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Editorial

This edition of the places a major focus on the topic of **Bogus Masonry**. Community service efforts of the Craft are also covered in this edition. It is my hope that you are entertained and educated by the contents within these pages.

Many who belong to bogus organizations do not necessarily know that their organization is bogus. How would someone who knows nothing about Freemasonry be able to identify the proper path? What makes an organization a bogus body?

The goal of this edition is to answer the aforementioned questions by presenting clear definitions of “Masonic Regularity” and “Bogus Masonry” and identifying bogus organizations in operation today in Illinois. There are no secrets in these pages. So feel free to share this edition with men who belong to bogus organizations and the public. It may force them to ask about being healed and may save the public who may have an interest in joining a great deal of headache and heartache.

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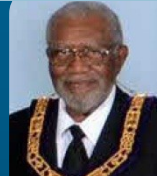
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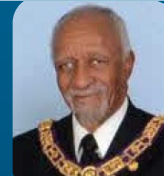
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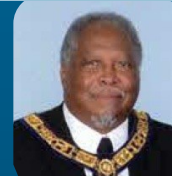
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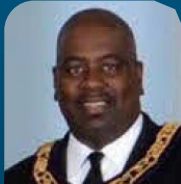
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Congratulations to Brother Edward Briscoe, Junior Deacon of Cornerstone Lodge #91 on his selection as one of three recipients of the 2015 Chicago Defender Men of Excellence Awardees. Brother Briscoe is the Director of

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2014-15 Mason of the Year

RW Bro. Michael D. Ramey Sr. was selected as the 56th Mason of the Year of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Illinois at the 148th Communication of the Grand Lodge. Right Worshipful Brother Ramey was raised in Garden City Lodge #59 in 1989. After serving as Worshipful Master in 1998 he was appointed as a District Deputy Grand Master for the First District. Having served in this role for 5 years, he earned election to the Office of Grand Trustee in 2003 which is the office he holds today.



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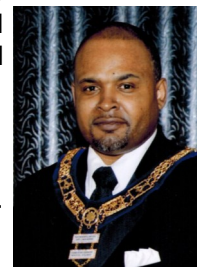
Congratulations to Bro. Harvey Hall, 2014 Grand Lodge Ritualistic Contest Winner. Bro. Hall is the Senior Warden of Central Lodge #3 and is always willing to help another brother. He has traveled to the 2nd & 3rd Districts to aid & assist with the Middle Chamber & Burial Ceremony. He give all the glory to the teaching of 3rd District Deputy Grand Master Bro. Ron Wilson, Hewitt Douglass, PGM Clarence Trotter and the support of Central Lodge #3. Congratulations!



Journal Editor Makes History

The election of the editor of the Prince Hall Masonic Journal, Right Worshipful Brother Daryl Andrews, to the Office of Grand Treasurer at the 148th Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge made history. He is the only Prince Hall Mason in the history of the Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Illinois to have been elected to all of the Grand Financial offices:

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- Grand Treasurer (Act.) - 12/2013-14
- Grand Treasurer—2014 to 2015



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The Public Relations Committee represented the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Illinois at the Illinois State Fair earlier this

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REGULARITY

by P.M. Adrian Cooley, FPSH

The author of the book "Regularity Of Origin", Christopher Haffner, defines "regular" as "conforming to a standard", "in order", "properly constituted or qualified". In order to be recognized as a regular Freemason one must belong to a lodge that is subordinate to regular Grand Lodge. The definitions of regularity has evolved greatly since the first grand lodge was formally organized in England in 1717. Early on there were no extensive written standards in the 18th century regarding regularity. Dr. James Anderson published the (Modern) Grand Lodge of England's "Constitutions of Freemasons". Inside the version re-printed by Benjamin Franklin in 1734 it was stated that you could not form a new lodge without the Grand Master's warrant. If a lodge was formed without permission they would be treated as "rebels".

By today's standards in order to be considered regular, a grand lodge has to be formed by three or more lodges that were previously chartered by another regular grand lodge. In the 18th century grand lodges on a few occasions were formed with only one or two lodges. The lodge that George Washington was initiated in was originally formed without a regular charter. The lodge minutes start in 1752 but they did not receive a charter from the Grand Lodge of Scotland until 1758. His Fredericksburg lodge even granted charters to six other lodges. The Fredericksburg lodge eventually participated in forming the Grand Lodge of Virginia, AF&AM and became Fredericksburg Lodge No. 4.

The Grand Lodge of New Jersey formed a grand lodge by simply a convention of Masons in 1786. At that time there were only two lodges in the state of New Jersey. African Lodge No. 459 was chartered by the (Modern) Grand Lodge of England in 1784. In 1797 Prince Hall gave permission to start new lodges in Philadelphia, PA and Providence, Rhode Island. The methods by which these lodges were started back then would be considered irregular today but all of those lodges and their legitimate descendants are considered regular today.

By 1929, the United Grand Lodge of England decided to produce the "Basic Principles for Grand Lodge Recognition". These were not new principles. They were simply standards that already existed unofficially but practiced by regular Grand Lodges before the 20th century came around. A few of those principles include:

- **To be regular in its origin and to be able to trace its lineage to the Grand Lodge of England, Grand Lodge of Ireland, or the Grand Lodge of Scotland**

- **Established by three or more lodges**
- **To be truly independent and self-governing (meaning no national grand lodges or supreme councils over that grand lodge)**
- **Exclusive Territorial Jurisdiction where the younger grand lodge must have permission from the older grand lodge to charter lodges in that territory**

There are many common misconceptions about regularity. Some confuse regularity and recognition as being one and the same but they are not. You must be regular to be recognized by another regular grand lodge but a regular grand lodge is not guaranteed to be recognized. Also recognition between two grand lodges has to be mutual. Being that all regular grand lodges are sovereign, recognition between two grand lodges cannot bind a third grand lodge that only recognizes one of those grand lodges. The third grand lodge would still need to enter into an explicit recognition agreement with the one it doesn't already recognize.

There are some who confuse a "Masonic" charter with a business charter or corporation charter issued by the Secretary of State. I can go right now to www.legalzoom.com and give them name "The Most Worshipful A.C. Grand Lodge of Illinois Incorporated" and in two weeks or less I will receive my articles of incorporation and my corporate charter. No one on Secretary of State Jesse White's staff can make a determination of who is and who is not a regular Freemason.

Another common misconception is that anyone who takes that same oath or goes through the same initiation as a regular Freemason is also to be considered a legitimate Freemason. This is not true. A lodge that has an origin that is regular but has a practice that is irregular is considered an irregular lodge. For example, a Freemason that is initiated in an irregular manner is an irregular Mason. If a grand lodge has a law that states that a man has to be 21 and he is initiated at 18, then his initiation was irregular and he may be deemed an irregular Freemason. An irregularity can happen when an initiation occurs on a date that is not approved by the Grand Master. Irregularity is usually something that is easily corrected. Some grand lodges have a "healing" process for irregular Freemasons. This may include

taking all of the degrees over again or undergoing a quick one day short ceremony. A lodge can begin as regular but make decisions that may later deem it irregular.

There is a classification that is worse than being irregular. A “clandestine” Mason is a person made in a lodge that doesn’t have a charter from a grand lodge that is considered regular. These lodges trace their origin from a grand lodge that was formed without permission of the nearest regular grand lodge . Many times these grand lodges may have been formed through an act of deception. Many innocent men join these lodges not knowing any better. It may have happened that the person they asked to help them become a Freemason was not a member of a regular lodge. A clandestine Mason cannot visit a meeting of a regular lodge. A clandestine Mason is not recognized to be a Freemason at all. Some grand lodges may heal an irregular Mason but refuse to heal a clandestine Mason. Those grand lodges make a clandestine Mason take his degrees all over as if he was never initiated at all.

Many grand lodges do not make a distinction between other grand lodges being irregular and clandestine. Either you meet all of their recognition standards or you don’t. If you don’t meet their standards you will simply be deemed clandestine. There are instances where two grand lodges can both be regular but for whatever reason they have never requested formal recognition with each other. In those cases those two grand lodges will consider each other clandestine simply because they do not know the other’s Masonic history. Case in point the Grand Lodge of Illinois and the Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Illinois considered each other technically “clandestine” until 1997. They formally entered into a mutual recognition agreement in 1998.

A major difference between being clandestine and irregular is that irregularities can normally be corrected. A lodge’s clandestine origin can never be corrected. The individual members of a clandestine lodge would have to be re-initiated or healed. Those members would then join a new regularly chartered lodge or join an existing regular lodge. A lodge can begin with a regular origin but become irregular. For example the Grand Orient of France was a regular Masonic body until it voted in 1877 to remove the requirement of a belief in a supreme being. Other regular grand lodges began withdrawing recognition and eventually a new grand lodge was formed in France in 1913. This grand lodge was called The National Grand Lodge of France or “Grande Loge Nationale Française” which was eventually recognized by the United Grand Lodge of England . If the Grand Orient of France would have recanted and reinstated the requirement of a “belief of a supreme being” they may

have been again deemed regular. A clandestine lodge can never become regular.

There have been several lawsuits over regularity. Many grand lodges that have been considered bogus or illegitimate have been shut down . Unfortunately many of those grand lodges have shut down just to restart under a different name. You can search past newspaper articles about those cases. They may split off and form more splinter groups. The M.W. Prince Hall Grand Lodge has had a consecutive existence since 1867 and the M.W. Grand Lodge of Illinois has had a consecutive existence since 1840 . You will be hard pressed to find any other grand lodge in state of Illinois that has existed more than 100 consecutive years.

