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Our Organization



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Free and Accepted Masons of Illinois

What is Freemasonry?

Freemasonry is the oldest fraternity in the world. No one knows just how old it is because the actual origins have been lost in time. It teaches some important principles. There's nothing very surprising in the list. Masonry teaches that:

- **Since God is the Creator, all men and women are the children of God.** Because of that, all men and women are brothers and sisters, entitled to dignity, respect for their opinions, and consideration of their feelings.
- **Each person must take responsibility for his/her own life and actions.** Neither wealth nor poverty, education nor ignorance, health nor sickness excuses any person from the best person possible under the circumstances.
- **No one has the right to tell another person what he or she must think or believe.** Each man has an absolute right to intellectual, spiritual, economic, and political freedom. This is a right given by God, not by man.
- **Each person must learn and practice self-control.** Each person must make sure his spiritual nature triumphs over his animal nature. Another way to say the same thing is that even when we are tempted to anger, we must not be violent. Even when we are tempted to selfishness, we must be charitable. Even when we want to "write someone off," we must remember that he or she is entitled to our respect. Even when we want to give up, we must go on. Even when we are hated, we must return love, or, at a minimum, we must not hate back.
- **Faith must be in the center of our lives.** We find that faith in our houses of worship, not in Freemasonry, but Masonry constantly teaches that a person's faith, whatever it may be, is central to a good life.
- **Each person has a responsibly to be a good citizen, obeying the law.** Change must take place in legal ways.
- **It is important to work to make this world better for all who live in it.** Masonry teaches the importance of doing good, not because it assures a person's entrance into heaven -- that's a question for a religion, not a fraternity -- but because we have a duty to all other men and women to make their lives as fulfilling as they can be.
- **Honor and integrity are essential to life.**

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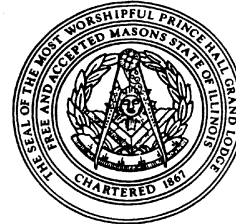
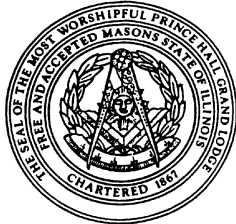
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Message from the Grand Master









Most Worshipful Brother Angelo W. Jones, 33° Grand Master and Editor-In-Chief

First, giving honor to God, who is the strength of my life and to all who will peruse this communiqué. I shall begin by stating that it has been a pleasure and an honor to have served this Fraternity for over (28) years. The honor and privilege that you have bestowed upon me to serve you as the Grand Master of the Prince Hall Masonic Family in the state of Illinois and its Jurisdiction, is the highest honor that can be given a Master Mason. We, the members of the Prince Hall Family have made great strides in doing charitable work, feeding and clothing those who are in need. Also, we have developed community program to assist in enhancing a better quality of life for our people both young and old. We must continue to strive for excellence and let it be known that only through faith in God, faith in ourselves and faith in knowing that through our Lord Jesus Christ, we can have victory in all our endeavors. We must understand that this Masonic Order is not a fragment of separate entities – doing things individually to carry their own little piece of history, which carries no impact when looking at the whole. However, when we begin to communicate and accumulate our accomplishments throughout the Order, other people and Organizations outside the Order will begin to take notice. We want to begin to generate public awareness throughout the state of Illinois to recognize the Prince Hall Masonic Family for the charitable and development work that we do in our communities. We want to create a positive image of our Organization by being exposed to the public on a positive note.

Last year MWGM Jerry Butler appointed a committee with yours truly as chairman to start working on a Five Year Goal Plan for this Grand Lodge so that whoever the Grand Master is, we would have some guidelines to follow in order to continue to build and progress in future years. I plan to follow this Plan as we accomplish our goals and objectives. The Vision of this Plan is to unite the Prince Hall Family in Illinois in areas of purpose, charity, community services, Masonic education, and financial accountability. Only through proper leadership, dedication, and commitment from all levels will we be able to reach our goals. I am asking for your dedication and support in meeting this task and with the help of the Grand Architect of the Universe, I know that we will succeed.

MAY GOD'S BLESSING BE WITH EACH AND EVERYONE OF YOU ALWAYS

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Editorial: What does the term “history” mean to you? Webster’s defines the term as “a continuous, systematic narrative of past events as relating to a particular people, country, period, person, etc., usually written as a chronological account; chronicle.” I define history as the life-blood of our existence and the foundation of our tomorrows. It is more than lines on a sheet of paper or words, phrases and paragraphs in any book. It is our very essence and, like DNA, contains indicators that outline who we will become.

The history of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge contains countless examples of brothers and sisters who were of high character and morals, who were involved in their local communities and served society as a whole in a variety of different ways. For example, Past Grand Master Ashby B. Carter not only served as Grand Master during the 1950s but also as the president of the National Alliance of Postal Employees for 16 years. Prince Hall, himself, not only founded our organization but also was the first African American in the history of the United States to petition a state government for educational funding for African Americans during a period of much unrest. Throughout the various struggles experienced by our country these pioneers endured because they not only believed in the tenets of our organization but also believed that through these tenets a united front for those of like-mind could be formed to not only secure the present but also become beneficial for future generations.

A deeper look at the details of history provides evidence that we, who enjoy the privileges of this organization today, owe a debt not only to the past but also to the future as our predecessors have done. It was their collective strides that incorporated our organization for our protection; secured edifices for our shelter and a national base; and built national and international relationships with others for future advancement. As such, our many debts include the following at a bare minimum:

- We must always strive for progressive growth
- We must recapture and chronicle all of the history of this Grand Body and its affiliates
- We must hold our membership to higher standards

The dedication of our individual and collective efforts to the repayment of these debts must always be one of our highest priorities. For by doing so, we enhance the solid foundation provided by our predecessors which, in turn, expands the base on which future generations can build.

With these sentiments in mind, this issue of the Prince Hall Masonic Journal is dedicated to the 140 years of service provided by those who have sacrificed on our behalf. Their efforts must never be forgotten. For we labor on the foundations that they have built and it is my sincere hope that the articles, essays and speeches contained within this magazine provide the fuel of inspiration to continue sustained growth.

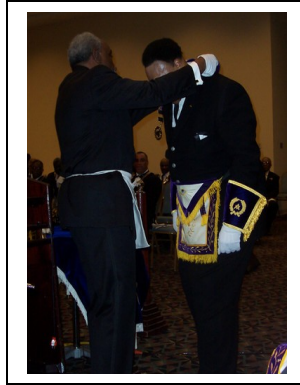
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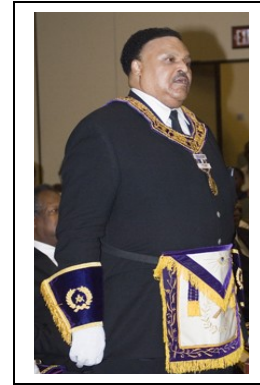
Definitions of Leadership



*M.W. Bro. Jerry Butler
Grand Master 2004-2006*



Transition of Leadership



*M.W. Bro. Angelo W.
Jones
Grand Master*

The 140th Annual Communication of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, State of Illinois yielded a change in the leadership of the organization. As such, Most Worshipful Brother Jerry Butler installed Most Worshipful Brother Angelo W. Jones as Grand Master. The start of 2007 also yielded many new Worshipful Masters and Worthy Matrons and Patrons of Lodges and Chapters respectively within the jurisdiction of Illinois. However, with new leadership comes old responsibilities which are outlined below in the words of leaders and poets of the past:

- *“Leadership is not so much about technique and methods as it is about opening the heart. Leadership is about inspiration—of oneself and of others. Great leadership is about human experiences, not processes. Leadership is not a formula or a program, it is a human activity that comes from the heart and considers the hearts of others. It is an attitude, not a routine. More than anything else today, followers believe they are part of a system, a process that lacks heart. If there is one thing a leader can do to connect with followers at a human, or better still a spiritual level, it is to become engaged with them fully, to share experiences and emotions, and to set aside the processes of leadership we have learned by rote.” - Lance Secretan, Industry Week, 10/12/98*
- *“The future is not a result of choices among alternative paths offered by the present, but a place that is created--created first in the mind and will, created next in activity. The future is not some place we are going to, but one we are creating. The paths are not to be found, but made, and the activity of making them, changes both the maker and the destination.” - John Schaar*
- *“Good leaders make people feel that they're at the very heart of things, not at the periphery. Everyone feels that he or she makes a difference to the success of the organization. When that happens people feel centered and that gives their work meaning.” - Warren Bennis*
- *“I have learned this at least by my experiment: that if one advances confidently in the direction of his dreams, and endeavours to live the life which he has imagined, he will meet with a success unexpected in common hours.” - Henry David Thoreau*

Congratulations to our new leadership. May God bless and guide you in all of your leadership endeavors that your example may inspire those whom you represent to achieve and succeed.

The Purpose of Masonry

Submitted by R.W. Brother Millard Driskell, Grand Junior Warden

Many Master Masons are still waiting for the Light to shine. They believe if they wait long enough, listen long enough and work in the lodge long enough, that surely, more than enough Light will shine on them. It's true they went through the motions of the Three Degrees, but unfortunately they did not comprehend any of the works of the Three Degrees. They still have no realization that the light they seek burns from within and in that light shall they see Light.

Yes, "Masonry makes good men better men," but Masonry is also "a beautiful System of morality, veiled in allegory and illustrated by symbols." If the first Masonic encounter and definition is accepted but the veil is never raised, then the beautiful system is never revealed or realized. The wandering in darkness continues. However, if the Masonic quest continues, an understanding that "more is hidden than is told" tickles the brain. It is now understood that Masonry, like all else that man has touched, is partially correct and partially incorrect. It does not exist as a pure and unspoiled system of truth. Much has crept in that is spurious, distorted, misapplied, misinterpreted and misunderstood. The morality and allegories of Masonry are the same for all Masons but they come to each Mason in his own time,

through his own understanding and by his own way.

Knowledge is the most genuine and real of human treasures. The true Mason is an ardent seeker of knowledge; and he knows that both books and the antique symbols of Masonry are vessels that come to us with the intellectual riches of the past. Masonry has a history, a literature, and a philosophy of



its own. Its allegories and traditions will teach you much; but much is to be sought elsewhere. Therefore, the Mason who desires to understand the harmonious and beautiful proportions of Freemasonry must read, study, reflect, and digest the knowledge.

It should be noted that the learning of past ages were confined to a select few, and the simplest principles of morality seemed as newly discovered truths. The results are that these antique and simple Degrees are used to conceal rather than reveal. Masonry conceals its secrets,

from all except the adept, by the use of false explanations and misinterpretations of its symbols to conceal the Truth. The Truth is not for those who are unworthy or unable to receive it, or would pervert it.

Old things will pass away. Old and evil activities will come to an end. Old and ignorant interpretations will give place to truth and light. The mystery of spirit, the mystery of light, the mystery of our relation to God and to each other, the mystery of our search for truth and divine experience, and the mystery of immortality and resurrection must emerge in their true place. The old adages response and every man's dream, to our earthly transition, "That we may enjoy the happy reflections consequent on a well-spent life, and die in the hope of a glorious immortality."

"Lead me from darkness to light," the teaching of the First Degree.

"Lead me from the unreal to the real," the significance of the Second Degree.

"Lead me from death to immortality." the summation of the Third Degree.

- The Old Hindu Scriptures

The Masonic journey begins with the Quest for Illumination. The attitude of the listener and learner is assumed so that the hidden inner light may be found. This

begins the work of the First Degree.

The Masonic journey continues with the Quest for Wisdom. Progress has been made in knowledge and self-control and yet there remains something more. However, the work of the Second Degree is completed.

The Masonic journey concludes with the Quest for the Lost Word. Enriched by light and in possession of the substitute Word, the work of the Third Degree has been learned.

“I shall pass this way but once. Therefore, any good that I can do or any kindness that I can show let me do it now, for I shall not pass this way again.”

- Anonymous

Masonry might, first of all, be regarded as a school of ethical training. It is, however, much more than that. Every Mason should be “of good report and well recommended.” He enters Masonry in order “to learn to subdue my passions” and “improve myself in Masonry.” He must learn to try all his actions by the plumb of Masonic tradition, to act on the Square in all Masonic relationships and to meet all men on the Level but more especially a Brother Mason. If he masters these essentials of Masonry his entire nature is subjected to a drastic discipline correction and an ethical attitude of life is cultivated.

Therefore, “from the custom of doing good acts arises the

habit of moral virtue. Ethics, then, is the science of morals teaching the theory and practice of all that is good in relation to God and to man.”

- Aristotle on Self-Discipline

Masonry is a training school in co-operative and fraternal work. It implies therefore the submergence of all personal and consequently temperamental attitudes for the good of the Craft. When a Mason passes through the door of the Temple and takes his seat therein, he should realize that he is simply a Mason and that all within the Temple are, for him, simply fellow Masons. Personal likes and dislikes must drop away. Selfish purposes and a spirit of separateness must play no part in his service. The goal before humanity at this time is the attaining of the co-operative or group spirit, and the enlightenment of group consciousness. This must indicate the part which the unit plays, within the whole, and the interaction of the part in the greater structure. Nowhere can this be more soundly and more effectively learned than in Masonry.

Masonry is a school “for” life, teaching the liberal arts and sciences of the soul to all who will attend to its words. As a man seeks to handle his affairs and life, Masonry becomes a medium through which he can contribute to the whole, of his faith in God, his Masonic principles and to himself. The goal of the Mason is to leave an example of faith, fortitude, and self-

control to which his fellow men can emulate. He holds the keys to truth. Let him unlock the door, and with his life and not his words, preach the doctrine which he has so long professed.

Masonry is also symbolically the drama of human evolution. It is the progress and mode of achievement for every human soul. From darkness to light all must go; from ignorance to knowledge is the chosen path for man; from death to resurrection man must progress until he finds that which he has sought and which has been deeply hidden, yet close at hand. Life is the span of time appointed for accomplishment. Every fleeting moment is an opportunity, and those who are great are the ones who have recognized life as the opportunity for all things. Arts, sciences and even religions are monuments standing for what humanity has already accomplished. They stand as memorials to the unfolding mind of man, and through them man acquires more efficient and more intelligent methods of attaining prescribed results.

**Man does not bring his
light to Masonry,
Masonry brings its
Light to man.**



Elected Officers for 2006-2007

Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge, F. & A. M., State of Illinois

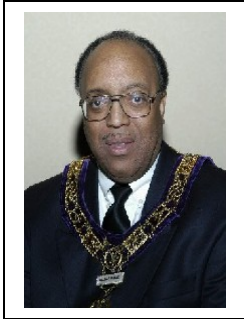


***Most Worshipful Brother Angelo W. Jones, 33^o**
42nd Grand Master of the MWPHGL of Illinois*

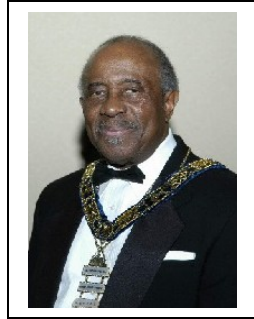
FREEMASONRY IS:

- A band of brothers linked together by an indissoluble chain of sincere affection, forged link by link through the binding effect of a shared experience in the great lessons taught in the Craft degrees.
- A Fraternity of morality, founded on the allegorical application of the tools and implements of architecture to the construction of our personalities - buildings of living stone, in the service of God and Mankind.
- A descendant of the ancient Craft of stonemasons, builders of the great cathedrals and churches of the Middle Ages, structures so magnificent that the Holy Church itself declared them to be designed by God alone, as the "[Grand] architect of the universe."
- NOT a religion and offering no promise of salvation, but a Fraternity seeking to inculcate in its membership love for God and our fellow man, by the practice of the principles of brotherhood, relief, and truth.
- NOT wedded to any one religion, though it requires of its members a belief in God and the Holy Bible always remains open on the altars of its Lodges. It expects of a member devotion to the religion of his choice, believing, above all, that the path to salvation is better left to one's personal conscience rather than to the rigid imposition of another's beliefs.
- A system of morality, veiled in allegory and teaching men by symbols to better themselves in their religious bodies, their communities, and their families. It gathers under its umbrella men of all faiths, all nations, and all classes without distinction - save that noble distinction, "of who can best work and best agree."
- The World's oldest fraternal organization. It has persevered through the years, despite the attacks of the ignorant and the powerful, because it teaches toleration for all faiths, acceptance of all men of good character, and support of free government institutions, wherever found. Freemasons are loyal citizens, support a God-centered life, and emphasize man's duty to aid his fellow man.

