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Feedback from the Fall 2007 Edition

- "I have mailed a copy of the Journal to the Jurisdictions within the Midwest Region and to the 30 Heroines of Jericho Grand Courts. To date the comments I have received are: Great Job, excellent document, great historical information." - Sister H. Lorraine Jeter
- "I am very ecstatic with the website and the layout of the page. For those that put this together, you have done an exceptionally good job. Keep those fresh ideas coming. I am truly overjoyed, am I am sure everyone that take the time to come to the site will see that for themselves." - P.M. Ron Wilson



- "The content was good but we'd like to see a little more whitespace between the lines. The font size was a little hard to read. Overall, keep doing what you are doing as the work speaks for itself." - P.M. Clyde Cooper
- "I enjoyed reading the journal and the information that it contained about Masonic history. Information that I would not have known about had it not been for the journal and the hard work of the people that made it possible. Great job." - P.M. Angelo Munn
- "Past journals did not provide as much information on the sisters as these past two have done. The Structure of Prince Hall Freemasonry was very nice. I have never seen this with the right symbols on it. Very impressed. You should make it into a poster." - Anonymous

Thanks for your feedback and suggestions.

Corrections from Spring and Fall 2007 Editions

- **King David Lodge #100 Past Master(s):** Willie F. Granderson (1988)
- **Mason of the Year 2001:** Dwayne Smith
- **Dr. Arthur Parrot:** 4 Children
- **North Star Lodge #1 Past Master(s):** Charles F.S. Brown, Curtis Woods

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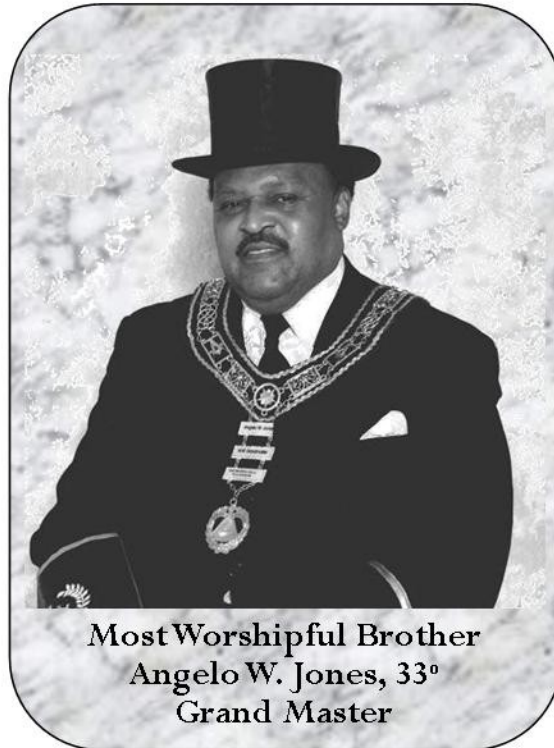
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Most Worshipful Brother
Angelo W. Jones, 33°
Grand Master



What Freemasonry Means to Me

My concept of Freemasonry is a conglomerate of philosophies under various religious emblems under which wisdom and knowledge teaches us the moral and religious virtues of man's duties to his fellow man and nature as a whole. Only through his profound beliefs of Deity can he expect to reach the highest plateau in living and dying and being reborn again throughout eternity.

Freemasonry teaches us that there is a never-ending search for truth and why we exist. Freemasonry teaches us to be tolerant and to recognize and respect every man's beliefs and his reason for living. It also teaches us to be just and not to judge our fellow man. Who are we to judge someone imperfect when we ourselves are not perfect?

Masonry teaches us to be charitable and upright. It teaches us to give our fellow man the encouragement that one needs to make them go beyond the limits of endurance. It teaches us how to obtain those things in life that we were once in doubt about ever obtaining. We are bound together in Truth, Duty and Love for one another and only through God's Blessings can we expect to be men of character; persistent in all undertakings and tolerant in our concepts and beliefs of

others; charitable in aiding those that are in need and proud of our daily working professions whatever they may be.

In summary, Masonry to me is a way of life; a way to further my search for what is right and just. It presents guidelines for me to follow and to live the way every man would like to live. In Deuteronomy, 4th Chapter, 5th and 6th verses it is written - "Behold I have taught you statutes and judgments, even as the Lord my God commanded me, that ye should do so in the land whether ye go to possess it; Keep therefore and do them; for this is your wisdom and understanding in the sight of the nations, which shall hear all your statutes and say, 'Surely this great nations is a wise and understanding people.'" I see Masonry being a nation of people with statutes and judgments. If we live by them all other people will look upon us as a wise and understanding people.

Masonry has been a redemptive force in my life. It has given me the inspiration to continue to live right and to treat my fellow man as equal. It has given me a kind of peace within myself and a way to express that peace to all that I come in contact in my everyday life.

May God's Never-Ending Love Be With Each of You Always!

"The only way to discover the limits of the possible is to go beyond them into the impossible." - Arthur C. Clark

Our Pride and Joy: Eureka Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star

"He that dwelleth in the secret place of the most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty. I will say of the Lord, He is my refuge and my fortress: my God; in Him will I trust." Psalms 91:1-2



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The Order of the Eastern Star is a Masonic-related fraternity of women and men dedicated to charity, truth and loving kindness. Although not a part of the Masonic fraternity, membership is based on a Masonic affiliation or relationship, a belief in God, and a desire to acquire additional knowledge and for self improvement.

Ode to Our Sisters: "Because You're Beautiful" by David Taylor

Because you're Beautiful
This poem's addressed
To you

Because you're beautiful
No matter what
You do

Because you're beautiful
The sun rises
Every day

Because you're beautiful
The mist shrouds a
Dreamy day

Because you're beautiful
A blossom blooms
and holds its scent

Because you're beautiful
Songs sung in your heart
Are meant

Because you're beautiful
Reflections shine
And glint

Because you're beautiful
Poems are written
Heaven sent

Because you are beautiful
This is all that this
Poem's said

Just in case you may have
Any doubt

This poem's heaven sent
To tell you

You are beautiful
And that is what this poem
Is about.



"It's beauty that captures your attention; personality which captures your heart." - Unknown

Editorial—"Prince Hall Freemasonry IS American History"

In December of 2006 I was given the opportunity to perform a role in the Grand Lodge Installation Ceremony at the Life Center C.O.G.I.C. church in Chicago and at this service I heard a very profound quote from the Pastor, Rev. Bro. T.L. Barrett. While not recorded verbatim, I do recall the gist of the quote - the measure of greatness is not shown immediately but reveals itself over time when reviewed in relation to the initial action. At the time, the statement went over my head but it began to come into focus when I began to review our organization's history.

The establishment of African American Freemasonry within America occurred during the Revolutionary War which was a period of much racial and political unrest. While Slavery was in full operation, African Americans exhibited a high degree of resilience and patriotism and, through them, African American Freemasonry thrived. The indoctrinated brethren immediately translated the allegorical lessons of Freemasonry into actions to improve the state of their communities. Using her as a tool, their collaborations not only resulted in the liberation of the enslaved locally but also created educational and employment opportunities for those who were freed while feverishly acknowledging He who knows all things for the deliverance.

In lieu of the latter, is there a wonder why several Masonic leaders became prominent laymen and why Freemasonry was spread through the black church? In this light, the words of M.W. Brother Howard Woods (Minister, Past Grand Master of Arkansas and Honorary Past Grand Master of Illinois) from Prince Hall Americanism Day 2007 hold true in that all Grand Masters and Worshipful Masters should be qualified to preach a sermon of testimonial by virtue of act of being 'worshipful'. It is through worship that God reveals His plan and secures our deliverance and it is through God's guidance that the testimony of the formation of Prince Hall Freemasonry in America is the source her greatness today as a viable tool for improvement.

I would be remiss if I did not mention the hills that were climbed to provide information to support our current efforts. The committee experienced several challenges as there was extreme difficulty in obtaining accurate historical information on the impacts of Prince Hall Freemasonry on America. Several existing works, in my opinion, portray African American Freemasonry in a negative light which downplays the value of her impacts on society. Hence the need for the declaration - "**Prince Hall Freemasonry IS American History!**"

While this edition provides a timeline and historical overviews the reality is that America would be quite different without the acts of Prince Hall Freemasons and Eastern Stars. Consider this.....

- ...that one tired Eastern Star who refused to relinquish her seat was the catalyst for the Civil Rights Movement;
- ...that a Prince Hall Mason was the first to win four Gold Medals in the Olympic Games in Nazi Germany of 1936;
- ...that Prince Hall Freemasonry is credited as a basis on which Black Greek Fraternities and Sororities were formed;
- ...that the quick thinking of a Illinois Masonic Doctor saved a life after performing the first-ever open heart surgery against conventional techniques - the research and improvements from this act continue to save lives today;
- ...that the struggle against segregation within the church led by two renown Prince Hall Freemasons led to the formation of the African Methodist Episcopal Church which continues to endure to this day;
- ...that Prince Hall Freemasons formed mutual aid and relief societies to free enslaved Africans from bondage;
- ...that the faith of one Prince Hall Freemason began a missionary movement which opened doors of communication to Indians in the Northeast section of America;

History has proven that these acts opened doors and set movements into action that have changed the very fabric of our country. Imagine our pride in recognizing their link to our organization which would be nothing without God. "For now we see in a mirror dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall understand fully, even as I have been fully understood." - 1 Corinthians 13:12 RSV. The knowledge that these acts and many, many others originated from several within our organization should serve as fuel for inspiration as their efforts provide documented evidence of the true purpose of our organization - **IMPROVEMENT**.

The focus of the 2008 series of the Prince Hall Masonic Journal is set squarely on supporting the aforementioned declaration by identifying evidence that will help to properly qualify these accomplishments. Through faith, we pledge to continue to operate as the result of these efforts are testimonials themselves of how God has provided and will provide. For they show that faith is substantive (ref. Hebrews 11:1) and through it lives the hope that the labors in which we engage today will continue to perpetuate Freemasonry as a viable tool for future advancement and reserve a place for our souls on the "great getting up morning" in that building not made by man's hands.



Worshipful Brother
Daryl Andrews, 32°
Masonic Journal Editor



Phamily Affairs

Southern Region Celebration

By Past Master Jerome Abner, #142

The Prince Hall Americanism Day for the Southern Region was held Sunday, September 09, 2007 at the Southern Cross #112 Lodge Hall, East St. Louis, Illinois. Lodges participating were:

- *I.H. Kelly Lodge #11, Belleville, Illinois, W. Bro. Willie F. Garth;*
- *St. Paul Lodge #42, East St. Louis, Illinois, W. Bro. Mario Alexander;*
- *Joppa Lodge #79, East St. Louis, Illinois, W. Bro. Chris Simmons;*
- *Dunbar Lodge #97, Alton, Illinois, W. Bro. John Harris;*
- *Jericho Lodge #120, Madison, Illinois, W. Bro. Lee A. Stewart;*
- *P.G. Porter Lodge #142, Scott Air Force Base, W. Bro. Timothy Overall*

The guest speaker, Bro. Walter Brandon, Jr, 33°, St. Clair County Associate Judge, gave a dynamic and inspiring speech on the life and time of Prince Hall. Brother James R. Thompson, 33°, provided a very detailed historical Sketch of Prince Hall. Sisters and brothers all had a very enlightening

afternoon. Dignitaries present were: Most Worshipful Brother Rufus Starks, 33°, PMWGM; Most Worshipful Brother Melvin Frierson, 33°, PMWGM; Most Worshipful Brother Earl D. Scott, 33°, PMWGM; Illustrious Companion Guardian Charles McKinley, 33°, 2nd Advisor Levi H. Morris Grand Court LOCOP and Worshipful Brother Jerome Abner, 33°, PWGP Eureka Grand Chapter OES PHA.

Central Region Celebration

The Prince Hall Americanism Day for Central Illinois was held Sunday, September 09, 2007 in Springfield, Illinois with all Lodges and Eastern Star Chapters located in Springfield, Decatur, Bloomington, Kankakee, Peoria vicinities in attendance. In the usual custom brothers and sisters celebrated this great day with fervency leaving the distinct impression that this day should be held in the highest esteem to all who have pledged a duty to the Prince Hall Masonic Family.

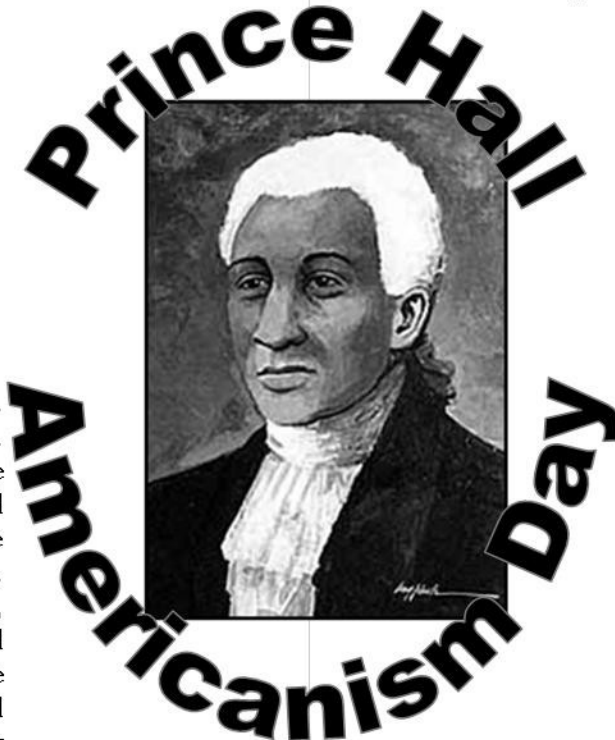
Northern Region Celebration

The Prince Hall Americanism Day for Northern Illinois was held Sunday, September 09, 2007 at the Grant Memorial A.M.E. church, 4017 South Drexel Boulevard, Chicago, Illinois which is under the



leadership of Reverend Brother Dr. Mickarl D. Thomas, Sr., Senior Pastor; Reverend Thomas Hughes, Presiding Elder; and Bishop Philip R. Cousin, Presiding Prelate. Several Lodges from the Northern Region participated in the service. The guest speaker, Most Worshipful Brother Howard Woods, Past Grand Master of MWPHGL of Arkansas, gave a resounding Masonic Sermon which highlighted the impacts and scriptural relevance of Prince Hall Freemasonry, the Order of the Eastern Star, both Male and Female York and Scottish Rite Houses, the Daughters of Isis and the Ancient Egyptian Arabic

Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. Upon completion of his address, he and the audience were pleasantly surprised as Most Worshipful Brother Angelo Jones bestowed the title of Honorary Past Grand Master of the MWPHGL of Illinois on Most Worshipful Brother Woods. Overall, the program was well planned and executed under the direction of Right Worshipful Brother Steven Coleman, Grand Trustee with Brother Kevin Ellis, Senior Warden of Monarch Lodge #99 as Master of Ceremonies. The evidence of this was the responses from the audience from the rousing prayer offered by Worshipful Brother Derrick Thompson, #80, the welcome given by Worshipful Brother Lloyd Womack, #121 and the final commentary from the Pastor and from Grand Master Angelo Jones. Following the program, all headed over to the Grand East to eat a delicious home-cooked meal which fueled the fire of brotherhood and fraternization. All in all, it was another very successful Prince Hall Americanism Day!



Photos of Prince Hall Americanism Day at the Grand East



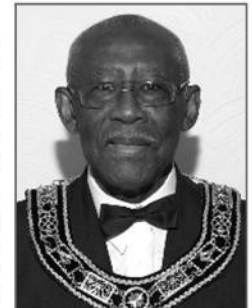
The Master of Ceremonies, Bro. Kevin Ellis, #99 (top left), officiated an excellent Prince Hall Americanism Day service which the Heads of Houses (top center) thoroughly enjoyed. Musical selections provided by the Grant Memorial A.M.E. Choir (top right) helped to provide a tone of worship and praise which was echoed in the words of Most Worshipful Brother Howard Woods (bottom center) as the OES Grand Officers and Past Grand Matrons (bottom left) and members of the Prince Hall Americanism Day Committee (bottom right) look on.



MW Bro. Howard Woods

New Most Worshipful Brothers of 2007 in Illinois

At the 141st Annual Communication of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, State of Illinois and Jurisdiction and Prince Hall Americanism Day celebrations there were produced a total of three Most Worshipful Brothers for the Illinois jurisdiction. While this may appear to be unheard of, this honor was bestowed on three well-deserving brothers whose efforts lay the framework for this reward. First and foremost, Most Worshipful Brother Angelo W. Jones was re-elected Grand Master of Prince Hall Masons for the state of Illinois. As the result of efforts extended over the years on behalf of the Grand Lodge, he then bestowed the title of Honorary Past Grand Master upon Most Worshipful



MW Bro. Earl D. Scott

Brother Earl D. Scott, of P.G. Porter Lodge #142. M.W. Bro. Scott served this Grand Lodge well in various elected and appointed offices standing as a strong light in Southern Illinois (see page 45). His labors undoubtedly serve as examples to all on how true Masons should work, live and act. Prince Hall Americanism Day in Chicago saw this honor bestowed upon another well deserving Chicago Native - Most Worshipful Brother Howard Woods. Already a Past Grand Master of the jurisdiction of Arkansas and a native son of the city of Chicago, M.W. Bro. Woods has worked with and visited the Illinois jurisdiction for a number of years. As a frequent participant in the affairs of the Grand Lodge of Illinois, his words of wisdom and encouragement have not only helped several Grand Masters but also encouraged the craft through his famous Masonic sermons. His examples of faith, courage and leadership require respect and confirm that his status as a Past Grand Master of the State of Illinois is well deserved. **Congratulations!!!**

140 Years

- John Jones Lodge #7, Chicago

135 Years

- Hiram Lodge #14, Chicago
- Keystone Lodge #15, Aurora

130 Years

- Mount Moriah Lodge #28, Evanston

115 Years

- Prince Hall Lodge #52, Chicago

105 Years

- Silver Square Lodge #62, Chicago

Milestones



Joppa Lodge #79

East St. Louis

85 Years

- Rufus Mitchell Lodge #107, Waukegan
- Charity Lodge #108, Chicago
- Richard E. Moore Lodge #109, Chicago
- Southern Cross Lodge #112, E. St. Louis

60 Years

- Jachin Lodge #133, Chicago

40 Years

- Alexander A. Martin Lodge #140, Cairo

25 Years

- William Scruggs Lodge #147, Waukegan

Photos from the 2007 Annual Unification Session of the MWPHGL of Illinois

Photos by P.M. David Bonds, #99, P.M. Eugene Washington, #88, P.M. Art Howard, #99 and Bro. Jim Billingsley, #17

The 2007 Annual Unification Session of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Illinois began on Friday, July 27th and concluded on Thursday, August 2nd at the Decatur Conference Center in Decatur, Illinois. The Unification Session was filled with many fun-filled activities in addition to the business affairs handled within each of the scheduled Grand Communications of the Appendant bodies. The success of the individual sessions and joint efforts between bodies showed that the state of Prince Hall Freemasonry in Illinois remains at a high level.



MWPHGL Elected Officers for 2007-2008: (Seated l to r) R.W. Roland Simon, Gr. Secretary; R.W. Dwayne Smith, Gr. Lecturer; R.W. William Redmond, Dep. Gr. Master; M.W. Angelo Jones, Gr. Master; R.W. Otis Cromartie, Gr. Senior Warden; R.W. Millard Driskell, Gr. Junior Warden; R.W. Leroy Berry, Gr. Auditor; (Standing l to r) W. Bro., Asst. Gr. Treasurer; R.W. Steven Coleman, Gr. Trustee; R.W. Jesse Gilbert, Gr. Trustee; R.W. Michael Ramey, Gr. Trustee; R.W. Aubrey Barlow, Gr. Auditor; R.W. Walter Simpson, Gr. Auditor; R.W. Vincent Sykes, Gr. Treasurer (Not Pictured)



M.W. Angelo Jones, R.W. William Redmond, Deputy Grand Master, R.W. Otis Cromartie, Past Grand Master James Gavin, R.W. Steven Coleman and P.M. Clyde Cooper relax and enjoy the Grand Lodge Unification Reception. (left) The reception took on a luau theme and featured a fashion show extravaganza highlighting the styles of the sisters and brothers (right).



Past Worthy Grand Matron and Patron Sis. H. Lorraine Jeter and William Norman pose with Dr. and Mrs. Lee Fields(left) as the brothers and sister engage in the electric slide. Music was provided by R.W. Brother Leroy Berry, Grand Auditor.



Bro. Jim Billingsley, #17, poses with Grand Master Jones (left) at his first Unification following the Grand Session of the Holy Royal Arch Masons led by M.E.C. Gordon Brewer (center-left). The Gary family (center) represent the Male and Female Purple Houses of the Prince Hall York Rite. Sister Esmarie Elliott takes a moment from Illinois Masonic Charities ticket sales.



Extending congratulations to Grand Masters Angelo Jones and Noel Dicks (AF&AM) at the Unification Banquet are R.W. and Mrs. Otis Cromartie (left), Past Grand Master Henry Short (center-right), our visiting Grand Lodge Officer from the Province of Canada (right) and Sister Weatau and Brother James Barsh, Junior Past Worthy Grand Matron and Patron (below right). Grand Master Dicks was accompanied by his wife and R.W. and Mrs. Daniel C. Yandel, Deputy Grand Master (below left).



Meridian Chapter #86, OES (left) enjoys the banquet festivities and from the photo of the Worthy Grand Matron and Patron, Sis. Shalonda F.W. Patterson and Bro. Fred Bradley, III and several Eureka Grand Chapter Officers, the affair proved to be one for the record books.

April 2008 Will Mark 10 Years of Mutual Recognition

On April 18, 1998 the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of the State of Illinois and the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the State of Illinois agreed that both Grand Lodges are regular and legitimate in nature. The Agreement further stated "both Grand Lodges accepting the recognition extended accord; the rights, privileges, prerogatives and benefits of a Master Mason to each other including, visitation rights consistent with the Constitution and Bylaws of each Grand Body". As a result of this recognition, the bonds of Freemasonry were extended and the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of the State of Illinois received recognition from the United Grand Lodge of England.

April 18, 2008 will mark the tenth (10th) year of this joint recognition through which the rights, privileges and prerogatives have been cordially shared and extended throughout both bodies. Today, both Grand Masters regularly visit the Masonic jurisdictions and are regular attendees at the annual sessions of one another. As these privileges have also extended to the craft, Lodges visit each other on a regular basis and collaborate in words, thought and deed to identify and utilize best practices in this joint walk in Freemasonry.

Let's take a brief look back to 1998 to visualize the activities of this historic event:



Most Worshipful Brothers Willie B. Evans, Sr. and Benny Grisham, Grand Masters meet to sign the Recognition Agreement in the presence of brethren from both jurisdictions on April 18, 1998. M.W. Bro. Grisham signs the document (left), M.W. Bro. Evans affixes his signature (center) and both pause to congratulate one another on the historical moment that had just been completed.



The MWGL Grand York Rite Officers in full regalia (top left) look on as the Deputies of the Orient of Illinois, PHA are escorted into the Lodge Hall upon completion of the recognition ceremony (top right). The Elected Grand Lodge Officers of the MWPHGL of Illinois (bottom left) follow and prepare to receive M.W. Bro. Willie B. Evans, Sr. who is escorted directly to the East (bottom center). All pose to capture history in action with both Grand Masters, Past PHA Grand Masters and Elected Officers (bottom right).

Leukemia and Lymphoma Society's "Light the Night Walk": In Memory of Rosie Collum

Submitted by Sister Alicia R. Collum-Nelson, #150



Organized by Sister Alicia R. Collum-Nelson, brothers and sisters of Holy City Lodge #150 and Pride of Holy City Chapter #150 participated in the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society's "Light the Night Walk" in memory of Rosie M. Collum, mother of Sister Collum-Nelson, who passed August 12, 2005 of non-Hodgkins Lymphoma. Pictured with Sister Collum-Nelson are her husband P.M. Clifford Nelson, relatives and colleagues from Illinois Action for Children.

