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Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge, Free & Accepted Masons, State of Illinois and Its Jurisdiction



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(1847)

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(1797)

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(1867)

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(1797)

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(1784)

Spring 2010



# Grand Master of Illinois Prince Hall Masons



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GRAND MASTER OF ILLINOIS PRINCE HALL MASONS**

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**Honor**—Honesty, fairness, or integrity in one's beliefs and actions: a man of honor.

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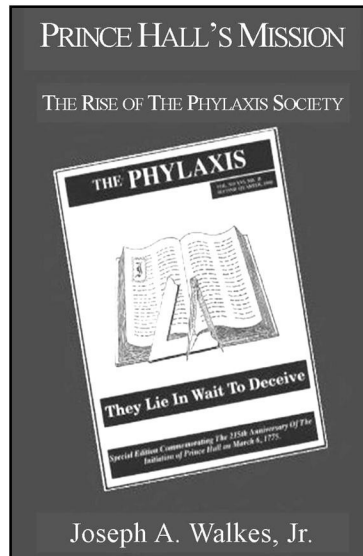
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EDITORIAL

“If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face... then will I hear from heaven...” I have been pondering this piece of scripture from the book of 2<sup>nd</sup> Chronicles as it presents a clear message. Seek direction from God. For by doing so, one will find the relevance of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Proverb. “In all thy ways acknowledge Him and He shall direct thy paths.”

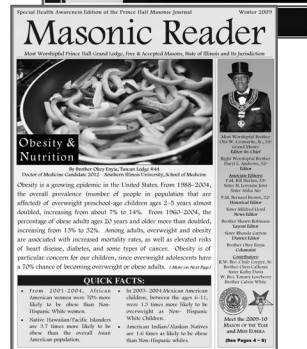


Daryl Andrews

In reviewing the history of the Masonic Order it is clear that her success is due to the relationships held by the membership with God. During times of trouble, the leadership sought God’s face and averted many storms. This is evidenced by the continued existence of our noble order for more than 226 years. The initial seed, sown by the proud 15, grew into a massive tree with limbs that span the country. As it was accomplished with constant adoration to God, their leaves will not wither and their future shall remain prosperous. In this edition, we will name those limbs which serve as testimonials resulting from faith in the most-high.

As we embark on our fourth year of editorship of this publication, I want to take a moment to recognize all contributors to the editions from 2007 through 2009. It is also apparent that God had his hands in these works and it is my prayer that we continue to seek God’s face for direction. By doing so, this publication shall continue to showcase our works of faith.

FEEDBACK FROM THE FALL 2009 AND WINTER 2009 EDITIONS



- “The Fall 2009 Edition gave good background information on Masonic Musicians. I knew about the ‘Iceman’ and the ‘Duke of Earl’ but not about Past Grand Master Henry G. Fort.”
- “The content was good but I did not like the black and white cover. It took away from the edition. We got spoiled with the colored ones. NO MORE BLACK AND WHITE COVERS!”
- “Please continue to strive for coverage across the state. I like seeing articles are included from all corners—from Carbondale to Evanston. Keep it going.”
- “Keep the health care editions coming! While it is hard to hear sometimes, we should help one another. I am overweight with diabetes and will act on these diseases because of the articles Doctoral Candidate Enyia and others wrote.”
- “I thought we were done with ‘First Blacks’ but it is good to see that he (Jason Fullman) accomplished this milestone. (Masonic Reader)”
- “Pythagoras Lodge #134 also celebrated its 50th year anniversary.”
- “We’ve seen so many Masons of the Year disappear after receiving the award. I am glad to see that they are working together. (Masonic Reader)”



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1952-53 Harriet Bell  
1954-55 Ruth I. Brown  
1956-57 Lola W. Hundley  
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1968-69 Charley Hammer  
1970-71 Hazel B. Walker  
1972-73 Daisy Slaughter  
1974-75 Ethel E. Sherlock  
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1978-79 Lilian E. Choice  
1980-81 Iona Husband  
1982-83 Minnie Allen  
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1944-45 Walter E. Freeman  
1946-47 Thomas Y. Watson  
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1952-53 George B. Fort

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1958-59 William Thompson  
1960-61 James E. Smith  
1962-63 Elton P. Hodo  
1964-65 James E. Harden  
1966-67 Thornton T. Lewis  
1968-69 William H. Jones  
1970-71 Joseph Richardson  
1972-73 Homer E. Baron  
1974-75 Armstrong Walker  
1976-77 Lawrence Williams  
1978-79 Curtis Frazier  
1980-81 James L. Long  
1982-83 Leslie Z. Cathey  
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2006-07 James Barsh  
2008-09 Fred Bradley, III

\* - Past Grand Masters

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**News and Events**

The Central Illinois Prince Hall Masonic Family held its Public Installation of Officers on Saturday, December 19, 2009 in Bloomington, Illinois at the Hall of Elijah S. Betts Lodge #23 under the direction of Worshipful Brother Ron Wilson, Area Coordinator. The Past Masters Degree was administered at Noon by the Past Masters of Central Illinois and the public installation began at 2:00PM as witnessed by Most Worshipful Brother Clarence Trotter, Past Grand Master; Right Worshipful Brother Aubrey K. Barlow, Grand Junior Warden; all Central Illinois Chapters of the Order of the Eastern Star, family and friends of the Illinois Masonic Family.—**Right Worshipful Brother Aubrey K. Barlow, Grand Junior Warden, #23.**

**Bloomington**



**East St. Louis**



The Southwest Prince Hall Masonic Family held its Public Installation of Officers on December 26, 2009 at 11:00 a.m. at Southern Cross Lodge Hall in East St. Louis. PM Samuel Hurd, Area Coordinator and members of the Past Masters Council for the 4th District administrated the Past Master degree prior to the Public Installation of Officers. Most Worshipful Brother Melvin Frierson, Past Grand Master, conducted the Public Installation with the assistance of Most Worshipful Brother Earl D. Scott, Past Grand Master; PM Rev. Leon Peterson and PM Christopher McKinley. The following Lodges participated:

- **I.H. Kelly Lodge # 11, Belleville—**  
Worshipful Master: Harry Barnett;
- **St. Paul Lodge # 42, East St. Louis—**  
Worshipful Master: Sammie Ashford;
- **Tuscan Lodge # 44, Carbondale—**  
Worshipful Master: Bryant K. Coman;
- **Joppa Lodge # 79, East St. Louis—**  
Worshipful Master: Fredrick Lathan;
- **Dunbar Lodge # 97, Alton—**  
Worshipful Master: Calvin White;
- **Southern Cross # 112, East St. Louis—**  
Worshipful Master: James Campbell;
- **Jericho Lodge # 120, Madison—**  
Worshipful Master: Lee Stewart;
- **P.G. Porter Lodge # 142, Scott AFB—**  
Worshipful Master: Kenneth Bland

Members of the various Lodges in the 4th District were in attendance to witness the event. Special thanks to the Past Master's Council and the general public and the Masonic family for your support.—**Most Worshipful Brother Earl D. Scott, Past Grand Master, #142**

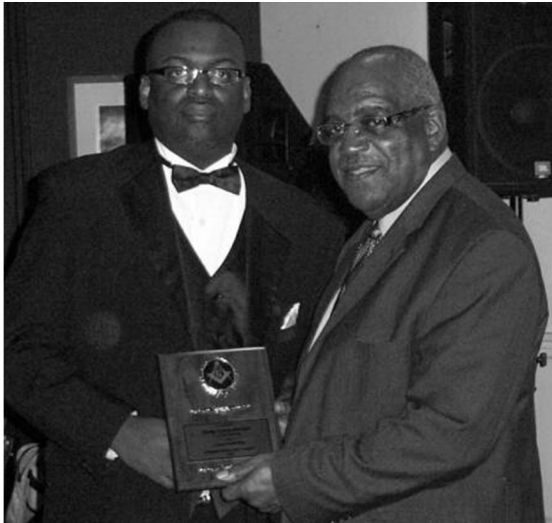




The Prince Hall Masonic Family of Northern Illinois held its Public Installation of elected and appointed officers on Saturday, December 26, 2009 at 11:00am at the St. Paul CME Church, 4644 So. Dearborn Avenue in Chicago, Illinois. Prior to the installation of officers, Tribe of Judah Lodge (below) was consecrated and numbered #157 on the rolls of the Grand Lodge of Illinois.



## **JAMES CAMPBELL HONORED**



As a result of his tireless efforts within Southern Cross Lodge #112 of East St. Louis, Worshipful Brother James Campbell was honored with a banquet in November at Jazz at the Bistro in St. Louis, Missouri. Nominated to receive the 33rd and last degree of Freemasonry, Brother Campbell, pictured with Past Grand Master Melvin Frierson, is an active Mason whose efforts extend beyond the Lodge into the East St. Louis community. Overall, the affair was an awesome occasion which included dignitaries from across the state, a live band and an excellent meal. Congratulations!!!

