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2017 Unification
Sessions of the
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Editorial

This edition is dedicated to the leaders of Illinois Prince Hall Freemasonry.

After 150 years, only 45 brethren have been elevated to serve as Grand Master. Of the 45, only one died while serving in office, three served as Worthy Grand Patron of the Order of the Eastern Star, one started the first black bank in the City of Chicago, one served for more than 20 years and one is a world renown musician. The bulk of the early leaders were abolitionists.

Masons of the Year are also considered leaders. Of the 59 recipients, 4 were elected Grand Master, 3 were elected Honorary Past Grand Masters, 7 served as a head of a Concordant Body, 14 have served in elected Grand Lodge offices and a host of others have served as Appointed Grand Officers.

Other Masons have done great things inside and outside of the Masonic Order. They are leaders in their own rights. Service and duty also ring loudly in their works. So, it is our intent to highlight these efforts in this edition for the current era and from the past.

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Dedication

This edition is dedicated to the memory of Most Worshipful Brother Henry Short, Past Grand Master of Illinois Prince Hall Masons. He was the catalyst to a great deal of change that was introduced into the Illinois Jurisdiction. This includes the renovation of the Grand East as well as Bowling efforts for the youth during the Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday.

Illinois has lost a gentle giant and his efforts will never be forgotten. Rest in Peace.



150th Anniversary Yearbook

In honor of the 150th year anniversary of the organization of the Grand Lodge, the Historical Committee is creating a historical Year Book as a photo documentary of the current era with a historical documentary of the past for each body. Each Body is asked to submit the following by **November 30, 2017**:

- **Current photo of your Lodge, Chapter, etc.**
- **Individual photos of the Elected Officers**
- **A listing of all of your past leaders (optional)**
- **A brief history (2 paragraph maximum)**

Forward entries to YearBook@mwphglil.com

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Office of the Grand Master

MOST WORSHIPFUL BROTHER DWAYNE A. SMITH, GRAND MASTER

The Century Club was established in 2015 to supplement the ability of the Grand Lodge to provide additional charitable contributions to organizations in need. To date, over 100 individuals have donated \$100 dollars which we have been able to distribute to the following organizations over the course of the last two years:

- Faith Coalition for the Common Good
- Global Girls
- Illinois C.O.D. Benevolent Fund
- Illinois Fire Safety Alliance
- NAACP State & Local Branches
- Prince Hall Benevolent Fund
- Prince Hall Family (4th District)
- Senior Suites Citizens Easter Basket
- Springfield Boys and Girls Club
- Springfield Junior Frontiers
- Stop the Violence Project
- Thapelo Institute
- The Outlet
- Union Baptist Church Charities
- Wrightwood Little League
- Zion Circle M.B.C. Charities

Your annual donations are earnestly solicited which will allow us to extend our charitable arms to those organizations who need our assistance the most. Become a Centurion TODAY!!!



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Eureka Grand Chapter O.E.S. Elects New Officers for the 2017-18 Term

Congratulations and Best Wishes to the newly elected and appointed officers of Eureka Grand Chapter Order of the Eastern Star:

- Sister Lena D. Roberts, Worthy Grand Matron
- Brother Antonio Terry, Worthy Grand Matron
- Sister Zandra Prince, Associate Grand Matron
- Brother Keith T. Roach, Associate Grand Patron
- Sister Priscilla Jackson, Grand Conductress
- Sister Mildred Lloyd, Associate Grand Conductress
- Sister Senora Ben, Grand Treasurer
- Sister Jeannette D. Gary, Grand Secretary
- Sisters Floretta Daniels, Trina Vinson and Rhonda Dase; Grand Auditors
- Sisters Charamonte Oladeji, Martha Young, Wilola Hill and Portia Deorneau; Grand Trustees

Over \$40,000 Donated for Scholarships

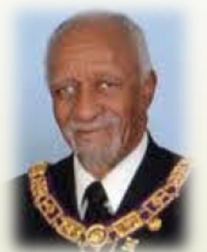
At the 151st Annual Communication of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Illinois, the Grand Lodge approved the distribution of over \$40,000 in educational donations to students pursuing higher education. This amount caps five years of donations that add up to nearly \$200,000.



Special Thanks from the Editor

Between editions of the Prince Hall Masonic Journal, the editorial staff created multiple pamphlets, called "Masonic Readers", that focused on specific topics. The first Masonic Reader was issued under the term of Most Worshipful Brother Angelo Jones in 2008 and it focused on cancer and diabetes awareness. The idea for this special publication was that of Right Worshipful Brother Bill "Spellcheck" Harlan. His article titled

"Letters Out of Order" presented a thought provoking scenario which prompted many to begin their own health check programs. This article was supplemented by a medical analysis of both issues by Dr. Okey Enyia of Tuscan Lodge #44 in Carbondale, Illinois. This powerful piece of publishing setup the efforts at the Grand East with the Thapelo Institute to provide the free health screenings that we enjoy to this date.





4th Masonic District is DISTRICT OF THE YEAR

The efforts of the 4th District which encompasses Southern Illinois were extraordinary during the 2016-17 Masonic Year. Each effort, which was expertly coordinated, provided a positive image of the Prince Hall Masonic Order to the public. Two major events received extensive coverage across the region:

- Dedication of the Tombstone for PGM Isaac H. Kelly
- March in Memory of the 1917 East St. Louis Race Riots

See the articles on these events in this edition.

CONGRATULATIONS DISTRICT #4!!!



NEW YERUSALEM LODGE #158
Lodge of the Year 2017



CHICAGO ALDERMAN SOPHIA KING
Citizen of the Year 2017

The Mason of the Year Award



The Mason of the Year Award was established in 1957 by Grand Master Obed Vanderburg. His purpose was to promote the qualities that Freemasons hold near and dear by lifting up a brother who displayed them best during the course of the Masonic Year. The very first selection was appointed by Grand Master Vanderburg himself and was Henry G. Fort. He was selected for connecting the Order of the Junior Craftsmen with the National Urban League in conjunction with the special

committee appointed by President Lyndon B. Johnson. This program trained the Junior Craft to enter the workforce in the rebuilding of American infrastructure in the late 1960s and early 1970s. Fort also served as a founder of Chicago's first black bank—Independence Bank. Since its inception, a total of 59 men have been selected to receive the highest award that the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Illinois can offer. The award for 2017 was awarded to Right Worshipful Brother Tony D. Stafford Sr. for his tireless efforts over the course of the 2016-2017 Masonic Year. Congratulations!!!





About Isaac H. Kelly



Isaac H. Kelly was born a slave on the plantation of Thomas Cooper in Macon, Georgia. He was trained to be an iron molder, but was freed by Cooper's eldest son in 1840 at

the age of 15 and was sent to Alton, Illinois in care of the Rev. Adiel Sherwood who was then President of Shurtleff College.

Once in Alton, Isaac opened the first of two barbershops in Alton that he operated for more than 64 years. Mr. Kelly was very active in the Alton community, serving as a Deacon at Union Baptist Church for 40 years, a sub-conductor on The North Star Line of the Underground Railroad and as the first Trustee and President of the Elijah P. Lovejoy Association. He also served the state as "Door Keeper" for the Illinois Legislature in Springfield, Illinois. Most Worshipful Brother Kelly is best known in masonic circles as one of the three founding fathers of Prince Hall

Free and Accepted Masons in the state of Illinois. MW Bro. Kelly served as the first and the last Worshipful Master of G.T. Watson Lodge No.2 in Alton, the first elected Grand Treasurer of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge State of Illinois and Jurisdiction, and the second Grand Master of Prince Hall Masons State of Illinois. Freemasonry is one of the World's Oldest and largest non-religious, non-political, fraternal and charitable organizations. It teaches self-knowledge through participation in a progression of ceremonies. Members are expected to be of high moral standing and are encouraged to speak openly about Freemasonry. Freemasonry is a society of men concerned with moral and spiritual values. Its members are taught its principles (moral lessons and self-knowledge) by a series of ritual dramas which follow ancient forms and use stonemasons' customs and tools as allegorical guides. It instills in its members a moral and ethical approach to life and its values are based on integrity, kindness, honesty and fairness.

Members are urged to regard the interests of the family as paramount, but importantly, Freemasonry also teaches concern for people, care for the less fortunate, and help for those in need.

Prince Hall Freemasonry is the Oldest, continually-active, African American fraternal organization within the State of Illinois. The Grand Lodge of Illinois was formed and met for the first time as the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge, Ancient Free and Accepted York Masons, State of Illinois on May 6th, 1867.

In 1922 the name was changed to its present title of Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, State of Illinois, The fraternity is designed to make good men better through service to mankind. This service has been displayed in thousands of communities across the State of Illinois since the middle of the 19th Century.