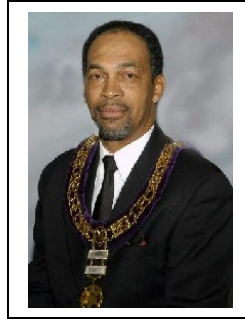
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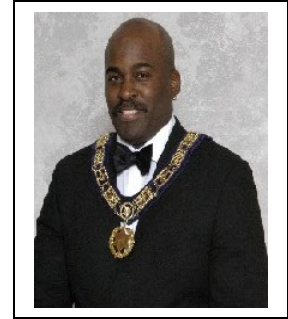
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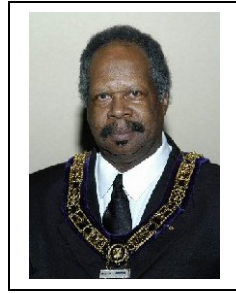
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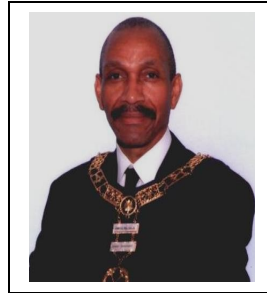
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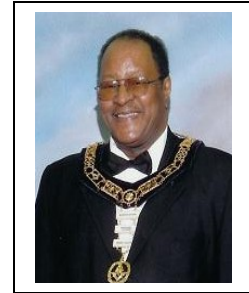
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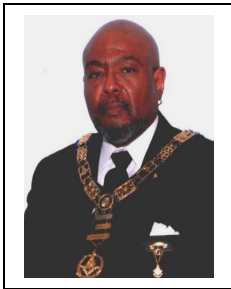
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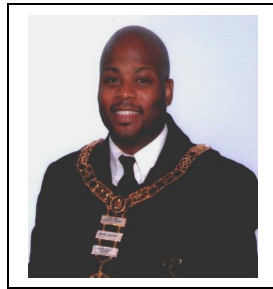
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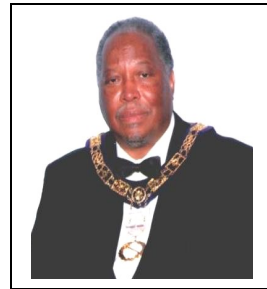
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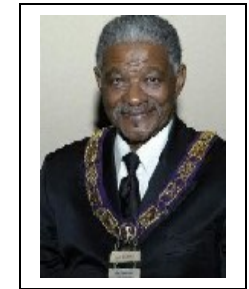
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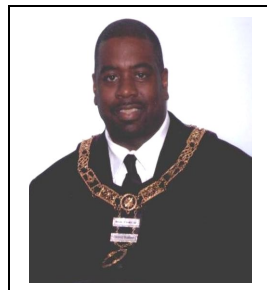
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Grand Auditor*



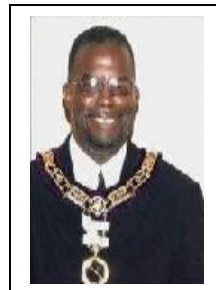
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Grand Trustee*



History of Prince Hall Freemasonry

Research by Dennis M. Ison

Prince Hall was the first man of African descent to become a Master Mason in America. He was initiated in Boston, Massachusetts, some 230 years ago, was the founder of the first Negro subordinate Lodge of legitimate Masons in America, and was chartered under the name of African Lodge No. 1, some 221 years ago. He formed the first Negro Grand Lodge of Masons in America called African Grand Lodge No. 459 (whose name was later changed to Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge) constituted in Boston, Massachusetts, 218 years ago. Many of us at one time or another have heard tidbits of information down through the years about Prince Hall, but actually there is very little written about this great man. We have prepared a chronology that includes some recognized facts about Prince Hall as well as dates of historical significance.

Prince Hall was born at Bridgetown, Barbados, West Indies, about September 12, 1748 (no record of birth certificate). His father, Thomas Prince Hall, was an Englishman and his mother was a French citizen of African descent. His father was a leather dresser and both his parents were known as being of excellent character and good moral fiber. His greatest desire growing up was to visit America. His dream finally came true in February of 1765. When at the age of 17, he worked his passage on a ship bound for America. The ship arrived in Boston, Massachusetts in March of 1765.

Hall found employment as a leather-worker, a trade learned from his father. Eight year later, he acquired real estate which qualified him to vote. He opened his own leather goods shop, "The Golden Fleece", which became successful and was religiously inclined which later led him to

become a preacher in the Methodist Church with a Charge at Cambridge. He was well read himself and his Letter Book shows that he was familiar with the works of Tertullian, Cyprian, Origen and other Fathers of the early Church. He corresponded with, "Selina, Lady Huntingdon (1707-1791)", the head of the Calvinistic Methodists who trained and ordained Methodist ministers, and was known as the 'Countess of Huntingdon's Connection'.



As an individual, Prince Hall, was among the earliest of African American Leaders to take a stand for the rights and liberation of Black people in this country:

- On January 13, 1777, Hall and eight other black men signed a petition requesting the Massachusetts State Legislature to abolish slavery, being that it is incompatible to any patriotic cause.

Hall's signature was one of four belonging to Masons, whose names topped the document. The petition adopted the same terminology used by the nation's founding fathers to state their case for freedom from Britain. It was also similar to one sent to Governor Thomas Gage, May 25, 1774, which had been rejected by the British Governor. The State Legislators referred the petition to the Congress of the Confederation.

- Hall also proposed that the State organize a back-to-Africa movement in a petition of January 4, 1787. Leading a committee of 12 members from the African Lodge, Hall proposed that the State secure funds for sending Massachusetts black population to a point on the African coast. The proposal also called for a colonization effort that would result in mutual benefit to both parties, including extensive future trade between the two States. The petition, which appears to be

the first major statement on African colonization by black Americans, was defeated in The State Legislature.

- On October 17, 1787, Hall petitioned the State Legislature to provide Education for black children. Blacks were taxed on an equal basis with whites, but only white children received State supported Education. The petition failed, and Hall was equally unsuccessful in obtaining local support for black Public Schools.
- Prince Hall was successful, however, in helping to end the slave trade in Massachusetts. In early February 1788, three free black Bostonians, one a Mason, were lured aboard a ship by a captain promising work. Instead, the men were kidnapped, shipped to the Caribbean, and sold as slaves. In a petition attacking the slave trade, Hall and 21 other Masons stated their outrage at the seizure of their fellow citizens.
- The end of slavery in Massachusetts has been attributed to the ratification of the Constitution of 1780, a 1783 Judicial ruling, and the State Legislature passed an act on March 26, 1788, designed to prohibit the slave trade within the State's borders and to provide recourse for the families of those abducted. Sufficient pressure was applied by Governor John Hancock and the French consul in Boston to obtain the release of the men from the French Island of St. Bartholomew. African Lodge No. 1, organized a celebration to mark their return home in July 1788.
- In 1800, Hall made a second request to the selectmen of Boston to acquire a building for a Black School. After another refusal, Prince Hall offered his own home for the school, the first Black School in Boston, Massachusetts. A pair of Harvard College students served as teachers until 1806. At that point, increased enrollment forced a move to larger facilities, which were provided by the African Society House on Belknap Street. Public records from the time show that Hall was both a taxpayer and regular voter. He was politically active and rallied his fellow Masons and the Boston community at large to support black causes in which he was involved.

On March 6, 1775, Prince Hall and fourteen other men of African descent, Cyrus Johnson, Bueston Slinger, Prince Rees, John Canton, Peter Freeman,

Benjamin Tiler, Duff Ruform, Thomas Sanderson, Prince Rayden, Cato Spain, Boston Smith, Peter Best, Forten Howard and Richard Titley, were initiated, passed, and raised into Irish Military Lodge No. 441.

This Military Lodge was attached to the 38th Foot Regiment of the British Army that was garrisoned at Castle Williams (now Fort Independence) Boston Harbor, prior to the coming war with England by the 13 Colonies. This Lodge granted Prince Hall and his brethren authority to meet as a Lodge, to go in procession on St. John's Day, and as a Lodge to bury their dead, but they could not confer degrees nor perform any other Masonic 'work'.

For nine years these brethren, together with others who had received the degrees elsewhere, assembled and enjoyed limited privileges as masons. Records show that a similar permit was granted by Provincial Grand Master over North America John Rowe in 1776. On January 1, 1776, General George Washington's troops raised the new American flag on the liberty pole at Prospect Hill near the American General's headquarters in Cambridge, Massachusetts.

On July 3, 1776, African Lodge No. 1, became the first African Lodge in America. Finally, on June 30, 1784, Prince Hall petitioned the Grand Lodge of England, through Worshipful Master William Moody of Brotherly Love Lodge No. 55, (London, England) for a warrant of Constitution. Under authority of His Royal Highness, Henry Frederick, Duke of Cumberland, Grand Master of the "Most Ancient and Honorable Society of Free and Accepted Masons," a Charter was granted to Prince Hall. The Charter was prepared and issued on September 29, 1784, although it would be three years before African Lodge No. 1 actually received it.

This was due to the fact that the brother to whom the matter was entrusted failed to call for it. It was delivered, however, on the 29th day of April 1787. The Charter was delivered by James Scott, Captain of the ship Neptune and brother-in-law of John Hancock. (Hancock was one of the signers of the Declaration of Independence and President of the Continental Congress).

On May 6, 1787, at "The Golden Fleece", Hall's leather shop, on Water Street in Boston. By virtue of the authority of this Charter, African

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History.....Continued

...Lodge No. 1 was established as African Lodge No. 459 according to the register in England and began work as a regular Masonic body. Prince Hall was appointed Provincial Grand Master for North America on January 27, 1791, presumably in place of John Rowe who died, by His Royal Highness George IV, Prince of Wales.

On June 24, 1791, the African Grand Lodge of North America was organized in Boston, Massachusetts. Its first officers were Prince Hall - Grand Master, Nero Prince - Deputy Grand Master, Cyrus Forbes - Grand Senior Warden, George Middleton - Grand Junior Warden, Prince Taylor - Grand Secretary, Petter Best - Grand Treasurer. This was one year before the organization of the United Grand Lodge of Massachusetts (Caucasian). In 1827, 45 years after the (Caucasian) Grand Lodge of Massachusetts had done so, African Grand Lodge of Boston declared itself independent of the Grand Lodge of England.

The question of extending Masonry arose when Absalom Jones of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania appeared in Boston. He was an ordained Episcopal priest and a mason who was interested in establishing a Masonic Lodge in Philadelphia. Before 1815, exclusive territorial jurisdiction was not an active and recognized doctrine of English Masonic Custom. African Lodges were constituted in Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, and New York under the authority of the charter of African Lodge No. 459. It was typical for new Lodges to be established in this manner in those days.

Prince Hall, having the authority to issue warrants on the same basis as Masters of Lodges in Europe. He established African Grand Lodge No. 459 of Boston, African Lodge No. 459a of Philadelphia on March 22, 1797 and Hiram Lodge No. 3 of Providence, Rhode Island on June 24, 1797. The African Grand Lodge was not organized until 1808 when the 3 respective Lodges met in New York. The second African Lodge of Negro Masons was located in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania on Lombard Street. The first Worshipful Master was Absalom Jones and the treasurer was Richard Allen the founder of African Methodist Episcopal (A.M.E.) Church.

Prince Hall died in Boston on December 7, 1807, after a four week fight with pneumonia that he developed from a bad cold he caught while on one of many errands of mercy visiting the sick. The

Massachusetts Congressional Library shows the actual date of Prince Hall's death was Friday, December 4, 1807. Some sources state a belief that the engraving on his head stone was done several years after his death, hence using the date from the newspapers.



Funeral Rites, in accord with Masonic Rites, were performed one week later. Nero Prince became Grand Master and as a memorial to our beloved brother and by an act of the General Assembly of the Craft in 1808, the African Grand Lodge of North America was changed to the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge. Prince Hall is buried in Copps Hill Cemetery Boston, Massachusetts. The site is marked by a broken column; a monument erected 88 years after his death by the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Massachusetts.

The original Charter of African Lodge No. 459 of Boston is in the possession of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Massachusetts and is the only known original 18th Century Charter in existence issued to any American Lodge by the (Modern) Grand Lodge of England, today known as "The United Grand Lodge of England". It proudly represents the indisputable legitimacy and regularity of 53 Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodges and Prince Hall Affiliated bodies.

In conclusion, "Who was Prince Hall?" An organizer of African American Masons in the United States, an abolitionist, a believer in the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of man, and a spokesman in regard to all of the conditions which made the circumstances of Blacks in America intolerable and non-productive, in order to be equal citizens of the United States with all the privileges entitled to any human being. Born in obscurity, Prince Hall literally worked himself free of his lowly beginnings. Through diligence and effort he cultivated his abilities, then used them to help others do the same. His name lives on in the title of the oldest and largest, most well-regarded Black Fraternal Order in the World, "Prince Hall Masons".



2006-07 Mason of the Year



Per the proceedings of the 91st Communication of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Illinois in 1957, Past Grand Master Obed Vanderburg presented a recommendation to the craft for an award "to the Mason, who in the opinion of the (Awards) Committee, has made the greatest contribution to the program of his Lodge, and to the Grand Lodge during the current year (Mason of the Year)." The intent of the award was "inspiration through recognition." By recognizing an individual who practices the tenets of Freemasonry through his actions, others will become inspired to improve upon the accomplishments of the past while remaining within due bounds of the current organizational standards.

For the 2006-07 Masonic Year, P.M. Aubrey K. Barlow of Elijah S. Betts Lodge #23 received this honor as the impacts of his service in the middle of the state of Illinois have not only enhanced the communications capabilities of our fraternity throughout state but also inspired many brothers, sisters and peers to perform greater works in the community and fraternity as a whole. His leadership and service record includes the following:

- *Worshipful Master of E.S. Betts #23, 1998*
- *Assistant Grand Secretary, MWPHGL, 1999 to Present*
- *District Deputy Grand Master, MWPHGL, 1999 to Present*
- *Worthy Patron of Anwar Chapter #149, OES, 1995-96, 2001, 2004-05 and 2007*
- *District Deputy Grand Patron, OES*
- *Commander-in-Chief, Menelik #49, 2004*
- *Potentate, Sudan #93, 2004-06*
- *Past Trustee of the Wayman A.M.E. Baptist Church of Bloomington*
- *Vice President, Bloomington Youth Football*
- *Parent President of the Middle School Program of the Urban League*
- *Baseball Coach for the American Junior League Baseball program*

In each of these stations P.M. Barlow has contributed diligently to the tasks at hand resulting in numerous awards and honors throughout his Masonic career. In May of 2002 he was elevated to the 33rd degree of Scottish Rite Masonry, in 2006 he was honored by Sudan Temple #93, A.E.A.O.N.M.S. for his service as the Illustrious Potentate and he now serves as the Area Coordinator for District Deputy Grand Masters of the 2nd District. With rewards come several responsibilities and in each of these circumstances P.M. Barlow has shown that he is capable of handling multiple responsibilities at one time.

These efforts inspire others to become leaders in their own rites. Coaching youth athletics provides this knowledge to the young people of today. What greater reward is there than to see the lessons of teamwork, follow-ship and leadership be displayed by our youth in a practical way? Hank Aaron himself states that "I had just turned 20, and Jackie (Robinson) told me the only way to be successful at anything was to go out and do it. He said baseball was a game you played everyday, not once a week." Teaching the youth practical leadership skills on an everyday basis through coaching provides early training for success for the later years in life. As such, the sacrifice of time and effort to coach is a noble labor that will produce dividends for our youth in the years to come.