## **BUCK & CORNERSTONE LODGE TURNED 90 IN '09**

While the year 2009 marked ninety years of existence for Cornerstone Lodge #91, it also served as the 90th year of life for an individual who has contributed to the Masonic Order in a



variety of different ways. Worshipful Brother Richard Buck, 33<sup>o</sup>, the Senior Most Past Master of Cornerstone Lodge #91, turned 90 on December 12th. Having served as Worshipful Master in 1964, he has led numerous subordinate bodies within the York Rite, Scottish Rite and Shrine and, at one time or another, has served on all Grand Lodge Committees. All one has to do is to open their Grand Lodge Bylaws Booklet to find his name among the Revision Committee members. His dedication and the dedication of his Lodge are exemplary. Congratulations!!!

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## **PROJECT HAPPINESS-FOX SPOTLIGHTS DUKE'S CHARITY**



First introduced to Freemasonry by Most Worshipful Brother Jerry "Iceman" Butler, Brother Gene "Duke of Earl" Chandler, Senior Warden of North Star Lodge #1, has taken "charity" to another level. Chandler formed "Project Happiness", a not-for-profit charitable organization, which has provided gifts and holiday cheer to children at Stroger Hospital's Pediatric Ward for a number of years. The efforts of this organization were recognized by Fox News Chicago on December 23, 2009 as they followed the gift giving of Project Happiness through the hospital's halls. From a interview with Tera Williams of Fox Chicago News, Chandler stated "we've been coming here every year for the last seven years." In doing so, his charity has given children and their parents happiness during the holiday season.



## **ELIJAH S. BETTS AND UNION VISIT ALABAMA**

*By Worshipful Brother Adrian Cooley, Union Lodge #155*



On October 23, 2009, R.W. Bro. Aubrey K. Barlow, P.M. Ronald C. Bell, W. Bro. Adrian Cooley, and Bro. Stephan Crudup visited New Beginning Lodge #970 of Birmingham, Alabama to celebrate a bond established long ago. The idea to establish Union Lodge in Chicago actually came from the charter of New Beginning Lodge #970 in 1999. By the efforts of P.M. Dwight Coleman, a good friend of Brother Cooley, New Beginning Lodge #970 was chartered by the MWPHGL of Alabama. This act inspired Brother Cooley to suggest to members of Elijah S. Betts who had relocated to Chicago to form a new Lodge in the city in the same form to continue their brotherly bond.

In 2000, several members of Elijah S. Betts Lodge

#23 traveled to Birmingham to help "Raise" the first class of Master Masons for the Lodge. This trip revived the idea of forming a new Lodge in Chicago. In 2008, the dream was realized as Union Lodge was established.

To help celebrate the 10th anniversary of New Beginning Lodge, members from Elijah S. Betts and Union revisited to assist in raising a new class of Master Masons. Brother Cooley delivered the Master Mason's Charge for the new brethren and R.W. Bro. Barlow, P.M. Bell, and Bro. Crudup provided good and wholesome instruction throughout their full days journey. Union Lodge also presented New Beginning Lodge with a plaque of congratulations on their 10th anniversary.

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## **PHYLAXIS SOCIETY RECOGNIZES ILLINOISANS**

In its Fourth Quarter 2009 edition, the Phylaxis Society magazine recognized Past Masters Adrian Cooley and Daryl Andrews. A Past Master of Union Lodge #155, Bro. Cooley followed the example set by the Phylaxis Society when he donated a copy of "Black Square and Compass" by Joseph A. Walkes, Jr. to Emmett Till Academy as a part of the "Real Men Read" program arranged by Bro. Chris Calhoun. The late Walkes, who was the founder of the Phylaxis Society, would have been proud of this step and proud of Past Master Andrews of Cornerstone Lodge #91 whose article titled "Masonic Abolitionists" was the focus of the entire Third Quarter edition. Congratulations and we look forward to continued success!!!





## **TWENTY-FOUR EXALTED**

Under the leadership of Most Excellent Companion Melvin Crawford, Holy Royal Arch Masonry within the State of Illinois has experienced tremendous growth. This trend was further cemented by the exaltation of new Companions on January 16, 2010. By the direction of Excellent Companion Ron Wilson, Grand Lecturer, twenty-four Companions received the degrees of the Holy Royal Arch. The degree work was led in a splendid fashion by the Central Illinois degree team and participating Companions from the Chicago area at the Christ Universal Temple Church in Chicago. The excellent labors of the degree team participants were also witnessed by a number of visiting dignitaries including Most Illustrious Companion Enoch Clark-Bey, Grand Thrice Illustrious Master of the Cryptic Rite and the Most Excellent Grand Chapter of Holy Royal Masons including Most Excellent Companion Joseph H. Santisteban, Grand High Priest. In the spirit of brotherly love and unity, Most Excellent Companion Santisteban presented Most Excellent Companion Melvin Crawford with a golden ark (pictured below) which capped the end of an excellent day. Congratulations to the Most Excellent Prince Hall Grand Chapter of Holy Royal Arch Masons.

### **BANKS RECEIVES SCOUTING SERVICE AWARD**

Worshipful Brother Eddie L. Banks, Sr., Sr. Scoutmaster of Troop 534 and Past Master of Wayfarers Lodge #128, was honored at the Chicago Area Council BSA 1st Annual Whitney M. Young, Jr. Service Awards Dinner at the Holiday Inn-Mart Plaza on Thursday, December 3, 2009. He and five others including Mayor Richard M. Daley and Congressman Danny K. Davis received the Whitney M. Young, Jr. Service Award, at which Cheryl Burton of ABC7 News was the Mistress of Ceremonies. The award is presented to those who best display service to our youth. This was the first of an annual event.



Worshipful Brother Banks will receive the Silver Beaver Award on Sunday, February 28, 2010 at the 2009 Council Annual Recognition Dinner which is the highest award that a Council can bestow upon a leader for service to the Boy Scout movement. Worshipful Brother James R. Reese, Past Master of King David Lodge #100, received the award last year and both are very active in trying to save our youth, especially on the Southside of Chicago. Brother Reese is the Program Chairman for Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts in the Greater Southside District, Brother Banks is the Training Chairman for the District, and I, Worshipful Brother Carter, am the District Commissioner. - *P.M. Norville Carter, #1*

## GRAND LODGE TO ORGANIZE SCOUT UNITS MEETING AT THE GRAND EAST ON 3/25/2010

The Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Illinois will be organizing a Boy Scout Troop and a Cub Scout Pack. There will be a meeting at the Grand East to gather the brothers and sisters who will need to take leadership roles in the troop and in the pack. For example, we will need a committee of at least five to supervise the Scoutmaster, the Cubmaster and assistants. We must have a Chartered Organization Representative who will be the liaison between the MWPGLIL and the Boy Scouts of America. This meeting will take place on Thursday, March 25, 2010 at 7:00 PM at the Grand East.

The Cub Scouts start at 7 years old or first grade and goes to 11 years old. The Boy Scouts start at 11 years old and can go to 18 years old. There is also a program for 14-year-olds that goes to 18-year-olds called Venturing. We hope to have at least one professional Scouter to attend this meeting. I have enclosed for those that are interested "Scouting's Bottom Line":

**What happens to a Scout? For every 100 boys who join Scouting, records indicate that:**

- RARELY will one be brought before the juvenile court system
- 2 will become Eagle Scouts
- 17 will become future Scout volunteers
- 12 will have their first contact with a church
- 1 will enter the clergy
- 5 will earn their church award
- 18 will develop a hobby that will last through their adult life
- 8 will enter a vocation that was learned through the merit badge system
- 1 will use his Scouting skills to save his own life
- 1 will use his Scouting skills to save the life of another person



Norville & Henry Carter

**Scouting's alumni record is equally impressive. A recent nation-wide survey of high schools revealed the following information:**

- 85% of student council presidents were Scouts
- 89% of senior class presidents were Scouts
- 80% of junior class presidents were Scouts
- 75% of school publication editors were Scouts
- 71% of football captains were Scouts

**Scouts also account for:**

- 64% of Air Force Academy graduates
- 68% of West Point graduates
- 70% of Annapolis graduates
- 72% of Rhodes Scholars
- 85% of F.B.I. agents
- 26 of the first 29 astronauts

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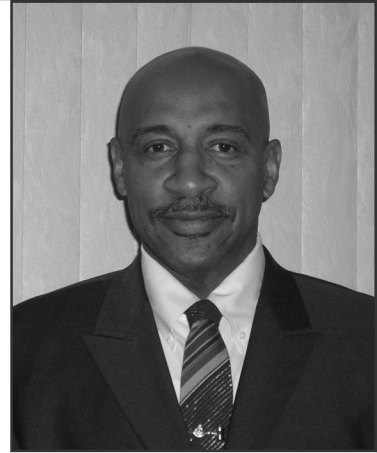
### ANNA E. DUNMORE JUNIOR HEROINES COURT

Let's support *Heroine Delois Green* and the Heroines of Jericho in this effort.



