Grand Master Proclaims 1975 
As Prince Hall Year

Prince Hall Year Proclamation

The M.W. Prince Hall Grand Lodge Free & Accepted Masons, P.H.A.
District of Columbia, Incorporated

1000 U Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20001

March 1, 1975

WHEREAS, Prince Hall and fourteen other Black freemasons were made Master Masons on March 6, 1775 thus, establishing Freemasonry among men of color two hundred years ago; and

WHEREAS, Prince Hall was a man of God, a devout Christian and a dedicated Methodist Minister with a fixed belief in the fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of men; and

WHEREAS, Prince Hall was an American Patriot who not only shared the dreams of the great nation America could become and volunteered to serve in the Continental Army and fought in the Revolutionary War; and

WHEREAS, Prince Hall was an educator who demanded that Boston educate its Black children and did establish a school for Black children in his own home; and

WHEREAS, Prince Hall established the predominantly Black international order of Freemasonry, which bears his name, and Prince Hall Masons through the ages have inculcated sound morality, strong bonds of friendship and brotherly love to all humanity, made and continue to make immeasurable contributions to the creation and preservation of America; and

WHEREAS, Prince Hall devoted his entire life to making America a better place for all to live.

NOW, BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that I, John Daniel Howard, Most Worshipful Grand Master, of all Prince Hall Masons in the District of Columbia, do hereby proclaim the “Year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Seventy-Five” as Prince Hall Year throughout the Jurisdiction of the District of Columbia, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all Prince Hall Masons of the District of Columbia re dedicate themselves to: (1) the continuing struggle for Justice, equality and human dignity for which Prince Hall lived and died, and (2) the effectuation of the NOBEL OBJECTIVES OF FREEMASONRY.

- Prince Hall Day Pledge -

We do hereby solemnly and sincerely promise and swear that we shall re dedicate ourselves to the continuing struggle for justice, equality and human dignity for which Prince Hall lived and died and that we shall effectuate the noble principles of FREEMASONRY.

* * * * * So Mote It Be.

Victory Lodge No. 23 Honors Distinguished Brother

The honoree has been an active member of Shiloh Baptist Church for more than 30 years. His Masonic career began in 1920 as a member of Ionic Lodge No. 17. However, at the request of the M.W. Grandmaster he was instrumental in the formation and organization of Victory Lodge No. 23 in 1927 and served as its Worshipful Master in 1933.

In 1935 he was appointed W. G. Senior Deacon of the M. W. Prince Hall Grand Lodge and served in that office for two years. Later being appointed a Grand Trustee and was directly

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Inaugural Address

by
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Community Involvement

As Prince Hall Masons we are making many contributions to our community and to the advancement of humanity. This is the way it should be because the high moral character of our institution demands it. Let us continue to be completely involved as a Prince Hall Family doing those things which will touch the lives of others for good and enhance our image within the community in which we live and function as Masons.

Masonic-Eastern Star Forum

This forum provides our 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.

Prince Hall Day

It is customary in our Jurisdiction to participate in large numbers on St. John's Day. It is my sincere hope that Prince Hall Day this year will surpass our usual participation in St. John's Day. March 6, 1975 will mark the Bi-Centennial date for Prince Hall becoming a Master Mason. Thus, Prince Hall Grand Lodges across our nation will have special ceremonies commemorating Two Hundred (200) years of masonic heritage. It is our intention to make our Prince Hall Day something special this year. We solicit the complete cooperation of all in our Masonic Family. Brother Thomas Johnson, Right Worshipful Junior Grand Warden, will give you minute details as we approach the date of Sunday, September 14, 1975.

Public Relations

Every effort will be made to enhance the Department of Public Relations to insure that a complete story is told about our organization and the tangible contributions which we are making our community.

Prince Hall Masonic Digest

The Prince Hall Masonic Digest, the official organ of our Grand Lodge, is a Jurisdictional paper which intended to include all organizations in our Masonic Family. Please support this paper with news articles and financial support. The Editor-in-Chief will be in contact with all parts of our Masonic Family to discuss our plans in detail.

Assessment Program

As a vibrant Masonic Jurisdiction we must continue our quest for excellence. Therefore, of necessity we will continue the assessment program during the year of 1975.

Youth Program

It is the intention of this administration to develop a more comprehensive youth program which will include the establishment of a youth organization which will be an integral part of our Masonic Family.

Caribbean Cruise

Between the dates of June 28 and July 5, 1975, those members of the Masonic Family and their friends who wish to relax may do so by joining us on a Caribbean Cruise. We will journey through the Caribbean on the fabulously designed Gems with ports of call at Nassau, San Juan, and St. Thomas. If you are interested please contact the Chairman for this cruise, Past Grand Master Henry A. Dove.

Masonic Blood Bank

I have saved this subject as the last part of this section of my address because of its importance. Sisters and Brethren we must do more to make sure that our total Jurisdiction is protected in the event of emergencies. Eight Hundred pints of blood will cover the entire Masonic Family and their immediate families. Please lend every effort to help us meet this quota. If you should find it impossible to give blood yourself please try to influence a friend or a relative to five and have it credited to the Prince Hall Masons. On Saturday, April 5, 1975 beginning at 9:00 A.M. the bloodmobile will be at the Masonic Temple. Please come bringing family and friends. Monday will be a good day for fraternal units from 9:00 A.M. to 9:00 P.M. at the Red Cross Building, 2025 E. Street, N.W. We will provide free transportation from 10th and You and return for any group of 46 persons on Monday night. I am making a special appeal to the Sisters of the Order of the Eastern Star. Our records indicate only two pints were contributed by the entire female membership during our last

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Shiloh Promotes Investment Education Program

Shiloh Baptist Church located at 9th and P Streets, N.W., Washington, D. C. has initiated an investment education program among its members. The program is an outgrowth of a three-day education seminar held during the summer of 1973 at which time the Editor-in-Chief, 3rd Vice-President and Director of the Washington Area of Investment Clubs and Tal Robertson, Account Executive at Blyth-Eastman Dillon, Inc. were invited to speak on the subject of "Invest in America." As a result of that seminar, Shiloh Investment Club No. 1 was organized in November, 1973 and became one of the more than 9,000 club affiliated with the National Association of Investment Clubs which promotes sound investment techniques among its members. After one year of operations, the club, which has 26 members, and has purchased approximately $5,205.75, has achieved a record growth of about 14% and generated such interest among the members of the church that a second club - Shiloh Investment Club No. 2 was organized in April, 1975 with a membership of 20 members.

Officers and members of the two clubs are as follows:

Shiloh No. 1

Shiloh No. 2

Investment advisor and instructor of club is Grafton J. Daniels and the club's banker is Tal Roberts. Meetings of the club are held every 3rd and 1st Saturday, respectively, at the church.

Masons:
members of the Masonic family who wish to relax may do so by joining us on a Caribbean Cruise. We will journey through the Caribbean on the fabulous TSS Mardi Gras with ports of call at Nassau, San Juan and St. Thomas. Finally, my Brethren, let us enter upon the year of 1975 with a powerful commitment to boldly challenge the status quo. The explosive nature of our modern society and its collective impact upon Prince and Craft must be acknowledged and dealt with. Each year must be a better year than the preceding year or this Grand Lodge and this Jurisdiction does not show progress. There can be no middle ground for if we do not progress then we retrogress. Thanking you again most sincerely, I pledge that I shall do everything within my power to render myself worthy of the honor which you have conferred upon me. I shall endeavor to deal positively and forthrightly with each of you in order to merit the confidence and trust you have reposed in me. It is in this spirit that I come to you today as your Grand Master. So Let It Be Written. So Let It Be Done. So Mote It Be.