We look forward to continuing our service in our communities today so they may have better tomorrows.

- Obtained from the Facebook page of Dunbar Lodge #97 of Alton (5/31/2017)



On May 7, 2017, Dwayne Smith led the ceremony to dedicate the headstone of Past Grand Master Kelly. He said that Melvin Frierson brought Kelly's history and legacy to light—"We certainly appreciate (his) tenacity and due diligence in putting this together," Smith said. "All I had to do was show up and he's taken care of everything."

Kimberly Clark, Mayor Brant Walker's chief of staff, also praised Frierson's work.

"When brother Frierson contacted me six or eight months ago to get information on brother Kelly, it opened our eyes to the history that the city of Alton actually has," she said. "We knew we had history here, but this is just amazing. To see so many come out to commemorate this day is just awesome."



Sunday's ceremony accompanied several moments of prayer, including an invocation by John Williams, bishop and brother, and hymns sung by Sister Patricia Story.

Past Master Christopher McKinley made the final proclamation of the dedication,

accompanied by a formal Freemason ceremony.

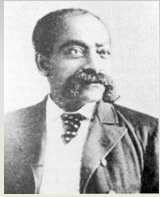
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"Elijah P. Lovejoy Association's 1st president, freed slave, memorialized Sunday", Alton Telegraph, 5/7/2017

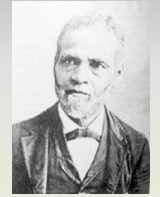
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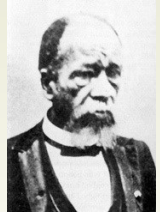
Actual Past Grand Masters MOST WORSHIPFUL PRINCE HALL GRAND LODGE Free & Accepted Masons State of Illinois and Its Jurisdiction 1867 to 2015



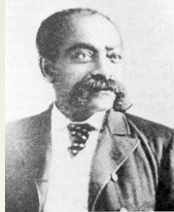
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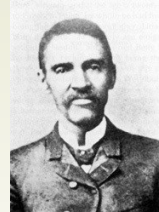
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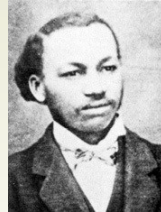
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William L. Darrow



Term: 1873-1877
Benjamin F. Rogers



Term: 1877-1878
John J. Bird



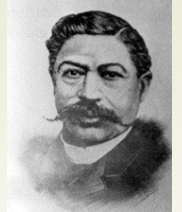
Term: 1878-1880
James W. Taylor



Term: 1880-1882
James Hollinger



Term: 1882-1884
Austin Perry



Term: 1884-1887
Joseph W. Moore



Term: 1887-1888
Henry L. Bartholomew



Term: 1888-1894
Thomas H. Smith



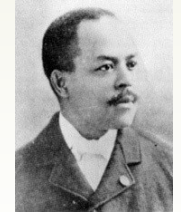
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William H.S. Seals



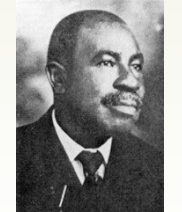
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Rufus Mitchell



Term: 1898-1906
Henry E. Burris



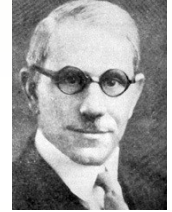
Term: 1906-1913
George E. Jesse



Term: 1913-1919
Alexander A. Martin



Term: 1919-1924
Thomas H. Samuels



Term: 1924-1944
Dr. John C. Ellis



Term: 1944-1945
Nelson T. Long



Term: 1945-1953
Ashby B. Carter



Term: 1953-1955
Dr. Frances C. Rogan



Term: 1955-1963
Obed Vanderburg



Term: 1963-1965
Henry G. Fort



Term: 1965-1967
Oscar Stanton DePriest



Term: 1967-1968
Milton Pitts



Term: 1968-1971
Vernon L. Barker



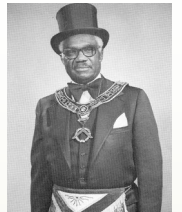
Term: 1971-1973
John H. Perkins



Term: 1973-1975
Rufus Starks



Term: 1975-1977
James H. Black



Term: 1977-1979
Edgar Falconer



Term: 1979-1981
Alto Clark



Term: 1981-1983
Edward Sykes



Term: 1983-1985
Levi L. Rose



Term: 1985-1987
Melvin Frierson



Term: 1987-1989
Archie C. Senter



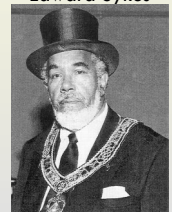
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James Gayles



Term: 1992-1995
Henry Short



Term: 1995-1997
Clarence W. Trotter



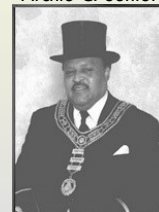
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Willie B. Evans, Sr.



Term: 2001-2003
James E. Gavin



Term: 2003-2006
Jerry Butler



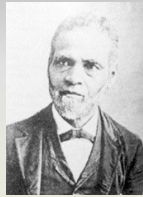
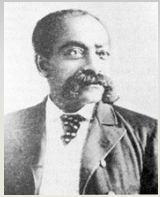
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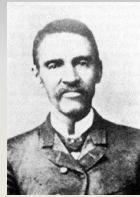
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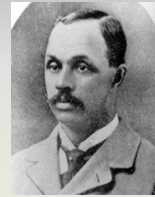
Term: 2012-2015
Millard V. Driskell



Grand Masters Rogers and Kelly were Abolitionists and active conductors on the Underground Railroad in Illinois.



Grand Masters Bird, Perry and Moore hold the distinctions of being the first black appointed to a political office in Illinois, Mattoon's first black alderman and Chicago's first black Southtown Clerk.



Grand Master Burris was editor and publisher of multiple newspapers and magazines in the Rock Island area.



Grand Masters Dr. Ellis and Dr. Rogan were long time Dental partners in Central Illinois.



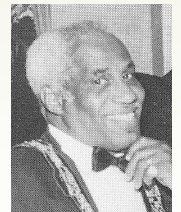
Grand Masters Carter, Vanderburg and Fort served on several commissions for multiple Presidents of the United States of America.



Grand Master DePriest was the son of The son of Congressman Oscar DePriest.

Honorary Past Grand Masters

In recognition of their services to the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, State of Illinois and in honor of the bonds of brotherhood extended by each, the Grand Lodge has seen fit to bestow the title of Honorary Past Grand Master to 30 brethren. This honor entitles them to all the rights and privileges extended to actual Past Grand Masters of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Illinois.



Robert Beamon
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Ronald Boone
P.Gr. Dir. Of Sessions



J. Garrie Burr
PGM Illinois AF&AM



George Cross
P. Gr. Treasurer



Corneal Davis
P. Gr. Chaplain



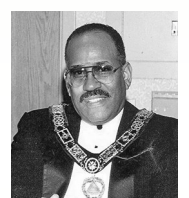
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PGM Illinois AF&AM



Edward A. Fulton
PGM Ohio PHA



Benny L. Grisham
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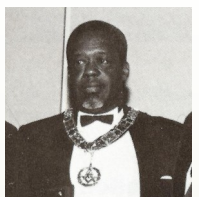
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PGM Kentucky PHA



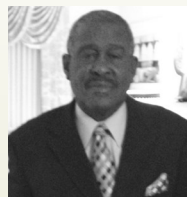
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Willie Lawler
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James Levy
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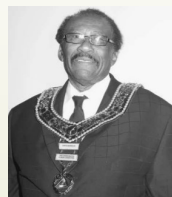
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P. Gr. Trustee



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P. Grand Secretary



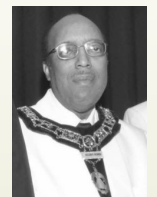
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P. Dep. Grand Master



Charles B. Taylor
P. Gr. Pursuivant



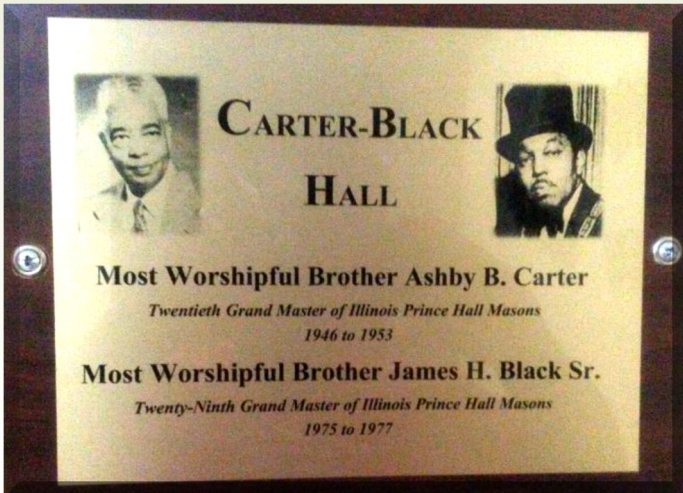
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Howard Woods
PGM Arkansas PHA

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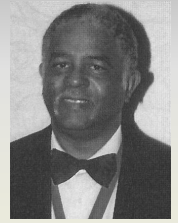
In accordance with the resolution submitted and approved by the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Illinois at its 151st Annual Communication, Carter Hall was renamed "Carter-Black" Hall in honor of the Senior-Most Past Grand Master of the Illinois Jurisdiction. On Thursday, September 7, 2017, Grand Master Dwayne A. Smith and his cabinet of elected and appointed Grand Lodge officers visited Mt. Hebron Lodge #29 at their regularly scheduled meeting and dedicated the new plaque for the hall. Congratulations Past Grand Master James H. Black Sr.