## **JERALD PRINCE TO BE INDUCTED INTO INTO IHSA FOOTBALL HALL OF FAME**

After a 33 year coaching career, Brother Jerald Prince, owner of JZ Enterprises and Past Master of Universal Lodge #65, will be inducted into the Illinois High School Football Coaches Hall of Fame on April 10, 2010 in Champaign, Illinois. Brother Prince began his coaching career at Carver High School in Chicago as Assistant Head Football Coach from 1971 to 1973. After success at Carver, he became the head football coach of Whitney Young High School in 1975 and would serve in this role for 20 consecutive years and boast a career winning percentage of nearly 70% with multiple state-championship qualifying teams. From 1995 to 2005, he served as the Athletic Director and Assistant Head Coach for Dunbar Vocational Career Academy where they won several city championships and one Prep Bowl Championship against the Catholic League in 1997. In addition, he holds the distinction of being the only coach in the history of Illinois High School Football to have coached the number one pick in the NFL draft, Russell Maryland, of the Dallas Cowboys. Maryland won three Super Bowls along with three National Championships at the University of Miami, where he also won the Outland Trophy in recognition of the best college lineman in the country. These accomplishments have elevated Prince to one of the best coaches in Illinois High School Football History and justify his selection this honor. Congratulations!!! (See JZ Enterprises Ad—opposite page)



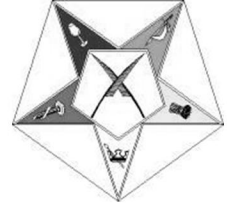
## **UNION LODGE ADOPT-A-SCHOOL EFFORTS**



In conjunction with its Adopt-A-School Program, Union Lodge #155 was able to donate six White Sox tickets to three well-deserving students at our adopted school, Emmett Till Academy. On Tuesday, September 22nd, Bro. Adrian Cooley W.M., Bro. Vernell Byrd S.D., and Bro. Brad Bozeman J.S. attended the game and sat next to one of the students. A special thanks goes out to out to Bro. Richard Nelson, Monarch #99, who donated the tickets. Bro. Nelson said he was impressed by Union's efforts with our adopted school and he wanted to contribute. In further support of the school, Union Lodge assisted the faculty at Till Academy with its annual Thanksgiving Charity Effort by providing the man power to unload 600 turkeys from the delivery truck and delivering individual turkeys to the residents of the Woodlawn community —*P.M. Adrian Cooley, #155*



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## 2010 Seraphim of Light



*By Sister H. Lorraine Jeter, PWGM, Grand CCFC*

On Saturday, January 9, 2010 the 2010 Seraphim of Light Worthy Matrons and Worthy Patrons escorted by their fraternal parents, Sister Paulette Brown, Worthy Grand Matron and Brother William W. Jackson, Worthy Grand Patron took their place of honor at the Annual Installation Banquet held at the beautiful Camelot Banquet Hall, 8624 West 95<sup>th</sup> Street, Hickory Hills, IL.

The audience of fraternal members, family and friends lifted their voices proudly in the singing of "Lift Every Voice and Sing." WGM Paulette Brown presented a glowing tribute to the 2010 Seraphim of Light Worthy Matrons and Worthy Patrons reminding them that in the lives of each of them come great moments of happiness. And today is one of those moments. They are eager to do all in their power to work for the good of our great Order, but it is impossible to accomplish anything without unity of



purpose. As you preside find happiness and joy in promoting the growth of your respective Chapters and Eureka Grand Chapter. There is nothing that can't be done, if we raise our voice as one - "Yes We Can".

Grand Lecturer Sisters Lena Roberts presented the meaning of the Sash and the Apron. The five symbols of the Emblematic Star representing:

- **Adah** – Open Bible – Direction
- **Ruth** – Lily of the Valley – Christ like Spirit
- **Esther** – The Sun – Light
- **Martha** – The Lamb – Innocence & Humility
- **Electa** – The Lion – Strength & Power
- **Angel on Sash and Apron** – Guardian angel sitting atop the world watching over us.
- **Five color ribbon wrap** – Wrapped in the emblematic colors are a sense of protection as we travel through our daily labors.
- **Yes We Can!** – We are F.A.T.A.L – "Fairest among thousands altogether lovely – knowing that we can do all things through Christ who strengthens us.

Sister Teresa D. Abner, Associate Grand Matron, Sister Sandra D. Smith, Grand Conductress and Sister Stephanie E. Atwood as the Worthy Matrons and Worthy Patrons were presented their Sash and Apron by fraternal members, special friends and family members, explained each one's theme, motto, bible verse, song, color, charity and flower.

**The 2010 Seraphim of Light Officers are:**

- Sister Jasmine S. Brewer, #114, **President**
- Sister Patrice Conley, #144, **Vice President**
- Sister Carmallitia Clemons, #124, **Treasurer**
- Sister Beatrice Hutcherson, #28, **Secretary**
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- Sister Maretta Brown-Miller, #99, **Chaplain**
- Sister Letitia Sanders, #61, **Lady on Courtesy**
- Brother Steve Hodges, #33, **Sergeant at Arms**





## **NORTH STAR BLOOD DRIVE**

The Semi-annual Blood Drive sponsored by North Star Lodge #1, held at the Grand East on November 23, 2009, was a success. The American Red Cross collected 25 pints of blood which was due, in no small measure, to the participation of many brothers and sisters of different Lodges and Chapters, relatives, fellow workers and friends of North Star. North Star thanks the following sisters and brothers that not only signed up but also came to donate:

- **Talma Chapter #2** - Tira McBride, Barbara Mielke, Jackie Miller, Annie Price, Delia Tillman;
- **Plubline Chapter # 109** - Senora Ben and Winogene Pointer;
- **Princess Syene Chapter # 114** - Jasmine Brewer and Melissa Jones;
- **John Jones Lodge #7** - David Scott
- **Mount Hebron Lodge #29** - James Hannah

A very special thank you goes to Sis. Mildred Andrews, West Gate Chapter #122, for her volunteer work in our blood drives. She has been a jewel in registration and a big reason why our drives are successful. Our next drive is scheduled for April 26, 2010 from 5:00PM until 9:30PM at the Grand East

*- P.M. Norville R. Carter, #1*

## **CELESTIAL'S CENTENNIAL**

On October 17, 2009, Celestial Lodge #80, which was chartered on October 18, 1909, celebrated 100 years of making "Good Men Better". This Anniversary celebration was held at the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge and the key note speaker was Celestial's own Reverend Brother T. L. Barrett, who delivered a speech on "The Building of a Man". The sermon was insightful and encouraging to all of our guests in attendance. Past Master Derrick Thompson also shared a poem of his interpretation of "Respect", Past Master William T. Briggs and Past Master Walter Young delivered an extensive speech on the History of Celestial. Each speaker echoed our theme, "100 years of making Good Men Better". Venus Chapter #69, Celestial's Sister Chapter, shared in this special occasion. Sister Greshenka Weatherspoon, Worthy Matron, congratulated the Lodge and encouraged all to continue to work hard. We enjoyed a nice dinner catered by Sister Corliss Anderson. Worshipful Master Michael Dillard presented some gifts of appreciation and concluded with encouraging remarks. Congratulations!

*- W. Brother Ezell Williams, III, #80*

## **OPENING AT THE GRAND EAST IN APRIL 2010**

**EXHIBITS PREPARED BY THE HISTORICAL COMMITTEE OF THE MOST WORSHIPFUL PRINCE HALL GRAND LODGE OF ILLINOIS**

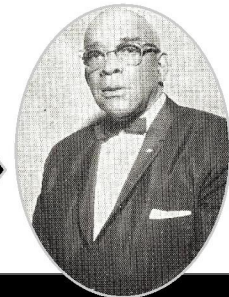


### **HENRY G. FORT GALLERY OF LEADERSHIP**

- This gallery will showcase engraved portraits of all Past Most Worshipful Grand Masters of the Illinois Jurisdiction, Masons of the Year and perpetual plaques of the Heads of Houses of the Concordant Bodies of the Grand Lodge.

