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I will bless the Lord at all times: His praise shall continually be in my mouth. My soul shall make her boast in the Lord: the humble shall hear thereof, and be glad. O magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt His name together.

Psalm 34:1-3

This past quarter has been a lot of fun and very productive. The Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Alabama has continued to move forward in our efforts to improve this great organization. We had a wonderful 145th Annual Communication in Birmingham, Alabama. It was the largest attended Annual Communication that we have had in a number of years. While at the session we continued to navigate new territory. We inducted our first class into the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Alabama Hall of Fame.

I congratulate all inductees for such an awesome feat. We also had our first statewide raising at the session.

We were fortunate to have raised 44 brothers to the sublime degree of a Master Mason. The class was fittingly named after the late Honorable Dr. William O. Jones, Past Grand Master. We were also fortunate enough to have chartered William O. Jones Lodge No. 971 while at the session.

Also, we had a fabulous time at our 2nd Annual Prince Hall Americanism Classic Weekend. Brothers and Sisters came from all over the Southeast to fellowship together during that entire weekend. The MWPHGL lived up to its mission statement by making a \$5,000.00 scholarship donation to Alabama State University. I want to thank all of those who played a role in making this a success.

I also want to thank the Mizpah Grand Chapter, Order of Eastern Star for their participation, as well.

Brothers, let us not forget that our Traveling Again Reclamation Program (TARP) is still in effect. TARP has been very successful thus far. I encourage you to continue to reclaim those "out of bounds" brothers.

As we continue to go about our daily lives let us not forget the less fortunate. Let us remember them not only during the upcoming holiday season; but, at all times. Alma Bazel Androzzo said it best when she penned,

"If I can help somebody, as I pass along,
If I can cheer somebody, with a word or song,
If I can show somebody, how they're traveling wrong,
Then my living shall not be in vain..."

Let us do our part to help others. May the Most High God continue to bless each of you is my humble prayer.

Fraternally,

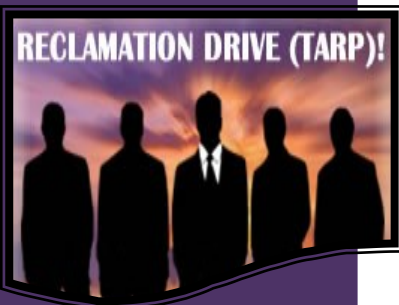
Corey D. Hawkins, Sr.

Most Worshipful Grand Master



RW Anthony J. Johnson
Publication Editor

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Message from the Editor

Greetings,

To all the readers and supporters of this Official Publication of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Alabama titled *The Cornerstone Message*: As we are making preparations to transition into the holiday season please be mindful of those that are less fortunate than others and continue to provide charity to those in need. I would also like to take this time to personally salute all the

veterans past and present who are members of Prince Hall Masonry. Your commitment and dedication to serving this great country and protecting its freedom should never go unrecognized. I also would like to echo the sentiments of Grand Master Hawkins regarding the success of our 145th Grand Lodge Communication. You will find in this edition of *The Cornerstone Message* some of the philanthropic events conducted by several lodges within

the jurisdiction. I want to commend every lodge that submitted articles capturing your exceptional work throughout your respective communities.

Brothers I would like to announce that I will be moving on to work on other projects assigned to me by Grand Master Hawkins and as a result this will be the last edition of *The Cornerstone Message* in which I will serve as the Publication Editor. PM Herman J. Glover (No. 50) will be assuming these duties effective December 2015. I thank all of you for your support.

- RW Anthony J. Johnson
Publication Editor

Reclamation Drive (TARP)

In an attempt to give suspended Brothers an opportunity to become active again during these tough economic times, our Most Worshipful Grand Master has devised a plan named TARP—Traveling Again Reclamation Program. This program is designed to allow suspended members to reinstate for a more affordable fee.