Legendary Chicago Athletes Who Were Prince Hall Masons

PAST MASTER LLOYD WOMACK, GRAND HISTORIAN

We all know that Prince Hall Masons come from all walks of professions, doctors, lawyers, teachers, college professors, college graduates, pharmacist, ministers, carpenters, chefs, athletics, contractors, plumbers, mechanics, military, bus drivers, cab drivers, maintenance engineers, law enforcement, musicians, and much more. The qualifications which are needed in an applicant for membership into Prince Hall Freemasonry are he must be 18 years of age or older, be of good moral character, and a believer in the existence of the Supreme Being, which is God. To join a Lodge, a man, must be recommended by two members of that Lodge. He must understand that his character will be investigated. After approval by the members of that Lodge, he will be accepted as an applicant for membership.



This leads me to the question, have we ever given it a thought, do we have Prince Hall Masons who were physically fit athletes and extraordinary athletes? I am talking about an athlete who is good in sports. It could be in baseball, basketball, football, wrestling, field and track, golf, swimming, etc. The answer is yes. Yes, we have many Prince Hall Masons who were former athletes that excelled in their sports. Just ask some of them they will be happy to tell you about all of their athletic accomplishments. Yes, they were the best at their level of competition. However, the athlete that I want to talk about is the extraordinary athlete, the best of the best, the one that went past go and sprinted on to greater heights. Well, as the Grand Historian, in my research I found five such extraordinary Prince Hall athletes and I title this article, "Legendary Chicago Athletes Who Are Prince Hall Masons".



Harold Washington was born on April 15, 1922 and died on November 25, 1987. Harold Washington, was the "First Black Mayor of Chicago". Brother Washington, in 1980 was initiated a Prince Hall Mason and was an active member in Harmony Lodge No. 88, Chicago, Illinois. On April 12, 1983, Harold Washington was elected the 51st Mayor of Chicago. Mayor Washington was elected to a second term and served until his death.

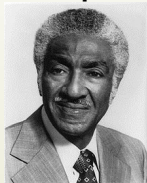
He was a life long resident of Chicago and grew up in the Bronzeville Community. He attended Du Sable High School, and a member of its first graduating class. However, the athletic archive records show that Brother Washington was an outstanding high school athletic. In 1939 at a citywide track meet, he placed first in the 110 meter high hurdles event and second in the 220 meter low hurdles event. Yes, Brother Washington was a superb athletic before becoming a renowned politician. Several institutions in Chicago have been named or renamed in honor of Mayor Harold Washington. What an honor.



James Cleveland Owens his birth name famously known as "Jesse Owens" was born on September 12, 1913 and died on March 31, 1980, in Chicago, Illinois. Owens, in 1970, was initiated a Prince Hall Mason and was an active member in King David Lodge No. 100. In fact, Past Master Charles Stewart, a member of King David Lodge No. 100 for over sixty years performed the first Degree Ceremony. Brother Stewart is a 33rd ° Degree Mason, a Sovereign Grand Inspector General and a member of Western Consistory No. 28, Chicago, Illinois.

When he entered school in Cleveland, Ohio, a teacher misunderstood his nickname, "JC" and called him "Jesse", the name he would use the rest of his life. He was born into an Alabama sharecropping family. In 1922, when he was only 9 years old his parents sold their most valuable possession, a mule and moved to Cleveland during the Great Migration of southern blacks seeking a better life. While in high school he competed in track events where he set many track and field records. After graduating from high school he enrolled in Ohio State University where he set many track and field records there as well. He represented the United States of American, in the 1936 Berlin Olympic Games in Berlin, Germany. He won four gold medals. In spite of the contested grounds of racism, he dominated the event setting records in the 100 and 200 meter events, the 400 meter relay, and the long jump record of 25 feet 10 1/2 inches which set a record that stood for 25 years.

Following the 1936 Olympic Games, he retired from amateur sports and moved to Chicago. He established a business for himself. He was a self-inspired person. He was a person in high demand, he worked in public relation and marketing. He also did public speaking at conventions, athletic events and business gatherings around the country. In 1976, President Gerald Ford awarded Brother Jesse Owens, the Medal of Freedom. What an honor.

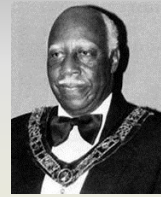


Ralph Metcalfe was born on May 29, 1919 and died on October 10, 1978. Brother Ralph Metcalfe in 1960 was initiated a Prince Hall Mason and was an active member in Mt. Hebron Lodge No. 29. He grew up in Chicago and in 1930 graduated from Tilden Tech High School. He was an outstanding track athlete who accepted a track scholarship from Marquette University located in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. He became the first man to win a NCAA 200 meter race title three times consecutively. In fact, he beat Jesse Owens in the 100 yard dash at the 1934 AAU National Track and Field Championship. Yes, he was just that fast. He did not beat Jesse Owens often but this one time he had some bragging rights.

Ralph Metcalfe was an American track and field star athletic and later a politician. He was a teammate of Jesse Owens. He represented the United States of American, in the 1936 Berlin Olympic Games in Berlin, Germany. He won four Olympic medals. He won a silver medal in the 100 meter event. Along with Jesse Owens, Foy Draper, and Frank Wykoff, they won gold medals in the 400 meter relay race. Even though he and Jesse Owens were fierce rivals and competitors on the track they became life long friends. In 1934 and 1935, Mr. Metcalfe was regarded as the fastest human.

Following the 1936 Olympic Games, he returned to Chicago and later went into politics. He served as Alderman representing the Southside of Chicago. In the 1970's, he served four terms in the United States Congress. In 1975, he was inducted into the National Track and Field Hall of Fame and named a member of The Presidents Commission on Olympic Sports. (NEXT PAGE)

Masons of the Year
MOST WORSHIPFUL PRINCE HALL GRAND LODGE
Free & Accepted Masons
State of Illinois and Its Jurisdiction
1867 to 2015



1958
Henry G. Fort, #88



1959
Ernie Banks, #103 & George Cross, #56



1960
Thomas Kelly, #103



1961
Kenneth Stratton, #18



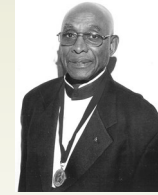
1962
John Russell White, #18



1963
Joseph Blount, #68



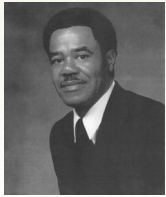
1964
Cornel Davis, #29



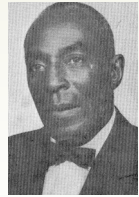
1965
Charles Stewart, #100



1966 or 1967
Award Not Given



1968
Oliver Nelson, #31



1969
Odell Smith, #15



1970
George Harris, #100



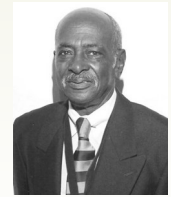
1971
Albert Moorehead, #1



1972
Isaac Washington, #59



1973
James Miles, #14



1974
Robert DeCuir, #133



1975
Robert Evans, #107



1976
Oscar Edmond, #35



1977
Marvin Williams, #133



1978
Robert Williams, #98



1979
Lewis Pinckney, #7



1980
Bernard Teat, #128



1981
Harry Collier, #31



1982
James Levy, #128



1983
R.C. Brown, #116



1984
Kenneth Ingram, #1



1985
Willie B. Evans Sr., #133



1986
Brian Abrams, #109

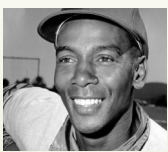


1987
Wadell Brooks, #107



1988
Doty Nash, #100

LEGENDS CONTINUED: In 1970 the Federal Building in Chicago located at 77 W. Washington Blvd. became his namesake.



