heart to properly discern between good and bad in order that I might wisely lead this great organization.

I possess neither the eloquence of diction nor the brilliance of metaphor to adequately express my deep sense of gratitude and sincere appreciation for being elevated to the high and honorable office of Grand Master of this great Jurisdiction. I shall be eternally grateful for this privilege and your expressed confidence in me. I wish to thank individually and collectively and to assure you that with the help of the Supreme Architect of the Universe, and your help, I shall do my best to govern the trust which you have reposed in me.

In accepting this high honor to serve the Jurisdiction as Grand Master; I enter upon this office cognizant that with this great privilege also must come tremendous responsibilities. However, regardless of the magnitude of the task, I assure you that I shall, with the help of Almighty God and your help, endeavor to perform the duties of Grand Master in a manner which will insure that the dignity of the office will be maintained and the Jurisdiction as a whole will continue to enjoy the respect and prestige it now holds in the world of freemasonry. I am mindful that because we are human, we are subject to making mistakes. These mistakes when properly corrected should be stepping stones to perfection. Therefore, knowing my limitations, I shall need, and I am asking for your prayers, wisdom and sympathetic understanding.

It is my sincere hope that this will be a year filled with achievement, brotherly love, fellowship, peace and harmony. A year of financial success, spiritual growth and Masonic attainment. These virtues can only be accomplished by the tireless efforts, persistent work and sacrifices of every brother who is a part of this great Jurisdiction. We need and we earnestly solicit the cooperation of every member of this Jurisdiction, both

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REDEMPTION LODGE No. 24
INAGURATES YEAR OF ACTIVITY

W.M. Carl E. Brown, newly elected Worshipful Master of Redemption Lodge #24 began his administration with a note of busy activity for the members of his Lodge.

The first and most commendable activities was the distribution of food and shoes to needy families within the community during the X'mas Season. The Lodge also elected to open the Lodge through its Food and Shoe Committees brought cheer to many families with a need of the assistance and comfort.

At the outset, however, the Lodge's progress was disrupted by the sudden death of one of its outstanding members, the Rev. Brother E. Franklin Jackson. Pastor of the John Wesley A.M.E. Zion Church at 14th & Corcoran Sts., N.W., because of his untimely departure.

CHARLES DATCHER MAKES PRESENTATION TO GRAND MASTER

W.M. Welker Presents Gavel to Grand Master

M.W.G. Master John D. Howard was presented with a white ivory gavel by his Lodge, Charles Datcher Lodge #15 on January 19, 1975.

W.M. John L. Walker, who made the presentation prior to the Grand Master's Inaugural Address which was given on that date, said, "This presentation is being made as a token of our high esteem and pride that the Grand Master is one of our own and that its color had been chosen to indicate their continued pledge of support with the hope that its use would be for the betterment and continued progress of the Jurisdiction."

In concluding his presentation W.M. Walker read the citation

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Tracie J. Little Elected Grand Worthy Matron

Associate Grand Worthy Matron Tracie J. Little was chosen to succeed Velil M. Yearwood, PGWM, as titular head of the Georgiana Thomas Grand Chapter, O.E.S., on December 20, 1974 at its Annual Communication. Elected also as officers comprising her cabinet were the following: Robert L. McNair, GW Patron; PM Jessie A. Hood, Associate Grand Matron; P Maurice Banks, Associate Grand Patron; Alfreda Farrer, Grand Treasurer; PM Cleopatra S. McCann, Grand Secretary, and PGWM Eleanor D. Carter, Grand C.F.C.

In her inaugural address delivered on December 22, 1974, the Grand Worthy Matron Elect declared: "The sun has risen on the morning of another day - the first day of a new year and administration for the Georgiana Thomas Grand Chapter."

Text of Inaugural Address by G.W.M. Tracie J. Little

December 22, 1974

Grand Worthy Patron, Associate Grand Matron, Associate Grand Patron, Present and Past Grand Officers, Sisters and Brothers of the Georgiana Thomas Grand Chapter, O.E.S., P.H.A.

Greetings:
The sun has just risen on the morning of another day, the first day of a new year, and a new administration for the Georgiana Thomas Grand Chapter. What can we wish that this day and the ensuing year may bring to us? Nothing that shall make the world or others poorer, nothing at the expense of other men, but touch us rather as they pass and gather strength. A work to do which has real value without which the world would feel the poorer. A return for such work small enough not to tax unduly any one who pays. A mind unfraid to travel, even though the trail be not blazed. An understanding heart. A sight of the eternal hills and unsteading sea, and of something beautiful of the hand of man, marked by a sense of humor and the power to laugh. A sense of humor and the power to laugh. A little leisure with noting to do. A few moments of quiet meditation. The sense of the presence of God. And the patience to wait for the coming of these things, with the wisdom to know them when they come. I wish to express my deep appreciation and gratitude for the honor that has been conferred upon me. I assure you that I shall earnestly endeavor to merit your confidence and trust. I am mindful of all the duties and obligations that go with this office. I would accept it with great misgivings except that I am assured that I am, for a time to be captain of a ship in which there is a spirit of co-operation that makes holding office easy and pleasant. While no organization can entirely rise above its leadership, it is equally true that no leadership can become truly effective without complete cooperation, and I ask your whole-hearted assistance in our work for our beloved grand chapter. We may not move mountains but if we do the work that falls to us and do it to the best of our ability, we may rest in the consciousness of work well done. You have placed an obligation upon my shoulders and at the same time imposed a trust upon me. The obligation is welcome, the trust, I assure you will be fulfilled. With the help of the Divine Creator, I shall strive to be a capable, conscientious and humble presiding officer, even with the best of intentions no Grand Worthy Matron can be of full use to the Grand Chapter and

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Contr. John D. Howard Heats
D. C. Masons

The Honorable John D. Howard, was duly elected and installed as M.W. Grand Master of the M.W.P.H. Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia on Friday, December 13, 1974 - climaxing a meteoric masonic career.

In his acceptance speech following his elevation, the Grand Master Elect expressed his gratitude and appreciation for the high honor conferred upon him, as well as an awareness of the tremendous responsibilities incident to that office. He pledged, however, that despite the magnitude of those responsibilities, his efforts and endeavors would be directed toward maintaining the high dignity of that office and performance of the duties incumbent upon him in order that the respect and prestige now enjoyed by our Jurisdiction throughout the world of freemasonry would be maintained.

Text of Address by The Honorable John D. Howard


Sacred history informs us, as recorded in 1st Kings, Chapter 3, that shortly after Solomon ascended the throne of Israel, God came to him in a dream by night and said, "Ask What I Shall Give Thee". Solomon's reply was: "Give thy servant understanding heart that I may discern between good and bad". My prayer is as Solomon's, that I might be given an understanding
Grand Master Delivers Inaugural Address

by James L. Martin, Jr.
Director of Public Relations

Prince Hall Masons of the District of Columbia are part of a great organization that is deeply involved in community affairs, elected the Honorable John D. Howard to succeed Henry Graham Dove as Grand Master of Prince Hall Masons in the District of Columbia.

The newly elected Grand Master - a native of Washington, D.C. has for several years, been the Principal of several D.C. Public Schools. In his inaugural dress given at the Second Sunday Forum Meeting on Sunday January 19, 1975, the Grand Master-Elect pledged his full support, together with the Masonic Family in direct community involvement.

Kaynoting his address he said, "As Prince Hall Masons, we are making mighty contributions to our community and the advancement of humanity. This is vital to the high moral character of our institution, which demands our total involvement as a Prince Hall Masonic family in doing those things which touch the lives of others and will enrich and enhance our heritage, which is the image within the community in which we live and function as Masons."

It is also the intention of this administration which the Grand Master continued, "to develop a more comprehensive youth program which will involve the establishment of a youth organization as a vital and integral part of our Masonic Family."