Members suspended before June, 2002, can reinstate by paying the following:

- \$20.00 reinstatement fee
- \$10.00 taxes
- \$25.00 registration
- \$50.00 assessment (Have two years to pay the remaining \$150.00)
- \$105.00 Total

Members suspended after June, 2002, can reinstate by paying the following:

- \$20.00 reinstatement fee
- \$10.00 taxes
- \$25.00 registration
- \$50.00 assessment (Have two years to pay the remaining \$200.00)
- \$105.00 Total

TARP serves a two-fold purpose: (1.) It gives suspended Brothers a more affordable means of reinstating and (2.) It gives dying lodges a final opportunity to salvage their existence by increasing their numbers before being forced to close or merge. Our Grand Master has extended a challenge for the members of this jurisdiction to go out and reclaim our lost Brothers. TARP will be in effect through July 31, 2016.

Congratulations
to the
2015 Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Alabama
Hall of Fame Inductees

Posthumous Induction

Past Grand Master George W. Braxdall (1878-1886) Mt. Moriah No. 12
Past Grand Master Reuben R. Mims (1886-1901) Cumberland No. 22
Past Grand Master Dr. S.S.H. Washington (1901) King Solomon No. 7
Past Grand Master Henry C. Binford (1901-1910) Evening Star No. 6
Past Grand Master James T. Gregory (1911-1913) Mt. Oliver No. 16
Past Grand Master W.T. Woods (1913-1936) St. John No. 2
Past Grand Master Charles V. Hendley (1936-1967) Evening Star No. 6
Past Grand Master S.J. Bennett (1967-1999) Golden Square No. 340-A
Past Grand Master Dr. William O. Jones (1999-2013) Lewis Adams No. 67
Jimmie Lee Jackson – Slained Civil Rights Activist – Goshen No. 132

Other Inductions

Right Worshipful Jimmy L. Farmer – Honorary Past Grand Master, Grand District Deputy of District No. 5, Past Master of Magnolia No. 218
Right Worshipful Benjamin E. Beasley, Jr. - Honorary Past Grand Master, Grand District Deputy of District No. 8, Past Master of W.T. Woods No. 842
Past Master S.N. Nance – Served as Worshipful Master for 51 years - Hopewell No. 198
Brother Nathaniel Moten – Served as Secretary 53 years – Geometry No. 410
Brother Ruben Studdard – Entertainer, American Idol winner – Geometry No. 410



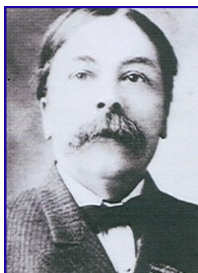
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1878-1886



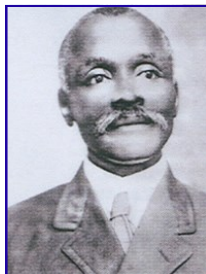
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(NO. 22)
1886-1901



PGM DR. S.S.H. WASHINGTON
(NO. 7)
1901



PGM HENRY C. BINFORD
(NO. 6)
1901-1910



PGM JAMES T. GREGORY
(NO. 16)
1911-1913



PGM W.T. WOODS
(NO. 2)
1913-1936



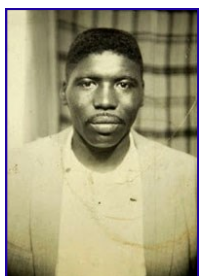
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1936-1967



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1967-1999



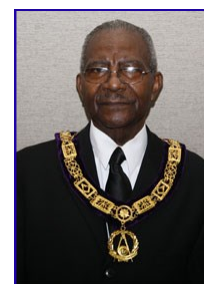
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BRO. JIMMIE LEE JACKSON
(NO. 132)



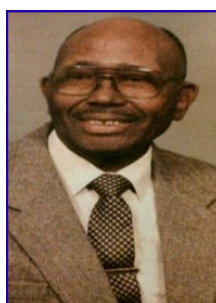
GDD JIMMY L. FARMER
DISTRICT NO. 5



GDD BENJAMIN E. BEASLEY
DISTRICT NO. 8



BRO. S.N. NANCE
(NO. 198)



BRO. NATHANIEL MOTEN
(NO. 410)



BRO. RUBEN STUDDARD
(NO. 410)

Message from the Grand Medical Registrar

Greetings Brothers,

I will be writing some articles discussing men's health issues. I would like to start by discussing some general health issues and get more specific in the upcoming months. As men, we sometimes forget to take care of our bodies. We get caught up in toils and grinds of everyday life. However, we should remember to take care of our bodies by eating properly and exercising.