Ernest Banks his birth name was born on January 31, 1931, in Dallas, Texas. He died on January 23, 2015 in Chicago, Illinois. Brother Ernie Banks was initiated a Prince Hall Mason and was an active member in Fidelity Lodge No. 103. In 1959, he was selected Mason of the Year for the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Illinois. This is the highest award awarded to a Master Mason. I, Brother Lloyd Womack, the 2007-08 Mason of the Year, will forever be grateful for the support that Brother Ernie Banks gave me as the Mason of the Year.

Ernie Banks nickname "Mr. Cub" was an American Professional Major League Baseball Player with the Chicago Cubs. In 1953, he signed with the Chicago Cubs and was its first African American player. During the period 1953 thru 1971, he played in the positions of short stop and first baseman for the Chicago Cubs. He wore the famous uniform jersey number 14. In 1977, he was inducted into the Baseball Hall of Fame. In 1999, he was named to the Major League Baseball All Century Team. Brother Banks was the Chicago Cubs main attraction. His baseball accomplishments are that in 1958 and 1959 he was voted the Most Valuable Player. In 1960, he was voted the Chicago Cubs first Golden Glove Winner. In 1970, he hit his first 500th Career Home Run in Chicago Wrigley Field Stadium. He finished his career with 512 home runs, most games played (2,528), at bat (9,421), extra bat hits (1,009) and total bases (4,706).

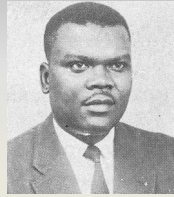
Brother Banks was active in the Chicago community as he founded charitable organizations during and after his career with the Chicago Cubs including the Live Above and Beyond Foundation and the Lets Play Two an events marketing company. In 1992, he retired from baseball with the Chicago Cubs and was the first player to have his uniform number (14) retired. In 2013, Brother Ernie Banks received from President Barack Obama, the Presidential Medal of Freedom for his contribution to Sports.



1989
Jerry Butler, #1



1990
Roderick Hawkins, #79



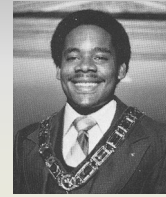
1991
Eddie Grace, #64



1992
William Norman, #109



1993
Michael Patterson, #103



1994
Leroy C. Barnes, #59



1995
Joseph Hayes, #29



1996
David Johnson, #18



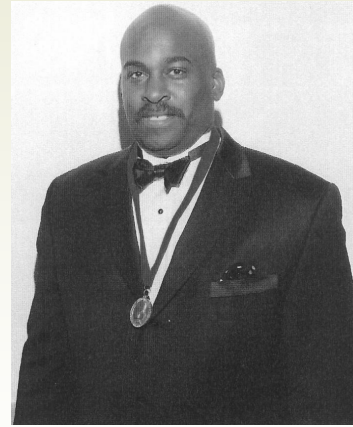
1997
Damon P. Anderson, #137



1998
Charles M. Jones, #80



1999
R. Courtney Priest, #14



2001
Dwayne A. Smith, #133



2000
Edward Junkins, #108



2002
Ron Wilson, #17



2003
Patrick Parks, #98



2004
Frank Logan, #119



2005
Charles Holiday Jr., #91



2006
Aubrey Barlow, #23



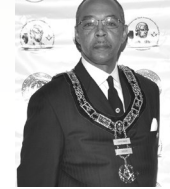
2007
Lloyd Womack, #121



2008
Daryl L. Andrews, #91



2009
Chris Calhoun, #155



2010
Carl Garner, #29



2011
Roland Simon, #135



2012
Homer Walton, #109



2013
Kenneth Page, #3



2014
Michael D. Ramey, #59



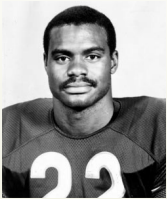
2015
Harry Barnett, #11



2016
Anthony Atwood, #108



2017
Tony D. Stafford Sr., #128



David Duerson his birth name was born on November 28, 1960 and died on February 17, 2011. Brother Duerson was initiated a Prince Hall Mason and a member of Hiram Lodge No. 14. Brother Duerson was a 33° Degree Mason and a member of Western Consistory No. 28, Chicago, Illinois. He was introduced to Prince Hall Masonry by his long time friend, Past Master Jim Mitchell a member of Hiram Lodge No. 14.

Brother Duerson was an American Professional Football Player and business entrepreneur who played eleven seasons with two National Football Leagues (NFL) teams, namely, the Chicago Bears (1983-1989) and the New York Giants (1989-1991). He played college football at the University of Notre Dame. He was a member of the Omega Psi Fraternity. In 1982, he graduated from the University of Notre Dame with honors and a BA Degree in Economics. During the period 2001 thru 2005, he served on the University's Board of Trustees.

During his career as a professional football player he was selected to four consecutive Pro Bowls (1986-1989). He won a Championship ring with the Chicago Bears (Super Bowl XX, 1986) and with the New York Giants (Super Bowl XXV, 1991). When playing with the Chicago Bears he wore the jersey number 22. During the 1986 season, he set an NFL record that stood for 19 years for the most tackles (sacks) in a season. In 1987, he was the recipient of the NFL Man of the Year Award.

In conclusion, I hope that you agree that the above discussed Chicago Prince Hall Masons are truly "Legendary Chicago Athletes" who have brought great pride to this fraternal order, to the City of Chicago, and to this Great Nation.

Arrangements to share your personal documents can be made by contacting: Assistant Grand Historian, Brother Taej Murray at (773) 915-3395, Assistant Grand Historian Brother Albert Haynes, Ill., at (708) 829-5146 or you may wish to contact Sister Tammy Hampton at (773) 982-4236.

1917 EAST ST. LOUIS RIOTS COMMEMORATED

The 1917 Race Riots in East St. Louis has been labelled as a stain in the history of the United States of America. Its impact on the city of East St. Louis, IL, the greater St. Louis, Missouri region, and the social, political, and cultural trajectory of this nation was monumental. The 1917 Race Riots in East St. Louis and the subsequent calls to action across the United States exposed many injustices suffered by African Americans and ultimately ignited a spirit of resilience and perseverance that has produced countless notable Americans who have been shaped by the City that Survives - East St. Louis, IL.

In October 2014, the East St. Louis 1917 Centennial Commission and Cultural Initiative (ECCCI), comprised of scholars, artists, educators, and religious, community, and business leaders, was formally established by the East St. Louis Mayor and City Council. As a not-for-profit organization, we have assembled to capture, record, and prepare relevant history for an engaging, educational, and appropriate 21st Century Commemoration in 2017. As a part of the commemoration ceremonies, Illinois and Missouri Prince Hall Masons joined the contingents as they marched across the Eads Bridge over the Mississippi River as hundreds did during the 1917 riots.

Opened in 1874, the Eads Bridge is a steel bridge which hosts both road and railway traffic and connects the cities of St. Louis, Missouri and East St. Louis, Illinois. The bridge served as a pathway of escape for those evading the riots. A brief timeline of events is shown below:

- **Precursor:** Fear of job and wage loss by white citizens of East St. Louis due to the influx of African Americans into the locale elevated tensions between blacks and whites in the area.
- **Spring 1917:** Aluminum Ore Company recruited blacks to fill the void created by a labor strike.
- **May 1917:** After a labor meeting on May 28, frustrated white workers marched into downtown East St. Louis and attacked black citizens. Despite the intervention of the National Guard, conflicts extended for weeks.
- **July 1917:** Tensions between black and white workers formed again as the influx of blacks to the area increased. On July 2, white males drove through a black area of the city firing shots at black citizens. In fear of another attack, black residents fired upon a car containing white citizens killing two shortly after the first attack. These actions drove a mob of thousands to set ablaze the black section of town and murder black citizens as they attempted to escape. Several made it across the Eads Bridge to safety.

On July 2, 2017, the ECCCI and the Masonic contingents marched across the bridge as a symbolic reenactment of these events and as an attempt to reconcile the events of the past.

Source: East St. Louis 1917 Centennial Commission & Cultural Initiative, <http://www.estl1917ccci.org/>, retrieved July 30, 2017





On July 2, 1917 The city of East St. Louis was the scene of one of the bloodiest race riot's in the 20th century



On July 2, 2017 The Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Illinois will join with the East St. Louis 1917 Centennial Commission and Cultural Initiative for the Centennial Commemoration service.

We will participate in the Processional: Bell ringing, Drum call & response across the River from the Malcolm Martin Park in East St. Louis & walk to the middle of the Eads Bridge for the Bridge Crossing ceremony.

Dwayne A. Smith, Grand Master Prince Hall Masons of Illinois will meet in the middle of the bridge with Henry Willis, Grand Master Prince Hall Masons of Missouri.