Many of the Masonic groups that are not regular believe there is no such thing as Masonic “regularity”. Some believe there should be no rules as to how start a new Masonic lodge or grand lodge. They believe if you use the same initiation rituals and learn the same symbolism that we are all the “same”. I will attempt to show why that isn’t necessarily true. I have personally come across many people who believe that Freemasonry has symbolism and teachings stolen from the Ancient Egyptian Mystery Schools. There may indeed be symbolism in Freemasonry that can be traced to ancient civilizations but the knowledge that acquired when becoming a Freemason and the actual formal organization are two separate things.

Knowledge doesn’t belong to one person or group but the name and structure of an organization does indeed belong to that organization. The knowledge and symbolism that may be traced to ancient societies can be found in many fraternal organizations including collegiate Greek-letter fraternities. That doesn’t mean that all descendants of Ancient Egypt have automatic rights to call themselves Freemasons. Freemasons uses terms like “Right Worshipful” and “Very Worshipful” which are old English terms where “Worshipful” means highly respected . It is ironic that the members of unrecognized Masonic orders who push the stolen Ancient Egypt conspiracy use the Old English terms of English Freemasons, and even the regalia of Old English Freemasons. Again knowledge is free but you can’t use the name, symbolism and the regalia of a particular fraternal organization without permission or a charter from that organization.

There are many other fraternal societies that are similar to Freemasonry but do not call themselves Freemasons nor do they to pretend to be connected with Freemasonry. Organizations like the Odd Fellows and the Order of mechanics use symbolism to teach moral lessons. They even divide these lessons into “degrees”. Although similar in structure and operate similar to Freemasons they are not clandestine or bogus Freemasons. They are not connected at all to Freemasonry. Some of their symbolism may be traced to ancient civilizations like Egypt but they are not the same organizations as those Ancient Egyptian orders.

To test a Masonic organization's lineage a person can research to see how far it can go back to the one of the original Grand Lodges in England, Scotland or Ireland. There should be documentation to prove when the older grand lodge gave the charter to newer lodge. For example, there is plenty of documentation regarding when The (Modern) Grand Lodge of England issued a charter for Prince Hall and the members of African Lodge #459 in 1784. The original charter can be seen today. It is locked away in a bank vault in Boston. It can be viewed during the biennial re-opening of African Lodge. If a lodge started in 1784 can be verified, surely any lodge after that can be verified as well. In my extensive research I have not found a regular lodge to have been chartered by a foreign grand lodge after the 18th century. For example if an American lodge claims it can trace to another grand lodge. There should be proof somewhere. There should be proof of that first charter, even the lodge's name, the lodge's first Worshipful Master.

As I mentioned before regularity and recognition is not the same. Regularity can be said to be subjective but recognition is absolute. Because of centuries old standards the Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Illinois and the Grand Lodge of Illinois are the only grand lodges in Illinois that are recognized by the United Grand Lodge of England or any other regular grand lodge in and outside of the United States.

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Honorable Brother Adrian V. Cooley is a Mason's Mason.

The charter Senior Warden of Union Lodge #155, his initial walk into Freemasonry came with membership in Celestial Lodge #80 of Chicago. He has served as Secretary of Elijah S. Betts Lodge #23 of Bloomington. In order to extend the bonds of brotherhood forged long ago with other former members of Elijah S. Betts Lodge #23, he worked along with the brethren in the City of Chicago under the auspices of Most Worshipful Brother Angelo W. Jones to establish Union Lodge #155 in 2008. He was elected and served as the second Master of the Lodge in 2009. A long-time member of the Phylaxis Society, his hunger for knowledge and history is second to none and his work ethic to recover both is unmatched. The third President of the Brian L. Abrams Chapter Phylaxis Society, his efforts increased membership in the local Chapter to a great degree and sparked conversations between regular and irregular Masons which have provided clarity on many points and drove many to investigate the history and regularity of Prince Hall Freemasonry. Currently a resident of Georgia, he now serves as a District Deputy Grand Master at Large for the Grand Lodge and as a Representative for the Council of Representatives for the Phylaxis Society.

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Partial Listing of Bogus Masonic Organizations in Illinois

Submitted by W. Bro. Carlton Smith, Eternal Light #156

There are only two legitimate Masonic Organizations within the State of Illinois—**Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge, Free & Accepted Masons, State of Illinois** and the **Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Illinois, Ancient Free & Accepted Masons, State of Illinois**. **ANY** other body claiming to be a legitimate Masonic organization in Illinois is a bogus organization. A partial listing of these bodies in the State of Illinois are as follows:

NAME OF BOGUS ORGANIZATION	LOCATION	NAME OF BOGUS ORGANIZATION	LOCATION
• First St. Johns Grand Lodge	Chicago	• Illinois United Grand Council of Deliberation	Chicago
• MW Hiram Grand Lodge AFAM	Chicago	• Illinois Association of Grand Lodges	Harvey
• Job Grand Lodge	Calumet Park	• William V. Banks Grand Lodge IFAMM	Maywood
• The Original MW St. Johns Grand Lodge	Vernon Hills	• Josiah Grand Council of Cryptic Masons	Chicago
• MW Aaron Grand Lodge	Chicago	• Judah Grand Lodge	Chicago
• MW Celestial Grand Lodge AFAM	Westchester	• King Jesus Sovereign Grand Lodge	Chicago
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• MW Holy Trinity Grand Lodge AFAM	Chicago	• Kingdom Grand Lodge #1 AFAM	Ford Heights
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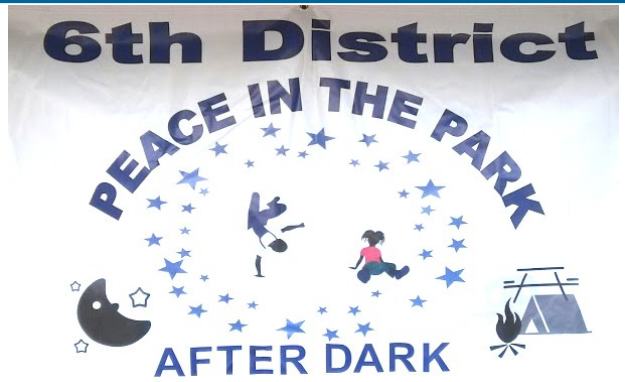
Monarch Helps Spread Peace in the Park

On Friday, August 15, 2014, 3:30 p.m. until Saturday, August 16, 2014 8:00 a.m., Commander Fred Waller and the Sixth District CAPS office hosted the fifth annual overnight youth camping event, Peace in the Park After Dark. The event was located at the Nat King Cole Park on 85th and Martin Luther King Drive. The program hosted about ninety (90)



children between the ages of 11 and 18. Many of the participants were participating in a camping event of this kind for the first time. The objective of this growing event was to keep the Memory of Slain Chicago Police Officer Thomas Wortham IV (pictured), who was killed in a robbery attempt outside his parents' home across the street from the park, alive. Participants in this event included police officers, community volunteers, elected officials, park district staff, local businesses and organizations like Monarch Lodge No. 99 that care about the community and those in it.

For the last three years a growing number of brothers from Monarch (99) have participated in the planning and execution of this great event. It is vastly becoming one of our staple community service projects and near to our hearts. Monarch Lodge is in the core of another Chicago community plagued with violence and a lack of positive male role models. Often we hear only of the negativity happening in our communities. We are led to believe that bad news is the only news coming from our neighborhoods. Unfortunately, perpetuating this issue is the fact that there is not enough attention given to efforts like



these to change our communities for the better. We as masons should easily stand behind efforts like these. It is easy to let our light shine within the already bright halls of our masonic lodges. However, it is our calling to let our light shine in the midst of darkness where it is really needed.

It was more than simply preparing and serving food and monitoring children during various activities at this event that created great pride while walking away from this experience. What created the most joy was knowing that we are actively contributing to a solution. We understand that camping in the park one night will not solve the violence in our community but if it motivated men to stand up and take their communities back then it is part of the ultimate solution. As we endeavor to make our impact on the next generation we must pay close attention to the steps along the way and do what we can to contribute to moving forward. The brothers of Monarch Lodge invite all members of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Illinois and all subordinate lodges to join us next year as we shine our light in our communities.

"In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven." – Matthew 5:16

Submitted by Bro. Brandon Bailey, #99



Eternal Light #156: Worshipful Master Lives Up to His Charge



“The office of Master is of great antiquity and respect, and is one of the highest dignities to which we may aspire. Its incumbent, to rule well, should possess and practice several important requisites. As a MASON, he should cling to the old landmarks, and be sternly opposed to their infringement; be desirous to learn, and apt to teach....” (MWPHGL of Illinois WM Charge at Installation). The office of Worshipful Master brings with it much honor and responsibility. As the charge indicates the man sitting in the oriental chair is charged with being desirous to learn and apt to teach. On August 19, 2014, Eternal Light #156 welcomed Bro. Charles Harper, Sr. Warden of Pleiades #478 from the Grand Lodge of Illinois and member of the Phylaxis Society to lecture on one of the most intriguing topics in Illinois freemasonry right now, “An Introspective Analysis of the cultural issue of spurious/bogus freemasonry.” Bro. Harper explained the circumstances behind the seemingly endless amount of bogus grand lodges that have popped up in recent years and why this environment has festered. He chronicled his own journey as a bogus mason and the disappointment he experienced when he told his father, PM Michael Harper. His story is identical to many other men in our jurisdiction and many more to come. There were over 15 lodges from the Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Illinois and the Grand Lodge of Illinois present for this lecture. M.W. Bro. Millard Driskell also attended. GM Driskell is also Bro. Harper’s cousin. Bro. Harper also sold copies of his books, “Freemasonry in Black & White” and “A Spurious State of Confusion” (www.freemasonryinblackandwhite.com) This was a fine example of masonic fellowship and I’d like to thank all of the visiting WMs, PMs and members who were present. We look forward to visiting with you at our next lecture. — Submitted by W. Bro. Carlton Smith, Eternal Light #156