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Dr. Terry Mason Honored by AASR



Western Consistory #28, AASR, PHA honored Dr. Terry Mason, Commissioner of the Chicago Department of Public Health, as its annual "Man Among Men" award recipient for 2007. Dr. Mason's specialty is in the field of Urology. A man of deep faith, Dr. Mason's primary objective in his role as Commissioner is to

improve the overall levels of health amongst all people. This mission is accomplished through various forms of communication. One of his most popular is a health-oriented radio show that he hosted on WVON for over 12 years named "Doctor in the House." His efforts on behalf of Chicago justify that he is well-deserving of this award.

10th Year for New Life #151

Its New Life's 10th Anniversary from April 1998 to April 2008. There were two lodges that came together from the IF&AM - Prince of Mercy and Lazare. From this combination, 33 brothers took the name New Life for a new beginning and petitioned Prince Hall for admission in 1998. Since being chartered there have been a total of 10 Worshipful Masters:

- Donald Bailey
- Howard Morris
- Jeffery Ball
- Courtney Hamlet
- Henry Lee Ruff
- Corey Allen
- Mike Baker
- Thorton White
- Franklin Walker
- Donald Hardway

Congratulations and Keep On Living!!!

Queen Candace #152 Constituted

By Sis. H. Lorraine Jeter, PWGM

On Wednesday, August 1, 2007 at the Annual Communication of Eureka Grand Chapter in Decatur W.G.P. Bro. James Barsh recommended that the grand body to issue a charter to Queen Candace UD Chapter to which the Grand Chapter voted overwhelmingly in favor of the recommendation. On Wednesday, October 24, 2007 at the Grand East the officers and members of Queen Candace UD showed their proficiency in the ritualistic work as they opened their chapter to receive Bro. Clyde W. Cooper, Sr, PWGP and Sis. Shalonda F. W. Patterson, WGM and the officers of Eureka Grand Chapter who performed the constitution and inaugural ceremony. The ceremony was performed outstandingly and Queen Candace UD became Queen Candace Chapter #152. The charter officers of Queen Candace #152 are:

- **Worthy Matron** - Patricia Dillingham
- **Worthy Patron** - Michael Only
- **Associate Matron** - Ebony Only
- **Associate Patron** - Joseph K. Arnold
- **Conductress** - Paulette Everett
- **Associate Conductress** - Mary Patterson

- **Treasurer** - Avor Robinson
- **Secretary** - Bonnitta Washington
- **Chaplain** - Olivia Thompson
- **Marshall** - Yvette Lyles
- **Organist** - Flossie Davis
- **Adah** - Cheryl White
- **Ruth** - CheVonne Toney
- **Esther** - Sonya Alexander
- **Martha** - LaVerne Williams
- **Electa** - Christie Peden
- **Warder** - Sis Stephanie Wright
- **Sentinel** - Bro Christopher Robinson

Congratulations and Welcome Aboard!!!

Joppa Lodge #79 to Reach 100 Years



Joppa Lodge #79 was the second Lodge formed in East St. Louis, Illinois in 1908. Joppa was established during the height of railroad and manufacturing expansion efforts in the East St. Louis area. Since inception under the leadership of Worshipful Brother Phineas Blake, Joppa has served as a pillar in this community exhibiting the best that Freemasonry has to offer not only within the Illinois but also to many Missourians who have crossed the Mississippi River. Their efforts within the community combined with the efforts of other Lodges and Chapters in the East St. Louis area have shown that the principles of our noble order still hold relevant and are applicable today. Under the current leadership of Worshipful Brother Jerome Houston it is safe to say that this trend which spans 100 years for Joppa will continue in St. Clair County.

Congratulations on 100 Years!!!

South Western Illinois to Honor Most Worshipful Brother Melvin Frierson



The Masonic Family of Southwestern Illinois is pleased to announce and invite you to a Testimonial Banquet Saturday April 12, 2008 at the Holiday Inn Select, 811 N. 9th Street, St. Louis, Mo., honoring Past Grand Master Melvin Frierson, 33°. For more than thirty years, even during his tenure as Grand Master, PGM Frierson would not agree to being honored in a program such as this. He would always

suggest that we honor someone else. He has finally consented to being recognized and honored for his many contributions to the Masonic organizations and his community. Past Grand Master Frierson is a stalwart individual who has stood undauntedly on many occasions to defend justice, fairness and righteousness, reminding us of the true meaning of Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth. He has been a mentor, resource person and a warrior. He served as trustee of the Mt. Zion M.B. Church in East St. Louis, IL. He served as a member of the East St. Louis City Council. He served as a member and chairman of the Board of Directors of the Promise Center for the Developmentally Disabled (a school for mentally and physically disabled youth). He serves with the American Cancer Society Relay for Life Committee, along with numerous other involvements dedicated to the enhancement of human lives. **He holds membership in all Prince Hall Masonic bodies.** PGM Frierson is a staunch supporter in the fight against cancer and firmly believes that cancer will ultimately touch everybody's life, through personal experience, a family member, love one or friend. Therefore he has asked that the proceeds from this affair be donated to the American Cancer Society to aid in its research. Please mark your calendar now for April 12, 2008. Your presence will make this mission a success, paying tribute to one who is rightly deserving. We can assure you that this will be an enjoyable evening for you and a lasting memory for Brother Frierson. **Congratulations!!!**

Dr. Arthur Parrott, Martial Arts Grand Master, 1st American to Receive 13th Dan

As Dr. Arthur Parrott was spotlighted in the Fall 2007 Edition as a "Someone You Should Know" he needs no introduction as a Masonic Officinate. However, by mid-March of this year we will introduce you to a new person who will have accomplished a feat unequalled by any person within the United of America - the Highest Ranking Martial Artist in America, Dr. Arthur Parrott, 13th Dan Black Belt.



Congratulations on this Achievement!!!

Word to Our New Leaders



"...For unto whomsoever much is given, of him shall be much required: and to whom men have committed much, of him they will ask the more." - Luke 12:48

Al Hamid Court #203

Submitted by Daughter Nancy Payton, #203



On October 7th the Daughters of Isis of Al Hamid Court #203 presented "Magic Night Over Egypt" to honor Illustrious Commandress Susan Marie Harper at the Grand Ballroom of the Empress Casino in Joliet.



The Caples Do It Again

Within the Prince Hall Family there are a number of family connections however none like



the Caples. Past Masters Charles Caples, Sr. and Charles Caples, Jr. have Masonic careers that mirror one another. Both served faithfully as:

- Worshipful Masters in the year 2000:
 1. Charles Caples, Sr. - Oriental #68
 2. Charles Caples, Jr. - Pythagorus #134
- Worthy Patron during the same term;
- District Deputy Grand Master/Lecturer of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Illinois;
- In 2007, both were nominated for the 33rd degree

This joint nomination of Father and Son follows another from the prior year where Oscar and Glen Pickett were nominated for meritorious service. Both examples prove the phrase "like father like son" are alive and well in Prince Hall Freemasonry today.

Congratulations and Keep Up the Great Work!!!

Freemasonry on the Rise: 21 Initiated in Evanston and 6 Raised in Champaign

Freemasonry in the State of Illinois is on the rise!

In addition to three new Lodges under dispensation twenty-one (21) new brothers were initiated in Evanston in the State-Wide Initiation held on January 18, 2008 hosted by Worshipful Brother Marcus Lane and Mt. Moriah Lodge #28. The newly initiated candidates came from Lodges across various parts of Northern Illinois including Rufus Mitchell Lodge #147, Waukegan; Watch City Lodge #131, Elgin; Pythagoras Lodge #134, Jachin Lodge #133, Fidelity Lodge #103, East Gate Lodge #98, Union U.D. and others of Chicago to become initiated as Entered Apprentices. Approximately 114 Master Masons witnessed this affair including Right Worshipful Brother Otis Cromartie, Grand Senior Warden and visitors from the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge AF&AM of Illinois.

The First Degree was performed by the District Deputy Grand Masters and Lecturers of the first district entirely from memory. The Deputies did an outstanding job in performing the tasks presented before them under the direction of Right Worshipful Brother Dwayne Smith, Grand Lecturer who performed the Worshipful Master's role himself, Worshipful Brothers Cliff Cook (DDGM) who performed the Senior Warden's role, Charles Caples, Jr. (DDGM) who performed the Junior Warden's role and Daryl Andrews (DDGL) who performed the Senior Deacon's role. Following the Initiation in Evanston, the sisters of Pride of the North Chapter #61, OES under the leadership of Sister Tanya Kirksey prepared an excellent repast which was enjoyed by all. Just prior to the repast the township experienced a power outage which did not impact the efforts of the sisters who prepared the food by candlelight. The phrase "beside a good man stands a good woman" was illustrated in its purest fashion on that evening. The experience prompted Sister Kelda Harris, #61 to express herself thusly - "The collaborations and work I witnessed and was a part of that night is what made me want to become an Eastern Star and what makes me continue to be active, even with my loads of homework!" Congratulations to Sister Kirksey and Brother Lane on being examples of strength in a time of storm and showing the new initiates the substance of which Freemasons and Eastern Stars are made.

Since election to the office, the Grand Lecturer has placed high emphasis on performing degree work from memory to provide new brethren with an excellent first impression of our organization. As this has been a staple in his plans from the start, other investment ceremonies performed by the degree teams in 2007 also hit their marks accordingly as this standard has been propagated to the



teams through their respective leaders who have led in an exemplary fashion - Worshipful Brothers Gordon Brewer, #59 - 1st Degree W.M.; Sheldon Moore, #98 - 2nd Degree W.M.; Ron Wilson, #17 - 2nd Degree W.M.; Clifford Cook, #94 - 3rd Degree W.M., Bernard Brown, Sr., #62 - 3rd Degree W.M. and several other Deputies from across the State of Illinois.

These sentiments were further displayed in December of 2007 when six (6) brethren were raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason in Champaign under the lights of Lone Star Lodge #18 (top - photo from www.LoneStar18.com). Among those in attendance were Most Worshipful Brother Clarence Trotter, Past Grand Master; several brothers from Central Illinois and visitors from the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons. From the feedback received on this affair, all work was done in good and proper order exhibiting the pride that is evident in those who represent our organization. The quality of their work has spoken to a high level of dedication and, after conversations with several and a personal retrospective, the drive to perform these tasks in that fashion sourced from the leadership experiences of the Deputies as they placed a high degree of importance on performing their own degree work as Worshipful Masters themselves. This practice promotes self-accountability. The product is that it encourages others to perform the same when appointed to their respective places thus setting a *modus operandi* that will endure. The Holy Bible reveals in Psalms 1 that the righteous man who lives in the law of the Lord shall prosper in his season. How will a man know the law if he is not taught? How will he absorb the lessons if he is taught improperly? How will he respect the law if he does not understand it and it is not enforced? The methods in which we teach and act are critical.

Proverbs 22:6 (Holy Bible, KJV) brings another aspect to this conversation - "Train up a child in the way that he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it" - that brings to light a quote from my father, Clyde Andrews, when speaking on my Grand Father at his funeral services in 1992. He said ... *Continued on Page 19*

Worshipful Brother Lloyd Womack Selected as Mason of the Year 2007-2008



Worshipful Brother Lloyd Womack, Worshipful Master of Alpha and Omega Lodge #121, was selected as Mason of the Year of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge at its 141st Annual Session for his service to his Lodge, the community and the Grand Lodge as a whole. Under his leadership new membership has increased within his Lodge and those whom he has raised have also contributed in leadership capacities themselves. The Fall 2007 Edition of the journal featured an effort led by Alpha and Omega to mentor young men in a local elementary school - Keller Elementary, Robbins, Illinois. This experience has prompted many others within his Lodge such as Brother Bobby Booker, Senior Steward to achieve greater heights. Brother Booker now serves as advisor to the "Creating Higher Options In Spite of Changing Environmental Systems (CHOICES)" program through which the mentoring opportunity was established. This proves that his administration has been one filled with inspiration.

Brother Womack continues to be a busy Mason

serving in large capacities on the St. John's Day and Prince Hall Americanism Day Committees. He has also served other Masonic bodies as Excellent High Priest of Tyre Chapter #25, Holy Royal Arch Masons; Eminent Commander, St. George Commandery #4, Knights Templar; and Thrice Illustrious Master, Joe Shoto Council #8, Royal and Select Masters. He currently serves as Assistant Secretary for Western Consistory #28, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite and as Assistant Grand Historian to the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge.

The efforts of Brother Womack in these various capacities have shown that he is a dedicated individual to the tenets of Freemasonry. These characteristics have

been displayed consistently in the Millennium Masons of the Year that preceded him namely brothers R. Courtney Priester (200), Edward Junkins, Jr. (2001), Dwayne Smith (2002), Ron L. Wilson (2003), Patrick E. Parks (2004), Frank Logan (2005), Charles Holiday, Jr. (2006) and Aubrey Barlow (2007). **Congratulations!!!**



2007 - Alpha and Omega Lodge #121 of Robbins, IL



Union Lodge. U.D., F&A.M., PHA

Submitted By Brother Adrian Cooley

Union Lodge U.D., F&AM, PHA opened its first meeting at the Prince Hall Grand Lodge temple in Chicago on October 11, 2007. Union Lodge, which was granted a dispensation to meet as a lodge by M.W. Brother Angelo W. Jones, 33°, Grand Master, consists of past and present members of Elijah S. Betts Lodge #23, F&AM, PHA, Bloomington, IL. Several of the ESB #23 members who moved back to their hometown of Chicago decided to form a new Lodge to continue their close bond and prac-

tice Masonry. The Chicago members have been meeting informally since February 2007. In May 2007, several of the members traveled to Bloomington to support P.M. Aubrey K. Barlow, 33°, Elijah S. Betts #23, where he was being honored at the Mason of the Year banquet. R.W. Barlow, Grand Auditor, introduced the Chicago members to M.W. Grandmaster Jones. The members informed the Grandmaster of their request and a follow-up meeting was soon scheduled. The group decided that the new lodge would be named "Union". The officers are:

- **Worshipful Master** - Michael Humphrey, P.M
- **Senior Warden** - Adrian Cooley
- **Junior Warden** - Christopher Calhoun
- **Secretary** - Maurice Walton
- **Treasurer** - Erwin Staples
- **Senior Deacon** - Thomas Revish, P.M
- **Tyler** - Abdulrahim Ali

The Union Lodge meeting location is at the Prince Hall Grand Lodge Temple, 809 E. 42nd Pl, Chicago, IL 60653 on every second Thursday at 7:30pm. The Union Lodge's mission statement is to be recognized as a lodge of enthusiastic, innovative, and forward thinking men - united in God, fellowship and service, dedicated to mutual self-improvement, and committed to making a positive difference within our communities.

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Unity Celebrations Across the State of Illinois

Photos and submission by P.M. Art Howard, #99; P.M. Angelo Munn, #147 and W. Bro. Lawrence Walker, #91



Rockford: Welcome Star Lodge #36 and Princess Zorah Chapter #20 celebrate with the Grand Master (right), Worthy Grand Matron (left), Deputies from the second district (right-center) and brothers and sisters from across the state at their annual banquet.



Peoria: Henry Brown Lodge #22 and Silver Star Chapter #74 of Peoria welcome the Grand Master, Past Worthy Grand Matron and Patron Sister Weatau and Brother James Barsh (center) and OES Grand Officers (left) with open arms to their joint affair.

North Shore Consistory #91 & the Order of the Golden Circle Celebrate their Union at their Annual Black and Gold Ball

Sudan Temple and Court Honor Illustrious Potentate & Commandress



Evanston: North Shore Consistory #91, AASR and the Order of the Golden Circle celebrate their union and honor respective brethren and sisters for their dedicated service to the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite.

Champaign: Sudan Temple and Sudan Court honor their Potentate and Commandress (left) at their annual joint affair.



Chicago: Cornerstone Lodge #91 and Princess Syene Chapter #114 celebrate over 80 years of unity at the Oak Lawn Hilton.

Springfield Honors Dr. Lee Fields, Jr.

Submitted by Sister H. Lorraine Jeter, PWGM

It was early Sunday morning, July 8, 2007, when several State Troopers, Secret Serviceman, and city policeman arrived at the Pleasant Grove Baptist Church. It was here that an entourage of five Black SUV's entered the parking lot of the Pleasant Grove Baptist church where a celebration was going on. All five parking lots were filled and several large buses were parked in front of the church which, from the exterior, appeared to be an over capacitated crowd. From the open doors of the SUV's exited the State Chieftain, Governor and Mrs. Rod Blagojevich, their two daughters and a friend of their daughters. The First family of the State of Illinois visited with the First Family of the Pleasant Grove Baptist Church to spend the entire Anniversary Worship Service for Rev. Dr. Lee E. Fields, Jr., Senior Pastor of the Pleasant Grove Baptist Church.

Pastor Fields has been the Senior Pastor for 10 years. The Governor made a surprise visit to the Celebration staying the entire service which lasted for 4 hours. The Governor acknowledged the work that Pastor Fields has been doing in Springfield making mention of his leadership in organizing the first ever "Stop The Violence Motorcade and Prayer Vigil" at the State Capitol, where a crowd of thousands attended in February of 2006 in sub-zero weather. He also acknowledged his nomination as a recipient of the "Community Religious Award" during the 1st Annual Hero's Banquet sponsored by the Red Cross of Central Illinois. In addition, he mentioned how Pastor Fields led the entire city of Springfield to bring donations and items for the Hurricane victims of Katrina in New Orleans and Mississippi, enough items to fill a 57 foot long 18 wheeler, offering aid to more than 75 parishes. The Governor went on to mention many other acts by the native New Orleanian, also acknowledging his mother, Mrs. Anita Haynes Fields a survivor of Hurricane Katrina, in which he offered her comfort in welcoming her to the State of Illinois.

The Governor was not careful to mention that not only has Pastor Fields given leadership to the people of Illinois, he has also traveled three times to Ghana, West Africa, 5 times to Panama City, Panama, Puerto Rico and Jamaica offering these same acts of compassion, love and benevolence. He went on to say that this man is about the work that all Illinoisans should be about, especially in times like these, when healthcare and education is very much needed in and around the world. The Governor made the trip two fold, by stopping in to address the House on his healthcare program inviting Pastor Fields to testify before the House Senate on the need to promote his gun violence proposal. The services also included a visit from the Zion Hill Baptist Church of Pineville, Louisiana

where the Rev. Dr. Joshua Joy Dara was the special guest. The Governor and First lady swayed from side to side, often found clapping and even standing as the service went on. The oldest daughter of Pastor Fields-Jasmine D. Fields a Sophomore/Pre Med-Biology major at Jackson State University, in Jackson MS, rendered a soul stirring solo, that brought thunderous applause from the large crowd of worshippers. It was a parents dream as First Lady Kim W. Fields was often seen wiping her eyes as she sat quietly, and elegantly in her seat. Both natives of Louisiana, pastor and Mrs. Fields have been married for 23 years with Mrs. Fields being from Pineville, La, and Pastor Fields from New Orleans.

Also celebrating this noble man were several distinguished men who were members of the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., in which Pastor Fields is a member, and a row of ladies representing Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority,



Inc. Both of these organizations had high ranking officials present including local Presidents, Regional Directors, District Directors, and other Officers with all making presentations to Pastor Fields. Also in attendance was the President of the local Chapter of the NAACP, Mr. Ken Paige, along with members of several Masonic Orders in which Pastor Fields holds membership namely: The Illinois Prince Hall Masons, Order of the Eastern Stars, Heroines of Jericho, Scottish Rite Masons, Prince Hall Shriners-Dessert of Illinois. In addition to the

many folk present, there was also a proclamation read by one of the members from the Past Grand Worthy Matron of Eureka Grand Chapter Order of the Eastern Stars State of Illinois-Mrs. H. Lorraine Jeter of Chicago, IL., who was unable to be present due to a prior commitment.

At the conclusion of the Services the Governor and First lady greeted and shook hands with the many local and out of town Guest, as they made their way to the exit doors, not without one last photo opt with the Rev. and Mrs. Fields. The Governor's wife inquired of Pastor Fields when he would be returning to Africa, indicating her interest to travel with Pastor Fields and members of The National Baptist Convention of America's Foreign Mission Board, headed by his hometown Pastor, The Rev. Dr. John C. Raphael, Jr of New Orleans, La. Upon exiting the Church, the Governor was met by a sea of local TV Camera's, news reporters, and local newspapers, who evidently had been set up outside since hearing that the Governor was to make an appearance.

Dinner was served in the Fellowship hall, which was ready to physically feed the sea of attendees. All of this to the Testimony of a man, a Pastor, a father, a friend, who concluded, by saying: "I thank God for this day, and his wife of 23 years, daughters, mother, friends, and special Guest, not to mention the Governor and First Lady of Illinois." What a day in the life of this man of God.

Illinois Masonic Charities Foundation Black Tie Affair

By Sis. H. Lorraine Jeter, PWGM



The Illinois Masonic Charities Foundation held its annual raffle on October 26th to raise funds to promote activities which help disadvantaged youth across Illinois.

Tickets were sold at a cost of \$25 each and the grand prize winner was Bro. Lester Powell, #1 who won a 2007 Cadillac CTS. Sis. Lena Roberts, #2, sold the First Prize Winning Ticket and R.W. Bro. Otis Cromartie, Grand Senior Warden, sold all of the other winning tickets. Congratulations to the winners and IMC on another successful affair!



The IMC Black Tie Affair brought friends and visitors from across the State of Illinois to the affair at the Martinique in Chicago, Illinois.



Many individuals and organizations made special donations to assist IMC in their efforts to help improve the youths in our communities. Among the recipients was Eureka Grand Chapter, O.E.S. represented by Sis. Shalonda F.W. Patterson, WGM (center). The raffle also raised considerable funds to support the same in addition to providing the Grand Prize winner, Bro. Powell, with a new Cadillac (right).



Congratulations!

“Excelsior Chapter”: The 1st Chapter of the Phylaxis Society in Illinois



The years of 2007 and 2008 have brought with them a number of historic events. February 15, 2007 marked 140 years of existence of the Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Illinois, new Lodges were brought into the fold under dispensation and now brothers in the Chicagoland area have taken steps with the permission of Grand Master Angelo Jones to form the first local Chapter of the Phylaxis Society within the State of Illinois.

The Phylaxis Society is an international research organization dedicated to the research of Masonic history and the enlightenment of Prince Hall Masons across the world. Several brethren within the State of Illinois, who are members-at-large of the society, felt that a local collaboration of like-minded brethren could work together to promote these ideals within the jurisdiction by producing Masonic works from their research and practical experiences.

The concept and mission of the Phylaxis Society was brought forward to many within the State of Illinois by Illustrious Brian Abrams, a life member of the Society and the Director of the Phylaxis Scottish Rite Research Institute. As a former Grand Historian and former Editor of the Prince Hall Masonic Journal, his efforts in the realm of Masonic history are reknown across the State and across the country. From these experiences the Phylaxis has served as a link to international resources that have provided more light to several of his endeavors. In this regard, the publications of the Phylaxis Society have proven that they could also be beneficial to several historians within the state. As a result of this revelation, the testimonials of brothers Abrams, additional testimonies by brothers James Mitchell and Tyrone Jackson, “At-Large” membership significantly increased and positive interests in the organization also began to fester further across the State of Illinois.

Overall this opportunity allowed several members the chance to share the same testimonials as Brothers Abrams, Mitchell and Jackson which prompted inquiries to further the cause of global Masonic research within the state by brothers Daryl Andrews, #91; Tyrone Jackson, #100; Bill Harlan, #1; Charles Holiday, #91; Jason Fullman, #131; Adrian Cooley, Union U.D. and several others within the Northern Illinois vicinity. From several conversations, it was decided that the best way to accomplish this in a collaborative fashion that would allow the maximum potential for the utilization shared resources to benefit the cause would be to form a local Chapter of the Society within the Chicago area. As such, with the permission of Grand Master Angelo Jones, the required number of members and the motivation to secure the history of this great organization, steps were taken in October of 2007 to move forward with the formation of the local Chapter. As of January 28, 2008, this hope became a reality as their efforts yielded a local Chapter of the “Excelsior Chapter” of the Phylaxis Society. Pending the completion and review of the necessary documentation, the Chapter will receive its official warrant at the annual session of the Society in March of 2008.

