen to?” Henceforth, this is the reason one is cautious. Some of the lessons that are explained to a Fellow of the Craft are the seven (7) liberal arts and sciences. More especially, what is to be understood is how they relate to the universe, how they relate to man, and how man, the Fellow Craft in particular, relates to the universe. The underlying derivatives are one’s teach ability and the steps of learning. The themes of the third degree are death and resurrection. With the death of that Grand Master of Architecture, the Word is presumed to be lost, and, therefore, a substitute established in its place. The underlying lesson for the Master Mason is there is more to be learned. So, he must travel onward to the next stage.

As one progresses further, many other lesson are taught—some that expound and others that extend the knowledge of Freemasonry. Unfortunately, I will digress. As one travels from Darkness to Light, from Ignorance to Knowledge, it is hoped that he will arrive at his final destination. That destination is the ‘Ne Plus Ultra’ of Wisdom. Yet, that journey can’t ever be completed nor that Wisdom ever acquired without him mastering the noble science of arithmetic by adding to Knowledge, Understanding.

Many believe that, as one embarks upon his journey through the institution of Freemasonry, he is traveling up in Masonry. In reality, he is traveling in a circle. His mission should be to complete 720 degrees of Knowledge and Understanding, thereby arriving at his journey’s end of Wisdom. What is that Wisdom, you ask? They are many! Needless to say, the one portion that I can divulge here is “there is no place like home”. This alludes to my alter ego—The Prodigal Son. And, home is the Ancient Craft of Freemasonry—Symbolic, Capitular and Cryptic Masonry. Together, they complete the Circle of Perfection of Ancient Craft Masonry which is the first 360 degree circle of one’s journey. Or, does it?

In keeping with the common beliefs of the Brotherhood, that one travels up, I am reminded of that song by Bobby Womack where he sings, “No matter how high, no matter how high I get, I’ll still be looking up to you”, Master of Masonry—Master Mason. Since death is taught in the third degree, one must leave and travel back home, like The Prodigal Son of scripture, to finish his journey and acquire the Wisdom of Death. The Wisdom of Death, in this realm, is resurrection. In the other, the spirit returning to the universe, commonly referred to as, Everlasting Life.

PROGRESS MY BROTHERS (AND SISTERS), PROGRESS!

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THAPELO INSTITUTE ANNUAL HEALTH FAIR at the GRAND

The Grand Lodge sponsored its annual health fair with the doctors of ThapeLO Institute, Walgreens and other medical professionals on Saturday, November 2nd. The purpose of the fair is to promote health awareness and to provide FREE health screenings to brethren and sisters in attendance. The focal point, health of the African American male, was not only designed to provide free health screenings and FREE flu shots but also to distribute information on health awareness.



Dr. Joe Harrington (above) and Dr. Rupe Evans (right) discussed the importance of health screenings and eating habits. Past Master Albert Haynes (above-right) of Walgreens gave FREE flu shots to those in attendance who signed up.



Before taking advantage of the knowledge and resources, everyone must first sign up. Brother Brian Beatty mans to table outside of the door and signs up brethren from Alexandria Lodge #148 who paused their meeting to be in attendance.



With the Grand Master, Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary of Eureka Grand Chapter as witnesses, Grand Senior Warden Aubrey Barlow signs up for the screening (above) while HPGM William L. Norman receives information.

TESTIMONIAL FOR DEPUTY GRAND MASTER SMITH

On the evening of Saturday, November 2nd, the brethren of Jachin Lodge #133 sponsored a Testimonial banquet to honor Right Worshipful Brother Dwayne A. Smith, Deputy Grand Master and to celebrate his birthday. The affair was a gathering filled with fun and entertainment and more food than one can ask for. As you may notice from the photos below, the affair was a Masquerade Ball and was one for the ages attended by many from the Chicago area and across the State of Illinois.



The Masked Avengers enjoy the affair (top left and right) as PGM Willie B. Evans offers congratulations to Deputy Grand master Smith. Charity being the priority, the brethren of Jachin Lodge present donations of \$500 each to worthy charities.



Congratulations to our Deputy Grand Master, Right Worshipful Brother Dwayne A. Smith and the brethren of Jachin Lodge #133 on a job well done.—Photos submitted by Past Master Alvin Potts, #133 and Sister Detria Matthews

Prince Hall Masonic Veterans Day Obse

ORIGINS OF "VETERANS DAY"

World War I – known at the time as “The Great War” - officially ended when the Treaty of Versailles was signed on June 28, 1919. However, fighting ceased seven months earlier when an armistice between the Allied nations and Germany went into effect on the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month. In November 1919, President Wilson proclaimed November 11th as the first commemoration of “Armistice Day” in honor of the peace that had been established by the treaty. The original concept for the celebration was for a day observed with parades and public meetings and a brief suspension of business beginning at 11:00 a.m. An Act (52 Stat. 351; 5 U. S. Code, Sec. 87a) approved May 13, 1938, made the 11th of November in each year a legal holiday—“Armistice Day.” Armistice Day was initially meant to honor veterans of World War I. However, in 1954, the 83rd Congress amended the Act of 1938 by striking out the word “Armistice” and inserting in its place the word “Veterans.” With the approval of this legislation (Public Law 380) on June 1, 1954, November 11th became a day to honor American veterans of all wars.

FOURTH DISTRICT

The Prince Hall Masons of the Fourth Masonic District of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of the State of Illinois conducted its first Prince Hall Masons Veterans Day Observance and Ceremonies on Saturday, November 9, 2013 at 6:00PM at Aahmes Temple #132 located at 787 Aahmes Temple Drive in the City of East St. Louis, Illinois.

There were numerous representatives from the following Prince Hall Masonic Lodges and Chapters of the Order of the Eastern Star including I.H. Kelly Lodge #11 of Belleville, St. Paul Lodge #42 of East St. Louis, Joppa Lodge #79 of East St. Louis, Dunbar Lodge #97 of Alton, Southern Cross Lodge #112 of East St. Louis, Jericho Lodge #120 of Madison, P.G. Porter Lodge #142, formerly of Scott Air Force Base, now from East St. Louis; Queen Elizabeth Chapter #16, OES of East St. Louis, Eastern Light Chapter #68, OES of East St. Louis, Bright Hope Chapter #85, OES of Alton, Morning Star Chapter #135, OES of Madison and Guiding Light Chapter #148, formerly of Scott Air Force Base, now from East St. Louis.

We were blessed with the support and encouragement of the Jr. Past Worthy Grand Matron of Eureka Grand Chapter, PWGM Teresa Abner, PWGP Jerome Abner, PWGP Herman E. Gray Jr. and PWGP Armand T. Harris in addition to numerous Prince Hall Brothers and Sisters. Our educational and community leaders and neighborhood representatives from all branches of the Armed Forces were members of the Honor Guard. Many community resident offered names of living and deceased veterans as

well as active duty freedom fighters for ceremonial participation, observance and recognition. The special invited guests for this special event were the officers and comrades of the VFW-Post 3480 and other VFW and American Legion posts within East St. Louis, Illinois and surrounding areas along with their ladies auxiliaries along with numerous other veterans organizations.

Complimentary food and refreshments were provided for our honorees and for all guests in attendance by the voluntary financial contributions from each member of the Prince Hall Masonic Veterans Day Observance Ceremonial and Recognition Team for the year of 2013.

The following Prince Hall Masons served as officers for this first Prince Hall Masonic Veterans Day Observance, Ceremony and Recognition Team:

- Wor. Bro. Demetrik Chism, #112 - Senior Warden
- Wor. Bro. Samuel Mallard, #112 - Junior Warden
- Wor. Bro. Martez Miller, #120 - Senior Deacon
- Wor. Bro. George Tyus, #120 - Junior Deacon
- Wor. Bro. Herman E. Gray, #112 - Photographer
- Brother Judge Walter Brandon Jr., #112 - Secretary
- Brother James Rivers Thompson, #112 - Chaplain

The following Grand Lodge representatives were present and very supportive of this special event: Wor. Bro. Michael Fordson, #142 – DDGM, Wor. Bro. Harry Barnett, #11 – DDGM, Wor. Bro. Sam Hurd, #142 – Area Coordinator and Most Wor. Bro. Earl D. Scott, #142 – HPGM. Wor. Bro. Dimitreus Gilmore, #112, DDGM for Special Events (pictured) served as our Fourth District Organizer, Coordinator and first **Worshipful Master** for this Veterans Day Program and Observance.