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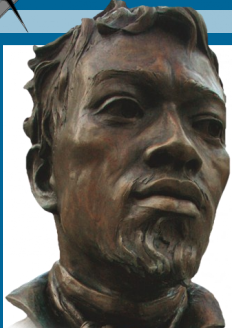
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**JEAN POINT
BAPTISTE
DU SABLE**
“Founder of
Chicago”

By Lloyd Womack
Grand Historian

We are rapidly approaching the month of February 2015, our Black History Month Celebration. This is a very important month in the lives of African Americans. Why, because it gives African Americans an opportunity to reflect on the pioneers of our race and the contributions that they have made to society. The Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Illinois with participation from the Grand Historian Office annually presents a “Black History Month Program”. However, as we reflect, we cannot talk about Black History without talking about Prince Hall, our Founding Father. Prince Hall was the first Black Man to be made a Mason in America on March 6, 1775 in Boston, Massachusetts. It is because of Most Worshipful Brother Prince Hall’s labor, dedication and sacrifices, that the Prince Hall Masonic Family, globally exists. As the Grand Historian, in February 2014, I wrote an article on Dr. Carter G. Woodson, an African American Historian, Author, who is known as, “The Father of Black History Month”. Again, as Grand Historian, allow me to give to you another historical insight of another amazing African American, Jean Baptiste Point Du Sable who is recognized as “The Founder of Chicago”.

Jean Baptiste Point Du Sable is the earliest recorded resident of the settlement close to the mouth of the Chicago River that grew to become the city of Chicago. In my research, I have found very little historical evidence regarding Du Sable’s life prior to the 1700’s. He may have been a runaway slave from the south or a “base born descendant” and member of the noted Dandonneau Family of France. Where he was born is still questionable. However, Julie Kinzie, another early pioneer of Chicago, stated in her 1856 memoir that he was a native of Santo Domingo, the Island of

Hispaniola. Scholars have accepted this as his birthplace.

Du Sable’s occupation was a trader by profession. He lived in the territories of Indiana and Michigan before settling in Chicago at the mouth of the Chicago River (*present site of the Chicago Sun Times Newspaper Building*). During the period of 1708 thru 1784, he managed the Pinery, a track of woodlands in Eastern Michigan. In 1774, a British Commandant at Fort Michilimackinac wrote in a footnote to a poem titled “Speech to the Western Indians”, that Du Sable was “handsome”, “well educated” and settled in Eschecagou. In 1779, he was arrested near the present city of Michigan City, Indiana, on suspicion of spying against the British Army during the Revolutionary War. After his release, in the early 1780’s, he worked for the British Lt. Governor of Michilimackinac on an estate in St. Clair, Michigan. On October 27, 1788, he married a Potawatomi Native American Indian named Kitihawa and they had two children, a son named Jean and a daughter named Susanne. In 1799, Du Sable moved his family and settled on the North Bank of the Chicago River. According to an entry into the journal of Hugh Heward dated May 10, 1790, it states that during a journey from Detroit across Michigan and through Illinois, he and his companions stopped at Du Sable’s log cabin en-route to the Chicago Portage and bought bread, flour, and pork. Perrish Grignon who visited Chicago in 1794 described Du Sable as a large man who was a wealthy trader.

In 1800 Du Sable sold his farm to Jean La Lime, a French Trader for John Kinzie for 6,000 livers. Livers is a form of French money originally worth a pound of silver. The items sold were listed as a log cabin 40 x 22 feet filled with fine furniture, horse mill, bake house, dairy, smoke house, poultry house, workshop, stable and a barn. There was enough wood available to build a second barn. Animals listed were 30 head of cattle, 2 calves, 2 mules, 38 hogs and 48 chickens. After Du Sable sold his Chicago property he moved to St. Charles, Missouri, where he was commissioned by the Colonial Governor to operate a Ferry Boat across the Missouri River. On August 28, 1818, Point Du Sable died and was buried in an unmarked grave in St. Charles Borromeo Cemetery. On October 12, 1968, the Illinois Sesquicentennial Commission erected a granite marker at the site believed to be Du Sable’s grave in the third St. Charles Borromeo Cemetery. A number of Chicago Institutions have been named in honor of Du Sable - Du Sable High School (1934), Du Sable Museum of African American History; Du Sable Harbor and the Du Sable Park located on Chicago’s Southside. On February 20, 1987, the United States Postal Service honored him with a Black Heritage Series postage stamp.

In conclusion, my research shows that in 1799, Jean Baptiste Du Sable, the Founder of Chicago, and Prince Hall, the First Black Man to be made a Mason in America were American citizens. Wouldn’t it be amazingly interesting if it were found that Du Sable was a Free Mason. The Grand Historian’s Office will conduct a further investigation into this matter and let you know of our findings. We applaud Jean Baptiste Point Du Sable, the Founder of Chicago, and all of our pioneers, our heroes, for their contribution to this great nation.

The Grand Historians are continuing to retrace our history through the collections of personal archive information and interviews with our senior brothers and sisters. Arrangements to share your personal documents can be made by contacting Assistant Grand Historians Brother Taej Murray—(773) 915-3395, Brother Albert Haynes, III—(708) 829-5146 or you may wish to contact Sister Tammy Hampton—(773) 982-4236.



District 4—WMs & Wardens Clubs' Busy Labor Day Weekend

One Goal – One Passion – Our Kids

The 4th District of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge, IL partnered with our Grand Lodge of Illinois AF & AM Brothers of East Lodge 504 of Fairview Heights sponsoring an IL-CHIP event at the New Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church in Centreville, Illinois on Saturday, August 30, 2014.

The event titled “Back to School Jamboree consisted of school supplies give away, snacks, fun & games, pony rides, free haircuts and Katherine Dunham Dancers. The 4th District Area Coordinator, DDGM Samuel Hurd in coordination with Worshipful Brother Gary L. Fisher, Worshipful Master, East Lodge 504 (AF&AM) combined resources making for a true Brotherly team spirit. The team was comprised Volunteers from Gothic Lodge #852, St. Clair Lodge #24 and Emeth Lodge #1030 (AF&AM) and Prince Hall Masons throughout District 4. The Church membership and the general public were very impressed by the way the two organizations worked together for one common cause “Protecting our Youth.”

On Sunday August 31st, 2014 the Worshipful Masters Club of the 4th District held their 3rd Annual Back to School event at Aahmes Temple # 132, East St. Louis Illinois. The event provided free haircuts, book bags and school supplies, fun and games - hot dogs, hamburgers, snow cones, juices, bounce house in conjunction with an IL-CHIP Program event.

Seventy-Four (74) children were IL-CHIP'd. Participants included DDGM Samuel Hurd, #142 DDGM, Area Coordinator; PM Harry Barnett #11, IL-CHIP Team Leader; PM Dimetrius Gilmore # 112, IL-CHIP Team Captain; HPGM Earl D. Scott #142, Worshipful Masters' Club Advisor; WB Eric Pollion, #42; WB Jesse Gurley, #79; WB Kevin Young, #112; WM Montez Miller, #120; and Brother Ricardo Bonner, Senior Warden, #142.

Thanks to all participants and other members from the various lodges that made this a most successful weekend.

**Submitted by
Most Worshipful Brother Earl Scott, #142**



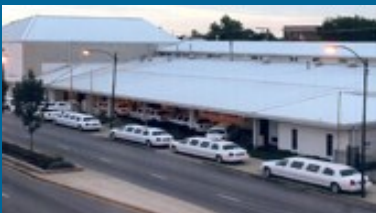
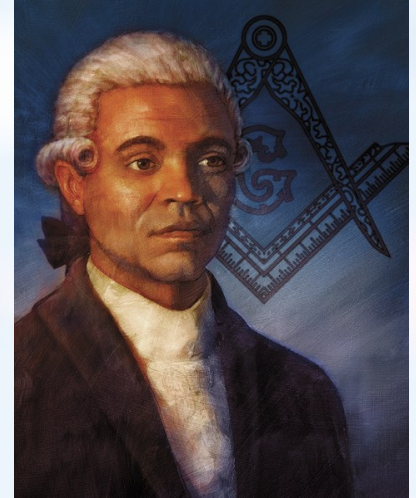
2nd Masonic District Contemplates History & Purpose at Americanism Day

The Brothers and Sisters of the 2nd Masonic district again came together in unity for the Second District’s annual Prince Hall Americanism Day celebration. The inspirational event, hosted by the Brothers of Keystone Lodge #15 of Aurora, provided a wonderful opportunity for worship, fellowship, and education to the craft. Prince Hall Americanism Day is a traditional celebration and revival of the values of our founder Prince Hall, and call to action for the Masonic affiliates which bear his name. The thoughtful examination of the life and history of Prince Hall and his many contributions served as a wonderful foundation for learning and the appreciation of not only Prince Hall Masonry, but in fact, all regular Masonry. Followed on the calendar by the 2nd District school of instruction, and the Masonic symposium, Prince Hall Americanism Day informally began an “Autumn of Education”, among the Craft. Brother Jermaine Simmons, Worshipful Master of Keystone Lodge #15 thanked those present for their support and conveyed a message of respect and gratitude to our gracious hosts, The New Community Baptist Church of Aurora, who received the Brothers and Sisters of the 2nd Masonic with open arms.—*Submitted by Worshipful Brother William Branch Jr., DDGM 2nd District*



1st District—Call to Action

The Brothers and Sisters of the 1st Masonic district gathered at the Grand East to salute the honorable Prince Hall and reflect upon his efforts for the community in which he lived and served in America. While the history of Prince Hall Freemasonry and the accomplishments of Hall were notated to a great degree, the speaker, Right Worshipful Brother Daryl L. Andrews, presented a little bit of fire for the audience. His message was a call to action and a challenge to those present to do more charitable acts in the communities in which they live just like Prince Hall did. He iterated that Hall’s efforts were really focused on improving his community and not necessarily focused on the pomp and circumstances of Freemasonry. This is evident by his decision to turn his home into a school for children and decision to fight with others to end Slavery in Massachusetts. These show that his calling to serve was greater than wanting to be served. He spoke authoritatively noting that Hall’s call to service should be the same call that Masons should be acting on today. It’s time to put up or shut up. Remarks by Brother Anthony Atwood, Worthy Grand Patron supported the objectives noted by the speaker. He spoke upon his monthly actions and invited others to join him on every 4th Sunday of the month to serve the homeless. Similarly, Sister Sandra Smith, reiterated her commitment and that of Eureka Grand Chapter to be a strong force in the community. With the final commentary by Most Worshipful Brother Millard Driskell and final call to action in the community, the brethren and sisters were dismissed to serve and sent on their way to meet the call to duty.