John D. Howard
Grand Master

Arch & Sword:
Hall. At that time, plans were formulated to attend the Pilgrimage Association Meeting held on May 25, 1975 at 12 noon. President of the association is PEG Samuel, Warren of the D.C. Jurisdiction. Plans were also made to attend the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar that was held in Birmingham, Alabama June 27-29, 1975.

The Commandery, under the able leadership of M. Eugene McKeever, has truly come to the forefront in supporting the Hon. John D. Howard and the M.W. Prince Hall Grand Lodge of the sun is shining brightly.

Handmaidens:
Again, may I admonish you that, with happy and good thoughts and with prayer, nothing is too great for God. Trust in Him, obey Him and serve Him. By so doing, bitterness will be eradicated from your life. If one is pure in heart, he is able to overcome evil with good and reap the soul-satisfying enjoyment of days filled with new and challenging spiritual opportunities and enriching experiences.

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District of Columbia in all public functions.
On March 14, 1975 the John

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Sister Bessie Scott White Honored

As is the normal practice in any organization, it is usually the leader of the organization who is singled out for special recognition and praise, as opposed to the regular membership. In this manner, someone who is doing outstanding work is often overlooked, and most especially when it is done as a matter of course.

But on Saturday, April 19, Sis. White, a laborer in the field of humanity, was so honored at a Testimonial Banquet sponsored by the NAACP. The NAACP paid tribute to such persons as Sis. White who were deserving of special recognition for their contributions to its work. Sis. White had been appointed Chairman of the NAACP Membership Drive in the Vermont Avenue Baptist Church by the late Rev. C. P. Murray, and throughout the years was responsible for obtaining more than 5,000 memberships in the organization.

Sis. White was more than proud when five of her sisters came to Washington to share with her this magnificent tribute.

What matter of woman is this? Not only the White has been an outstanding NAACP recruiter, but she has played the role of a philanthropist on numerous occasions. To name only one, she has contributed substantially to Howard University (in memory of a brother who was an outstanding athlete and a Pre-Med student). She is affiliated with the YMCA, is serving in many civic organizations; is an active member in her church's activities; is a loyal member of the Order of the Eastern Star (Elecata Chapter #8), Heroines of Jericho, and others. She is a retired government employee, and is a licensed beautician. She has devoted her life in doing for others. She is concerned with the education of our youth, the purposes of the NAACP, and in the general welfare of her fellowman.

Electra Chapter is more than proud to have such a person as Sis. White among its membership. It is hard to believe that at the tender age of 82, Sis. White can be so actively engaged in so many Christian and community endeavors. She should certainly be a shining example to all of us—who are half her age—to use our efforts constructively in our community.

Our hats are off to you, Sis. White. You have chartered your course with quiet dignity. You have been the leader, not the pomp and fanfare. You have never "tousted" your own horn, but have quietly left it to others to recognize and praise your good deeds.

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Georgia Thomas Grand Chapter O.E.S.

Georgia Thomas Grand Chapter, O.E.S. of the District of Columbia played host to several distinguished high school graduates of 1974 and three alumnae in recognition of their accomplishments since 1971 at a gala luncheon held in the Masonic Temple. Baltimore, Md. 10th & York Streets, N.W.

Recipients of the 1975 awards totaling $3500.00 were:

- Mrs. Renee Clark - McKinney H.S., who will attend Federal City College, Ms. Judy Martin - Wilson H.S., who will matriculate at Spelman College in Atlanta, Ga., Reata A. Gustafson - H.S. who will attend George Washington University. Desiree Cross - Fairmont Heights H.S. who will enter Morgan State University and Genie L. Chisholm - McKinley H.S., the top winner of the scholarship awards who will matriculate at Duquesne University this fall.

Among the alumnae who returned for the affair and received recognition for their achievements were Ms. Janet McNair - 1971 who received a BS degree from Boston University this year. Cassandra Coward - former graduate of Spingarn H.S. who is attending Washington Technical Institute and Flora Walker - 1974 graduate of McKinley H.S. who is currently, on the Delta's list at Northwestern University.

The award recipients and alumnae presented gifts of appreciation to the Worthy Matron of the Chapters which had sponsored them: Gethsemane No. 3, Prince Hall No. 5, Eleventh No. 6, Budget No. 8, and Thrift No. 12.

Also featured in the program were the awarding of certificates to the officers of each chapter in recognition of their outstanding ritualistic work during the year.

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October 18
Fel1owship #26 & J.F. Cook #10

October 20
Hiram #4 & Widow's Son #7

October 22
Redemption #24

October 27
Corinthian #18

November 9-11
Supreme Council Session, AASR
Dallas, Texas

December 10-12
127th Grand Communication

Georgiana Thomas Grand Chapter O.E.S.

(Grand Chapter, O.E.S.)

September 14
Prince Hall Day
National Presbyterian Church & Center

September 26
Grand Master's Ball
Washington-Hilton Hotel

October 12
Five Pointers Club Activity

October 19
Memorial Service

November 16
Georgian Thomas Grand Chapter Divine Service - Shiloh Baptist Church

December 6
Youth Fraternity Party
Brent Dining Hall

December 19-20
Annual Sessions

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Shrine Holds Joint Jubilee

Mecca Temple No. 10 of Washington, D.C., Magna Temple No. 3 of Alexandria, Va., Mocha Temple No. 7 of Richmond, Va. and Jerusalem Temple No. 4 of Baltimore, Md. held a Joint Jubilee Day Service this year to commemorate the successful litigation which established their legitimacy and right to enjoy the privileges of the Order of the Mystic Shrine.

Each year, the various Divans within the area join ranks to give thanks to Allah and to invoke his blessings upon their order and the great heritage they enjoy.

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The Prince Hall Masonic Digest

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Grand Master Cites Noted Mason

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P.G.P. John Smith Receives Citation From Grandmaster

M.W.G.M. John D. Howard extended the following felicitations and greetings to P.G. Patron John Smith of Victory Lodge No. 23 on the occasion of CItATION

April 13, 1975
Past Master John Smith 1617 Webster Street, N.W. Washington, D.C. 20011

Dear Brother Smith:

I am privileged to be a part of a Testimonial Banquet given in his honor and commemorating more than a half century of meritorious service to Masonry and the Grand Jurisdiction.

This ceremony which pays homage to you and to the service which you have rendered to the Jurisdiction of the District of Columbia in general and to Victory Lodge No. 23 in particular. We commend you for the ardent service which you have rendered through the years for the advancement of humanity and our Masonic life style. It is obvious that you made a commitment to excellence and a dedication to the Masonic cause many, many years ago. This commitment has been expressed and manifested in many ways in the varied positions of responsibility and trust which you have occupied within our ranks.

Now that you do not have the quickness of step and all of the physical vigor which was yours years ago you are still diligently following that commitment of striving for excellence to the best of your ability.

I am, therefore, extremely happy on behalf of the entire Prince Hall Masonic Family in the District of Columbia to extend to you these expressions of felicitude and to say thanks so much for all which you have done through the years to advance our Masonic cause.

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Profile

Reginald K. Jenkins

To Attend Nobel Rites

The honoree lives with his parents, Mr. & Mrs. Marcus M. Griffith at 505 G Street, Southwest, two brothers and sisters.

During the week of May 18th, he was invited to appear before the Cosmos Club of Washington, D.C. where he explained his award winning project to a group of admiring teachers, family and sponsors of the science fairs.