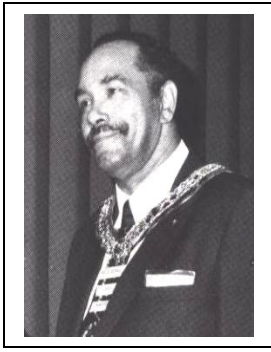
The efforts of P.M. Barlow and their resulting impacts are consistent with those of past recipients

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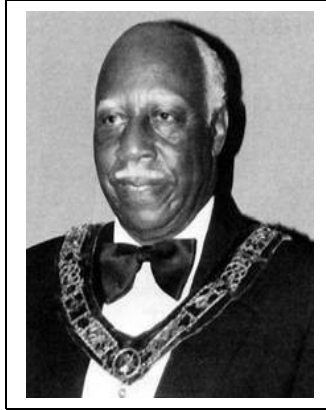
of the “Mason of the Year” award and their labors should never be forgotten. The recipients have always been heralded as Standard Bearers for our organization and now, in the 50th year of the award, P.M. Barlow is a solid fixture upon that list. A partial listing is shown below:

Past Recipients of the “Mason of the Year” Award

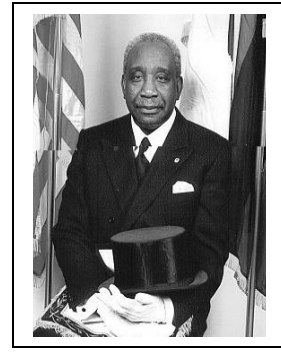
First Mason of the Year



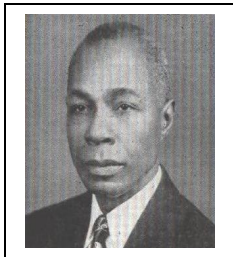
*MW Willie B. Evans
Grand Master
1997-2001*



*MW Henry G. Fort
Grand Master, 1964-1965*



*MW Jerry Butler
Grand Master
2004-2006*

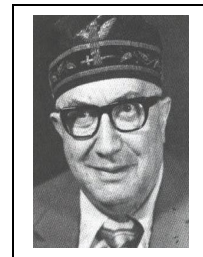


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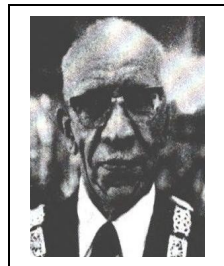


2005-06 Mason of the Year – PM Charles Holiday, Jr.

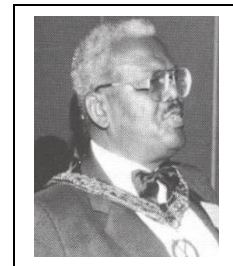
Pictured are Past Masters of the Year (L to R): Past Masters Bill Norman, Brian Abrams, MW Jerry Butler, Charles Holiday, Damon Anderson, Kenneth Ingram, Frank Logan



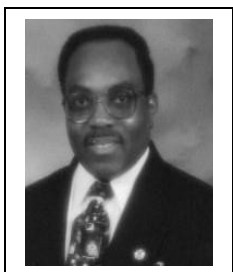
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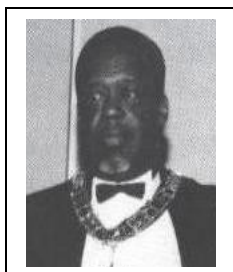
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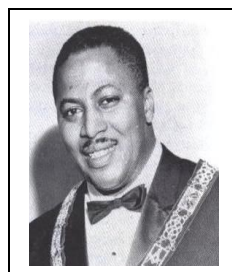
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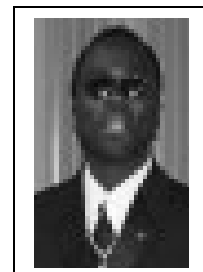
PM David Johnson



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PM Doty Nash



PM Patrick Parks

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What is the Order of the Eastern Star?

The Order of the Eastern Star is largest fraternal organization in the world to which both men and women belong. The Order is dedicated to charity, truth and loving kindness and was conceived, written and taught by a Master Mason to provide a place where both men and women could work and serve side by side. 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 for self improvement.

The fraternal order is comprised of people with deep religious convictions and spiritual values open to all faiths except no faith. Master Masons in good standing, the wives, mothers, daughters, legally adopted daughters, widows, sisters, half-sisters, step daughters and step-sisters of Master Masons in good standing at the time of death are eligible for membership.

The lessons of the Order are spiritual and teach to have a deep love for God, country and family. The degrees of the Order of the Eastern Star teach lessons of fidelity, constancy, loyalty, faith and love. These degrees are presented in a beautiful ritualistic ceremony designed to not only teach the lessons, but also to provide insight for future study and understanding.

The Order is benevolent and charitable in its actions, raising millions of dollars annually, throughout the world for projects that benefit all human kind. The membership is admonished to aid, comfort and protect each other by sharing the joys and sorrows of life. The rewards are many as members work and play together in love and charity and become life long friends, sisters and brothers.

The Eastern Star is also a social organization with frequent formal events and ceremonies as well as charitable drives. Local Eastern Star Chapters select their own charities and places of service in their own communities. Some statewide projects include scholarships for students, other general scholarships for youth, and supporting a home for aged members. Each year special charities are selected for that year's emphasis and might include volunteer programs in elementary schools or volunteers in literacy programs and specific community outreach.

The Order is governed by a set of rules and regulations from Eureka Grand Chapter, and by a set of by-laws of each subordinate chapter. To be a member of the Order is a wonderful and fulfilling way of life, a life of love, and through this fraternal service to humanity, a better life is built for all. The order wants persons with high moral and spiritual qualities who will work together to perform its objectives.

POPULAR MISCONCEPTIONS

Q. Is the Order of the Eastern Star a secret society?

A. No. Secret societies are underground and hard to find. We are easily found within the community; but we enjoy a distinctive means of identifying each other. Only members are allowed in a closed meeting.

Q. Can I afford membership In the Order of the Eastern Star?

A. Yes. Financial position is not considered in the Order. Members come from all economic backgrounds.

Q. Is my religious faith allowed In the Order of the Eastern Star?

A. Yes. Members of all religions may belong to the Order of the Eastern Star. We only require a belief in a Supreme Being.

Q. Is the Order of the Eastern Star time consuming?

A. After your Initiation into our Order you may attend as your time permits.

Q. Is there any memory work?

A. There is no mandatory memory work except the means of making yourself known if you wish to visit a Chapter, or if you become an officer.

Q. Is the Order patriotic and democratic?

A. Yes. Members are taught an allegiance to preserve the good order of their country



*Elected Officers for 2006-2007
Eureka Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star
State of Illinois, P.H.A.*



*Sister Wheatau A. Haley Barsh and Brother James H. Barsh, 33°
Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron*



Mission Purpose of the Eastern Star



The Order of the Eastern Star, dedicated to Charity, Truth and Loving kindness, is the largest fraternal organization in the world to which both men and women may belong. Only men who are Masons are eligible and only women with specific Masonic affiliations may be members.

The members of the Order of the Eastern Star are dedicated women and men who sincerely reflect the spirit of fraternal love and the desire to work together for good.

We are proud of our Order's heritage. Thousands of our members have contributed their time, energy and wisdom in unselfish service to our Order, and for the good of the world. It is through this fraternal service to humanity, that we build a better life for all.

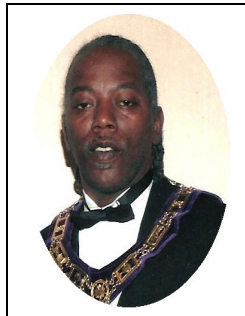
Elected OES Grand Chapter Officers for 2006-2007....Continued



Elected Line Officers (L to R): Sister Theresa Abner, Sister Paulette Brown, Sister Shalonda Patterson, Sister Wheatau H. Barsh (Gr. Matron), Brother James H. Barsh (Gr. Patron), Brother Fred Bradley, III



*Sister Shalonda W.F. Patterson
Associate Grand Matron*



*Brother Fred Bradley, III
Associate Grand Patron*



*Paulette Brown
Grand Conductress*



*Sister Theresa Abner
Associate Grand
Conductress*



*Sister Sandra Smith
Grand Lecturer*



*Sister Dianna Caston
Grand Treasurer*



*Sister Velma
Richmond-Baxter
Grand Secretary*

Grand Auditors:

- Sister Evelyn Brownlee-Flowers*
- Sister Sethras Jones*
- Sister Vera Small*

Grand Trustees:

- Sister Amelia Daniels*
- Sister Karen Richard*
- Sister Beverly Sampson*
- Sister Mary Wilkins*



Voices from the Past

Address by Benjamin Franklin Rogers, First Grand Master of Prince Hall Masons, State of Illinois

Brethren, by the wisdom of the Supreme Architect of the universe and your suffrages, I have been called to preside as Grand Master over the First Grand Lodge of colored Masons for the State of Illinois, and had I not confidence in the ability of my brother officers, I feel that I should shrink from duty; but knowing their ability I shall, under God, endeavor to do my duty to the best of my judgment.

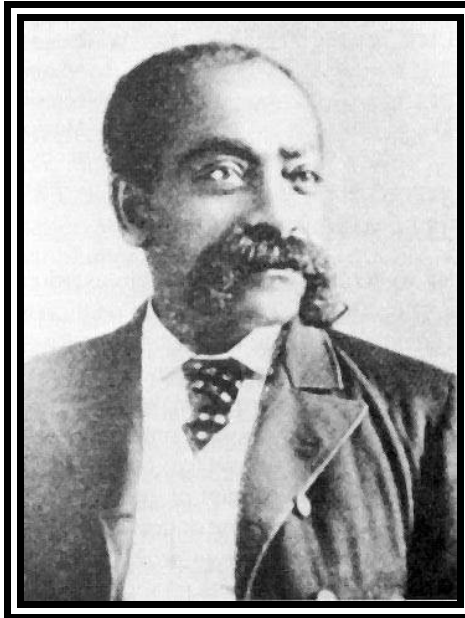
Therefore, Brethren, let us at the commencement of our session give thanks to the Giver of all good for the many blessings and comforts which He is daily and hourly bestowing upon us, and in our deliberations through this session, may we constantly look up to him, and may he endow us with wisdom, patience and brotherly love.

Not having any official acts to communicate to this Grand body since my installation into office, I shall take pleasure in saying something to the craft, which I hope will be elevating in its nature, and inspire the brethren to perform every known duty, and live close to the principles of Masonry.

Brethren, in view of the origin and true nature of the institution of Masonry, its high importance to the world, the sacredness of its principles, its harmonizing influences, and the whole excellence of the system, whether it be considered in a historical, benevolent, moral, or religious point, your minds must be solemnly affected, and your hearts seriously engaged, to maintain the purity of its precepts, not only as a plain and

reasonable duty, but as examples waiting to be imitated by those who shall receive the administration from your hands.

Brethren, your profession is built upon a tried foundation; you stand solemnly pledged to the world to maintain the cause of truth against all the assaults of vice, or the inroads of error. Your several lodges are, or



ought to be, so many temples of virtue, and schools of moral and religious instruction; each individual should be a watchful sentinel over the happiness of mankind, ever on the alert to rescue injured innocence, or to avert impending dangers.

Such, however, is the state of the world, and such the unhappy lot of all institutions, that none have been free from the unhallowed tread of unworthy members. Even in thy little family, O, Blessed Immanuel, was there a betraying Judas! Nor is thy sacred table always surrounded by sanctified hearts. This is greatly to be lamented, yet from the nature of man it can not be

wholly prevented in our present state: much however, may be done to remedy this general evil. Let it therefore be remembered and written as with sunbeams on the heart of every Mason, that the harmony and happiness of your assemblies, and your true enjoyment as individuals, does not, cannot depend upon your numbers, but on the real intrinsic worth, the virtue, the integrity and the moral excellence of your members; this is a great point as respects the unity and fellowship of Masonic Brethren.

You are, therefore, to make a full and thorough examination as to the true character of those who may present themselves, for the benefit of our order. That is a point never to be left unguarded; all the internal social friendship and happiness of your communications vitally depend upon it: let the world know assuredly, that if any individual desires admission to your privileges, that the square of justice and the plumb-line of rectitude must fit his character for that important place; let it be well-understood that vice is not to be winked at, that the doors of your lodges can never be opened for the reception of a doubtful character; that the sanctity of the institutions is not to be trampled under foot by the profane, that the precepts of Masonry present an insurmountable barrier against every immoral person; hence the effect would be of great consequence to yourselves, even in a private capacity, to the reputation of your lodge, as a wise institution, and to the

general good of mankind as a standard and a rallying point for virtue. The pure, pious, and meritorious part of the community, many of whom now stand aloof, would crowd your assemblies; then might you enjoy more abundant social friendship in your stated communications, and the world in view of your regular tenets and increasing respectability be more deeply affected with the general utility of Masonry. However, should an unworthy person gain admission within the veils of your sanctum, remember something ought immediately to be done; adopt all probable and proper means to mend his heart, change his habits and establish his good character; persuade him to practice virtue from the love of it.

In relation to Masonic discipline, we all know that it is too remiss. Members are sometimes allowed to transgress the laws and pass with impunity. Each brother excuses himself on the ground that it will be more proper, or that it will be attended with more salutary consequences, for some other brother to enter complaint; in this way it is sometimes finally neglected, so that what is every man's duty, is eventually performed by none. Brothers, purge your Lodges of bad men; do your duty to the brotherhood; better, by far, that a limb be amputated, than to have the whole body affected with its poisonous matter. Do not fail to use the black ball in cases of necessity.

Temperance is one of the cardinal virtues of our order; but, I am pained to say to you, my brethren, that I have met intemperance in places where of all other it ought not to be. Do you look for virtue, morality,

and brotherly love, to emanate from one of those sinks of iniquity? As well might you expect to pick "figs from thistles;" and when one of our number becomes so depraved, and all means have been exhausted to reclaim him, and he cannot be saved, do your duty by making him an example for other evil-doers. Finally, brethren, let us keep the unity of the spirit in the bonds of peace. Let us love one another, for love is God. "Behold! How good and pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity. It is like the precious ointment upon the head, that ran down upon the beard, even --- Aaron's beard, that went down to the skirts of his garment. As the dew of Herman, and as the dew that descended upon the mountains of Zion, for there the Lord commanded the blessing, even life forever more."

Brethren, in conclusion I recommend that, while we are in our infancy, economy must be consulted in all things. I admire the self-sacrificing spirit of the present officers of this Grand Lodge.

If the principles which they, in the greatness of their hearts, inaugurated, be carried out by their success, glory and honor will crown every effort to establish and enforce the principles of ancient, Free-Masonry.

In relation to the subordinate Lodges in this jurisdiction, there are three, viz: North Star Lodge, No. 1, Chicago; G.T. Watson Lodge, No. 2, Alton, and Central Lodge, No. 3, Springfield all of which, so far as I am advised, are working in harmony and good order, the officers of which I believe to be good and true men --- composed of such

material that is an honor to the institution, and whose names we should not be ashamed to hand down to future generations. We have also in this jurisdiction, four Lodges working under dispensations, granted to them by our worthy Bro. John Jones; and when these shall have been gathered into the fold, our little number of three will be swelled to seven. Brethren, compose good, wholesome laws for the government of the craft, and counsel all, by your example and daily deportment, to live moral, virtuous, and temperate lives, so that when our probationary state on earth is ended, we may be received by the Supreme Architect in that Celestial Lodge above, where all discord, on account of religion, politics, or private opinion, shall be banished from within our walls.

The location of the Grand Lodge, is a subject that has been more or less agitated by the members of the different numbers, not only in our own State, but in States where Grand Lodges have long been established. But the questions arises, which is the most profitable way, or the best means, of conveying light to the minds of the craft, its permanent location at some particular point, or its removal from place to place. I, without hesitation give my opinion in favor of a movable Grand Lodge, that through its agency the light of Masonry may be spread throughout the length and breadth of our jurisdiction.

Brethren, may the blessings of the Great Architect of the Universe abide with you all forever.



Lodge Spotlight: King David Lodge #100



During “The Great Migration” movement from 1915 to 1925 many blacks migrated from the southern states of the U.S.A. to the northern states to take advantage of the job opportunities that had become available. Between 1916 and 1918 over 110,000 came to Chicago alone nearly tripling the city’s black population. During this period the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Illinois also endured a vast expansion as many of those who migrated from the South to the North were freemasons. With this in mind many joined subordinate Lodges within the Illinois jurisdiction and it was not uncommon for Lodge memberships to exceed 300 members.

Under the leadership of Grand Master Thomas H. Samuels, a commission was appointed to handle the influx of new brothers in the jurisdiction during the early 1920s and the formative idea to form King David Lodge originated in the mind of the chairman of the commission, Right Worshipful Brother Bale S. Christmon of Garden City Lodge #59, past Grand Senior Warden of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of the State of Illinois. With the assistance of Past Master H.J. Holmes of Doric Lodge #77, Brother William Roberson of Royal Eagle #96 and Brother William McReed of Golden Gate Lodge #43, R.W. Brother Christmon took the necessary steps to begin the establishment process of King David Lodge by garnering new membership. In early 1921 seven candidates namely Felix Thomas, William H. Lofton, Pierce Jest, Bright Reems, Steve Riley, James L. Honeywood and Henry T. Pelky were raised under the lights of Royal Eagle Lodge #96. and these members along with several others who migrated from the South became the first members of King David Lodge after its institution on October 5, 1921 as a Lodge under dispensation.