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4th District—Prince Hall Americanism Day Celebration

The Prince Hall Masonic Family Southwestern Illinois 4th District celebrated Prince Hall Americanism Day, Sunday September 14, 2014 at New Shining Light Non-Denominational Church, 740 Broadway, Venice, Illinois at 3:00 p.m. where the Reverend John C. Williams pastor. The host Lodge for this year's service was Jericho Lodge # 120 where WM Montez Miller sits as Worshipful Master. The following Lodges were represented: I.H. Kelly Lodge # 11, WM DeAunty Dupree; St. Paul Lodge # 42, PM Eric Pollion; Joppa Lodge # 79, WM Jesse Gurley; Dunbar Lodge # 97, WM Andy Hightower; Southern Cross Lodge #112, WM Kevin Young; Jericho Lodge # 120, WM Montez Miller and P.G. Porter Lodge # 142, WM Anthony Wills. The service started with processional of Brothers and Sisters marching in together under the direction of the Marshall, PM Eric Pollion, and St. Paul Lodge # 42. Called to worship by Rev. John C. Williams, Pastor. PM James Isaac Jericho Lodge # 120 serviced as Master of Ceremonies for the evening. A Historical Sketch of Prince Hall was given by Bro James R. Thompson, #112 The message was delivered by Rev. John C. Williams, pastor. The Subject of his message was, "It is praying time." His message was very up lifting. Dignitaries present were MW Bro. Melvin Frierson, Past Grand Master and MW Bro. Earl D. Scott, Past Grand Master. MW Bro. Melvin Frierson introduced RW Bro Dwayne Smith, Deputy Grand Master who was representing MW Bro. Millard Driskell, Grand Master of Prince Hall Masons, State of Illinois. He provided remarks. To conclude the service, Rev John C. Williams, gave the benediction; bless the food which was enjoyed by all.

Submitted by Most Worshipful Brother Earl Scott, #142

Grand Lodge Website Redesign Completed



The redesign of the Grand Lodge website was completed in October of 2014 by Right Worshipful Bro. Daryl Andrews, #91 in conjunction with Past Master Earl Young, #116 and Bro. Brian Beatty, #28. The new design was built on the foundation laid by Past Master Brian Spencer, #98 and updated to become more interactive and introduce new features including:

- **POLL QUESTIONS:**
Poll questions are designed to change periodically and to gain your input on topics ranging from the social issues of the day to Masonic information.
- **QUOTE OF THE WEEK:**
Check the site each week to pull an inspiring quote.
- **WORSHIPFUL MASTERS DATABASE:**
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- **PHOTO GALLERY:**
Photos of current events. Overflow photos of articles submitted to the Journal will also be placed here.
- **SORTABLE LIST OF LODGES:**
Listing of all active Lodges and meeting information.
- **NEW FORMS SECTION:**
ALL forms can now be downloaded from the site including Bylaws Certificates and Petitions.

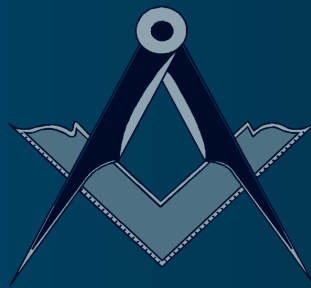
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The Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Illinois & the Brian L. Abrams Chapter of the Phylaxis Society **SYMPOSIUM: Freemasonry in Illinois**

On October 25, 2014 the Brian L. Abrams Chapter of the Phylaxis Society hosted the first ever presentation on the “History of Freemasonry in Illinois” in an effort to combat Clandestine Freemasonry by educating the Craft and clandestine masons on the true history of regular Freemasonry in the State of Illinois. With an audience nearing 150 including clandestine masons, the presenters conducted their sessions with the utmost confidence and precision. The presenters included Honorable Bro. Daryl Andrews, FPS, Program Chairman; RW Bro. Dwayne A. Smith, Deputy Grand Master (pictured left), Bogus Masonry Committee Chairman; Honorable Bro. Adrian V. Cooley, FPSH; Honorable Bro. Charles Harper Sr., MPS, member of Pleiades #478 and Illumination Lodge #5 of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Illinois; and Honorable Bro. Tyrone Jackson, FPSH, President of the Brian L. Abrams Chapter. After a welcome from the Grand Lodge presented by DGM Smith, Honorable Bro. Jackson began the symposium session under the direction of the Master of Ceremonies, Honorable Bro. Carlton Smith (pictured).



Honorable Bro. Jackson (pictured) presented “The History of Organized Freemasonry” which provided an overview of the genesis of the Grand Lodge system. He explained the roots of the Modern organization as it stands today. In doing so, he confirmed the lineage of African Lodge #459 to the source. He noted that Modern, organized Freemasonry began with the combining of four lodges in Great Britain (England) and their formation (merger) of the premier Grand Lodges of England at the Goose and Gridiron, in St. Paul's Churchyard, on, 24 June 1717, during the feast of St. John the Baptist. It was agreed upon to restore the quarterly meetings in order to conduct business several times during the year and to have an annual assembly (Grand Lodge) to elect the next Grand Master. In 1733, Henry Price, the Provincial Grand Master over all of North America would have the newly founded provincial grand lodge, St. John's Lodge, grant a charter to a group of Boston Freemasons. These efforts began the expansion of Freemasonry into the America's.



Authorizations, which later would take the form of a Warrant (sometimes called a charter), took time and expense, especially in the period when the nearest Grand Lodge that could authorize one was on the other side of the Atlantic. Many of the lodges of that time were assigned to units of the British Army. Prince Hall and fourteen other men of color were brought into Irish Lodge #441. After Irish Lodge left, Prince Hall and his brothers applied to the moderns for a charter. This is the source of African Lodge #459. Honorable Bro. Jackson concluded his presentation with a statement that reiterated the primary point of the presentation. He stated “there are only two regular and recognized Grand Lodges within the State of Illinois—The Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Illinois and the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Illinois.” This not only set the true objective of the gathering but also introduced the presentations that followed. In doing so, he handed the baton to Honorable Bro. Harper (pictured) who presented the “History of the Grand Lodge of Illinois”.



As many Prince Hall Masons were unaware of the complete history of the Grand Lodge of Illinois, it proved to be a valuable presentation for regular and clandestine alike. It was of great interest to many to find that their roots tied directly to the first governor for the State of Illinois, Shadrach Bond Jr. Bond, originally of Temple Lodge #26 in Maryland, became affiliated with Western Star Lodge #107 of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania. In 1818 Shadrach Bond, Jr., who went on to become Master of Western Star Lodge, was unanimously elected the first governor of the State of Illinois which was the only time in the history of Illinois that this has ever happened. By the year 1822, eight other Lodges had received charters. These charters had been issued by the Grand Lodges of Kentucky, Tennessee, Missouri, and Indiana. They combined to form a Grand Lodge and met each year until its last session on January 3, 1827.

On June 11, 1829, the last lodge closed. For several years Masonic darkness existed in Illinois and many places

throughout the country. On May 1, 1837, Bodley Lodge #97 adopted a resolution that a committee be appointed to ascertain how many Lodges were in the state from other jurisdictions and prepared to organize a Grand Lodge. This resulted in a meeting on April 6, 1840, in the Lodge Hall then located on the Southwest corner of the public square at Jacksonville, Illinois. It was unanimously resolved that a new Grand Lodge be formed. An election of officers was held and Abraham Jonas was elected Grand Master. On April 28, 1840 six Lodges in the state surrendered their charters and new charters were then issued to them by the new Grand Lodge of Illinois. Today, the Masonic Fraternity under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Illinois is comprised of more than 500 Lodges and some 70,000 Masons—men of character from every walk of life.

Honorable Bro. Daryl Andrews (pictured) presented, “The History of the Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Illinois” which provided a clear path of linkage from the Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Illinois to African Lodge #459. He stated that while the early accounts of the life of Prince Hall are uncorroborated, his life as a free man of color is covered to a great degree. Key points included:



- A Patriot, he fought at the Battle of Bunker Hill (Breeds Hill) during the American Revolutionary War.
- An Abolitionist, he worked with the Free African Society and other groups to aid slaves to freedom and eliminate Slavery.
- He turned his home into one of the first schools for black children.
- He and others sought to join the ranks of Freemasonry in Boston but were denied.
- On March 6, 1775, Prince Hall and 14 others were made Master Masons by Irish Military Lodge No. 441.
- On March 2, 1784, the brethren applied for a charter of their own as they were denied recognition by local Lodges. The charter was granted by the Premier Grand Lodge on September 29, 1784 and delivered in 1787.