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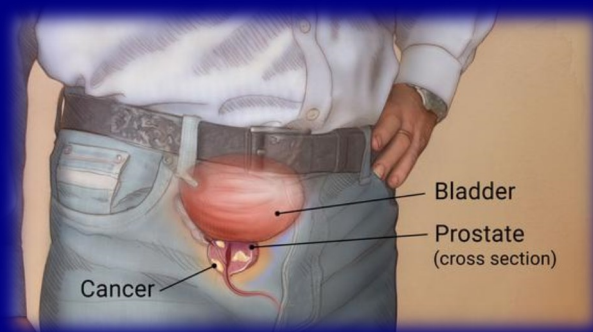
FIRST ANNUAL:

For the first time in the history of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Illinois and, most likely, for the first time in history in the United States of America, has an organization held a 5K Walk/Bike/Run on the same date and at the same time at four different sections of a state. On August 19, 2017 the Grand Lodge sponsored a 5K to raise funds for Prostate Cancer Research and Awareness. As this disease has a major impact on the African American Community, it was only fitting that the oldest, continually active, Black fraternal organization in America lead it. The brainchild of Right Worshipful Brother Roland G. Simon, the events were held simultaneously in the Cities of Chicago, Champaign, East St. Louis and Joliet. These cities comprise the most saturated locales of Prince Hall Masons. To date, nearly \$10,000 has been raised. Congratulations on a job well done.

What Is Prostate Cancer?

Cancer starts when cells in the body begin to grow out of control. Cells in nearly any part of the body can become cancer cells, and can spread to other areas of the body.

Prostate cancer begins when cells in the prostate gland start to grow uncontrollably. The prostate is a gland found only in males. It makes some of the fluid that is part of semen.



The prostate is below the bladder and in front of the rectum. The size of the prostate changes with age. In younger men, it is about the size of a walnut, but it can be much larger in older men.

Just behind the prostate are glands called seminal vesicles that make most of the fluid for semen. The urethra, which is the tube that carries urine and semen out of the body through the penis, goes through the center of the prostate.

PROSTATE CANCER 5K



Photos by PM David Bonds, #99



WALK, BIKE AND RUN ACROSS ILLINOIS





PHOTO HIGHLIGHTS OF THE



2017 GRAND LODGE SESSION



NUTRITION: SEVEN SUPER HEALTH FOODS

SISTER CAROLYN WOMACK, PAST WORTHY MATRON, #90

In my research, I, found there are seven foods that can help keep your blood sugar in check and are smart choices for your overall health. The seven healthy foods choices are as follows:

- I. **RAW, COOKED, OR ROASTED VEGETABLES:** These add color, flavor, and texture to a meal. Choose low-carb veggies like mushrooms, onions, eggplants, tomatoes, Brussels sprouts, and zucchini and other low-carb squashes. Try them with a dip, such as low-fat salad dressing, hummus, guacamole, and salsa, or roast them with seasonings such as rosemary, cayenne pepper, or garlic.
- II. **GREENS:** Give yourself a break from lettuce and try kale, spinach, and chard. They are healthy, delicious, and low-carb. Don't just stick to salads. Roast kale leaves in the oven with olive oil for quick, crunchy chips. Mix greens with roasted veggies to add texture and flavor, or serve them with a little protein such as grilled chicken.
- III. **FLAVORFUL, LOW-CALORIE DRINKS:** Plain water is always good, but water mixed with fruits and vegetables is more interesting. Cut up a lemon or cucumber and put it in your water, or make ice cubes with pieces of fruits or veggies in them. Or try cold or hot tea with lemon or a cinnamon stick. Not only are these beverages low-carb, they can also help fill you up so you don't crave other foods.
- IV. **MELON AND BERRIES:** Did you know that one cup of either melon or berries has just 15 grams of carbs? For a twist, mix the melon or berries with plain yogurt, or freeze chunks of fruit in ice cubes to flavor your water.
- V. **WHOLE GRAIN, HIGH-FIBER FOODS:** Fill up on whole grains to keep from overeating or choosing the wrong foods. Besides breads, try legumes like dried bean, peas, and lentils. Or, enjoy black bean-and-corn salsa with raw veggies.
- VI. **A LITTLE FAT:** Good fat choices include olive oil, avocado, and fatty fish. Try salmon served on a bed of lettuce. The fat from the fish can serve as a dressing for the salad.
- VII. **PROTEIN:** Choose Greek yogurt, cottage cheese, eggs, and lean meats. Peanut butter on a celery stick is a good fat-and-protein mix for a healthy, satisfying treat. You can also snack on a lower-fat cheese stick or a piece of beef jerky, but keep an eye on how much sodium each contains.



So, now you have, “7 Super Foods”, To Stay Healthy and Happy”.

PHOTO HIGHLIGHTS CONTINUED



MEGA RAFFLE FUNDS PROJECTS AT THE GRAND EAST



Often times the labors of the Grand Lodge Trustees are done in silence and occur without much fanfare. However, for those who are heavily involved with the day-to-day activities at the Grand East, their efforts at the headquarters of Prince Hall Freemasonry in the Jurisdiction of Illinois are being lauded.

The Grand East is being transformed to become a public-friendly location. This requires updates that are costly because they are being performed within the code of the law by contractors who are licensed and bonded. This is necessary to open the doors of the Grand Lodge up for public events in the future.

The Grand East has been opened to a greater degree by Most Worshipful Brother Dwayne A. Smith in order to draw public interest to the property. The property can be utilized for many purposes which has contributed to the increases in rentals by external entities. None of this would be possible without the labors of the Grand Trustees and participation by the Craft in the initiatives that have been put into place.

Of the initiatives, the Grand Lodge Mega Raffle has generated the most funds. Proceeds from this event are **responsible** for funding several upgrades including tuck-pointing for the ENTIRE building, upgrades to the kitchens and warming centers, purchases to remain in compliance with fire and safety codes, new floors in the elevators and new tile for the second and third floors. Additional projects that will comprise the next three years will require additional funding as these projects that will cost nearly \$250,000. Of the projects, elevator modernization and roof repair are high priorities. Rather than push a burden on the Craft, the Grand Lodge Trustees drove the 2017 Mega Raffle, are driving the 50/50 Raffle and are working with the respective Grand Lodge Committees to generate additional funds. Help us to help ourselves by supporting their initiatives.

Photos submitted by PM Robert Q. Gary, Sr., Asst. Gr. Trustee

50 / 50
Raffle Drawing
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2018
 Mid Year Banquet



Watch City Grants \$5K

WORSHIPFUL BROTHER ELBERT HERRON, #131

On April 29, 2017, Watch City Lodge #131 presented five college-bound students from the Elgin, Illinois area with scholarships in the amounts of \$1,000 each. The scholarships were presented during the United Black Scholarship Fund Committee Banquet at Villa Olivia Country Club in Bartlett, Illinois, and were made possible by generous donors.

“The criterion for our scholarship was based on: academic excellence, quality of essay, participation in extracurricular activities, involvement in community service, and submission of three letters of recommendations,” according to Scholarship Chairman Past Master Jerry Alexander. Listed below are our 2017 Scholarship Recipients:



Recipient	College/University Attending	Area(s) of Focus
Kelvin Cross	University of Illinois – Champaign	Computer or Mechanical Engineering
Teja Harris	Northern Illinois University	Psychology
Henry Kellogg	College of DuPage	Kinesiology
Xavier Morris	DePaul University	Computer Science & Game Programming
JaeShawn Robinson	Southern Illinois University	Computer Science & Graphic Arts

According to Worshipful Master Elbert Hearon, “It is our goal to follow these students throughout their college careers by monitoring their progress and offering assistance where possible. It is also our goal to continue in our annual fundraising campaign endeavor so that we might bless other college-bound students.”



Lone Star #18 ~ Book Mentor Project

WORSHIPFUL BROTHER CURTIS BLANDEN SR., #18

Lone Star Lodge #18 of Champaign, Illinois partnered with their local Public Broadcasting Service Station, WILL-TV/Radio, and the Head Start Program of Champaign County for the Book Mentor Project “Family Engagement Night”.

Students were read the book “Bee Dance” by Rick Chrustowski in their classrooms and, upon completion, the students and their families were invited to the Bee Pollinatarium to explore various bees in their natural habitat.

The brethren of Lone Star Lodge #18 prepared the meals for staff, students and families.



Peace in the Streets Initiative

PHOTOS BY BROTHER SUNNI ALI POWELL AND HASSAN TREMBLE EL

The Summer months in the City of Chicago have always been hot in more ways than one. The month of June typically kicks off a season of violence within the city. Yet, there is hope.

Brother Sunni Ali Powell is the owner of Powell's Barbershop which is located in the heart of Chicago's Englewood Community. His effort in the neighborhood prove that he is not one to sit idly by and allow issues to occur. In conjunction with the Community Involvement Committee, Powell opened his shop as he has done on many occasions before to host a "Peace in the Streets Initiative."