Simplified — the project involves the induction of lymphocytes, a type of white blood cell, which causes a division of such cells in a way similar to cell division in leukemia victims. He then treated those cells with chalone hormones that inhibit cell division, and measured the effect of those hormones.

The chalone action may represent an important break through in the treatment of leukemia, as well as in the treatment of tissue rejection — a key factor in organ transplants.

The young and promising scientist said that his first science project started in Junior High School — the injection of testosterone, a male sex hormone, in rooster chicks, had made them more aggressive by changing the pecking order.

Mr. Edward Sherbourne, president of Science Service which sponsored the international fair said at the Cosmos gathering, "Reginald now has an obligation to help convince other black kids of their unlimited potential as scientists and engineers."

Dr. Chang Displays Wyzardry at Father & Son Banquet

Felix Lodge No. 3 held its annual Father & Son Banquet at Northwest Gardens on Saturday, June 7, 1975 from 1:00 to 5:00 P.M. Each guest attending the affair received a movie pass, ball point pen, key chain, metal ruler or McDonald's gift certificate. Featured on the program for the afternoon were film clips showing the pugnacious exploits of two of the century's greatest prizefighters, Joe Louis and Muhammad Ali.

The highlight of the occasion was the performance of Dr. Chang who amazed the guests with demonstrations of wizardry which thrilled more than 300 guests who attended the affair.

Comments on the astounding magic feats performed during the banquet during which the guests were served Salisbury steak, green beans, mashed potatoes, rolls and punch.

Culminating the celebration was a special raffle and distribution of paraphernalia endorsed by the Washington Bullets and autographed pictures Dave Robinson of the Washington Redskins.

John Howard

"This Is Your Life"

Ruminences of the Past & Present


Rear Row (left to right): Joseph Yearwood, William Barnes, Eleanor Ricks, Curtis Blakely, Ruby Johnson, Myron Ross, Julius Dickerson, Jehu Hunter, Anne Dickerson, Joseph S. Thomas, Col. John Posey, Charles Wright, Col. William Runsey, Lawrence Wright, Alvin Fields and John Walker.

Last Row (left to right): Alexander Anderson, David P. Crosby, George A. Farrar and Henry A. Dove.

Datcher Lodge No. 15 honored its favorite son, the Honorable John D. Howard, with a spectacular "This is Your Life" testimonial on 1975. The unique affair, sans T.V., was held at the Masonic Temple at 10th & You Sts., N.W. and featured many notable civic, educational, military and fraternal figures who had played integral roles in the honoree's successful life and career.

Among the guests who spoke that evening were: an immediate family which included his lovely wife Marguerite D. Howard, his son John D. Howard III, his daughters Brenda Howard and Barbara Wright, and son-in-law, Charles Wright. Noted also among the many who brought their greetings and felicitations on the momentous occasion were: Mrs. Barbara Sizemore, Superintendent of the D.C. Public Schools: Colonels Nathaniel Adams, Hyman Chace, Thomas M. Irving, John Posey and William Runsey; Cato Adams, O. C. Childs, Terence Allen, Mrs. Julia Dickerson, Jehu Hunter and Lawrence Tyson. Representing the Craft were Past Grand Masters Arthur E. Brooks, George A. Farrar, Henry A. Dove, David P. Crosby, Joseph S. Thomas, William Barnes, Joseph Yearwood, Grand Commander Alvin Fields, Aubrey Ballard, Bert Joyner, W.M. John Walker, Eleanor Ricks, Alma Hawkins, Bernice Arthur, Past Grand Masters, Wm. Blakely, Alexander Anderson.

Highlighting the affair was the presentation of a portfolio depicting hisances and accomplishments of his life.

St. John's Lodge No. 12 Honors Past Masters

By R. J. Dawkins Sr. - Reporter

The 24 living Past Masters of St. John's Lodge No. 12 were honored at the Lodges Regular Communication held in January, 1975. On that occasion the Hon. Colonel John D. Howard, M.W. Grand Master, accompanied by R. W. Dr. Edward E. Marshall, Deputy Grand Master, presented all to each Past Master a beautiful plaque bearing the Masonic emblem and inscription of the name of the honoree and year in which he served as Worshipful Master. A inlaid was a gavel.

Among the recipients receiving the awards were: R. W. Donald Vowels, Sr. Grand Warden and Past Deputy Master John Marshall who served as Master in 1924 who received the award in absentia.

Highlighting the affair was the declaration of P. M. Louis N. Boone as the oldest living Past Master in terms of service and P. M. Martin J. Jackson - runner-up who presided over the Lodge in 1939. Selected as spokesman for the honorees, P. M. Jackson climax the prestigious evening with the following remarks, "Words are inadequate to give a meaningful expression of our deep and sincere appreciation to W. M. Clinton E. Lewis for the brethren for the signal honor they have conferred upon us this evening."

Consistory - Revolutionary War: Masonry for Black Man was founded by a black man living in the colonial city of Boston. His name was Prince Hall, and thus we are known today as Prince Hall Masons." Following the presentation, Ill...

Under The Arch and Sword And Over The Broken Triangle

by V.E. Osborne E. Brooks, Sr. Editor

Since our last issue, there have been moments of great joy and also sobriety.

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The Adolphus P. Hall Grand Chapter, HRAM of the District of Columbia, under the leadership of V.E. Samuel A. Jackson, GHP attended the Annual Service of Hiram Holy Grand Chapter in Baltimore, Md. on February 9, 1975. On Saturday, March 22, 1975 the Grand Chapter journeyed to Newark, N.J. to attend the Service of the Eastern Alliance of the HRAM which was presided over by GHP Herbert A. Bates. During the two milestones were achieved:

(1) The entire slate of elective officers were unanimously elected to succeed themselves and included: P.G.H.P Herbert A. Bates (D.C.) - President, P.G.H.P. Riley (Baltimore, Md.) - 1st Vice President, Osborne E. Brooks, Sr. - Recording Secretary, and new treasurers: P.G.H.P John (Baltimore, Md.) and P.G.H.P. Wilfred C. Medley (D.C.).

(2) The Washington, D.C. Jurisdiction successfully defended its title as the Alliance Ritualistic Champions. The championship team was composed of: V.E.G. S. Melbren Thomas - High Priest and his son, P.S. Dwight Thomas, V.E.D.G.H.P. Unwood T. Johnson - King, V.E.G.K. Osborne, E. Brooks, Sr. - Captain of the Host, E.H.P. James Brunswick - Scribe and P.G.H.P Plummer W. Green who took the leading role for the Order of the High Priest. After one more successful triumph the jurisdiction will establish permanent ownership of the trophy.


The Excellent Masters Degree was conferred on 72 brethren on Friday, April 18, 1975. A select program performed admirably in conferring the degree upon the candidates from 8 Subordinate Chapters.