THE AFRICAN LODGE #459 CHARTER IS ONE OF FEW LASTING AMERICAN CHARTERS KNOWN TO BE IN EXISTENCE.

Honorable Bro. Andrews, then, clarified the linkage of the Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Illinois. In doing so he identified the first expansion efforts of the African Lodge to neighboring states. The second Lodge was formed in Philadelphia and the third in Providence, Rhode Island. Following the death of Prince Hall in December of 1807, the three Lodges organized African Grand Lodge in 1808. As subsequent attempts to restore amity with the UGLE fell short, the African Grand Lodge formally declared its independence in 1827 and worked to extend nationally.

On June 4, 1847, the National Grand Lodge was formed to organize the formation of Affiliated Grand Lodges and settle jurisdictional disputes. Through this covenant, African American Freemasonry spread across the country. Lodges were established by the Pennsylvania Jurisdiction in the State of Ohio (1848-1849) and elsewhere about the Midwest. The Ohio Grand Lodge organized North Star Lodge in Chicago in 1852, G.T. Watson Lodge in Alton in 1856 and Central Lodge in Springfield in 1857. With the support of the National Grand Lodge, the three Illinois Lodges organized the Prince Hall Grand Lodge for the State of Illinois in 1867.

Discord within the National Grand Lodge prompted the Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Illinois to follow the Mother Grand Lodge and others to sever ties with the national body in 1877. Since that time, the Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Illinois has stood as an independent with the recognition of the Mother Prince Hall Grand Lodge. However, it had always been an objective of Prince Hall Freemasonry to restore a Masonic relationship with the Mother Grand Lodge of all of Freemasonry. Efforts began in 1988 and concluded in 1992 with the restoration of amity between the Mother Prince Hall Grand Lodge and the Mother Grand Lodge of Freemasonry. The Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Illinois received the same recognition in 1996 as communicated via letter from the UGLE to Right Worshipful Brother Michael Patterson, Past Grand Secretary.



After hearing the storied history of both Grand Lodges, Hon. Bro. Adrian Cooley (pictured) discussed one of the most controversial subjects—“The Principles of Masonic Regularity.” This topic shed a great deal of light on the subject for the informed and uninformed. **TO BE REGULAR IN ITS ORIGIN, A GRAND LODGE MUST** (1) be able to trace its lineage to the Grand Lodge of England, Ireland, or Scotland; (2) have been established by three or more lodges; (3) be independent and self-governing (no national grand lodges or supreme councils over that grand lodge).

He further clarified common misconceptions that are typically created by clandestine grand lodges. **Corporate Charters ARE NOT Masonic Charters.** A business license does not give anyone masonic authority. He then, clarified the terms “clandestine” and “irregular”. They are defined as:

CLANDESTINE—A body of Freemasons or of those improperly claiming to be Freemasons, uniting in a Lodge without the consent of a Grand Lodge, or, although originally legally constituted, continuing to work after its Charter has been revoked, is styled a Clandestine Lodge. (Mackey’s Encyclopedia of Freemasonry)

IRREGULAR - A lodge that has an origin that is regular but has a practice that is irregular.

With the history outlined and misconceptions resolved, Hon. Bro. Charles Harper, Hon. Bro. Carlton Smith and W. Bro. Argenry Mitchell spoke about their experiences coming over from clandestine grand lodges to regular lodges. They mentioned exorbitant dues amounts, hazing, no documented or verifiable history and irregular Grand Lodge structures that included supreme and national grand lodges. Bro. Smith recalled an instance where he attempted to visit a lodge under the Grand Lodge of Illinois but was not allowed to enter because he was a member of a clandestine grand lodge. The healing process allowed them to become members of the Prince Hall ranks which was later explained by RW Steven Coleman, Grand Lecturer, DGM Dwayne Smith and District Deputy Grand Lecturer Tony Stafford who explained the healing process.

Finally MW Bro. Millard Driskell, Grand Master, commented on the rich history of Freemasonry in Illinois. He reiterated the notable men who have been members of the Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Illinois from Emil Jones, Harold Washington, John H. Johnson, Jesse Owens, Ernie Banks to our own PGM Bro. Jerry Butler. He encouraged the members of clandestine grand lodges to seek out a member of the committee before leaving to gain more information about joining a regular lodge. Following his comments and words of thanks, a tour of the historical gallery was given by Bro. Carl Pickett which concluded a great day of Masonic education.

If you would like to gain further enlightenment in Freemasonry please contact Carlton Smith of the Brian L. Abrams Chapter of the Phylaxis Society by email: FreemasonryInIllinois@gmail.com.

Richard E. Moore Lodge Celebrates 90th Year



On Saturday September 27, 2014 the members of Richard E. Moore Lodge # 109 celebrated their 90th year anniversary. The Lodge was chartered on October 16, 1923 and named after

the longest serving Grand Lodge Secretary, Richard E. Moore, who posthumously became an Honorary Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge in 2013. Guests included their widows of past members,



Worthy Matron Claire Wilkerson of Queen Vashti #121 OES their Sister Chapter and family members. Also Caesar Parker was awarded his 50 year pin and certificate. PM Joe Ryan and

Brother Herman Grant received their 25 year pins.

Submitted by PM Carl Pickett, #109



Breakfast for Ronald McDonald Houses by Lodge & Chapter

The month of October marked a great feat in charity in which the brethren of Cornerstone Lodge #91 and the sisters of Princess Syene Chapter #114 OES visited two separate Ronald McDonald Houses on the same weekend. Their collective efforts served breakfasts to hundreds during their times of need.

The mission of Ronald McDonald House is to care for families of children with complex medical needs by providing comfort, compassion and a sense of community. In doing so, the houses help to keep families of hospitalized children together in a 'home away from home' allowing them to eat, sleep and find the emotional support they need blocks from where their child is being treated.

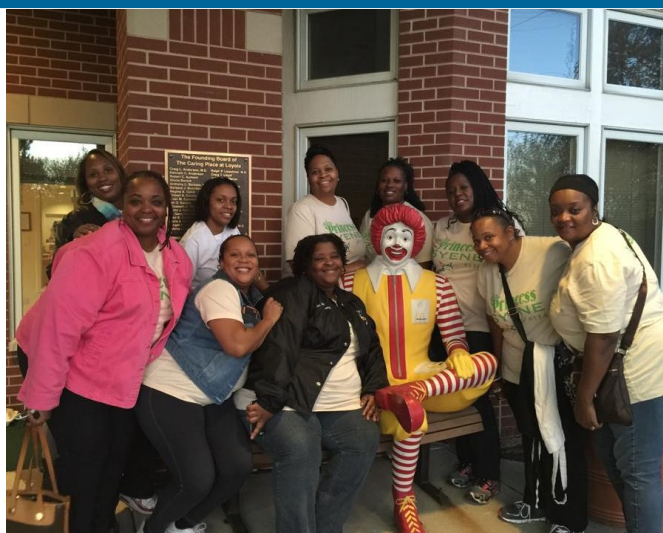
Locations across the State of Illinois are aligned with children's hospitals in the local areas. More than 30,000 have been served this year alone through the efforts and services provided by volunteers and staff.

The sisters of Princess Syene Chapter #114 under the leadership of Sister Ericka Robinson-Branch prepared breakfast for the families and staff at the Loyola Branch in Chicago (above) on October 25th. The brethren of Cornerstone Lodge #91 under the leadership of Worshipful Brother Kyle Andrews prepared breakfast at the Hyde Park Branch (right) on October 26th respectively.

All food items were purchased and prepared by the Lodge and the Chapter at each event.

For more information on Ronald McDonald House Charities or to volunteer, please visit www.RMHCcni.org.

**Submitted by
Brother Edward Briscoe, #91**



Thapelo Returns to Grand East for Men's Health



The relationship between the Grand Lodge and the doctors of the Thapelo Institute and Walgreens was extended again on the first Saturday in the month of November for the purpose of providing FREE medical screenings and FREE flu shots to all those in attendance. With a primary focus on men's health, Thapelo and Walgreens served all who were present and stepped up to receive their services. Monitoring our health is critical in this day and age and it is imperative that we take advantage of these types of opportunities when they become available. Thanks Again Thapelo and Walgreens.



4th District Witnesses Third Degree Missouri Style



On Saturday, November 15th, Worshipful Masters and brethren traveled to the State of Missouri to witness and participate in the Third Degree with brethren of the Missouri Jurisdiction. The degree of hospitality that was extended was excellent. In the words of Worshipful Brother Eric Pollion, "We were well received by the members present from the various lodges attending the degree work in St. Louis. The hospitality extended to us was great." While Most Worshipful Brother Lawrence Jones, Grand Master of Missouri, was not present, Deputy Grand Master Henry Willis acknowledged the brethren and thanked them for coming. In addition to WM Pollion, those in attendance were WM J. Gurley, #79, WM D. Dupree, #11; Speed Allen, Jr; Brother Gary Perez; Brothers West and Bush. **Submitted by Wor. Bro. Eric Pollion, #42**



Grand Lodge Salutes Veterans at Grove Lodge & Grand East



It has become an annual tradition to celebrate the efforts and sacrifices given by veterans of

the United States Military. Over the past few years, this has been done bilaterally with Grove Lodge #824, AFAM of Downers Grove. This year, on Friday, November 7th, several brethren participated in the Veterans service hosted by Grove Lodge. After an evening dinner, the services began with a call to honor veterans and their families who were in attendance as well as those who had given their lives on behalf of their country. On Saturday, November 8th at 11:00AM, the memorial services took place at the Grand East. In all instances, veterans were applauded for their service.