Before closing, Grand Master Howard informed his audience that he was proud to report that the Bloodmobile will be set up in the Masonic Temple at 1000 You Street, N.W. on April 9, 1975 at 9:00 A.M. and urged the participation of all of our members who could donate blood that is urgently needed by the Red Cross.

A Pathway of Achievement

In closing his address Grand Master Howard exhorted to craft, "I invite each of you to join with us as we travel this pathway of achievement together. Supported by the great union of our purpose and devotion to the interests of all, we will journey down the pathway of a new day. With History the final judge of our deeds let us go forward together asking God's blessings and divine guidance. It is in this spirit that I come to you this afternoon as your Grand Master."
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April 5, 1975

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Editorial

The Editor has received considerable criticism concerning the publication of a profile of a candidate for the office of Grand Junior Warden during the recent elections held in December. There also seems to be a vicious rumor that is being circulated within the jurisdiction related to that article on Atty. DeLong Harris published in the November issue of the Digest. Added to that rumor is a very distasteful accusation which has been made by a number of brethren of my Lodge, Social No. 1, that I not only endorsed that candidate but also failed to support the candidacy of the primary candidate for that office, W. Grand Senior Deacon Thomas L. Johnson, a Past Master of that Lodge.

While the rumor, as well as the unwarranted accusation are groundless, I deem it necessary to clarify a situation which has no factual basis and serves no meaningful purpose other than to create a very unhealthy climate of distrust and ill-harmony.

In accordance with journalistic ethics, it is my duty as editor-in-Chief, to guarantee to every Brother and Sister of this jurisdiction and his or her inherent right to submit and have published in the Prince Hall Masonic Digest which has been avowed the Official Organ of our jurisdiction any and all material—provided that such material is neither derogatory defamatory nor detrimental to the welfare of the Fraternity. However, the publication of such material does not in any way, indicate my endorsement of the writer’s or view of the writer.

In compliance with that code, a profile on W.G.S.D. Johnson was published in the July issue of the Digest. At the same time, an announcement of the publication of the profile on R.W. Grand Secretary Richard Farrow and Past Master DeLong Harris, who had declined their candidacies for the aforementioned office in the coming elections, in subsequent issues of the newspaper appeared in that same issue. Unfortunately, however, the refusal of Brother Farrow to submit his biographical resume prevented the complete fulfillment of that announcement. Again, I must reiterate that the publishing of the resume in question did not indicate my endorsement of or obligation to vote for either candidate.

Although it is not necessary to dignify the unwarranted accusation that has been made, I shall make the following statement which I hope will put an end to the unsmashing rumor and accusation.

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They Had A Dream
by Grafton J. Daniels, WGEIC

The Origin of Prince Hall Masonry
The District of Columbia
Part Three

Forerunners of the D. C. Grand Lodge

With the advent of Social Lodge, No. 7, two other lodges, which were to become the forerunners in establishing a Grand Lodge in the District of Columbia, came into being.

Ten years after the organization and constitution of the first Prince Hall Masonic Lodge within the area, a second group of Black Brethren were instrumental in forming a group of Virginians into a Lodge which was to be known as Universal Lodge.

Universal Lodge is Organized

In the year 1835, Sandy Bryant, Benjamin Crier and William Dudley, seafaring men who settled in Alexandria, Va., were made Master Masons in St. George Lodge No. 32 of Liverpool, England.

Shortly after having been made members of Social Lodge No. 7 in 1838, these three brethren and the Reverend John Thomas, also a member and resident of Alexandria, Va., petitioned District Grand Master Daniel Smith of Hiram Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania for a charter to establish a Lodge in that city. Their request being granted, a new Lodge known as Universal Lodge No. 10 was organized in Alexandria, Va. duly constituted and began to function on August 26, 1845 with George Sims as Worshipful Master.

Felix Lodge Constituted

Early in the year 1846, a meeting held in the barber shop of Augustus B. and John T. Cotin, located on Pennsylvania Avenue near Third Street, N.W., was to result in the formation of a third Lodge within the area.

Attending that meeting were Messrs. William Dudley, Benjamin Crier, Daniel Smith, John Cotin, John T. Cotin, and Anthony R. Thomas.

Installation of the Grand Master

Honorable John D. Howard
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Redemption Lodge No. 24 Spreads Joy at Christmastime

By William E. Smith - Staff Reporter

Redemption's Food & Shoe Committees

The hearts of many families within the Jurisdiction are overflowing through the charitable distributions made by the Lodge's Food Basket and Shoe Committee's during the Christmas Season.

These committees make an annual distribution of food and shoes to needy families during the holiday season.

D. C. Masons male and female, if we are to attain the highest possible goals and to execute the designs which are laid down upon the Trestle Board for the coming year. Let us reject any among us who would seek to re-open old wounds and rekindle old hatreds, for these Brethren stand in the path of our progress. Let us unite in a great effort with dedicated zeal and as for the common good of our Jurisdiction. We must join reason to faith and action to transform our unity and strength into achievement with unity and thoroughness.

I cannot close this part of my address without paying homage to our outgoing Grand Master. The Masonic gears of 1973 and 74 have been clogged with glowing success and outstanding achievements. The team concept, as projected in January 1973, was conspicuous and a reality as we constantly demonstrated an administration which was committed and completely together. Although we did not always agree our final product always represented the best thoughts and combined efforts of the elected and appointed officers. The monumental record established in the years of 1973-74 is evidence of Brother Dove's dedication to duty and his skill as a leader, one who was dedicated to maximum performance at all time. This address today does not really mark the end of one administration nor the beginning of another. Rather, it notes an orderly progression in our continuing efforts to bring enlightened leadership to our great Jurisdiction.

There are many perplexing problems confronting our Masonic family. However, the harshest critics of Brethren I have appointed have pledged to you through them their best efforts toward providing some of the solutions to these problems.

The appointed officers have been carefully selected. I have appointed Brethren who I feel are dedicated to the objective of thoughtful and vigorous administration. We realize to those to whom much is given, much is also expected and required. When at some future date the high court of history sits in judgment on each of us as officers in this Grand Lodge recording whether in our brief span of service we fulfilled our total responsibility; our success or failure in whatever office we hold will be measured by the answers to four serious questions: First, were we truly men of courage? Second, were we truly men of judgement? Third, were we truly men of dedication? Finally, were we truly men of integrity? Let us never be blind to our differences but let us take the positive approach and direct attention to our common interests and the means by which these differences can be resolved.

We shall continue to endeavor, as did my predecessor and his team, to make this Jurisdiction financially stable, spiritually strong and our Masonic Lodges and Eastern Star Chapters vibrant; thus providing a conducive climate for continuous growth and development. This, then, my Brethren must be our pressing Masonic agenda for 1975.

The Masonic Family

We look forward with great anticipation to harmonious working relationships with all the attendant and adaptive organizations within this great Masonic Jurisdiction. The Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia is the supreme Masonic authority in this Jurisdiction. All authority and power are vested in the Grand Lodge and all Masonic bodies within its jurisdiction are

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O.E.S. News:

and Worthy Patron Albert Brown were also on the receiving line. In spite of inclement weather an enormous crowd of well wishers gathered for the occasion. Among those present were: the Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge, with members of his cabinet, Worthy Matrons, Worshipful Masters, and Worthy Patrons of the various Lodges and subordinate Chapters with their officers, other Allied bodies and many, many friends. We were especially delighted to have the Grand Worthy Matron and her attendants, the Secretary, Grand Worthy Patron, with the corps of officers of the Myra Grand Chapter of the Jurisdiction of Maryland visit and pay tribute to our Grand Worthy Matron. Hostess included officers of Electa Chapter and some of our very fine new members who were also dressed in their pastel gowns. Congratulations to our Chairwoman, PM Grace E. Thomas and her very fine committee for an excellent job. To those who missed this reception, missed a beautiful, festive affair.