Our diet should consist of mixing fruits and vegetables in our daily routine. The fiber from these products are beneficial in maintaining good bowel movements. Please do not cook your vegetables with a lot of fatty products as this is not healthy. If you must add flavor to your vegetables, please use lean cuts of meat that are also low in sodium.

As I have stated above, try to buy meat products that are lean and low in sodium. The industry likes to classify food sources today as organic in which these products are not processed with antibiotics or steroids. These products tend to be a little more expensive but are healthier for the body.

Do not forget about drinking water. Sodas, juices, and the like taste good but cannot replace water. Drink at least 6-8 glasses a day of water if you do not have health issues. If you do have issues such as congestive heart failure, you would need to discuss your required intake with your physician. Remember that water is important to maintain good bowel movements as well. Drinking lots of sugary products will also contribute to excessive abdominal fat. Decreasing your intake of these substances will help with getting that boyish figure once again.

Last, attempt to exercise at least 30 minutes, 5 days a week. Use some structured form of exercise which will become your weekly routine. I know that our jobs today consume a lot of time and energy. However, maintaining an exercise routine will increase your stamina, sleep, hygiene, as well as, sexual performance.

These are a few issues that I would like for you Brothers to start implementing in your daily routines. As stated previously I will be discussing more issues of importance with you in the future. As always, continue to look to the East.



Contributor— RW Dr. Belfondia Pou (No. 772)

145th Annual Grand Lodge Communication



2015 Prince Hall Americanism Football Classic Weekend







Prince Hall Americanism History

On March 6, 1775 Prince Hall and 14 other men of African descent traveled to Castle William Island in Massachusetts' Dorchester Bay to be initiated into the world's oldest existing fraternal order, the Freemasons.

Brother Hall and his companions were initiated on March 6, 1775 in Irish Constitution Lodge #441, which was then under the leadership of Worshipful Master John Baat, a Sargent in the 38th Foot Regiment. Though Prince Hall merely sought to join this elite group of men, with the hopes of utilizing the masonic network to raise his own status and that of others in the downtrodden African community, he probably didn't realize that after His initiation, passing and raising to the sublime degree of Master Mason that he would become one of the most recognizable names in all of American Freemasonry.

Not much is known about Prince Hall, the man and much of what is claimed has been debunked, thanks to the work of intrepid masonic historians such as Charles H. Wesley, Joseph A. Walkes and Alton Roundtree. Through the scraps of evidence about Prince Hall's personal life, we find in some respects a quintessential everyman that in many ways serves as a good representative for what life was like for African men in America during the time period of America's revolution against Great Britain.



Though it has been written that Prince Hall was born in 1748 in Bridgetown, Barbados as the son of Thomas Prince Hall and an African mother of "French extraction", this origin narrative for Prince Hall has been debunked as fictional but has its origins in the writings of William H. Grimshaw, Most Worshipful Past Grand Master of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia. His 1903 book, "The Official History of Freemasonry Among the Colored People in North America" has been identified as the source of many myths regarding Prince Hall and therefore has done a great deal of disservice to the Prince Hall Affiliation though it was written with good intentions.

The best narrative for the life and work of Prince Hall can be found in the writings of Dr. Charles H. Wesley (Hiram Lodge #4), author of "Prince Hall Life and Legacy". Dr. Wesley shows that in all likelihood the masonic Prince Hall was born circa 1735 and was once the slave to William Hall, a leather dresser in Boston, who on April 9, 1770 (one month after the Boston Massacre) wrote: "This may certify if it may concern that Prince Hall has lived with us 21 years and served us well upon all occasions for which reasons we maturely give him his freedom and that he is no longer to be reckoned a slave, but has always been accounted as a freeman by us as he has served us faithfully upon that account we have given him his freedom as witness our hands this ninth day of April 1770."

Prince Hall would later go on to establish his own leather dressing shop at the "Sign of the Golden Fleece" and become one of the most prominent Black men in Boston.