The name “Excelsior” was chosen to honor the memory of a dedicated and hard working Prince Hall Mason by the name of Excelsior Woodard. Right Worshipful Brother Woodard served the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Illinois in various capacities as the Grand Treasurer and as a Grand Trustee. The uncle of Past Master Ronald Caldwell, Sr., #91, Brother Woodard’s efforts on behalf of the Grand Lodge were reknown across the State of Illinois and it was the hope of Brother Andrews that the Chapter would work and operate in the same form and fashion in its future endeavors. As such, the name “Excelsior” was chosen to not only honor a fallen soldier but serve as the ideal name of inspiration admonishing its membership to achieve Masonic “Excellence” in the works to be produced.

Charter Members

Daryl Andrews, President
 Tyrone Jackson, 1st Vice Pres.
 Aaron Brown, 1st Vice Pres.
 Charles Holiday, Treasurer
 Earl Young, Recording Secretary
 Bill Harlan, Financial Secretary
 Brian Abrams
 Kyle Andrews

Troy Andrews
 Bernard Brown, Sr.
 Ronald Caldwell, Sr.
 Clifford Cook
 Adrian Cooley
 David Duerson
 Dontane Farmer
 Jason Fullman
 James Mitchell

Christopher Preston
 Sean Queen
 Carl Richardson
 Robert Taylor
 Lawrence Walker
 Ray Willis
 Everette Yoakum
 Earl Young
 Ernest Young, III



For more information on the Phylaxis Society please visit <http://www.thePhylaxis.org> and for more information on the Illinois Chapter please contact Brother Daryl Andrews at daryl@dawd.org or any member of the Chapter.

Gatling's Chapel - The Largest Black Owned Funeral Home in the United States



Mr. & Mrs. Lafayette Gatling, Sr. now own the largest single Black owned and operated funeral home within the United States of America. Located at 10133 South Halsted Street in Chicago, Illinois, Gatling's Chapel, Inc. averages over 2,000 funerals a year. To celebrate the lives of those who were funeralized, Gatling's holds an annual Memorial service during the Thanksgiving Holiday Season offering a sense of comfort during the extended time of bereavement. The Chapel, which was designed and built by Mr. Lafayette Gatling, Sr., employs in excess of 100 people and has served the Chicago and suburban communities for over twenty (20) years. In addition to success in this arena, the Gatling Family continues to forge ahead. On October 15, 1994, the Gatling's purchased 445 acres of land located in Country Club Hills, Illinois. This is the largest track of land left in Cook County and when the development plans have been completed, it will be the largest minority owned development in the world.

Congratulations and Much Continued Success!!!

**Olive Branch Lodge #94 Liberal Arts Club
2007 Master's Ball Extravaganza**

By Bro. Basil Muhammad, #94

The Liberal Arts Club of Olive Branch Lodge #94 sponsored their annual Black Tie Affair on December 1, 2007 to honor their Worshipful Master, Worshipful Brother Marquis Winston, for a successful year of dedication and service to the craft. The banquet was held at Georgio's in Orland Park, Illinois and was an affair to be remembered for the ages to come. This formal occasion found all attendees dressed in tuxedos and formal gowns to commemorate the special occasion.



Congratulations to the Branch on a Job Well Done!!!

York Rite Inducts Fifteen in Chicago



The current growth in Freemasonry is not limited to the "Blue" Lodge but also extends to the York Rite Houses. On Saturday, January 19, 2008, fifteen new companions including R.W. Bro. Millard Driskell, MWPHGL Grand Junior Warden, were introduced to the York Rite Degrees of the Holy Royal Arch, Royal and Select Masters and Knights Templar. This induction continues the trend of increased interest in the appendant bodies of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge and if it continues, we should anticipate an increase of approximately 40 additional members into the Prince Hall York Rite this year. Overall, this trend bodes well for the York Rite which offers extended knowledge on the baseline of Freemasonry and her principles by helping many to find that which was lost and providing an additional opportunity for brothers to serve society.

Here's to the Growth of the York Rite!!!

Freemasonry on the Rise Continued:

...“I learned from seeing my father work hard when I was a child and then understood by doing what I saw in the same fashion.” Through this “eye to eye” form of teaching thoughts, literature and emotion were conveyed simultaneously. The eyes carried the emotion which helped to convey the solemnity of purpose. Teaching thusly from memory rather than reading not only provides the true impact of the words but also produces a lasting experience as the result of the emotional connection.

In closing, a high priority must be placed on Masonic excellence in all of our labors. Our efforts today will set standards to be passed along to succeeding leaders. Teaching “eye to eye” from study and memory will increase the probability of the proper execution of all labors in the future. As such, Worshipful Masters, it is advised that you enforce this behavior regularly in those who took obligations along with you. For, the end result will yield improvement in the quality of the Lodge and create a level of excellence that will last for ages.





Hazel Stillwell Education & Scholarship

By Vicki Yarbrough

The Hazel Stillwell Education/Scholarship Committee is charged with the responsibility of raising funds for scholarship via profitable fundraising and the "Miss Eureka" contest. The Committee raised

over \$15,000 in 2007 and awarded 13 students \$1,000.00 Scholarships towards their continuing education. The goal for 2008 is \$20,000 and the Committee will be selling OES T-shirts, Polo/Sweat shirts, Hoodies, Bags, Pins, Gift Certificates, and more all throughout the year at the School of Instructions, Initiations, Mid-Year, Grand Session as well as two major events in June and July to accomplish it. 100% of all profit will go to the Scholarship fund.

For additional information on how to make your investment/donation, please contact:

- Sis. Vicki M. Yarbrough, Grand Director of Hazel Stillwell Education/Scholarship, VickiMarie_y@yahoo.com or (708)790-4711;
- Sis. Verona S.E. Portis, Asst Grand Director/Grand Coordinator "Miss Eureka" at (312)835-7581;
- Sis. Patricia Merriweather and Sis. Naomi Peters, Grand Advisors;
- Sis. Shalonda F.W. Patterson, Worthy Grand Matron, Bro. Fred Bradley III, Worthy Grand Patron.

We truly appreciate your PAST, PRESENT, AND FUTURE support of this most deserving committee.

Youth Education: A Top Priority

Over the course of the 2007 Masonic Year the Prince Hall Masonic Family of Illinois has raised thousands of dollars to support the educational affairs of the youth within the State of Illinois. Several scholarships and donations of school supplies issued by the Grand Lodge and subordinate Lodges to the communities have provided substantial financial assistance to the families across the jurisdiction and it is slated that participation in these types of endeavors will trend upward in 2008. In addition to the financial donations, many Lodges and Chapters have adopted schools within their locales in order to provide mentoring programs for the young men and women. The end result will provide the next generation with guidance in either pursuing career paths for tomorrow's demanding workplace or steps to become successful entrepreneurs. It is a little known fact that more than a handful of brothers and sisters within the jurisdiction of Illinois are owner/operators of their own companies and/or are high ranking officers within fortune 500 companies in various parts of the state. This, in itself, points to a high level of expertise at the disposal of our youth today which will bode well for a better tomorrow as the direct result of mentoring opportunities provided by the Masonic Family. With this assistance, the future looks extremely bright!

John Jones Lodge #7 of Chicago to Reach 140 Year of Existence

As the seventh Lodge to be formed in the jurisdiction of Illinois, John Jones Lodge #7 has served the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Illinois faithfully for 140 years. Under the initial leadership of Worshipful Brother John Watson in 1868, the Lodge was named after Most Worshipful Brother John Jones, Past Deputy Grand Master, MWNGL (1867); Past Grand Master of the Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Ohio (1865-67) and Past Master of North Star Lodge #12 (later became #1-Illinois) (1857-1861). Acting in his official capacity, John Jones officiated the constitution of the Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Illinois and for his service the seventh Lodge was named on his behalf.

Congratulations!!!

Jacqueline German, Daughter of MNGPC, First of Her Age Group to be Inducted into the Black Belt Hall of Fame



Jacqueline M. German is a 17 year old Senior, and Honor Student. She has been Captain of the St. Rita Cheerleaders Blue Squad, and holds many more titles. In 2000, she was Queen Matron of Anna E. Dunmore Court #1, Junior Heroines of the Most Ancient Prince Hall Grand Court, Heroines of Jericho and now she is the first of her age group to be inducted into the American Karate Association Hall of Fame.

Press Release from Sensei John Sharkey, President of the American Karate Association (AKA):

"It is my pleasure to announce the induction of Jacqueline German in to the American Karate Association Hall of Fame. She is being honored as the Outstanding Jr. Instructor of the year. This honor is bestowed on her for her many accomplishments in the Martial Arts and in her community."

"I would ask that all associated with Jacqueline to take pride in her accomplishment and to celebrate with her."

"A banquet as been set to honor Jacqueline and other inductees January 26, 2008 in Warrenville IL."

Congratulations to Mother and Daughter!!!

Prince Hall Masons Know How to Cook



On 10/6/07, R.W. Bro. William F. Redmond challenged all brothers in the Chicago area to a BBQ contest to find the best cook in Prince Hall Freemasonry in the area. This called was answered by several who provided good food for the soul. Representing Hiram #14, the crew of Edward White, P.M. Ernest Williams, Arnaz Thornton and Smith Jophse (top) proclaimed in unison "we the members of Hiram #14 proudly present our world famous turkey burgers, sausages and tips." This crew was the first in attendance and began cooking on the automated rotary grill (2nd row left) at 7:30AM. Their products showed that they know their way around a grill. P.M. Michael Jackson, Eureka #64 (2nd row right) who presented fried turkey simply stated that "the proof is in the Turkey!!!" His fried turkey had great flavor as it stayed moist despite the high rolls and boils of the deep fryer. Johnny Owens, Sr., North Star #1 (3rd row) was the gentleman of the bunch presenting a variety of hamburgers and hot dogs from his homemade, barrel grill and wishing everyone well. He said "if you meet someone that doesn't have a smile just give them one of yours." P.M. Daryl Andrews, Cornerstone #91 (4th row left) made his world-famous Louisiana Style Gumbo. Ironically, while this dish took him 5 hours to prepare, the large pot was devoured within 45 minutes. He stated "the empty pot tells it all!" Lastly, the crew from the 2nd District came through with an entourage and a custom grill (bottom) which contained four burners and a counter balance system to secure the chamber lids that would do Albert Einstein justice. The crew, led by P.M. Renaldo Walker and P.M. A. Snoddy (4th row right) consisted of P.M. Donald Cook, W. Bro. Leonard Herring, Sisters L. Smith and C. Walker, presented their famous "Law Suit Bones." The story goes that one of their guests had a plate of ribs and after she was done eating she realized that she had eaten the meat from her fingers. Apparently, the sauce that dripped all over her hands was just that good! Hence, the premise for the law suit. In addition, their baked beans and peach cobbler was awesome.

While all of the dishes were great, the jury is still out on the winner. Despite the deadlock, this challenge brought out a friendly competitive spirit between the brethren which also served as a sign of the success in unity that we all share through Freemasonry.

Best S.O.I. Attendance



The winner of the traveling trophy for best attendance at Grand Lodge Schools of Instruction for the 1st District in 2007 goes to North Star Lodge #1, Chicago. The Junior Warden of North Star proudly displays the prize.

Masonic Trivia

Trivia Question #1:

Who was the second Mason of the Year of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge?

Trivia Question #2:

In which year was Eureka Grand Chapter organized?

Trivia Question #3:

Which Eastern Star sister is known as the "Mother of the Civil Rights Movement"?

Trivia Question #4:

Which brother served as Worthy Grand Patron of Eureka Grand Chapter, OES in 2004?

Trivia Question #5:

Which Grand Master contracted to purchase the current Grand East?

(See Rear Cover for Solutions)

We've Got Jokes



Confusius Say...

- ...to make egg roll, Push it;
- ...woman who put soap on top shelf jump for "Joy";
- ...man who sit on needle surely get the point;
- ...man with head on railroad track end up with splitting headache;
- ...man who tell too many light-bulb jokes, burn out;
- ...man who jump off cliff, come to conclusion.



Empowerment Zone

Food for Thought

According to the dictionary, the terms “ignorance” and “illusion” have specific meanings:

Ignorance = (1) lack of knowledge; (2) unaware or uninformed

Illusion = (1) something that deceives or misleads intellectually; (2) perception of something existing in such a way as to cause misinterpretation

Somewhere I read that the main purpose of Masonry is to take a good man and from a good man make a better man. If one studies the 2nd degree and makes an effort to understand it, he should soon figure out that the 2nd degree is about education. In order to improve oneself, one has to #1 control the passions, #2 educate and inform oneself.

Everything in life is presented through or in the form of an illusion. If you get caught up in the illusion and are not able to see past the illusion, it will cost you. Our struggle as Masons is to see past the illusion. The best tool you can use to accomplish this is to educate yourself.

A person on the outside of Masonry can only see the illusion of what Masonry is. Only after you become aware and informed, and learn the secrets of Masonry, will you be able to see through the illusion and understand the real and true meaning of Masonry. Many members are still caught up in the illusion and are ignorant because they have not put forth any effort to learn or inform themselves. Are you caught up in the illusion?



**P.M. DePlessie
Drew, #65**

Think About It!!!

Moore Words of Wisdom

By Sis. Rhonda Moore, #151

Question: How Do You Obtain Salvation?



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|----------------------------|---------------------|----------------------|-----------------------------|
| • Not by Peter | • Not by Tithing | • Not by a Rosary | • Not by Candles |
| • Not by Mary | • Not by Sabbath | • Not by Pilgrimages | • Not by Holy Water |
| • Not by Works | • Not by Penance | • Not by Law | • Not by Incense |
| • Not by Mass | • Not by Confession | • Not by Poverty | • Not by Water Baptism |
| • Not by Sprinkling | • Not by Last Rites | • Not by Meditation | • Not by Devotion to Icons |
| • Not by Church Attendance | • Not by Purgatory | • Not by Catechisms | • Not by Repentance of Sins |

**“Sirs, what must I do to be saved? And they said, Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved”
Acts 16:30-31 KJV**

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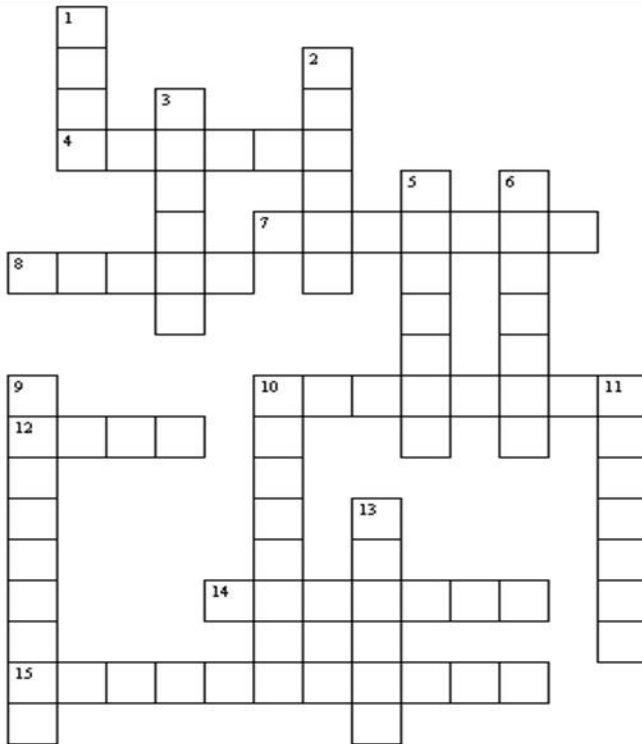
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Fun and Games: How Well Do You Know Your History?

Masonic Crossword Puzzle



DOWN

- 1. Ruth's home
- 2. Alton Lodge
- 3. OES Saviour of her people
- 5. The "G" in G.T. Watson
- 6. Location of the Mother Grand Lodge
- 9. Place of 6th Annual MWPHGL Communication
- 10. Our AASR Masonic Jurisdiction
- 11. The brother of Martha and Mary
- 13. Elected Lady

ACROSS

- 4. Prince Hall's City
- 7. 3rd MWPHGL of Illinois Grand Secretary
- 8. Former Methodist Bishop
- 10. The "N" in MWNLG
- 12. Jephthah's Daughter
- 14. The first book of the Holy Bible
- 15. Legitimacy Agreement Term

Sudoku

Directions:

Fill all empty squares so that the numbers 1 to 9 appear once in each row, column and 3x3 box.

Good Luck!

1		2		7				3
			5	9				7
			4			1		
		6						8
9	7						4	5
4						3		
		4			8			
7				6	5			
6				1		9		2

You Better Recognize

What is the name of this brother who was a world re-known doctor made famous by performing the first successful surgery upon a living human heart in 1893?



- A) Doctor John H. Johnson
- B) Doctor Andrew Bynum Watkins
- C) Reverend Doctor Solomon Grundy
- D) Doctor Daniel Hale Williams

Word Scramble

Directions: Unscramble the letters to form a word. Use the letters marked with the asterisk (*) to unscramble the final word.

- 1. EMLETPS []*[] [] [] []*[] []*
Hint: Sundan and Arabic to name a few...
- 2. CCDIOENLTA []*[] [] [] []*[] []*[] []*[] []*
Hint: Western's original name
- 3. PAPENTRICE [] []*[] [] [] [] [] []*[]*[]
Hint: One who is entered
- 4. CIEVNE [] [] []*[] [] []*
Hint: Italian city in Illinois
- 5. ROSCUT [] []*[] []*[] [] []
Hint: Heroines meet in these
- 6. PHACSRET [] []*[] [] []*[] [] [] [] []*
Hint: Queen Elizabeth and others...

FINAL WORD: []

Hint: The name of the edifice founded by the You Better Recognize honoree...



In the Spirit of True Brotherhood



"We are members of one great body. Nature planted in us a mutual love, and fitted us for a social life. We must consider that we were born for the good of the whole." - Seneca

"To become truly great, one has to stand with people, not above them." - Charles de Montesquieu

"Enough of good there is in the lowest estate to sweeten life; enough of evil in the highest to check presumption; enough there is of both in all estates, to bind us in compassionate brotherhood, to teach us impressively that we are of one dying and one immortal family." - Henry Giles

"Whoever in prayer can say, "Our Father," acknowledges and should feel the brotherhood of the whole race of mankind"
- Tyron Edwards

"Above all things let us never forget that mankind constitutes one great brotherhood; all born to encounter suffering and sorrow, and therefore bound to sympathize with each other" - Albert Pike

"The spirit of brotherhood recognizes of necessity both the need of self-help and also the need of helping others in the only way which every ultimately does great god, that is, of helping them to help themselves." - Theodore Roosevelt

"Brotherhood is not just a Bible word. Out of comradeship can come and will come the happy life for all." - Heywood Broun

"But if they repent and keep up prayer and pay the poor-rate, they are your brethren in faith; and We make the communications clear for a people who know. (*The Immunity 9.11*)" - Holy Quaran

"You cannot contribute anything to the ideal condition of mind and heart known as Brotherhood, however much you preach, posture, or agree, unless you live it." - Faith Baldwin

"In all things that are purely social we can be as separate as the fingers, yet one as the hand in all things essential to mutual progress." - Booker T. Washington

"Sticks in a bundle are unbreakable." - Kenyan Proverb

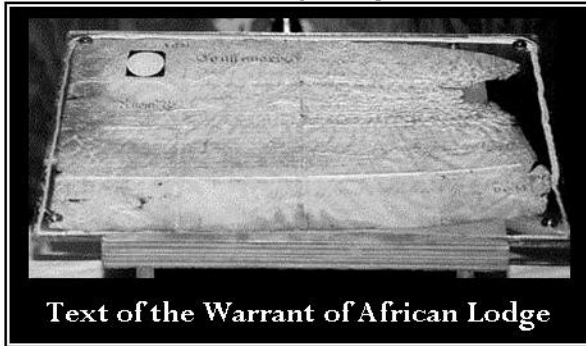


Timeline and Impacts of Phamily History

By Past Master Daryl Andrews, #91

Historically, Prince Hall Freemasonry has consistently served as one of the premier organizations for the improvement of African Americans. However, while this statement is generally believed by many, the contributions of Prince Hall Masons and Eastern Stars are rarely qualified properly. Consider that while Africans endured slavery, while the right to vote was not granted to all and while the country endured wars and tragedies that Prince Hall Freemasonry not only grew but also had significant impacts on society as a whole.

The organizational legacy begins with the Warrant of African Lodge #459. The warrant is the most prized document in all of Prince Hall Freemasonry as it provides a direct link to the Mother Grand Lodge of Freemasonry¹:



Text of the Warrant of African Lodge

Thus were we greeted by the Grand Lodge of England, on the 20th day of September A.L. 5784, A.D. 1784; the following said Greeting and warranted 459, granted by the Grand Lodge of England on petition of Prince Hall, Boston Smith, Thomas Sanderson, and several other Masons, of Boston, constituting them into a regular Lodge for Free and Accepted Masons. To all and ever our Right Worshipful and loving Brethren, we, Thomas Hall, Earl of Effingham, Lord Howard, etc., etc., etc.; acting Grand Master under the authority of His Royal Highness, Henry Frederice, Duke of Cumberland, etc., etc., etc., Grand Master of the Most Ancient and Honorable Society of Free and Accepted Masons, send Greetings:

Know ye, that we, at the humble petition of our right trust and well beloved Brethren Prince Hall, Boston Smith, Thomas Sanderson, and several other Brethren residing in Boston, New England, in North America, do hereby constitute the said Brethren into regular Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons, under the title or denomination of the African Lodge, to be opened in Boston aforesaid, and do further at their petition hereby appoint the said Prince Hall to be Master, Boston Smith, Senior Warden, and Thomas Sanderson,

Junior Warden, for the opening of the said Lodge, and for such further time only as shall be thought proper by the Brethren thereof, it being our will that this our appointment of the above officers shall in no wise affect any future election of officers of the Lodge, but that such election shall be regulated agreeably by such by-laws of said Lodge as shall be consistent with the general laws of the Society, contained in the Book of Constitution and we hereby will require you, the said Prince Hall, to take especial care that all and everyone of said Brethren are, or have been regularly made Masons, and that they do observe, perform and keep all the rules and orders contained in the Book of Constitutions; and further, that you do, from time to time, cause to be entered in a book kept for the purpose, an account of your proceedings in the Lodge, together with such rules, orders, and regulations as shall be made for the good government of the same; that in no wise you will omit once in every year to send to us, or our successors, Grand Master, or to Roland Holt, Esq., our Deputy Grand Master, for the time being, an account in writing of your said proceedings and copies of all such rules, orders and regulations as shall be made as aforesaid, together with a list of the members of the Lodge, and such sum of money as may suit the circumstances of the Lodge, and reasonably be expected toward the Grand Charity.

Moreover, we hereby will and require you the said Prince Hall, as soon as conveniently may be, to send an account in writing, of what may be done by virtue of these presents.

Given at London under the hand and seal of Masonry, this 20th day of September A.L. 5784 A.D. 1784.

By the Grand Master's Command

Witness: Wm. White, G.S.


R. Holt, D.G.M.

Organized Freemasonry began in England in 1717 when four Lodges from London came together to establish a Grand Lodge. This new Grand Lodge would serve as the first Grand Lodge in the world and by 1730 had over 100 Lodges under its jurisdiction. Following this lead, Grand Lodges were formed in Ireland in 1725 and in Scotland in 1736 to provide a central body for local subordinate Lodges. From these Grand Lodges, Freemasonry spread across the world. In 1751, the Grand Lodge of England endured a split due to perceived conflicts in the practice of the Freemasonry into two Grand Lodges - The Premiers (Moderns) and the Antients². It is from the former, that the lineage of Prince Hall Freemasonry was rooted. In 1775 Prince Hall and 14 others were made Freemasons by Irish Constitution Military Lodge #441¹. However, at the conclusion of the Revolutionary War the Irish Lodge returned home which prompted Prince Hall and the other brothers to obtain a charter that they may continue to practice Freemasonry legitimately. In 1784 the warrant for African Lodge #459 of Massachusetts was granted with African Lodge beginning work as a Lodge in 1787 after the charter was delivered.

Immediately activities for the improvement of African Americans began and they were primarily directed towards education, spiritual up-liftment and the abolishment of Slavery. The success of these efforts helped to expand the membership and build key relationships in neighboring locales with like-minded individuals and organizations. The following timeline illustrates these efforts in relation to American History.