The Georgiana Thomas Grand Chapter held its Deligudetary Service on Sunday, January 26 at the Southern Baptist Church. It was widely attended by the Masonic Family and heads of other Allied bodies.

One could not but feel the spirit of rededication to Christianity throughout this service. With the Rev. Dr. Ernest Cunningham at the organ and PGM Alice Harrison at the piano, the music sounded like the gates of heaven had been thrown widely open, and the voices of the audience like the heavenly choir at its finest. The musical end of the program reached its zenith with the performance of Past Grand Patrons Jesse Brown, Grant Strong and PM Anna Hart. To me nothing is more beautiful than the ring of heavenly music filtering down from our shoulders all burdens, grief and pain, and makes living in a world so full of misery easier.

The Rev. Cunningham delivered a message that was most appropriate to the Order of the Eastern Star. His theme, "Be True to Yourself," was eloquently presented. The message was a call for all of us to redefine ourselves, first to Christianity and then to the Order of the Eastern Star. He based his message on the seven pillars of wisdom: purpose, courage, genuineness, unselfishness, faith, fairness and justice. The Rev. Cunningham ended his message with some challenging words: "to think onewself be true."

In remarks made by both the RWGM John D. Howard and GWM Trace J. Little, they thanked the attendance for a most timely sermon. The RWGM John D. Howard stated that the presence of the MWG Lodge indicated a symbol of oneness of Masonic purpose.

Editorial-

The sacredness of the ballot is inviolate and, as such, does not require me to disclose to anyone how or for whom my vote was cast. Prior to the elections in December the W. Grand Senior Deacons approached me, and received from the Past Masters of my Lodge their unanimous pledge of support for his candidacy for the office and station of R.W. Grand Junior Warden. While I deplore the limited attendance of those Past Masters who pledged their support at the Annual Communication, I can state, positively, and with absolute certainty, that those of us who were in attendance not only fulfilled that pledge but contributed to his overwhelming victory and successful bid for election to his past Grand Officer.

Sacred history records that, "It was an ancient Israelitish custom that a man struck off his shoe and gave it to his neighbor." This testimony was in Israel, signifying that an irrevocable bond or agreement had been established by the donor and his neighbor. We also learn from the same sacred source that, during the initiation of our Ancient Operative Brethren, Entered Apprentice, a "slipper" that was emblematic of that ancient custom and symbolized the establishment of an irrevocable bond or obligation that devolved upon them.

As that was testimony in Israel and among our ancient Brethren, it is no less a testimony today that his Mason's Word is his bond - a bond that he is obligated to honor and fulfill. SO LET IT BE WRITTEN.

The Editor:

O.E.S.:

PM Maenyle Reed of Miriam Chapter No. 4 served as Mistress of Ceremonies for the Masonic and Eastern Star Forum on Sunday, January 12, 1975. GWM Tracie J. Little and GWP Robert McNair were in attendance.

GWM Tracie J. Little is present in concert the Virginia Union University Concert Choir on Sunday, April 20, 1975, 3:30 p.m., at Hampton Crampton Auditorium. Reserve tickets, $7. General admission, $5.50, student tickets, $3. This is in remembrance of its centennial; to miss this concert will mean missing the concert of the season. Please contact your Chapter representatives or PM Margaret J. Cosby, Chairman and PM Martha Alston, Co-Chairman for tickets.

Electa Chapter No. 6 announces its Annual Dance at the Masonic Temple Ballroom, midnight, Sunday, May 25 till 4:00 a.m. Monday, May 26. Music will be furnished by the swinging MOONLIGHTERS, B.Y.O.D. Contact: Sis. Frances Peters, Chairman for tickets. Door prizes will be awarded. Tickets for this gala affair is only $7.

Prince Hall Chapter No. 5 will open the 4th School of Instruction Saturday, March 8, 1975. A Bake Sale will be sponsored from 12:00 noon with Miriam Chapter No. 4, Double Bump with Prince Hall Ladies and Earmen Byrum; Field No. 10 - Marian A. Webb and William Belcher; Martha No. 11 - Elmar T. Nichols and Charles Green. Thrift No. 12 - Little Potts and Jordan Davis; Sr. Redemption No. 14 - Magnolia McGee and Rodney Greene.

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PM Pauline M. Harrington of Page 5
MECCA * NEWS
by DeWalden Jones, Editor Shrine News

IN DECEMBER, the Poten-
tate’s Ball was a bang. Congratulations are in order for the splendid job performed by the committee. It was evident that the Hilton Ballroom has become too small for us and, perhaps Mecca Temple should consider moving the affair to the Armony. The Potentate's Ball was white Sheik's attire which gave him the appearance of a character from the Arabian Nights. Everyone had a grand time. Following the affair, II. Potentate James H. Whitmyer and Daughter Gladys Whitmyer held open house in their suite at the Hotel, during which canary milk and a variety of foods were unlimited for the guests to munch on. • • • MECCA'S CHILDREN'S PARTY AT WUST was a huge success. Approx-imately 500 children were enter-tained by the Nobles and Daughters. It was very thrilling to notice the smiles and laughter on the little ones faces as they received their toys and goodies. THANKS was written all over their faces for the truly MERRY XMAS that had been provided for their en-joyment. Equalley thankful were the adults who received the Xmas baskets that were dis-tributed by the Members of the Trea-sorion. It was very heart-warming to see the reactions of the recipients who also received small tokens to make their holi-day season a more enjoyable one. • • • MECCA, TEMPLE WISHES YOU A HAPPY NEW YEAR and hopes that it will be a most healthful and prosperous one. Within the Oasis, the New Year was ushered in with a New Year’s Eve Fancy Pant’s Ball. The affair, given by the Temple’s Nobles, was a grand success. We are bowing success Just as Ole Father Time was about to make his exit, the sound of a gong at midnight signaled the arrival of the NEW YEAR as BABY NEW YEAR, properly attired in diaper and all, appeared upon the scene. The multitude of guests attending the affair held in the beautifully decorated National Guard Armory then feasted on the traditional New Year’s repast of Hog’s Head and Black-eyed peas.

Highlighting the affair was the Fancy Pant’s Ball Contest won by Ms. Geneva Jones and Mr. Melvin Morgan. II. Potentate James H. and Daughter Gladys Whitmyer were hosts as Mecca Temple received felicitations from the multitude of guests who attended. II. Visits to the Tidewater Temples - April (4) The Annual Shrine Festival at the National Guard Armory. Grand Matron’s Day (2nd Monday of May) and the Gala Day in Richmond, Va. - May, (5) Jubilee Day and the Annual Boat Ride - June. DON'T FORGET THE DATES AND BRING A NOBLE.