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The Semi-Annual Session of the John W. Freeman Commandery was convened at the Masonic Temple in the North...
Henry R. Robinson 33°
"Noble of the Year"

Past Potentate Henry A. Robinson

By a vote of its membership, Mecca Temple No. 10 conferred the title of "Noble of the Year" upon Past Potentate Henry R. Robinson, Imperial Advisor. The citation, one of the most prestigious honors that a Shriner can receive, was presented to the designee by illustrious Potentate James H. Whitmyer at the Annual Award's Banquet held on February 22, 1975 at the Washington-Hilton Hotel and given in recognition of his outstanding and meritorious service to the Oasis. The honoree was born in Washington, D.C. His education began in the Public Schools of the city and was completed at Oberlin College and American University. He is married to the former Ida Mae Hall and is currently employed as a Financial Statistician in the U.S. Government. He is an active member of Vermont Avenue Baptist Church. Among his numerous Masonic affiliations are the following:
- Ionic Lodge No. 17 - Past Master and Chairman of the Investigating Committee; Queen of Sheba Chapter No. 2, OES - Past Associate Patron; Markwell Chapter No. 12, H.R.A.M. - Past High Priest and Chairman of the Investigating Committee; Adolphus P. Hall Grand Chapter, H.R.A.M. - Chairman of Auditing Committee; Simon Commandery No. 1, Kof T - Omega Council No. 6 (Royal and Select Masters); Thornton A. Jackson Court No. 3, H. of J. Mecca Temple No. 10, A.E.A.O.N.M.S. - Past Potentate, Imperial Advisor, Chairman of Investigation and Auditing Committees; Jonathan Davis Consistory No. 1, A.A.S.R. - Past Commander in Chief, United Supreme Council, A.A.S.R. - Sovereign Grand Inspector General; 33 and Director of Reflections; M.W. Prince Hall Grand Lodge, F. & A.M., D.C. - Chairman of Awards Committee.

Grand Lodge Awards Scholarships To Honor Graduates

Scholarship & Tuition Grant Awardees

One of the highlights of the Annual Saint's John Day observance on Sunday, June 22, 1975 was the presentation of 13 scholarship awards and tuition grants to the following recipients who had been selected by the Scholarship Committee under the direction of RWGDGM Doctor Edward E. Marshall, Jr., Chairman.

Among the deserving students chosen to receive the grants were Ms. Patricia D. Maiden - $2,000.00; Gregory White - $1,000.00; Martinez White - $1,000.00; Ms. Desiree Cross - $1,000.00 and Ms. Charlene Denise Kearney all of whom were the recipients of PGM George A. Farrar scholarship awards.

The remaining students were presented with tuition grants - Ms. Theresa Plummer $750.00; Ms. Nadine Washington - $750.00; Ms. Denise Toyer - $650.00; Ms. Linda E. Hardy - $750.00; Ms. Roseanne Little - $750.00; Ms. Darlene M. Miller - $750.00 and Eugene F. Neal - $750.00.

Miss Patricia D. Maiden, winner of the top award of the grants which totalled approximately $12,000.00 was chosen as spokesman for the honorees. In her remarks, Miss Maiden thanked the Grand Lodge and members of the Craft for making it possible for those chosen to resume and continue their education and pledged that they would strive to achieve what was expected of them.

In his remarks, M.W. Grand Master John D. Howard congratulated the awardees and expressed the great pride felt by his jurisdiction in being able to contribute toward the realization of their future educational goals and wishes for them every success in their endeavors.

Jonathan Davis Consistory Awards Scholarships

Jonathan Davis Consistory No. 1 granted scholarship awards to five honor graduates on Monday, June 23, 1975. Honorees selected for the Louis W. Roy scholarship grants were:

Patricia B. Cousar - Anastasia Senior High School Honor Roll, National Achievement Finalist, H.S. Government & Pep Club (Union College - Sociology)

Gregory White - Dunbar Senior High School National Honor Society, Winner of Women's Bar Association Award, Secretary - Student Government (Virginia Union University - Engineering & Social Work)

Alonzo Crawford - Anastasia Senior High School Honor Roll; Student Government Winner of Women's Bar Association Award (James C. Smith College - History)

Vernon Fields - Dunbar Senior High School Honor Society; Rank: 11 in Class of 322 (University of North Carolina, A & T - Electrical Engineering)

In presenting the awards, Ill. Ralph A. Jones said: We honor these five deserving High School graduates and the patron, PGM Louis W. Roy, in whose revered name these grants are given. Although, I did not know the man, personally, I have been told that 'were it not for his strength, vision and dedication of purpose, Prince Hall Masonry in this city would not be as great as it is today.'

To the honorees - and your teachers, counselors and principals have recognized in each of you something special and I believe that each of you has demonstrated the strength of character and purpose of mind that befits the great honor you do us by your presence here this evening.

We, too, have visions and faith in the future of our people. You represent to us that future. In retrospect, this country was but an infant - struggling to overcome the injuries of the

Within The Craft

(A Digest of Fraternal News)
by James L. Martin, Jr., Director of Public Relations

The M. W. Prince Hall Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia, under the leadership of M.W.G.M. Colonel John D. Howard, assembled on the corner of Georgia Avenue and Randolph Street, N.W. on April 8, 1975 for the purpose of laying the plaque on the headquarters building of the Professional & Business Women's League.

Deposited within the walls were the following documents:
- The League's Certificate of Incorporation, a copy of the Settlement Papers from Dolphins & Evans Corporation, a ticket of the Annual Awards Banquet held in November, 1963, an Annual Awards Banquet ticket dated 1950, a ticket of an Annual Dinner Meeting given in honor of Mrs. Esther C. Peyton in November, 1956, a roster of the League's earliest members, a program of the Annual Banquet of 1950 and a Souvenir Program dated April 6, 1975. Among the items deposited by the M.W. Prince Hall Blood Bank were the following articles: a copy of the invitation from Ms. Cirzia M. Turner, President of the Professional & Business Women's League, inviting the Grand Lodge to lay the plaque, a copy of the Grand Master's Prince Hall Year Proclamation designating 1975 as Prince Hall Year, a copy of the Inaugural Address of the Hon. John D. Howard, a copy of the Grand Lodge Resolution of 1975, copies of Grand Lodge Proceedings for the years 1961-1962, 1967-1968, 1969-1970 and the first page of the Washington Post in which the news story was first to appear.


The M. W. Grandmaster John D. Howard and His Two Daughters head this list of Prince Hall Masons on April 5, 1975 as donors of 165 pints of blood for the Prince Hall Blood Bank. Beginning at 9:00 A.M. on that day, more than 200 members of the Masonic family reported to the Red Cross Blood mobile set up in the Masonic Temple Ballroom where facilities had been set up for the processing of the donors' blood and Red Cross nurses were kept busy until 3:30 P.M. tapering and processing the blood donations. P. M. McPherson, chairman of...
Past Masters to Confer Third Degree

W. M. Simon D. Bethea, Jr. of Social Lodge No. 1 — resuming the traditional Spring and Fall classes in the Lodge — has re-elected the Past Masters of the Lodge to confer the final third degree of the year.


In the Second or Historical Section the principal participants will portray the following roles: King Solomon (Ponder) and Hiram King of Tyre (Chapman). Announcements of the supporting roles — the Riffians, the Sea-faring Man and the Twelve Fellowcrafts will be made later.

In the Third Section of the Degree, the ancient lectures will be presented as follows: "Historical Lecture" - P.M. Grafton J. Daniels: "Symbolism" - R.W. Sr. Grand Warden, Thomas Johnson; "The Charge" - P.M. Marlowe W. Tolbert and "The Pictures" - P.M. John T. Thomas.

Craft: - the Blood Bank Program was pleased with the turnout and fulfillment of the quota requirements. He encouraged the brethren and sisters of the jurisdiction to continue the regular Monday night donations at the Red Cross Building and stated that the Bloodmobile would be set up again at the Temple in October.

* * * * * * * * * * THE MASONIC O.E.S. FORUM was held on Sunday, April 13, 1975. On that occasion, Mr. James H. Lockhart, Program Advisor for Urban Education and Planning Officer was the guest speaker and spoke on the Subject: "What is Right With the D. C. Public Schools?" Mr. Lockhart is employed by the U.S. Office of medium-free yarns. Other features on the program were the following citations or awards: P. G. M. Henry A. Dove received a plaque presented to him by the D.C. Association of Retired Citizens in recognition of his outstanding service to that organization during his administration in 1974 and W. M. Donald Ennis of Corinthian Lodge #18 was presented the Red Cross Certificate of Merit citing him as the donor of 8 gallons of blood to the Red Cross Blood Bank.