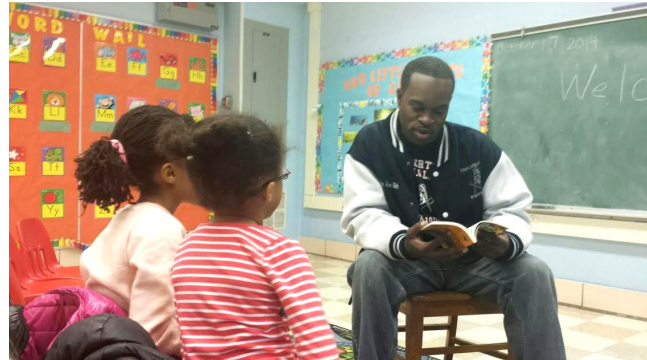
Shawall Court #4 DOI Honors Illustrious Commandress

The Officers & Members of Shawall Court #4 DOI celebrated their 2014 Commandress Ball honoring Illustrious Commandress Daughter Jasmine S. Brewer in the month of November at the Ramada Inn in Waukegan, Illinois. The formal affair promptly began with the procession of officers, Daughters, Nobles and dignitaries at 7:00pm. After a



scrumptious meal, the program went off without a hitch honoring Commandress Brewer. She was presented with a crystal plate in honor and recognition of her service and leadership to the Court.

Union Lodge: "Real Men Read" 14th Annual Muslim Turkey Drive



With Charity being one of the tenets of our order, the Brothers of Union Lodge #155 participated in Glorious Light Church's "Real Men Read" program. Union Brothers read to children of the community and inspired them and ignited their imagination through story. The Brothers were excited for the opportunity and look forward to many more service events with Pastor Michael Neal and the Glorious Light Church. Union Lodge #155 also assisted in unloading over 1400 turkeys during this Thanksgiving season. For years, the Sabeel Food Pantry and its parent organization, The Islamic Food and Nutrition Council of America (IFANCA) have provided turkeys to the community. With our day starting at 8am, the Brothers helped unload 1400 turkeys between the separate Chicago Public Schools – Emmett Till Academy and Fiske Elementary School. We also had the pleasure of personally interacting with the community as we passed out the turkeys at the locations. —

Submitted by Brad Bozeman, #155



Thanksgiving



Right off of the bat, it was quite clear that the Thanksgiving turkey was in trouble! With the sharpened knives and serious glares on the faces of the brethren and the entire crew combined with their determination to feed those in need, a pardon of the Thanksgiving goose was not an option. This same sense of intensity was not only felt at the Grand East but also across the entire Illinois Jurisdiction. A bad day for the turkey turned out to be a great day for those in need of fellowship and a meal across the State as shown in the photos below.



Youth Participation At All Time High



37 Students were selected by the Grand Lodge Awards Committee. With majors ranging from nursing to engineering, the group of recipients proved themselves to be deserving of educational assistance from the Grand Lodge. Many have shown their appreciation by sending Thank-You cards like the ones sent by Shandolyn Lawson and Simone McKeiver or by participating in the charitable activities of the Grand Lodge during seasonal breaks. A perennial contributor to the Thanksgiving Feed the Needy Program, Jabari Butler (pictured) is a football player at Drake University. Majoring in Health Sciences, Butler has been reared to place a high value on community service. A quote from Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. had been engrained in his mind since childhood—"A man has no better purpose than to help his fellow man." With this motto at heart, his career focus is on athletic training and he will utilize the expertise gained from his studies to assist others professionally in preventing injuries, combating obesity and promoting healthy eating. He feels that this will be of great benefit to the community in years to come. He revealed that athletics has actually enhanced his studies. Discipline and being over-prepared are at the forefront of collegiate athletics. Collectively, they help to ensure that he can be ready at a moments notice and, if called, that he will excel. These values help to keep him grounded and drove him to volunteer his service on Thanksgiving.



Butler along with several other youth continue to participate during the Thanksgiving Season on their own volition after being introduced to the ideals of service by their parents. The Junior Craftsmen and OES Youth Fraternity are yearly participants. Brethren also bring their families to participate in these efforts like Brother Brad Boseman (pictured). Their participation promotes the importance of charity and service. Many of the youth participants had messages for children, peers and adults that provide insight into the next steps for our organization. Several, held the same sentiments noting that there appear to be more challenges in the current era than compared to the era of their parents. Several also felt that adults don't really have an interest in aiding the youth. Butler's solution—"Mentorship". He stated "my dad taught me a great deal and I try to implement it. More mentors are needed to help the youth come up."



This message from the youth provides a point of focus for our organization and should force contemplation on how we can carry the youth to the next level once their collegiate educational path has completed. Opportunities must be in place so that they have somewhere to go when ready. Mentorship is a viable tool to help guide them along the proper paths. This call to action from our youth must be heard and adhered to.

Merry Christmas



Fidelity Lodge Provides Warmth at the Parks

Officers and Members of Fidelity Lodge #103 donated over \$600 in coats, gloves, and hats to the youth at Chicago's Fuller Park. After hearing that there was a need, SW Martello Pollock, Chairman of Community Involvement, took the initiative to go out and purchase 25 coats, gloves, and hats to donate to the youth in need. During this endeavor, SW Martello Pollock discovered that there was also a special family in need. The Brothers of Fidelity No.103 dug even deeper in their pockets and provided an additional \$500 to this family, to help during this holiday season. The coats, gloves, hats, and monetary donation were presented to the Youth and the Family at Fuller Park with the blessing and support of Mr. Michael Brown - Park Supervisor. Special Thanks to Brothers PM Nathaniel Allen, Bro. Chris Harris, Bro. Rodney Gardner and PM James W. Butler (Photographer) for attending the presentation.—Submitted by PM Eugene Butler, #103



John Jones Lodge #7 Coat Give Away for "We Care Day Care"

The officers and members of John Jones lodge #7 held a coat give away for the children of We Care day care. We care day care is located in Harvey Illinois and owned by Carol Adams. P.M. Carl Richardson worked with Ms. Lashondra Temple of Zeta Phi Beta to coordinate the give-away for these children at a time when it was really needed. The day care owner has experienced some hardships in keeping her facility opened and trying to find organizations to help provide for the children that are enrolled in her center. Senior Warden James Walker was able to secure the community room at the Markham municipal building in order to have a bigger space to host the give-away for the children. John Jones members were able to provide 37 coats for the children of the center and plan on doing it again in the future. Carol the owner of the day care and the parents of the children whom a large percentage of are single mothers were very appreciative of the coats. Ms. Temple's family joined in and made sure that the party for the children was a great success and that all were well fed. The brothers of John Jones P.M Carl Richardson, SW James Walker, JW Kelvin Dawson, PM Henry Barton, PM Clarke Criddell, PM Bryon Clay aka Santa, Brothers Larry Austin, Antoine Burns, Yakoov Curry, Michael Outten, Torrance Garner all came out to make sure the children had a good time. The members of John Jones Lodge # 7 enjoyed keeping with the tenets of masonry especially at the time of year Charity.—Submitted by Past Master Carl Richardson, #7



Happy Holidays

Eureka Grand Chapter Order of the Eastern Star
Annual Dinner and Toy Giveaway



Eat to Improve Blood Pressure



In my research, I have found that eating healthy foods could help lower your blood pressure naturally. A study sponsored by the National Institutes of Health (NIH) showed that a low fat diet rich in fruits and vegetables could lower even moderately high blood pressure without the need for medication.

Blood pressure is expressed as two numbers. **Systolic Pressure** is arterial pressure when the heart contracts. **Diastolic Pressure** is arterial pressure between beats. Hypertension is defined as a blood pressure of 140/90 or above. Because the first studies linking heart disease with hypertension focused on diastolic pressure, doctors long assumed that just the second number was important. Now, we know that systolic pressure is an even bigger factor in heart disease than diastolic pressure.

You can avoid foods that are high in sodium (salt) and limit fast food. Start by eating a diet rich in high-fiber and low-sodium foods, such as vegetables, fruits and unprocessed grains. Eat less saturated fat and add more hearty-healthy fats, such as avocados, unsalted almonds and walnuts. You can bake or broil mackerel or salmon topped with unsalted walnuts for dinner. In addition, exercise will help you stay close to your heart-healthy weight and will help keep your heart strong. A low salt diet can help you reduce your blood pressure. Such a diet may consist of:

- **Fruit** (strawberries, peaches, etc.)
- **Whole grains** (whole grain bread, steel-cut oatmeal, etc.)
- **Fresh vegetables** (broccoli, green beans, etc.)
- **Unsalted almonds**
- **Low fat Greek yogurt**
- **Plenty of fresh fish, chicken and beans**
- **Whole grain cereal**



The key to lowering your blood pressure is to maintain a heart-smart diet. Do your best to eat well, exercise, reduce your stress and get enough sleep. In addition, schedule a visit with your healthcare provider or a registered dietitian/nutritionist. Together you can plan your meals and snacks. Until next time, take time out of your “busy schedule” to relax, enjoy life, and be happy.

Submitted by
Carolyn S. Womack, PMAM, #44



SPURIOUS FREEMASONRY

Is it Reaching Epidemic Proportions?