BUSY JANUARY ACTIVITIES continued as the nobles of Mecca Temple journeyed to the Oasis of Portsmouth, Va. to witness the creation of Mecca Temple’s Divan. If you know what I mean, "They were really riding ABDUL", and made the affair a very enjoyable one. • • • Dolly M. Tolbert, the newly elected Illustrious Commanders, and Daughters of Mecca Court #2 entertained the Nobles following her election and installation as Titular Head of the Order. Following her installation, she presented her corps of offi-cers with white carnations in turn, was presented with a white orchid and gavel by her husband, Noble Marlowe W. Tolbert. • • • MECCA’S BOWLING TEAM CARRIVED to Willington-N.J. to compete in the first tournament of the year held at Pyramid Temple’s Bowling Tournament. • • • FEBRUARY ACTIVITIES began with a visit to the Oasis of Baltimore by II. Potentate Whitmyer and his Divan to witness the creation of Jerusalem Temple #4. • • • THE ANNUAL AWARDS BANQUET held at the Hilton Hotel Ballroom featured Hon. Judge Harry Alexander as Guest Speaker. Highlighting the affair were "Citizen's Awards" presented to Ms. Ellen Stubberfield, Directress of Teen Tots, Inc. and Bishop Smallwood E. Williams, Pastor of Bible Way Church of this city. • • • MECCA’S BOWLING TEAM journeyed to Detroit, Mich. for Marracca Temple’s Annual Bowling Tournament. • • • THINGS TO REMEMBER are the following events which all Nobles and Daughters are advised to note on their calendars for the year: (1) See Nobles George T. Johnson and Richard Stone for reservations to the Attire Day in Richmond, Va. and the Imperial Council Sessions in New Orleans, La. (2) Visit to Magnus Temple #3 in Alex-


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Felix No. 3

Holds Elections
In elections held in November 1974, Felix Lodge #3 installed the following principal officers for year 1975: Freddie L. Johnson, Worshipful Master; Edward C. Booker, Senior Warden; Elbert M. Norton, Junior Warden; P.M. Robert L. Coley, Treasurer and Heywood V. Sloan, Secretary.

Following his installation, Worshipful Master Johnson selected and appointed the following officers to complete his cabinet: P.M. Leroy Crummer, Asst. Treasurer; Archie Griffin and P.M. Arthur C. Lilly, Asst. Secretaries; Ulysses Barnes, Senior Deacon; Charles P. Glenn, Junior Deacon; Fred T. Herrin, Sr. Master of Ceremonies; Albert Montgomery, Jr. Master of Ceremonies; Henry B. Porter, Sr.; Edward L. Marshall, Jr.; Samuel S. Burgess; William Brooks and Kenneth M. Jones, Asst. Chaplains; Edward G. Cornell, Marshall; Edward Taylor, Asst. Marshall, Theodore R. Burton, Tiler; Samuel R. Jordan, Asst. Tiler; P.M. Vernon H. Hicks, Ad-visor to the East; P.M. Armand S. Lovelace, Ritualistic Instruc-tor; F. M. Vernon H. Hicks, Photographer (P.M. Hicks is also official Staff Photographer for the P. H. Masonic Digest); Robert L. Doran, Asst. Photographer; Historian; P.M. Charles W. Shingles; Louis A. Jackson, Treasurer-Emeritus and Charles A. Williams, Chap-lain-Emeritus.

D.C. Masons: -

ing to give their time, talents, and efforts in order to make this enormous amount of space utilized to its fullest potential. For instance, the Perfect Ashlars to be the committee to spearhead this operation.

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Grand Master Makes Visit to Mecca Court No. 2
by Melanine E. Thompson
Staff Reporter

Illustrous Commandress Doli M. Tolbert was honored at her inaugural meeting by the presence of Most Worshipful Grand Master John W. Howard as he accompanied Illustrous Potentate James H. Whitmyer and a large number of other Nobles of Mecca Temple, No. 10. A.E.A.O.N.M.S. in his official visit to Mecca Court, No. 2, Daughters of Isis.

Past Potentate Howard brought greetings from the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge. He expressed his pleasure at having been Illustrous Commdress Tolbert's sponsor and guest at the elaborate Court Dinner meeting which he hosted at the Navy Yard Officers' Club earlier in January. He also thanked the Nobles and Daughters for their attendance at Mt. Moriah Baptist Church to worship with him on Sunday, January 12.

The Program of the evening included an eloquent prayer by Past Matrion Anna Hart, a presentation of coupons to her officers and an inspiring Inaugural Address by the Illustrous Commandress and remarks by Imperial Deputy of the Desert Bertha M. Bragg and Illustrous Potentate Whitmyer. Daughter Ruth C. Smith was Mistress of Ceremonies and Daughter Marjorie Logan pianist.

The 1975 Commandress “Dolia” Tolbert was installed at the Washington Hilton Hotel on Friday, March 21, from 10 P.M. to 2 A.M. Daughter Cleopatra S. McCann and Daughter Florence Baker are chairpersons for this outstanding social event. Tickets may be obtained at the Mosque on Wednesday, Friday and Saturday nights of each week.

The Commandress' charity program, "Operation Outreach," will be geared toward community service to the D.C. Children's Center, "Forest Haven." The committee's first "benefit" activity will be a Dinner-Theatre Party to be held on April 12, 1975. Dinner will be at Hagan's Restaurant at 5 P.M. Guests will proceed by charter bus from Hagan's to attend the performance by Pearl Bailey at Kennedy Center at 8 P.M.

Daughter Dorothy Johns and Past Commandress Gladys Jennings are chairpersons for this activity. Daughter Fannise Moore is in charge of tickets. Daughter Laine Harris will spearhead the volunteer service facet of "Operation Outreach."

The Officers of Mecca Court, No. 2, for 1975 are as follows: Illustrous Commandress, Doli M. Tolbert; 1st Lieutenant Commandress, Dorothy L. Chambers; 2nd Lieutenant Commandress, Ruth C. Smith; High Priestess, Melanine E. Thompson; Oriental Guide, Delseth G. Kyle; Treasurer, P.C. Tommy Mabe Bland; Recorder, P.C. Dulcy F. Camp; 1st Ceremonial Daughter, Dorothy E. Johns; 2nd Ceremonial Daughter, Elouise Coppedge; Inside Spy, Dolly R. Barnes; Outside Spy, D. Sandra A. Mills; Marshall, D. Mildred Wells; Musician, D. Agnes S. Harris; Ass't Musician, D. Marjorie Logan; 1st Ass't Recorder, Delseth Kyle; 2nd Ass't Recorder, Martha Alston; Ass't Marshal, D. Martha Gordon; Imperial Deputy of the Desert, Bertha M. Bragg and Illudrissive Advisor, P.P. Hugh C. Russell.

Redemption: -
which an Emergent Communication was called for the purpose of arranging and attending the funeral and conferring the Last Sad Rites upon the deceased brother.

Sources for Dr. Jackson were held at the aforementioned church on January 3, 1975 where numerous church dignitaries which included Bishop John H. Satterwhite of the Philadelphia Conference and 14 other Bishops of the A.M.E. Conference who eulogized the eminent brother who had been noted and active figure in the civic, religious, political and community life of the city - serving as Democratic National Committeeman, President of the D.C. Chapter of the N.A.A.C.P., Board of Directors of the American Red Cross, Boy Scouts of America, Council of Churches and numerous other organizational activities which gained for him the title "Little Giant" because of his dynamic leadership and militant efforts in the cause of human rights, human dignity and justice.

Also attending the service with thousands of other mourners were the Hon. Walter E. Washington, Mayor of the City, and the Hon. Walter E. Fauntroy, Jr. with members of the U.S. Congress, who epitomized the late distinguished brother for his outstanding service to his community, city and nation.

Following the religious service, the Lodge escorted the remains to the Lincoln Memorial Cathedral for interment where the Last Sad Rites were conducted by P.M. Charles Scott assisted by the cabinet of the Lodge and a large contingent of brethren from the various Legions. The Right Hon. W.T. Thomas Johnson, Grand Junior Warden - representing M.W.G.M. J. Howard, Past Masters, George A. Farr, Josephus E. Brooks, Curtis J. Blakely and David P. Crosby; R.W. Warner Patterson - Grand Treasurer, R.W. Eli Anderson - Grand Trustee and W.G.J.D. Chappell.

Leaving to mourn their loss are a widow, eight children, grandchildren and a host of relatives.

On January 11, 1975, W.M. Brown, accompanied by 40 officers and brethren, journeyed to Philadelphia to confer with the Herbert E. Miller Lodge #151 in that city and to witness the conferring of the Title #151 Fellowcrafts.