### **"POPS" MOOREHEAD GALLERY OF HISTORY**

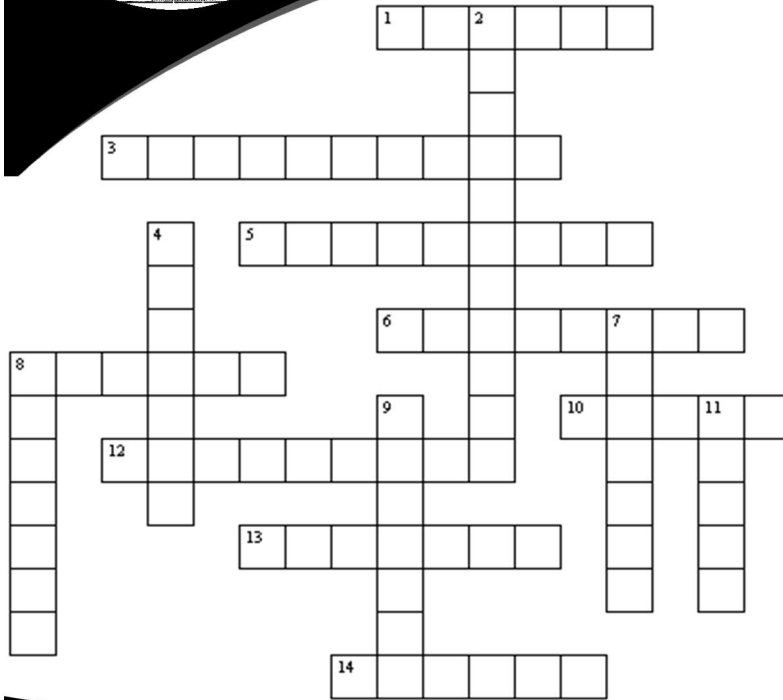
- This gallery will showcase photos and artifacts of the History of the Grand Lodge and her Heads of Houses of the Concordant Bodies.





# How Well Do You Know Your History?

## FOUNDATIONS AND TITLES



### ACROSS

- 1. A KYCH \_\_\_\_\_
- 3. Right \_\_\_\_\_ Brother
- 5. Imperial \_\_\_\_\_
- 6. Most Noble \_\_\_\_\_ Captain
- 8. Excellent High \_\_\_\_\_
- 10. The foundation of Masonry
- 12. \_\_\_\_\_ of Isis
- 13. Most \_\_\_\_\_ Matron
- 14. \_\_\_\_\_ Matron

### DOWN

- 2. Grand Thrice \_\_\_\_\_ Master
- 4. Grand Inspector \_\_\_\_\_
- 7. Right \_\_\_\_\_ Grand Commander
- 8. Royal Grand \_\_\_\_\_ Matron
- 9. Heroines of \_\_\_\_\_
- 11. \_\_\_\_\_ Lady Ruler

## *Re-Animated*

Petrified and cast in Stone  
 The beauty of Life's Love  
 For which my Heart moans

The longing for a connection beyond physical lust  
 Questing for Spiritual Perfection, turning pain to dust.

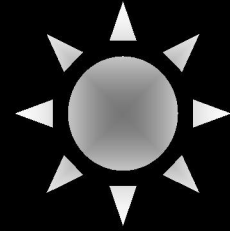
Communicating on levels above our vocals tones  
 Harmonizing with the universe, bring Love to our zone.

Changing the lead of the two into a Golden third  
 Transformation complete

With the power of this WORD

*Taej L. Murray*  
*Brother to the Night*

# Empowerment Zone



P.M. DePlessie Drew

## FOOD FOR THOUGHT

We all like to say we understand the teachings of Masonry. We take pride in the fact that we can recite the Ritual word for word, especially the opening and closing without using a book. We form concepts and beliefs. We then take refuge in these concepts and beliefs, instead of taking Action in conformity with them. Think about if we should make our concepts and beliefs the basis for our Actions.

If we observe our use of the words and concepts, we will notice that often we repeat ideas about Masonry without thinking much about them. We find comfort and security in this repetition, and knowing the standard answers makes us feel we understand Masonry. But sometimes we betray how little we have actually thought about our stock phrases.

Do we allow the teachings of Masonry to change our daily behavior? If we believe the teachings of Masonry, why not make our actions conform to our beliefs. Remember that Masonry is not a path of information but of transformation.

## THINK ABOUT IT!

## MOORE WORDS OF WISDOM

**Worshipful-** a formal title of honor used in announcing or mentioning certain highly regarded or respected persons or groups.

**Master-** a person eminently skilled in something, as an occupation, art, or science; a person whose teachings others accept or follow.

**Worthy-** having adequate or great merit, character, or value; a person of eminent worth, merit, or position.

**Matron-** A married woman or a widow, especially a mother of dignity, mature age, and established social position.



Sister Rhonda Moore

**Are you the definition of a Worshipful Master or Worthy Matron?**



Most of the Prince Hall family is aware that the first Prince Hall Grand Lodge in America is located in Massachusetts, and was organized in 1791 and since its inception Prince Hall Grand Lodges have for the most part been organized and chartered in due form. We have the great abolitionist, Prince Hall, to thank for having the insight in 1784 to petition the Grand Lodge of England, the Premier Grand Lodge of the world now known as "The United Grand Lodge of England" for a charter to organize a regular Masonic Lodge because he and his brethren had grown weary of the limited privileges to only meet as a Lodge, march in procession on St. Johns' Day and bury their dead. These privileges were bestowed upon them on July 3, 1776 by the Irish Military Lodge #441 prior to the American Revolutionary War. African Lodge #1 originated from this relationship.

As the Lodge was not officially chartered by the Grand Lodge of England, they applied for and were granted a charter on September 29, 1784. By virtue of the charter, African Lodge #1 had become African Lodge #459 of Boston, Massachusetts. African Lodge became the first black Lodge of Master Masons in America with a legitimate charter from England and one of the only Lodges, black or white, to have a valid charter in the United States of America. Prince Hall was the first Worshipful Master of 459 and used that position to help end slavery in Massachusetts. He also started the first black school in Boston in his own home since the city refused to supply a building (two little known black history facts).

As I mentioned earlier, the first Prince Hall Grand Lodge was organized in 1791 but not under that name. The original name was African Grand Lodge and Prince Hall was appointed its Provincial Grand Master by His Royal Highness King George IV, the Prince of Wales in 1791. The history of this can get somewhat confusing because although they organized in 1791, they did not become an official grand body until one year after Prince Hall's death. He died in Boston on December 7, 1807 but issued warrants (or charters) to Lodges before his passing just like Worshipful Masters had done in Europe. He issued a warrant to African Lodge #459 of Philadelphia on March 22, 1797 after Absalom Jones, an ordained Episcopal Priest, visited Boston to make the request.

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By P.M. Bernar

## Most Worshipful Grand Lodge



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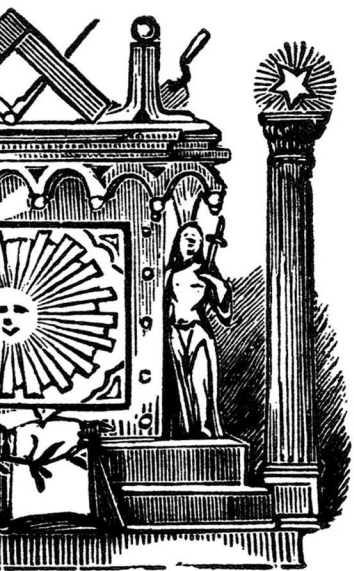
Subsequently, Jones became the first Worshipful Master and Richard Allen, founder and first Bishop of the African Methodist Episcopal Church, became the first Treasurer of African Lodge #459 of Philadelphia. In that same year, Hall also issued a warrant to Hiram Lodge #3 of Providence Rhode Island on June 24, 1797. So in 1808, one year after his passing, African Lodge #459 of Boston, African Lodge #459 of Philadelphia and Hiram Lodge #3 of Providence, Rhode Island met in New York and officially organized the African Grand Lodge. In 1847, African Grand Lodge changed its name to the Prince Hall Grand Lodge and today the official name is the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, Jurisdiction of Massachusetts, in honor of the memory of our beloved first Grand Master.

It is to the Prince Hall Grand Lodge in Massachusetts or the Prince Hall Mother Grand Lodge that all Prince Hall Affiliated Grand Lodges must trace their origins to claim legitimacy. Each new Prince Hall Grand Lodge had to be sponsored by an established Prince Hall Grand Lodge from a different state. **Thus, the PHamily tree begins.**

The first state to become organized under the recognition of the Prince Hall Mother Grand Lodge was Pennsylvania. In 1815, the Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania was established and chartered. Pennsylvania had a very interesting beginning and during the early years of its existence as it found itself divided due to the strewed conflict between the Grand Lodge and Union Lodge of Pennsylvania. This resulted in Union Lodge declaring itself independent and forming Hiram Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania in July of 1837. Eventually they reunited in 1847 and formed a Grand Lodge named Free and Accepted Ancient York Masons of Pennsylvania under the newly organized National Compact of Grand Lodges. However, that union was short lived as another Grand Lodge sprung up under the name of the Colored Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania with Emory Cronkin as Grand Master. These grand bodies shared the State of Pennsylvania as separate entities until 1882 when they were brought together by Grand Master William H. Miller of the Ancient York Masons. As a result, they consolidated and changed their name to the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons of the State of Pennsylvania.