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Timeline of American and Masonic History 1715 to the Present

1715		1730		1745		1760	
1717 "Organized" Freemasonry is established in England		1725 Grand Lodge of Ireland organized		1736 Grand Lodge of Scotland organized		1751 Split of the English Grand Lodge • Premier • Antients	
 <p>Legend</p> <p>Prince Hall</p> <p>Masonic History</p> <p>African American History</p> <p>American History</p>				1737 Prince of Wales, Frederick Lewis, Son of King George II - 1st Royal to be made a Freemason		1746 Lucy Terry - 1st Noted Black Poet	
				1738 Prince Hall born in Barbados		1752 B. Banneker constructs one of America's 1st clocks	
				1739 Stono Rebellion in South Carolina - 1st Major Slave Revolt		1758 African Baptist or "Bluestone" church founded - 1st Black Church in America	
						1770 Crispus Attucks - 1st Martyr of the Boston	
						1772 DuSable becomes the 1st Settler of Chicago	
						1773 Phyllis Wheatley - 1st Black Woman to publish a book	
						1770 Boston Massacre	

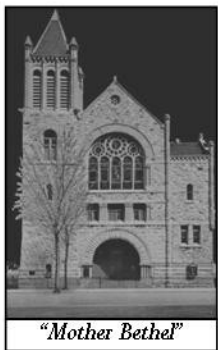
1830		1845		1860		1875	
1831 Nat Turner Slave Revolt		1836 A. L. Twilight - 1st Elected State Official		1840 AF&AM Grand Lodge organized in Illinois		1845 - 59 PHA Grand Lodges • New York ('45) • Maryland ('47) • Delaware ('48) • New Jersey ('48) • Ohio ('49) • California ('55) • Indiana ('55) • Ontario, Canada ('56) • Dist. of Columbia ('58) • Rhode Island ('58)	
1831 "Liberator" is published		1839 Amistad 'Revolt		1847 Nat'l Compact organized		1860 - 74 PHA Grand Lodges • Louisiana ('63) • Michigan ('65) • Missouri ('65) • Kentucky ('66) • Illinois ('67) • Alabama ('70) • Georgia ('70) • Florida ('70) • North Carolina ('70) • Tennessee ('70) • South Carolina ('72) • Arkansas ('73) • Connecticut ('73) • Kansas ('75) • Mississippi ('75) • Texas ('75) • Virginia ('75)	
1831 "Liberator" is published		1839 Amistad 'Revolt		1850 O.E.S. established		1875 - 89 PHA Grand Lodges • Colorado ('76) • West Virginia ('77) • Iowa ('87)	
UNDERGROUND RAILROAD CONTINUES TO 1860				1846 Douglass launches "Abolitionist"		1849 Harriet Tubman escapes slavery	
1826-35 American Anti-Masonic Movement		1841 1st Black Magazine - "A.M.E. Church"		1847 J.J. Roberts - 1st Pres of Liberia		1857 Dred Scott Decision	
1829-37 Jackson, Presidency		1845 Macon B. Allen - 1st Black Licensed Attorney		1853-1858 W.W. Brown - 1st Black Novelist and Playwright		1861-65 Civil War	
1837-41 Van Buren, Presidency		1849-50 Taylor, Presidency		1850-53 Fillmore, Presidency		1863 Emancipation Proclamation	
1841 Harrison, Presidency		1853-57 Pierce, Presidency		1857-61 Buchanan, Presidency		1867 Howard University founded	
1841-45 Tyler, Presidency		1845-49 Polk, Presidency		1857-61 Buchanan, Presidency		1869-77 Grant, Presidency	
		1846-48 Mexican War		1861-65 Lincoln, Presidency		1872-73 P.B.S. Pinchback - 1st Black Governor (Non-Elected)	
				1865-69 Jackson, Presidency		1877-81 Hayes, Presidency	
				1868 14th Amendment		1881-85 Arthur, Presidency	
				1870 15th Amendment		1885-89 Cleveland, Presidency	
				1881 Jim Crow Legislation in Tennessee		1887 Florida A & M founded	

1780		1795		1810		1825		
1775 Prince Hall & 14 others initiated into Irish Lodge #441	1784 African Lodge #459 chartered by Premier Grand	1791 Prince Hall organized Provincial Grand Lodge	1799 Parliament passes Unlawful Societies Act - Freemasonry later exempted	1809-13 United Grand Lodge of England organized to unify the Premier and Antient Grand Lodges - UGLE formed in 1813		1822-27 Non-PHA Grand Lodge organized in Illinois		
1775 G. Middleton leads "Bucks of America"	1780 African Union Society formed	1787 Free African Society formed	1799 Richard Allen - 1st Black Ordained Methodist Minister	1806 Prince Hall establishes the African Society House	1808 African Grand Lodge organized	1815 PHA Pennsylvania G.L. organized	1827 1st Black newspaper - "Freedom's Journal"	
1775 John Marrant - 1st Indian Missionary	1783 James Durham - 1st Black to formally practice medicine	1787 African Free School founded in New York	1793 Cotton Gin invented		1816 A.M.E. church founded	1821 A.M.E. Zion church founded		
1777-87 Prince Hall and eight others petition Massachusetts State legislature to abolish Slave Trade	1788 U.S. Constitution ratified	1790 Benjamin Barneker designs D.C.	1800 Boston Blacks petition Boston Legislature for African School		1807 Death of Prince Hall	1821 T. L. Jennings - 1st Black to hold a Patent		
1778 Paul Cuffe - No taxation without representation	1789 Bill of Rights adopted		1796 African Benevolent Society formed		1804 Absalom Jones - 1st Ordained Black Priest			
1775 - 1783 Declaration of Independence and the Revolutionary War		1789-97 Washington, Presidency	1797-1801 Adams, Presidency	1801-09 Jefferson, Presidency	1809-17 Madison, Presidency	1817-25 Monroe, Presidency	1825-29 Adams, Presidency	1829-37 Jackson, Presidency
1777 Vermont is 1st Colony to abolish Slavery	1783 Britain cedes all lands West to Miss. River	1788 Massachusetts abolished Slavery	1793 Fugitive Slave Law	1803 Louisiana Purchase	1808 Congress bans slave Import	1812-15 War of 1812	1820 Liberia colonized	1826-1835 American Anti-Masonic Movement
						1820 Missouri Compromise		

1905		1920		1935		1950			
1890-1904 <u>PHA Grand Lodges</u> • Oklahoma ('92) • Minnesota/ North Dakota ('94) • Washington (1903)		1905-19 <u>PHA Grand Lodges</u> • Arizona ('19) • Nebraska ('19)		1920-34 <u>PHA Grand Lodges</u> • New Mexico ('21) • Wisconsin ('25)		1935-49 <u>PHA Grand Lodges</u> Bahamas ('50)		1950-59 <u>PHA Grand Lodges</u> Oregon/Idaho/Montana ('60)	
1890-1904 <u>Black Greeks</u> Sigma Pi Phi ('04)		1905-19 <u>Black Greeks</u> • Alpha Phi Alpha ('06) • Alpha Kappa Alpha ('08) • Kappa Alpha Psi ('11) • Omega Psi Phi ('11) • Delta Sigma Theta ('13) • Phi Beta Sigma ('14)		1920-34 <u>Black Greeks</u> • Zeta Phi Beta ('20) • Sigma Gamma Rho ('22)		1940 B.O. Davis - 1st Black General		1943 UNCF founded	
1893 Dr. D. H. Williams - 1st Open Heart Surgeon		1905 Niagara Movement founded		1920-1935 Harlem Renaissance		1940 C. Drew invents Blood Bank		1950 Gwendolyn Brooks - 1st Black Pulitzer	
1893 PHA Shriners Founded		1909 NAACP founded		1920 Bessie Coleman - 1st Public Flight		1937 Mary McCleod Bethune is 1st Black woman in Presidential Cabinet		1937 Mary McCleod Bethune is 1st Black woman in Presidential Cabinet	
1895 Nat'l Baptist Convention, USA, Inc. founded		1911 Nat'l Urban League founded		1925 Sleeping Car Porters Br. formed		1945 "Ebony" magazine founded		1954 Brown vs. Board of Education	
1896 Church of God & Saints of Christ founded		1908 J. Taylor - 1st Gold Medalist		1926 National Pan-Hellenic Council founded		1947 Jackie Robinson is 1st Black to play Major League Baseball		1954 Montgomery Bus Boycott	
1896 Plessy vs. Ferguson	1896 P.L. Dunbar - Poet Laureate	1913 NAPFE founded		1920 Great Migration begins		1940 Jesse Owens - 1st to win 4 Gold Medals in Olym-		1957 SCLC founded	
1889-93 Harrison, Presidency		1908 J. Johnson - 1st Black Hvywt. Champ		1917 Negro History Week founded		1940 H. McDaniel - 1st Oscar		1956 A. Gibson - 1st Black to win a Tennis Major	
1890 AFL founded		1909 M. Henson - 1st on North Pole		1926 Negro National Baseball League formed		1942 CORE founded		1956 Nat King Cole - 1st Network TV Show Host	
1890 Sherman Anti-Trust Act		1910 C.J. Walker - 1st Millionaire		1913 Moorish Science Temple of America formed		1940 H. McDaniel - 1st Oscar		1956 Nat King Cole - 1st Network TV Show Host	
1897-1901 McKinley, Presidency		1914 UNIA founded		1917 Selective Service Act		1942 CORE founded		1958 & 59 Ernie Banks - MLB MVP	
1901-09 Roosevelt, Presidency		1915 J. Johnson - 1st Black Hwt. Champ		1920-31, 1933-48 Negro National Baseball League formed		1938 CIO founded		1955 School De-segregation	
1909-13 Taft, Presidency		1917 World War I		1929-33 Hoover, Presidency		1935 Roosevelt, Presidency		1953-61 Eisenhower, Presidency	
1913-21 Wilson, Presidency		1917 Selective Service Act		1929-33 Hoover, Presidency		1935 Roosevelt, Presidency		1953-61 Eisenhower, Presidency	
1921-23 Harding, Presidency		1917 Selective Service Act		1929-33 Hoover, Presidency		1935 Roosevelt, Presidency		1953-61 Eisenhower, Presidency	
1923-29 Coolidge, Presidency		1917 Selective Service Act		1929-33 Hoover, Presidency		1935 Roosevelt, Presidency		1953-61 Eisenhower, Presidency	
1929 Stock Market Crash		1917 Selective Service Act		1929-33 Hoover, Presidency		1935 Roosevelt, Presidency		1953-61 Eisenhower, Presidency	
1935 Social Security Act		1917 Selective Service Act		1929-33 Hoover, Presidency		1935 Roosevelt, Presidency		1953-61 Eisenhower, Presidency	
1939-45 World War II		1917 Selective Service Act		1929-33 Hoover, Presidency		1935 Roosevelt, Presidency		1953-61 Eisenhower, Presidency	
1950-53 Korean War		1917 Selective Service Act		1929-33 Hoover, Presidency		1935 Roosevelt, Presidency		1953-61 Eisenhower, Presidency	
1955 AFL-CIO Merge		1917 Selective Service Act		1929-33 Hoover, Presidency		1935 Roosevelt, Presidency		1953-61 Eisenhower, Presidency	

1960		1970		1980		1990		2000				
1960-69 PHA Grand Lodges Alaska ('69)			1971 J. Jackson forms Operation PUSH		1972 Shirley Chisholm - 1st Black Female Presidential Candidate		1980-89 PHA Grand Lodges Nevada/Idaho ('80)		1990-1999 PHA Grand Lodges • Caribbean ('93) • Alberta, Canada ('97)		2000-Present PHA Grand Lodges Hawaii (2001)	
1960-69 Black Greeks Iota Phi Theta ('63)			1966 Bill Russell - 1st Black Pro Coach		1974 Hank Aaron - MLB Home Run King		1983 H. Washington - 1st Black Mayor of Chicago		1989 D. Dinkins - 1st Black Mayor of New York		1994 Restoration of Amity between UGLE and the "Mother" P.H.A. Grand Lodge	1998 Recognition agreement between P.H.A. F&AM and AF&AM Grand Lodges in Illinois
1960 SNCC founded		1967 Carl Stokes - 1st Black Mayor			1975 Frank Robinson - 1st Black MLB Manager		1984 Vanessa Williams - 1st Black Miss America		1989 Douglas Wilder is 1st elected Black Governor of California		2001 Robert Johnson - 1st Black Billionaire	
1963 March on Washington		1966 Robert Weaver - 1st Black Cabinet Member		1971 S. Gravelly - 1st Black Admiral		1976 Andrew Young - 1st Black U.S. Ambassador		1993 Toni Morrison - 1st Black Literary Nobel Prize		2001 Colin Powell - 1st Black to U.S.		
1965 Malcolm X assassinated		1967 Thurgood Marshall - 1st Black U.S. Supreme Court Justice			1978 University of California vs. Bakke		1986 M.L.K. Day - National Holiday		1992 Carol Mosely Braun - 1st Black Woman Senator		2003 Grutter vs. Bollinger	
1966 Black Panthers founded		1968 Shirley Chisholm - 1st Black Woman U.S. Representative			1978 Major F. Gregory, Major G. Bluford & Dr. R. McNair - 1st African American Astronauts		1992 Mae Jemison - 1st Black woman Astronaut		1992 Los Angeles Race Riots		2007 Tony Dungee - 1st Black Head Coach to win Superbowl	
1960-65 Civil Rights Movement		1968 Martin Luther King assassinated										
1961-63 Kennedy, Presidency	1963-69 Johnson, Presidency	1969-74 Nixon, Presidency	1974-77 Ford, Presidency	1977-81 Carter, Presidency	1981-89 Reagan, Presidency	1989-93 Bush, Presidency	1997 T. Woods - 1st Black to win Masters Golf Tour.		2001-Present Bush, Presidency			
1962 Cuban Missile Crisis	1964-75 Vietnam War		1978 American Indian Religious Freedom Act		1984 Olympic Games held in Los Angeles, CA	1989-91 End of U.S. - Soviet Cold War	1993-2001 Clinton, Presidency		2001 9/11 Terror Attack			
	1964 Civil Rights Act	1973 War Powers Act	1975 Watergate Convictions	1978 Jerry Fallwell founds Moral Majority			1991 Gulf War	1993 NAFTA	1996 Welfare Reform Act	2003-Present Iraq War		

Key Relationship(s)	Activities	Accomplishment(s)
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Premier Grand Lodge of England 2. Irish Constitution Military Lodge #441 3. African Lodge #459 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1717 Organized Freemasonry in England is established • 1751 Premier Grand Lodge organized under which Irish Constitution Military Lodge #441 was subordinate • 1775 Prince Hall and 14 others made Masons under #441 and petitioned Premier Grand Lodge for Charter • 1784 Charter issued to Prince Hall and the brethren 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provided evidence of the legitimacy of African Lodge #459
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Prince Hall 2. John Marrant 3. Absalom Jones 4. Richard Allen 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1770 John Marrant is the 1st Missionary in Indian Territory³ • 1777-1787 Prince Hall Masons continuously petitioned the Massachusetts Legislature for the abolishment of slavery in Massachusetts • 1787 Free African Society formed by Richard Allen & Absalom Jones⁴ • 1787 Richard Allen purchases property on behalf of the Free African Society (who later decided to open a church in another location) and founds "Mother Bethel" Church (Non-denominational)⁵ • 1787 Marrant travels to Boston and made a Freemason by Prince Hall³ • 1788 Marrant appointed Grand Chaplain of African Grand Lodge⁵ • 1788 Efforts of Prince Hall Masons, Free African Society, Marrant and others lead to the abolishment of the slave trade in Massachusetts⁶ • 1791 Groundbreaking for "Mother Bethel" began in 1791⁵ • 1797 African Lodge #459 of Philadelphia is founded at "Mother Bethel" church with Absalom Jones as Worshipful Master and Richard Allen as Treasurer and Hiram Lodge #3 of Providence, Rhode Island founded⁵ • 1808 African Grand Lodge organized from African Lodge #459 of Boston, #459 of Philadelphia and #3 of Providence¹ 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prompted the abolishment of Slavery in Massachusetts • Erected a church on property purchased by the Allen and the Free African Society • Extended Freemasonry to Pennsylvania through the Black Church • Established a Permanent Grand Lodge in Massachusetts



These key relationships yielded efforts which laid the foundation for the organization and expansion of Prince Hall Freemasonry across the United States. What makes these efforts extraordinary is that these feats occurred amidst the birth of the United States, throughout the Revolutionary War of Independence and during the Slave Trade which remains as a low point of American History. In this sense, the timeline qualifies these accomplishments properly as exemplary considering all circumstances.

While the two English Grand Lodges (Premiers and Antients) organized to unify in 1809, the Underground Railroad

began in 1810 through which several individual Freemasons and African American Abolitionists practiced the virtues of charity and relief. The Free African Society, which was established by Brother Richard Allen and Brother Absalom Jones provided relief to those who escaped from Slavery. "Mother Bethel", the church founded by Brother Richard Allen, served as a stop on the Underground Railroad. As this stop also served as the founding location of African Lodge #459 of Philadelphia, Prince Hall Freemasons undoubtedly had a hand in the salvation of the kindred.



Richard Allen Absalom Jones

In 1813, the English Grand Lodges completed reconciliation and formed the United Grand Lodge of England by consolidating the Premiers and the Antients into one Grand Lodge.

This required that all Lodges under their former jurisdictions be renumbered. However, as many American Lodges severed ties with the Premiers during the Revolutionary War, they in addition to African Lodge #459 were found to have been stricken from the rolls. As such, the Provincial African Grand Lodge restyled herself as the "African Grand Lodge" and continued expansion efforts despite disenfranchisement locally and overseas.¹ (Restoration of Amity would not occur until 1994.⁷)

In 1815, a Grand Lodge was established in Pennsylvania under the leadership of Absalom Jones who was also the 1st Ordained African American Priest in the country. Due to the work of the organization for the advancement of African Americans, membership steadily grew for the next thirty-five years and, by 1850, seven affiliated Grand Lodges (bonded through a National Compact⁸ established in 1847) existed and the Order of the Eastern Star was introduced.⁹ By 1875 a total of twenty-two additional Grand Lodges were formed and the succeeding seventy-five years brought several issues for the country and for Prince Hall Freemasonry as a whole. This period saw many Grand Lodges remove themselves from the National Compact while the country endured wars ranging from the Mexican War in 1846 to World Wars I & II. Despite these temporary roadblocks African Americans and Freemasons found ways to excel:



Hiram Revels

- 1870 - Reverend Hiram Revels* becomes the 1st African American U.S. Senator
- 1872 - P.B.S. Pinchback appointed 1st African American Governor (Louisiana)
- 1893 - Dr. Daniel Hale Williams* becomes 1st Person to perform open heart surgery
- 1904 - Founding of Sigma Pi Phi - 1st African American Greek Fraternity
- 1905 - William Edward Burghart DuBois* founds the Niagara Movement
- 1908 - Jack Johnson^ becomes the 1st African American Heavyweight Boxing Champ
- 1909 - National Association for the Advancement of Colored People founded
- 1909 - Matthew Henson* becomes the 1st Person to walk on the North Pole



Daniel Williams



Hattie McDaniel



Matthew Henson

- 1914 - Universal Negro Improvement Association founded by Marcus Garvey*
- 1925 - Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters organized by A. Phillip Randolph*
- 1926 - Dr. Carter G. Woodson founds Negro History Week
- 1936 - Jesse Owens* becomes the 1st Person to win 4 Olympic Gold Medals
- 1940 - Hattie McDaniel* becomes the 1st African American to win an Oscar
- 1940 - Dr. Charles Drew becomes the 1st Person to invent the Blood Bank
- 1945 - John H. Johnson* founds Ebony Magazine
- 1947 - Jackie Robinson becomes the 1st African American to play Major League Baseball
- 1950 - Dr. Ralph Bunche becomes the 1st African American to win the Nobel Peace Prize



Jesse Owens

* - Prince Hall Freemason or Eastern Star
 ^ - Unaffiliated Freemason or Eastern Star

By 1950 African Americans had become well versed in individual and organizational methods of self-improvement and in many of these cases Prince Hall Freemasonry played a role in making these ideals a reality. The courage of Sister Rosa Parks to make a stand started a movement that would aid in the elimination of legislative racism. Her efforts sparked the American Civil Rights Movement which not only produced more self-help organizations such as the SNCC and the Black Panthers but also Acts of Congress to legislate civil liberties. These accomplishments undoubtedly led to the appointment of the 1st African American Supreme Court Justice in Brother Thurgood Marshall in 1967, the 1st elected Mayor of a Major City in Carl Stokes in 1967 and the 1st African American to make a legitimate run for the Presidency of the United States in Sister Shirley Chisholm in 1968.

The impacts of these efforts sent shockwaves through succeeding generations and opened doors of opportunity which allowed many successors to achieve higher heights literally and figuratively. The 1970s generation produced the 1st African American Astronaut, the 1980s yielded the 1st National Holiday honoring an African American - Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day and the 1st elected African American Governor (California) in Douglass Wilder, the 1990s produced the 1st African American Literary Nobel Peace Prize Winner in Toni Morrison and the Millennium generation produced the 1st African American Billionaire in Robert Johnson. Overall, these successes prompt the question - "Without Sister Parks' stand would these opportunities have been available?" The answer is, more than likely, "no."

In conclusion, a review of the merged history has shown the transitions of Prince Hall Freemasonry relative to the growth and development of the United States of America. The direct and indirect relationships between them provide evidence of the theme that has remained consistent across Prince Hall Freemasonry - African American Improvement. This spirit is shown today through millions of dollars in charitable contributions that are granted across the country and the continuous support provided to National Improvement Organizations such as the NAACP. As such, it is safe to say that the message from the past has been heard and that it is still being acted upon to facilitate future improvement.

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Elijah S. Betts Lodge #23— Bloomington, Illinois

Submitted by R. W. Bro. Aubrey K. Barlow



Prince Hall Freemasonry in Bloomington, Illinois traces its heritage back to African Lodge No. 459. The "African Grand Lodge of North America" formed in 1791 is now known as the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, F&AM.

The Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Massachusetts became the Mother Grand Lodge for the Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania. The Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania chartered three lodges in the state of Ohio which led to the formation of the Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Ohio. In likewise manner, the Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Ohio chartered three lodge in Illinois which led to the formation of

what is now known as the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, State of Illinois and Jurisdiction in 1867. At the first annual communication on June 20, 1867 "Evening Star No. 4" of Bloomington was granted a warrant. The warrant for Evening Star No. 4 was suspended in 1877 and Tyre Lodge was organized under dispensation that same year. The reasons for the suspension of Evening Star's warrant were not available but on October 9, 1877, Tyre Lodge No. 23 received its warrant. Worshipful Masters George A. Hill of Evening Star No. 4 and Edward Smith of Tyre No. 23 submitted a joint resolution in 1879 to:

- consolidate both lodges under No. 23 because both lodges struggled with membership issues;
- change the name from "Tyre" to "Union" because "In union there is strength" - George A. Hill.

This lodge also stopped functioning during 1969, in which the charter was forfeited at the 95th Annual Communication on October 10, 1961. Union Lodge #23's charter was revived in 1981 by Most Worshipful Bro. Edward Sykes, Grand Master and due to the large influence by a brother named Elijah Sherman Betts. Shortly after Betts death in 1982, Union Lodge #23's was changed to Elijah S. Betts Lodge #23 in 1984 in his honor.

Elijah S. Betts Lodge #23 is still continuing the tradition and legacy of Prince Hall Freemasonry in Bloomington today under the leadership of Worshipful Brother Brad M. Johnson, Worshipful Master for the 2008 Masonic year. Also, joining the Prince Hall Masonic family and residing in Bloomington area is Anwar Chapter #149, Order of the Eastern Star, Prince Hall Affiliation.