The objective of the initiative was to bring neighbors together to promote unity rather than strife. In doing so, food was provided for the community as well as CONVERSATION with citizens in the area. Conversation is a critical piece in establishing positive relationships. Having only been in the community for less than ten years, Powell's Barbershop has become a place of peace in the midst of storm.

Throughout the efforts, Brother Powell remains humble. He does not tout his effort. He simply goes back to work once the effort at hand is done. Congratulations Brother Powell and the Community Involvement Committee on a job well-done. Keep up the great works!



Cornerstone #91—50 Year Pin

WORSHIPFUL BROTHER CHARLES PRICE, #91

Past Master John Perry is the Senior Most Past Master of Cornerstone Lodge #91 of Chicago, Illinois. Perry served as Worshipful Master of the Lodge in 1972. At the time he was the youngest Worshipful Master in Prince Hall Freemasonry. He set the stage for others to follow including Right Worshipful Brother Robert Davenport who was the first elected Grand Lodge Officer from the Lodge. Now living in Arkansas, Perry made the special trip to Chicago to just receive his pin for 50 years of service. Congratulations!



Queen Vashti & Make-A-Wish®

BY WORSHIPFUL BROTHER CARL PICKETT, #109

Make-A-Wish® creates life-changing wishes for children with critical illnesses. The organization is on a quest to bring every eligible child's wish to life, because a wish is an integral part of a child's treatment journey.

Research shows children who have wishes granted build the physical and emotional strength they need to fight a critical illness. Headquartered in Phoenix, Arizona, Make-A-Wish® is the world's leading children's wish-granting organization, serving children in every community in the United States and in 50 countries worldwide. Together, generous donors, supporters, staff and 33,000 volunteers across the U.S., grant a wish every 34 minutes, on average, somewhere in the country.

Members and family of Queen Vashti Chapter #121 of Eureka Grand Chapter OES helped to fill and pack mugs for Make A Wish Foundation's Chocolate Run. The mugs will be distributed along the race course to runners who participate in the fundraising event. Nearly 250,000 runners/walkers will participate in this year's event. Queen Vashti's efforts have helped to aid a great deal of those numbers. Good job.



Monarch is Busy on South Side

BY WORSHIPFUL BROTHER PAT REED, #99

The charitable activities of Monarch Lodge #99 remain at a high level through the summer and fall months of 2017. The efforts of the Lodge under the leadership of Patrick Reed have lifted up Chicago's Morgan Park and Chatham communities.



Monarch Lodge sponsored a School Supply Drive for the Morgan Park Community (above) and then provided food and service in Chatham for the 6th District of Chicago Police "Peace in the Park" initiative (below).



Syene & Ronald McDonald

BY SISTER ERICKA BRANCH, #114



Princess Syene Chapter #114, OES, participated in their annual effort to feed families at the Ronald McDonald House located in Chicago's Hyde Park neighborhood. Their annual effort fed several families of children who are currently undergoing procedures. In providing food, they also provided comfort to those in need.

Chicago Football Classic

PHOTOS BY BROTHER ERIC HARRELL, #91

Last year's effort by the Grand Lodge to support the Chicago Football Classic was continued by individual brothers and sisters across the jurisdiction. This year's event was hosted on Saturday, September 30 in Chicago's Soldier Field. Sponsors generated revenue for scholarships and for charitable efforts of several participating organizations. Brother Rodney Brown, Sister Cilicia Johnson and Brother Eric Harrell did their part in contributing to the effort on that day. Looks like all had a great time in fellowship and in donating to charity.



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

BRIDGE COMMITTEE

The Grand Lodge Bridge Committee was established at the start of the term of Grand Master Dwayne A. Smith in order to assist brethren and sisters in the Illinois Jurisdiction should they require some relief. In cases of dire need, the committee is prepared to provide assistance in multiple forms. To date, the committee has serviced several in need by providing resources to help many resolve issues that were presented. If you are in need of assistance, please contact:

- **Bruce Owens at (312) 218-3079, Chairman**

Relief services are reviewed on a case by case basis. However, additional resources are always needed to help others along their paths. As such, consider donating to the Bridge Committee as a CHARITABLE CONTRIBUTION on behalf of your Lodge, Chapter, Court, Council, etc. You may make your payment and forward to:

Bridge Committee
MWPHGL of Illinois
809 East 42nd Place
Chicago, Illinois 60653

**DONATE
TODAY**

**DONATE
TODAY**

Overtime Work for Charity

PHOTOS BY WORSHIPFUL BROTHER TIMOTHY DAVIS, #59

Throughout the course of the Masonic Year, the Charity Committee under the leadership of Timothy Davis has been working overtime to secure funds and labors for those in need.

The Chairman of the Committee, Bro. Davis spends countless hours and miles of travel to procure funds for charitable endeavors of the Grand Lodge. He has visited Lodges in recognized jurisdictions and worked in conjunction with them to create new streams of revenue for the efforts that are undertaken by the team. He even finds time to pitch in on the labors himself.

He has established a long term relationship with Pleasant Grove Missionary Baptist Church on the West Side of the City of Chicago. At times, this requires the committee to not only serve those in need but wash the dishes when the job is done. In doing so, the funds that he has raised goes to support the efforts in the West Side Community to feed and clothe the homeless and to provide resources that help many become self-sufficient.

These efforts and those by the committee to actively engage in community improvement will generate the members of the future. For leading by example will draw others of like-mind into the fold.



E.S. Betts #23 Autism Walk

PHOTO BY RIGHT WORSHIPFUL BROTHER AUBREY BARLOW, #23



“Faith without works is dead”. This is a familiar passage from the Holy Bible in the second chapter of the book of James. The brethren of Elijah S. Betts Lodge #23 with assistance from brethren of R.E. Moore #109, Stone Temple #137, Lone Star #18, and John C Ellis #17 supported the Autism McLean Annual Walk in September of 2017. In the tenets of Faith, Hope, and Charity, the Lodge donated \$500 to the cause.

4th District Symposium

PHOTO BY WORSHIPFUL BROTHER TIMOTHY DAVIS, #59



Under the direction Past Master Larry Burnett, the Membership Committee held an informational symposium for the public on Prince Hall Freemasonry. The objective was to review the history of the organization and to provide guidance to the public on legitimate Masonic bodies. These sessions have helped to provide clarity on the subject of Clandestine Freemasonry and helped to steer potential members on the proper paths. There are only two legitimate Grand Lodges within the State of Illinois—Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Illinois and the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge, AF&AM of Illinois. This distinction is critical in combatting irregular Freemasonry.

Young Prodigy—DJ Marcellus

PHOTO BY WORSHIPFUL BROTHER LAMONTE WILSON, #91



In today's day and age it is awe inspiring to see a father pass down a legacy to his son. What was passed along in this instance? The love of music and the art of disc jockeying exchanged hands.

11-year-old Marcellus Wilson became the youngest disc jockey to mix music at the Daley Plaza House Music Hot Lunch Mix in Chicago, Illinois on July 26th. At the time of his debut, he was only 10 years old. This young prodigy has now grown to become an inspiration to many.

Following in the footsteps of his father, Past Master LaMonte "DJ Monte" Wilson, CEO of Mixenuf Multi Media (Mixenuf.com), Marcellus gained a love of House Music at an early age. With some coaching from his father and training, he is now a bonified disc jockey with several sets under his young belt. These sets include being a guest DJ at a Chicago Public Schools Fine Arts Festival as well as other locations. In all cases, he is coached and supervised by his dad

Marcellus now has a goal of being on the radio someday in addition to continuing to perform for future sets. Still in grammar school though, education is stressed thoroughly. The ability to combine excellent grades in school with a potential career option at an early age is extraordinary and is an inspiration to many young people in the city and beyond.

DJ L'Monte is CEO of Mixenuf Multi Media, a disk jockey and video service specializing in wedding receptions, banquets and private parties and can be reached at www.mixenuf.com.

Young Marcellus Wilson can be found on social media as DJ Marcellus on Facebook and Instagram.

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- 4) Take completed form to your lodge secretary, for the lodge seal and a letter of good standing.
- 5) Submit entire package to Prince Hall Grand Lodge Secretary.
- 6) Wait with patience!

OR

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Hosts its Annual
**Thanksgiving Day
Community Feast**
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Thursday, November 23, 2017
10:30am - 1:00pm

Prince Hall Masonic Temple

809 East 42nd Place
Chicago, IL. 60653

M.W. Brother Dwayne A. Smith, Grand Master



PRINCE HALL AMERICANISM DAY ACROSS THE ILLINOIS JURISDICTION

“As the Christian has a revival, the Moslem has a pilgrimage to Mecca, so do Prince Hall Masons have revivals, and they are called Prince Hall Americanism Day, celebrated on or as close to September 12th each year. It is a time for the Prince Hall Mason to take stock of his life, renew his faith in God, Country and Fraternity, which will include his neighbor. It is a time to renew his faith in God, his patriotism to his country and his duty to mankind. It is in the truest sense a Masonic Revival.”