Upon being in the "City of Brotherly Love" the group was warmly welcomed by P.M. Ston of the host lodge and by D.G.M. Herron. "Herren" who had been the symbolic Degree upon the candidates.

The trip was arranged by P.M. Fried and was proved to be a memorable occasion on which the Worshipful Master and several Past Masters and concluded with a most delectable collation.

Prince Hall Starts Year With Charity

Prince Hall Lodge No. 14 has started its labors for the year by performing a worthy act of benevolence upon all Masons. Showing a true and fervent spirit of Brotherly Love and concern for their fellowmen and the unfortunate who have a domicile in their kind offices. the recently installed Worshipful Master of the Lodge directed that 25 baskets of food be purchased for distribution to needy families to make their Thanksgiving a happy and joyous one.

On Wednesday, November 27, 1974, Worshipful Master-Elect William D. (Billy) Nelson was v provisional appearance on TV Channel 7 during the 6 o'clock news to present a check to Teen Tots, Inc.

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Inaugural: -
with tomorrow, a tomorrow which will extend the horizons of our potential far beyond anything which has happened in the past.

With the dawn of this new day we are reminded that we face new challenges, new responsibilities and opportunities.

This address today does not really mark the end of one administration nor the beginning of another. Rather, it notes an era, with the promise of a continuing and expanded growth. The emphasis on the day will be the efforts to bring enlightenment and leadership to our great Jurisdiction. I have entered upon the office of Grand Master of the Masonic family with full knowledge of the staggering duties which are mine. However, the honorable brethren elected to serve with me at Grand Lodge Level, the Masonic Masters and Wardens of the various lodges together with the distinguished brethren I have appointed have pledged to you full support through their best efforts toward providing enthusiastic, enlightened leadership.

We earnestly solicit the help and cooperation of the elected and appointed officers of the Masonic family. We will continue to endeavor, as did my predecessor and his team, to make this Jurisdiction financially stable, spiritually strong, and that the Masonic Lodges and Eastern Star Chapters prosper. Thus, we will provide a climate for continuous growth and development within our Masonic Family.

As I close this part of my address I must pay homage to our Junior Past Grand Master. The years of 1973-74 were years crowned with outstanding achievements. This enviable record is a reflection and a tribute to Brother Dave's skill as a leader. It also symbolizes devotion to duty combined with the support, cooperation, and approbation of the Sisters and Brethren who worked so ardently with him.

The Masonic Family

In my acceptance address during the Grand Lodge Session I made these remarks which I shall repeat, because I think this is the key to progress here at 10th and You Streets which will open many doors for us as a Jurisdiction.

Thousands of years ago as recorded in the gospel according to St. Mark, Chapter 3, Verses 24 and 25 Christ spoke this parable to the Pharisees — "And if a Kingdom be divided against itself, that Kingdom cannot stand, and if a house be divided against itself, that house cannot stand." This same statement was uttered again by Abraham Lincoln in his famous speech of June 16, 1858. These two statements are as true today as they were when spoken hundreds of years ago. If our Masonic Jurisdiction is to survive and reach its maximum potential we must resolve all problems which exist among us. Let us reject any among us who would seek to reopen old wounds and rekindle old hatreds, for these sisters and brethren stand in the path of our progress. We look forward with great expectation to harmonious working relationships with all the Adoptant and Adoptive organizations within this great Masonic Jurisdiction.

The Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia is the supreme masonic authority in this Jurisdiction. All authority and all power is vested in the Grand Lodge and all masonic bodies within its Jurisdiction are subservient thereto. Faithful allegiance and implicit obedience is due and expected from all.

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Joseph S. Thomas Makes Final Report

Quarters from the Jurisdictions of Oregon, Missouri, Washington and Illinois. In addition to those items, R.W. Brother William H. Freeman, C.C.F.C. of Louisiana, forwarded a resume of the activities of the Grand Master. A brief resume of those proceedings and the aforesaid list of Publications will appear in the December issue of the Prince Hall Masonic Digest, also all materials received by this office will be deposited in the Archives and files of the Grand Lodge, together with a copy of this report.

Communications were received from the Jurisdictions of Indiana, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, New York, Ohio, Michigan, Wisconsin, Iowa, South Dakota, North Dakota, Missouri, Arkansas, Kansas, Nebraska, Kentucky, Tennessee, Alabama, Mississippi, and Louisiana. All communications were answered.

The Grand Lodge received over 28 invitations to visit Annual Grand Lodge Sessions in Foreign Jurisdictions. The M.W. Grand Master found time in his busy schedule to visit the Jurisdictions of New Jersey, Ohio, Delaware, Pennsylvania and Virginia on each of these visits the Deputy Grand Master and various Grand Lodge Officers accompanied the Grand Master. I had the privilege of attending the Virginia and Pennsylvania Sessions and I am pleased to inform Grand Lodge that your Grand Master was honored by the City of Richmond during the Public Meeting of the M.W. Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Virginia. On this occasion he was presented with a Medal, the value of which is in lieu of the Keys to the City by Vice-Mayor Henry L. Marsh, Ill., for outstanding leadership in fraternal and community affairs at the Nation's Capital. He also received a plaque in recognition of long and dedicated services as Past Deputy of the Valley of the District of Columbia is a Past Division of the Grand Lodge of Virginia and is a Past Division of the Grand Lodge of Virginia.

The Grand Lodge of California is a Past Division of the Grand Lodge of Virginia and is a Past Division of the Grand Lodge of Virginia.

Masonic Family Choir Gets New Director
by Selwyn Clyburn

Masonic Family Choir is now under the direction of P.M. William Branch - the dynamic director of "The Chanters." The new director, appointed by Grand Master John D. Howard, to succeed W. Malcolm J. Taylor, the former director of the group, appointed Brother Selwyn W. Clyburn, who is also accompanist for the group, as Assistant Director.

Rehearsals are presently scheduled on Saturday evenings from 3:30 P.M. to 7:30 P.M.

The new director has inaugurated a drive to increase the membership of the choir to 100 members and extends an invitation to all interested persons to apply for membership in room 409 at the Temple.

Director Branch announces that the choir will be engaged in a new and challenging repertoire in their performance of the works of Master Composers, Modern Composers and Negro Spirituals. He exhorts the Brothers and Sisters of the jurisdiction to join the group and dedicate their talents to Masonry and God.

Lee Elder Honored By D. C. Masons

P.G.M. Henry A. Dove

Presenting Plaque to Lee Elder

One of the last official acts of retiring Grand Master, Henry A. Dove was that of conferring upon Lee Elder, the Three Symmetry Degrees in Masonry. Executing his prerogative as Grand Master, Mr. Elder was made an honorary member of the Order "At Sight" during the convocation of the 26th Annual Grand Communication held in Washington, D.C. December 11-13, 1974.

At the Annual Awards Banquet on Thursday, December 12, 1974, Prince Hall Masons of the District of Columbia paid homage to their distinguished brother by citing him with the "Outstanding Citizen's Award" in recognition of his achievements in the "Golfing World" and for

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Datcher Lodge Holds First Divine Service Of The Year

Charles Datcher Lodge No. 15 held the first Divine Service of 1975. Their 75th Anniversary and Divine Service was held on Sunday, 903 Division Avenue N.E. where the Reverend Arthur J. Parker, Pastor delivered the Anniversary Sermon.

Music for this celebration was rendered by the Contee Senior Choir, directed by Mrs. Jennie L. Garrett and the Contee Gospel Chorus under the direction of Mrs. LaRue L. Brown, of which the President Mrs. Marian S. Walker is the wife of John L. Walker, Worshipful Master of Charles Datcher Lodge No. 15. The performance of these two singing groups was delightful and most inspiring.