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ful Prince Hall  
s of America



Prior to the Emancipation Proclamation of 1863 which allegedly freed the slaves, black men were eager to join the brotherhood of Freemasonry. A young brother from Philadelphia, Richard Howard Gleaves, had been appointed as a Deputy Grand Master for the expansion of Masons in North America. Our various Prince Hall Grand Lodge histories have shown that a majority of the states started their Grand Lodges after first forming three subordinate Lodges. With this in mind, Bro. Gleaves set out on his journey to form Lodges in unchartered locales. He played a key role in the formation of several Grand Lodges through 1865 including Maryland, District of Columbia, New Jersey, Ohio, Delaware, 1849, and Virginia. These Grand Lodges also have the Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania to thank, because through them each gained its sovereignty and started the long history of our family tree.

We cannot leave out the rich history of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge Free and Accepted Masons of the State of Illinois and its Jurisdiction. I will not go into great detail because our history can be found on our Grand Lodge website but I will say that we have the Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Ohio and Brother Richard Gleaves to thank for our establishment.

Throughout the years, Prince Hall Grand Lodges were formed and the majority of them had the name "Prince Hall" in there somewhere. However, history doesn't always allow us to continue the traditions that we try to maintain. With that being said, we have a couple of Grand Lodges in America that do not have the name "Prince Hall" attached to them. Nevertheless, they are legitimate Prince Hall Grand Lodges. To confuse you a little more, we also have Grand Lodges with "Prince Hall" attached to their name that are not legitimate Prince Hall Grand Lodges. So, you might be wondering how this happened? Well let's start with the first incident.

The first irregular or bogus Grand Lodge was formed in the State of Florida in 1917 and was named the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge A.F. & A.M. of Florida and Jurisdiction, Inc. It was issued an illegitimate charter by the

state in 1935. The legitimate and regular Grand Lodge of the State of Florida is The Most Worshipful Union Grand Lodge, Most Ancient and Honorable Fraternity, Free and Accepted Masons, Prince Hall Affiliated, Florida and Belize, Central America, Incorporated.

A Mason named Charles F. Dailey became Deputy Grand Master of the Southern Jurisdiction under the umbrella of the previously mentioned Hiram Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania. During that time Brother Dailey was not aware of the irregularities of Hiram Grand Lodge and the National Compact Lodge so in 1867 he started the traditional number of lodges (3) that led to formation of the Grand Lodge in Florida in 1870. The three lodges were, Solomon Lodge #50, Saint Johns Lodge #51, and Mt. Moriah Lodge #52. However, Hiram Grand Lodge eventually reconciled with the Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania and with the proposed dissolution of the National Compact Grand Lodge in 1877 in Wilmington, Delaware, Union Grand Lodge became Prince Hall Affiliated.

The second state to endure this conflict was Mississippi. In Greenville, MS on June 24, 1889, Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge Free & Accepted Ancient York Masons, Prince Hall Origin, National Compact, U.S.A., Jurisdiction of Mississippi was formed after the "real-deal" was already in place. On July 3, 1875, the Most Worshipful Stringer Grand Lodge Free & Accepted Masons, Prince Hall Affiliated, Jurisdiction of Mississippi had already been established. It was named after the Reverend Thomas W. Stringer, who was the first black man elected to the Mississippi State Legislature in 1870. Five years prior, Stringer organized Pearl Street African Methodist Episcopal Church in Jackson, MS. I had the pleasure of visiting Stringer Grand Lodge in 1997 and received a personal tour of their marvelous building by one of the trustees. The two irregular/bogus grand lodges that have the name "Prince Hall" attached to it paints a clear picture for us to not always look at titles or organizations at face value but to dig deeper for the truth within.



I only touched on the surface of the links that bind our Prince Hall Grand Lodges in America which extends to over 40 Grand Lodges situated across the country. This includes the newest addition, the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Hawaii and Its Jurisdiction, Inc., the birthplace of our 44th President of the United States, Barack Obama, was organized in 2001. The Prince Hall Affiliated Grand Lodges ordered by date of organization are shown below:

1. **Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge Free and Accepted Masons of Massachusetts**  
24 Washington Street, Dorchester, MA 02121  
www.princehall.org—Organized in 1791
2. **Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania Free and Accepted Masons**  
4301 N. Broad Street, Philadelphia, PA 19140  
www.princehall-pa.org—Organized in 1815
3. **Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of the Most Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of New York**  
454 W. 155th Street, New York, NY 10032  
mwphglny.org—Organized March 14, 1845
4. **Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Maryland and Jurisdiction**  
1307 Eutaw Place, Baltimore, MD 21217  
www.mwphglmd.org—Organized in 1845
5. **Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge F&AM, Inc of the District of Columbia**  
1000 U Street, N.W., Washington, DC 20001  
www.mwphglcdc.com—Organized in 1848
6. **Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge F&AM State of New Jersey**  
180-192 Irvine Turner Blvd, Newark, NJ 07108  
www.mwphglnj.org—Organized in 1848
7. **Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge F&AM of Delaware**  
623 S. Heald Street, Wilmington, DE 19801  
www.mwphglde.org—Organized June 9, 1849
8. **Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Ohio F&AM**  
50 Hamilton Park, Columbus, OH 43203  
www.phaohio.org—Organized in 1849
9. **Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge, F&AM, State of California, Inc.**  
9027 S. Figueroa Street, Los Angeles, CA 90003  
www.mwphglch.org—Organized in 1855
10. **Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge F&AM of Indiana**  
5605 E. 38th St, Indianapolis, IN 46218  
phglin.org—Organized September 16, 1856
11. **Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge F&AM of the State of Rhode Island**  
883 Eddy St, Providence, RI 02905-4705  
Organized in 1858
12. **Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Louisiana and Its Jurisdiction**  
1335 N. Blvd, Suite 301, Baton Rouge, LA  
mwphglla.com—Organized January 5, 1863
13. **Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Missouri and Jurisdiction**  
4525 Olive Street, St. Louis, MO 63108  
www.phaglmo.org—Organized in July 1865
14. **Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Michigan**  
3100 Gratiot Ave, Detroit, MI 48207  
www.miphgl.org—Organized April 25, 1865
15. **Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Virginia**  
906 N. Thompson Street, Richmond, VA 23221  
www.mwphglva.org—Organized in 1865
16. **Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Kentucky**  
1304 S. 28th Street, Louisville, KY 40211  
www.phglky.com—Organized August 16, 1866
17. **Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Illinois**  
809 E. 42nd Place, Chicago, IL 60653-2900  
mwphglil.com—Organized February 15, 1867
18. **Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge F&AM of Kansas and its Jurisdiction**  
PO Box 300463, Kansas City, MO 64130-0463  
Organized in 1867
19. **Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of F&AM of the State of South Carolina**  
2324 Gervais Street, Columbia, SC 29204  
www.mwphglsc.org—Organized in 1867-1872
20. **Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of North Carolina**  
315 E. Main Street, Durham, NC 27702-1507  
mwphglnc.com—Organized March 1, 1870
21. **Most Worshipful Union Grand Lodge Most Ancient and Honorable Fraternity F&AM, PHA, Florida & Belize, Central America**  
410 Broad Street, Jacksonville, FL 32202  
mwuglflorida.org—Organized June 17, 1870