Soon after making the 15 sons of Africa into Freemasons, Irish Lodge #441 departed Boston for New York where it would go on to be one of the lodges that helped start the Grand Lodge of New York leaving their African brothers in New England with a "permit" to meet as Freemasons, march on St. John's day and to bury their dead in masonic manner and form.

Prince Hall as the acting Master of this newly formed African Lodge was soon met with a dilemma that would lead him to make a historic decision. As time passed, Hall and his brothers became associated with other Black Freemasons who had been made in lodges primarily in Europe and the Caribbean, these men began to affiliate with the African Lodge as they began to find segregation and racism in most masonic lodges comprised of white men, questions of the regularity of Africans being made masons began to swirl as nearly 90% of Africans in the western hemisphere were or had once been slaves. It is on this point that Prince Hall took a historic stand. Records of the Lodge of St. Andrews in Boston note that Provincial Grand Master Joseph Warren had planned to offer a charter to the African Lodge but that the matter was dropped once Warren was killed at the Battle of Bunker Hill in June 1775. Though Prince Hall himself noted that he had considered requesting a charter from the Grand Lodge then existing in France, he found it more expedient to seek a charter from the Premier Grand Lodge of England, the first Grand Lodge in the world.

On March 2, 1784 Brother Hall would write to Brother William Moody, Worshipful Master of Brotherly Love Lodge #55 in London, England and request that Moody act as the proxy for African Lodge before the Grand Lodge of England in requesting an official charter to work as a masonic lodge with all the rights and benefits therein. Once the fees were received this charter designating African Lodge #459 was issued on September 29, 1784 but was not physically received by the lodge until 1787. This charter which is still in existence today is the only known charter to still exist from the Premiere Grand Lodge of England to any American Lodge.

Prince Hall would go on to govern the African Lodge #459 until his death in December 1807. He would utilize his time, and talents to work as an advocate for the abolition of slavery and the education of African American children. He wrote several petitions to the Massachusetts legislature on behalf of Black men and women who were suing for their freedom from bondage and interestingly he even worked on cases where other members of African Lodge had been kidnapped and sold south and to the Caribbean.



The seed planted by Prince Hall and the Boston brethren would soon germinate as men like David Walker, (author of the violently antislavery text “David Walker’s Appeal”), Rev. John Marrant (one of the earliest ordained Black Ministers who served as the lodge chaplain), George Middleton (Owner of a successful hair salon). Absalom Jones and Richard Allen (co-founders of the African Methodist Episcopal Church) began to rally to Prince Hall’s cause. On March 2, 1797 Peter Mantore, at the time acting Worshipful Master of an assembly of Black Freemasons in Philadelphia wrote to Prince Hall and requested a unification of African American Freemasons, as he and his brothers in the city so named, had experienced little “Brotherly Love” from their Caucasian counterparts.

Of note Bro. Mantore stated that he and several of his fellow Philadelphian Freemasons had been made Masons in lodges in England (Lodge #22) and in Ireland (True Blues Lodge #253) and that he had even taken the Royal Arch, Super Excellent, and Knights Templar degrees.

These Philadelphian Brothers were denied masonic rights of visitation and masonic intercourse by their Caucasian brothers because of a fear that countenancing them would lead to Freemasonry spreading among Black men in Virginia and the south. Prince Hall would eventually grant a copy of his charter to the Philadelphia Brothers, as well as to Brothers in Providence, Rhode Island and New York.

With Prince Hall's death in 1807, African American Freemasonry lost its founder but gained new purpose as the United States entered the years that would lead up to the American Civil War. During what became known as the Morgan affair in historically Caucasian Freemasonry, in which many white masons resigned membership or went underground, Prince Hall Freemasonry, established a National Grand Lodge structure in 1847 that would help it to grow from a northeastern phenomenon in 1800 to a national force to be reckoned with by 1870. During the American Civil War, Grand Master Lewis Hayden of the now established Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Massachusetts would work tirelessly with Governor John Albion Andrew to establish the United States Colored Troops (Massachusetts 54th and 55th Regiments) and utilized his clout as Grand Master to find recruits from within the Craft as well as outside of it.