A Closer Examination by Charles M. Harper Sr. (PART 1 of 2)

It has not gone unnoticed, this emergence of enthusiasm for masonic education. It is not that this excitement has not existed before, but in the past several years, it has started to become more widespread. The masons responsible are both known, and unknown, all of which desire no fame or glory, but simply that their contributions improve understanding and advance the greatness of our institution. It is all filling a need made realized by a return to the ambition of being a Craft, observant to the traditional practices of Freemasonry. As the tides turn, and the purpose of our institution returns ever so slowly to its roots, we are a witness to a reverse in a trend similar to when Laurence Dermott saw the decline in focus of the first Grand Lodge of England towards the goal of Freemasonry, and assisted in organizing the Grand Lodge of England affectionately known as the “Ancients,” due to their self-proclaimed adherence to the ancient usages of the Craft, in 1751. Today, just as in yesteryear, a return to the founding principles will effectively serve to properly educate our brethren and assist in the perpetuation of the order. However, just as the culture of the first grand lodge changed from making good men better, to appeasing the aristocracy, effectively placing their heads in the sand, so too has time allowed the coattails of success to place our heads in the sand for too long once again. The lack of insightful and applicable masonic education, which has undermined our continued growth and success, has also allowed the ember of spurious Freemasonry to grow. Spurious Freemasonry, which is a word to give an explanation as to why a Grand Lodge, Lodge, or mason is clandestine, has been eroding away the integrity of Freemasonry, as it has been known in the well-received sense of our history privately, and publically.

The term clandestine in masonry is a constantly misapplied, or misunderstood term, though a convenient one to place categorically a masonic jurisdiction, lodge, or mason, whose jurisdiction is not in amity with another, and has been used in this manner for many years. Anciently, clandestine in the masonic application, is a word to define a “body of masons meeting to do masonic work in a lodge which had not been warranted and regularly and solemnly constituted.” The Masonic Service Association published a paper by an unknown author in 1935, in attempts of better defining the word clandestine for masonic use. He quotes Albert Mackey’s *History of Freemasonry*, stating, “The (Anderson) Constitutions declare, Section 8, that where a number of Freemasons shall take upon themselves to form a Lodge without a Grand Master’s Warrant, the regular Lodges are not to countenance them nor own them are fair brethren, and duly formed. In other words, Lodge formed without a Warrant from the Grand Master (we now say Grand Lodge) is “clandestine,” and so a “clandestine Masons” is one made in a Lodge without a Warrant.” He goes on to state how the Grand Lodge of England, the ancients, and the Grand Lodge of England, the moderns, termed each other as clandestine. Before the days of absolutely spurious masons, this termed was accurately correct.

The distinction to be made, supported by the research of Brother John Belton that he has published in his book, *The English Masonic Union of 1813*, is that both of these grand lodges formed from “time immemorial lodges,” meaning both grand lodges were formed by lodges with no allegiance yet to any grand lodge as they had come into existence speculatively before the first Grand Lodge was organized, and after, outside the territory of the first grand lodge, which was about a seven block radius. Belton produces in his book minutes showing the transactions of the Grand Committee of the Most Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons at the Griffin Tavern in Holborn, London, and February 5, 1752. Present were the “Officers of Lodges 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10.” These Grand Lodges viewed each other as clandestine as they were not in “correspondence,” as the term for amity was then, with each other. They did form regularly according to *Anderson’s Constitutions of 1723* though. This

is not so different in today's Freemasonry were a Grand Lodge may withdraw recognition because of an act regarded as irregular in masonic practice, such as the Grand Lodge of Ohio and West Virginia had in 2006, or the lack of amity between Prince Hall Grand Lodges in the southern part of the United States, and their mainstream counterpart, citing the exclusive territory doctrine as the reason. The word "clandestine," is a "catch-all" term used today in ritual to obligate a Mason from conversing masonically, or sitting in a lodge of masons whose masonic jurisdiction is not in amity with their own. Spurious masonry is a more specific type of masonry, not unknown in the distant past, but one that is reaching, in my opinion, epidemic proportions specifically in more populated masonic areas such as the major metropolises.

According to the book, *American Freemasons*, by Brother Mark Tabbert, since the days of "Joseph Cerneau and his followers sold Scottish Rite degrees to anyone willing to pay for them, ...African-American entrepreneurs created dozens of clandestine Masonic grand lodges for black men that competed with Prince Hall Freemasonry." This is corroborated by David Gray's book, *Inside Prince Hall*, where Gray lists almost 200 irregular Grand Lodges in the United States. This book, written in 2004, has a low listed number compared to now in 2014, just 10 years later, the count by both Paul Bessel and the Phylaxis society places the number well over approximately 400, combined. Some clandestine, or more specifically spurious masonic grand lodges, are more well-known than others and more readily spotted than others. A spurious mason, lodge, or grand lodge, is one that is formed irregular altogether, meaning they began as simply as a group of guys getting together, deciding they wish to be Freemasons, purchasing a ritual expose and regalia, and opening a lodge. They may receive warrants or charters from other previous existing spurious Grand Lodges, giving them the belief that they have followed the landmarks of the Craft, stating that for a lodge to be regular, it must be chartered by an existing regularly formed Grand Lodge. Well, if a man does not know what constitutes a regular grand lodge, or lodge in the first place, you have a residual failure in understanding repeating itself multiple times. The gentleman organizing these spurious lodges most often were never made masons in a regular lodge, or they were made masons, and were expelled, or in other cases, have never set foot in a lodge of masons however they be defined.

The General Masonic Congress, organized by expelled mason John G. Jones in the early 1900's, well explained in the book, *History of the Shrine*, by Joseph A. Walkes Jr., has spawned many numerous factions. There is also the International Modern Free and Accepted Masons, formed by William Banks alone in 1950, though it has never been shown that Banks was ever made a mason, much less an expelled one. In Chicago alone, the spurious Grand Lodges existing are near totaling 70 according to Prince Hall Mason Carlton Smith of Illinois, member of the Phylaxis Society, which is a masonic society that does an excellent job of masonic education, and specifically tracking forming spurious grand lodges. There are of course co-masonic grand lodges, otherwise known as Le Droit de Humaine, who profess to be Freemasons and pattern themselves as such, supported in their efforts by the Grand Orient de France, and predicating their existence by the obligation of Elizabeth St. Ledger in about 1710, who witnessed a ritual in her father's home, being used as a lodge, and was then obligated to keep secrecy. These mixed obedience type Grand Lodges though irregular, are said by the United Grand Lodge of England to be regular in practice in a statement issued by UGLE - 10th March 1999:

"There exist in England and Wales at least two Grand Lodges solely for women. Except that these bodies admit women, they are, so far as can be ascertained, otherwise regular in their practice. There is also one which admits both men and women to membership. They are not recognized by this Grand Lodge and inter-visitation may not take place."

While woman and mixed obedience lodges are irregular to traditional freemasonry, inside the United States compared to overseas, the numbers seem to be relatively low. Of course, getting an exact number of their membership is difficult as this organization is irregular and thus, clandestine. While we know of their existence, charting the number of spurious masonic grand lodges are easier as they file taxes, being state registered charitable organizations claiming nonprofit tax status. As they file taxes, these taxes being public record, one can gain a count of their existence. There is a new influx of spurious grand lodges forming in the United States, and perhaps one that may grow quicker than the rest. They are grand lodges warranted by the Masonic High Council, which is subordinate to the Regular Grand Lodge of England.

To immediately remove any confusion, the Regular Grand Lodge of England is **NOT** the United Grand Lodge of England, which is regular in its formation and existence, and which all traditional Freemasonry derives its standards of regularity and legitimacy of origin. The United Grand Lodge of England was formed by the uniting of the 1751 Grand Lodge of England, and the first organized speculative grand lodge in the world, the Grand Lodge of England organized in 1717. No, this Regular Grand Lodge of England was organized in 2005 by Rui Gabirro, an expelled Mason.

According to Brother Edward King, who owns and operates the website *Masonicinfo.com*, "On December 14, 2005, Rui L. Gabirro of Brethren in Amity Lodge #8650 under the United Grand Lodge of England was expelled from Freemasonry." Rui

Gabirro appears to have been expelled for the same action as John G. Jones, a Mason from the Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Illinois. According to an article written by Brother Ezekiel M. Bey of the Phylaxis Society, "John G. Jones, and William Gray charged, tried, and expelled from all the rights, benefits and privileges of Masonry for gross Unmasonic conduct, October 14, 1903. Their false statements relating to a "split in the Grand Lodge of Illinois," and their fraudulent scheme of pretending to confer legally the degrees of Masonry from the first to the thirty-third degree exposed."

On January 25, 2005, the Masonic High Council, the Mother High Council of Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons was formed, to which the Regular Grand Lodge of England, established in London on the 5th of March 2005, holds allegiance. According to the newsletter published April 2005 by the Regular Grand Lodge of England on February 25, 2005, Mr. Rui Gabirro of the Mother High Council, was elected as Secretary General of the Masonic High Council for England and Wales. If you notice, he was expelled by the United Grand Lodge of England on December of the same year. Joining an irregularly formed masonic organization that is not in amity with one's own, and then forming a grand lodge irregularly, all while being a member of the United Grand Lodge of England, is gross unmasonic conduct. In both situations, it displays contumacy. What defines a Lodge as regular is a topic not often covered when a Brother is initiated, passed, and raised to a Master Mason in the Craft. The standards of recognition is not covered as well. Let us all get on the same page. The standards of regularity by the United Grand Lodge of England, Grand Lodge of Scotland, Grand Lodge of Ireland, is similar to the United States Grand Lodges, and the Prince Hall Grand Lodges, and all Grand Lodges in amity with any of these bodies, which state the standards of **Recognition** are summarized as follows:

1. Legitimacy of Origin
2. Exclusive Territorial Jurisdiction, except by mutual consent and/or treaty.
3. Adherence to the Ancient Landmarks – specifically, a Belief in God, the Volume of Sacred Law as an indispensable part of the Furniture of the Lodge, and the prohibition of the discussion of politics and religion.