Most Worshipful Brother Melvin Frierson, PGM, served as the Special Representative of Most Worshipful Grand Master Millard V. Driskell for this occasion. Most Worshipful Brother Frierson thanked the veterans; the family representatives of those freedom fighters that are on foreign



and domestic soils providing their services for mankind and humanity in America; and those family members, relatives and friends of those veterans and casualties of American Patriotism. He also congratulated the members of this first Masonic Fourth District Veterans Day Observance and Recognition team for an exemplary performance.

Advancement Ceremonies

FIRST, SECOND & THIRD DISTRICTS



The Prince Hall Masons of the First Masonic District of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of the State of Illinois conducted its Prince Hall Masons Veterans Day Observance and Ceremonies on Saturday, November 9, 2013 at the Grand East in Chicago, Illinois. Under the direction of Past Masters Milton Jackson, the ceremony was well attended and went off in grand style. The focus of the ceremony was on the admiration of heroism displayed by veterans who risked their lives on behalf of the United States of America. Many veterans from several wars are Prince Hall Masons of the Illinois Jurisdiction and their presence and participation in the ceremony showed how meaningful the recognition service was to each of them. Their service commands our respect.



The youth drill team performed for the audience showing a keen precision and discipline in all of their movements as a unit. Under the direction of Brother Tristan Humphries, the team showed up and showed out. They were certainly impressive and will likely be invited to perform again in the near future.



A highlight of the ceremony was the flag folding service performed with great precision by the team lead by Brother Brian Beatty of Mt. Moriah Lodge #28. The commitment to performance and the sincerity in purpose of this ceremony brought many to silence and stirred the souls of all present out of reverence for the sacrifices that are made on our behalf by our soldiers.

Congratulations to all of the Veterans Day Ceremony teams across the State of Illinois. To our soldiers who have retired from service, to those in service and to those who have passed on, we salute you.



Banks Honored



On Wednesday, November 20, 2013, the Honorable Barack H. Obama, President of the United States of America and Commander-In-Chief of our nation's Armed Forces honored Brother Ernie Banks, 1959 Co-Mason of the Year of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Illinois along with Right Worshipful Brother George Cross, by bestowing upon him the Presidential Medal of Freedom.

The Presidential Medal of Freedom is the highest honor given to civilians in the United States, established in 1963 by President John F. Kennedy. It is presented to those who have made "an especially meritorious contribution to the security or national interests of the United States, world peace, cultural or other significant public or private endeavors."

Banks was one of sixteen (16) recipients of this award which included former President Bill Clinton, Coach Dean Smith, Oprah Winfrey and a host of others. In honoring Banks, President Obama stated "That's Mr. Cub -- the man who came up through the Negro Leagues, making \$7 a day, and became the first black player to suit up for the Cubs and one of the greatest hitters of all time."

Brother Banks joined the ranks of Freemasonry in 1959 becoming a member of Fidelity Lodge #103 after conversations with Most Worshipful Brother Obed Vanderburg who was the charter Worshipful Master of the Lodge. The stellar efforts of Brother Banks in the athletic arena as the first African American player for the Chicago Cubs broke barriers in both the athletic and social circles. It was for these reasons that he was selected as the 1959 Co-Mason of the Year. It is for these same reasons, that our Commander-In-Chief has honored Banks with the Presidential Medal of Freedom.

Submitted by Right Worshipful Brother Daryl L. Andrews

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MORALITY

MORALITY

- *Conformity to the rules of right conduct; moral or virtuous conduct. Moral quality or character. Virtue in sexual matters; chastity. A system of morals. (Webster's Dictionary)*

DUTY

- *Something that one is expected or required to do by moral or legal obligation. The respectful and obedient conduct due a parent, superior, elder, etc. An act or expression of respect. (Webster's Dictionary)*

RESPONSIBILITY

- *The state or fact of being responsible, answerable, or accountable for something within one's power, control, or management. Reliability or dependability, especially in meeting debts or payments. (Webster's Dictionary)*

The three aforementioned words are words of power that Prince Hall Masons have lived by for centuries. Morality speaks to a specific set of standards by which one lives his life. Duty speaks to the promise to satisfy one's obligations with dignity, with honor and with respect. Responsibility speaks to one's will to satisfy the obligations outlined by one's duty and one's willingness to accept the consequences of not performing the duty to which he has obliged himself. Yes, the aforementioned words are powerful but they are meaningless if they are not put into action.

Master Masons take specific obligations relative to morality and decency particularly as it refers to the wives, sisters and daughters of other Master Masons. The importance of maintaining these obligations is to ensure that peace and brotherly love within Lodges, Chapters, Courts, Temples and other bodies are ever present factors. How can a Master Mason claim brotherly love for another if he

attempts to defile the household of another? How can a Sister claim the same if she engages in a similar fashion? The basis of brotherly love boils down to one word—TRUST. Though a word of only five letters, "trust" is the result of one being dutiful, responsible and moral. With this in mind, a Master Mason should be the type of man that one could trust in his home should he not be there.

A Master Mason should be a man of the highest moral character and should exhibit this character in his daily walk in life. It should not be a surprise to see a Mason helping others without being prompted and without searching for public recognition for his efforts. However, it should not be common to see a Master Mason inebriated in a public setting, engaging in derogatory vocal rants or physically harming another if not in self-defense. It should not be common to hear of financial misconduct. It should not be common to hear or see a Master Mason soliciting immoral acts or disrespecting others. Imagine the public viewing any of the aforementioned scenarios by a Master Mason particularly while wearing Masonic paraphernalia. Imagine the perception. For true Master Masons, it is understood that our actions may be someone else's first impression of Freemasonry in general. As such, it is the duty of all Master Masons to stand firmly on moral ground and act accordingly.

Often times, life places tests before men to see how they respond. For without a test, how can one have a testimony? To be a bit clearer it may be beneficial to take a deeper look into the meanings of the word "test" and suffix "imony":

The importance of the exhibition & exemplification of the tenets of Friendship, Morality and Brotherly Love

TEST

- *The means by which the presence, quality, or genuineness of anything is determined; a means of trial. (Webster's Dictionary)*

-IMONY

- *A suffix found on abstract nouns borrowed from Latin, usually denoting a status, role, function, personal quality or kind of behavior. (Webster's Dictionary)*

The word “testimony” refers to the status of a test or a trial that has been executed. For example, the Chicago Bears Defense overcame the last minute offensive onslaught of the Green Bay Packers to win the football game. The test was the onslaught. The status was that the Bears overcame the onslaught.

A deeper qualifier would be the manner in which the victory was won. The Bears Defense won the game fairly as a cohesive unit. A shameful victory in the eyes of a true Master Mason is one that is not worthy of remembrance and is a soul-less win. If victory is earned honorably, then respect is earned and the soul is joyful. The Holy Bible presents it in the form of a question in this manner in the Book of Matthew 16:26—“For what is a man profited, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul?” With this in mind, the Master Mason and the Lodge are expected to present honorable testimonies by their actions.

For individuals, moral character is typically defined through one's religion. It is for this reason that **NO ATHEIST** may join the Masonic ranks. Masons are Christians, Muslims, Jews, Buddhists and men of other faiths who believe in a supreme being. Master Masons believe that the actions performed in this life have eternal implications and by best fitting ourselves for life by adhering to the

moral bounds outlined by faith, that a place is secured in “that” house with many mansions referred to in John 14:2 in the Holy Bible. Master Masons best fit themselves for that residence by putting faith to work. Despite differences in faith, the common thread is charity. As such, it is expected for a Master Mason to exemplify a charitable giver. It is expected for a Master Mason to be a decent citizen and active in the affairs of his community. It is expected for a Master Mason to take time out to give praise to his creator on a daily basis. For by these efforts, the mind of the Master Mason will always be focused on doing the right even when the face of the wrong may appear.