22. **Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Georgia**  
330 Auburn Ave NE, Atlanta, GA 30335  
www.mwphglga.org—Organized June 24, 1870
23. **Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge F&AM of Alabama**  
1630 4th Avenue North, Birmingham, AL 35203  
mwphglal.org—Organized September 20, 1870
24. **Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge F&AM of Tennessee**  
253 South Parkway, Memphis, TN 38109  
Organized in 1870
25. **Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge F&AM, Inc., Jurisdiction of Arkansas**  
119 E. Fourth Ave, Pine Bluff, AK 71601  
arkphagrandlodge.com—Organized in 1873
26. **Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Connecticut, Inc., F&AM**  
66 Montville Street, Hartford, CT 06120  
www.mwphglct.org—Organized in 1873
27. **Most Worshipful Stringer Grand Lodge F&AM Jurisdiction of Mississippi**  
1072 John R. Lynch Street, Jackson, MS 39202  
www.mwstringerl.org—Organized in 1875
28. **Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Texas and Jurisdiction**  
3433 Martin Luther King Freeway, Ft. Worth, TX  
mwphglotx.org—Organized August 19, 1875
29. **Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Colorado and Its Jurisdiction**  
1244 Euclid Avenue, Pueblo, CO 81004  
mwphglco.com—Organized January 17, 1876
30. **Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of West Virginia, F&AM, Inc.**  
PO Box 233, Whitman, WV 25652-0233  
www.mwphgl-wv.us.tt—Organized in 1877
31. **Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Iowa and Its Jurisdiction**  
1340 Idaho Street, Des Moines, IA 50306  
Organized on August 26, 1884
32. **Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge F&AM Jurisdiction of Oklahoma**  
1304 W. Broadway, Muskogee, OK 74402  
geocities.com/okj\_mwphgl—Organized in 1893
33. **Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Minnesota and Its Jurisdiction**  
310 East 38th St., Minneapolis, MN 55409-1337  
www.mwphglmn.net—Organized August 16, 1894
34. **Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge F&AM Washington and Jurisdiction**  
306 24th Ave S., Seattle, WA 98144  
www.mwphglwa.org—Organized April 13, 1903
35. **Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Nebraska and Its Jurisdiction**  
2418 Ames Avenue, Omaha, NE 68111  
www.mwphglne.org—Organized in 1919
36. **Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge F&AM Arizona and Jurisdiction, Inc.**  
6035 South 24th St, Phoenix, AZ 85040  
www.azmwphgl.com—Organized on May 3, 1920
37. **Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of New Mexico**  
525 San Pedro Drive NE, Albuquerque, NM 87108  
mwphglnm.org—Organized September 21, 1921
38. **Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge F&AM of Wisconsin, Inc.**  
600 W. Walnut Street, Milwaukee, WI 53212  
Organized in 1925
39. **Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge F&AM of Oregon, Inc.**  
115-118 NE Russell St, Portland, OR 97212  
Organized in 1960
40. **Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Alaska**  
P. O. Box 736, Anchorage, AK 99501  
Organized in 1969
41. **Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Nevada**  
2700 Colton Street, North Las Vegas, NV  
www.phanv.org—Organized on August 16, 1980
42. **Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge F&AM of Hawaii and Its Jurisdiction, Inc.**  
P.O. Box 89-3553, Mililani, HI 96789  
mwphglofhawaii.org—Organized June 2, 2001

Our PHamily tree is special because it proves beyond a shadow of a doubt that Prince Hall Masonry in America is legitimate, real and vibrant. From our beginnings and beyond we have/had historians, scholars, lawyers, doctors, preachers, and Masonic jurists just to name a few and the journey continues.

Worshipful Brother Bernard Brown, Sr.  
Historical Editor  
Prince Hall Masonic Journal



# Grand Lecturers Corner



R. W. Michael E. Patterson

## Leadership 101 – Part (1 of 3)

*So you Think it's an Easy Task*

### Learning to Lead

Effective leaders recognize that what they know is very little in comparison to what they still need to learn. To be more proficient in pursuing and achieving objectives, you should be open to new ideas, insights, and revelations that can lead to better ways to accomplishing goals. This continuous learning process can be exercised, in particular, through engaging yourself in a constant dialogue with your peers, advisers, consultants, team members, suppliers, customers, and competitors.

Leading others is not simply a matter of style, or following some how-to guides or recipes. Ineffectiveness of leaders seldom results from a lack of know-how or how-to, nor is it typically due to inadequate managerial skills. Leadership is not always about creating a great vision. It is about creating conditions under which all your followers can perform independently and effectively work toward a common objective.

James O'Tool, a noted management theorist proposes a new vision of leadership in the business world - a values-based leadership that is not only fair and just, but also highly effective in today's complex organizations. It is based on:

- your ideas and values;
- your understanding of the differing and conflicting needs of your followers;
- your ability to energize followers to pursue a better goal that they had thought possible;
- your skills in creating a values-based umbrella large enough to accommodate the various interests of followers, but focused enough to direct all their energies in pursuit of a common good.

### Building Better Leaders through Attributes

Leadership attributes are the inner or personal qualities that constitute effective leadership. These attributes include a large array of characteristics such as values, character, motives, habits, traits, motives, style, behaviors, and skills...

- **Integrity:** While leadership is always important to organizational performance, there is a growing realization that effective leaders with integrity are absolutely crucial to successfully navigating the New Economy of the 21st Century. In addition there is also a growing realization that the characteristics of the Leader of the 21st century are dramatically different than the leader of the past, even the recent past...
- **Coaching – a Vital Skill for Leaders:** The new breed of leaders recognizes that autocracy no longer works, yet that member alone empowerment is not enough. The skills of coaching have lately been rediscovered by more effective organizations and teams. You cannot be a leader without a following, and you have to delegate appropriately. The leader is best placed to enhance the performance and learning abilities, on the job, of colleagues. Coaching aims to enhance these abilities. "It involves providing feedback, but it also uses other techniques such as motivation, effective questioning and consciously matching your management style to your members readiness to undertake a particular task.

*In the next edition we will example leadership styles and techniques more closely. Stay tuned.*



## Blaise Diagne: An African Freemason

By Brother Aaron G. Brown, #121

When we think of Freemasonry we often think of it from an African American perspective. We tend to think about different Jurisdictions and our own individual Grand Lodges and Lodges within our own communities. However, there is a whole world out there with a wealth of information captioned by a tremendously rich history which has seeded itself all over the earth. Moreover, Freemasonry has bounced itself from country to country and continent to continent. As Prince Hall Masons we are recognized and known throughout the world and by the same token there are Africans

that carry the same labors we contend to deliver to those less fortunate than ourselves.

I have read that, currently, twelve African Kings are Freemasons. Many of us are aware that Europe dominated the Americas. Europe also dominated the Continent of Africa. Consequently, Freemasonry was galvanized all over the world including parts of the earth that had not yet been interrupted by Europe. Although, Europeans did explore, Africans did so as well, Ivan Van Sertima can certainly confirm that assertion. However, many scholars contend that Freemasonry is of African origin and rooted in Egyptology. In more recent centuries, organized Freemasonry has been in the hearts and minds of African Americans and Africans alike, whether by a denied-petition turned paramount-organization or by the infiltration of Europe setting up Lodges throughout the Motherland that had influence on Africans.

I would like to introduce a Freemason that connects with African American history as well as Masonic history. Blaise Diagne, was born on the small island of Goree' off the coast of Dakar into a well-to-do Senegalese middle-class family. His families had the political rights of French citizens and were among the Africans who could elect a deputy to the French National Assembly. Diagne studied in France before his political career began and, in 1899, became a Freemason affiliated with the Grand Orient de France.

In 1914 Diagne was elected to the National Assembly in Paris, defeating six European candidates. On September 29<sup>th</sup>, 1916, he achieved the enactment of law that bears his name and which reaffirmed the rights of Franco-African citizens at a time when there was a movement in France for their curtailment. In 1912 Diagne was appointed commissioner of the republic and placed in charge of conscription in West Africa which is the enrollment into the armed services. In this post he helped recruit over 180,000 men to fight for France in World War I. Re-elected Deputy by large majorities in 1920 and 1924, Diagne also served as president of the 1919 International Pan-African Congress and cooperated with prominent Americans like W. E. B. Dubois and Marcus Garvey on African-American improvement initiatives.

In his first election manifesto, Diagne told his followers that "your adversaries tremble at the idea of your political and social awakening". However, he sought his alliances with various elites and sought to reach the "masses" only indirectly. Diagne also bettered the status of the Senegalese troops in the French army, giving them a sense of self-importance that persisted to the creation of an independent army of Senegal.

Considering himself to be the personification and justification of French Colonialism, Diagne went on to become the first African to hold a high ministerial position in the French government. From June 26, 1931, until February 19, 1932, he was the Undersecretary of State for the colonies. He was also Mayor of Dakar. These accomplishments were tremendous considering the times.

Diagne's efforts prove that he was a pioneer of black African electoral politics and an advocate of equal rights for all. In his honor, a large boulevard and a high school is named after this accomplished African Freemason, as well as Senegal's new international airport. It is clear that his labors and vision have helped to mold the Senegal government that exists today. May he be forever cemented in our memories.

*Sources:* [http://en.allexperts.com/e/b/bl/blaise\\_diagne.htm](http://en.allexperts.com/e/b/bl/blaise_diagne.htm), <http://www.answers.com/topic/blaise-diagne>



# Someone You Should Know

## Worshipful Brother Calvin White, 32°

The Masonic Order of Illinois contains many brethren who pride themselves on being the best Masons they can be. In this edition of the Prince Hall Masonic Journal, we have identified a unique individual who wholeheartedly exhibits this sentiment. He is Worshipful Brother Calvin White of Dunbar Lodge #97. Originally from Florissant, Missouri, Brother White is an Airframe and Power Plant Technician who participates in multiple activities across the Illinois Masonic Diaspora. As the Worshipful Master of Dunbar Lodge #97 of Alton, Illinois, he works to ensure that he follows in the great footsteps of his paternal lineage through which he initially became interested in the Masonic Order. From the examples set by his grandfather, Fred White, 33°, and his father, James L. White, 33°, who became a Mason in 1962, Brother White is motivated to have an impact on society as a whole.