Past Masters of Evening Star, Tyre, Union and Elijah S. Betts

Evening Star Lodge #4	1887 - D. Jackson	1926 - Abraham Stevenson	1984 - Roy Matthews
1867 - Samuel Witherspoon	1894 - George Hill	1927 - Abraham Stevenson	1985 - Raymond Wade
1868 - Samuel Witherspoon	1895 - John Sewell	1928 - Cornelius Brown	1986 - Raymond Wade
1869 - Samuel Witherspoon	1896 - John Sewell	1929 - N.B. Gaines	1987 - Emory G. Davis
1870 - Richmond Holley	1904 - L. W. Metlock	1930 - George Grimes	1988 - Melvin Wright
1871 - Richmond Holley	1905 - William Jones	1931 - George Grimes	1989 - Melvin Wright
1872 - Robert Allen	1907 - B. F. Metlock	1932 - Abraham Stevenson	1990 - James Johnson
1873 - Robert Allen	1908 - B. F. Metlock	1933 - Abraham Stevenson	1991 - James Johnson
1874 - I.W. Ward	1910 - J. B. Nelson	1948 - Girard Covington	1992 - Tony Bausley, Sr.
1875 - I.W. Ward	1911 - John R. Ford	1949 - Adolphe Young	1993 - Tony Bausley, Sr.
1876 - Richmond Holley	1912 - H. E. Burris	1950 - C.J. Roundfield	1994 - James R. Jones, II
1877 - George A. Hill	1913 - B. W. Price	1951 - John E. Wilborn	1995 - James R. Jones, II
1878 - George A. Hill	1914 - B. W. Price	1953 - Virgil E. Dean	1996 - Ronald C. Bell, II
1879 - George A. Hill	1915 - Walter Whitaker	1955 - Gerard H. Covington	1997 - Thomas J. Revish
Tyre Lodge #23	1916 - Walter Whitaker	1956 - John E. Wilborn	1998 - Aubrey K. Barlow
1877 - Richmond Holley	1917 - B. W. Price	1957 - William Tripp, Sr.	1999 - Timothy D. Howell
1878 - Edward Smith	1918 - Sandy Clarborne	1958 - John E. Wilborn	2000 - Jawanza Shannon
1879 - Edward Smith	1919 - Sandy Clarborne	1959 - Sylvester James	2001 - Michael Humphrey
Union Lodge #23	1920 - E. G. Thomas	1960 - Sylvester James	2002 - Esaw Peterson
1880 - Richmond Holley	1921 - Abraham Stevenson	1961 - Sylvester James	2003 - Michael Coleman
1881 - George Brown	1922 - George Edwards	Elijah S. Betts Lodge #23	2004 - Michael Coleman
1882 - George Brown	1923 - George Edwards	1981 - Elijah S. Betts	2005 - Reg Wasington
1886 - Homer King	1924 - Napoleon Calamese	1982 - Halbert Harris	2006 - Sylvester Davis
	1925 - Napoleon Calamese	1983 - Lee P. Frye	2007 - Cassius Crittenden

Anwar Chapter #149— Bloomington, Illinois - 15th Year of Charter

Submitted by R. W. Bro. Aubrey K. Barlow



Historical Overview

On June 13, 1992, twenty-two people journeyed to East Saint Louis, Illinois to become initiated as a U.D. Club in the Order of the Eastern Star under the leadership of Sister Sandra Williams, Worthy Matron and Brother James R. Jones, II, Worthy Patron. As a result of their success, they received their Charter on August 10, 1993 and were constituted on October 31, 1993 as Anwar Chapter #149, Order of the Eastern Star, Prince Hall Affiliated in Bloomington, Illinois by Sister H. Lorraine Jeter, Worthy Grand Matron; Brother Jesse Wilks, Worthy Grand Patron; Sister Paulette Waddell, Deputy Grand Matron; and Reverend Brother Jimmy Waddell, Deputy Grand Patron. At this time there were thirty-one (31) charter members including:

Charter Sisters		Charter Brothers	
• Denise Bausley	• Sherri Massey	• Charles Alsberry	• Turan Johnson
• Tina Calhoun	• Nechele Morgan	• Aubrey K. Barlow	• James R. Jones, II
• Marie Davis	• Hazel Ollie	• Tony E. Bausley, Sr.	• Lorne R. Jones, Sr.
• Cynthia Caruthers	• Regina Ross	• Ronald C. Bell, II	• Keith Powell
• Ivy Harvey	• Claudia Revish	• James Fallis	• Thomas J. Revish, Jr.
• Carolyn Johnson	• Cherise Walker	• David Golden	• Joseph Spann
• Valicienne Knox	• Denise Walton	• Marcus Hardy	• Maurice Walton
• Equilla Lewis	• Sandra Williams	• Timothy D. Howell	

On September 6, 1997, Anwar Chapter #149 received their Adoptive Rites from Elijah S. Betts #23 Free & Accepted Masons, Prince Hall Affiliated.

Since inception, Anwar Chapter #149 has become a vital part of the Bloomington-Normal Community through active support of other organizations and community events. The Chapter promotes an annual health awareness program and specialized activities for our youth. In addition, to this affair the Chapter also performs the following:

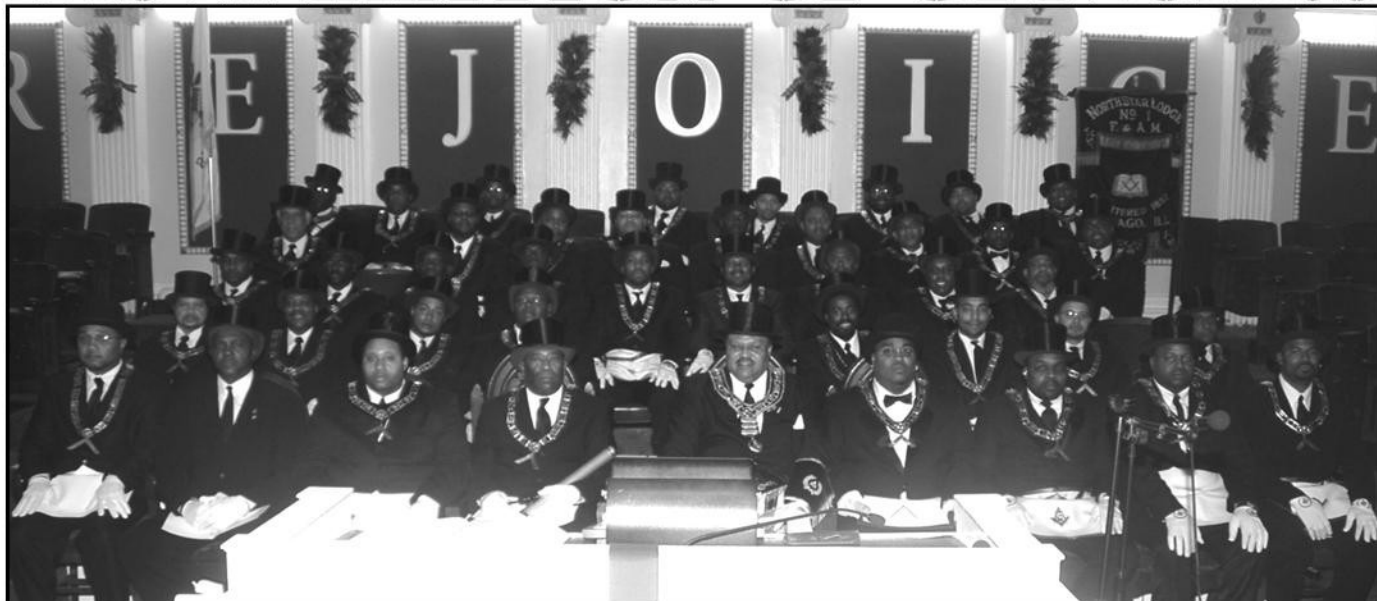
- Donations of food, money, clothes, school supplies to local schools, Home Sweet Home Mission, Salvation Army and Community Organizations
- Juneteenth Celebration
- Cultural Fest Inc.
- "Make A Difference Day"
- Annual Prayer Breakfast
- Easter Egg Hunt for Children
- Black History Programs
- Breast Cancer Awareness Forum
- Christmas Party for Families in the community w/ Santa
- Habitat for Humanity
- Food Baskets to needy Families
- Safe Halloween Fair (Vendor sponsored by Catholic Charities & Illinois Wesleyan University)

Participation in these activities show that this Chapter is on the rise. With that said, congratulations on 15 years of service to the Prince Hall Masonic Family and to the community as a whole.

List of Past Matrons and Patrons of Anwar Chapter #149

Year	Worthy Matron	Worthy Patron	Year	Worthy Matron	Worthy Patron
1992	Sandra Williams	James R. Jones, II	2000	Renee Barlow	Michael Humphrey
1993	Nechele Morgan	James R. Jones, II	2001	Renee Barlow	Aubrey K. Barlow
1994	Nechele Morgan-Hampton	Timothy D. Howell	2002	Patricia Shannon	Ronald C. Bell, II
1995	Claudia Revish	Aubrey K. Barlow	2003	Jewell Howell	Timothy D. Howell
1996	Claudia Revish	Aubrey K. Barlow	2004	Jeanine Cribbs	Aubrey K. Barlow
1997	Claudia Revish	Ronald C. Bell, II	2005	Jeanine Cribbs	Aubrey K. Barlow
1998	Patricia Shannon	Ronald C. Bell, II	2006	Laneeda Evans	Ronald C. Bell, II
1999	Patricia Shannon	Ronald C. Bell, II	2007	Jeanine Cribbs	Aubrey K. Barlow

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS



**2008 Worshipful Masters of the First and Second Districts at Grant Memorial A.M.E. Church in Chicago, Illinois
Public Installation in Chicago Begins with Charter of Immanuel Lodge #153**



- ♦ **Worshipful Master:** Christopher Robinson
- ♦ **Senior Warden:** Steve Washington
- ♦ **Junior Warden:** Jerry Redd
- ♦ **Treasurer:** Verdiz Hale
- ♦ **Secretary:** Chris "Hassan" Tremble
- ♦ **Chaplain:** P.M. Michael Only
- ♦ **Senior Deacon:** Joseph Arnold
- ♦ **Junior Deacon:** Henry Mayfield
- ♦ **Senior Steward:** Ronnie Mayfield
- ♦ **Junior Steward:** Gregory Wright
- ♦ **Tyler:** Robert Smith

Under the lights of the Grant Memorial African Methodist Episcopal Church a new Lodge was born into Prince Hall Freemasonry. Immanuel Lodge U.D. was consecrated, dedicated and constituted as the first order of business at the Public Installation Ceremony of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Illinois on December 29, 2007. Under the direction of R.W. Bro. Dwayne Smith, Grand Lecturer with assistance from Deputies Glenn Pickett (#109), Dwayne Portis (#88) and Daryl Andrews (#91), the first Worshipful Master of Immanuel Lodge #153 was invested with the Charter of the Lodge and empowered to meet, part and act as a Lodge of Prince Hall Masons within the State of Illinois and its Jurisdiction. Special congratulations to W. Bro. Charles Cooper, District Deputy Grand Master and Honorary member of Immanuel, for providing stellar service in ritualistic education. His efforts and dedication to Immanuel showed the impacts that a good deputy can have on an organization.

The installation of the Worshipful Masters immediately followed the ceremony of Constitution as witnessed by friends and family members alike. Charges and obligations were delivered forcefully to the elected and appointed officers of the subordinate Lodges by their elected Grand Lodge counterparts and District Deputies of the first and second districts. Each delivery was performed from memory in a serious manner to ensure that the respective charges were taken sincerely. The affirmative responses of those installed echoed the same level of solemnity.

Following the charges, Grand Master Angelo Jones introduced Sister Shalonda F.W. Patterson, Worthy Grand Matron of Eureka Grand Chapter Order of the Eastern Star. Her words were those of kindness and her actions along with the multitude of sisters in attendance proved to be a powerful show of support which rang in the hearts of all present. Following her comments, Grand Master Jones addressed the Worshipful Masters directly to supplement the charges given to each and then addressed the craft to reiterate the seriousness of the obligations taken. Overall, this service showed the integrity of the Grand Lodge as a whole which bodes well for the future of the craft.





Southwestern Illinois Public Installation by P.M. Jerome Abner, #142

The Southwestern Prince Hall Masonic Family held its Public Installation of Officers on December 29, 2007, at 12:00 noon at the Mason Clark Middle School, 55 & State Street, East St. Louis, Illinois. PM Samuel Hurd, Area Coordinator and members of the Past Master Council for the 3rd & 4th Districts administered the Past Master degree, prior to the Public Installation of Officers. MW Bro. Melvin Frierson, Past Grand Master, conducted the Public Installation with the assistance of members of the Past Master's Council of the 3rd and 4th Districts, notably, MW Bro Earl D. Scott Past Grand Master and the Area Coordinator, Bro TJ Collins. The following Lodges participated: St. Paul Lodge # 42, WM Donald Williams, East St. Louis; Tuscan Lodge # 44, WM Vincent Davis, Carbondale; Lilly of The Valley Lodge # 56, WM Joshua Hamilton, Mounds; Joppa Lodge # 79, WM Jerome Houston, East St. Louis; Dunbar Lodge # 97, WM Roy Williams, Alton; Southern Cross Lodge # 112, WM Delbert B. Marion, East St. Louis; Jericho Lodge # 120, WM Hernardo L. Brown, Madison; P.G. Porter Lodge # 142, WM Jerian Outlaw, Scott Air Force Base. Members of Eureka Grand Chapter with the Grand Conductress, Sister Teresa D. Abner were in attendance to witness the event. Past Master Jerome Abner, president of the Past Master's Council would like to thank the general public and the Masonic family for your support. ★

25th Anniversary Installation Banquet - Southwest Illinois



Members of the Masonic Family, family and friends journeyed to the Fisher's Restaurant, 2100 West Main Street, Belleville, IL on Saturday, January 26, 2008 to celebrate the 25th Annual Installation and Scholarship Banquet recognizing the presiding officers for the subordinate houses in the Southwestern PHA Masonic Family and honoring Sis. H. Lorraine Jeter, PWGM for her continued support and dedication to this event for the past 25 years. Over 150 scholarships and financial donations to institutions of higher learning have been presented over the past 25 years and M.W. Bro. Angelo W. Jones, Grand Master; Sis. Shalonda F. W. Patterson, Worthy Grand Matron, Bro. W. W. Jackson, Associate Grand Patron; Heroine Dianna Caston, Most Ancient Grand Matron and Bro. Darryl Williams, Most Worthy Grand Joshua presented certificates and extended best wishes to their respective subordinate officers. Special thanks were given to Sis. Weatau A. H. Barsh, PWGM, M.W. Bro. James Gavin, PGM and Sis. Betty Cowan (in honor of her husband

PM James W. Cowan) for their special contributions to the Scholarship Fund. The 2008 scholarship recipients: Arnie Burns, Moriah Garnett, Brandon Matthews and Alexandria McQuean. A fifth recipient is to be named. The Rufus Stark (Past Grand Master) Pioneer in Education Award created in recognition of Bro. Starks' untiring devotion and work in the field of education was presented to Sis. H. Lorraine Jeter, PWGM for her continuous support for 25 years in a commitment to saving minds one scholarship at a time. Sis. Jeter is the first to receive this continuing award. In addition, members of the Illinois Jurisdiction and the Missouri Jurisdiction showered her with gifts and tokens of love and extended special thanks to her for her devotion to not only this event but to the Prince Hall Masonic Family. In her remarks Sis Jeter stated, "It was by the grace of God" that she is able to do all that she has done. She thanked all for making her feel "very special". Special awards were presented to M.W. Bro. Melvin Frierson, PGM, Sis. Marcella Greene, and Bro. Jerome Abner, PWGP charter members of the banquet committee. Hats off to the 2008 Committee: Sis. Marcella Greene, Chair; Sisters Teresa D. Abner, Rachel Carter, Sandra Mosley, Renee Evans; Brothers Jerome Abner, Kenneth Carter, Charles McKinley, T. J. Collins, M.W. Bro. Earl D. Scott and M.W. Bro. Melvin Frierson. ★



OES 2008 “New Beginnings” Public Installation

By Sister H. Lorraine Jeter



2008 F.A.T.A.L. Diamond Treasures Worthy Matrons and Worthy Patrons of the First and Second Districts

Amid their Chapter members, family and friends, the 2008 FATAL Diamond Treasures Worthy Matrons and Worthy Patrons of Eureka Grand Chapter, OES, State of Illinois, PHA under the leadership of Sister Yvette Jones of Meridian Chapter #86 OES (President) received their officer's dress sash and aprons. The ceremony conducted at the Camelot Banquet Hall, 8626 West 95th Street, Hickory, IL, Saturday, January 5, 2008 well attended by members of the Masonic Fraternity, family and friends gave the newly elected officers for the subordinate chapters in the First District a great “New Beginning”. Sis. Shalonda F. W. Patterson, Worthy Grand Matron, stated in her tribute and charge to the 2008 Worthy Matrons and Worthy Patrons: “The pride I feel for each of you, Worthy Matrons and Worthy Patrons is based on a very simple premise: the faith in simple dreams with an insistence on small miracles, the audacity of hope and a willingness to love and be loved. We have work to do and this is only *A New Beginning*. You will not be expected in one year to solve all problems. I ask you to join me as we accept the challenges of change and strengthen fraternal bonds with Faith, Hope and Love.”

She then explained the meaning of the 2008 sash and apron. The central theme for the sash and apron are the values:

- ◆ **Faith:** fidelity to one's promises, allegiance to duty or person;
- ◆ **Hope:** a confident trust with the expectation of fulfillment; to desire with expectation of obtainment; to cherish a desire with anticipation;
- ◆ **Love:** a strong affection for another arising out of kinship or personal ties

The sash and apron are the embodiment of:

- ◆ A pink ribbon on the sash and a blue ribbon on the apron reflect the focus on women's and men's health awareness;
- ◆ A bouquet of blooming roses in the colors of the five heroines remind us of heroic virtues, heroic deeds, and our basic obligation to the Order of the Eastern Star;
- ◆ The five blooms displayed in the beautiful regalia of our Order reminds us that this world does not produce anything better calculated to attract and instruct the intelligent mind;
- ◆ The open hands raised in humble supplication represents the openness to God's promised blessings;
- ◆ The triform emblem represents the three virtues: the triangle of Faith, the circle is Hope, the heart is Love.

Faith is the foundation and content of God's message. Hope is the attitude and focus. Love is the action.

Congratulations on New Beginnings and Much Success to Our New Leaders!!!



First Annual Installation of Prince Hall Female York Rite Officers

For the first time in the history of the York Rite the Most Ancient Prince Hall Grand Court Heroines of Jericho, Levi H. Morris Grand Court Ladies of the Circle of Perfection and the Prince Hall Grand Guild Heroines of the Templar Crusades held their first annual Public Installation of Officers on Saturday, December 12, 2007 at the Grand East. The brainchild of a collaboration between the talented minds of the elected heads of female York Rite Houses, the affair was one to behold. It was a festive occasion in which charges were delivered to the officers. From the several brothers of the male York Rite Houses in attendance, the occasion proved to be a grand display of unity and solidarity between the female houses and one that undoubtedly serves as a forerunner to future joint affairs to come.



Heroine Dianna Caston and Brother Darryl Williams, Most Ancient Grand Matron and Most Worthy Grand Joshua, Heroines of Jericho and the 2008 Matrons and Joshuas (right).



2008 Matrons and Joshuas with the Most Ancient Prince Hall Grand Court



Princess Yvonne German and Sir Knight James Reese, Most Noble Grand Prince and Grand Royal Advisor, Heroines Templar Crusades and the 2008 Noble Princess Captains and Advisors (right).



2008 Noble Princess Captains and Advisors with the Prince Hall Grand Guild



Royal Matron Jeannette D. Gary and Illustrious Companion Robert Q. Gary, Royal Grand Perfect Matron and Royal Grand Chief Advisor, Ladies of the Circle of Perfection and the 2008 Matrons and Advisors (right).



2008 Royal Matrons and Advisors with the Levi H. Morris Grand Court



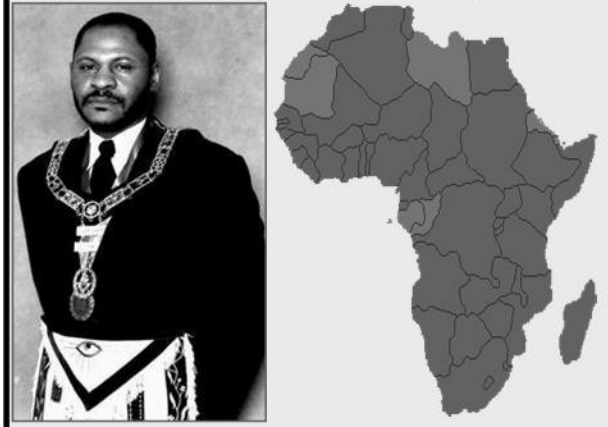
Sister Shirleyann Walker and Sir Knight Jesse Smith, Eminent Prioress and Advisor, Princess York Cross of Honor.

Thank You for providing an excellent example of successful collaboration and congratulations on a job well done!!



The Adventures of a Prince Hall Freemason in South Africa

By Past Master R. Courtney Priester, #14, SDDGM



I must begin by stating that Freemasonry is alive and well in South Africa. The same issues that occur in USA Masonry, the lack of eligible candidates, members getting older and the craft getting more expensive are occurring here. Yet, here because of the lack of the public's knowledge of us, the potential to grow is enormous.

The majority of Black and coloured population (we will discuss this term a little later) were kept unaware as to what Freemasons or Masons are or do. This is largely because of the Apartheid system that was in place. The seeds of Apartheid were sowed as early as 1910. Apartheid officially became law after the Reunited National Party won the white minority elections on the 28, May 1948. The apartheid policy was designed to separate black and white South Africans, to oppress, dominate and control blacks, and in the same breath to enrich white South Africans at the expense of the oppressed people. Only the so-called "white" citizens of South Africa were allowed to vote and participate in gov-

ernment, black South Africans were forbidden. With that said, the general population had no notion concerning many organizations such as ours.

There is not much written concerning the activities of Freemasonry during the apartheid years but I am sure, like during slavery time in the States, there were some Freemasons that outwardly objected to the system as well as those that gained from and supported it. The most important and interesting fact concerning freemasonry in South Africa is the fact the four constitutions are working together here. There are Lodges under the Grand Lodge of England, The Grand Lodge of Ireland, the Grand Lodge of Scotland and the Grand Lodge of South Africa. These lodges all share visitation and membership. My visitation log is shown below:

Visitations (Some of my earlier visits were not recorded)

<u>Date</u>	<u>Lodge</u>	<u>Jurisdiction / Occasion</u>
June 6, 2006	Star of the Rand Lodge #15	Grand Lodge of South Africa
June 28, 2006	Lodge Friendship #95	Grand Lodge of South Africa
July 7, 2006	Lodge Scotia #973	Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Scotland
July 10, 2006	Lodge Sound Memory #1655	Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Scotland
July 17, 2006	The Cairngorm Republic Lodge #1539	Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Scotland
July 21, 2006	Maritime Lodge #9406EC	Ancient and Honourable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of England
September 27, 2006	Lodge Friendship #95	Grand Lodge of South Africa / Annual Festival of Installation
October 2, 2006	Lodge Helderberg #116	Grand Lodge of South Africa, Capetown
October 3, 2006	Lodge Alpha #89	Grand Lodge of South Africa
October 14, 2006	Lodge Friendship #95	Grand Lodge of South Africa / Installation of Worshipful Brother D.J. Duncan, Provincial Grand Master Northern Division, Grand Lodge of South Africa
November 3, 2006	Lodge Scotia #973	Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Scotland
November 13, 2006	Sound Memory #1655	Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Scotland
January 1, 2007	Sound Memory #1655	Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Scotland
January 24, 2007	Lodge Friendship #95	Grand Lodge of South Africa

Many Brothers here belong to various lodges simultaneously across different constitutions. This unique environment allows the membership to participate in initiations, installations, educational talks and to share and support other Masonic activities.

Of course, not all is rosy here in the New South Africa (A true rainbow nation). Many political, tribal and racial issues need to be addressed in the near future. The separation of the people by colour is going to be a major concern for sure. There are many tribes and cultures here and most have maintained a hold on their ancestry and culture, while others are dissipating because of westernization.