On October 11, 1922 the Lodge was constituted and the charter was granted to Brother Bale S. Christmon who named the Lodge “King David #100”. At its time of charter the total membership was 312. The first



election of officers also occurred in 1922 and yielded the following results:

- *Worshipful Master:*
Brother Orell M. Holt
- *Senior Warden:*
Brother Felix Thomas
- *Junior Warden:*
Brother William H. Lofton
- *Treasurer:* *Brother Andrew Jackson*
- *Secretary:* *Brother Steve Riley*

Since establishment King David Lodge #100, has contributed greatly to Prince Hall Freemasonry within the state of Illinois by assisting in the establishment of other Lodges within the jurisdiction and serving in high offices within the Grand Lodge. In 1925, Brother Felix Thomas helped with the establishment of L.W. Dickerson Lodge #114 and served as its first Worshipful Master from 1925 to 1936. Grand Master John C. Ellis recalled Brother Thomas from L.W. Dickerson #114 to King David Lodge #100 where he was then elected Worshipful Master serving from 1937 to 1939. Beginning In the 1940s King David Lodge established several appendant bodies:

- *King David Chapter #90, Order of the Eastern Star*
- *King David Court, Heroines of Jericho*
- *King David Council, Junior Craftsmen*

In 1969, P.M. Vernon Barker who led King David Lodge from 1951 to 1952 served on various Grand Lodge committees and was elected as the Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge serving from 1969 to 1970. From 1970 to 1974, P.M. George Harris who led King David in 1966 served as Grand Secretary. M.W. Brother Doty Nash, a Past Mason of the Year who served the Grand Lodge in various different ways, was granted Honorary Past Grand Master status. P.M. David Thomas, a Certified Public Accountant (C.P.A.), who led in 2004, is now the Grand C.P.A. Judge Ellis Reed, a US. Circuit Court Judge now serves as Grand Legal Advisor for the Grand Lodge. In 2006, after years of service at both the subordinate and Grand Lodge levels, M.W. Brother Angelo W. Jones who led King David Lodge in 1982 is now the newly elected Grand Master of the Grand Lodge.

King David Lodge #100 is now under the capable leadership of Worshipful Brother Robert Woods whose record of service also extends into the Grand Lodge. He is currently serving a second term as Worshipful Master and he performed a yeoman's effort by serving as the Secretary of the Worshipful Master's Club of 2006. He continues to stand tall among those who have served before him. A complete list of all Worshipful Masters of King David Lodge #100 is listed below:

1921-Orell M. Holt	1943-Henry Peeples	1965-Charles J. Stewart	1987-James Nance
1922-George M. Crissup	1944-William Hickman	1966-George W. Harris	1988-Willie F. Granderson
1923-Orell M. Holt	1945-Raymond Stevenson	1967-Henry Harris, Jr.	1989-Jimmie Rogers, Sr.
1924-Orell M. Holt	1946-Henry Peeples	1968-Future Northcutt	1990-Michael E. Jackson
1925-William H. Lofton	1947-Virgil Giles, Jr.	1969-Young Pate, Jr.	1991-Jimmie Rogers, Sr.
1926-William H. Lofton	1948-George S. Barnes	1970-David S. Weston	1992-James Preston
1927-William H. Lofton	1949-William Holman	1971-Roosevelt Hamilton	1993-Charles Newsome
1928-James Honeywood	1950-Howard Burton	1972-Wilbur T. Cherry	1994-George Grider
1929-David Smith	1951-Vernon L. Barker	1973-Frank Bogan	1995-Gregory Sutton
1930-Cleveland Norman	1952-Vernon L. Barker	1974-Joe Watt	1996-Raynard L. Banks
1931-Glover Goodlow	1953-Lewis Holman	1975-Willie D. Wilbanks	1997-Joe Watt
1932-Glover Goodlow	1954-Chauncey Hagans	1976-Norman A. Baker	1998-Gary Bratcher
1933-Glover Goodlow	1955-Clifton Townsend, Sr.	1977-Edward H. Lee	1999-Tyrone Jackson
1934-Arthur Rose	1956-William Henderson	1978-Whit Watt	2000-James Reese
1935-Arthur Rose	1957-Alonzo Clark	1979-Gerald W. Chambers	2001-James Reese
1936-Arthur Rose	1958-Armstrong Walker	1980-James J. Jones	2002-Herman Douglas
1937-Felix T. Thomas	1959-Doty Edward Nash	1981-Willie Cowan	2003-Herman Douglas
1938-Felix T. Thomas	1960-Leon Jackson	1982-Angelo Jones	2004-David Thomas
1939-Felix T. Thomas	1961-Booker T. Cornelius	1983-Alo Wade	2005-Latittus Vaughn / Daryl White*
1940-Frederick Garden	1962-Vernon T. Griffin	1984-William Hardy	2006-Robert Woods
1941-William Hickman	1963-John Percy Harris	1985-Ernest C. White	
1942-William Hickman	1964-Adolph E. Woods	1986-Chris Carter	

* - Healed in 2005 as sitting Master

The commitment of this Lodge to Prince Hall Freemasonry is well documented in the annals of this Grand Lodge and they are poised to continue this strong tradition. Therefore, may God continue to bless and keep them as He has done in the past that they may continue to be superb contributors to the goals and objectives of this Grand Body for years to come.



Sources: *Proceedings, MWPHGL of Illinois 1916-1922, 1964-2006; Souvenir Ad Book, 97th Annual Communication MWPHGL of Illinois, 1963; Lodge Photograph, W. Brother Robert Woods, Worshipful Master, #100*

Foundations of Our Organization

By Daryl Andrews

Webster's defines the term "foundation" as "the basis on which a thing stands." The foundation of Prince Hall Masonry across the United States is African Lodge No. 459 of Boston, Massachusetts. The history of the establishment of this Lodge has been well-documented and its charter, which was granted by the Grand Lodge of England on September 29, 1784, documents its legitimacy. The charter alone serves as the legal background for the beginnings of the expansion of African American Masonry not only into the state of Illinois but also across the United States and abroad.

As was custom during the 1700s subordinate Lodges formed other subordinate Lodges and it was under this custom that the expansion of Prince Hall Masonry began. By the authority of its charter, a second African Lodge No. 459 was established in the city of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania as well as Hiram Lodge No. 3 in Providence, Rhode Island. These three Lodges met in Boston in 1791 and formed the African Grand Lodge of North America under the leadership of Prince Hall. This step was significant as it not only formed the basis of African American Masonry at a national level but also set a precedent that would be utilized to legally form African American Grand Lodges across the country.

During the early 1800s the African Grand Lodge chartered additional Lodges within Pennsylvania and New York. By 1815 the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania under the leadership of Absalom Jones was formed from the Lodges chartered in Philadelphia. By 1826, four additional Lodges were chartered in New York and on March 14, 1845 they formed the Boyer Grand Lodge, F.&A.M. of New York (Prince Hall Grand Lodge of New York) under the leadership of Paul Drayton. In 1847 a delegation consisting of members from the Grand Lodges of Massachusetts, Pennsylvania and New York assembled in Boston, Massachusetts to organize a National Grand Lodge and declare a national affiliation between the Grand Lodges. On June 24, 1847, the formation of the Most Worshipful National Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted York Masons (M.W.N.G.L.-A.F.A.Y.M.) was completed and would serve as the governing body for Prince Hall Masons across the country¹.

The Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Ohio, Free and Accepted Masons, was born from the MWNGL through the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania. St. Cyprian Lodge No. 13 of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania made several men from Cincinnati, Ohio Master Masons in early 1847. In order to practice Freemasonry locally, these brothers, namely William Darnes, John Johnson, Joseph C. King, Shelton Morris, George Peterson, Asbury Young and L.C. Fluellen, petitioned St. Cyprian Lodge on March 26, 1847 for permission to establish a Lodge in Cincinnati. Their request was granted by the Most Worshipful National Grand Lodge on January 16, 1848 and Corinthian Lodge No. 17 of Cincinnati received its warrant. True American Lodge No. 26 of Cincinnati received its warrant on March 18, 1848. It was established in Ohio by way of a consolidation of two Lodges that were unaffiliated with the African Grand Lodge. With the assistance of True American Lodge No. 26, St. Johns Lodge No. 27 of Cincinnati was also formed and received its warrant on May 20, 1848. The establishment of three Lodges within Ohio gave the state the legal basis to form its own Grand Lodge. As such the three Ohio Lodges met on May 3, 1849 and organized the Grand Lodge for the State of Ohio².

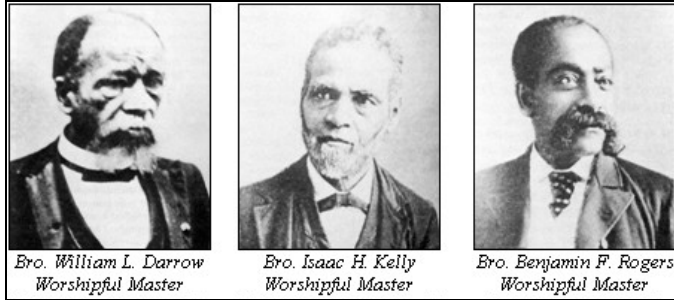
Expansion into the State of Illinois under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Ohio began in 1852 with the warrant of North Star Lodge No. 12 of Chicago, Illinois whose first Worshipful Master was Brother Henry Bradford. In 1856 a warrant was issued to Griffin T. Watson Lodge No. 16 of Alton, Illinois and in 1857 a warrant was also issued to Central Lodge No. 19 of Springfield, Illinois. The formation of these three Lodges in Illinois by the Grand Lodge of Ohio laid the groundwork for the organization of the Grand Lodge of Illinois.

Pursuant to a call of the warranted Lodges of Free and Accepted Masons of Illinois, a convention was called to order at the hour of 10 o'clock A.M. on Friday, February 15, 1867 by Brother H.D. King of Chicago in the Hall of Central Lodge in Springfield, Illinois for the purpose of withdrawing from the Grand Lodge of Ohio, and forming a Grand Lodge for the State of Illinois. It was unanimously resolved that the three Lodges dissolve all connection with the Grand Lodge of Ohio, return Warrants of Constitution to said Grand Lodge and respectfully petition the Grand Master of Ohio to recommend to the MWNGL to obtain a Warrant of Constitution for the establishment of a Grand Lodge for the State of

Illinois. Upon adoption of the resolution and approval of the Constitution and By-Laws for the newly formed Grand Lodge, the first nomination and election of officers for the Grand Lodge of Illinois ensued and yielded the following results:

- **Most Worshipful Grand Master** – Brother B.F. Rogers.
- **Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master** – Brother H.D. King
- **Right Worshipful Senior Grand Warden** – Brother E. White
- **Right Worshipful Junior Grand Warden** – Brother W.L. Darrow
- **Right Worshipful Grand Treasurer** – Brother I.H. Kelly
- **Right Worshipful Grand Secretary** – Brother G.L. Thomas

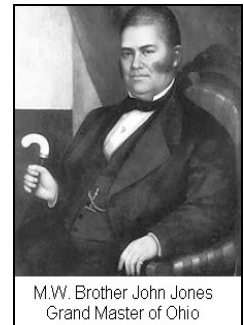
In accordance with the newly vested authority it was ordered that warrants be prepared for North Star Lodge as #1, G.T. Watson Lodge as #2 and Central Lodge as #3 as subordinate Lodges to the Grand



Lodge of Illinois. With the die cast for the formation of the new Grand Lodge, the convention was adjourned to meet in Springfield, Illinois upon receipt of the Warrant of Constitution from the MWNGL³.
On May 6, 1867, Most Worshipful Brother John Jones, Grand Master of Ohio also acting in the capacity of Deputy National Grand Master, MWNGL, opened the first Lodge of Master Masons for the Illinois jurisdiction in the hall of Central Lodge of Springfield to install the elected officers of the Grand Lodge of Illinois. On May 7, 1867, on the order of Most Worshipful Brother B.F. Rogers, Grand Master, a special communication convened to grant the warrants of North Star Lodge #1, G.T. Watson Lodge #2 and Central Lodge #3 and notify all Lodges within the jurisdiction of the existence of the Grand Lodge of Illinois³.

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At inception the Grand Lodge of Illinois was very aggressive in establishing Lodges and appendant bodies within the state and across the country. Between 1867 and 1879 the Grand Lodge swelled to a total of 30 Lodges, adopted a new appendant body and expanded successfully into a border state:

1867 – Warranted Lodges:

- North Star #1, Chicago
- G.T. Watson #2, Alton
- Central #3, Springfield
- Evening Star #4, Bloomington
- Lincoln #5, Cairo
- Freemont #6, Shawneetown

1868 – Warranted John Jones #7, Chicago

1869 – Warranted Lodges:

- St. John #8, Jacksonville
- Siloam #9, Quincy

1870 – Warranted W.L. Darrow #10, Galesburg

1871 – Warranted Lodges:

- I.H. Kelly #11, Cairo
- B.F. Rogers #12, Upper Alton
- Eureka #13, Mattoon

1873 – Warranted Lodges:

- Hiram #14, Chicago
- Keystone #15, Aurora
- Mt. Olive (Unity) #16, Quincy

1874 – Warranted Lodges:

- Decatur (John C. Ellis) #17, Decatur
- Lone Star #18, Champaign
- Morning Star #19, Brooklyn (Lovejoy)

1875 – Warranted Lodges:

- King Solomon #20, Rock Island
- Herman #21, Sparta

1877 – Warranted Lodges:

- Henry Brown #22, Peoria
- Tyre (Union, E.S. Betts) #23, Bloomington

1878 – Adoption of Most Excellent Prince Hall Grand Chapter, HRAM

– Warranted Lodges:

- St. Marks #24, Braidwood
- Brown (Widows Son) # 25, Milwaukee, Wisconsin
- Silver Crown #26, Metropolis
- Eastern Star #27, Duquoin
- Mount Moriah #28, Evanston

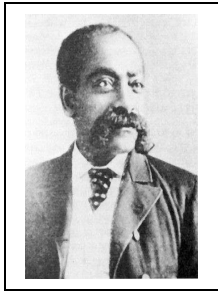
1879 – Warranted Lodges:

- Mount Hebron #29, Chicago
- Western Light #30, Chicago

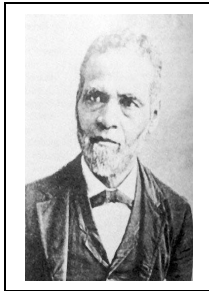
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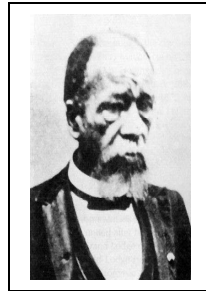
Portraits of the Past Most Worshipful Grand Masters



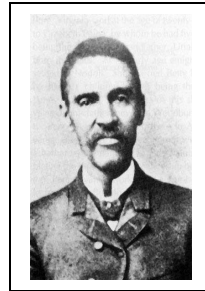
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1867-69 & 1874-77



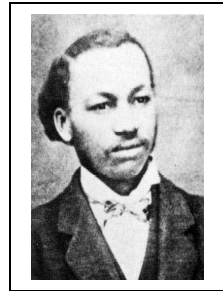
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1870