After the procession, Reverend Cyril E. Eastman, Associate Minister of Contee, a native of British Guiana, gave the invocation. Others appearing on the program were Brother Black, Chairman of the Divine Service Committee who read the Scripture taken from Matthew 11th chapter, verses 1 thru 6. Brother Larry Bowman, Director of Christian Education at Contee gave heart-felt welcome that was responded to by P.M. Jonas Bowman of Charles Datcher Lodge No. 15. Brother T. R. Porter memorialized the Fallen Brothers of the Lodge and Brother Howard T. Luckey, Secretary, presented the Lodge's history.

W.M. Walker, in his remarks, acknowledged the presence of the windows and other distinguished guests including Worthy Matron Shirley K. Woodley of Datcher Chapter 7, O.E.S., the first Distinct Master of the Lodge. Brother Walker was appointed as the second Worshipful Master of Charles Datcher Lodge No. 15, who attended the service with many of her cabinet and members.

Affairs of pride in introducing the ushers, who were the wives of the Officer of the Lodge.

M.W. Grand Master John D. Howard in his remarks, told how and why he cut short his official business trip to New York in order to return to share in the observance. He also emphasized some of the Masonic family and how it was relevant to the occasion, that he was elected Worshipful Master of Charles Datcher Lodge No. 15, 51 years after his father was the Worshipful Master of the Lodge. He also stated that his father was one of the founders of Datcher Lodge No. 15, and the First Worshipful Master of that Chapter.

The Worshipful Masters set a beautiful example for the craft to follow in their activities at present. Also, more than 23 of the Grand Lodge officers were present.

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Joseph S. Thomas Makes Final Report

P.G.M. Joseph S. Thomas, retiring C.C.F.C. presented the following report at the 126th Annual Communication of the M.W. Prince Hall Grand Lodge on Thursday, December 12, 1974. Summarizing the work of his committee, the Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence pointed to the inspiring work of his committee and the role it had played in the final stages of the "Eight Year Plan" during the administration of Junior P.G.M. Henry A. Dove.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE

M.W. Grand Master, R.W. Deputy Grand Master, R.W. Senior & Junior Grand Warders, Past Grand Masters, and Lodge Officers, Subordinate Lodge Representatives and Members of this M.W. Prince Hall Grand Lodge:

GREETINGS

Through the grace of the G.A.O.T.U. and the very kind consideration of M.W. Grand Master Henry A. Dove, I am highly honored and privileged to submit this report as C.C.F.C. for the Jurisdiction of the District of Columbia.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence, having received its appointment and assigned duties, immediately forwarded to the forty-one Jurisdictions in communication with this Grand Lodge, the list of elected officers for the ensuing year 1974.

The work of the committee this year has been very inspiring and we have had the wholehearted cooperation from the Grand Master and all the Members of the Jurisdiction. We are also pleased to have had a part in the final stages of the eight-year plan. Today, we witness the completion of the dynamic leadership of M.W. Grand Master Henry A. Dove, who has made an outstanding contribution to the Prince Hall Masons in the District of Columbia, throughout the United States and in Foreign Lands. His administrative ability in Masonic affairs, in business and in the community, has placed his Jurisdiction at the very top of Prince Hall Grand Lodges today. It has been said that we are the most progressive Grand Lodge in operation and we are in control.

We have received Proceedings from the Jurisdictions of Illinois, California, Ohio, Colorado, Michigan, Washington, Virginia and Pennsylvania, together with Masonic
Henry A. Dove Reports On State of the Craft

At the Annual Grand Communication held in Washington, D.C., December 11-13, 1974, retiring Grand Master the Hon. Henry A. Dove, presented a vivid and factual review of the progress and achievements of the jurisdiction during his administration which brought to climax the 8 Year Expansion Program which was inaugurated during the administration of the late R. C. M. S. Matthew Hendershot.

In his "State of the Craft Message," delivered during the Grand Sessions, he enumerated the successful results of his "Team Effort" concept which had enabled him to fully utilize the innumerable talents un-covered during the two years of his administration in meeting and coping with many sensitive situations and problems and to lead our jurisdiction forward to heights of achievement and progress.

In his "Swan Song" to the

Craft he pointed out that, "No one can recall when the Masonic Fraternal spirit and interest was as high as it has been during the two years of my administration...may that spirit and climate continue to live, thrive and lead us to newer and broader horizons of endeavor."

Excerpts From The State of the Craft Message

The main objective of my administration was to provide effective and meaningful service through the coordination of the goals and aspirations of the membership. By means of PROPER PLANS, R.W. Lynch, I BELIEVE, HAS PREVENTED POOR PERFORMANCE, the attainment of the objectives of the Fraternal Order which has resulted in the highest degree of fraternal enthusiasm ever to be experienced by this Grand Jurisdiction and the realization of an unusual degree of growth.

Litigation

As a result of the Carter v. P. H. Grand Lodge of D. C. litigation No. 607-73, the U. S. District Court found the Grand Lodge in error and ordered reinstatement of the litigant, retroactive to the date of his suspension from the Craft - at the same time, however, damages sought by the said litigant were denied. This Grand Lodge has, accordingly, taken the proper administrative action ratifying the prior proposed "Edict Assessment" which is essential to the future financial well being of our jurisdiction.

Real Property

The financial resources of our jurisdiction have been abetted by the acquisition of lots located on 10th Street at Vermont Avenue and 7 Streets, N.W. Through the efforts of Col. John D. Howard, R.D.W.G.M., R.W. Lynch, Chairman of Grand Trustees - Associate Grand Worthy Matron Tracey Little - Worthy Matron Chambers and others, the successful re-zoning of the property was acquired for the establishment of parking facilities on the property.

Title to 12 lots formerly deeded to the Acacia Grand Lodge has been duly and properly recorded.

Plans are under way for the purchase of additional parcels of real property which is adjacent to our recently purchased lots and our Temple. Those properties, located on 10th Street, will, if acquired, greatly enhance our financial resources.

Official Visitations

Accompanied by my Deputy and other Grand Lodge Officers, Con. of Pg. 12, Col. 1.

Social Lodge Honors 50 Year Member

Bro. William L. Rouihac Receiving 50 Year Membership Certificate

William L. Rouihac was presented with a Meritorious Certificate honoring his 50 years of membership in the Lodge. The presentation was made at the Annual Awards Banquet of the MW Prince Hall Grand Lodge of D.C. on Thursday, December 12, 1974.

W.M. Simon D. Bethhea, the newly installed Worshipful Master of Social Lodge No. 1, on making the presentation to Brother Rouihac for his five decades of meritorious service to his Lodge.

Elder -

his untiring efforts to gain recognition for Black golfers. PGM Dove, in presenting the plaque, noted that Brother Elder was the first Black Golfer to compete in the prestigious Master's Tournament.

Feast -

Feast featured at the same time were charitable contributions presented to the following organizations: Howard University - $500.00; D.C. Association For The Handicapped - $500.00; Howard University Sick Cell Anemia Research Program - $2,000.00 and the Howard University Hypertension Research Program - $1,500.00. Following the award of the grants, the Grand Master presented the Honorable John D. Howard, Grand Master-Elect to the Craft.

Service -

The highlight of the Service was delivered in the splendid, soul-filling message that was delivered by Reverend Parker. He captured the attention of the entire congregation from the very beginning with the subject that he had chosen, "Jesus Revived the Unraised." taken from the reference scripture above. This Divine Service is one that will be remembered for many, many years.

It should be noted that the Master of Ceremonies, Brother James T. Green, did a magnificent job in keeping the service moving to try to keep within the planned 90-minute time frame. As it was, the entire service lasted 1 hour and 45 minutes.

Little -

the subordinates unless she has behind her the respect, confidence and above all the cooperation of all members. The fact that you have placed me in the East shows that you have given me the first two, and I ask for the last in the full assurance that it will be given.