The separation of the coloured from the blacks, dark skins from the lighter skins will also continue to be a problem here because of the ready acceptance of the differences and the history and treatment of the various cultures. As much as I possibly can, I tell them all that: "Once we were coloured" and until the issue of the shade of our skin diminished (it is still there in some places in the USA) we were able to come together as Blacks/ African Americans or American Africans and achieve some success as minority race. I cannot wait for the day when the entire African continent sup-


ports Pan-Africanism, when being African is by heritage not colour. When persons of any African descent will call himself or herself African no matter what colour they are. In addition, and more especially the coloured of South African/will refer to themselves as Africans of whatever lineage, culture or heritage they happen to be.

Mid-year estimates for South Africa by population group and sex, 2006

Population Group	Male		Female		Total	
	Number	% of Population	Number	% of Population	Number	% of Population
African	18,558,500	79.6%	19,104,400	79.4%	37,662,900	79.5%
Coloured	2,060,000	8.8%	2,138,800	8.9%	4,198,800	8.9%
Indian/Asian	570,200	2.4%	593,700	2.5%	1,163,900	2.5%
White	2,138,900	9.2%	2,226,400	9.3%	4,365,300	9.2%
Total	23,327,600	100%	24,063,300	100%	47,390,900	100%

The Zulu tribe is the largest current African population and Coloured's are the third largest population. Based on the Statistics South Africa 2001 Census, Isi Zulu is the most popular home language, at 24% then IsiXhosa the 2nd most popular 18%, followed by Afrikaans, which tied with English at 8.2% of the population's home language. In the South African Constitution, there are 11 different national languages, which suggest that there is at a minimum 11 different cultures here. This number does not include many small rural tribes whose language is mostly used only amongst them. Many persons, of multiple heritages, speak many of the local languages simultaneously.

In closing, all these statistics point to the fact that the future of Masonry in South Africa is in reaching out to the surrounding communities of Blacks and Coloureds for membership. If Freemasonry in South Africa is to survive then we must engage in enlightening the unenlightened. They must continue to open their Lodges to the inquirers, with warmth, understanding and compassion. Lodge Friendship (GLSA) is a perfect example of how a Lodge should grow. On their membership role are African Americans, Indians, United Kingdom, Greeks, Bulgaria, and other African countries. There is a strong interest and much research has been done concerning Prince Hall Masons here. A lot of brothers are very knowledgeable about the Prince Hall history and originality and I have not met one that had a negative attitude or questioned her legitimacy. Some of my American friends have expressed interest in becoming Prince Hall Masons. Actually, two of them have recently joined a Lodge under the Grand Lodge of South Africa. There have been many PHA brothers who were stationed here by there jobs and/or just visiting. I made efforts to try to get us to meet and discuss the possibility of one day forming a PHA lodge here. But as of yet we have not had that discussion as a group. It is difficult to get together mostly because of their transitional status.

The Honourable Angelo Jones, the Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Illinois has recently sent a letter to the Grand Lodge of South Africa requesting recognition. This will of course take time because both Grand Lodges will have to vote on recognition during their Grand Lodge sessions. However, I must thank all of my fraternal brothers here in South Africa that have received me openly with fraternal love and respect. A special thanks to Brother James Prevost, Right Worshipful Brother Dave Duncan, Right Worshipful Brother Allan Singh and Worshipful Brother Neville Bonner whose warmth and fellowship I will forever cherish. 



Freemasons Hall, 6 Park Lane, Parktown, Johannesburg, South Africa



The Lodge De Goede Hoop, founded in 1772, Cape Town, South Africa

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Phamily Charity Across the State of Illinois

The 2007 Holiday Season has brought the best out of the Prince Hall Masonic Family from across the entire State of Illinois. Thousands of pounds of food and dollars have been expensed to support the needs of our fellow man during the special holiday seasons of Thanksgiving and Christmas. While several examples exist, here is an overview of some of the charitable activities that took place across Illinois:

Grand East: "In the Spirit of Giving" by P.M. James A. Mitchell, #14

On Thanksgiving Day (2007) members of Prince Hall Masons in collaboration with Kappa Alpha Psi and the 4th Ward Organization of Chicago, cooked, served and delivered over 700 Thanksgiving dinners. The dinners included turkey, ham, and all the trimmings befitting the Holiday. The Masons purchased, cooked, served and provided the eating facilities located at 809 E. 42nd Place, the 4th Ward supplemented purchases and served dinners, and fifty members of the Chicago Alumni Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi delivered some four hundred dinners to shelters and to the incapacitated



population of the 4th Ward. Those who were served expressed their appreciation for the meals and hospitality shown. For the past several years the Masons, Kappas and the 4th Ward Organization have worked together to raise the

spirit of the homeless, the forgotten and less fortunate on Thanksgiving Day. The leaders and representatives of the above organizations pledged to continue this worthwhile project. (Photo by Quincy Means, #18 - www.LoneStar18.com)

Umoja Mkeka Worthy Matron and Worthy Patron Club Thanksgiving Basket by Chandrea Hopkins

One cloudy, cool, and rainy Saturday on the South Side of Chicago on November 17, 2007, the 2006 Umoja Mkeka Worthy Matron and Worthy Patron Club gathered at the home of one of their members to assemble Thanksgiving baskets for select seniors and wheelchair bound residents of Lowden Homes Housing Complex located at 200 West 95th Street. Each basket contained a 15lb turkey, jiffy mix, cranberry sauce, string beans, macaroni and cheese, gravy, mushroom soup, cranberry sauce, cakes, pies, reading material of encouragement, pre-paid legal material and words of encouragement. Four SUV's and three cars arrived to distribute baskets to the less fortunate of our human family. Little did the club members know that on that day, the light of the Most High God would shine through their deeds on

the residents of Lowden Homes on west 95th street.



Club members along with Sister Weatau Barsh, PWGM and Sis. Sandra Smith, Assoc. Gr. Conductress (left) prepare the Thanksgiving Baskets for delivery, pack the baskets in the fleet of vehicles (center) and deliver them to the residents (right) as shown by Sister Rhonda Dase.

Waukegan: "Annual Thanksgiving Senior Citizens Dinner" by P.M. Angelo Munn, #147

The brothers of Rufus Mitchell Lodge #147 and sisters of Emblem Chapter #140, Order of the Eastern Star work to serve dinners to Senior Citizens during their annual Thanksgiving Senior Citizens Dinner.





Decatur: Annual Food Drive by P.M. Ron Wilson, #17
 On December 15th, 2007, John C. Ellis lodge #17 hosted their annual Food Basket give-away. The Food Baskets Committee along with members of the lodge gave away this year approximately 30 food basket. P.M. Paul R. Jelks was appointed by the Grand Lodge to be the liaison for this area to put the donation to good use. Each food Basket averaged about \$30.00.

This worthwhile cause not only gave back to the community, but also helped the NEEDY and not the GREEDY. We want to thank every brother that came out on that morning to help with the preparation and distribution of the baskets. A special thanks goes out to the Grand Lodge and Past Master Jelks for directing that \$750.00 donation in assisting us in helping the needy this year.

Standing (l to r): P.M. Charles Harris, Bro. Obalee Beasley, S.W. Frank Maddox, Bro. Ural Wynn, & W.M. Ronald D. Brown; Front (l to r): P.M. Ron L. Wilson & Bro. Jim Billingsley Jr.

Scott Air Force Base: P.G. Porter Delivers Christmas Baskets by M.W. Bro. Earl Scott, #142

On December 22, 2007, P.G. Porter Lodge # 142 delivered 22 Christmas Baskets to needy families in St. Clair County. The project was headed by the Bro. Jerian Outlaw and the Christmas Basket Committee who were also responsible for raising funds to purchase food to feed over 350 people at the Community COGIC in Lebanon, Illinois.



Brothers of P.G. Porter assemble at Southern Cross #112 Lodge Hall (left), the chairman, Jerian Outlaw, loads the Christmas Baskets into the vehicles for transport (center), then delivers the baskets to the residents of Lebanon, East. St. Louis and Scott AFB (right) to the families during this Holiday season.

Chicago: A 1000 plus Basket Distribution By P.M. James A. Mitchell, #14

On December 20-21, 2007 Western Consistory #28 a Prince Hall Masonic Organization distributed and delivered over one thousand Christmas Baskets [there was a turkey in each basket] to senior citizens, shelters, churches as well as to the destitute population at large. In addition, a number of families that were succumb by fire and other calamities were also aided and assisted during the aforementioned period. Under the aegis of Misterys Brian L.



Abrams, Sr., Ernest Johnson, Tecumseh Henry, Oliver Fry and a number of the Organization members, the annual "Christmas Basket Project was most successful to say the least. According to the men cited above, both individually and collectively, the goal for the ensuing year is to increase the distribution of baskets by one hundred per cent. The Organization receives no funds from any government entity or major companies. All funds are garnered and generated by donations from the membership. According to an unscientific study, Western Consistory #28 (PHA) gave and distributed more Christmas Baskets than most private social agencies in the city of Chicago during this holiday season.

Grand East: Christmas Day "Feed the Needy" Program

The Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Illinois and Eureka Grand Chapter Order of the Eastern Star worked together to provide a feast for the ages for those in need during the Christmas Holiday at the Grand East. Participation by Lodges and Chapters alike was excellent but the show of support for the community was even better. Several from various locations across the state joined in preparing and serving a scrumptious meal of turkey, macaroni and cheese, vegetables and other delights to the attendees. The enthusiasm in the service of the food served as evidence that a high priority

of our organization is charity and we all know that God loves a cheerful giver. While the Christmas Holiday is a high point for most organizations, this show of service simply provides a glimpse into the charitable activities performed by the Grand and Subordinate Lodges and Chapters as a whole. With that said, let us continue to be cheerful givers as our contributions today will help others for tomorrow.



P.M. William Norman and several brothers prepare the home cooked food in the kitchen area (top left), while Stone Temple Lodge #137 and Union U.D. prepare take home plates for the guests (top right), sisters from Venus Chapter #69 and other Chapters from across the state provide service with beautiful smiles to the attendees (bottom right) along with the Grand Master and Alderman Toni Preckwinkle (bottom left) both providing cheerful words of thanks.

Dollars and Sense: Watch Your Wealth and Your Health

Stocks, Bonds and Certificates of Deposit

💰 **Stocks:** A share of stock represents a share of ownership in a corporation. Stock typically takes the form of shares of common stock. As a unit of ownership, common stock typically carries voting rights that can be exercised in corporate decisions. Preferred stock differs from common stock in that it typically does not carry voting rights but is legally entitled to receive a certain level of dividend payments before any dividends can be issued to other shareholders.

💰 **Bonds:** A bond is a debt security, in which the authorized issuer owes the holders a debt and is obliged to repay the principal and interest at a later date termed "maturity". While other stipulations may also be attached to the bond issue, bonds are generally issued for a fixed term longer than ten years.

💰 **Difference Between Stocks and Bonds:** While bonds and stocks are both securities (negotiable instruments representing financial value), the difference is that stock holders own a part of the issuing company whereas bond holders are in essence lenders to the issuer.

💰 **Stock Exchange:** A stock exchange is a corporation or mutual organization which provides facilities for stock brokers and traders, to trade company stocks and other securities. Stock exchanges also provide facilities for the issue and redemption of securities as well as

other financial instruments and capital events including the payment of income and dividends (payments made by a company to its share holders).

💰 **Certificate of Deposit (CD):** A certificate of deposit or CD is a money deposit at a banking institution that cannot be withdrawn for a certain "term" or period of time. When the term is over it can be withdrawn or it can be held for another term. Generally speaking, the longer the term the better the yield on the money. CDs are typically offered to consumers by banks, thrift institutions, and credit unions.

Breast Cancer: Does it Occur With Men?

Breast Cancer is a malignant tumor that starts from cells of the breast. While the disease occurs mostly in women, men can get breast cancer as well.² The American Cancer Society cites that Breast Cancer is about 100 times less common among men than among women. In fact, the risk for men is about 1 instance for every 1,000 men and this count has been fairly stable over the last 30 years. The survival rates between men and women are about equal.³



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Rebecca D. Boone: The First Worthy Grand Matron of Eureka Grand Chapter

By Sister Jasmine Brewer, #114



The woman, Rebecca D. Boone, was the first Worthy Grand Matron of the Grand Chapter. With past leadership experience as the 1882 Most Ancient Grand Matron of the Heroines of Jericho, Sister Boone was requested for a convention held in Chicago on September 11, 1889, in the Masonic Hall which was located at 16th & State. The purpose of this convention was to organize a Grand Chapter Order of the Eastern Star for the State of Illinois and its Jurisdiction.

Six months later, March 18, 1890, another convention took place to move forward and put the resolutions adopted from the previous convention into implementation. At this convention, committees were formed to consider brothers and sisters for positions that would shape the very first Grand Officers of the Grand Chapter. At this time, Rebecca D. Boone, was recognized as a member of Electa Chapter in Chicago who is entitled to a vote and a voice at that convention. After Bro

A.H. Rogan opened a Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star in regular form, Bro Richard E. Moore moved that the legal representatives of the seven Chapters represented move forward in the planning of a Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, for the State of Illinois and its Jurisdiction. The motion was carried. At that time, the Constitution and By-laws for the government of the Grand Chapter was read received and adopted by sections. The votes for the first Grand Officers were taken and Sister Rebecca D. Boone was voted Worthy Grand Matron.

Sister Rebecca D. Boone's actions from her involvement in the convention that ultimately shaped the first Grand Chapter speak to the continued work that Rebecca D. Boone Chapter #128 do today. Sister Boone's participation speaks to the solidarity and benevolence. Rebecca D. Boone Chapter #128 has been heavily involved in volunteer efforts this year. Two items of particular interest are the Breast Cancer Awareness campaign as well as collecting pennies to send to Africa to support funding for parasites in the water supply. This chapter is interested in pursuing volunteer efforts in raising funds for lupus in the upcoming year.

Rebecca D. Boone, the chapter and the woman, is reflective of the mission of the Order of the Eastern Stars. Commitment and consistency are key elements to working as a collective particularly in cases as large as shaping the very first Grand Chapter. That was a massive effort and to not only be apart of the planning and active engagement but to, also, be elected as the first Worthy Grand Matron is honorable and certainly to be respected. To commemorate her efforts, Eureka Grand Chapter bestowed one of its highest honors on her by naming Chapter #128 after her.

The Chapter

2008 Worthy Matron: Sister Shernita George **2008 Worthy Patron:** Bro. Erik Tolbert

Rebecca D. Boone Chapter #128, O.E.S. with 107 members, was constituted as a U.D. club on December 9, 1929 by Brother John B. Hart, Worthy Grand Patron, assisted by the officers of Garden City Chapter #33, O.E.S. at the old Union Masonic Hall, 3956 South State Street. The opening ceremonies were performed by the newly elected officers of Garden City Chapter #33 O.E.S. The Worthy Matron then presented the gavel to the Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Hart who appointed Sister Callie Harris, D.G.M to act as Marshal, and the following officers were placed in office: Josephine A. Tate, Worthy Matron; Mildred R. Bolden, Associate Matron; Brother David Tate, Worthy Patron; Brother Lomas Switzer, Associate Patron; Alma Nelson, Secretary; Rosa Easley, Assistant Secretary; Willa L. Alston, Treasurer; Sarah E. Brown, conductress; Blanch B. Blackman, Associate Conductress; Vera Starr, Marshal; Amelia Hammond, Chaplin; Lula B. Williams, Warder, Brother Howard McFadden, Sentinel; Bertha Fletcher, Adah; Ruth Bostic, Ruth; Ruby Barrett, Esther; Alberta Warren, Martha; Lelia Banks, Electa; Myrtle Reed, Organist. The Worthy Grand Patron then read the dispensation and turned the same over to Josephine A. Tate who responded with words of thanks. The Chapter was consecrated October 13, 1930 with 104 members with the reading of the Warrant done by Bessie C. Green. The consecration services were performed by Brother Dorsey with assistance by Brother Robert Maxwell. Since establishment, the Chapter has had several members serve Eureka Grand Chapter in various capacities:

- Mayme Hennigan, Worthy Grand Matron (1962-63)
- Iona Husband, Worthy Grand Matron (1980-81)
- Sister Litha Taylor, Grand Auditor Emeritus
- Martha Carnes, Co-Chair, Comm. on Annual Returns
- Marion Baskin, Dep. Grand Dir. Scholarship Comm.
- Laurie Bryant, Dep. Grand Lecturer, Grand Marshall
- Debbie Reynolds, Grand Ways and Means & Scholarship



2007 - Rebecca D. Boone Chapter #128

The Chapter was adopted by Fidelity Lodge #103 (see page 54) on May 19, 1949 at Ida B. Wells Community Center. It was a very beautiful affair. Present at this event were Roberta Keys, W.M. the Bride; Brother Courtney E. Parrish, W. Master, the Groom; Brother O.E. Vanderdurg, Minister. Under the current leadership, the Chapter and the Lodge are both poised to continue blessed success.

People You Should Know



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Sis. Chandra Hopkins
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“People You Should Know” is sponsored by Past Master Dontane Farmer, #30; Sister Chandra Hopkins, #94; and Brother LaMonte Wilson, #14 to highlight brothers and sisters across Illinois for contributions to Prince Hall Freemasonry.

Most Worshipful Brother Angelo W. Jones 33° A Man of Vision and Truth

By Sis. Chandra T. Hopkins

Philosophically speaking, Freemasonry is a system that is designed to “take good men and make them better” according to Most Worshipful Brother Angelo W. Jones 33°, Grand Master of Prince Hall Masons for the State of Illinois and its Jurisdiction. On Saturday January 19, 2008 I had the distinguished honor of interviewing this extraordinary man. In what follows are responses to questions posed about himself and the future of our great fraternity.

Q. What church do you attend and what is your pastor’s name?

R. I am a member of “Altar of Jesus Tabernacle Community Church”. My uncle was the pastor of that church and he died in 2004. As a result the church is no longer in operation but I do attend various churches throughout the Chicagoland area. I am not affiliated with one specific church.

Q. Are you married, divorced, or separated? Are you looking for a mate at this time?

R. I was married for 9 years and divorced in 1984. As it now stands I am single and have no children or grandchildren. Let’s just say that if it happens it happens. So far I have not been concentrating on looking for a companion because of my duties here. Being GM takes quite a bit of my time but if it (companion) comes across it comes across and I will know when the right party comes on. But as it now stands I have no special lady at this time.

Q. How long have you been a mason?

R. I was initiated and raised in King David Lodge No. 100 April 1978 so in the next couple months I would have been a mason for 30 years.

Q. What prompted you to petition a Prince Hall Mason for membership?

R. Well it started way back when I was a child. My grandfather was a mason and I did not know he was a mason until after I became grown. But I remember as a kid living on the west side of Chicago. My grandfather (his name was Sill Wallace) used to have men come to the house every Sunday afternoon after church. The type of apartment we lived in allowed us to partition the living room from the dining room by sliding doors. On Sundays these men were always in the living room partitioned off from me and my grandmother. As a kid I was always inquisitive as to what these men were doing behind the slid-



Most Worshipful Brother Angelo Jones pictured with Nation of Islam Leader, the Honorable Louis Farrakhan and Lafayette Gatling at the Gatling’s Chapel Annual Memorial Service in Chicago on November 25, 2007.

ing doors. And a lot of times I would try to peek in and see what they were doing and my grandmother would tell me to come away from the partition. I never knew exactly what was going on but one thing I noticed was that when they came out they would still be laughing and talking. I did not know these men were masons but I guess you can say that this was how I first got acquainted with the brothers. Later I married and my ex-wife was the secretary of the Arkansas Baptist College Alumni Chicago Chapter. The President of the Chicago Chapter was Vernon Barker who was the Grand Master of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge State of Illinois 1969-1970. I have known this man for 8 years and never knew that he was a mason. It just so happened that at a Tea sponsored by the Arkansas Baptist College Alumni that my wife tapped me on the shoulder and told me that Bro. Barker was a mason. I excused myself and walked up to Bro. Barker and said that “I want to become a mason but I do not know how to go about becoming one”. So he asked me “what is the main rea-

-son why you want to become a mason" and I told him about my grandfather. Then he took me to a corner at the tea party and introduced me to the secretary of King David Lodge No. 100 and that's how I petitioned King David Lodge.

Q. When you became Worshipful Master of Your Lodge how did it impact your life?

R. I was scared. Let me go back to my first position in the lodge to explain why. It was junior steward. To me being a junior steward was exciting and I learned my ritual and was proud to serve in that capacity. From there I was nominated Junior Warder and there were three other young men who also ran for that position. Well I just knew I was not going to win because they had been there longer than I but it just so happened that I got more votes than the three of them put together. So I asked some of our brothers how can this happen? Then one of the old past masters told me "we've been watching you".

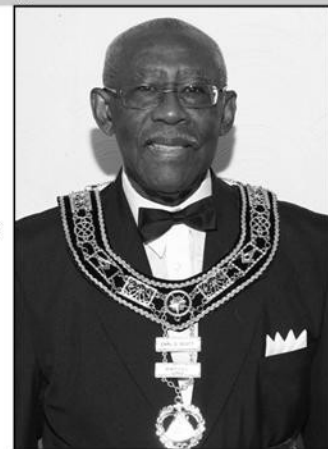
Q. What was the defining moment that motivated you to pursue higher office?

R. Believe it or not when I passed the chair and became a past master I had no aspirations of going any higher in the fraternity. After I became a past master I received a letter in the mail stating that I was appointed as a District Deputy Grand Lecturer (1983). I was in shock because I had not talked to anyone but this appointment came as a result of other brothers observing my work, my knowledge of the ritual and my knowledge of the constitution and by-laws. One thing I did was to study my work because I wanted to make sure I was prepared. When you're put into a leadership type of role you definitely want to administer what you're supposed to as far as running your lodge. As a result of study, my work was noticed by members of the Grand of the Grand lodge and the Grand Master at that time approved my appointment as District Deputy Grand Lecturer.

Q. There are many Masonic organizations but only one Prince Hall Masonic organization. Besides being recognized by the United Grand Lodge of England, what, in your opinion, distinguishes a Prince Hall mason from other masons?

R. We currently do not distinguish a Prince Hall mason from other masons. But when I first came in the first thing I was told was that I could not associate with any other mason other ...Continued on Page 47

**Most Worshipful Brother
Earl D. Scott, 33°
Past Grand Master**



- ♦ Married to Josie M. Scott
- ♦ Father of one Daughter with one Grandchild;
- ♦ B.S., Education, Arkansas Baptist College, Little Rock, AR, 1954;
- ♦ M.A., Management & Human Relations, Webster University, St. Louis, MO, 1976;
- ♦ M.S., Education & Community Counseling, Southern Illinois University-Edwardsville, 1983

Professional Experience

- ♦ Upon graduation from Arkansas Baptist College, employed as a H.S. Social Studies teacher and coach of basketball and softball;
- ♦ Entered the United States Air Force in May 1955 and served continually for twenty six years obtaining rank of Chief Master Sergeant (E-9), the highest rank you can obtain as Non-Commissioned Officer;
- ♦ Served as Chief of the Transportation Standardization and Evaluation Team: evaluating military airlift command unit's world wide, identifying inefficiencies and measuring the effectiveness of units performing mission requirements;
- ♦ Entered Civil Service in March 1982 as GS-9 in a career appointment logistics management specialist position, progressed through various positions until he reached the grade of GM-15, retired from Civil Service on 3 April 1995;
- ♦ Presently, employed with Modern Technologies Corporation, Springfield, VA, as Senior Logistician. In this capacity serving as principal advisor, authority and consultant to Dept. of Defense, Project Manager-Mobile Electric Power on all matters pertaining to supply, maintenance, procurement, budget, production and program management.