So what are the consequences for actions outside of the due boundaries? The answer is that the consequences are “seen” and “unseen”. Within the Masonic ranks, a Master Mason can be suspended or expelled if he is seen to have been guilty which is, likely, determined by a trial. In most cases, this is necessary to ensure that immoral acts do not spread within the ranks. The faith of the individual Master Mason subjects him to a conflict on conscience as well as the eternal consequences that will be applied by God. The consequences are meant to provide corrective action to the faults presented which aid in making **GOOD** men who make mistakes better. Without justice, there is no peace and without standards, order is undefined.

Despite the information posed across various media, there is nothing magical about Freemasonry. It is not a religion, a sect or a cult. It is simply a collection of men who collaborate to..... (Continued on Page 34)

1100 BLOCK OF KANE AVE. RENAMED "KEYSTONE WAY"



City of Aurora Mayor Tom Weisner joined leaders from throughout the state to dedicate the block of Kane Street between Trask and Loucks as Keystone Way in honor of the men of Keystone Lodge #15 Free & Accepted Masons. Formed in October 1872 and subsequently chartered in 1873, the street sign unveiling was a highlight in the Lodge's 140th anniversary celebration this weekend.

The history of the lodge dates back to the Great Chicago Fire of 1871. Volunteers from Aurora traveling amongst the Chicago rubble streets came across a group of Freemasons also aiding and assisting fire victims. The two

groups joined forces and continued helping wherever they were needed. The situation eventually calmed and the men would return to their homes. The Aurora men never forgot their experience with the freemasons and eventually would be initiated into the rites of freemasonry themselves. An ad ran in Aurora's Beacon News on Saturday October 19, 1872 announcing "A lodge of colored freemasons has been organized in this city, styled Keystone Lodge."

Since its inception, members of Keystone Lodge #15 F&AM PHA have provided services and support to the city of Aurora and its surrounding communities. The Adopt-A-Highway, Reading For Rides, Back-to-School donations and Ham & Turkey Holiday Giveaway programs are among a vast array of charitable civic service initiatives Keystone has developed to support its community. - Submitted by Brother Hanif Morris, #15

Submitted by Ill. Comp. James R. Jones, II, #8, Grand Lecturer



Tales from the Crypt



No one knows for certain where or by whom Cryptic Masonry originated. Like all of Freemasonry practiced today, there are prehistoric antecedents which we draw upon for the wisdom and teachings of the degrees. The term "Cryptic" is derived from the Latin [word] *Crypticus* and the Greek [word] *Krupt* meaning "an underground, hidden, vault beneath a temple, cathedral, or the chapel of a cemetery." The origin of term "Cryptic Freemasonry" apparently lies with Rob Morris, Past Grand Master of Kentucky and influential Freemason of the 19th Century. (1)

CRYPTIC MASONRY is that Branch or Stage of Learning that completes the first 360 degrees of knowledge for Ancient Craft Masonry. The Degrees encompassed in this Rite are Royal Master, Select Master and Super Excellent Master in the U.S. In other parts of the world, it may, also, include the Excellent Master and/or the Most Excellent Master degrees.

The Cryptic Rite is a Branch of Freemasonry where one must be a (Holy) Royal Arch Mason to receive the degrees of the Crypt (Secret Vault) and enter the Stage of Learning of the Royal and Select. Although this Rite is physically placed after the "Red House", it is actually a bridge between the Symbolic degrees and Capitular degrees.

The Masonic story of King Solomon's Temple is a symbolic illustration of incidents connected with a certain secret deposited in a place which, it was hoped, would ensure its preservation from a prophesied catastrophe. When that prophesy materialized, the secret was lost for a time but afterwards recovered. In the Solomonic degrees, the loss is exemplified in the [Master Mason] degree. The steps taken to preserve it are shown in the Cryptic degrees while its recovery is explained in the Royal Arch [degree]. (2)

The **EXCELLENT MASTER** degree is the original ceremony of passing the veils. In America, this degree was made as an extension of the original degree of exaltation. Therefore, the American Rite of the Crypt does not practice nor acknowledge this degree.

ILLINOIS PRINCE HALL GRANT PROGRAM COMMITTEE



The Illinois Prince Hall Grant Program Committee (GPC) was established May 2013 to provide support for seeking external funding for activities that further the interest and goals of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Illinois and its concordant and appendant bodies (Illinois Prince Hall Family).

The GPC consist of the following members:

- Dwain P Harris, #133, Chairperson
- Frances Clenna Miller, #94, Co-chair
- Patrice McCastle, #127, Secretary
- Carl E Pickett, #109, Public Relations
- Lisa Lee, #125, Writer, speaker
- Leroy Berry, #98, Writer, speaker
- Ernest Young III, #65, Speaker
- Brian Beatty, #28, Media/IT Support
- Leo Henley, #62, Speaker and Public Relations

The GPC's charge is to research, apply, implement and manage grants for the benefit of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Illinois and its concordant and appendant bodies. The grants under consideration shall assist in furthering the interests and goals of the Illinois Prince Hall Family and shall include but not be limited to the areas of education, health and public safety for all communities within the jurisdiction of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Illinois.

Organizations within the Illinois Prince Hall Family (i.e. lodges, chapters, courts, etc., in good standing may submit a proposal by the secretary of said organization to the GPC for review and possible funding. The proposal will then be subjected to scrutiny by the GPC based upon the established criteria.

The GPC meets regularly to consider and review proposals submitted from the candidate organizations and from members of the GPC. The GPC shall have final authority in all grant matters.

We as Illinois Prince Hall Masons and the entire Illinois Prince Hall Family will greatly benefit from the efforts and experiences that the GPC bring. The GPC's charge to research, apply, implement and manage grants received shall further the goals and interests of our great masonic fraternal organization. The grants acquired by the GPC shall benefit the communities for the entire state of Illinois.

The fiduciary responsibility of the GPC is to the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Illinois. It is imperative that the members be allowed to operate without undue influence or interruption to perform their duties with zeal and fury, knowing that the goals and interests of the Illinois Prince Hall Family are first and foremost.

Submitted by PM Dwain P. Harris, #133

The **ROYAL MASTER** degree is set in two time periods. The first period is when Hiram Abiff is still alive. He is questioned by Adoniram (his conscience-Adon Hiram), like the 3 in the Master Mason degree, when he would receive the Master's Word. Hiram's answer being '...it cannot be given except in the presence of all three (3)-Solomon, King of Israel; Hiram, King of Tyre and Hiram, the Grand Master Craftsmen or Grand Principal Conductor of the Work of K.S.'s Temple who are esoterically known as the pillars of Wisdom, Strength and Beauty which represent the three (3) phases of man and the three (3) phases of a man's character: his intellect, his will and his feelings or sensibilities. This portion of the degree gives explanation to the furniture of the S...S... and Death. The lesson of this portion is patience and critical and proactive thinking. The other period is after Hiram's death. The lesson here is to groom your successor.

The **SELECT MASTER** degree is set in the Crypt or Secret Vault underneath the S...S... of K.S.'s Temple while Hiram is still among the "land of the living". This degree enlightens one on how and where the Word was preserved. The lessons of this degree are preservation, the purpose and importance of secrecy, seriousness and faithfulness of duty, law and a pledge, and knowledge without understanding is still **Ignorance**.

These two degrees collectively have a combined esoteric lesson. That underlying lesson is Master the Basics. This is why when combined with the Symbolic (Craft) degrees and Capitular (Royal Arch) degrees, the Cryptic (Royal and Select Master) degrees complete the Circle (the first 360 degrees of knowledge) of Ancient Craft Masonry thus leading one back to the Fellow of the Craft.