The Masonic High Council on their public website states:

Special Notice to MHC Masons and Masons in Amity with the Masonic High Council the Mother High Council concerning the existence of some Irregular and Unrecognized Grand Lodges. The Masonic High Council the Mother High Council reminds all Members of the Craft that they should take great care before joining any organization which purports to be Masonic. If in doubt a written enquiry should be made of the Secretary General. There are some self-styled Masonic bodies that do not meet these standards, e.g. which do not require a belief in a Supreme Being, or which allow or encourage their members to participate as such in political matters and some of these self-styled Masonic bodies have even become Service Clubs. These bodies are recognized by the MHC the Mother High Council as being Masonically irregular, and Masonic contact with them should be avoided at all times.

It is interesting that an irregularly formed masonic organization would echo the sentiments of the oldest Grand Lodge in the world. Yes, it is for the purpose of fraud in the pursuit of making men who do not know what regularity is, to feel comfortable about joining, understanding their stance. Here is a statement issued by the United Grand Lodge of England in regards to the Regular Grand Lodge of England:

It is being claimed that the formation of the "Regular Grand Lodge of England" is a result of a major schism within the United Grand Lodge of England that has led to a significant number of Lodges and individual members withdrawing from the United Grand Lodge of England. Those claims are malicious lies, with no foundation in reality. Of the known members of this new, irregular body, only two appear to have had any connection with regular Freemasonry in England. Rather than Lodges having defected to it, there appears to be only one active Lodge, self-constituted this year. Their website links page shows links to other irregular, self-constituted Grand Lodges in India and Europe, including the Grand Lodge of France, whose Grand Chancellor, Michael Singer, has been appointed representative of the "Regular Grand Lodge of England" for France.

Here is what is unfortunate. This practice of forming Grand Lodges by expelled Masons, or men who were never made masons in a regular Lodge, or by the departure of a mason or lodge from an already spurious formed Grand Lodge, is unfortunately, common place in the United States. And as stated earlier in this article, today there exists more than 400 spurious grand lodges in the United States. Many times these are predominately African-American organizations, though there are Co-masonic masons, and orders such as the 1613 Nation existing, led by the now infamous Brad Cofield. As such, mostly Prince Hall Freemasons are left to confront their masonically illegitimate existence by themselves. When confronting spurious masons and attempting to educate them about regularity and more specifically, legitimacy of origin, well, most Masons outside of Prince Hall Masons do not what this means.

~ PART 2 of this Article will be published in the next edition of the Prince Hall Masonic Journal ~

The Prince Hall Masonic Journal Salutes Two-Time Camel Walk Champs



S.O.U.L. Patrol Camel Walk Team of Arabic Temple #44 AEAONMS





“Everybody can be great...because anybody can serve. You don't have to have a college degree to serve. You don't have to make your subject and verb agree to serve. You only need a heart full of grace. A soul generated by love.”
- Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

I read this passage a few years ago and it made me think of the reason that I joined Prince Hall Masonry. Some years ago, I suspect that there are several others who like me were lured into this society of lofty ideals. Such as Brotherly (and Sisterly) love, charity, relief and, of course, love. Only to have these Ideals dashed by the reality of politics, partying, and personal agendas. I'm not trying to down Masonry or the people that are involved, on the contrary, I love Prince Hall Masonry and the premises that it represents. My thoughts are simple. First of all I think that we can do better. My second thought is Service is the Key.

The MWPHGLILBF (Benevolent Fund) is an opportunity to right some of these wrongs, to put us back on the course that many of us thought was unattainable. I don't want you to think that the Benevolent Fund is going to solve all of current issues in the community or in Prince Hall Masonry. Nor do I think that it will miraculously make everybody in our order start wanting to give their time, skills and service. What I want you to understand is that the Benevolent Fund can combine all of the many Brothers and Sisters that are doing various charitable projects throughout the Communities as individual, Lodges, Chapters, Courts Councils into a more United approach thus making a bigger impact on the Community and on the Prince Hall Family.

VISION STATEMENT

Providing resources to low income communities and citizens within Illinois.

MISSION STATEMENT

We strive to meet the needs of the

communities throughout Illinois through the relief of the poor, the distressed, and the underprivileged by providing programs for the advancement of education; preventing hunger; and preventing cruelty to children.

WHO WE ARE

- Dwain Harris, Executive Director
- Earnest Young, Asst. Exec. Director
- Dianna Caston, Chief Financial Officer
- Frances Miller, Fundraiser Director
- Larry Burnett, Fundraiser Director
- Lisa Lee, Director of Operations
- Brian Beatty, Information Technology
- Tammy Hampton, Education
- TBA, Marketing
- TBA, Community Development
- TBA, Compliance
- Public Relations:

Kevin Barlow	Leroy Berry	Leo Henley
Ronnie Williams	Carl Pickett	Daryl Andrews

- Carl Richardson, Financial Secretary
- Patrice McCastle, Recording Secretary

Please note that volunteers that are needed for positions stated above. We need people from all that are willing to work, from all over the State, all walks of life, with the experience we need to make this work. All of these people have been vetted and found to have an interest in service to people that can't help themselves.

WHAT WE DO

The Benevolent Fund raises money for the community programs for the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Illinois and other programs in need of financial support to carry out their missions. We at the Benevolent Fund meet on a regular basis to raise needed funds through fund raisers, donations and in kind services with the support of a staff of volunteers who facilitate behind the scene operations that allow the mission to be carried out.

At the Benevolent Fund, we award monetary support through a process based on a case by case need assessment of the program requesting assistance and their ability to generate funds themselves. When the monies are awarded, the Benevolent Fund's program follows up to make sure all programs are achieving their goals.

WHAT is a 501c(3) ORGANIZATION?

A 501 C (3) is a tax exempt status for a non-profit organization. The Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Illinois Benevolent Fund is a 501 C (3) organization, which allows organizations to reserve

donations and allow individuals to write donations off on their taxes. Even though our name is the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Illinois Benevolent Fund, this organization operates independently of the Grand Lodge and is empowered to assist programs that have no affiliation to the Prince Hall Grand Lodge.

PROGRAMS

- Feed the Needy Programs
- Academic Scholarships
- School Supplies Drive
- Illinois Child Identification Program (IL CHIP)
- Voter Registration Initiatives
- Health initiatives (i.e. Cancer Walk, Alzheimer's testing Free Kidney & Diabetes Screening & Flu Shots)
- Summer Kids Programs
- Amos D. Atwood Scholarship

FUTURE PROGRAMS

- Annual College Readiness & Scholarship Seminars
- Annual ACT Preparatory Classes
- “So You Think You Want To Be” Career Seminars
- Annual Community Blood & Health Drives
- Disaster Relief and Benevolence

These programs assist in helping our communities thrive and build a connection for those areas in which we serve.

WHAT HAVE WE DONE?

We have been instrumental in at least 6 affairs given through our banquet assistance program.

- Through the Grand Lodge, we donated \$35,000 dollars to College Students.
- We sponsored a game night at Shrine Temple.
- We sponsored a Shred-a-thon in the Lake Meadows parking Lot.
- We sponsored our First-Annual Craft Fair at the Grand Lodge.

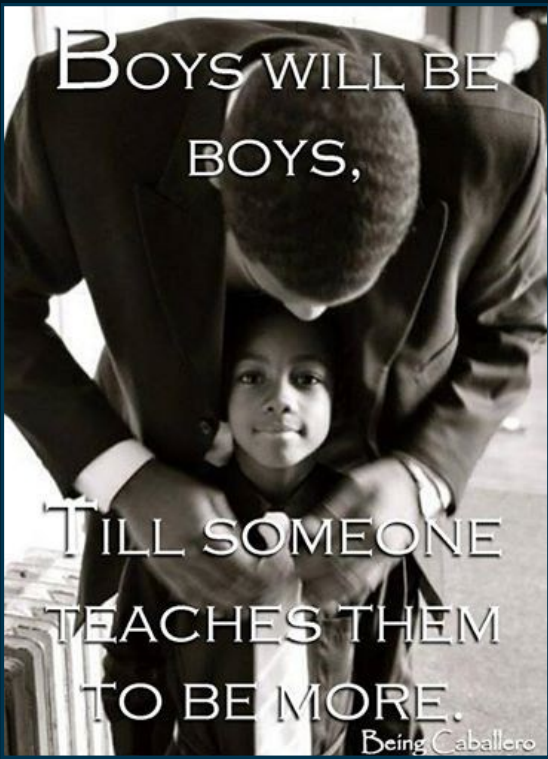
CONCLUSION

I hope that I have covered at least some of the finer points of the MWPHGLILBF. I am asking for your participation, in the form of volunteering, donating, saying a kind, positive word about us or even a prayer would be welcomed.

We are thanking you in advance for whatever level of support and participation that you choose.

Let's change the perception of Prince hall Masonry from party – party – party to Service –Service- Service. (next page)

MWPHGL of Illinois
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Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge Benevolent Fund

The MWPHGLILBF (Benevolent Fund) is in need of Office Equipment, Desks, Chairs, Computers, Phones, File Cabinets, etc.

If you know someone willing to donate some or all of this equipment, please let us know. Be assured that the donation will be tax deductible. Also, please use the donor card below or ask one of our members to supply you with one to make donations.

LET'S WORK TOGETHER TO MAKE THIS WORK FOR ALL.

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