Masonic Degrees and Offices:

- ♦ Initiated Orange Valley Lodge #13 Riverside, CA, 1963;
- ♦ Past Master, P.G. Porter Lodge #142;
- ♦ Member of Tyree Consistory #64;
- ♦ Past Potentate of Aahmes #132, AEONMS;
- ♦ Past Eminent Commander, Crusaders Military Commandery #38, Knights Templar;
- ♦ Past Excellent High Priest, East St. Louis #20;
- ♦ Past Thrice Illustrious Master, Ellis T. Moore Council #3, Royal and Select Master;
- ♦ Member Ellis T. Moore Court #3; Ladies Circle of Perfection;
- ♦ Past Royal Grand Chief Advisor, Levi H. Morris Grand Court, Ladies of the Circle of Perfection, State of Illinois;
- ♦ Past Worthy Joshua, John Waller Crt #81, Heroines of Jericho;
- ♦ Past Patron, Guiding Light Chapter #148. OES, PHA;
- ♦ Received 33rd degree class of 1988;
- ♦ R. W. Grand Lecturer, Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge, State of Illinois, 1995-1997;
- ♦ R.W. Grand Junior Warden, Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge, State of Illinois, 1997-2000;
- ♦ Special Deputy Grand Master, 3rd and 4th Districts;

On August 3, 2007 at the 2007 Unification Session of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge in Decatur, Illinois, the Grand Lodge saw fit to bestow the title of Past Grand Master upon Bro. Scott for his many years of service and dedication. ❖

P.G. Porter Lodge #142 - Scott AFB



P.G. Porter Lodge was formed on Scott Air Force Base on April 7, 1973. The Lodge was named in memory of Most Worshipful Bro. Prentice G. Porter of the Kansas Jurisdiction whose endeavors in the work and love for Masonry were unequaled. In July 1973, he traveled to that undiscovered land from whose bourne no traveler returns.

P.G. Porter Lodge #142 received its charter on December 18, 1973 from Most Worshipful Brother Rufus Starks 33° empowering it to work. Through the teaching and guidance of Most Worshipful Brother Starks, P. G. Porter Lodge #142 has developed into a splendid fraternal order of like-minded men attaining social and academic excellence of the highest degree.

The scope of the Lodge's reality has infiltrated all phases of the Scott Air Force Base community activities and endeavors. From these ranks come Ministers of local churches, Scout Masters, Little league and Varsity Baseball and Football Coaches, Academic Scholars, and other resourceful men who stand ready at all times to assist those in need. In addition, P.G. Porter is also honored to have in its ranks Most Worshipful Brother Earl Scott, Past Grand Master, Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Illinois; Worshipful Brother Jerome Abner, Past Worthy Grand Patron Of Eureka Grand Chapter, Order Of The Eastern Star; and several other appointed Grand Lodge Officers. God willing, P. G. Porter Lodge #142 will continue this beautiful Masonic work so that pleasures of Fellowship and Brotherhood may be enjoyed by all.

Worshipful Masters of P.G. Porter #142

- 1973-Ernest L. Scott
 - 1974-Ernest L. Scott
 - 1975-James McKeithen
 - 1976-Edward Moore
 - 1977-Willie J. Fields
 - 1978-Robert Holloway
 - 1979-Donald Pierre
 - 1980-Pasquall Duckett
 - 1981-Henry C. Pitts
- 1982-Donald Parnell
 - 1983-George E. Dale
 - 1984-Earl Scott
 - 1985-William Brooks
 - 1986-Jerome Abner
 - 1987-Harold H. McCall
 - 1988-James Dover
 - 1989-T. J. Collins
 - 1990-Clarence Johnson
- 1991-Forest Bevineau
 - 1992-Norris E. Gleaves
 - 1993-James E. Cotton
 - 1994-Jimmy L. Blair
 - 1995-Jimmy L. Blair
 - 1996-Jewell Carter
 - 1997-Lawrence Rouse
 - 1998-Kenneth Christian
 - 1999-Michael Fordson
- 2000-Perry Jackson
 - 2001-Carlos Wicks
 - 2002-Kevin Gettis
 - 2003-Michael Outlaw
 - 2004-Steven Sumler
 - 2005-Samuel Hurd
 - 2006-Timothy Henry
 - 2007-Timothy Overall
 - 2008-Jerian Outlaw

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**America's First
Black Missionary**

By P.M. Charles Holiday, #91



America's first black preacher, Cherokee missionary and author, John Marrant lived a life of adventure and hardships to serve God. Born in 1755 in a free black family in New York, Marrant's early life suggested nothing of his future adventures. His father died when he was four and he lived in several colonies with his mother and siblings until settling in 1766 with an older sister's

family in Charleston, SC. His sister sought to find a master to apprentice him but Marrant begged to take music lessons and was enrolled music school learning to play violin and French Horn. By 13, he was a sought-after musician.

One evening on his way to a dance, a friend challenged him to go into a church where evangelist George Whitefield was preaching and blow his horn to upset the meeting. As Marrant prepared to blow, Whitefield announced his text from Amos 4:12: "Prepare to meet thy God, O Israel." Under conviction, Marrant passed out. Over the next few days, he talked with a preacher and prayed until he found relief from his guilt. As his sister's family did not agree with his new faith he, then, returned to his mother's home but found only animosity at his change of life.

At fourteen, Marrant left home to wander in the wilderness where he was rescued by a Cherokee hunter who took him to the Cherokee village. Sentenced to death in the Cherokee village, he won his life through prayer leading several to the Lord. As one of America's earliest missionaries to the Indians, he spent two years among the Cherokees, Creeks, Catawars, and Howsaws but his preaching was best received by the Cherokees. Upon his return home, Marrant's family did not recognize him in his Indian dress as they had assumed him dead. However, he remained until the American Revolution where the British impressed him into the Navy in which he served for seven years. During this period he saw God protect him in horrifying battles and after being released in the 1780s, he again met with Whitefield and renewed his Godly walk by joining Selina, Countess of Huntington and the Huntington Connexion of Calvinistic Methodists.

In 1785 he accepted ordination and published "A Narrative of the Lord's Wonderful Dealings with John Marrant, a Black" which was so popular that it was reprinted more than seventeen times. As not all of the printings were arranged by Marrant, he received little financial support. He, then, received a letter from his brother who lived in Nova Scotia, urging him to come to Nova Scotia to preach. Obliging the invitation, Marrant started a church in the free black town of Birch Town ministering to the free Africans and Indians in the area for a number of years. During this period he made frequent trips to Boston, Massachusetts to meet with Prince Hall and became a Freemason. His motivation for membership was that African Lodge #459 was one of the first institutions in Massachusetts to call for the abolition of slavery and due to their joint efforts Boston abolished the slave trade in 1788. On June 24, 1789, at the feast of Saint John the Baptist, Mar-

rarrant, appointed as Grand Chaplain, delivered a momentous sermon before an audience of black and white Masons and non-Masons. He focused on the equality of all men before God which infuriated many. A such, he lived, thrived and contributed to his community amidst death threats and mobs.

Marrant returned to London in 1790. Once there, his failing health made him decide to stay and preach at a small church in Islington. However, aged beyond his years by war wounds, Smallpox and the hard life of an itinerant minister, he occupied his final resting place in Islington on April 15, 1791.

Jones Continued...*...than a Prince Hall mason. All the other masons were considered clandestine or outlaws. This meant that I could not associate with my next door neighbor, who happened to be a mason, but not a Prince Hall mason. But of course I did associate with him because he was my next door neighbor. Since that time things have changed. To me, and this has always been on my mind, how can we not associate with our neighbors or with other black men of color and we all doing the same thing and sharing the same doctrine? What's the big deal here: personality and attitudes. It just so happen that most of the non-Prince Hall lodges were started by a Prince Hall mason who started their own lodge because they were angry or disgruntled with someone in a Prince Hall lodge. Moreover, since we have signed a recognition pact with the White masons the Ancient Free and Accepted White Masons in the State of Illinois doors were opened for us to communicate with them and for them to communicate with us. We also visit them and they in turn may visit us. Well if we can associate with them, why can't we associate with non Prince-Hall masons that are black? Our previous Grand Master, Jerry Butler, made a decision to invite non Prince Hall Black masons to our Americanism day in 2004. We had 18 other Grand Masters come out from other grand lodges that we did not know existed, the number of grand lodges represented exceeded our expectations. In fact, there were more of non Prince Hall members in attendance at our Americanism day than there were Prince Hall members! As a result of attending our Americanism day, many of them learned the history and legacy of Prince Hall. Subsequently, many non Prince Hall masons are now striving to become Prince Hall masons. As a result of our invitation, we have initiated and raised a number of non Prince Hall masons. For example, we have 4 lodges that came over to the Prince Hall family and are currently under dispensation. They like our leadership. More recently at our 2007 installation services a charter was given to Emmanuel Lodge #153 and we hope to issue a charter to another lodge at mid-year. No we do not distinguish Prince Hall masons from non Prince Hall masons however the manner in which we conduct our affairs speaks for itself and the way we do things speak volumes.*

Q. **I liken your position to a man who has left home and now must map a life for himself. For example, regardless of life's circumstances, once a man leaves home he must decide for himself the path his life will take. Every decision becomes important. As Grand Master of the Illinois Prince Hall Masonic Family what path do you see the fraternity taking during your tenure?**

R. *One thing that used to always bother me and could never understand was how an organization as old as we are (masonry), especially the black fraternal order, was not further ahead than where they currently are. This bothers me mainly because we have always been erroneously labeled as a ...Continued on Page 51*



Ancient & Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry 2007 Illinois Council of Deliberation - Photo Anthology



Photos by Brother Art Howard



The Illinois Council of Deliberation, Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry, NMJ, PHA



Western Consistory #28 opened the 2007 Illinois Council of Deliberation to receive SGIG Brian Abrams, Ill. Deputy of the Orient of Illinois (top). By order of the Deputy, the Hospitaliters (bottom-left) and the Honor Guard (bottom-right) escorted the Sovereign Grand Inspectors General (middle) and then escorted the visiting Deputy from the AF&AM Grand Lodge, Illustrious Melvin Bazemore, Grand Minister of State, United Supreme Council, AASR, NMJ and Grand Master Angelo Jones respectively (bottom-center).

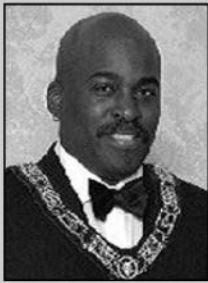


The Illinois State Assembly, Order of the Golden Circle



SMITH AND ATWOOD: Grand Lecturers of Ritual and Law

TOPICS: MOTIONS & COMMITMENT



R. W. Brother Dwayne Smith, MWPHGL Grand Lecturer and Sister Stephanie Atwood, OES Grand Lecturer

Motions by R.W. Brother Dwayne Smith

Any action that takes place in a deliberative assembly is 1st introduced as a motion. Without motions nothing in our meetings officially takes place. It is necessary therefore that we as Lodges and Chapters understand the nature of this very useful tool.

A motion is a proposal that the membership take action or a stand on a particular issue. There are several different types of motions which all have different characteristics. The very basic motion is a main motion which is sometimes called a primary motion. Its function is to introduce any particular subject for the body's consideration. i.e. to vote out money, or to accept a report. Another type of motion is a secondary motion which is also known as a subsidiary motion. Its function is to aid in the disposition of the main motion, for example to amend, postpone, or to table a main motion. There are also incidental motions, which are so called because they arise from other motions which are pending, and therefore take precedence over them. For example if one were to move to suspend the rules, or to object to the consideration of a main motion. Lastly we have privileged motions which deal with the rights and privileges of the members and are of such importance that they take precedence over all other motions, and can be made to interrupt the a speaker.

Before a motion can be made a member must:

- 1st obtain the floor. This is done by rising and addressing the presiding officer.
- The next step is state the motion. The proper manner is to say "I move that....." Which is the same as saying " I propose that.....", Rather than "I make a motion that....." Or "I would like to make a motion".
- After the motion is made it must be seconded by another member. This ensures that there is more

than 1 member who is interested in at least discussing the matter.

- The presiding officer will then restate the motion so that it's clear to the body as to what is to be voted upon.
- Those that are for and against the subject are then allowed to debate the issue according to certain rules. After the debate, the vote is taken and the results announced.

This is a very basic explanation of a motion and the motion making process. For more details please consult the latest edition of Robert's Rules of Order.



Commitment by Sister Stephanie Atwood

Under the administration of Sis. Shalonda F.W. Patterson, Worthy Grand Matron, Eureka Grand Chapter has returned to ritualistic openings. I had the opportunity to attend the opening of Princess Syene #114 where they also honored Sis. Margaret Allen who has been an inspiration to the Chapter for 60 years. This is the commitment and dedication needed to strengthen our fraternity. This year the school is dedicated to strengthening the legacy and securing the foundation of this beautiful order. This can only be done by the commitment of our members. We should emulate the virtues of some of the great women in the bible:

- Jephthah's daughter was committed to her father and was sacrificed for his honor;
- Ruth was committed and gave up everything for Naomi and her God (pictured above left);
- Esther was committed and saved her people from destruction (pictured above right);
- Lazarus's sister Martha was committed and believed Jesus when he said "I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live;
- In 2 John the elect lady was committed to the love of God and all mankind.

My sisters and brothers let us be committed to securing the foundation of this great order.

See you at School of Instruction!

Does A Relationship Exist Between Black Greeks and Freemasonry?

By Brother Bobby Booker, #121



Bro. Bobby Booker

On my journey to further discover the linkage between Black Greek Lettered Organizations (BGLO's) and Prince Hall Masons & Eastern Stars (PHA) I have found that just as there are many shades and complexions of our beautiful Black skin there are many layers and levels of "connectedness" between the BGLO's and PHA

Organizations. First allow me to begin with a personal journey of discovering the linkage between Black Greek Lettered Organization (BGLO) and Prince Hall Masons/Eastern Stars (PHA).

I joined Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc. in the early 90's. I was elated, ecstatic, geeked, etc. I came back home to the Westside of Chicago, excited about "going over" Sigma. Grandpa slowed me down, he told me, "Great, son you only got a taste of what it's really all about, I remember him telling me that Masonry was the next level in my journey. Imagine how I felt 19 or 20 years old, thinking I had accomplished something and Granddad burst my bubble by telling me that I had only just touched the surface of "Fraternalism". Ever since that time the passion to get to the "next level", as Granddad put it, continued to burn inside of me.

Fast forward to about 9 years later after much patience and due diligence, I was raised to the degree of Master Mason and began to see first hand the linkage of being a Mason and being a member of a Black Greek Lettered Organization. Before I became a Mason and as a member of a BGLO, I remember hearing from time to time that Masons/Eastern Stars played a big role in the founding of Black Greek Lettered Organizations. As a member of both Prince Hall Affiliation and a Black Greek Lettered Organization, there is "no doubt" that myself along with many other women and men who have memberships in both these organizations can attest to some of the parallels. From my research on the linkages, here are a couple of connections that I have found:

- According to Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc. National Website, 2 out of the Three Founders of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc were Masons.¹
- On October 30, 1906 Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc agreed to obtain the Odd Fellow Masonic Hall in Ithaca, NY for Initiation.²
- There's wisdom in a multitude of counsel, which is why I did further investigation and spoke with other people who held dual memberships in a BGLO and PHA. Mason & Phi Beta Sigma Brother, Jared Washington compared Black Greeks/Prince Hall Affiliation on three separate levels:

1) *Both organizations serve as cultivating grounds for the spirit of brother/sister hood among otherwise disconnected people;*

- 2) *Greek and PHA inspire a sense of morality, decency; service and general righteousness among members;*
- 3) *Both sets of organizations are arguably built on Ancient African (Kemetian) traditions as interpreted by "The Greeks" and founders of the Scottish Rite.*

- A research into professional literature written about the linkages of these groups brings us to the book, "African American Fraternities and Sororities" by Tamara L. Brown, Gregory S. Parks, and Clarendia M. Phillips.

- 1) *Contributing Author Dr. Gloria Harper Dickinson also points out that "recent research shows that Masonic and other fraternal orders, African secret societies and title associations, Kemetite (Egyptian) have all contributed to the ritualistic behavior and core values of BGLO's";*
- 2) *As this book is not just a book on Fraternities and Sororities but also an in-depth look at all Black Organizations since inception in the United States, Prince Hall, the 1st Black Masonic Grand Master, is credited several times throughout as one of the forerunners among Blacks when it comes to Black Organizations. The Honorable Masonic Brother Reverend Richard Allen, founder of the African-American Methodist Episcopal Church, also holds a place in history as not only a forefather of organizing "in general" among Blacks, but also a forefather of "organized" religion during a time when neither was accepted;*
- 3) *A reoccurring phrase throughout the book is the term racial uplift which alludes to a deeper and wiser purpose for the creation of the various organizations including Masonry and Black Greek Lettered Organizations. Dickinson writes that "numerous reasons, both concrete & abstract, can be cited, which may help illustrate their importance in developing templates for subsequent organizations, including Black Greek-Lettered Organizations."*

What is the Linkage between BGLO and PHA? Perhaps the late great Brother Dr. Charles H. Wesley and Past-National President of Alpha Phi Alpha and Masonic Author knew the importance and the purpose of the various organizations quietly but consistently carving out their place in Black Culture as well as their role in the social movement and the upliftment of Blacks who did not have a political voice during the 1960's.

The internet if used correctly can be a valuable resource in obtaining sound and secure documentation. I did find current relative and documentation on the web regarding current linkages of the two organizations in current times. I found that some African-Americans of political background also have membership in Black Greek Lettered Organization as well as Prince Hall Affiliation, i.e. Sister Esther M. Harrison, Mississippi House of Representative Democratic Party is a member of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. and the Order of Eastern star, which is proudly represented on her webpage on.⁴ Typically the word "leadership" is paramount when it comes to describing members of BGLO's and PHA Organizations. Many of these dual members show leadership in many facets of their lives whether it be through a Fraternity, Sorority, Church, Political

Office or Elected Position, they have proven their leadership ability in whatever capacity they have participated in. The phenomenon of seeking out the connectedness of these organizations has also spread to the world of media with the production of a film currently out on DVD entitled, Black Greek Organizations, The Foundation produced by Mr. James Davis from Atlanta, Georgia. Prince Hall Masonic Brother Clyde Corbin, II and also member of Kappa Alpha Psi, Fraternity, Inc, says "The video gets to the true origin of the Black Greek Lettered Organization and Prince Hall Affiliation."⁵

In general conversation regarding Prince Hall Affiliation and Black Greek Lettered Organizations, one will find that this topic will stir up many anecdotal stories, some fact and some fiction. In my limited search I found no formal writings that spoke of any specific direct correlations between the organizations, but that does not mean that they do not exist.⁶ The Book the Divine Nine, The History of African American Fraternities and Sororities, by Lawrence C. Ross, Jr. gives a great history on Nine Fraternities and Sororities and also gives a list of famous members of each organization, during a brief internet research this author found names that matched names of famous people who where both Greek as well as Prince Hall Masons/Eastern Stars that would be too long to list in this article.

In summation, the direct linkages and connections of Black Greek Lettered Organization and Prince Hall Masons/Eastern Stars may never be completely spelled out for us in black and white; nevertheless the flame in the heart of a candidate who is truly seeking more light can never be extinguished. There are many true and non-true stories that get passed down regarding Fraternity/Sorority and Masonic Connections, which have to be taken for what they are stories, stories to be followed up and/or verified or to be simply enjoyed by the listener. Communication passed down from credible Brothers and Sisters as well as reputable Books such as the books mentioned in this piece are both better ways to not only learn about the history of Black Lettered Greek Organization and Prince Hall Affiliation, but to also learn about the strides and accomplishments that these organizations have made throughout the years as well as the philanthropic work and the missions and goals of each one of these organizations, these high ideals and generations of Black "giving" and Community Service is what proves to be the most impactful and the most profound linkages and connectedness between Black Greek Lettered Organization and Prince Hall Masons & Eastern Stars.

1-www.pbs1914.org; 2-www.mightyrho1914.com; 3-African American Fraternities and Sororities by Tamara Brown, Gregory Parks, and Clarendia M. Phillips; 4-www.ls.state.ms.us/house/harrison.htm. Eastern Star/Zeta Phi Beta Sister Esther M. Harrison, Mississippi House of Representative Democratic Party; 5-www.personalbuy.com/shop/site_sc/store/html/greek_video.html. Black Greek Organizations, The Foundation produced by Mr. James Davis from Atlanta, Georgia; 6-The Book the Divine Nine, The History of African American Fraternities and Sororities, by Lawrence C. Ross, Jr.

Jones Continued....secret organization. Well once something is labeled as a secret organization it only means people in turn are going to think about what they want and usually its negative. Now all of the sudden masonry is labeled as a satanic cult or non-Christian or non-religious all because of erroneous labeling. Unfortunately, in many instances, we have been the main instigators of causing this erroneous labeling because we are not a secret organization but we are an organization that happens to contain secrets. But the secrets that we contain are nothing of any substance especially when it comes down to labeling as something undesirable. The only secrets we have, for instance, are various passwords for members of our fraternity to enter a lodge. But when it comes down to us like worshipping Satan or immoral things that has nothing to do with what we are trying to do. Masonry is an organization that tries to make men better. It takes a good man and makes him a better man. We make men better by teaching brotherly love, truth, and doing positive things for our fellow men. We are also viable in the community.

Q. What would you say to a young man considering becoming a mason?

R. I would ask him "why do you want to become one?" His response to this question will dictate whether or not I will pursue the matter further. What I mean is that in most cases men want to become masons because of someone that he likes or someone he'd like to pattern himself after. Even in your own family there's a certain individual in your family, it could be a brother or a sister that you seem to admire more than the rest of the members in your family and you might not know the reason why. In many cases you most likely find out that the person you admire is a mason or an eastern star. As a consequence, you will most likely try to pattern yourself after certain individuals. In any event, once you find out they are with the Masonic order then your interest is sparked. Why? Because one thing about masonry is it does make men better and Eastern Stars does make Sisters better if you practice the philosophy and allegories of what the fraternal order represents. In fact the four non Prince Hall lodges that have the desire of becoming Prince Hall masons are doing so because of the manner in which someone carried himself as a Prince Hall mason as well as reading about Prince Hall.

Q. How can we promote masonry?

R. First thing we have to do is plant the seed, nourish the seed, and the plant will grow into a stem. Once the stem comes up then people will observe the stem. As long as masonry grows the stem will one day turn into a flower and flourish. What we are currently doing is that we are trying to take masonry to a whole new level in the world. We are in communication with just about every Grand Lodge in the world and are recognized. Right now the Prince Hall Grand Lodge in the State of Illinois is recognized by every other Grand Lodge in the World: England, Italy, France, Greece, Germany, Poland, China, Iraq, and others. This is happening because of my work with the Grand Chancellor of the Grand Lodge of the Ancient Free and Accepted Mason (White) masons. In his travels all over the world he's mentioning Prince Hall masons along with what he's mentioning about their organization. As a consequence I have appointed a special Deputy Grand Master at large. One of his duties is to correspond with every Grand Lodge in the world in an effort to predispose them to recognize Prince Hall masons in the State of Illinois within their jurisdictions. My next step is to appoint a representative equivalent to an ambassador to serve as a liaison between their Grand lodge and ours. Once upon a time we were not able to even think about intermingling with other ...Continued on Page 55

Pride of Harmony Chapter #144 - Chicago

By P.M. Steve Sledge, #88 - Past Patron, #144

On March 15, 1949, Mrs. Mayme Hennigan called together twenty ladies to form a club. From those who came, the following officers were selected: Mrs. Bertha L. Harris, President; Mrs. Aslee Barnes, Vice-President, Mrs. Madelyn Schanette, Recording Secretary, Mrs. Julia Roberts, Assistant Recording Secretary, Mrs. Mary Lou King, Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Alice Walker, Treasurer, and Mrs. Aislee Gary, Chaplain.

Working untiringly, Mrs. Hennigan had raised the number to 43 members by the June meeting. On July 5th, the Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Samuel H. Rosenberg told her to obtain a sponsor. She petitioned Princess Syene #114 and was readily given an affirmative answer. Not having 100 members, the club had to await the setting of Grand Chapter.

In the early fall, the new Worthy Grand Patron, Bro. Fredrick A. Gardner had his commission under the President, Sis. Lovonia H. Brown, Past Worthy Grand Matron, to organize into an OES Club at the home of Sis. Hennigan, 650 East 50th Place. Then work began vigorously. As a result, Bro. James Barnes brought in one member. Sis. Bertha L. Harris brought in five members. Sister Mary Lou King brought one member and Sis. Nellie Smith brought two. Sis. Hennigan brought in a total of 92 members, making a grand total of 102 members. Of these were three demits from the Chicago Chapters, one out-of-state, all other members were new, totaling 98.