The **SUPER EXCELLENT MASTER** degree is a continuation of the dramatization and lessons of the (Holy) Royal Arch degree. It focuses on the captivity of the Hebrew people. Since it is considered an Honorary degree by most of the Cryptic Rite, I will withhold any esoteric enlightenment.

The **MOST EXCELLENT MASTER** degree is set at the completion of the Temple of Solomon. This degree is under the auspices of Grand Chapters of the (Holy) Royal Arch in the U.S. Therefore, I will leave the lessons of this degree for another time and space.

Cryptic Masonry-no other Rite of Freemasonry has come into its own, as much as, the series of degrees known as the Cryptic Rite of Royal and Select Masters, also known as Cryptic Masons. There are no more beautiful or meaningful degrees in all of Freemasonry than those conferred than in the Council of Royal and Select Masters or Cryptic Masons. No other Rite has struggled so tirelessly for its existence. Its popularity is well deserved. **Forever yours in Silence and Secrecy as one of the 27.**



KEYSTONE #15—Ronald McDonald Room & IL Rt. 25



RONALD McDONALD ROOM—The Ronald McDonald Room at Edward Hospital (Naperville, IL) serves as a haven of respite and hospitality to families whose children are in treatment. The organization provides meals, sleep rooms and play/entertainment areas in an overall home-like atmosphere that allows families to rest and rejuvenate during the stress of having a child hospitalized. In

accordance with the tenets of Freemasonry, Keystone Lodge #15 seeks to serve its community in such a manner that holds the light of Masonry as a shining example of men seeking to make our world a truly better place. Keystone Lodge #15 has placed habitual emphasis on serving the communities in which we exist through charitable and civic activity. As a result, the Lodge supports the Edward Hospital Ronald McDonald Room and its mission by donating pens, pencils, markers, crayons, coloring books, puzzle books, stickers etc. These items will be utilized by parents, siblings and families of inpatient pediatric patients who welcome an entertaining distraction from an otherwise stress filled situation. Sanguinely, the small donation will aid in the process of a full and expeditious recovery of each child.

ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY—The Illinois Adopt-A-Highway program partners Illinois Department of Transportation with the citizens of local communities throughout the state in order to cleanup over 125,000 miles of road. The program also educates on anti-littering initiatives and provides an improved



impression of our state. Keystone Lodge #15 has volunteered to become an official Illinois Adopt-A-Highway partner group. The Lodge has adopted a two mile stretch of IL. Route #25 on the south side of Aurora. As a part of the program, brothers have committed to remove litter from the adopted section four times each year while educating our community on the advantages of a clean environment. Additionally, the activity gives Keystone Lodge #15 the opportunity to interact directly with the people and communities we serve. During each cleanup, brothers receive a plethora of “Thank You-s”, horn beeps, and hand waves from appreciative citizens along the highway. The interaction not only reinforces the premised of genuine charity but it simultaneously allows the uninitiated to see a functionality of freemasonry on display. - Submitted by Brother Hanif Morris, #15

CONGRATULATIONS TO RICHARD E. MOORE LODGE #109

The brethren of Richard E. Moore Lodge #109 celebrate a banner year in 2013 in which the Lodge served as the home of Past Master Homer Walton—the 54th Mason of the Year, Past Master Carl Pickett—2013 Worthy Joshua of the Year and Brother Oscar Pickett—2013 Scottish Rite Mason of the Year. — Submitted by Past Master Carl Pickett, #109



ELIJAH S. BETTS #23 SUPPORTS THE AMERICAN RED CROSS



On Monday, November 4, 2013, the brothers of Elijah S. Betts Lodge #23 supported the American Red Cross by jointly sponsoring a Blood Drive with Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. in Bloomington-Normal, IL at the Uptown Marriott in Normal, IL. The need is constant and the gratification is instant when giving blood. With the tragedies that occur across the country, the American Red Cross is in desperate need for people to donate blood that can be used to save lives. The blood drive was a tremendous success due to volunteers donating a total of 25 pints of blood for the event. The American Red Cross is thankful for our community partnership and looking forward to future events! Picture above shows the RW Grand Senior Warden donating blood at the Red Cross drive.

- Submitted by Right Wor. Bro. Aubrey K. Barlow, #23



UNION #155—2013 MUSLIM TURKEY DRIVE

As I was on my way to Emmett Till Academy to oversee the distribution of the 13th annual Turkey Drive, I felt a small degree of relief - and just a shade of satisfaction. Alhamdu Lillah, we had achieved our record goal of funding 1000 turkeys! This allowed us to spread the distribution for the first time to other Chicago Public Schools in Jackson Park and Woodlawn. Everything appeared to fall into place as the truck pulled up, and the driver came out. "Would you like me to sign for the turkeys?" I offered with a smile. "Sure. They're all here, 800 turkeys." Jaw drops, eyes widen, and sense of panic spreads.....

This is how our morning began, with a race against time to find 200 turkeys that were scheduled to be distributed to waiting families within hours. The delivery error led your four co-coordinators to immediate Plan B mode. It's also what led us to really appreciate the partnerships we have forged over the past 13 years. One of these partners is the Union Lodge #155 of Free and Accepted Masons. These men have helped us with organizing the drive at Emmett Till for many years, and began to unload the turkeys that had arrived. Upon hearing our plight, the lodge's Worshipful Master, Vernell Byrd, immediately offered to use his contacts with wholesalers in the area to replace missing turkeys at the equivalent wholesale price, and within minutes almost half of our deficit was accounted for in this manner.

Also, we organized the collection of 250 turkeys distributed to families in need in Marquette Park. Upon arrival, we were met by another - but this time, pleasant - surprise: 120 extra turkeys had been shipped at the last minute by the government of Qatar to help more families celebrate the holiday. This allowed IMAN to distribute a total of 370 turkeys, bringing the drive's total count to a previously unheard of 1,120. UNION LODGE #155 OF FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS, which has provided the volunteer support and muscle of dozens of men over the same period of time, and this year, helped to save our necks. The brothers of this lodge serve as outstanding role models for the children of Emmett Till, and represent some of the finest men I have had the pleasure of working with in a community service capacity. From the bottom of my heart - thank you.

- Submitted by Brother Tim Walker, #155



Most Worshipful Brother John C. Logan

The Evergreen State's Immortal Name

by Brother John L. Hairston, MPS-Life, Phylaxis

According to accounts documented throughout the Jurisdiction of Washington, there were 3 jurisdictions operating in Washington State, prior to the constitution of the Grand Lodge of Washington and OREGON, A.F. & .A. M.¹ Those jurisdictions were: Iowa, Illinois and Missouri. The first lodge to be established came out of the State of Iowa in 1890, in the city of Roslyn, Washington. And, although Iowa was working hard in the State, establishing Cascade Lodge UD as the first lodge here in the State², it was 4 Lodges from the jurisdiction of Illinois that are recorded as the constituents of the Grand Lodge of Washington and Oregon: Enterprise Lodge #47, Washington Lodge #49, Inland Empire Lodge #53, and Compass Lodge.³

The first of those lodges, under the jurisdiction

of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Illinois, A.F. & A.M., was chartered in 1891⁴. That Lodge was Enterprise Lodge #47. According to their own history, they record:⁵

“On January 25th, 1891, a club was organized, and its membership consisted of Master Masons from the several Jurisdictions [North Carolina, South Carolina, Illinois, Iowa, Missouri, Ohio and Oklahoma]...Brother John C. Logan, a member of said club, called together its members for a meeting on May 13th, 1891, at 61/2 S.W. Washington Street, Portland Oregon, for the purpose to organize a UD lodge of Master Masons...”