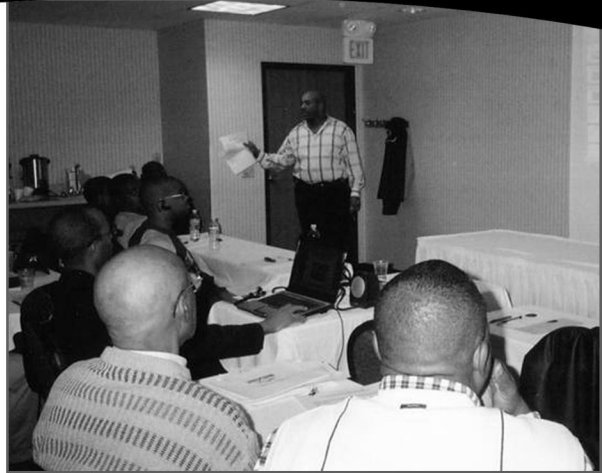


Legacies within the Masonic Order have been a tradition within African American Freemasonry for some time which has boded well for the stability of the Prince Hall Masonic Order in America. As such, Masonic values are indoctrinated through the bloodline and contribute to the construction of a strong Masonic lineage. Utilizing the Whites as examples, the core Masonic principles and ideals were obviously transposed into the minds of the sons by the fathers which provides a plausible explanation for the natural Masonic instincts of brotherly love, relief and truth that are exhibited by Brother White on a regular basis. Of the most important, the search for truth remains prominent within him. He states “each and every day I seek light and look around to see what impact I can make on this world to leave it in a better place than I found it.” The quintessential optimist, Brother White feels that the Masonic Order has come a long way. Also, the quintessential Mason, he acknowledges, though, that there is much more that we can and must do. These truths remain prevalent across the Masonic Order as a whole and serve as the fuel which keeps the order and White’s mission relevant today.

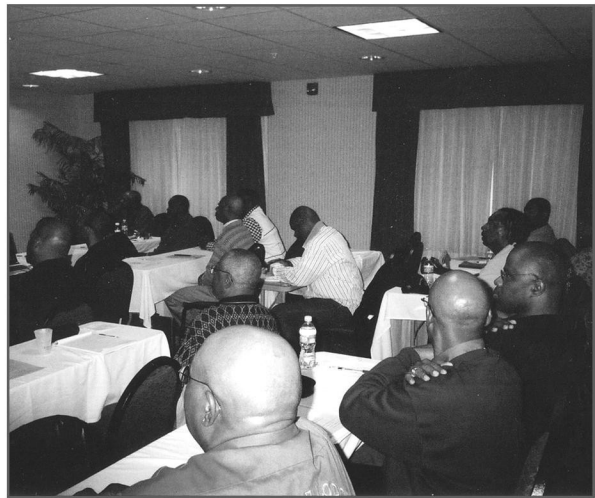
In identifying new opportunities, Brother White recognized a need to improve communications from a conversation concerning Shrinedom with Worshipful Brother Armand T. Harris, 33° and his father. Brother White stated that “the nurses were amazed as these black, Prince Hall Shriners aided the children. They never knew black Prince Hall Shriners existed. Well need I say more? What better way to show the world that Prince Hall Masonry has Shriners that work hard for the children each and every day? Through websites!” This prompted his involvement in driving the efforts to promote websites for the Masonic Family within his district. To date the bulk of the Lodges and Concordant Masonic Bodies within the district have a webpage. This practical example of his labors provide evidence to one of his core beliefs—“that with hard work and good deeds done in the neighborhoods people will see our Masonic family in a stronger light.” It also translates well into his style of leadership and other initiatives. Per Brother White, the primary initiatives of feeding the homeless, saving our youths from the streets, and returning one good deed with another will continue the cycle of compassion and goodwill indefinitely. As the Worshipful Master, leading the Lodge along these lines in the same way in which he was lead by his predecessors will yield more public support and membership growth.

As no atheist can become a Mason, all Masonic works also speak towards the glory of God. In the words of Brother White, “I refuse to be just a card carrying Mason, if you are a true Mason you should be and will be known around the globe by the work that you do. I ask you how can one aspire to sit in the east and not be willing to travel there?” These words, which are the utmost words of truth, serve to remind all Masons our true purpose which is to serve one another that we may leave the world better than we found it.

## Leadership and Scholarship in Southwest Illinois



**MASONIC LEADERSHIP**—On-going education and training are an integral part of leadership development. The Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Illinois, 4<sup>th</sup> District, held its Third Annual Masters/Wardens Retreat to meet this requirement. January 9, 2010, District 4 conducted a one-day training workshop designed to develop the leadership skills of elected lodge officers. While separate programs were provided for the Junior Wardens and Senior Wardens, these programs were also open to general lodge members as well. As part of the training program, participants discussed developing a lodge plan including a vision that will guide the lodge into a prosperous future; goals to achieve that vision;



resources to meet those goals; and benchmarks to measure lodge success. This year's symposium topics included Masonic Leadership, Protocol, Lodge Financial Records and Reports, Duties and Responsibilities of Elected Lodge Officers, Membership Development, and Masonic Law. The sessions were well attended. Presenters were PGM Earl D. Scott, SDDGM Sam Hurd, DDGM Warren Johnson, DDGM Michael Fordson, and DDGL James E. Cotton Jr.—*P.M. Sam Hurd, #120*

**SCHOLARSHIP**—The Installation and Scholarship Banquet held in East St. Louis was a huge success. With attendees from all corners of the State of Illinois, the funds raised were designated to provide financial support to college students who meet the selection criteria. This year's recipient, Katrina Alexandria Mitchell, daughter of James and Karen Lovett, is a graduate of Alton High School where she graduated with honors. She received the Silver Medallion, the Gold Alpha, and was on the National Honor Roll. She also held membership in the National Honor Society, Upward Bound, Student Council, Thespian Troupe 126, and the Minority Excellence Program. Katrina was a cheerleader for six years in the Alton School District. She was involved with several community service projects. A member of St. John Missionary Baptist Church under the leadership of Reverend Velda C. Peals, she was the Director of the Mime Ministry and Secretary of the Sunday School. She currently holds the title of the 2009 Miss Essence of Youth Debutante and Miss Talent of the National Council of Negro Women.

On behalf of the Southwest Masonic Family of Illinois, Most Worshipful Brother Earl D. Scott, Past Grand Master presented Katrina with a scholarship check to aid in her pursuit of higher education (*pictured right*). Katrina now attends the University of Illinois in Urbana-Champaign where she plans to earn a Bachelor's Degree in International Studies and a Minor in African American Studies. She finished her first semester with a 3.3 GPA and will use her degree as preparation for a career in buying and purchasing. At the University of Illinois she is the Secretary for the Business of Fashion Organization, a member of Impact Bible Study, an active member of 100 Strong, and an attendee of The Church of The Living God in Champaign under the leadership of Bishop Lloyd E. Gwin. She aspires to join the Christian sorority, Elogeme Adolphi, and the Praise Dance Group at the church. Overall, she prides herself on being a role model and setting an example for those to come after her. It was indeed a source of great pride for Most



Worshipful Brother Otis W. Cromartie, Sr., Grand Master; Sister Paulette Brown, Worthy Grand Matron; and Brother William W. Jackson, Worthy Grand Patron to witness the affair. The Worshipful Masters, Worthy Matrons and Worthy Patrons were each presented with Certificates of Leadership. In addition, Worshipful Brother Calvin White was presented with a plaque in recognition of his services and efforts by Most Worshipful Brother Melvin Frierson, Past Grand Master who also serves as the Illustrious Deputy of the Orient of Illinois, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite.

*—Worshipful Brother Calvin White, #97*





# 'Tis the Season for Giving & Remembering

DECATUR



On December 5, 2009, John C. Ellis Lodge #17 sponsored their 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Widow's Dinner at the Lodge Hall from 2:00PM to 4:30PM. This is the first year that the lodge members hosted the dinner at the Lodge Hall. The brethren prepared the meal themselves for the nearly sixty people in attendance including St Mary's Chapter #65 O.E.S., the wives, and other guests that made this dinner a huge success. On December 19, 2009, John C. Ellis Lodge #17 hosted its 24<sup>th</sup> Annual Christmas Basket give away. Each year the lodge has provided for needy families in the communities during Christmas time. This year the Masonic Brothers were able to give away 24 food baskets. The Worshipful Master Frank Maddox, would like to thank the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge Holiday Committee in the monetary donation, that allowed the lodge to assist in giving out the food baskets. — *P.M. Ron Wilson, #17*



*Pictured Above* – Larry Warfield, Ron L. Wilson, Carl Smith (SD), Frank Maddox, Jr. (WM), Erwin Freeman, Malcolm Livingston, Sell Ligon Sr., Ron D. Brown, Charles Harris and Jim Billingsley Jr. (SW)



## EAST ST. LOUIS



On December 22, 2009, members of Southern Cross Lodge #112 held their Annual Christmas Food Donation to the Needy. They visited three shelters:

- Holy Angels, a 24-hour transitional shelter, is mainly for women, women with children, and intact families. Single men are housed in the finished basement rooms.
- The Second Chance Shelter is sponsored by the American Red Cross. They provide temporary shelter for those in need.
- The Family Living Center, a social service agency, provides a comprehensive support system for low income families.
- Call for Help is a crisis center that houses women, men, and families. They also have programs that assist people with finding jobs and dressing for work.