After two initiations, Bro. Gardner, WGP, instituted the UD (Under Dispensation) Chapter on July 8, 1950 with 102 members and \$372.54 in the bank. At the sitting of the Grand Chapter, Bro. Gardner, WGP, recommended that Pride of Harmony, UD be given its Charter. His request was complied with, the recommendation allowed. On October 19, 1950, the formal constitution and banquet was held at Binga Arcade Ballroom. The setting was White and Black attire. Sister Bertha Harris presided with her staff of officers. Harmony Lodge #88 gave the Crown & Scepter and Brothers Zinky Cohn, Oliver Coleman, and Henry G. Fort presented the Broken Column. Sis. Harris, Worthy Matron, gave the Bible for the Alter; Bro. F. Gardner, WGP, the Gavel, Kistner Jewelry, and the other Gavel. Sis. Lovonia H. Brown gave the small Bibles & Sis. Mayme Hennigan presented a hand engraved Charter Holder.

At the banquet, which followed, gifts were presented from the Chapter to Sisters L Brown, M. Hennigan, and Bro. F. Gardner. Then Sis. Hennigan gave tokens to the officers of Princess Syene Chapter #114, the commission members and Bro. James Barnes. She also gave the Associate Matron her sash, tie clasps with OES emblem to the Patrons and Associate Patrons, and Eastern Star earrings to the Associate Matron, and a jeweled ring to the Matron.

The first officers were: Sis. Bertha Harris, Worthy Matron, Sis. Ashlee Barnes, Associate Matron, Bro. Calvin L. Smith, Worthy Patron, Bro. John Dorsey, Associate Patron, Sis. Mary Lou King, Secretary, Sis. Olga Jordan, Assistant Secretary, Sis. Alice Walker, Treasurer, Sis. Margie Dorsey, Conductress, Sis. Nellie Smith, Associate Conductress, Sis. Elma Stephens, Warder, Sis. Heritta Nickerson, Sentinel, Sis. Delia Walls, Chaplain, Sis. Erma Bailey, Marshall, Sis. Ardella Morgan, Adah, Sis. Mable Youngblood, Ruth, Sis. Juanita Lightfoot, Esther, Sis. Ida Smith, Martha, Sis. Julia Durant, Electa, and the organizer, Sis. Mayme Hennigan, Organist.

At the December election, the following were changed: Warder, Sis. H. Nickerson, Sentinel, Bro. R. Johnson, Chaplain, Sis. J. Burns, Marshall, Sis. T. Ramey, Martha, Sis. E. Noone, Adah, Sis. E. Stephen, Electa, Sis. Eva Randall.

The adoption to Harmony Lodge #88 was celebrated with banquet and wedding on October 19, 1951, also celebrating their first successful year. We had one death, Sis. Lillian Goss, the Reporter and Chapter of Sorrow. The election in December brought us hope for many continued outstanding achievements.

Worthy Matrons and Worthy Patrons of Pride of Harmony Chapter #144

1950-Bertha Harris/Calvin Smith
 1951-Bertha Harris/Calvin Smith
 1952-Aslee Barnes/John Dorsey
 1953-Margie Dorsey/Raymond Fernandez
 1954-Nellie Smith/Harold Youngblood
 1955-Delia Walls/William Green
 1956-Mable Youngblood/William Walls
 1957-Mary Lou King/Charles Barnes
 1958-Coralee Young/Henry Suttles
 1959-Josie Garth Barnes/Eddie Simpson
 1960-Margie Simpson/Oscar Washington
 1961-Ardelia Taylor/Washington Turner
 1962-Juanita Lightfoot/Robert L. Clark
 1963-Jane Suttles/Alfonzo Amos
 1964-Janie B. Burns/Henry G. Fort
 1965-Elizabeth D. Clark/Bill Martin
 1966-Rose Phillips/William Alexander
 1967-Geraldine Turner/Washington Turner
 1968-Lillian Bush/Richard Stephens
 1969-Naomi Washington/Corn. Henderson

1970-Annie Mae Swanigan/Robert Phillips
 1971-Dorothy Easter/Cornelius Henderson
 1972-Anna Grant/Willie P. Davis
 1973-Josephine Barnes/Enes N. Barnes
 1974-Myrtle Scott/Harvey Bush
 1975-Pearl Green/Thomas Canty
 1976-Julia Harris/Raymond Lee
 1977-Lena Johnson/Robert Thompson
 1978-Winnie Canty/Jessie Wilks
 1979-Marie Anderson/Lloyd Carter
 1980-Marjorie T. Amos/Jessie Wilks
 1981-Minnie Thompson/Jacquet McClendon
 1982-Mattie Scurluck/Clifton Robinson
 1983-Ethel Bullock/Jessie Gilbert
 1984-Cynthia McClendon/Frank Lloyd
 1985-Carrie Berry/Louis F. Jones
 1986-Beverly Moore/Vernon Barnes
 1987-Verina Donley/Charles Pickett
 1988-Thelma Lloyd/Jeffery Treadwell
 1989-Mary E. Johnson/Jeffery Treadwell

1990-Sethras Jones/Eugene L. Washington
 1991-Lena Williams/Vernon Barnes
 1992-I. June Alexander/Eugene Washington
 1993-Emily McClendon/Eugene Washington
 1994-Ceatrice Jenkins/Jacquet McClendon
 1995-Barbara Merritt/Eugene L. Washington
 1996-Barbara Merritt/Kevin Crutcher
 1997-Phyllis Johnson/Jamar Sullivan
 1998-Carolyn Thirus/Isaac Tringleth
 1999-Mary E. Townsend/Clinton Beloch
 2000-Traci Treadwell/Steve Sledge
 2001-Tracey McDowell/Walter Anderson
 2002-Emma J. Talley/Eugene L. Washington
 2003-Raquel Loveberry/Walter Anderson
 2004-Katina C. Gatewood/Albert C. Dorn
 2005-Sherlonda Jones/Lee Muhammad
 2006-Verona S.E. Portis/DuWayne Portis
 2007-Carol Sledge/Steve Sledge
 2008-Constance Sowell/George Colquitt

King David Chapter #90 - Chicago

By Sister Aisha Ato, #90

2008 Line Officers of King David Chapter #90

Worthy Matron:	Sis. Stephanie Carney, PM	Worthy Patron:	Bro. Mark Simmons
Associate Matron:	Sis. Aisha Ato	Associate Patron:	Bro. Dedrick Harris
Conductress:	Sis. Jessica Fortune	Assoc. Conductress:	Sis. Charamonte Oladeji
Treasurer:	Sis. Tammy M. Hampton, PM	Secretary:	Sis. Fadra Winston - Willis

King David Chapter #90 was given its charter by Eureka Grand Chapter September 30, 1922 and was consecrated on December 15, 1922. The idea was originated in the mind of Josephine Christmon. Once a suitable number of members were obtained they were organized into a club selecting the name King David.

The club was instituted into King David U. D. Club on December 28, 1921 in Cornerstone Chapter #88. There were 33 members of the club at this time and a dispensation was given by Brother Ruben G Bell, Worthy Grand Patron to work as a Chapter Under Dispensation (U.D.). While a U.D. Chapter they worked faithfully bringing in new members and conferring the 3 degrees at every meeting. The first two months of 1922 they met twice a month at Union Masonic Hall located at 3956 S. State St. Once the membership increased they moved to 6 W. 44th St.

In August 1922 King David U.D. petitioned Eureka Grand Chapter for a warrant which was granted and given on September 30, 1922. This was done under the supervision of Sister Emma S. Kennedy, Worthy Grand Matron and Brother Ruben G. Bell, Worthy Grand Patron. At that time the membership had increased from 33 to 208 members.

In 1942 King David Lodge #100 F. & A. M. adopted King David Chapter #90. The presiding officers were Worthy Matron was Sister Ruth Bybee and Brother Frederick A. Garden. At that time they were presented with a beautiful banner from the Lodge.

King David Chapter #90 has been very active in Eureka Grand Chapter boasting several Grand Chapter leaders:

- Sister Marilyn Watt-Crook, Worthy Grand Matron, 2001-2002
- Brother Frederick A. Garden, Worthy Grand Patron, 1950
- Sister Joyce Clarke, Grand Auditor, 1999-2002, Emeritus in 2003
- Sister Fadra Winston-Willis, Grand Auditor, 2002-2005
- Sister Evelyn Brownlee-Flowers, Grand Auditor, 2005 to Present
- Sister Tammy Hampton, Grand Trustee, 2006 to Present



King David is very proud of all previous accomplishments as well as those who currently serve Eureka Grand Chapter as Elected and Appointed Officers and is most proud that the current Grand Master of Prince Hall Masons for the State of Illinois, Most Worshipful Brother Angelo W. Jones, is a member of the Chapter.

Worthy Matrons and Worthy Patrons of King David Chapter #90

1922-Josephine Christmon/Orell Holt	1951-Lois Strickland/Alphonso Strickland	1980-Illine Scott/Randell Scott
1923-Josephine Christmon/Orell Holt	1952-Henrietta Banks/Oliver McGrew	1981-Adell Hardison/John Hardison
1924-Lottie Harden/Bail Christmon	1953-Molena Mitchell/Oliver McGrew	1982-Juila Green/John Hardison
1925-Rosa Hardy/Bail Christmon	1954-Mollie Henderson/Stuart Eames	1983-Ruby Reese/Rollins Simmons
1926-Jennie Parham/James Honeywood	1955-Almedas Mitchell/Stuart Eames	1984-Marilyn Watt-Crook/Joe Watt
1927-Jennie Parham/William Lofton	1956-Jullia Eames/Stuart Eames	1985-Mollie Henderson/John Hardison
1928-Eva Hawkins/James Honeywood	1957-Bettie Montgomery/J. Montgomery	1986-Juila Green/Rollins Simmons
1929-Lillian Stone/James Morrison	1958-Bessie Edwards/James Montgomery	1987-Brenda Williams/Randell Scott
1930-Julia Holts/James Morrison	1959-Geneva Ellis/Stuart Eames	1988-Martha Walker/Kevin Sparks
1931-Rosa Jones/James Miles	1960-Pearlean Coleman/Bartholomew Pratts	1989-Brenda Williams/Joe Watt
1932-Anna Brewster/James Miles	1961-Goldie Reeves/Bartholomew Pratts	1990-Martha Walker/Randell Scott
1933-Julia Walker/James Miles	1962-Julia Mathis/Bartholomew Pratts	1991-Monica Scott/Joe Watt
1934-Minnie Carpenter/James Morrison	1963-Rosa Stuart/R.T. Smith	1992-Sandra Mayfield/George Grider
1935-Sadie Owens/James Morrison	1964-Mary Wright/R.T. Smith	1993-Joyce Clarke/Dwayne Franklin
1936-Katie Mason/James Morrison	1965-Mary Steward/Stuart Eames	1994-Brenda Berry/Jimmie Rogers
1937-Josephine Kirk/James Morrison	1966-Annie Jackson/Oliver McGrew	1995-Brenda Williams/Jimmie Rogers
1938-Minnie Morrison/James Morrison	1967-Odesa Harris/George Harris	1996-Yvonne Brown/Jimmie Rogers
1939-Iza Young/Federick Garden	1968-Rosa Steward/Federick Garden	1997-Fadra Winston-Willis/Tyrone Jackson
1940-Dinah Dwakins/Federick Garden	1969-Anna Sutton/Vernon Barker	1998-Jeanette Sternis/Harvey Martin
1941-Mary Outlaw/Federick Garden	1970-Jessie Harris/Oliver McGrew	1999-Kyra Cobb/Harvey Martin
1942-Ruby Byee/Federick Garden	1971-Odesa Robinson/Oliver McGrew	2000-Evelyn Brownlee-Flowers/Joe Watt
1943-Mary Ross/Federick Garden	1972-Adell Hardison/John Hardison	2001-Monica Holmes/Harvey Martin
1944-Zelma Gardner/Federick Garden	1973-Johnnie Fuller/Oliver McGrew	2002-Brenda Garland/James Reese
1945-Estelle Baker/Federick Garden	1974-Dorothy Brown/Samual Brown	2003-Tammy Hampton/John Flowers
1946-Odella Springer/Williams Hickman	1975-Louise Holman/James Longino	2004-Stephanie Carney/Lawrence Huff
1947-Nellie Austin/Charles Bass	1976-Lois Newell/Joe Watt	2005-Chermese Boyd/Tyrone Jackson
1948-Reita Watkins/Robert Skyles	1977-Elise Bundy/James Longino	2006-Viola Norwood/A.Kenyatta Marshall
1949-Lucille McGrew/Robert Skyles	1978-Julia Green/Joe Watt	2007-Chermese Boyd/Darryl White
1950-Almeta Phillips/Chuncy Hagans	1979-Marilyn Watt-Crook/James Jones	2008-Stephanie Carney/Mark Simmons

Fidelity Lodge #103- Chicago, Illinois

The late Charles L. Stimpson, P.M. of Tyre Lodge #79, an employee of the Chicago Post Office, seeing the abundance of material in the Post Office, not affiliated with the Masonic Fraternity, approached some of these men with the idea of forming a Masonic Lodge, with this group as a background. This idea was well thought of and on March 17, 1922 permission was granted by the Most Worshipful Grand Master, Thomas H. Samuels of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge, F&AM of the State of Illinois to organize an U. D. lodge. The name selected for this lodge was "Fidelity", signifying honesty, loyalty, allegiance, devotion, and faithful adherence to duty.

The Commission appointed to guide the affairs of this U. D. Lodge, until the annual meeting of the Grand Lodge was Charles L. Stimpson P.M., Tyre #70, Chairman- Robert Dunmore P.M., John Jones #7, Treasurer John A. Yeatman P.M., Mt. Hebron #29, Charles Crenshaw P.M., John Jones #7, J.H. Cooper P.M., Tyre #70, and Thomas Foster P.M., Western Light #30. On Easter Sunday morning April 15, 1922, twenty-six (26) men were made Master Masons. Many lodges in the city assisted in the work. M. W. Grand Master Samuels conferred the Third Degree. By October 1922 this number was increased to ninety-eight (98). After reviewing the work of the Commission, the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge, F&AM of the State of Illinois, in Annual Communication October 1922 granted to this U. D. lodge a charter and the number, #103. The Chairman - Brother Charles L. Stimpson passed to the great beyond before the lodge was presented it's charter but Brothers Dunmore and Yeatman with the rest of the Commission carried on until the Constitution, Consecration and Dedication of Fidelity Lodge # 103, which took place December 27, 1922. Appointed to serve for the first year was W. M. - Brother Obed E. Vanderburg, S.W. - Brother William W. Chambers, J. W. - Brother Solomon A. Morrison, Treasurer - Brother Henry R. Wilson, Secretary - Brother William H. Thompson, S.D. - Brother William P. Sanders, J. D. - James P. Stevens, S. S - Brother Woods N. Ross, J. S. - John H.W. Oglesby, Chaplin - Brother Courtney E. Parrish, Marshall - Edward Nash, and Tyler - Brother Mitchell Rowlin. The social as well as the ritualistic activities of the lodge have been developed. Outstanding events have been given by the membership. The Sons of Fidelity Club take the leadership in promoting social events that enable the lodge to make substantial contributions to charity, on Thanksgiving and at other times. They assist in the teaching of the ritualistic work to new members and preparing them for their examinations.

The financial crisis the country experienced in 1929 was felt in Fidelity, our membership fell to 31. The faithful ones carried on. In 1945 our membership was 61. Brother Charles Young was elected Worshipful Master of the lodge and under his leadership the membership was increased to 103. Today our membership is 114. On May 19, 1949, the lodge adopted Rebecca D. Boone Chapter #128, O.E.S. P.H.A. and we have enjoyed a priceless relationship with the sisterhood. These sisters have endeared themselves to us by their tireless energy and whole-hearted cooperation.

Worshipful Masters of Fidelity Lodge #103

1922-Obed E. Vanderburg	1944-James F. Robinson	1966-Prestal F. Carnes	1988-Rudolph Roach
1923-Obed E. Vanderburg	1945-Troy Abington	1967-Adell C. Nicks	1989-Celeritas Green
1924-Obed E. Vanderburg	1946-Charles C. Young	1968-Bernard B. Brantley	1990-Madison Davis
1925-William W. Chambers	1947-William M. Johnson	1969-Bernard B. Brantley	1991-Nathaniel Allen, Jr.
1926-Sol A. Morrison	1948-William M. Tillman	1970-Amos E. Watkins	1992-Lamar Bates
1927-William P. Saunders	1949-Courtney E. Parrish	1971-James F. Taylor	1993-Lamar Bates
1928-James P. Stevens	1950-Langdon Abbingdon	1972-James F. Taylor	1994-Michael D. McKenzie
1929-Fred Searcy	1951-Alvin E. Boler	1973-Bennie E. Hill	1995-Jerry Jenkins
1930-Arthur J. Williams	1952-James F. Brooks	1974-Bennie E. Hill	1996-H. Albert Stubblefield
1931-L. W. Grady	1953-Leroy Tyree	1975-Alonzo Pruitt	1997-Clarence A. Turner
1932-L. W. Grady	1954-Andrew J. Mosley	1976-Cleveland Walker	1998-Lester F. Poole
1933-W.H. McGhee	1955-John L. Husband	1977-John D. Govan	1999-Terrell Simpson
1934-Frank L. Fail	1956-Jestard Willard	1978-Levon Peden	2000-Andrew Johnson, Jr.
1935-J. Ernest Wilkins	1957-Edgar T. Foster	1979-Leon Barnett	2001-Michael W. Cole
1936-William H. Thompson	1958-Kermit Banks	1980-Leroy Jarvis	2002-Vern Hodges
1937-William H. Thompson	1959-Pecola M. Granberry	1981-Frank C. Harris	2003-George Knox
1938-R.C. Thompson	1960-Charles M. Page	1982-William Gooden	2004-Eugene Smith
1939-R.C. Thompson	1961-William R. Greene	1983-Robert L. Green	2005-Kendall Granberry
1940-E.O. Marshall	1962-Floyd T. Williams	1984-Clarence W. Hayes, Jr.	2006-Timothy Kendrick
1941-H.H. Lawrence	1963-William R. Brown	1985-George Wright, Jr.	2007-Timothy Kendrick
1942-J.C. Tucker	1964-Freddie L. Barr	1986-Richard Lane	2008-Eugene Butler
1943-B.B. Goldsmith	1965-Acie C. Simmons	1987-Michael E. Patterson	

Solemn Notes



The solemn notes that betoken the dissolution of this earthly tabernacle have again alarmed our outer door and another spirit has been summoned to that land where our forefathers have gone before us. Again we are called to assemble among the habitations of the dead to

behold that narrow house appointed for all the living. Here, in that peace, lie the unnumbered dead. The gentle breeze fans their verdant covering, yet they heed it not. The sunshine and rain pass over them, yet they remain undisturbed. Stones and lettered monuments signify the affections of surviving friends and loved ones yet no sound proceeds from

them save that silent but thrilling admonition - - - **"Seek Ye the Narrow Path and the Straight Gate that Leads unto Eternal Life!"**

May our Father who is in heaven be gracious unto our brothers and sisters who have made their earthly transition and continue to bless surviving friends and loved ones during their times of bereavement.

Jones Continued......Masonic orders. But now the whole spectrum has changed. The whole philosophy of our ideology has changed. Right now, the doors are wide open. We are in a position at this moment to practically change the world. It takes the leadership of our fraternity to have a vision to see how far we can go. The thing that hurts us more than anything else was that at one time the vision we set was never set beyond a certain level. One of my main goals right now is to generate enough revenue into the Grand Lodge to reduce the rents, taxes, and assessments. To grow lodges and chapters an economic pathway must be established. They cannot be drained by the Grand Lodge. The Grand Lodge should be in a position to help, aid and support our Chapters and Lodges.

Q. The Illinois Prince Hall Masonic family is one that currently owns its own building and several surrounding lots and has its own credit union & scholarship fund. The Illinois Prince Hall Masonic family is unique in that bridges of economic empowerment are established. Are there any other projects in the works?

R. First of all let's take the lot where we park our cars. As far as the city is concerned we should not be parking over there because it's not conditioned for parking. We could convert it to a parking lot but we lose over 50% of the value of the land if we do. So let's build on the lot instead. A three flat building to accommodate the community, Prince Hall family, educational programs, activities for senior citizens, a Masonic museum, library, room space to hold conference meetings, office space rental, etc. One thing that would bother me for 30 years was that from 8:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. this building was always empty (the temple). There was no activity going on during the day. Therefore no revenue stream generated. Under my leadership, an adult day care now meets at the temple from 8:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. and pays \$6,000 per month. As of February 2008 an \$8,000 per month contract was signed because they requested more space. After July \$11,000 per month will be received because they want additional space and time. These are revenue streams that we've never received before. This building was purchased in 1952 and we have never experienced revenue generated from daylight operations. Imagine, from 1952 until 2007 there was nothing going on here during the day and no revenue coming in. That's over 50 years. Why? Because over the years our building was never thought as something other than a meeting place. The presence of an adult day care center operating in our building is an example of setting a vision beyond a certain level and accomplishing it.

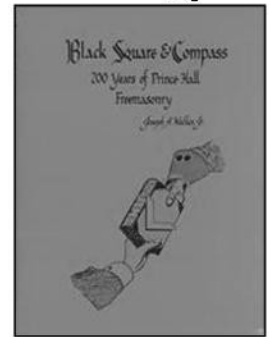
Q. Eddie Robinson, head football coach of Grambling State University who holds the title for the most winning coach in college football said "Leadership like coaching is fighting for the hearts and souls of men and getting them to believe in you". As leader of the Illinois Prince Hall Masonic Family do you see evidence of you doing this?

R. Yes, many of our members are coming out and actively participating in their lodges and chapters, existing members sincerely desire to assist in our efforts to better our property and craft/work, we now have a revenue stream of income, we currently have 4 lodges under dispensation, we are recognized the world over, and members are beginning to develop a vision that we can and we will be better. It is my desire to take us to even higher levels. With the support of all of our members we can realize even greater accomplishments.

Editor's Choice Book Review

"Black Square & Compass: 200 Years of Prince Hall Freemasonry" - Author: Joseph A. Walkes, Jr.

Walkes does an excellent job of chronicling the history of Prince Hall Freemasonry within the United States of America. His research highlights that Prince Hall Freemasonry, herself, is as old as the country and played a vital role in the organization and improvement of African Americans. In addition, it provides more insight into the operation and purpose of the organization as a whole. This is a must-have book for all Masonic historians as it provides enough detail to build a thorough timeline of Masonic and non-Masonic achievements of the organization. Overall, it tells the story that all Prince Hall Masons need to know in the classic fashion of the late-great Walkes.



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Sudoku

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Crossword Puzzle



Word Scramble

1. TEMPLES
2. OCCIDENTAL
3. APPRENTICE
4. VENICE
5. COURTS
6. CHAPTERS

FINAL ANSWER:
"PROVIDENT HOSPITAL"
Established in Chicago, Illinois

Trivia Answers

1. Ernie Banks
2. 1890
3. Rosa Parks
4. R.W. Dwayne Smith
5. M.W. Bro. Ashby B. Carter



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PHAMILY CALENDAR - SPRING/SUMMER 2008

- Feb. 29th - March 2nd 2007 MWPHGL Midyear Session, Hyatt Regency Woodfield - Schaumburg
- March 13th-16th Midwest Regional Conference - Bloomington, MN
- March 29th Worthy Grand Matron Special Effort
- April 12th 10th Year Anniversary MWPHGL F&AM and MWGL AF&AM Recognition Luncheon
- April 12th Testimonial Banquet Honoring MW Bro. Melvin Frierson, Past Grand Master - St. Louis, MO
- April 12th Eureka Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star Statewide Initiation
- April 26th MWPHGL Mason of the Year Banquet, Grand East - Chicago
- May 3rd Prince Hall York Rite Benevolent Banquet - Homewood
- May 15th Conference of Prince Hall Grand Masters and Grand Chapters - KY
- June 1st OES Queen Esther Day
- June 21st OES Hazel Stillwell Scholarship Luncheon - Chicago
- June 22nd MWPHGL Saint Johns' Day
- July 18th OES "Cruisin for Education" Moonlight Cruise at Navy Pier - Chicago
- July 31st - August 8th MWPHGL Unification Sessions, Crowne Plaza Hotel and Conference Center - Springfield



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