Many of the greatest names in African America were also Prince Hall Freemasons, as well as, civic and community leaders in the 1800's. Major Martin Robinson Delany is a perfect representative of this masonic engagement and civic involvement as he was, the first Black field officer in the United States military, one of the first three black men admitted to Harvard University Medical School and simultaneously the Deputy Grand Master of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Ohio.

Thornton Andrew Jackson in Washington, DC who owned a successful barbershop on Capitol Hill, would later go on to be one of the most instrumental figures in the establishment of the Prince Hall Order of the Eastern Star and Prince Hall Scottish Rite, serving as Grand Worthy Patron and Sovereign Grand Commander. One of his most famous clients was none other than Albert Pike, who history informs us gifted Jackson with a set of his revised Scottish Rite Rituals. That original set of rituals was used as a template for the current Scottish Rite ritual practiced by Prince Hall Scottish Rite Masons worldwide.

Prince Hall Freemasonry would eventually penetrate the State of Alabama in 1867. Founding the most respected Grand Lodge of any in the Prince Hall sodality. Later in 1870, the Most Worshipful Independent Grand Lodge of Ancient Free & Accepted Masons was established. Later in 1878, the Independent Grand Lodge of Alabama consolidated with the National Grand Lodge's Alabama Grand Lodge creating the Most Worshipful Sovereign Grand Lodge of Alabama. Becoming incorporated in 1889 and again later in 1910.

Prince Hall Grand Lodges have withstood the test of time. In Hot Springs, Arkansas, at the meeting of the Conference of Grand Masters, the Grand Masters of Independent Lodges coming from African Lodge 459 decided to all have of their Grand Lodges utilize the name "Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge".

From our cornerstone, Brother Prince Hall to Past Grand Master George W. Braxdall to our current Grand Master Corey D. Hawkins, Sr., the legacy of Prince Hall Freemasonry is alive and well.

From Prince Hall petitioning Massachusetts for the rights of Blacks. To the formation of the African-American Church, to the battlefields of all Battles in America, to our elections as public servants and the leaders of the civil rights movement, Prince Hall Masons have been there.

In 1950, with McCarthyism bound in full force. The threat of the Communist Party and paranoia amid White America, the country looked at the civil rights leaders closely. With many civil rights leaders being sympathetic to the communist ideology, Grand Master John G. Lewis of Louisiana, recommended at the Conference of Grand Masters that Prince Hall Grand Lodges celebrate their Americanism and their love for their Country. Since then we've celebrated both our love for our Brother Prince Hall & our Love for the United States.

*Contributor- RW Dr. L. Ken Collins (No. 319)
Grand Historian*

REGION 3

News and Events from Region 3

Saturn Lodge No. 80 Supports Back-to-School Jamboree

A child's life is changed every day by their positive experiences. On Saturday August 1, 2015, Saturn Lodge No. 80 participated in the "Annual Back-to-School Jamboree", its first joint service project with Shekinah Chapter No. 899 Order of the Eastern Star. The lodge and its members donated hotdogs, hamburgers, juice, water and chips for over 300 local school age children. Bro. Carl Miller and Bro. Kevin Rodney grilled the hot dogs and hamburgers while the other brothers prepared plates as the local neighborhood children received school supplies from donations of local businesses and organizations.

Contributor— Brother Kevin Rodney (No. 80)



REGION 4

News and Events from Region 4

Mack-Andrew Lodge No. 624 Donates Book Bags to Brighton Elementary School

On July 7, 2015, the brothers of Mack-Andrew Lodge No. 624, under the leadership of Worshipful Master Lonnie Myricks and Chairman of the “Back to School” Committee Brother Nathaniel Mayo, the lodge donated 96 book bags with school supplies to Brighton Elementary School. Brighton Elementary is located in a suburb of Birmingham. The brothers of Mack-Andrew Lodge No. 624 assisted Dr. Orletta Jackson-Rush, the principal of Brighton Elementary, with distributing the book bags to students at Brighton Elementary School. The book bags donated will be used to assist the students in the day-to-day efforts of their educational needs.