Alone, I can do little-together we can make of the Georgian Thomas Grand Chapter, a force for good in the community.

This may be accomplished by giving all diligence, adding to your faith virtue, and to virtue knowledge, to knowledge temperance; to temperance patience, to patience Godliness, to Godliness sisterly and brotherly kindness, and finally to all these love.

As we travel and work together during the year of 1975, may I ask that we who have seen the star, light a candie of service, think of our sisters and brothers, and help them where they are. May envy, hate, and malice before the flame, and the eternal fires of God light up our hearts in the Father's name. Fraternally submitted.

TRACIE J. LITTLE

Grand Worthy Matron of the Georgian Thomas Grand Chapter O.E.S., P.H.A.

The newly elected Grand Worthy Matron has announced the following Calendar of Events for 1975:

January 26

Dedication Service at Southern Baptist Church, 1341 L. Street, NW, 7:00 p.m.

April 20

Recital - Virginia Union Concert Church, Howard University Auditorium, Howard University, 3:30 p.m.

May 25

Queen Esther Day, time and place to be announced.

May 28

Georgiana Thomas Grand Chapter Birthday, Eastern Star and Brent Dining Hall, 7:00 p.m.

June 7

Awards Luncheon - time and place to be announced.

June 14

O.E.S. Workshop - Eastern Star Room and Brent Dining Hall.

June 15

Founders Day - Eastern Star Room and Brent Dining Hall, 4:00 p.m.

June 25

Semi-Annual Session - Eastern Star Room, 6:30 p.m.

June 28

Youth Fraternity Day - Eastern Star Room

July -

Ways and Means, and Flower Committee Activity - date, time, and place to be announced.

October 5

Five Pointers Club Activity - date, time, and place to be announced.

October 19

Memorial Service - Eastern Star Room.

November 16

Grand Chapter Divine Service - Shiloh Baptist Church - time to be announced.

December 6

Youth Fraternity Party - Brent Dining Hall.

December 19-20

Annual Session - Friday, December 19, 10:00 a.m. Saturday, December 20, 10:00 a.m.

Fields -

following appeal - "Let us move forward together in anticipation of a day of creativity and successful endeavor. Let us shake off the mantle of complacency and allow our creative spirit to burst forth in glorious radiance.

The following calendar of events has been announced for the year.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

March 30-1975 - Eastern Star Services at 6:00 A.M. Metropolitan A.M.E. Church, 1518 M. Street, N.W. April 6, 1975 - Fellowship Tea, sponsored by the Richard Howard Gleave Assembly, Order of the Golden Circle, from 4 to 6 P.M. in the Masonic Temple Ballroom. (All Scottish Rite Masons and their wives are invited to attend this enjoyable occasion.)

June 15, 1975 - Garland Dinner Theatre. This will be a Father's Day TREAT. Buses will leave from Fringe Parking. The featured attraction will be Big Bad Mouse when the Mouse finally roars - Watch Out!!

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Thomas well received by the assembly. (Details of his Speech will appear in the Masonic Digest)

We have provided information and service to Foreign Grand Lodges, our own Subordinate Lodges, Adopted Bodies and individual Master Masons. We have prepared twenty-four letters on Waivers of Jurisdiction, forwarded thirty-two fraternal greetings to Sister Jurisdictions, over 165 letters of announcements, invasions and correspondence by direction.

The Supreme Grand Master of the Universe in His Wisdom saw fit to call upon his beloved earth to dwell in the Jurisdiction of the Heavenly Grand Lodge several of our brethren whose families requested burial in other Jurisdictions. It became the Committee's said duty to arrange Masonic services for these brethren. Also Grand Master Dove and Grand Treasurer Patterson journeyed to Jackson, Mississippi to attend the funeral services of M.W. James C. Gilliam, Grand Master of that State.


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The Meaning Of Freemasonry
by Griffon J. Daniels
Editor-in-Chief

The Significance Of The Three Symbolic Degrees

"Entered Apprentice - Cornerstone of the Craft"

Free masonry or Speculative Masonry - its modern connotation - has been appropriately defined as a "Beautiful System of Morality, steeped in allegory and illustrated by symbols." Thus the newly initiated brother, as he continues his quest for knowledge, is continuously confronted with numerous symbols - the meaning of which is repeatedly inculticated or impressed upon his mind.

The reception of his apron marks him as a Mason and he then receives specific instructions in the proper manner of and purpose for wearing it.

His further progress in the craft is dependent upon his proper and efficient use of the tools of his craft which he must now employ in the performance of the responsibilities that are to be levied, measured and trimmed in the quarry of his Masonic life for use in the erection of his temple of morality.

Finally, before his name is entered upon the rolls of the lodge, he receives a formal charge regarding his conduct, responsibilities as a workman and the requirements for his further advancement.

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Grand Master Delivers Inaugural Address
by James L. Martin, Jr.
Director of Public Relations

Prince Hall Masons of the District Of Columbia, a charitable organization that is deeply involved in community affairs elected the Honorable John D. Howard to succeed Henry A. Dove as Grand Master of Prince Hall Masons in the District of Columbia.

The newly elected Grand Master - a native of Washington, D.C. has for several years, been the Principal of several D.C. Public Schools. In his inaugural dress given at the Second Sunday Forum Meeting on Sunday, January 19, 1975, the Grand Master-Elect pledged his full support, together with the Masonic Family in direct community involvement.

Keynoting his address he said, “As Prince Hall Masons, we are making many contributions to our communities. It is a commitment of the development of humanity. This is vital to the high moral character of our institution which demands our total involvement as a Prince Hall Masonic family in doing those things which touch the lives of others and will enrich and enhance our fraternal image within the community. As Masons, we live and function as Masons.”

It is also the intention of this administration, the Grand Master continued, “to develop a more comprehensive youth program which will involve the establishment of a youth organization as a vital and integral part of our Masonic Family.”

Before closing, Grand Master Howard informed his audience that the Bloodmobile will be set up in the Masonic Temple at 1000 You Street, N.W. on April 9, 1975 at 9:00 A.M. and urged the participation of all who could donate blood that is urgently needed by the Red Cross.

A Pathway of Achievement

In closing his address Grand Master Howard exorted to craft, “I invite each of you to join with us as we travel this pathway of achievement together. Supported by the great union of our purpose and devotion to the interests of all, we will journey down the pathway of a new day. With History the final judge of our deeds let us go forward together asking God’s blessings and divine guidance. It is in this spirit that I come to you this afternoon as your Grand Master.”

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Dr. Marshall Becomes Deputy Grand Master

by R.W. D.E.

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Dr. Edward G. Marshall
R.W. D.E.

Toni W. Senior Grand Warden was elevated to the sta-
tion of Deputy Grand Master of the M.W. Prince Hall Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia in December 1974. While serving as Grand Senior Warden the elec
ted distinguished himself on numerous oc-
casions giving forcible indication that Grand Master Howard will be ably assisted in directing our Jurisdiction to greater heights of achievement and progress that will greatly enhance the prestige of our Grand Lodge within the realm of Prince Hall Masonry.

In November 1974 the Deputy Grand Master was the powerful speaker at the Masonic Eastern Star Forum held on Sun-
day, November 10, 1974 on which occasion he exhorted Brethren and Sisters, of the jurisdiction to "sincere contempla-
tion of the importance of giving blood for the Prince Hall Bank.

TEXT OF ADDRESS
MASONIC EASTERN STAR FORUM
Sunday, November 10, 1974

Address of Dr. Edward G. Marshall, Right Worshipful Senior Grand Warden

Past Master Vinsom, Most Worshipful Grand Master Dove, Past Grand Master Taylor, Deputy Grand Master Howard, those dignitaries here on the dais and my Christian friends;

It is indeed a privilege that I have the opportunity to talk with you for a little while this evening, about something that is close to my heart and I am sure also close to yours.