* * * * * * * * * * M.W. GRAND MASTER JOHN D. HOWARD, members of his Grand Cabinet and visitors of Brethren officiated at the cornerstone laying of the Greater Mount Pilgrim Baptist Church located at 18th & Gales Streets, N. E. on April 26, 1975.

Assembling on Gales Street between 17th & 18th Streets, the Craft marched to the church where a brief service was conducted by its pastor, the Reverend James A. McKinnon which included music rendered by the Senior Choir under the direction of Ms. Naomi Wilson. Following the service P. G. M. Curtis J. Blakely performed majestically in a beautiful ceremony of laying the cornerstone of the building.

Deposited behind the cornerstone were the following documents: a copy of the Church's "Ground-breaking Ceremonies", a program of the Corner-Stone Laying Ceremonies, a roster of the Officers of the Church and Grand Lodge documents which included - a copy of the Grandmaster's reply accepting Rev. McKinnon's request to lay the cornerstone, grand Lodge proceedings for the years: 1961-1962 and 1969-1970, front pages from the local newspapers, a copy of the Annual Divine Service of the MW Prince Hall Grand Lodge held on April 27, 1975 and a copy of the Grandmaster's Prince Hall Year Proclamation designating 1975 as PRINCE HALL YEAR in the District of Columbia.

* * * * * * * * * * ON SUNDAY, APRIL 27, 1975 THE M.W. PRINCE HALL GRAND LODGE observed the 127th Anniversary of its establishment. The Divine Service was held at the Mt. Moriah Baptist Church, located at 17th and East Capitol Streets, N. E. of which M.W. Grand Master Howard is a Trustee.

Among the numerous dignitaries who attended the celebration were: PGMs Blakely, Ferrar, Yearwood, Dove and Barnes, PGM Trace Littie; I.I. Potentate of Mecca Temple No. 10 and 111. Commandress of Mecca Court #2: the Eminent Commander of Knights Templar: the Dep. High Priest, the MAGM Lord Lady Ruler; the Commander-in-Chief of the Jonathan Davis Consistory #1 and Dep. of the Valley Aubrey E. Ballard.

Music for the occasion was furnished by the Masonic Family Choir and the Garden of Prayer Singers. The motivating Anniversary Sermon was delivered by the pastor, the Reverend Robert G. Williams who extolled, "In Fish or in Water" Grand Master for his outstanding service as a member and officer of the church, to the community and to the cause of Masonry. Climaxing the anniversary celebration which had, in previous years been held in November but had been moved forward this year to a date closer to and in conformity with the true date on which the Grand Lodge was duly organized and constituted - March 1648, M.W. Grand Master John D. Howard introduced his cabinet singing out W.A. Grand Chaplain, Colonel Ernest W. Armstrong, Jr. who served in the armed forces with the Grand Master as Chaplain. Grand Master Howard cited Colonel Armstrong for his outstanding accomplishments as a minister of the Gospel, his academic accomplishments as a Doctor of Philosophy in his field and for his outstanding contributions towards the promulgation of Masonry. In his closing remarks the Grandmaster directed the attention of the Craft to the "Prince Hall Day Proclamation" printed on the program and designating the year 1975 as PRINCE HALL YEAR for all Masons within the District of Columbia and in those States which have admonished all brethren to: (1) Rededicate themselves to the continuing struggle for justice, equality and human dignity - the principles of Masonry; (2) volunteer all lived, labor and died; and (2) To effuctuate the "Noble Objectives of Freemasonry".

Respectfully,

P.M. Paul I. Elmore

(Responding's Reply)

Dear P.M. Elmore:

Thank you very much for your letter of inquiry and enclosed article. Unfortunately, the material was published too late to appear in the last issue of the Digest. Please be advised that a special profile on Bro. Robinson appears in a subsequent issue. It is the policy of the Digest to publish all noteworthy events relating to Fraternal and Community affairs. However, coverage of such events is coordinated through staff editors who are responsible for submitting editorial material.

The Editor

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The Prince Hall Masonic Digest welcomes inquiries, comments and suggestions from members of the Craft. All material becomes property of the Newsletter.

Dear Sir,

This article "Shrine Noble of the Year" — appeared in two papers on Tuesday, February 3, 1975: the New York Times and the Washington Star. Don't you think it would be a good idea to put it in the next issue of the Masonic Digest?

The whole Prince Hall Masonic Family of the District of Columbia would be pleased to read this in our paper about one of the most respected and admired men in this jurisdiction. He is the person who would call a Mason Mason one who does outstanding work in all of our branches.

The circulation of the Masonic Digest would really increase because everyone, both male and female would want a copy. I don't think I am wrong when I say that 90 percent of the Masonic Fraternity in the District of Columbia are well acquainted with Brother Henry R. Robinson of Ionic Lodge No. 17 because of the many fine things that he has done.

Respectfully,

P.M. Paul I. Elmore

(The Editor's Reply)
“Are We as Masons Believable People?”

by Dr. Edward E. Marshall
Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master

We hear a lot of these days about something called a “credibility gap” and we as Prince Hall Masons should do everything within our power to prevent the development of such among the members of the fraternity, and those around about us.

Such a thing has been with us a long time, if the expression be taken to mean, that there is a gap between the beliefs of one group of people and another. If I were to belong to the Flat Earth Society, there would be a credibility gap between me and the vast majority who still believe that our planet is roughly, round. There is a credibility gap between those who believe in a free enterprise system and those who profess some form of socialism, or between one who confidently expects to reach some kind of heaven and one who is satisfied that there is no life beyond the grave. In every generation there is a gap between the Churches that affirm “I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord,” and those who find any such assertion incredible.

What is new is the prevailing tendency to find credibility or incredibility, not in a belief, but in a person. When we speak of the “credibility gap” today we usually mean a loss of confidence, not in a point of view, but in a person. It is men and women, brothers and sisters rather than convictions in which we lose confidence. Thus, while we used to speak freely about not finding a statement, or a claim “believable,” now it is people who are found to be unbelievable. Our question is now far less often “What can I believe?” than “Whom can I believe?” The personal factor has become predominant. This may be partly due to the fact that while we used to read what people are saying and form our opinion for or against, now on television we can see them and tend to say “He or she is not very believable” rather than “That’s incredible.” I feel the change is ultimately due to our rediscovery of the supreme importance of people. In a time of crisis it is believable people we look for rather than believable ideas. A nation’s health or a fraternity’s health does not depend so much on its principles as on its personalities.

To a much greater extent than we used to think, our common life depends on the number of really believable people around us. In times of danger such things as a Bill of Rights, a Constitution, a system of justice, codes of Ethics, creeds, and a Bill of Health, become more important to have statesmen, lawyers, physicians, industrial leaders, ministers and average citizens whom we can really trust. No man or woman is without moments of failure and weakness, but a decent society can tolerate only a certain level of skepticism. The American economic system is not run by saints, but it would collapse if we ever reached a point where no one’s word could be trusted and no financial statement was believable. Our political system is operated by people who are just as subject to temptation as the rest of us, but we are in deep trouble if ever total distrust and incredibility were to take over. That is essentially how dictatorships and other forms of tyranny arise. There’s danger too when more and more citizens come to believe that the forces of law and order are not sufficient to protect them, and get themselves a gun.