Enterprise Lodge remained a lodge Under Dispensation, for six months, until October 14th, 1891, it was chartered as Enterprise Lodge No. 47, A. F. & A.M.⁶ In December of 1891, the following



were elected as the first installment of Officers:⁷

- Bro. F. H. Frazer—Worshipful Master
- Bro. John C. Logan—Senior Warden
- Bro. J. E. Colbert—Junior Warden
- Bro. W. L. Plummer—Secretary
- Bro. C. A. Ritter—Treasurer
- Bro. W. R. Hardy—Senior Deacon
- Bro. Wm. Wheeler—Junior Deacon
- Bro. W. S. Carr—Chaplain
- Bro. E. H. Williams—Senior Steward
- Bro. Fred D. Thomas—Junior Steward
- Bro. G. W. McMurry—Tyler
- Bro. M. Bell—D.D.G.M.

Who would have thought that the club would soon become a root Lodge in two different jurisdictions, and the Senior Warden, Past Grand Master John C. Logan would become the first Grand Master for the Jurisdiction of Washington State?

M. W. P. G. M. John C. Logan was born in the State of South Carolina⁸, according to the 1900 U. S. Federal Census/Portland, Oregon. Below is a photocopy of that record:

There are no records for exactly when PGM Logan migrated to the Pacific Northwest, but it is documented that he indeed had an impact. It can be deduced that John C. Logan came with the influx of African Americans in the City of Portland circa 1860. According to Portland Bureau of Planning in their 1993 paper on, *The History of Portland's African American Community (1805 to the Present)*⁹:

Once in the city of Portland, John C. Logan became very active in the community in both the political and fraternal. Even with the Exclusion Laws in effect, PGM Logan still found a way to be listed among the prominent Republicans of Portland. He was an active member of the Bedrock Republican Club, which was a prestigious Negro political club:¹⁰

"An organization called the Bed Rock Political Club was formed in the late 1870's, and was active until the waiters at the Portland Hotel organized the New Port Republican Club."

Recorded in the *Republican League Register*, J. C. Logan is listed among the members of the Bedrock Republican Club of Multnomah Co. Portland, Oregon.¹¹

Fraternal Organizations were one of the two most vital institutions of the African American Community in Portland, we also find Past Grand Master John C. Logan quite active, organizing a club for Master Masons that would soon become Enterprise Lodge #47 under the Jurisdiction of the Independent Grand Lodge of Illinois. The importance of Enterprise Lodge is apparent when we look into the work of the Oregon Black History Project, *A Peculiar Paradise: a History of Blacks in Oregon, 1788-1940*:¹²

*"These fraternal organizations provided important functions within the community. The Enterprise Lodge was composed of the more stable citizens of the black community; among other qualifications members had to be "free born," to pay their dues in cash, be of high moral character, and able to read and write. A lodge did not grant membership to transients; a man had to have a "settled abode" to be accepted. Dues collected provided for charity to the members, should they become sick or disabled, and for help to needy orphans and to the widows of deceased members. Lodges provided graves in-the lodge cemetery plot, and conducted funeral services. They sponsored social events such as charity dances and excursions up the Willamette River, and helped to shape the moral standards of the community. It was an honor to be invited to join a fraternal order, and a person could be evicted for bad behavior or public drunkenness. Lodge sisters had to do charity work, and on a rotating schedule provided nursing care to members who were sick. This was particularly important as many black people did not have access to hospitals, and private nursing care was expensive and often unavailable."*¹³

In 1895, John C. Logan was elected the Worshipful Master of Enterprise Lodge #47, and again in 1896. He was appointed the District Deputy Grand Master in 1895 for the Masonic jurisdiction of the State of Illinois, and later elected the First Grand Master of Masons for the newly constituted Grand Lodge of Washington and Oregon in 1903.¹⁴

As we began to look deeper into the life of John C. Logan we found the entrepreneur. Not only is he recorded as a founding partner in the establishment of the *Advocate* newspaper but we also found an article in the *Portland, New Age*, newspaper listed as the **PRESIDENT** of the Enterprise Investment Company:¹⁵⁻¹⁶

African American settlers in the Oregon country can be traced back to 1788 and as early as 1850 in Portland. Opinion varies but by 1860 approximately 128 to 132 blacks and mulattos resided in Oregon country. Beginning in 1788, Caucasian American, African American, Spanish and European explorers sailed into the Willamette Valley interested in bear and sea otter trade with Northwest Coast Indians. During this period, before Oregon country established a provisional government in the spring of 1843, it was common for African Americans to come to Oregon on trading expeditions where they served as merchants, skilled laborers, artisans, sailors, and personal servants. Inter-marriages among Native Americans and African Americans provided opportunities for blacks to serve as interpreters and guides in areas occupied by Native Americans.

Enterprise Investment Company was established by Adolphus D. Griffin and became a financial stronghold for the African American Community that pooled economic resources to buy and develop land in Portland.¹⁷

The affairs of the Enterprise Investment Co., the only institution of a financial nature that the colored people of this city are connected with that is managed and controlled by themselves, shows a very encouraging state of affairs, the value of their holdings being at the present time \$13,500, an increase of \$3,000 in less than five years. This success is in large part due to the skillful management and untiring energy of Mr. J. C. Logan, the president of the association, and is another example of what can be done if our people would unite and pool their interests.

"The Enterprise Investment Company was established in 1901 by eight black men, who put up a capital investment of \$10,000. The organization bought land and erected a building on Larrabee Street, completing the project in 1903. The building was opened with a

*formal dance, the highlight of the season and the first, it was claimed, to be given west of Denver, Colorado, in a building owned by black people. By 1907 the value of the company's investments had increased to \$13,500. The flurry of business activity in the black community which occurred in the first two decades of the twentieth century proved to be short-lived and by 1927 many of the businesses were no longer in existence."*¹⁷

If we go by the available records, we could conclude that John C. Logan was no longer President of the Company by 1910, due to the census records and the *Portland Directory*, having him listed in various occupations:

- 1910-Custodian of the Customs House¹⁸
- 1920-"Laborer" (the job is intelligible)¹⁹
- 1940-Waiter for a Dining Car²⁰

The Polk's *Portland City Directory* has him listed in his occupation as well—we know this to be the same said John C. Logan, based on the listed address; it is the same address listed for him on the front cover of the 1904-1905 Proceedings for the First and Second Annual communication for the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Washington and Oregon:

- 1914, 1917, 1918, and 1920-Janitor for U. S. Customs²¹

According to the record of the 1940 U. S. Census, John C. Logan would have been 80 years old working as a Dining Car waiter. This then began the most exciting and interesting portion of the research. How does the President of the Enterprise Investment Company, Grand Master of Masons for the State of Washington, and leader in the community, go to having to labor on a dining car in

JURISDICTIONS FORMED FROM LODGES ESTABLISHED BY THE PRINCE HALL GRAND LODGE OF ILLINOIS

Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Minnesota (1894)

- William Stevens Lodge #41 (Warranted by the Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Illinois in 1889—St. Paul)
- Doric Lodge #45 (Warranted by the Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Illinois in 1890—Duluth)

Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Washington and Oregon (1903)

- Enterprise Lodge #47 (Warranted by the Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Illinois in 1891—Portland, Oregon)
- Washington Lodge #49 (Warranted by the Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Illinois in 1892—Franklin, Washington)
- Cossey Bay Lodge #55 (Warranted by the Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Illinois in 1896—Beaver Hill, Oregon)

Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Wisconsin (1925)

- Brown (Widows Son) Lodge #25 (Warranted by the Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Illinois in 1878—Milwaukee)
- Triangle Lodge #53 (Warranted by the Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Illinois in 1893—West Superior)
- Capitol City Lodge #72 (Warranted by the Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Illinois in 1906—Madison)
- W.B. Kennedy Lodge #106 (Warranted by the Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Illinois in 1923—Beloit)
- L.H. Palmer Lodge #115 (Warranted in 1924 - Milwaukee)

the late years of 80?

I am sure that the rest of that portion of the research will be as revealing and satisfying as this phase. Stay tuned for the complete history of John C. Logan coming soon.