William L. Darrow
North Star #1
1871-1873



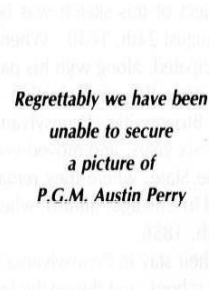
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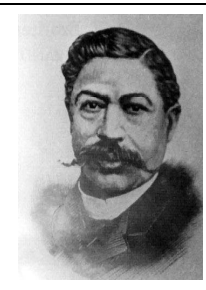
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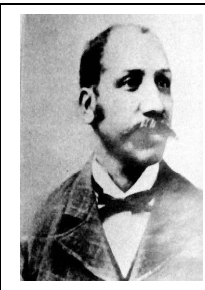
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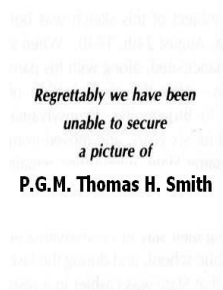
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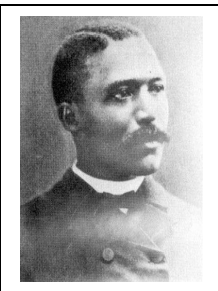
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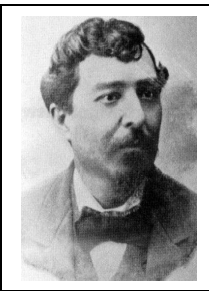
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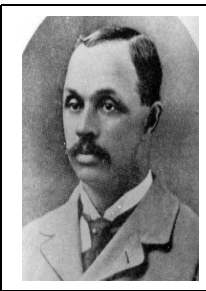
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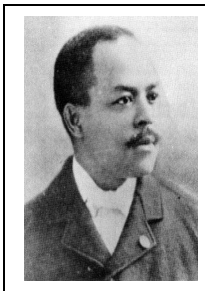
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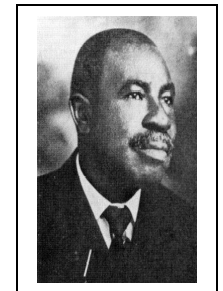
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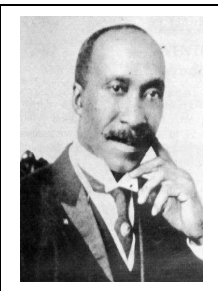
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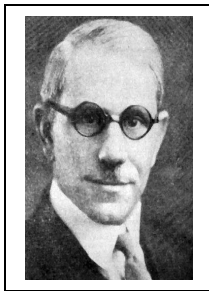
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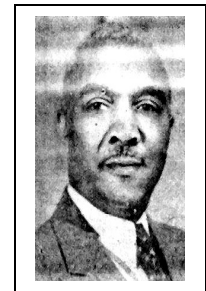
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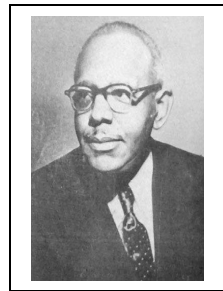
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Nelson Long
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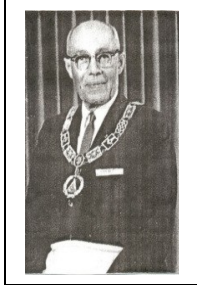
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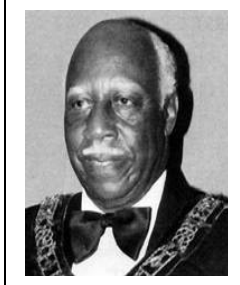
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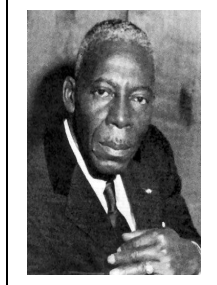
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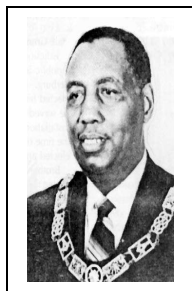
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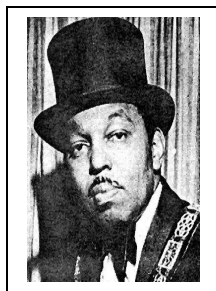
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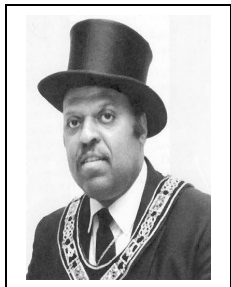
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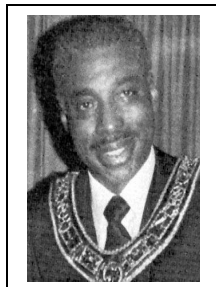
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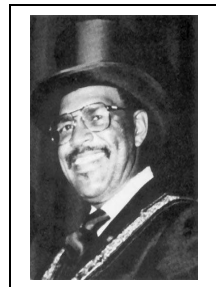
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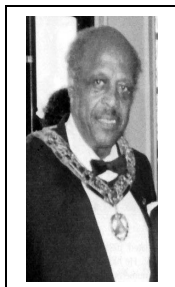
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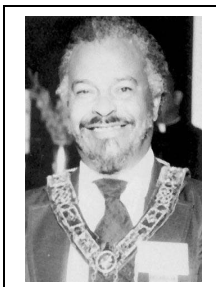
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1987-89



James Gayles
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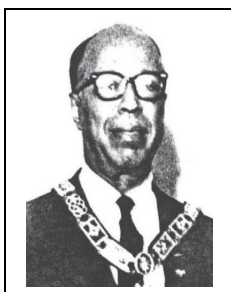
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North Star #1
2004-2006

140 Years

Honorary Past Grand Masters



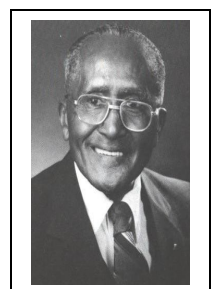
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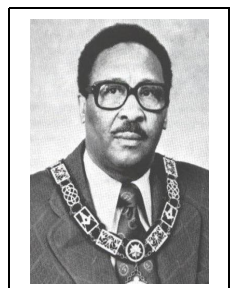
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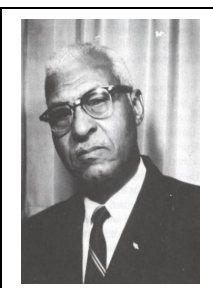
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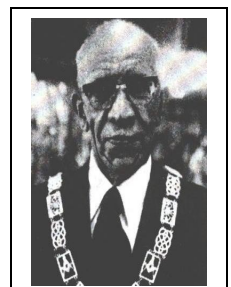
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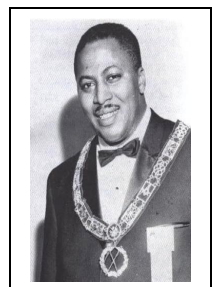
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*George A. Cross
Lily of the Valley #56*



*Doty Nash
King David #100*



Foundations.....Continued

From 1880 to 1927, the Grand Lodge continued expansion not only within the state of Illinois but also across other states in the country:

- 1882** – Grand Lodge Incorporated and adopted the Prince Hall Grand Commandery, Knights Templar
- 1883** – Adoption of Most Ancient Prince Hall Grand Court, Heroines of Jericho
- 1886** – Expansion into South Dakota – Warranted Dakota Star Lodge #40, Yankton
- 1890** – Organization of Eureka Grand Chapter, OES
- 1893** – Organization of the Imperial Council of Prince Hall Shriners
- 1894** – Organization of the Grand Lodge of Minnesota
 - William Stevens Lodge #41 of St. Paul
 - Doric Lodge # 45 of Duluth
- 1904** – Organization of the Grand Lodge of Washington and Oregon
 - Enterprise Lodge #47 of Portland, OR
 - Washington Lodge #49 of Franklin, WA
 - Spokane Lodge U.D. of Seattle, WA
 - Cossey Bay Lodge #55, Beaver Hill, OR
- 1909** – Incorporated into the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge, A.F. & A.M. of Illinois
- 1922** – Changed name to the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge, F. & A.M., State of Illinois (MWP HGL of IL)
- 1925** – Organization of the Grand Lodge of Wisconsin
 - Widows Son Lodge # 25, Milwaukee
 - Capitol City Lodge #72, Madison
 - W.B. Kennedy Lodge #106, Beloit
 - L.H. Palmer Lodge #115, Milwaukee

After only 60 years of existence, the Grand Lodge established a total of 126 Lodges.

History recounts the spread of irregular Masonry during the 1900s. The aggressive expansion efforts of the MWP HGL of IL to establish Lodges in other vulnerable states helped to combat this movement by legitimizing the authority of warranted Lodges in those areas. As a clear link between the MWP HGL of IL to the African Grand Lodge was established, Grand Lodges that were formed in other states from Lodges subordinate to the Illinois jurisdiction assumed the same link and were also recognized as legitimate Masonic bodies. This linkage provided a legal basis for defense against the jurisdictional claims of the irregulars³.

Between 1919 and 1953 the traditions of Prince Hall Masonry remained strong in Illinois while the membership experienced struggles after enduring several local and national conflicts. Throughout these instances, the Grand Lodge held firm under the steady leadership of capable Grand Masters who remained focused on the solidification and expansion of the organization:

1919-1923: Grand Master Thomas H. Samuels

- Despite the Chicago Race Riots in 1919, Grand Master Samuels is responsible for the establishment of over 25 Lodges in Illinois and Wisconsin

1924-1944: Grand Master Dr. John C. Ellis

- Grand Master Ellis served an unprecedented 21 years as Grand Master and established 17 Lodges within in the Chicago vicinity and Wisconsin while the country endured the Great Depression and World War II. It is during his term that the Order of the Junior Craftsmen was organized by Brother Jay E. Powers to provide mentoring for boys.

1945: Grand Master Nelson T. Long

- Under Grand Master Long, the Grand Lodge recovered from the impacts of World War II

1946-1953, 1954: Grand Masters Ashby B. Carter and Dr. Frances C. Rogan

- While serving as a national labor union representative, Grand Master Carter established a total of 5 new Lodges in Illinois and is directly responsible for the purchase of the current Grand East located at 809 East 42nd Place in Chicago, Illinois. Grand Master Rogan was the first Grand Master to serve from the lighthouse in 1954.

1955-1963, 1964-1965: Grand Masters Obed Vanderburg and Henry Fort

- Under the leadership of Grand Master Vanderburg several recognition, mentoring

and family related programs excelled. The “Mason of the Year”, “Citizen of the Year” and “50 Year Recognition Pin” awards were created and the Order of the Junior Craftsmen was further developed. Under Grand Master Fort, the Order of the Junior Craftsmen began to flourish.

1966-67, 1968, 1969-70, 1971-72: Grand Masters Oscar Stanton DePriest, Milton Pitts, Vernon Barker and John H. Perkins

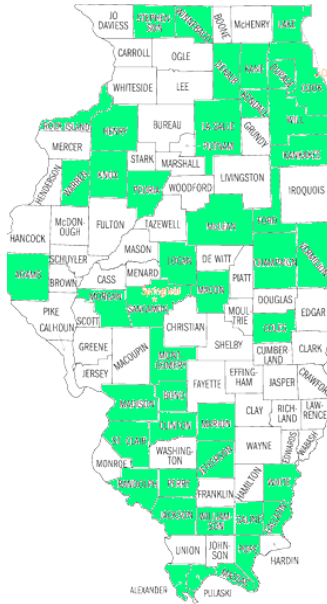
- Under the leadership terms of these Grand Masters the Masonic Big Brother program and various other social programs were introduced to the fraternity. During these periods, the membership maintained steady growth within the state.

Under the leadership of succeeding Grand Masters further expansion occurred. From 1973 to 1996 a total of 9 new Lodges were established within the state of Illinois and Germany with the chartering of Baum Holder Lodge #144 in 1977. By 2002, the total number of established Lodges swelled to 152 covering approximately 44% of the counties in Illinois.

Overall the foundation on which Prince Hall Masonry stands in Illinois is a solid, legitimate legacy that can be traced to the Mother Lodge of African American Freemasonry. It is a treasure chest that is filled with a history of visionary enterprise. The glue that held it all together was the integrity that is mandated by the organization. The evidence is that the MWPHGL of IL still stands tall today despite the ebbs and flows of history and issues of the current day. Through them all the foothold has held firm and is positioned to hold thusly for years to come.



1. *The National Grand Lodge FAQ* by David L. Gray - <http://www.hariam.org/CHWR/nglfaq.html>
2. *MW Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Ohio F&AM* - <http://www.phaohio.org/mwphglh/index.htm>
3. *Various Proceedings, MWPHGL of Illinois, 1867-2002*



List of All Chartered P.H.A. Lodges in Illinois

Year – Lodge

1867 - North Star #1, Chicago[^]
 1867 – G.T. Watson #2, Alton^{^~}
 1867 - Central #3, Springfield [^]
 1867 – Evening Star #4, Bloomington~
 1867 – Lincoln #5, Cairo~
 1867 – Freemont #6, Shawneetown~
 1868 – John Jones #7, Chicago
 1869 – St. John #8, Jacksonville~
 1869 – Siloam #9, Quincy~
 1870 – W.L. Darrow #10, Galesburg
 1871 – I.H. Kelly #11, Cairo
 1871 – B.F. Rogers #12, Upper Alton~
 1871 – Eureka #13, Mattoon~
 1873 – Hiram #14, Chicago
 1873 – Keystone #15, Aurora
 1873 – Mt. Olive (Unity) #16, Quincy
 1874 – Decatur (J.C. Ellis #17), Decatur
 1874 – Lone Star #18, Champaign
 1874 – Morning Star #19, Brooklyn~
 1875 – King Solomon #20, Rock Island
 1875 – Herman #21, Sparta~
 1877 – Henry Brown #22, Peoria
 1877 – Tyre (Union, E.S. Betts) #23, Bloomington
 1878 – St. Marks #24, Braidwood
 1878 – Brown (Widows Son) #25, Milwaukee, WI[#]
 1878 – Silver Crown #26, Metropolis
 1878 – Eastern Star #27, Duquoin~
 1878 – Mt. Moriah #28, Evanston
 1879 – Mt. Hebron #29, Chicago
 1879 – Western Light #30, Chicago
 1881 – Corinthian #31, Danville
 1881 – Cedar #32, Monmouth~
 1881 – Tower #33, Grand Tower~
 1881 – St. Luke #34, Salem~
 1882 – Stone City #35, Joliet
 1882 – Welcome Star #36, Rockford
 1882 – Onward #37, East Carondelete~
 1884 – Golgotha #38, Gibson City~
 1884 – Antioch #39, Antioch~
 1886 – Dakota Star #40, Yankton, SD[#]
 1889 – William Stevens #41, St. Paul, MN[#]
 1889 – St. Paul #42, E. St. Louis
 1889 – Golden Gate #43, Chicago
 1890 – Tuscan #44, Carbondale
 1890 – Doric #45, Duluth, MN[#]
 1891 – Ionic #46, Cairo~
 1891 – Enterprise #47, Portland, OR[#]
 1891 – Composite #48, New Liberty~
 1892 – Washington #49, Franklin, WA[#]
 1892 – Sliver Trowel #50, Bay Bottom~
 1892 – Golden Square #51, Monmouth~
 1893 – Prince Hall #52, Chicago
 1893 – Triangle #53, West Superior, WI[#]
 1896 – Cache #54, Idlewild~
 1896 – Cossey Bay #55, Beaver Hill, OR[#]

Year – Lodge

1896 – Lily of the Valley #56, Beechwood
 1898 – Harmony #57, Unity ~
 1898 – Temple #58, Murphysboro~
 1900 – Garden City #59, Chicago
 1901 – Arsenal #60, Moline~
 1903 – Zaradatha #61, Mound City~
 1903 – Silver Square #62, Harvey
 1903 – Pythagoras #63, Brookport~
 1904 – Eureka #64, Chicago
 1904 – Universal #65, Chicago
 1904 – Smooth Ashler #66, Elkhaville~
 1904 – Archive #67, Marion
 1905 – Oriental #68, Chicago
 1905 – Tube City #69, Kewanee~
 1905 – Tyre #70, Chicago
 1906 – Forest of Lebanon #71, Mt. Vernon
 1906 – Capitol City #72, Madison, WI[#]
 1906 –Pride of Egypt #73, Pulaski~
 1906 –Caladonia #74, Olmstead~
 1906 – Crescent #75, Fond-Du-Lac, WI[#]
 1907 – Golden Light #76, Streator~
 1907 – Doric #77, Chicago
 1907 – Delta City #78, Cairo~
 1908 – Joppa #79, E. St. Louis
 1909 – Celestial #80, Chicago
 1909 – Acacia #81, Harrisburg~
 1910 – Enterprise #82, Carmi~
 1911 – Royal King #83, Dewmaine~
 1911 – Rising Sun #84, Joppa~
 1913 – St. James #85, Carrier Mills~
 1917 – Guiding Star #86, Centralia
 1917 – Western Star #87, Chicago
 1919 – Harmony #88, Chicago
 1919 – Meridian Sun #89, Freeport
 1919 – Jephtha #90, Maywood
 1919 – Cornerstone #91, Chicago
 1919 – Mt. Tabor #92, Chicago Heights~
 1920 – Senegal #93, Couteville~
 1920 – Olive Branch #94, Chicago
 1920 – St. Joseph #95, Future City~
 1920 – Royal Eagle #96, Chicago~
 1920 – Dunbar #97, Alton
 1920 – East Gate #98, Chicago
 1920 – Monarch #99, Chicago
 1921 – King David #100, Chicago
 1922 – South Gate #101, Chicago~
 1922 – Wisdom #102, Chicago
 1922 – Fidelity #103, Chicago
 1922 – St. Thomas #104, Chicago~
 1922 – Waterford #105, Grand Chain~
 1923 – W.B. Kennedy #106, Beloit, WI[#]
 1923 – R. Mitchell #107, Waukegan
 1923 – Charity #108, Chicago
 1923 – R.E. Moore #109, Chicago
 1923 – Bethlehem #110, Lincoln~
 1923 – G.H. Jesse #111, Litchfield~
 1923 – Southern Cross #112, E. St. Louis