If the tide of cynicism, represented in so many movies, novels, and plays today, should really overwhelm us, then the fabric of belief and confidence that sustains our common life will be submerged, and we would be back to the jungle. More and more people are realizing that a tolerable society with hopes into the future, will need a renewal of trust. That means, not more declarations and affirmations to assent to, but more believable people. Nothing has greater priority in our land today. Members of the Masonic Family must bend their backs to lead the way, by presenting ourselves as believable, trustworthy, concerned for our fellowman, demonstrating our “true cardinal holdings fluctuate as the Company’s fortunes fluctuate and as the economy and the market generally rise and fall.

PREFERRED STOCKS

Preferred stock is a hybrid of a bond and a common stock. Preferred stock generally has a fixed dividend amount, which is paid to the stockholders after the bondholders receive their interest, and before the common stock dividends are paid. The preferred stock dividend is usually “cumulative” which means that if the Company misses a dividend or several dividends, that amount accumulates to the preferred stockholders in the future to be paid before the common dividends are to be paid. For example, if a Company is to pay its preferred stock dividends of $5.00 per share each year and during one year it omits this dividend, the next year it owes the preferred stockholders $5.00 per share dividend before any dividends can be paid to the common stock.

Some investors buy common stock and others buy preferred stock. Which is better? That question is best answered by the investors themselves by determining the amount of risk he is willing to assume. Also, by deciding whether his investment goal is growth of money invested or current income. Preferred stock generally yields more than common stock but less than bonds. Preferred stock prices also are not apt to rise and fall in value in the same magnitude as common stock. As the market goes up, common stock tends to perform better, but when the market goes down the investors are generally better protected for the magnitude of wide swing when one owns preferred shares.

BONDS

Bonds are “fixed income” securities, representing debt by the Company to the bondholder. A bond may be issued for 10 years with an annual interest payment of $1,000.00 or redemption price of $1,000.00 and a coupon rate of 8%. This means that in 10 years the company will repay the original $1,000.00 and in the meantime, will pay $80.00 each year in interest. If the bond is secured by property owned by the Company, it is called a mortgage bond. If the bond is backed by the reputation of the Company and not real property, the bond is called a debenture.

After the bond is on the market, it’s price will fluctuate based primarily on interest rates. In most cases the change in price of the bonds is due to the change in the interest rates rather than the fortunes of the Company. If a 9% return can be obtained with safety in other investments, why should an investor pay $1,000.00 for a bond to get a 9% yield? Most investors would not, thus the price of a bond will decrease in value until the $80.00 is close to a 9% return. As the bond approached maturity, it’s price will increase gradually to the maturity price of $1,000.00.

COMMON STOCKS

Unlike a bond which represents debt, common stock represents ownership in a Company. If you owned 100 shares of a Company that had a 1,000 shares issued and outstanding, then you would own 10% of the Company. As a 10% owner, you have the right to vote for the Directors, receive a share of the profits in the form of dividends if they are paid. As a part owner, you will see the value of your

Investor’s Guide
by Talmadge Roberts
Financial Editor

Bonds

Rehabilitation Lodge No. 24

Forty-Fifth Anniversary

By William E. Smith, Reporter

Divine Services commencing the celebration of the anniversary of Rehabilitation Lodge No. 24 were held on Sunday, April 13, 1975 at the New Southern Rock Baptist Church, 750 Buchanan Street, N.W. at 7:30 P.M.

Featured on the program celebrating its establishment are 1950, 1955, 1960, and 1965. President of the lodge, Rev. M.B. Barr.

Redemption Oromia: a heart warming "Welcome Ad- dress", extended by Deacon Charlie Young of the church that was responded to by Bro. Charles Davis: "Memorial" to deceased brethren — Rev. E. Johnson, Frank Ingram and William Brooks; Highlighting the celebration was a soul-searching and dynamic Aniversary Sermon delivered by the Pastor — the Rev. M.B. Barr.

Citation:

May the Supreme Architect of the Universe continue to grant unto you an ever bountiful supply of the corn of nourishment, the wine of refreshment and the oil of joy.

Again may I congratulate you on a committed and dedicated Masonic life.

Fraternally,

JOHN D. HOWARD
Grand Master

Concluding the citation, the Grand Master presented to the honoree a "Distinguished Service Plaque" in recognition of his devotion and outstanding service to the jurisdiction.

MASONRY - Handmaid of Religion
by Rev. Charles D. Davenport
W. Grand Chaplain

BITTERNESS - A MORAL POISONER

Bitterness, in truth, is a deadly and slow poison to one’s soul, spirit and mind. It will kill the fruits of your Godly spirit and make your life a miserable one indeed.

Therefore, center your thoughts on going forward instead of looking backward. Your ability to forgive and to forget past mistakes makes you grow in grace and sweet humility. Accept whatever comes, harness your evil thoughts and actions and do your best with an open mind and pure spirit.

Some people walk around year after year with bitterness foremost in their hearts, minds and souls. What a dreadful life to live ... for bitterness will cancer, eat away and corrode the heart and soul.

So, don’t permit yourself to become bitter regardless of the situation or whatever the cause may be; just keep hoping for the best in spite of adversity. Remember — behind every cloud...
O.E.S.:

special recognition presented to W.M. Revella White for her devotion to the Grand Chapter during the year, honorable recognition to Worship Patrons Philip Blakley and Rhoney Greene for their efficiency as W. Patrons of their respective Chapters, the awarding of a plaque to W.M. Elmar Nichols of Martha Chapter No. 11 citing her as the "Outstanding Matron of the Year" by the Grand Lectors. Highlighting the affair was the presentation of the Georgiana Thomas Grand Chapter Award to P.I.G.M. Lulu Lewis in recognition of her outstanding service to the Grand Chapter throughout the years and the Thornton A. Jackson Award presented to P.G.P. Addision Chapman.

Other awards presented to O.E.S. members for outstanding service included the Minnie L. Banks Award received by W.M. Margaret Cosby, a member of the Hiram Amatorium active service and Sis. Katherine Rother of Naomi No. 9 for selling the greatest number of tickets for the activity, the Queen Esther Day Award presented to Sis. Frances Smith of Queen Esther Chapter #1 who was crowned Queen Esther in May and the Taylor-Brooks Award for the highest points in ritualistic work presented to W.M. Nanette Robinson and W.P. Phillip Blakley of Queen Esther Chapter. #1 - winners of the jewel for the year

Two of the outstanding features of the luncheon proved to be a recitation given by little Miss James McCluney, the representative of the children's division of the Youth Fraternity and a solo by Princess Matron Tammie Phillips of the Youth Fraternity Temple Division who sang, "Let There be Peace on Earth".

Attending the gala affair were G.W.M. Tracie Little, G.W.P. Robert L McNair and M.W. G. M. Colonel John D. Howard of the M.W. Prince Hall Grand Lodge of D.C. who head table guests which also included P.M. James McCluney, Chairman of the Grand Chapter Scholarship Committee, P.P. Wilbur Peters - Master of Ceremonies and P.M. Theresa Baxter - Luncheon Committee Chairman.

Arrangements for the affair were directed by the Awards Luncheon Committee Chaired by P.M. Theresa Baxter.

O.E.S.:

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

The Significance Of The Three Symbolic Degrees

PART FOUR

The Second Degree
"A Degree Of Progress"

Illustrated

"The First or Entered Apprentice Degree symbolized the struggling candidate, groping in mental darkness and blindness of ignorance for intellectual light. Equipped with tools of his art—the keys that will unlock the doors of truth to his questing mind—he enters upon the second phase of his Masonic experience.