By many, Prince Hall is considered the founder father of African American Freemasonry in the United States of America. In the late 18th Century, Hall and several others sought to join the Masonic ranks after their service in the American Revolutionary War. They were inducted into the Order in the 1770s but, due to the climate of the day and challenges to the legitimacy of their induction, they were not recognized by one and all. As such, they submitted a petition to the Grand Lodge of England to obtain a charter to formally organize African Lodge directly from the source. With their prayer granted in 1784 and the charter received in 1787, African Lodge #459 was a legitimate Lodge on the rolls of a recognized Grand Lodge.

By the end of the 18th Century, the African Lodge established two additional branches of itself in Pennsylvania and Rhode Island. After the death of Prince Hall in 1807, the branches organized themselves into the African Grand Lodge in 1808. It is from this source that Prince Hall Freemasonry extended itself across America.

Having made its way to the State of Illinois in the 1850s, Prince Hall Freemasonry is the oldest, continually-active, African American fraternal organization within the State of Illinois. The fraternity is designed to make good men better through service to mankind. This service has been displayed in thousands of communities across the State of Illinois since the middle of the 19th Century.



Proud brethren of Keystone Lodge #15 of Aurora in the Second Masonic District.



Prince Hall Americanism Day celebrated in the Third Masonic District in Central Illinois.



Prince Hall Americanism Day celebrated in the Fourth Masonic District in Southern Illinois.



Prince Hall Americanism Day celebrated in the First Masonic District in Northern Illinois.

Most frequently asked questions

Why should I support the Masonic Assistance Program?

It is a Masonic charity that focuses on the individual Mason and his spouse and dependents.

If I do not live near Advocate Illinois Masonic Medical Center, why should I support the program?

Supporting the program should be a desire of Masons to give to a Masonic charity that helps other Masons in Illinois.

How are designated gifts used?

All designated funds will be administered by the Masonic Family Health Foundation, Inc. and the Advocate Charitable Foundation. Both Foundations are 501(c)(3) organizations and all contributions are tax deductible to the extent allowed by law.

What additional information is available to the Fraternity?

There are speakers who are willing to speak before any Masonic group to explain the program in more detail.

What is the Masonic Assistance Program?

The Masonic Assistance Program is an effort by the Masonic Family Health Foundation to help Masons and their spouse and dependents in need of medical assistance. It builds upon the age-old Masonic credo of helping those in need.

Purpose of the Masonic Assistance Program

The purpose is to explore medical resources and support functions and to provide financial information for health care services to the Masonic family. This includes all Masons in good standing, residing in Illinois, as well as their spouses and dependents.

Who developed the Masonic Assistance Program?

The Masonic Assistance Program was developed by the Masonic Relations Committee of the Masonic Family Health Foundation, Inc. It functions with the active participation of Advocate Illinois Masonic Medical Center's senior management.

How can I help to make this program a success?

In keeping with the long tradition of Masons helping those in need, anyone can make a charitable gift to the Masonic Family Health Foundation, Inc., and designate that gift for the Masonic Assistance Program. A gift of any size can make a difference in the life of a fellow Mason.

Gifts to the Masonic Assistance Program can be designated to honor a loved one or to pay tribute to someone who has been especially helpful. Gifts can also be designated to honor the remembrance of an important date, for instance, a birthday or anniversary.

In addition, you may wish to support the program by making a gift annuity, or including the program as a beneficiary in your will. Advocate Illinois Masonic Medical Center offers free legal assistance for individuals wishing to make special contributions.

Who should I contact?

For more information regarding the Masonic Assistance Program, or to apply for the program, please contact the Office of the Grand Secretary or the MWPHGLIL - MAP Liaison:

Bro. Timothy R. Davis
Chairman - Charity Committee (PHA)
809 E. 42nd PL (Prince Hall Way)
Chicago, IL 6065
Telephone: 773.491.6472

Which services are included?

Physician services and outpatient services of Advocate Illinois Masonic Medical Center are included. Advocate Illinois Masonic Medical Center is a full-service, teaching hospital servicing the north side of Chicago since 1921. The Medical Center has a national reputation as a provider of quality health care, an educator of health-care professionals and an innovator in cutting-edge health care programs and techniques.

The physician and outpatient services include:

- All outpatient services provided by the Medical Center.
- Cardiology
- Chicago Eye Institute
- Creticos Cancer Center
- Dentistry & Special Needs Dentistry
- Diagnostic Imaging and Women's Imaging Center
- Pediatric Development Center
- Women's Health Resources



Masonic Family Health Foundation, Inc.

Masonic Assistance Program at

 Advocate Illinois Masonic Medical Center

“And the greatest of these is charity.”

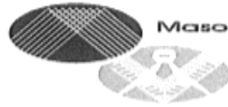
How does one qualify for assistance?

- First, applicants MUST be in good standing of a recognized Masonic Body in the State of Illinois or a direct blood descendant of a member.
- Applications must be accompanied by a signed letter of good standing from the Grand Secretary or the MAP Liaison. NOTE: No sensitive information will be retained by the MWPHGLIL.
- Finally, you must be a resident in the State of Illinois

It is important to note that physician and outpatient services will ONLY be offered at Advocate Illinois Masonic Medical Center located at 836 West Wellington Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, 60657. This is with the understanding that the Masonic Assistance Program will be assisting individuals and their families in obtaining physician services, helping to negotiate fees and securing financial assistance from appropriate agencies.

Each application is treated confidentially and individually.





Masonic Family Health Foundation, Inc.

Masonic Assistance Program						
Application for Medical or Dental Financial Assistance						
Applicant Information						
Last Name	First Name	M.I.	Age	Social Security No.	Family Size	
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Employer Name and Address						
Street		City	State	Zip Code	Monthly Income	Work Phone
Masonic Lodge Name, Number and City:					Member in Good Standing Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	
Medical/Dental Insurance Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>		Name of Insurance Company			Covered by Public Aid? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	
Affordable Health Care Have you registered in Affordable Health Care Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>				Are you now covered by Affordable Health Care Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>		
Spouse Information						
Last Name	First Name	M.I.	Age	Social Security No.	Cell Phone	
Employer Name and Address						
Street		City	State	Zip Code	Monthly Income	Work Phone

Income Information:

Please provide copies of the following and sign the statement below.

1. Most recent Federal income tax return
2. Most recent bank statement

Send to:

James H. Obriecht, Executive Director
Masonic Family Health Foundation, Inc.
836 W. Wellington Ave., CFE, Room 108
Chicago, IL 60657

I, _____ (name) certify that I have no documents that prove my family's monthly income of \$ _____. I understand that if the above information is untrue, any charity granted to me may be forfeited, future requests may be denied and I will be responsible for payment of all medical bills.

Other Information:

If you have additional documents that may help in making a determination regarding your application, such as large outstanding bills which would show financial hardship, please provide those documents (example: rent or mortgage payments, loan payments, or medical bills, etc..)

Applicant Certification: I certify that the above information is true and complete to the best of my knowledge. I understand that as part of the financial screening process, my employment or credit history may be verified.

Applicant Signature: _____

Date: _____

If you have any question regarding this application please call 773-296-5283. (10/12/14)

Illinois

Politics

Part 4 of "Prince Hall
History in American History"
from the Summer 2016 Edition of
the Prince Hall Masonic Journal

By Right Worshipful Brother Daryl L. Andrews

The efforts of Masonic abolitionists in the 19th Century set a stage upon which political and civic gains were made by African Americans in the State of Illinois. Community activism and involvement were the overwhelming messages that came from this era as the African American community solidified their own locales for themselves. This became prominent particularly during the period of Reconstruction. During this period, a number of factors came into play which aided in the growth and development of the black community in Illinois. Many of these efforts were driven by Prince Hall Masons.

The Grand Lodge of Illinois Prince Hall Masons was organized after the conclusion of the American Civil War during a period in which the black community engaged in efforts to organize for power through the Convention Movement. Consider that the first African

American elected Official in the State of Illinois was John Jones, Past Grand Master of the Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Ohio and Honorary Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Illinois. With Jones also being known as the Father of the Black Convention Movement, he gained election to the Office of Cook County Commissioner in 1871. This election was the first for several others that followed. Although some differences did exist, the focus remained on the stabilization of the black community which, subsequently, created a base upon which political gains were made.