Year – Lodge

1923 – H.E. Burriss #113, East Moline
 1924 – L.W. Dickerson #114, Chicago~
 1924 – L.H. Palmer #115, Madison, WI[#]
 1924 – Plumblin #116, Chicago
 1924 – G.L. Stimpson #117, Chicago~
 1924 – J.W. Dunmore #118, Chicago~
 1924 – Cable #119, Chicago
 1924 – Jericho #120, Madison
 1924 – Alpha and Omega #121, Robbins
 1925 – Sons of Solomon #122, Argo~
 1926 – J.E. Bish #123, Chicago~
 1926 – C.T. Berry #124, Chicago~
 1926 – Rock River #125, Chicago~
 1926 – Wyatt Johnson #126, Chicago~
 1929 – Gulf City #127, Chicago~
 1930 – Wayfarers #128, Chicago
 1931 – Emmanuel #129, Chicago~
 1931 – Compositive #130, Chicago~
 1946 – Watch City #131, Aurora
 1947 – Pythagoras (Prospect) #132, Sycamore~
 1948 – Jachin #133, Chicago
 1950 – Pythagoras #134, Chicago
 1950 – Gibraltar #135, Chicago
 1953 – True #136, Kankakee
 1956 – Stone Temple #137, Chicago
 1956 – A.B. Carter #138, Wheaton
 1959 – Ashler #139, Chicago
 1968 – A.A. Martin #140, Cairo
 1969 – Bethany #141, Hopkins Park~
 1973 – P.G. Porter #142, APO AE
 1976 – C.E. Gavin #143, Chicago Heights~
 1977 – Baum Holder #144, Baumberg, Germany
 1977 – Sons of Light #145, Chicago
 1978 – Alpha Compact #146, Mulberry Grove
 1983 – William Scruggs #147, Waukegan
 1985 – Alexandria #148, Chicago
 1994 – P.E. Marshall #149, Bamberg, Germany
 1996 – Holy City #150, Chicago
 1996 – New Life #151, Chicago
 2002 – Masters #152, Chicago~
 2006 – Emmanuel #153, Chicago

☒ *Originally chartered by the Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Ohio as North Star #12 in 1852, G.T. Watson #16 in 1856 and Central #19 in 1857*

~ *Inactive Lodges*

Withdrew to form PHA Grand Lodges in Other States

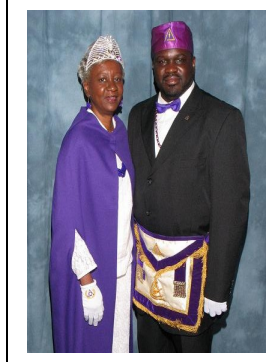
People You Should Know:

Dynamic Duos

The Prince Hall Masonic Family is filled with a number of dynamic husband/wife and parent/child combinations in high profile positions showing that participation within our organization is truly a family affair:



*Sister Wheatau A. H. Barsh and
Worshipful Brother James H. Barsh,
Worthy Grand Matron and Patron,
Eureka Grand Chapter, OES, State of
Illinois, PHA (Wife/ Husband)*



*Royal Matron Jeannette
Gary and Robert Q. Gary,
Royal Grand Perfect
Matron and Grand Chief
Advisor, Levi H. Morris
Grand Court, LCOP
(Mother/Son)*



*Right Worshipful Brother Dwayne
Smith, Grand Lecturer, MWPHGL
of Illinois and Sister Sandra
Smith, Grand Lecturer, Eureka
Grand Chapter, OES of Illinois
(Husband/Wife)*

How Well Do You Know Your History?

Listed below are 10 questions regarding the history of Prince Hall Masonry in the state of Illinois. Please answer the questions to the best of your ability to determine how well you know your PHamily history:

1. Which Lodge served as the home of the first Grand Master of our Grand Lodge?
2. Who served as the second Grand Master of our Grand Lodge?
3. Who initiated the idea of the formation of a Grand Lodge in the state of Illinois?
4. Which Grand Master was the first to have a subordinate Lodge named after him?
5. Translate the following initials:
 - a. A.F.A.Y.M. = ?
 - b. M.W.N.G.L. = ?
 - c. M.W.P.H.G.L. = ?
6. What was the first state outside of Illinois in which the Grand Lodge chartered a Lodge?
7. What year was our Grand Lodge first incorporated?
8. What was the year of adoption of the Grand Chapter of Holy Royal Arch Masons?
9. Which Grand Master implemented a recognition award for 50 year membership?
10. What year was Eureka Grand Chapter OES organized?



See page 47 for the Answers



In Remembrance of Our Predecessors

Excerpt of an Address by Alexander A. Martin, 16th Grand Master

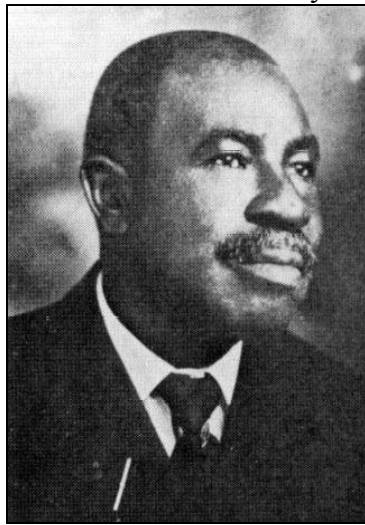
Those of our brothers who have passed on since last we met are not dead. They have simply exchanged a mortal for a crown of righteousness: they have left the trials and tribulations of an unfriendly world for the bliss of that new heaven about which we read in that holy book of books we know as the bible.

All true Masons are heaven bound. To be a Mason is to live in accordance with and in obedience to, the second great commandment, as proclaimed by God in the holy writ.

“Though shalt love thy neighbor as thy self,” Prince Hall Masons have dedicated themselves to establishment of this commandment on earth, and the doctrine of the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of man. The world may grow wise in science, transportation and a thousand new ways to increase the world’s riches, yet the opportunity for happiness remains in the field of brotherly love. Remembering

that the law of life is a law of strife and only through painful efforts, energy and determined courage can we move on to better things. Brotherhood still remains a task. The time has come for us, as Prince Hall Masons to assume a more active leadership in carrying out the task of Brotherhood. Most of the great problems facing our country today are only larger aspects of the evil passions that Masonry is trying to subdue.

We firmly believe that all our brothers who have passed on since last we met are now reposing in the arms of the All in All. Nothing we can do here, or say here, can console them now. They are far beyond the realm of consolation. They verily truly exemplified the spirit of our fraternity; to help the needy, to succor the distressed and support everything that is fine and noble. Their lives were epitomes of courage, vision and deep faith ---



an example worthy of emulation by all who love their fellowman. What we do here and say here, is for the living; those of us who are left here and for those who are to come after them and after us. After all, what do we ask of life here, or hereafter, but the privilege to serve, to live, to commune with our fellowman, and from the lap of the earth to look up into the face of God. Our departed brothers have played their part in the arena of Masonry. They have been a credit to the memory of the immortal Prince Hall. They

have left footprints on the sands of fellowship, and their illustrious memory shall course down the corridors of time.

Veneration of the past is honorable and desirable, respect for traditions and ancient customs is good, to study old things is helpful to understanding, but Masons are builders in an unfinished world and all the past is but a challenge to us as Prince Hall Masons. It is the goal of every Prince Hall

Mason to create an unobstructed law of the universe, administered by justice, wisdom and mercy; a law of balance, of beauty, of spiritual harmony, to promote faith which is the reality of Divine promise, and to project love.

How could we forget the men who have helped to carry the banner of this mighty host of consecrated men to the topmost round of the ladder? We shall not, we cannot! By reason of the fortitude of men like these, Prince Hall Masonry has gone on unabated down through the years, while countless other fraternal organizations have folded and been forgotten. Now let us go forth resolved that their lives have not been in vain: that the high principles which actuated them shall henceforth have an uplifting influence upon us, so that the good which they did may endure forever.





Famous African American Freemasons



Thurgood Marshall, Associate Justice, U.S. Supreme Court

Alex Haley, author

Charles B. Rangel, U.S. Congressman New York

Louis Stokes, U.S. Congressman Ohio



Booker T. Washington, founder Tuskegee Institute

William "Count" Basie, orchestra leader/composer

Matthew Henson, explorer

Daniel "Chappie" James, general U.S. Air Force

James Forten, abolitionist/manufacturer

Timothy Thomas Fortune, journalist



Robert Sengstacke Abbott, founder Chicago Defender



Richard Allen, founder/first bishop AME Church

Thomas Bradley, mayor of Los Angeles, California

Sugar Ray Robinson, boxing champion

John H. Johnson, publisher EBONY and Jet magazines

Carl B. Stokes, first Black elected mayor, Cleveland, OH

Rev. Al Sharpton., civil rights leader



Absalom Jones

Rev. Jesse Jackson, Sr., civil rights leader

Benjamin L. Hooks, Former Executive Director NAACP

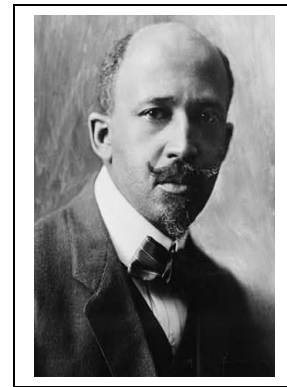
Ralph H. Metcalfe, Olympic champion

A. Phillip Randolph, founder/first president, International Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters

Nathaniel "Nat King" Cole, American pianist and singer

Edward Kennedy "Duke" Ellington, orchestra leader/composer

James Herbert "Eubie" Blake, composer/pianist



William E.B. DuBois, educator/author/historian

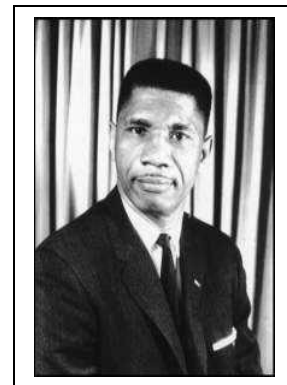
Andrew Young, former mayor of Atlanta

Benjamin Mays, educator

William C. Handy, composer

Augustus F. Hawkins. U.S. Congressman California

Lionel Hampton, orchestra leader/composer



Medgar Evers, civil rights leader

Ode to Our Sisters: "When I Look at You"

by Daryl Andrews



Mrs. Anna J. Powers, left, of Chicago, was elected worthy matron of Order of Eastern Star of Illinois, and Dr. J. C. Ellis, of Decatur, was reelected grand master of Prince Hall Grand Lodge, No. 73, Free and Accepted Masons, of Illinois, at convention in Decatur, October 10.—Photo by Helm.

When I look at you my face illuminates like the sun shining off of the sea ten thousand times the brightest shine that eyes did ever see. So genuine, so unique and so graceful are you in a pose. No beauty I've seen can compare to this that I now know.

My thoughts of you are in the highest from the words we've passed in time and by showing me this puts me in bliss and higher my thoughts do climb. So high that they could touch the sky and so wide that they cannot fall for to see you is to know you and that inspires me all the more.

This electric sensation is a feeling that digs deep down into my soul. This vision of beauty is an inspiration in ways that have often been told. For Helen's did on that woeful night when the Trojans went to war. More died in vain and were disdained for a beauty they'll see no more.

As eagles fly and snatch their prey for their appetite to be fulfilled was Romeo snatched by Juliet's and their lives forever willed. For the love of God, of Man, of Country and life do we all pray. Your beauty has inspired me to believe that it will make its way to the mountaintop, to the pinnacle of praise that most tend to adore, to God's second and be adorned with crowns of gold as in ancient lore.

That beauty seems as timeless as gold remains I cannot deny that beauty is not just a vision but compliments what one can justify inside one's soul, heart and mind by will and faith it evolves. Alive it grows and deepens into a mystery that we will never solve. Limitless and overflowing, its potential flows constantly through your veins. Nevertheless, when at last we finally pass, its essence will still remain. For the outside usually folds to the likeness of that which is within. For in your case there is no trace of difference without or within.

Why, if beauty was a statue and able to stand throughout the centuries by the riverside standing tall, ominous and high among the trees. I truly swear that it would bear no faults or penalties. Thy grace, my dear, truly declares that it bear your face eternally.



Chapter Spotlight: Emblem Chapter #140

Worthy Matron: Sister Sandra L. Tucker

Worthy Patron: Brother Larry Johnson

Emblem Chapter #140 of Waukegan, Illinois was organized, September 25, 1948, under the leadership of Grand Worthy Matron, Lovonia Brown and by the direction of the Grand Worthy Patron, Samuel H. Rosenberg and his commission, who granted the permission that the chapter be chartered. Assisted by other Grand Lodge Officers, Worthy Grand Patron Rosenberg, delivered the charter in 1948 and Emblem became known as Emblem Chapter #140, O.E.S. of the second district. Sister Rosa Hardwick, Worthy Matron, her staff of officers and members of Pride of the North Chapter #61 of Evanston, Illinois sponsored and initiated Emblem chapter. On November 17, 1974 Emblem was adopted by Rufus Mitchell Lodge #107, P.H.A. - Mayor Brother Bobby E. Thompson, Worshipful Master, Doctor Sister Daisy Brooks, Worthy Matron, and Doctor Brother Wadell Brooks, Worthy Patron. Sister Louise E. Jenkins was the first Worthy Matron of Emblem Chapter and was unselfishly supportive of the programs of each succeeding Worthy Matron until the Lord called her home on February 19, 1983. In her memory the chapter created the "Emblem Chapter #140 O.E.S. Lousie E. Jenkins Scholarship" which is awarded annually to a deserving student.



Over the years several Worthy Matrons and Worthy Patrons have served Emblem chapter and more than thirty matrons and more than five patrons have faithfully served as Grand Officers of Eureka Grand Chapter Illinois in elective offices. They include Sister Gwendolyn Lambert, Grand Auditor 1989, Sister Dollie L. Sanders, Worthy Grand Matron, 1993-95, Sister Rosemary Peterson, Grand Treasurer 1993-98, and Sister Valda L. Whitehead, Assistant Grand Lecturer 1994-97 and Grand Conductress 1999. Past Patron, Brother Archie C. Senter 33°, was elected and served from 1987-90 as the Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, Prince Hall Affiliated, State of Illinois and Past Patron, Brother Raymond T. Tucker, KYCH, 33°, has headed all York Rite Grand Houses within the state of Illinois. A list of all Past Worthy Matrons and Patrons and their respective years of service are listed below:

Worthy Matrons:	1948-50-Louise Jenkins	1968-Clara Watts	1982-Odesa T. Morton	1996-Mary L. Whiteside
	1951-52-Mallie Greene	1969-Eula Rodgers	1983-Eula Rodgers	1997-Wanda Sanders
	1953-54-Magnolia Lampkins	1970-Dollie Sanders	1984-Shirley Hilton	1998-Mary Ann Earls
	1955-56-Annie Bell Wilson	1971-Mattie Jones	1985-Alice Taylor	1999-Alise Sindab
	1957-Daisy Johnson	1972-Susie Fisher	1986-Johnnie B. Tate	2000-Jacqueline Baldwin
	1958-59-Isabell Mitchell Carter	1973-Gwendolyn Lambert	1987-Corrine Dillard	2001-Stephanie Cunningham
	1960-Mildred Victor	1974-Daisy Brooks	1988-Vanzetta Bridgemon	2002-Robin Branch-Gray
	1961-Mallie Greene	1975-Mildred E. Hudson	1989-Katherine Morris	2003-Patricia Cochran
	1962-Georgia McBride	1976-Lillian Carpenter	1990-Marilyn Ross	2004-Vicki Walker
	1963-Georgia McBride	1977-Rose Mullins	1991-Naomi A. Peters	2005-Sondra Virden
	1964-Minnie Smart	1978-Lillian O. Washington	1992-Valda L. Whitehead	2006-Carail Johnson
	1965-Dorothy Toney	1979-Clara Browder	1993-Essie Vorns	
	1966-Ernestine Simmons	1980-Trudy J. Evans	1994-Phelloneice Glover	
	1967-Florence Warship	1981-Rosemary Peterson	1995-Terry A. Turner	
Worthy Patrons:	1948-50-Sylvester Warren	1970-Archie C. Senter	1983-Raymond Tucker	1995-Joseph N. Carnell
	1951-William Jenkins, Sr.	1971-Emanuel M. Jones	1984-Roger B. Hiltson, Sr.	1996-Little X. Vorns
	1952-56-Robert Wilson	1972-73-Willoby Long	1985-Charles Bridgemon	1997-James W. Ross, Sr.
	1957-Thomas Green, Sr.	1974-Wadell Brooks, Sr.	1986-Nelson Tate, Sr.	1998-Otis W. Cromartie, Sr.
	1958-59-Robert Wilson	1975-Jack Adams	1987-Curtis Morris, Sr.	1999-Donnie Merritt
	1960-61-John W. Whitehead	1976-George Webster	1988-Amos Taylor	2000-William D. Baldwin, Sr.
	1962-Robert Wilson	1977-Jack Adams	1989-Robert C. Whitehead	2001-Timothy D. Gause
	1963-64-Archie C. Senter	1978-Robert Washington	1990-James W. Ross, Sr.	2002-Aaron Earls
	1965-John W. Whitehead	1979-James E. Morton	1991-R. Delacy Peters	2003-Ronald Spellman
	1966-Clyde D. Swann	1980-Robert B. Evans, Sr.	1992-Kenneth Stewart	2004-Willie Harris
	1967-68-Roland Toney	1981-Little X. Vorns	1993-Little X. Vorns	2005-Aaron Earls
	1969-John W. Whitehead	1982-James E. Morton	1994-Amos Taylor	2006-Larry Johnson

Under the current leadership of Sister Sandra L Tucker, Worthy Matron and Brother Larry Johnson, worthy Patron, Emblem is positioned to continue its long trend of leadership, benevolence, participation and success within the state of Illinois.