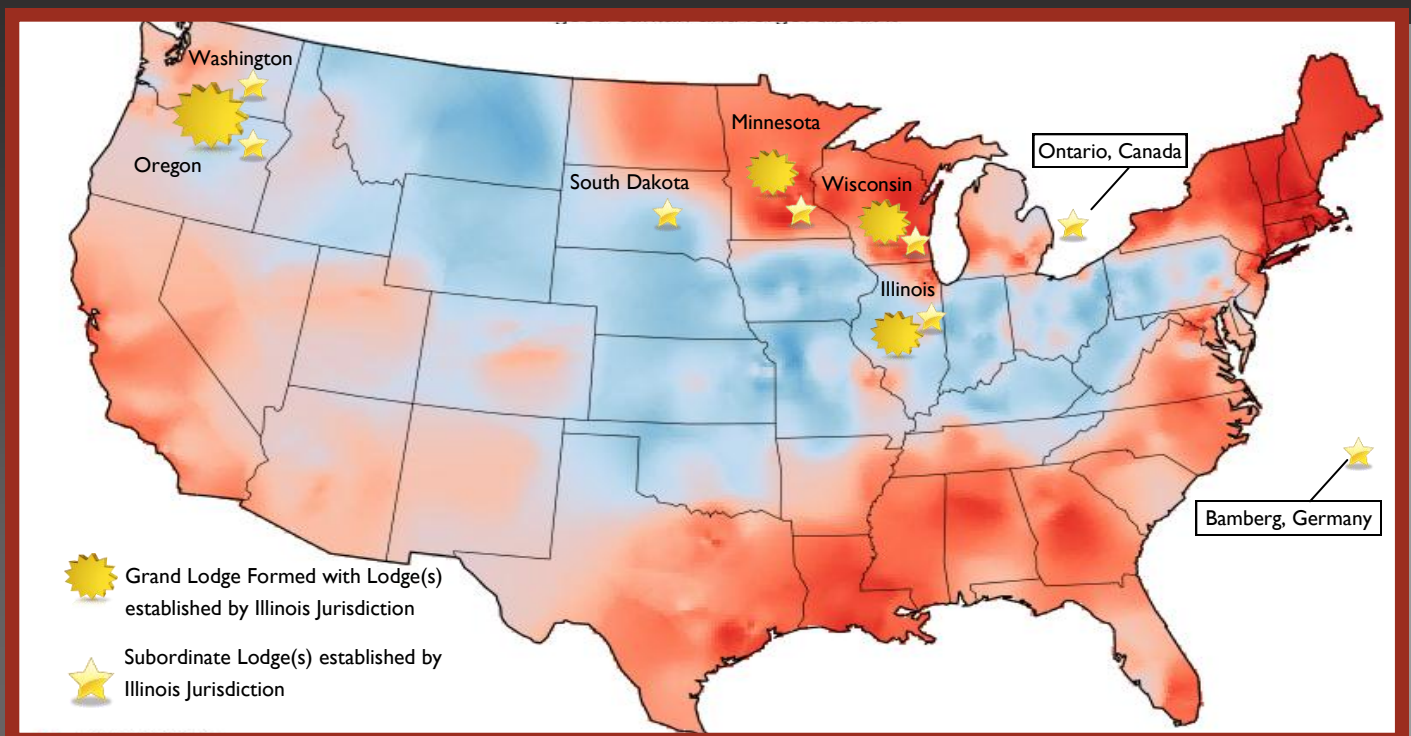
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NUTRITION: HEALTHY EATING—“Fiber in Your Diet”

FIBER IS ESSENTIAL FOR A HEALTHY DIET!

According to my research sources, it is now generally accepted that dietary fiber is very important for our health and well being. Fiber is one of the best things that can enter your intestinal pathway. Fiber is also a natural laxative.

Foods containing fiber can provide healthy benefits such as helping to maintain healthy weight, lowering your risk of diabetes, and heart disease. Fiber can also help to lower blood cholesterol and glucose levels. Dietary fiber is best know for its ability to prevent or relieve constipation.

What is Fiber?

Fiber is a special type of carbohydrate that is found mainly in the outer layers of plants. Fiber is an indigestible substance that passes through the body virtually unchanged, without being broken down into nutrients. Carbohydrates make up the main source of energy for all body functions.

Where is Fiber found?

Only plants produce fiber. You cannot find it in animal products. The best food sources of fiber are whole grain breads, cereals, pastas, brown rice, nuts, seeds, legumes, fruits and vegetables. Bran has the highest fiber content, about 25% to 45%. Supplements provide only a very restricted type of fiber, so eating a diet of high-fiber foods is a healthier option since it usually incorporates various kinds of fiber.

Fiber is commonly classified as Soluble (it is dissolved in water) or Insoluble (it doesn't dissolve). Both are necessary because each has a different effect on the body.

Soluble Fiber dissolves in water to form a gel-like material. It is digested and has a beneficial effect on your body chemistry. It can lower blood cholesterol, and blood sugar levels, as well as glucose levels. Soluble Fiber is found in oats, peas, beans, apples, citrus fruits, carrots, barley, and psyllium.

Insoluble Fiber, cannot be digested by your body. Rather, it promotes the movement of material through your digestive system. It can be of benefit to those who struggle with constipation or irregularity.

Whole-wheat flour, wheat bran, nuts, beans, vegetables, such as cauliflower, green beans, and potatoes, are good sources of insoluble fiber. Most plant based foods such as oatmeal and beans contain both soluble and insoluble fiber.

Does drinking juice count?

No, unfortunately, most fruit and vegetable juices contain practically, zero fiber. When the juice is squeezed out of the plant, the fiber is left behind. Instead of juice, choose to eat fruits and vegetables that are rich in fiber and satisfy hunger without providing many calories.

How much fiber do you need?

Many people ask this common question. According to the Institute of Medicine, which provides science-based advice on matters of medicine and health, gives the following daily recommendations:

SEX	AGE 50 OR YOUNGER	AGE 51 OR OLDER
• Men	38 grams	30 grams
• Women	25 grams	21 grams

In addition, the American Dietetic Association recommends, that you eat 20-35 grams of fiber every day.

Starting your day with oats, bran or anything high in fiber could increase your lung capacity and help you breath easier. People who eat at least 27 grams of fiber per day have better lung capacity than people who eat less than 10 grams. The higher-fiber eaters are also 15% less likely to develop chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD), an irreversible lung condition that makes it hard to breath. Fiber may protect lungs by reducing tissue-damaging inflammation. The antioxidants in fiber help to prevent lung cells as well.

So, now you have it. Eat Healthy, Stay Healthy, put “FIBER” in your diet.

Submitted by
Sister Carolyn Womack



Dr. Carter G. Woodson: Father of Black History Month

“Race prejudice, is merely the logical result of tradition, the inevitable outcome of through instruction to the effect that, the Negro, has never contributed anything to the progress of mankind”. - Dr. Carter G. Woodson

We are rapidly approaching the month of February, which is a very important month in the lives of African Americans all across this globe. Why, because it gives African Americans an opportunity to reflect on the pioneers of our race and the contributions that they have made to society. The Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Illinois with participation from the Grand Historian Office annually presents a “Black History Month Program”. However, as we reflect, we cannot talk about Black History Month without talking about Prince Hall, our Founding Father. Prince Hall became the first Black Man to be made a Mason in America on March 6, 1775 in Boston, Massachusetts. Moreover, in 1791, the Grand Lodge of England appointed Prince Hall, a Provincial Grand Master. It is because of Most Worshipful Brother Prince Hall, labor, dedicated services, and sacrifices, that the Prince Hall Masonic Family, globally exists.



Dr. Carter Godwin Woodson, an African American Historian and Author, is the sole factor that we celebrate, Black History Month. As the Grand Historian, allow me to give to you an historical insight of this amazing man who single-handed brought to the forefront of America, the importance of Black American contributions to this great nation.

Dr. Carter Godwin Woodson is known as The Father of “Black History Month”. He was an African American Historian Author, a Journalist, and the Founder of the Association for the Study of African Americans Life and History. Dr. Woodson was one of the first scholars to value and study black history. He recognized and acted upon the importance of a people having an awareness and knowledge of their contributions to humanity.