Jones was elected in 1871 as a Republican which is the party that the majority of Northern blacks held affiliation during the 19th Century. Through the Republican Party, Jones and others were able to gain electoral victories and appointments for black candidates across the state:

- John J. Bird—Illinois' first black appointed state officer appointed in 1873 as Trustee to Illinois Industrial University (Masonic associate of Jones)
- John W.E. Thomas—Illinois' first black elected State Legislator in 1877 (nominated by Jones)
- Austin Perry—First black Alderman of Mattoon elected in 1883 (Masonic associate of Jones)
- George Ecton—Illinois' second black elected State Legislator in 1887 (contemporary of Thomas)

After the death of Jones in 1879, his nephews, Theodore W. Jones and John G. Jones took up the mantle of leadership. They along with Thomas and Ecton gained additional victories through the Fourth Ward Republican Club and Quinn Chapel sessions.

- Joseph W. Moore—Elected First black South Town clerk in 1890 (Masonic associate of Jones)
- Edward H. Morris—Illinois' third elected State Legislator in 1891

Prominent Illinois Politicians and Civic Leaders



John Jones
Illinois' First Black
Elected Official



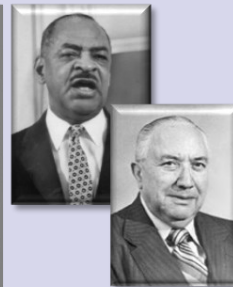
Ferdinand Barnett
Illinois' First Black
Assistant States Attorney
and husband of Ida B.
Wells-Barnett



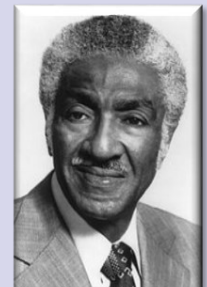
Oscar DePriest
Chicago's First Black
Alderman and Illinois'
First Black United States
Representative



Ashby B. Carter
NAPFE President conferring with
President Dwight D. Eisenhower



**Bill Dawson
& Corneal Davis**
Primary Resource Providers
at the local and national levels
in civics and politics



Ralph Metcalfe
Founding member of the
Congressional Black Caucus and
former World's Fastest Human

As Theodore Wellington Jones had gained election to the office of Cook County Commissioner in 1894, he leveraged his political authority in conjunction with Thomas and Ecton to generate unrest relative to the treatment of black citizens in Cook County. Combining efforts with John G. Jones and Morris, their created a powerful team—The Jones Team. Their collaboration proved to be fruitful in the late 1890s in Cook County.

For years black had been mistreated by Cook County officers and officials. In 1897, the Jones Team brought pressure through the elected officials and through civic protests directed by John G. Jones to wage war against the unfair treatment by the Cook County Sherriff, County Jailers and the superintendent of the Post Office. The pressure exhibited ushered the fight to a national level and also brought attention to the lack of recognition of black soldiers who had fought and died during the Spanish-American War. The pressure wage by the team resulted in political gains:

- Ferdinand Barnett—Appointed first black Assistant States Attorney in 1897 as a direct result of the pressure exhibited by the team
- John G. Jones—Elected State Legislator in 1901
- Oscar DePriest—Elected Cook Country Commissioner in 1904

The efforts of the aforementioned also translated into massive civic action that was designed to make the black community become self-sufficient.

- Civic League for the State of Illinois established in 1897 to perform root-cause analysis of issues and implement permanent solutions
- A Chicago Branch of the National Negro Business League was established by Theodore W. Jones to promote business development in 1901
- Committee on Negro Citizens of Chicago on the Prevention of Tuberculosis was established in 1908 to care for the disease among the community

These steps were introduced as independent methods to not only secure the community financially but also to address the physical well-being on the community. All in all, this provides evidence that the focus remained on the community.

Media coverage of these events were published in all publications that were owned and operated by African American publishers. Local news stories were popular but the ranges of the papers did not stay within the bounds of Cook County. They expanded to a large degree covering happenings from the northern-most to the southern-most points of the state.

The Chicago Conservator, for example, was a prominent black paper which eventually helped to spawn the creation of a national organization for black advancement. Among the topics covered in the publication were local stories but also stories which had national impacts.

The Race Riots in Springfield received a great deal of coverage. The lynching of William Donegan, the 1867 charter Senior Deacon of the Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Illinois, received extensive coverage by Ida B. Wells. The graphic nature in which she described the events and its publication in the Conservator stirred the souls of thousands across the nation. The violence which occurred in that locale drove local and national leaders to consider the events. As a direct result of the lynching and coverage provided by Wells and others, the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People was organized in 1909. The purpose of the organization—to address the social, economic and political rights of African Americans.

Efforts like the aforementioned introduced solutions to the black community that aided it in remaining stable despite the ebbs and flows of the tide of racial relations. They also helped to keep the cash flow of black dollars in the community. *(Continued on next page)*



Harold Washington
First Black Mayor of Chicago
and Spark for the Top Crown



Roland Burris
Former United States Senator
and Illinois State Comptroller



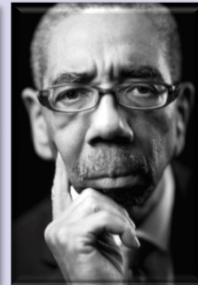
Emil Jones Jr.
Former Illinois State
Senate President



Jesse Jackson Sr.
Uniting Force for the African
American Vote



Jesse Jackson Jr.
Former United States
Representative



Bobby Rush
United States
Representative



Jerry Butler
Entertainer and Cook
County Commissioner

This cyclical cash flow along with the programs implemented at the local and national levels created stability in the black community. As a result, additional political gains would be achieved.

The Great Migration brought new black families to Cook County and to the City of Chicago, in particular, in droves. Yet, the stability of the community allowed it to be flexible enough to accommodate the new families. The challenge, though, did exist from a political perspective particularly because many migrants from the South held allegiance to the Democratic Party. While some shifted allegiances, other kept their affiliations in tact. Yet, despite the growing challenge, blacks continued to gain electoral victories and power in the Republican ranks.

- Oscar DePriest—Elected Chicago's first black Alderman in 1915 and Illinois' First Black United States Representative in 1928
- Corneal Davis—Elected Chicago Alderman in 1920s (DePriest ally)
- William L. Dawson—Elected Chicago Alderman in 1933 (DePriest ally)

After the mid-1930s, many black shifted to the Democratic Party. As a result of the shift DePriest lost his seat to a black Democratic, Arthur Mitchell, in 1935. Yet Mitchell continued to focus on race improvement and fight many of the battles relative to inequitable treatment that were waged by DePriest. Mitchell was succeeded by Dawson in 1943 who had shifted allegiance to the Democratic Party in 1939. Davis, who had also shifted affiliation to the Democratic Party, also gained election as a State Legislator in 1943. Together, Dawson and Davis became black power brokers not only in the State of Illinois but in the Midwest region of the United States of America.

Dawson and Davis leveraged each other to maintain local roots and to serve as conduits for national information that had local impacts. Ashby B. Carter, was a beneficiary of their relationship. Carter had risen through the ranks of the National Alliance for Postal Employees (NAPE) and became its President in 1945. Through the relationship with Dawson and Davis, Carter was a regular visitor at the White House with multiple Presidents of the United States of America. His efforts helped to desegregate multiple services for black employees. These efforts were published in the Chicago Defender Newspaper which was founded by Robert Abbott a score earlier but under the control of his nephew, John Sengstacke, in the 1940s. The Defender not only covered the efforts

of Carter but also served as the primary conduit of information to the public on political gains. Jet Magazine, established in 1951 by John H. Johnson, followed suit. This cycle of efforts and communication proved invaluable to black advancement during the middle of the 20th Century.

Dawson, Davis, Carter and Sengstacke were all members of Mt. Hebron Lodge #29 of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Illinois. John H. Johnson was a member of Harmony Lodge #88 and was a very active Scottish Rite Mason who received acknowledge locally and nationally. Their individual and collective efforts speak to the strength that resides in unity. The Holy Bible tells us that it is "more precious than the oil that ran down upon the beard of Aaron." The strength in that oil is that it was blessed by God. The strength of the quartet lasted for more than a score and by their wisdom, they reared the next generation of leaders who would extend the concept of community advancement to the next level.

- Ralphe Metcalfe successor to Dawson in 1970 organized the Congressional Black Caucus in 1971
- Bennet McVey Stewart succeeded Metcalfe in 1979
- Harold Washington, former Metcalfe Lieutenant and State Legislator from 1965 to 1980, succeeded Stewart in 1981 and, subsequently, gained election as the first black mayor of the City of Chicago in 1983

The elevation of Harold Washington to the mayoral seat of the City of Chicago was a milestone victory in multiple ways. Chicago had long been considered one of the most segregated cities within the United States of America. For the city to have elected an African American Mayor, was an enormous event which brought national and international attention to the city.

It is important to note that the sequence of events which lead up to Washington's monumental victory were laid by his predecessors. Their victories and sacrifices, their challenges and failures, their resolve and energy were the basis upon which Washington earned his victory. This base also served as the starting point for political victories that would come.

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