Source – Emblem Chapter #140 website (http://www.geocities.com/emblem_chapter_140)



*Heads of Appendant Bodies for 2006-2007
Of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge
State of Illinois and Its Jurisdiction*

*Illinois Council of Deliberation
Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite
Northern Masonic Jurisdiction, P.H.A.*



***Illustrious Brian L. Abrams, Sr., 33°
Deputy of the Orient of Illinois***

*Illinois State Grand Assembly
Order of the Golden Circle
P.H.A.*



***Loyal Lady Louise Nichols
State Grand Loyal Lady Ruler***

*Most Excellent Prince Hall Grand Chapter
Holy Royal Arch Masons*



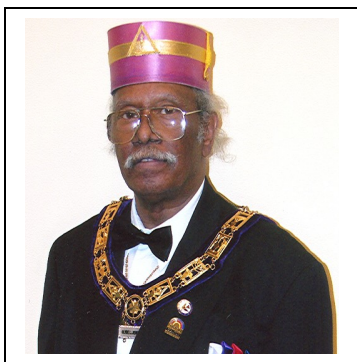
***M.E.C. Gordon Brewer, 32°
Most Excellent Grand High Priest***

*Most Ancient Prince Hall Grand Court
Heroines of Jericho*



***Heroine Brenda William
and Brother Raymond T. Tucker, 33°
Most Ancient Grand Matron
and Most Worthy Grand Joshua***

*Most Illustrious Prince Hall Grand Council
Royal and Select Masters*

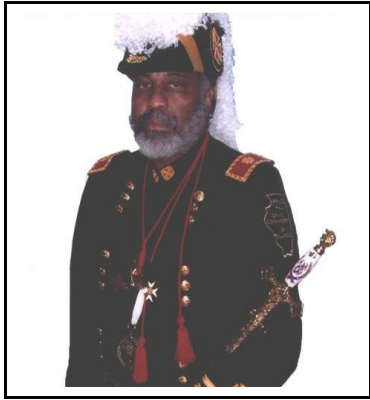


***M.I.C. Clyde L. Jenkins, 33°
Grand Thrice Illustrious Master***



***Sister Jeanette D. Gary
and Brother Robert Q. Gary
Royal Grand Perfect Matron
and Royal Grand Chief Advisor***

*Prince Hall Grand Commandery
Knights Templar*



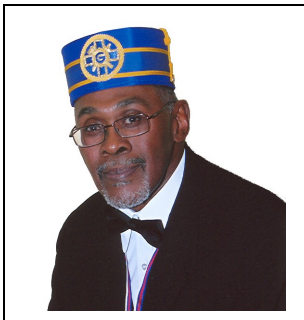
Sir Knight James Mitchell, 33°
Right Eminent Grand Commander

*Prince Hall Grand Guild
Heroines of the Templar Crusades*



Princess Yvonne German & Sir Knight James Reese
Most Noble Grand Princess Captain
and Grand Advisor

*John W. Thompson Priory No. 3
Knights of the York Cross of Honour*



E.P. Damon P. Anderson, Sr., 33°
Eminent Prior

*Levi L. Rose Priorate No. 1
Princesses of the York Cross of Honour*



Sister Shirley Ann Walker
Eminent Prioress

Ancient Egyptian Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine and Daughters of Isis



Noble T.J. Collins, 33°
Imperial Deputy
Desert of Illinois



Oliver S. Washington, 33°
Deputy Imperial Potentate
A.E.A.O.N.M.S



Daughter Rachel A. Carter
Imperial Deputy of the Desert
of Illinois

North and South America., P.H.A.

















Illinois Masonic Charities

The terms “Faith”, “Hope” and “Charity” are significant to Masons and Eastern Stars within the jurisdiction of Illinois. Our common faith in a Supreme Being and hope for eternal life prompt

the display of love and kindness through charitable acts which provides the basis for the formation of the Illinois Masonic Charities Foundation.

Illinois Masonic Charities is a 501c3 certified not-for-profit organization in the state of Illinois with the primary purpose of providing alternatives for at-risk youth not only within the Chicago area but also across the state of Illinois. The foundation was the brainchild of Grand Master Angelo W. Jones and is led by Oliver Washington whose Masonic leadership is well re-known across the United States.

On Friday, October 13, 2006, the Illinois Masonic charities held its first function – 2006 Black Tie Reception Fundraiser. The event served as the initial program of the organization to introduce its officers and members and provide an overview of the mission and objectives of the foundation. The event catered to a sell-out crowd featuring gourmet delicacies and extraordinary musical

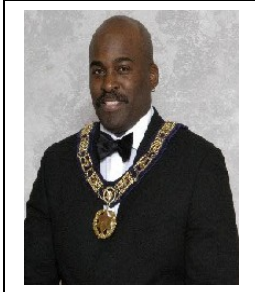
		
Angelo W. Jones - Grand Master Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge State of Illinois & Jurisdictions	Oliver Washington, Jr. - Board President	
		
James D. Worthington, III - Board V. P.	Marilyn Watt Crook - Board Treasurer	Joyce Clarke - Board Secretary
		
Lena Roberts - Board Member	Ted Green, Board Member	Otis W. Cromartie, Board Member
		
Eugene Varnado - Board Member	Esmarie Elliott - Board Member	Arthur L. Howard, Jr. - Board Member
		
Larry Collins - Board Member	Lucas Rawls - Board Member	Steven White - Board Member

sounds of Danny Barrett and the Elevation Band. It was truly an evening enjoyed by all in attendance as it raised suitable funds for the foundation to continue their efforts.

Overall, the organization consists of well-qualified individuals with valuable experience in the not-for-profit arena. This experience and the leadership experience of all members position the Foundation to perform a great service for Illinois communities in 2007 and beyond.



Grand Lecturers' Corner



R.W. Brother Dwayne Smith
MWPHGL Grand Lecturer

Tips from Mr. & Mrs. Smith



“Introductions”



Sister Sandra Smith
OES Grand Lecturer

Understanding the proper use of titles will aid us in introductions. In Blue House Masonry all Master Masons have the title of Brother. All who have been elected and installed as Worshipful Masters including Past Masters have the title of Worshipful Brother. Any Brother who has been elected to an office in the Grand Lodge has the title of Right Worshipful Brother. The title of Most Worshipful Brother is reserved for those who have had the privilege of being elected and installed as Most Worshipful Grand Master of The Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge. With That understanding it is easy to make introductions using the following formula:

Formula: Title + Name + Position

Examples:

Title:	Name:	Position:
Most Worshipful Brother	Angelo W. Jones	Grand Master of Prince Hall Masons State of Illinois and its Jurisdiction
Right Worshipful Brother	Michael E. Ramey	Grand Trustee of the MWPHGL State of Illinois and its Jurisdiction
Worshipful Brother	Daryl Andrews	DDGL of the MWPHGL State of Illinois and its Jurisdiction

In The Order of the Eastern Stars, the same formula is used, however, there are only two titles for The Order of the Eastern Star, that being Sister or Brother.

Examples:

Title:	Name:	Position:
Sister	Wheatau H. Barsh	Worthy Grand Matron of Eureka Grand Chapter Order of the Eastern Star
Brother	Fred Bradley III	Associate Grand Patron of Eureka Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star

We hope that you might find this information useful when introducing Grand Officers in your Lodges and Chapters.

Community Watch: It Takes A Village Foundation

by Kyle Andrews, Sean Queen and Lawrence Walker



“It Takes A Village” is a not-for-profit foundation that provides shelter for homeless families in the city of Chicago. Located on the South Side of the City at 544 West 123rd Street, the facility houses over 60 men, women and children. They work to provide the families with food, clothing and shelter as well as education to help the residents obtain employment opportunities.

While the foundation receives assistance from “Inner Voice”, its primary needs are clothing and mentorship for the children in the facility. Many of the families are single-parent families with children under the age of 14 years old and many have endured negative experiences.

As such it is a top priority of the foundation to develop and build opportunities with external groups to help guide the children in a positive direction by exposing them to positive experiences.

The relationship with the Prince Hall Masonic Family began from the recommendation of Brother Kyle Andrews of Cornerstone Lodge #91 in September of 2005. In recognizing the need for mentorship, Brother Andrews established a relationship with the foundation, obtained their



list of priorities and brought forward a recommendation to the Lodge to adopt the foundation. In October of 2005 Cornerstone Lodge #91 adopted the foundation under the recommendation of Brother Kyle Andrews and formed the Cornerstone Outreach Committee under his leadership to continue the support effort. Under his leadership, the Committee has completed the following successful drives:



- Linen Drives in January and April of 2006
- Back to School Drive in August of 2006
- Thanksgiving Day Drive in November of 2006
- Christmas Toy and Clothing Drive in December of 2006

These efforts have not only helped to provide the foundation with essentials throughout the course of the year but also helped to provide that positive experience which will help guide a young man or boy in a positive direction. This provides further insight into the true impact of charity – Charity breeds hope.

The current leadership of the foundation, is listed below:

- Lisa Baugh, Director
- Kathy Dixon, Case Manager
- Denise Boyd, Executive Administrator

Under their leadership the foundation is poised to increase their efforts in the community. Their continuous efforts to provide stellar support services to those in need have not only strengthened their footholds within the neighborhood but have also left a permanent footprint in the hearts of the Prince Hall Family.



It Takes A Village Contact Information:

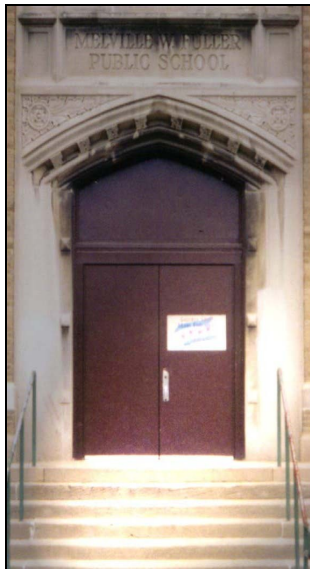
It Takes A Village (773) 928-6840, kdixon@innervoicechicago.org, www.InnerVoiceChicago.com

Christmas Drive at Fuller Elementary

In December of 2006 Jachin Lodge #133 and Princess Orpah Chapter #127 held a Christmas Drive to support Melville Weston Fuller Elementary located at 4214 S. St. Lawrence Ave. in Chicago, Illinois. Under the leadership of Dr. Patricia D. Kennedy, Fuller Elementary is a Kindergarten through Eighth grade school located within the direct vicinity of the Grand Lodge. The school website located at <http://www.fuller.cps.k12.il.us/vision.htm>



provides valuable insight into its vision and mission.



- **Vision** - “Fuller School envisions an inclusive environment in which all students, including those with special needs, will strive for excellence and take an active, responsible role in learning.” All students should be able to reason critically, work cooperatively, use all learning tools including technology, and contribute productively to society.”

- **Mission** – “Fuller School provides an academic program, including a World Language Academy curriculum that supports all students' learning. We are committed to

providing quality instruction in a safe supportive environment. We develop students' abilities to learn effectively through the utilization of common instructional strategies and integration of literacy and technology.”



Fuller school is the adopted school of Jachin and Princess Orpah. Under the Leadership of Worshipful Master Donald Walls, the drive capped their annual effort to provide support and inspiration in the form of Christmas gifts for the children of the school. The gifts ranged from dolls to bicycles and provided a spark for the youth with these generous donations. The Lodge and the Chapter proved one thing – that faith and hope breeds the action of charity. Congratulations on a job well done!



Royal Eagle Chapter #88 at the Greater Chicago Food Depository

The Greater Chicago Food Depository, Chicago's food bank located at 4100 W. Ann Lurie Place, Chicago, IL, is a not-for-profit food distribution and training center providing food for hungry people while striving to end hunger in our community. The Food Depository distributes donated and purchased food through a network of 600 food pantries, soup kitchens and shelters to almost a half-million adults and children every year. Last year, the Food Depository distributed more than 40 million pounds of nonperishable food and fresh produce, dairy products and meat, the equivalent of more than 84,000 meals every day. Innovative training



programs and initiatives developed by the Food Depository also work to provide men, women and children with the tools necessary to break their individual cycles of poverty.

On Saturday February 10, 2007 Royal Eagle Chapter #88, Order of the Eastern Star, sponsored and coordinated a volunteer effort with the Greater Chicago Food Depository to pickup and deliver food items and feed the hungry during this winter season.



Many volunteers from Chapters and Lodges assisted in the effort. Their labors not only contributed to the level of efficiency associated with the Depository but also helped to supply nourishment to the over 500,000 people that the Depository serves on a yearly basis.



The Greater Chicago Food Depository regularly accommodates volunteer groups of up to 50 people on weekdays, Wednesday evenings and Saturdays. For more information on the please visit their website located at [http:// www.ChicagosFoodBank.org](http://www.ChicagosFoodBank.org).



Overall, we, in the Prince Hall Phamily contribute greatly to our society through charitable acts and this collaboration which was coordinated by Royal Eagle Chapter #88 was definitely one successful affair in a line of many to come. Congratulations Royal Eagle on a job well done and in your future charitable endeavors.





Phamily Affairs



York Rite Day: 31 Arched



On Saturday, January 6, 2007 a total of 31 brothers were initiated during the York Rite Day into the Holy Royal Arch, Royal and Select Masters and Knights Templar. The Male York Rite Houses are headed by M.E.C. Gordon Brewer, Grand High Priest, M.I.C. Clyde Jenkins, Grand Thrice Illustrious Master and S.K. James Mitchell, Right Eminent Grand Commander.

Congratulations!!!

With Great Sorrow



Sister Delia Walls,
Worthy Grand Matron
Eureka Grand Chapter,
Order of the Eastern Star
1984-1985

Sis Walls served Eureka Grand Chapter well from 1984 to 1985 initiating the Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day programs along with the Late MW Bro Levi L. Rose, Grand Master. She made her earthly transition on Christmas Morning in 2006.