Carter G. Woodson was born on December 19, 1875, and died on April 3, 1950. He was the son of former slaves, James and Eliza Riddle Woodson on a small farm in New Canton, Virginia. From an early age, Woodson, possessed a thirst for learning. He could not attend school regularly but by the age 17, he had mastered the fundamentals of common school subjects. In 1895, at age 20, he entered Douglas High School where he received his diploma in less than two years. Woodson, became a teacher and later was chosen as the Principal of Douglas High School.

In 1897, Woodson earned a Bachelor of Literature Degree from Berea College of Kentucky. In 1908, Woodson earned a Masters Degree from the University of Chicago. He was a member of the University’s first black fraternity, Sigma Pi Phi and a member of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, as well. In 1912, Woodson received a PH.D in History from Harvard University, becoming the second African American to earn such a degree, after Dr. W.E.B. Dubois. Woodson later joined the faculty at Howard University as a Professor. He served as the Dean of the College of Arts and Science.

After leaving Howard University, Dr. Woodson, devoted the rest of his life to historical research. He worked to preserve the history of African Americans. He noted that African Americans contributions were overlooked, ignored, and even suppressed, by the writers of history textbooks and the teachers who use them. In 1915, in Chicago, Dr. Woodson founded the Association for the Study of Negro Life and History. In the same year, he founded the Journal of Negro History. In 1926, Dr. Woodson, initiated the annual February observance of “Negro History Week”. He chose February for the observance because February 12 was President Abraham Lincoln’s birthday and February 14 was the accepted birthday of Frederick Douglas. By the 1990’s, “Negro History Week” had been expanded to the full month of February and re-named, Black History Month”.

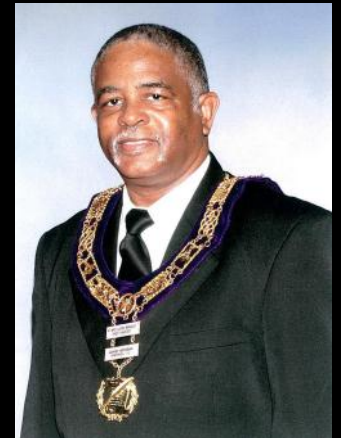
In conclusion, “Only when lions have historians will hunters cease being heroes” - African Proverb. We, applaud Dr. Carter G. Woodson, the Founder of “Black History Month”, for his dedicated services to preserve the history of African Americans. In fact, we applaud, all of our pioneers, our heroes, for their contributions to society.

GRAND HISTORIAN

The Grand Historians are continuing to retrace our history through the collections of personal archives and interviews with our senior brothers and sisters.

Arrangements to share your personal documents can be made by contacting:

- Assistant Grand Historian Brother Taej Murray at (773) 915-3395
- Assistant Grand Historian Brother Albert Haynes, III., at (708) 829-5146
- Sister Tammy Hampton at (773) 982-4236.



Worshipful Brother
Lloyd Womack,
Grand Historian

Holiday Season Charity

Charitable Efforts across the Jurisdiction of Illinois

The Holiday Seasons presents grand opportunities for brothers and sisters of the various Masonic Houses to contribute to society. Every year, funds are allocated to aid those in distress during the cold winter months. In 2013, the efforts to provide that aid have been extensive and have also been done in a collaborative fashion as shown below:



Members of Ruth Chapter #9 of Joliet braved the cold autumn winds to deliver holiday baskets to members of Joliet's senior community. During the holidays, while most of the country focuses on providing assistance to the homeless and needy families, senior citizens are often missed. "The assumption is that Senior Citizens are well taken care of by their families or government assistance. That's rarely the case", says Sis. Tonya Woods, Chairperson of the Holiday Effort Committee. "In fact, seniors are less likely to have their problems noticed due to their low profile in our community." Ruth Chapter #9 of Joliet, Illinois recently marked its 121st year of service to the Will county area and continues this proud tradition today. As the Christmas holiday approached Ruth Chapter again set out to fulfill its mandate of community service by providing relief to those seniors experiencing tough times during the Yuletide season. "It's our yearly mission, and a rewarding one at that." Stated Sis Jeanna Smith, Associate Matron of Ruth Chapter. Ruth Chapter #9 of Joliet is just one of a multitude of lodges and chapters throughout the jurisdiction of Illinois providing much needed acts of kindness and charity. Thousands of our fellow citizens are helped each holiday season by Prince Hall organizations.

- Submitted by Worshipful Brother William Branch Jr., #87



The Associate Matrons and Patrons Club of Eureka Grand Chapter prepare and deliver supplies to Chicago's homeless citizens on lower Wacker Drive.





John C. Ellis Lodge #17 spent Thanksgiving Day serving the Central Illinois Community. Their efforts served the needs of dozens in the City of Decatur.



The teams worked through the day to provide packages and meals for those in need. In addition, Walgreens also supplied FREE flu shots to all takers.



The Order of the Junior Craftsmen, Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority and other organizations joined in to deliver food baskets across the city.



With the crew ready and the food prepared, the Grand Lodge fed those in need in the vicinity of the Grand East on Thanksgiving Day.



PM LaMonte Wilson, #91; PM William Branch, #87; Bro. Terance Crayton, #77; Sis. Sharithea Cherry; Sis. Gwen Howell-Andrews

Eureka Grand Chapter



Order of the Eastern Star



CSP COMMITTEE FUNDRAISER



Please support our fundraiser. We will be selling t-shirts to raise money for our Community Service Projects throughout the State. The donation is \$20 per t-shirt. Our goal is to sell 250 t-shirts and we need your help. Buy 1 for you and another one for a very deserving Member...they make great gifts! This will be an ongoing fundraiser and, the t-shirts will be worn at our Community Service Projects. **TO MAKE A PURCHASE, GO ONLINE TO:**
www.booster.com/eurekagrandchapter
 Thank You to all of our Sisters and Brothers in advance for your support.

Cause by Cause

2013-2014

Community Service Project
COMMITTEE MEMBERS

- Sis. Sharithea Cherry,
Grand Director
- Sis. DeLoise Crosby,
Asst. Grand Director
- Sis. Anna Slater
- Sis. Brenda Nelson
- Sis. Constance Sowell
- Sis. Danielle Emmons
- Sis. Davene Davis
- Sis. Elizabeth Atkinson
- Sis. Emma Tally
Washington
- Sis. Idella McCoy
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- Sis. Lisa Lee
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- Sis. Olivia Richardson
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- Sis. Toi McClenton
- Sis. Yolanda Ferguson
- Sis. Yolanda Walker
- Bro. Chris Calhoun
- Bro. Sammy Clark

2013 – 2014 CALENDAR

Community Service Project Committee

- November** - Crittenton Centers "5th Annual Festival of Trees"-3rd District
 - December** - Holy Angels Women & Children Shelter, 4th District
 - Hats, Scarves & Gloves to the Homeless
 - Holiday Cards to the Service Men & Women
 - January** - Chicago Cares "Day of Service"
 - February** - Cards from the Heart – 2nd District
 - March** - Parenting Workshop/Giveaway at Teen Moms Shelter
 - April**
 - Taste of Eureka Tea
 - Clothing Drive / Glass Slipper Dress Donation
 - American Cancer Society "Walk, Roll, Run"
 - May** - (Both Projects will take place in all 4 Districts on the Same Day)
 - MS Walk
 - Eureka Cares – Visits to Aged Members
 - June**
 - Hunger Walk
 - Chicago Cares Serve-a-thon
 - July** - Family Movie Night
 - August** - Book Bag / School Supply Giveaway
 - September**
 - Lupus Walk (1st Dist.) in Chicago
 - Alzheimer's "Memory" Walk (2nd Dist.) in Naperville
 - October**
 - Making Strides Breast Cancer Walk
 - Diabetes Walk (in the 1st Dist. (Chgo) & the 3rd Dist. (Peoria) on the same day)
 - Domestic Violence March with Family Rescue Shelter
 - November**
 - VA Hospital/Veterans Service Project
 - Crittenton Centers "6th Annual Festival of Trees"-3rd District
 - December**
 - Holy Angels Women & Children Shelter
 - Teen Summit-HIV/AIDS Testing, Sexual Abuse with the YWCA
 - Hats, Gloves / Blanket Drive (Blankets will go to Holy Angels Shelter)
- ***Eureka Grand Chapter Day of Service (To Be Announced)***

Community by Community

I Am Making A World of Difference

Eureka Grand Chapter O. E. S.