In the Second Degree—this same candidate is depicted as a young beginner laboring amid innumerable difficulties in his effort to obtain knowledge. This degree—therefore—symbolizes not only his emergence from darkness into light but also typifies the mental struggles through which he passes as his ardent mind chips off the rough edges of ignorance in its search for moral and intellectual truth, particularly that Divine Truth—the comprehension of which surpasses all human understanding. Freemasonry is a speculative science founded upon the Operative Art. Among Operative Masons, the Fellowcraft—from which the degree takes its name—was called a "Passed Apprentice" or Journeyman. He represented a worker who possessed certain knowledge of his craft but who was still un instructed. Thus, in Speculative Masonry, the Fellowcraft could be denominated an "Advanced Apprentice."

Sacred history informs us that "At the building of King Solomon's Temple, 80,000 Fellowcrafts or hewers in the mountains and quarries were employed in its erection." These workers labored in those locations and at the Temple sites preparing the stones and timber used in its erection. Like his ancient counterpart—the Fellowcraft, in our days and times, represents a man in full possession of his physical and mental capacities who is eager to acquire knowledge during his most productive years. As such, he requires not only a man of muscle and brain but also one who is capable of utilizing his full mental capacities.

In this degree—the symbols of the previous of "Entered Apprentice" Degree—are emphasized. Here, too, the candidate receives a resume of the Craft's early history. As before, he must pass through a series of examinations before he is permitted to advance. Through ardent and diligent study of the liberal arts and sciences his inculcation is intensified and he becomes equipped with the means of coping with the demands and requirements of life—the "being stones" that are to be fitted and used in the erection of the spiritual and moral temple of his life.

He is presented with specific tools and instructed in the use of those tools which the "stones of life" may be plumbed, squared, leveled and fitted with exactness in the completion of that Temple.

In his final preparation before he is advanced, the candidate is forcefully admonished that "Masonry regards—not the external but, rather, the internal qualifications of a man." Those qualifications can only be attained through knowledge which enables him to improve his social intercourse with his fellowman. The acquisition of that knowledge is achieved only through a mastery of the "liberal arts"—the branch of education which effectively prepares and instructs the mind and particularly, the science of Geometry which is the basis of the Masonic Art and symbolizes the important truths of morality.

D. C. Masons Hold Saints' John Day Festival

Prince Hall Masons in the District of Columbia joined ranks with their Black Brethren throughout the realm of Prince Hall Masonry to pay homage to and honor the patron saints of the Fraternity on Sunday, June 22, 1975.

Assembling at the Masonic Temple at 10th & You Streets, N.W., hundreds of Master Masons, headed by the Grand Marshals, Drum & Bugle Corps of Mecca Temple #10 and Knight's Templar, formed a three-block long procession which proceeded west on You Street to 13th Street, South on 13th Street to Que Street. East on Que Street to Vermont Avenue and North on Vermont Avenue to the Vermont Avenue Baptist Church at 1630 Vermont Avenue, N.W. where the traditional Saints' John Divine Service was held commemorating the joint birthdays of St. John the Baptist and Saint John the Evangelist, in whose revered names present day lodges are dedicated.

There, the ranks opened to permit the escorting of the M. W. Grand Master, followed by his Grand Cabinet and hosts of the Craft which filled the nave and balcony of the church to overflowing.

Following the organ prelude by W. Grand Organist Bernard H. Babour, W.M. Louis E. Ridgeley of Hiram Lodge #4 - Vice President of the Masters & Wardens Council presided over an inspiring service which included selections rendered by the Prince Hall Masonic Choir under the direction of W. Grand Master of Music William E. Branch and Mecca Temple #10 Melodists; reading of the Holy Writ by the Rev. John R. Wheeler - Pastor of the Vermont Avenue Baptist Church; Welcome Remarks and Response by Deacon Robert Carter of the Church and S. D. Dr. Emagyem Gvent of Prince Hiram Lodge #4.

Highlights of the traditional observance were the Sts. John Day Sermon delivered by the Rev. Robert Gilmore Williams - Pastor of Mr. Moriah Baptist Church of Peterson, Va. who was introduced by P.M. JAMES E. Taybrin-Varie Chairman of the Deacon Board of the Guest Speaker's Church and a member of Felix Lodge #3; a presentation of scholarship awards to honor graduates of the D.C. Public High Schools by Rev. R. W. Dr. Edward E. Marshall Jr. who also introduced visiting dignitaries of the affiliated, adoptive and concordant bodies of the Craft attending the service.

M. W. Grand Master Colonel John D. Howard in his closing remarks to Craft expressed his appreciation to all members of the jurisdiction for their support and splendid attendance which had made the observance one of the memorable highlights of his administration and admonished every brother and sister to rededicate their lives to the perpetuation of the principles for which the institution had been established with the following passage. "To Thine own self be true."

Consistory

Commander-in-Chief Alvin Fields congratulated the recipients of the awards and admonished them to continue their educational endeavors to heights of greater achievement.

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Charitable Contributions
If we are to achieve our rightful place among charitable organizations in the District of Columbia and make more practical the principles of our Masonic Craft we must rekindle our approach to charity programs. In light of present day requirements we must determine where we should place our emphasis in order to meet the greatest need. We must decide which types of charities we should donate to and the amount of donations which will be representative of our standing as a Masonic Craft. Finally, we must come to realize that our strength lies in combining our resources. We can no longer afford to make small individual contributions to the same charities which will not be identified as helpful to the Lodge. We should select charities on a Jurisdictional basis which we can all support; i.e., the NAACP, Urban League, Salvation Army, O.J.C., Sickle Cell Anemia, Children's Hospital, Metropolitan Police Boy'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 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 Master Masons who have some unusual talents to offer. However, we cannot tap these sources unless we identify them. We will concentrate on assembling at Grand Lodge levels a skills bank which will mean 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.

Masonic Blood Bank
It is our intention to enhance the Blood Bank Program. We propose to mount a three pronged approach with our major concentration on those Brethren who are just entering our organization in this aspiring for more. Our second area of concentration will be on those Brethren who already know the value of the program and can be convinced of their duty to contribute. Our third approach will be to endeavor to get our Sisters in the Eastern Star more actively involved.

Assessment Program
Our Junior Past Grand Master made a valid recommendation to this Grand Lodge, when he recommended that we move to acquire all property between our Temple and the lots we now own at Vermont Avenue and T-Street. I believe we must now distinguish between short and long term goals. We must examine our needs and balance them with current and attainable resources. We must consider time, priorities and the practicality of our aims. Based on the above considerations we must agree upon and prescribe achievable goals. Because of the exodus back into the central city I believe we should think in terms of an entire Masonic block which would include all the land between 10th and 11th Streets, U and T Streets. If this were done, it would be possible for us to have separate structures housing all major organizations in our Masonic family. This is an extremely ambitious plan but we must always strive for higher heights.

Youth Program
During the second week in October of this year while attending the Grand Lodge Session of the Jurisdiction of Pennsylvania the Right Worshipful Grand Master, H. Stanley Banner, made a statement which has thought about continuously since that date. In his introduction of the young men who had the youth organization in Pennsylvania, he said, "We may be ever so successful in leaving outstanding footprints on the sands of time. However, if we do not have those to come behind us to follow our footprints we labor in vain." We must develop a youth organization in the Jurisdiction which will be an integral part of our Masonic family. To this end I have selected a highly qualified Director of Youth and it is our intention to develop a youth program which will be meaningful. We earnestly solicit your ideas and help in this endeavor.

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The Hon. John D. Howard
M.W. Grand Master
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 adopted 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 roles 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.