Bro Mayo (No 624), Dr. Jackson-Rush, WM Myricks (No. 624)

Mack-Andrew Lodge No. 624 Sponsors a Miss Jr. Pre-Teen Contestant

The brothers of Mack-Andrew Lodge No. 624 under the leadership of Worshipful Master Lonnie Myricks and chairman of the “Sponsor a Student Drive” Past Master Charles Motley, donated a check to Saniya Thomas to assist her efforts in competing for the “Ms. Jr. Pre-Teen” Pageant. Saniya Thomas is nine years old and attends school at Oak Mountain Intermediate School. Saniya Thomas plays 9 and under softball with Oak Mountain. Saniya is also a praise dancer and she loves swimming.

Contributor- PM Charles Motley (No. 624)

A Vision Becomes a Reality

The brothers of Pride of Jemison/Clanton Lodge No. 630, under the leadership of Worshipful Master James Neal, saw a vision become a reality. They had been discussing, pricing, and planning to put a sign outside the building. That planning has paid off. The sign has been erected and placed adjacent to the lodge. This sign is dedicated to all the brothers who stepped out in faith and chartered this lodge, and have kept the lodge alive and growing over these 94 years. Dreams do come true when you have people who believe in them.



Contributor- Bro. Antoine Head (No. 630)

Archive Lodge No. 75 Attends Prince Hall Americanism Weekend

Archive Lodge No. 75 participated in the Prince Hall Americanism Weekend September 18-20, 2015. We had a wonderful experience and enjoyed the fellowship with brothers from all over the Southeast. In attendance were W.M. Godfrey Johnson, brothers Frank Washington, Larry Robinson, Porter C. Brown, Victor Bates, Ronald Plummer, and Triston Wilhite.

Contributor- Bro. Ronald Plummer (No. 75)



Pictured above: Brothers of Archive Lodge No. 75 with Grand Master Hawkins.

William O. Jones Lodge No. 971 and Mack-Andrew Lodge No. 624 Supports Back-to-School Event

On Saturday, August 1, 2015, in a show of true fraternal fellowship, the brothers of Mack-Andrew Lodge No. 624, assisted by the brothers of William O. Jones Lodge No. 971, came out to support the “Back-to-School Kickoff” held at Fairfield High Preparatory School, 610 Valley Rd, Fairfield, AL. A great time was had by all. The kids, as well as, various members of the community were able to register for school while enjoying food, games, music, football and a show from the band.



Members of William O. Jones Lodge No. 971 and Sis. Tracy McCall

Whether it was serving at the registration table, helping to carry loads or simply being a watchful eye for the kids and community, brothers from both lodges in District No. 14 were ready and able to assist.

Contributor- Brother Tramaine Jackson (No. 971)



Members of William O. Jones Lodge No. 971 and Mack-Andrew Lodge No. 624



Phoenix Lodge No. 428 Makes History at Grand Lodge Session

Phoenix Lodge No. 428 became part of the history of the MWPHGLAL at this year's Grand Lodge Session in Birmingham. Three fellow crafts were raised in the state wide raising this year. New members of our lodge are Brother Jeffrey Williams, Brother Keith Daniels, and Brother Monte Hundley. All three brothers are from Phenix City, Alabama. WM Carl Jones and 12 members of Phoenix Lodge No. 428 all attended this year's session in support of their fellow crafts. In addition, fellow craft Jeffrey Williams was one of the first to be raised. Grand Master Corey Hawkins took time to take a group photo with members of Phoenix Lodge No. 428 after the closing session.



Members of Phoenix Lodge No. 428 and Grand Master Hawkins

Phoenix Lodge No. 428 Supports Annual Back-to-School Supplies Giveaway

Phoenix Lodge No. 428 participated in its annual back to school supplies giveaway on August 8, 2015. This year the event was a joint effort with the community outreach program, Beyond Expectations. Its Executive Director is Cynthia McKinney. This year a health and resource fair was included with the school supply giveaway. The collaborative effort was a huge success! There were 200 bags of supplies and book bags given out to local community school children. There were over 100 parents that received resources and information. Many vendors were on hand and set up booths to educate the community on various health issues and concerns. Adults were able to get their blood pressure checked and screened for diabetes. School supplies were donated by members of Phoenix Lodge No. 428 and other local organizations. Local radio station 98.3 The Beat was on hand to provide the music for the children. Phoenix Lodge No.428 members also grilled hamburgers and hotdogs for the children while they played on the inflatables.