"And now abideth Faith, Hope, Charity, these three; but the greatest of these is Charity." (1Cor. 13:13 KJV)

#TEAM COMMUNITY SERVICE

Worthy Grand Matron Sis. Sandra D. Smith has made Community Service one of Eureka Grand Chapter's priorities. She hopes that service and the positive light that it shines on the hearts and in the homes of the less fortunate will leave a glare so bright that our good works will be noticed by all, becomes the norm for all and rises to the helm of each Chapter throughout our State and Order.

The Community Service Project (CSP) Committee is led by Sis. Sharitheia Cherry, Grand Director. She has worked with her team of Committee Members, to create a calendar of monthly service projects, which will touch all four (4) districts within the State of Illinois For Eureka Grand Chapter.

The first project was held in the 3rd District in Peoria, IL where 20 Members and 2 Guests volunteered at Crittenton Centers "5th Annual Festival of Trees." The group worked, took pictures and closed the night (before they left) with a favored carol "Jingle-Bell"...Eureka Style. Thank You Worthy Grand Matron for coming out, working and leading by example!!!

I Am Making A World of Difference

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November Community Service Project



Crittenton Centers
Festival of Trees

Date: Saturday, 11/23/13

Community by Community

Cause by Cause



SIS. SANDRA D. SMITH, WORTHY GRAND MATRON • BRO. ANTHONY ATWOOD, WORTHY GRAND PATRON
Sis. Sharitheia Cherry, Grand Director - Community Service Project Committee

State of Illinois, P.H.A.

HOLIDAY CARDS TO THE TROOPS

A huge Thank You to MW Bro. Millard V. Driskell, Grand Master for your overwhelming support & kicking off our Holiday Card Signing for the Troops. Also, We Say Thank You to Our Worthy Grand Matron for recognizing the importance of Charity & Community Service. TO ALL OF THE SISTERS AND BROTHERS THAT SIGNED A CARD, "THANK YOU" for your John Hancock.

The cards were mailed on 12/6/13 to our Service Men and Women. If all goes well with the mail, WE WOULD HAVE TOUCHED THE LIVES OF 75 MEN AND WOMEN during the 2013 Holiday Season :)



HATS, SCARVES & GLOVES

Thank you to the Sisters and Brothers who were able to donate Hats, Scarves and Gloves. We will touch the lives of 15 people. The Hats, Scarves and Gloves will be dropped off at a Police Station in the 2nd District for those who are homeless / seeking shelter services.





The Most Worthy Grand Joshua, Leroy Brown, and the Heroines of Jericho give away toys during their annual Christmas Toy Drive.



MORALITY....CONTINUED

...implement plans for improvement. These men understand that no man is perfect. Yet the responsible Master Mason moves forward with the expectation that he must, sooner or later, accept the consequences of his actions if he is out of line. A Christian repents for his sins. He does not intentionally repent so that he may repeat the sin again. Rather, he repents with the mindset that he **WILL NOT** intentionally commit the sin again. It is only by accepting and submitting to those consequences that one may once again be made whole. Within Freemasonry, it is the hope that the consequential fires will burn away the ill-will caused by the actions and that the brother will eventually reconcile and be restored.

Talking about the expectations is certainly easy enough. However, walking the talk is always challenged by the signs of the times. In our day and age, there are many distractions that cause some to falter which are not limited to but do include the violence that is pervasive in video games; loose standards for moral behavior; evolution or dissention of ideals on sexuality displayed

across various media; and the social acceptance of horrid manners of dress. The manner in which Master Masons deal with these tests will determine the future of Freemasonry because our actions and reactions will draw individuals of like character to our ranks. It is for this reason that a high degree of importance is attached to the manner in which Master Masons exhibit themselves in public.

For Good Men to join our ranks, we **MUST** continue to hold a positive image that is beyond reproach. We **MUST** work to immediately eliminate negative influences that knock on the door of our ranks. We must be ever vigilant and on guard to ensure that new initiates meet those standards of decency that we all hold near and dear. We must work to remove corrupting factors that reside within to eliminate a cancerous effect. We must work to promote our greatest ideals not only in word but also in our actions. For by doing so, we will draw initiates of link mind and character to our ranks so that we may survive for future generations.





Eureka Grand Chapter Order of the Eastern Star and Arabic Temple AEAONMS give toys away to the youth for Christmas presents.



SOMEONE YOU SHOULD KNOW....CONTINUED

The brothers who inspired me in the pursue of Masonic Education and Knowledge from my lodge (Eureka Lodge #64) are Grand Marshall Emeritus P.M. Eddie L. Grace 33°; P.M. Alfred Tillman, Jr. 33°; P.M. David Reed Sr. 32°; P.M. Thomas W. Robbins 33°; Honorary Grand Master William F. Redmond 33°; and P.M. Vernon B. Williams Jr. 33°, Past Editor, cited as the third Editor. Brothers from other lodges who have influenced me Masonically include the late Mayor Harold Washington 33°, #88; P.M. Hebert R. Williams 33°, #121; P.M. Robert E. Weems 33°, #7; P.M. Brain Abrams 33°, #109; Deplessie Sonny Drew 33, #65; P.M. Walter T-Bird Anderson 33°, #88; P.M. Albert Lott 33°, #116; and Most Worshipful Brother Millard V. Driskell 33° #116, Grand Master of Illinois Prince Hall Masons.

What would say to new members?

Learn as much as you can, study to show yourself to be improved and well qualified for your future role as a leader of a committee, a fundraiser or a principle officer in the lodge. One critical focal point, learn to subdue

and improve yourself, be honest to yourself and family, about how much time is required in attending meetings and schools of instruction. Help to improve the image of masonry to our families, communities and globally.

What does it take to be a good leader?

I would say study other leaders, the responsibilities of the leadership role; most importantly understand parameters of your role. Seek mentorship of Past Masters in your lodge or others leaders you feel a kinship. Good leadership requires a set of learned or innate skills: management, interpersonal skills, wearing many hats, objectivity, being politically correct, seek guidance form qualified brothers, willingness to listen and admitting when you wrong. A critical element of to good masonic leader is to know the importance of your working tools (movable and immovable), guidelines and responsibilities of your position, and the importance of the Holy Bible. Understand what it means in the following, "Behold how and pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity". Are these just words, or does it help in becoming a good leader.





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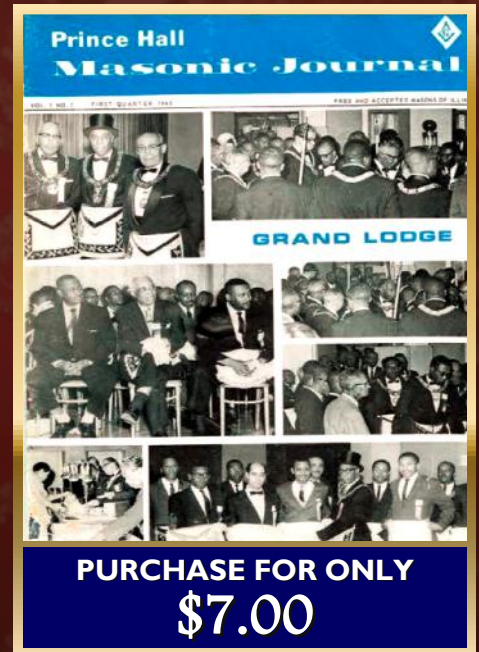
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