Many of us deal with merchants who are obligated to us because of the amount of money we spend with them. We must mount a drive as a Jurisdiction and as individuals to provide appropriate advertisements from these businesses.

Public Relations
As Prince Hall Masons we are making many contributions to our community and to the advancement of humanity. This is the way it should be because the high moral character of our in-stitution 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 Department of Public Relations. There is a complete story is told. Thus, we will be 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.

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Smith: responsible for the establishment of the Acacia Masonic Hall Association and served on its Board of Directors for many years.

Among his numerous other Masonic affiliations in which he has held elective office and served creditably and with distinction are: Martha Chapter No. 11, O.E.S., Georgiana Thomas Grand Chapter, O.E.S.: Jonathan Davis Consistory No. 1, A.A.S.R.; Prince Hall Grand Commandery No. 1, H.R.A.M.; Gethsemene Commandery No. 3, Kof T, Mecca Temple No. 10, A.E.A.O.N.M.S. and Thomson A. Jackson Court No. 3, H.O.F.

Arrangements for the testimonial were under the co-chairmanship of P.Ms. Thomas J. Holloman and Jessie G. Copeland and the Program Committee members P.Ms. George E. Worley, Sr. and Richard Moaley and Brothers Ederson R. Willis, Bobby Sears and Sam Curnyn.

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September 26
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**Social Lodge Observes 150th Anniversary**

Social Lodge No. 1, F. & A.M., the oldest lodge within the District of Columbia and one of the forerunners and establishers of the M.W. Prince Hall Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia, celebrated its 150th Anniversary on Sunday, June 8, 1975 at Israel Metropolitan C.M.E. Church located at 5th and Randolph Street, N.W., Washington, D.C.


Social Lodge was duly constituted on June 6, 1825 through the dedicated efforts of 30 black monks under the leadership of John W. Prout - all of whom had been made Master Masons in lodges located in Philadelphia. Pa. Petitioning the African Grand Lodge of North America in that city for a warrant to organize a Masonic Lodge in the District of Columbia, their prayer was granted and Social Lodge No. 7 was duly constituted with the following officers installed by the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania: John W. Prout - Worshipful Master, Francis Datcher, Senior Warden, William Jackson, Senior Warden, Moses Liverpool, Treasurer, William C. Costin, Secretary, William Womley, Senior Warden. Davis and Lloyd Nichols, Junior Deacon.

The lodge’s history is a venerable one because, from the date of its inception, it played a great role during the days of slavery in the Underground Railroad and movement to free black slaves. Because of those activities, the lodge’s progress was hampered by the efforts of suspicious slave owners which forced them to meet secretly in order to escape extinction.

Early in 1846 two other black lodges came into being, namely, Universal Lodge No. 10 of Alexandria, Va. and Felix Lodge No. 17, also of that city. Several years later, in 1848, in answer to a summons received from Social Lodge No 7, the three lodges met in convention for the purpose of organizing a Grand Lodge within the District of Columbia. As a result of these deliberations a Grand Lodge was organized and duly constituted by the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania on March 27, 1948.

The following officers were appointed and duly installed: Charles Datcher, Grand Master; Francis Datcher, Grand Senior Warden and Francis Datcher, Grand Junior Warden.

Shortly thereafter, the three lodges surrendered their original

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**Arch & Sword:**

W. Freeman Commandery and the Marine I. Smith Grand Court Cyrenians Co. received their Annual Cabaret Ball. The affair was well attended by the subordinate commanderies and members of the Craft in general.

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**On April 7, 1975, King Solomon Council #5 and Omega Council #6 of Royal Select Masters held a Joint Grand Visitaton honoring RWGTIM Owen Thompson of the MWGC of Royal and Select Masters of the State of New York and jurisdictions. TIM’s involved were David E автомобиль, Sr. #5 and Osborne E. Brooks, Sr. of Omega #6. During the visitation, tokens of appreciation were presented to the RWGTIM from two subordinate Councils and followed by a most delightful collation.**

**SADNESS:**

On Monday, April 7, 1975, the York Rite Bodies joined in performing the Last Service of their respective houses for our late and beloved companion and Sir Knight Lloyd A. Tyler who was a Past Master of Prince Hall Chapter #6. HRAM, PTIM of King Solomon Council #5, R. & SM and a member of Simon Commandery No. 1, KT.

Other events of note which have occurred during the year are: Joint Examination - May 24, 1975. Senior Grand Session, Adolphus P. Hall Grand Chapter May 27, 1975. Joint Divine Service, Royal ArcA Masons and Heroes of Jericho - June 15, 1975 at the Colos Baptist Church, 700 A St. N.E.; Grand Encampment, Knights Templar in

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**Arch:**


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2nd Sunday Forum Views

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"Grand Master's Wife Receives Bouquet on Mother's Day"

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"Grand Master Lays cornerstone at Pilgrim A.M.E. Church"

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"Grand Master Places Plaque at Business & Professional Women's Headquarters"

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"Vernette Marshall Receives Mother's DayCorsage"
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Social No. 1: -

As the grand lodge of the District of Columbia and were
denominated Social Lodge No. 1, Universal Lodge No. 2 and Felix
Lodge No. 3, Universal Lodge No. 2, however, subsequently
withdrew to become Universal Lodge No. 1 of Virginia and the
instrument which led to the for-
mation and establishment of the
Grand Lodge of Virginia.

A Mason And A Man

My Brother, Masonry means
much more Than the wearing of
an uniform.

Arrangements for the service
were under the direction of the
Anniversary Committee chaired
by R.W. Thomas L. Johnson,
Joseph E. Nixon, Otis White,
J.W. Samuels Stover, P.M.
Marlowe W. Tolbert, P.M. Ernest
B. Cunningham, P.M. Quincy
Ponder and Brothers: James O.
Gray, James A. Squire, James S.
Bond and Rev. Moses L.
Jackson. Past Master Hugh W.
Harvey served as Master of
Ceremonies and presided over
the observance.

It's merely an outward sign to
show the world that you belong
to this fraternal Brotherhood
that teaches right from wrong.

What really counts lies buried
depth within the human breast.
Till Masonic teachings brings
it out And puts it to the test.

If you can practice out of
Lodge The things you learn
within
And to your fellowman

Consulate a brother when he's
sick Or assist him when in need
Without a thought of personal
gain And any act or deed

Walk and act in such a way
That the world without can see
Thats none but the best Can meet

Redemption: -

Noted among the guests
attending the celebration were
R.W. Donald Vowels, Sr.
Grand Warden representing
the Grand Master and accompanied
by R.W. Marshall Ellis, Grand
Secretary and other Grand Of-
ficers: W.M. Elizabeth Johnson
of Redemption Chapter #14 and
members of the Sister Chapter
and delegates from the follow-
ing Lodges: Hiram #4, Meridian
#6, Warren #8, J.F. Cook #10,
St. John's #12, Prince Hall #14,
Charity Daughters #15, Phoenix #18,
Sala #25 and Prudence #27.

During the service, the lodge
made presentations to the Boy
Scouts, Single Fellowship Club,
Ushers Board No. 1, the church
and Pastor by S.W. Frank Mabry.

Arrangements for the obser-
vance were under the direction
of S.W. Frank Mabry, Chairman
and S.D. Elmore O. Bobo, Co-
Chairman of the Divine Service
Committee assisted by Com-
mitteemen: David Young, Ernest
Peake and James Short.

Sisters Mary Burnett, Johnnie
Beasley, Robnette Butler,
Catherine Dennis, Della Hanelow
and Zelma Solomon of Redemp-
tion Chapter #14. O.E.S. served
as usher.

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