During the month of October, I was privileged to accompany the Most Worshipful Grand Master and his cabinet on the visitations to the various lodges throughout the jurisdiction. In his remarks at the visitations, the Grand Master mentioned that the problems which have been made - putting us on the road to better understanding, improve accounts of the membership, he did point out that our efforts are not too insignificant. Also, he made mention of one program, that though it was not a complete solution, it surely was a step in the right direction and we should not fail to keep this in mind.

The Grand Master stated that he did not make the presentation of this leadership, for the committee has been at work. The membership has given us over 1200 old pint bottles of blood to the blood bank, when we number almost 6,000, is not as large as it could be. So let's talk with you about that program "Blood."

Since we as Masons and Eastern Star use - Holy Writ - the Great Light in Masonry as our rule and guide, I would like to use it as our point of reference and I would like to think together and develop a few threads about Blood. Let us then use as a subject for our thinking "The Doctrine of the Blood Banks, Masonic and Eastern Star Blood Bank.

Underneath all the arches of Bible history, throughout the whole grand tem-
ple of the scriptures voices ever echo, "Man is ruined - Man is redeemed." Man created in the image of God, but marred by the experimental knowledge of sin, and at times through darkness of doubt and hesitation - that is the theme of the Great Light in Masonry resonating down the grand corridors of time. Great and mighty were the worlds of God in creation. But with the sacred breath He spoke, He created the worlds into being. Even greater and mightier was the work of God in redemption, for God's deed of redemption was more costly by far than his work of creation. In creation man was made by the white leprosy of sin, in redemption God was made white by the crimson fountain filled with blood.

Ancient and universal is man's belief in the power of blood to give or to prolong life. As medicine, as the science of civilization we find the concept that life somehow is in the blood.

From dawn to the bright noon day of God's revelation, blood has been central in God's dealing with man. Pagan sacrificial rituals reflected only the fox of futile struggle and hope from among the clans ahead. The altars of Holy Writ basked in the eternal glory of the light and the voice of the "Son of Righteousness who rises with healing in his wings". They were dedicated to the Lamb of God slain from before the foundation of the world. Blood has been the characteristic of goodness. Blood is the sign of peace.

In the great state of the Constitution of the Constitution, the 3rd Article, it was written "He that sheds blood shall have his blood shed upon him."

The blood of Jesus is the cry of endless man for reckoning time, we shall be in B.C. and A.D. The time of man's redemption is at hand.

Not by his sins, life, impenetrable in time and eternity, did Jesus redeem us. Not by his righteousness, we are never a man who has taught us to redeem. He redeemed us, not by his teachings, we are never a man who has taught us to redeem. He redeemed us, not by his example, perfect with respect to God's law and beyond the reach of man's imitation, did He redeem us. Only the shedding of his Blood as the sacrifice for sinners, did He redeem us from sin and shame.

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Membership Expansion

This jurisdiction during the past two years has enjoyed an unexcelled growth in membership enjoyed by no other jurisdiction. The addition of 900 new members has increased our membership to such a healthy sign which portends future growth of our jurisdiction.

Long Range Planning

Our future progress depends upon our ability to plan properly and utilize every opportunity for future growth and expansion.

Purchase of the lots at 10th & T Sts. N.W. was the enactment of a proposal by P.M.G. Joseph S. Thomas in 1967. My proposal to purchase the 9 parcels of real property, located on 10th Street and are adjacent to the newly acquired lots and our Temple, to sell our Temple to Metro and use the funds for purchase of the proposed properties and to build a new modern Temple with ample parking facilities are really a stepping stone to which I feel, will not only increase our financial resources and stability but will enable us to acquire a worthy contribution. I firmly believe this adoption of those recommendations are essential to the future growth and welfare of our jurisdiction.

All good things must come to an end. For me, "The Song is Over," but "The Melody Lingers On."

I have endeavored to serve you with the dignity commended by my high office and to perform the responsibilities of that office in the highest professional manner. How successful my administration has been, only you can judge. Only history can establish and record the progress and accomplishments that were achieved.

"So let it be written - so let it be done."

"So mote it be."

Fraternally,
Henry A. Dove
Grand Master

Masons:

The Prince Hall Masonic Digest

The Prince Hall Masonic Digest is the official organ of our Grand Lodge. It occupies a vital spot in our existence as a vibrant Masonic Jurisdiction. We must discover a method to make the Digest a self-sustaining endeavor. Thus, I am asking each Master to give serious consideration to a plan adapted by several Lodges in our Jurisdiction. If each Lodge would provide $1.00 to the subscription department of the Masonic Digest for every Mason on the active rolls of the Lodge we would mail a copy to each member quarterly when the Digest is published. This would accomplish several things:

1) The Digest would have funds to operate and produce an effective paper.
2) A large percentage of the membership of our Masonic family would be better informed about the happenings in our Jurisdiction.
3) Many of us deal with merchandising who are obligated to us because of the amount of money we spend them. We must mount a drive as a Jurisdiction and as individuals to provide appropriate advertisements from these businesses.

Public Relations

As Prince Hall Masones we are making many contributions to our community and to the advancement of humanity. This is the way it should be established by the high moral character of our institution demands it. However, it is my personal feeling that we do not receive a full credit for the many things we do because of lack of proper communications and continuous public relations. Every effort will be made to enhance the Department of Public Relations, to ensure that a complete story is told. Thus, we will be better known and remembered as a Grand Lodge and a Jurisdiction which tried to improve the quality of its Masonic life, not only for its membership but also for those whose lives we may touch in the community in which we live and function as Masons.

Charitable Contributions

If we are to assume our rightful place among charitable organizations in the District of Columbia and make much practical the principles of our Masonic Craft, we must rethink our approach to charity programs. In light of present day requirements we must determine where we should place our membership and represent our standing as a Masonic Craft. Finally, we must come to realize that our strength lies in combining our resources. We can no longer isolate small individual contributions to the same charities which will not be identified as being meaningful. We should select charities on a Jurisdictional basis which we can all support, i.e., the NAACP, Urban League, Salvation Army, O.C.C., Sickle Cell Anemia, Children's Hospital, Metropolitan P.D.'s Bay's Club, Y.M.C.A. Drive etc. We should then combine our resources and make contributions which will be meaningful and representative of our organization.

Masonic-Eastern Star Forum

This forum provides an outstanding service which involves the community and our total membership. We shall continue to project the forum at its present high level of effectiveness with meaningful and informative programs.

Masonic Skill Bank

For many years now we have talked about the amount of talent which we find within the Jurisdiction of the District of Columbia. We are also fully aware of the fact that we are getting new Masons who have some unusual talents to offer. However, we cannot tap these sources if we have not identified them. We will concentrate on assembling at Grand Lodge level a skills bank which will give us a profile of the many talents in our Masonic family which are available to us. In order to fully accomplish this we will need the co-operation of all Lodges and Chapters.

To be continued in the next issue.

COMING EVENTS:

February 9th - Hiram Holy Grand Chapter, HRAM of Baltimore.
Maryland's annual Divine Service March 22nd - Eastern Alliance Annual Meeting Alaska.
Newark, New Jersey - P.G.C.G.H.P. Herbert A. Bates.
May 23rd - Palm Sunday Service, Rahab Grand Court, Heroes of Jericho, Baltimore, Maryland.

ADVANCE NOTICE:

Adolphus P. Hall Grand Chapter, HRAM, Semi-annual Session Tuesday, May 27, 1975.

Arch & Sword

January 1st - Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge's reception honoring Most Worshipful Grand Master John D. Acton.
January 10th - Red & White Ball (visiting dignitaries from Maryland and Virginia)
January 26th - Rahab Day by Rahab Grand Court, Heroes of Jericho, Baltimore, Maryland.

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