This year Southern Cross donated food items and talked with the residents. The recipients were overjoyed with the additional assistance received from the Lodge.—*Sister Rochelle Reed, #68*

## AURORA



On November 21 and December 19, 2009 the members of Keystone Lodge #15 gathered at their hall for the purpose of charity. The brothers of Keystone were able to present 66 families in the Aurora area with a turkey for Thanksgiving (above). In December, the Lodge came together again to provide 9 families with enough food to prepare a holiday feast. Each box contained a turkey, corn, green beans, sweet potatoes, cake mix, pies, instant potatoes, macaroni, spaghetti, peas, ham hocks, pinto beans, cranberry sauce, stuffing mix, a bag of onions and gravy. - *W. Bro. Antonio Terry, Worshipful Master*

## 1,500 TURKEYS DELIVERED BY WESTERN CONSISTORY

By the direction of Sovereign Grand Inspector General Ernest Johnson and Grand Inspector General Glenn Pickett, Western Consistory #28, AASR, delivered over 1,500 turkeys and fed hundreds of homeless citizens in the Valley of Chicago for the Christmas Holiday Season. The Christmas Basket program, which has been in existence for several years, has worked with community leaders and other fraternal associations to continue this great cause in the name of charity. Sovereign Grand Inspector General Charles Stewart, Overseer of the Orient and 1965 Mason of the Year, also delivered turkeys along with the Fraters in attendance. Funds collected from the “Man Among Men” banquet held by the Consistory and donations by Fraters serve as the primary sources of finances for this endeavor. The honoree for the 2009 Banquet was none other than Lewis Jordan, Director of the Chicago Housing Authority. Congratulations to the Consistory and to those families which they have helped to feed during their times of need.—*Worshipful Brother Carl Pickett, #109*

**CHICAGO**



On November 21, 2009, Wisdom Lodge #102 treated their widows and relatives to a Thanksgiving Feast at the Grand East. Under the direction of P.M. Alfred Page, Worshipful Master for 2009 and by the hands of the Past Masters and brethren of Wisdom Lodge, the luncheon was a huge success.



The Brothers of Harmony Lodge #88 and Sister of Pride of Harmony Chapter #144, OES (below) participated with massive numbers at the Thanksgiving Day 2009 Feed the Needy Campaign. - *Courtesy of the website of Harmony Lodge #88*



Past Master David Berry of Wisdom Lodge #102 is pictured above with the widows of the deceased brethren of the Lodge.



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Since 1996 the members of Jachin #133, assisted by their Sister Chapter Princess Orpah #127, have interacted several times per year with Fuller Elementary, it's adopted school.



The largest event of each year is the Christmas wish list give away in which several students from each class were rewarded for good attendance and academic excellence. Gifts were presented at an assembly held



for that purpose (top-left). This year Jachin expanded its charitable endeavors to include Benjamin Banneker School at the request of its Principal, Sis Veronis Portis of Pride of Harmony Chapter # 144. With donations from the employees of the Main Post Office the Lodge was able to produce a similar program for some much deserving students at that school also (top-right). Jachin also participated in feeding the needy at the Grand East (right). Union #155 continued its charitable efforts by donating coats and linens to Vision House, a facility which provides housing and a full assortment of services to families and individuals affected with HIV/AIDS. (left).



Sons of Solomon #154 provided Chicago's homeless with much needed food and clothing on Christmas Eve (left) after delivering a multitude of toys to children at Holy Cross Hospital on December 22, 2009 (right).

## HEROINES OF JERICHO



Brother Jesse Smith, Most Worthy Grand Joshua and his committee, as well as other members fulfilled another year of charitable work by giving out 30 Baskets to the recipients recommended by the Heroine Courts. The members worked extra hard by donating various food items for the baskets. The Most Ancient Prince Hall Grand Court has 17 Subordinate Courts, including downstate, Joliet and Wisconsin. These Courts fulfilled their obligation in their Jurisdictions. The Most Ancient Grand Matron Heroine Sheryl Walton, Most Worthy Grand Joshua Brother Jesse Smith and Past Most Ancient Grand Matron Heroine Naomi Peters delivered holiday cheer to Past Most Ancient Grand Matron Doris T. Anderson, Past Most Worthy Grand Joshua Arthur Parrot and Leslie Z. Cathey. We COUNT IT ALL JOY, by helping our Sisters and Brothers. December 12, 2009, Levi H. Morris Grand Court held it's annual Christmas Dinner/Basket Give-A-Way for families selected by each Court. The Committee, under the chairmanship of Royal Matron Irma H. Green had a delicious spread consisting of Chicken & Dressing, Ham, Yams, String Beans, Potato Salad, Macaroni & Cheese, Meatballs, Rolls, Punch and all the desserts that you could imagine including Banana Pudding and Red Velvet Cake. The food was donated by the four Courts in the first district and the families present were well pleased with the fellowship as well as the gifts that they received. Each Court had a spokesperson from each family to present their family members and express appreciation for the honor of being selected as a recipient. All of the children were given one present to open at the dinner and they were delighted. The Families and Courts had pictures taken together, along with the Royal Grand Perfect Matron Clara Kelly Jackson and the Royal Grand Chief Advisor Walter J. Anderson. The Royal Grand Perfect Matron thanked the Committee for a job well done and thanked the families for being present. — *Sister Jeanette D. Gary, PRGPM*

## CIRCLE OF PERFECTION





# GRAND HISTORIANS

The Office of the Grand Historian is pleased to submit two updates pertaining to closure, involving the scandal at Burr Oak Cemetery in Alsip, Illinois and, to the inventory of historical documents in the Grand Lodge Vault.

- On August 6, 2009, the Office of the Grand Historian reported that on July 6, 2009, a scandal was brought to light regarding the exhuming of over 300 bodies from graves to resell plots by employees at Burr Oak Cemetery. We are pleased to bring closure to this disturbing matter with "good news". On July 16, 2009, we visited the cemetery to determine if the grave sites of our Prince Hall Masonic Family members had been tampered with including the dedication plaque from the Grand Lodge recognizing Most Worshipful Brother Prince Hall. The cemetery was determined a crime scene by state law officials and was closed to the public shortly after the plot was revealed. After re-opening in December 2009, it was revealed that the graves of our beloved Masonic Family were not disturbed.



- On September 1, 2009, the Grand Historians, began the cumbersome task of inventorying hundreds of historical documents contained in the Grand Lodge Vault. As of January 4, 2010, the documents have been categorized and will be archived. Several were discarded for health reasons because they were contaminated and molded. However, all is not lost, because we will continue to retrace our history through the collection of personal archive information and through interviews with our senior brothers and sisters. Sister Tammy M. Hampton, MLS, Assistant Grand Historian-Archivist, #90, is a librarian by profession. Her expertise will be of great value.

All information submitted to the Office of the Grand Historian will be copied, placed in the archives and immediately returned to you. Arrangements to share your personal historical documents can be made by contacting our Assistant Grand Historians Brother Taej L. Murray, Assistant Grand Historian at (773) 655-5679 or you may contact Sister Tammy M. Hampton at (312) 622-1973.

## MILESTONE ANNIVERSARIES

**W.L. Darrow #10**  
140 Years

**I.H. Kelley #11**  
140 Years

**King Solomon #20**  
135 Years

**Corinthian #31**  
130 Years

**Tuscan #44**  
120 Years

**Garden City #59**  
110 Years

**Oriental #68**  
105 Years

**Tyre #70**  
105 Years

**Olive Branch #94**  
90 Years

**Dunbar #97**  
90 Years

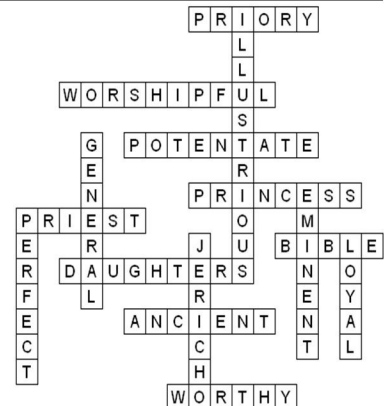
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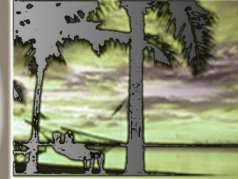
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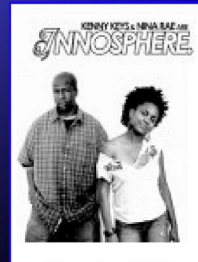
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