Let Us All Welcome the Newest Lodge & Chapter to Our Phamily



Emmanuel Lodge #153, Chicago



Queen Candace Chapter U.D., Chicago

Congratulations to the newly appointed District Deputy Grand Masters & Lecturers:

District Deputy Grand Masters

- Wor. Bro. Marvin Green, #28
- Wor. Bro. Stephen White, #62
- Wor. Bro. George Reid, #59
- Wor. Bro. Jesse Driver, #31

District Deputy Grand Lecturers

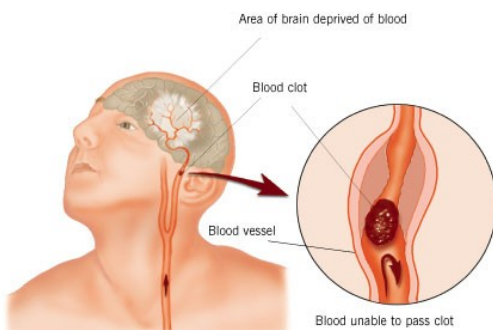
- Wor. Bro. Glen Pickett, #109
- Wor. Bro. Daryl Andrews, #91
- Wor. Bro. David Johnson, #18

To whom much is given, much is expected. Look well to your duties!!!

Health Watch:

Recognizing a Stroke

Submitted by P.M. M. Williams and Bro. Lawrence Walker



The 3 steps are S.T.R. - **Read and Learn!** Sometimes symptoms of a stroke are difficult to identify. Unfortunately, the lack of awareness spells disaster. The stroke victim may suffer severe brain damage when people nearby fail to recognize the symptoms of a stroke. Now doctors say a bystander can recognize a stroke by asking three simple questions:

- **S** is **SMILE** - Ask them to **SMILE**.
- **T** is **TALK** - Ask the person **n** to **TALK**: to **SPEAK** A **SIMPLE SENTENCE** such as (Coherently) (i.e. . . It is sunny out today)
- **R** is for **RAISE** - Ask him or her to **RAISE BOTH ARMS**.

Another 'sign' of a stroke is this: Ask the person to 'stick' out their tongue. If the tongue is 'crooked', if it goes to one side or the other that is also an indication of a stroke. If anyone has trouble with any of these tasks, call 911 immediately. A quick call could save a life.

**Congratulations to the MWPHGLIL
Shining Light Award Recipients:
Ashby B. Carter Lodge #138 and East Gate Chapter #94**



The Grand Webmasters sponsored a contest during the month of January to identify the most creative and informational Prince Hall Masonic Lodge and OES Chapter websites based upon popular vote. East Gate Chapter #94 received 96% of the vote for Chapters and Ashby B. Carter Lodge #138 received 30% of the vote for Lodges. Congratulations!!!



Lodge and Chapter Website Listing



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- Ashby B. Carter Lodge #138: <http://www.ashbybcarter.com>
Cornerstone Lodge #91: <http://www.cornerstone91.com>
East Gate Lodge #98: <http://www.eastgate98eg4l.4t.com>
Elijah S. Betts Lodge #23: <http://www.esb23.org/>
Emblem Chapter #140: http://www.geocities.com/emblem_chapter_140
Fidelity Lodge #103: <http://fidelity103il.net/>
Garden City Lodge #59: <http://www.geocities.com/gardencity59>
Harmony Lodge #88: <http://www.harmony88.com>
Hiram Lodge #14: <http://mastermason.com/hiram lodge41pha>
Jachin Lodge #133: <http://mwphglil.com/Jachin133>
Lone Star Lodge #18: <http://LoneStar18.com>
P.G. Porter Lodge #142: <http://www.geocities.com/pgporter142/AL.html>
Pride of Harmony Chapter #144: http://harmony88.com/p_o_h_144
Prince Hall Lodge #52: <http://www.princehall52.org>
West Gate Chapter #94: <http://www.eastgate94oes-pha.com>
Western Light Lodge #30: <http://westernlight30.tripod.com/>
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Please contact the Grand Webmasters to add your Lodge or Chapter website as a link to Grand Lodge website by forwarding the URL to Webmasters@mwphglil.com.

Grand Lodge Webmasters: LaMonte Wilson, #14 (Chairman), PM Daryl Andrews, #91, PM Bryan Spencer, #98

Sudan Temple and Court Honor Leadership



On November 4, 2006, Sudan Temple # 93 and Sudan Court #19 honored Noble Aubrey K. Barlow, 33°, Illustrious Potentate and Daughter Naomi Dixon, Illustrious Commandress at the Park Inn Hotel in Urbana, Illinois for their successful terms of service. Both honorees are very active within the Illinois Masonic Phamily

and have a history of excellent leadership across many affiliate bodies within the jurisdiction. Their efforts have commanded the respect of many from across the jurisdiction which was displayed in the attendance of the affair. Among those in attendance were Grand Master Angelo W. Jones and Deputy Imperial Potentate Oliver Washington, Jr. Pictured above left are J. Whitehead, Noble R. Bell, Noble D. Andrews, Ill. O. Washington, M.W. A. Jones, Noble A. Barlow and Noble J. Collum.



History of Sudan Temple



Sudan Temple #93 was instituted on August 18, 1920. Twenty-eight qualified brethren were initiated under the supervision of the Imperial Deputy of the Desert of Illinois, Noble Joseph W. Moore.

The Imperial Council, upon the recommendations of the Imperial Deputy of the Desert of Illinois, granted Sudan Temple #93, located in the Oasis of Champaign and the Desert of Illinois, a Charter on August 20, 1920, during the Twenty-First Annual Session of the Imperial Council in Cincinnati, Ohio, August 22-27, 1920.

First Officers

- Noble Albert R. Lee, *Illustrious Potentate*
- Noble C.W. Nicholson, *Chief Rabban*
- Noble Raymond Scott, *Assistant Rabban*
- Noble Irving Jones, *High Priest and Prophet*
- Noble Woody Thomas, *Oriental Guide*
- Noble Allen Green, *Treasurer*
- Noble Arthur E. Woodruff, *Recorder*



History of Sudan Court



In 1950, a group of women met to form an auxiliary to the Ancient Egyptian Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine of North and South America and it's Jurisdiction, Inc, Prince Hall Affiliation. These women were the female family members of the Nobles in the long instituted Sudan Temple #93.

On April 7, 1950, the group became known as Sudan Court #19, Daughters of Isis, Oasis of Champaign, Desert of Illinois; A Constituent Court of the Imperial Court Daughters of Isis and an auxiliary of Sudan Temple #93 of the A.E.A.O.N.M.S. of North and South America and it's Jurisdiction, Inc. P.H.A.

Sudan Court received its Charter on August 14, 1950 with the purpose to unite, in one common bond of friendship, the female family members of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, to practice charity and benevolence; to promote general welfare and to inculcate honor and integrity.

First Officers

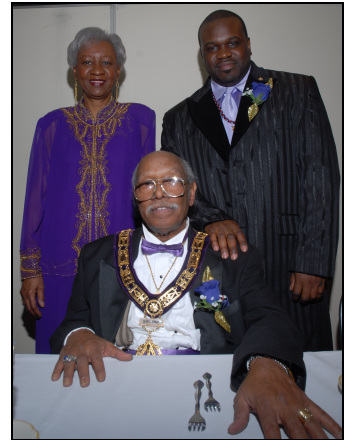
- Daughter Ruth Hendricks, *Illustrious Commandress*
- Daughter Dorothy Rivers, *First Lieutenant Commandress*
- Daughter Betty Nelson, *Second Lieutenant Commandress*



A Sea of Purple and Gold Ball

By P.M. Eugene Washington

The Purple and Gold Ball was sponsored by The Ladies of the Circle of Perfection Grand Court, with help from their Brothers, Prince Hall Grand Council, Royal and Select Masters where Most Illustrious Companion Clyde Jenkins serves as Grand Thrice Illustrious Master. It was held on Saturday February 17, 2007 at the Homewood Hotel, Homewood, IL. The affair honored Royal Matron Jeanette D Gary, Royal Grand Perfect Matron and Illustrious Companion Guardian Robert Q Gary, Royal Grand Chief Advisor. The affair was well supported by the Prince Hall family and Pilgrim Baptist Church where RM Jeanette Gary and her husband Rev. Leroy Gary hold their membership.



Prince Hall Heads of Houses, Pilgrim Baptist Church members, and



well wishers showered RM Gary with gifts and tokens. ICG Robert Q. Gary was fortunate to receive a few tokens but what can we say --- Mothers always outshine their sons in every thing. Oh did I forget to mention that they were Mother and Son. Well now, in current history this is the first Mother/Son Duet to grace the Grand East of a Prince Hall family House.

RM Gary and ICG Gary were very pleased with the affair and the work of their Ball committee. Gifts were presented to all committee persons. The Ball committee also crowned a Queen and King and a first runner up. The Queen for 2007 is RM Julia Cooper RPM of Robert Williams Court #15. The King is ICG Montie Reynolds RCA of Prince Hall Court #1. He was represented by MIC Leroy Gary PGTIM/PGRCA. 1st Runner up was RM Linda Granderson, RPM of Prince Hall Court #1.

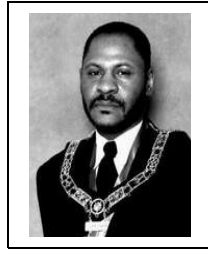
Pictured: ICG Robert Q. Gary, Royal Grand Perfect Matron Jeanette D. Gary, PGTIM Leroy Gary, Queen Julia Cooper, Major Lacy and 1st Runner Up Linda Granderson



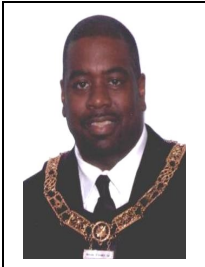
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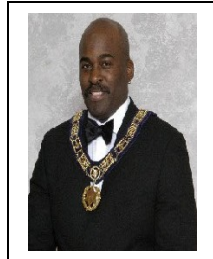
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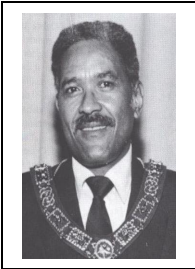
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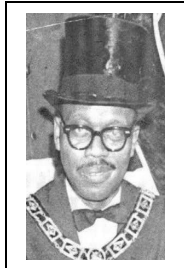
RW Dwayne Smith



PM Bernard Teat



PM Isaac Washington



PM Marvin Williams



PM Ron Wilson

Not Pictured

- PM Wadell Brooks
- PM R.C. Brown
- PM Harry Collier
- PM Austin Davis
- PM Robert DeCuir
- RW George Harris
- PM Roderick Hawkins
- PM Joshua Hayes
- RW Edward Junkins
- RW Michael Patterson
- PM Odell Smith
- PM Charles Stewart



You Better Recognize

How good are you at putting names with faces? Do you recognize these brothers and sisters? Review the photos listed below and identify all of the individuals in the photographs.

BOX A



BOX B



BOX C (3 Names)



BOX D



BOX E



BOX F (2 Names)



Match from Below:

- Ernie Banks
- James Black
- Walter Dyett
- Eleanor Gibson
- Tecola Grandberry
- Robert Jackson
- Daisy Johnson
- Obed Vanderbug
- Mattie Woolridge

See Page 47 for Answers

Our Primary Obligation to the Past is to Secure Our Future

By Daryl Andrews



On March 21, 1953, Grand Master Ashby B. Carter and the Trustees of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Illinois contracted to purchase the present Masonic Temple located on the southwest corner of 42nd Place and Cottage Grove Avenue in Chicago, Illinois. It was indeed a great day when the purchase was completed as it provided a larger home for Prince Hall Masonry in a strategic location within the Illinois jurisdiction. To commemorate the occasion, the official dedication of the new Grand Lodge Temple was performed in 1954 by Grand Master Dr. Frances C. Rogan and Deputy Grand Master Obed E. Vanderburg. From its initial purchase the Grand East has served as the main lighthouse for Prince Hall Masonry within the jurisdiction of Illinois.

The first Grand Master to serve from the new Grand East was Grand Master Vanderburg and with the efforts of the brethren, the mortgage was paid in full in only six years with the final payment being made on September 8, 1959. To symbolize the new found financial independence, a mortgage burning ceremony was held at the 93rd Annual Grand Communication to commemorate this grand occasion. It was during this period that a number of programs flourished across the state utilizing the Grand East as its primary point of contact:

- During the late 1950s and early 1960s the Order of the Junior Craftsmen grew to 35 councils consisting of more than 600 boys

throughout the state under the direction of Brother Henry G. Fort.

- During the 1960s and 1970s, the Grand Lodge adopted a Big Brother program to mentor young men which also received positive attention from across the state.
- During the late 1970s and 1980s, activities of Prince Hall Masons in the state of Illinois were widely known as many of our Grand masters were highlighted in nationally distributed publications such as Grand Master Archie Senter who was featured in the Chicago Defender.

These positive efforts led to the growth of the jurisdiction from 1950 to 1990 as a total of 15 new Lodges were formed. 53% of the new Lodges made their homes directly in Chicago, 13% in the Chicago vicinity and 34% in downstate Illinois and overseas. The 66% growth rate within the vicinity of the Grand East demonstrated the appeal of Masonry in this highly visible environment.

In the 1990s, after years of utilization by the craft, discussions ensued under the administration of Grand Master Henry Short to address the needs of the Grand East. During his term planning began to update the outdated electrical and mechanical infrastructure and the interior/exterior facades. Planning continued under the term of Grand Master Clarence Trotter and was completed under the administration of Grand Master Willie B.

Evans, Sr. who began the first phase of construction for the project.

The first phase was significant as it reorganized many of the physical resources that we see today. The old office space and the large flight of winding stairs that extended from the entry way to the upper floors were cleared to lay the foundations for the new banquet hall, elevator system and entry way to the Grand East. Renovation on the second floor dining hall and kitchen also began and was completed along with the elevator system under the administration of Grand Master James Gavin. The new elevator system made traveling between floors a much simpler process and the new heating system was a welcomed addition during the winter months.

Relocation of the Grand Lodge offices and renovations to the meeting halls and building exterior had also begun and was completed under the administration of Grand Master Jerry Butler. The installation of new windows and an entry way on the North side of the façade significantly improved the exterior appearance of the Grand East. Ashby B. Carter Hall on the third floor endured a significant makeover and the efforts on the first floor banquet hall were concluded completing numerous transformations. At its unveiling, the new hall,

titled Willie B. Evans, Sr. Hall in 2005, boasted new kitchen facilities, a divider wall system, independent climate controls and an improved infrastructure to better support the second floor.

The current efforts to transform the west side of the first floor into additional space for programs to better the craft and community; renovate the basement to increase storage capacity; finalize updates to meeting halls, the library and extra office space for the second, third and fourth floors are the task of the current administration under Grand Master Angelo W. Jones. Upon completion of this phase, the Grand East will shine in appearance and in integrity as it will serve as a center for Masonic gatherings and education.

What is our obligation today? It is to complete this effort for tomorrow's craft to whom we were made trustees at the moment we joined the organization. It is to place our organization in a position in which it can shine like the sun at its meridian height. Completion of this effort will fulfill a piece of this obligation and will aid in securing the lighthouse for Prince Hall Masonry in Illinois for future generations to come.



Answers: How Well Do You Know Your History?

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| 1. Central #3 | 6. Wisconsin, Brown #25, Milwaukee |
| 2. Most Worshipful Brother Isaac H. Kelly, G.T. Watson #2 | 7. 1882 |
| 3. Brother H.D. King, North Star #1 | 8. 1878 |
| 4. Most Worshipful Brother William L. Darrow, North Star Lodge #1, Chicago --- W.L. Darrow Lodge #10 | 9. Most Worshipful Brother Obed E. Vanderburg, Fidelity #103, Chicago |
| 5. Translate the following initials: | 10. 1890 |
| a. Ancient Free and Accepted York Masons | |
| b. Most Worshipful National Grand Lodge | |
| c. Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge | |



Answers: You Better Recognize

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|---|--|
| A. Mattie Woolridge – 16 th Grand Matron | D. Walter Dyett |
| B. Daisy Johnson – 19 th Grand Matron | E. Robert Jackson |
| C. P.G.M. Obed Vanderburg, Ernie Banks – “Mr. Cub”, Tecola Grandberry – WM #103 | F. Eleanor Gibson and P.G.M. James Black |





PHamily Calendar of Upcoming Events



- March 2-4:** MWPHGL Mid Year Meeting, Crowne Plaza, Springfield, IL
March 17: York Rite Day at 8:00AM, Christ Universal Temple, 5539 S. Damen, Chicago, IL
March 31: Worthy Grand Matron / Patron Special Effort, Condessa Del Mar, Chicago, IL
April 28: OES Statewide Initiation, Prince Hall Masonic Temple, Chicago, IL
May 5: Mason of the Year Banquet, Eastland Suites, Bloomington, IL
May 5: York Rite Benevolent Banquet, Chicago, IL
June 24: St. John's Day, Jurisdiction of Illinois
July 26-Aug. 4: 2007 Unification Grand Sessions, Decatur, IL



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