Members of Phoenix Lodge No. 428 with Cynthia McKinney

Contributor- Brother Carlton Jones (No. 428)

News and Events from Region 6

George W. Braxdall No. 28 Participates in a Stop the Violence Rally

The Stop the Violence Rally was an event that was really special to our lodge this year. There is nothing more precious than human life and everyone deserves to live in their community without fear. This rally portrayed the issue from a vast array of viewpoints and also offered varying opinions about what the solution may be. The most common theme heard echoed amongst the crowd was that we as adults and parents have to become more involved in the day-to-day activities of our children. There was also the opinion that community leaders also shared in the responsibility for mentoring and offering the youth of the city other positive alternatives to fill the void in lives of at-risk youth. Here at George W. Braxdall Lodge No. 28 our hearts go out to the victims of violent crimes. It was necessary to make our presence known and contribute to the range of alternatives by being good role models, thus creating another avenue for positive change.



George W. Braxdall No. 28 Back-To-School Jam

The “Back-to-School Jam” this year was a stop along the journey to destiny that inspired us along with others to go further! When a community comes together and decides with certainty to make a positive impact in the lives of children the results are astounding. George W. Braxdall No. 28 has committed the past four years to providing the event with food and donations, as well as, supporting the infrastructure of the Decatur Youth Services Department. We developed a video to help adults realize that our children are beacons of the future and when we all work together for their good; we leave an indelible pattern for generations to trace. This is the pattern of success in kindness well done. Thank you goes out to the Decatur Police Dept., as well as, every vendor and resource that participated to make the difference.



Contributor- Brother Antonio Hubbard (No. 28)

Morning Star Lodge No. 50 Conducts Adopt-a-Mile Community Service

On September 10, 2015, the brothers of Morning Star Lodge No. 50 banded together to make a difference in our neighborhood. Morning Star No. 50 is dedicated not only to support brotherhood, but also to provide support in the community. Led by Brother Lathan Strong they also participated in a mission to clean the streets around the lodge. Brothers picked up trash and cleaned up the surrounding area stretching a mile distance from the corner of Pulaski Pike and University Drive to the end of Klondike Avenue. They also cleaned up the housing area and bus stop at the housing area near University Drive. Their only goal was to make it a more beautiful place so that people in this area can take pride and enjoy their community without the fear of stepping on glass and trash that may be dangerous to their children. They were equipped with plastic trash bags, gloves, and a special utensil for picking up glass and trash along the curb sides. The objective was to promote pride in the community and present a positive example for the residents. As they walked the streets others came up and asked why are you doing this? When they found out it was only to clean up the streets they were happy to assist. To aid in the worthy cause, the OES sisters of Hendley Chapter No. 855 came out to support. The event was meant to make the area better. Through brotherhood and sisterhood we made a difference. The importance of what we were doing was emphasized when WHNT 19 conducted a TV interview for the daily news coverage. Our very own Brother Lathan Strong was interviewed and stressed the importance of getting out in our community to make a difference. We look forward to our continuing efforts to make the community better.



Brothers of Morning Star Lodge No. 50

Contributor- Brother Keynon Jones (No. 50)

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 2015 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

<u>Name</u>	<u>College/University</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Christopher Dodson	University of West Georgia	\$1,400.00
Tymia Miller	Tuskegee University	\$1,400.00
Brianna Miles	Tuskegee University	\$1,400.00
Taliyah Oglesby	Alabama A. & M. University	\$1,400.00
Ashlee Smith	Alcorn State University	\$1,400.00
James Gray, III	Jackson State University	\$1,400.00
Sonya Ricks	Auburn University	\$1,400.00
Ashlee Harris	Auburn University (Montgomery)	\$1,400.00
	Alabama State University	\$5,000.00



Support the Temple Renovation

Most Worshipful Prince Grand Lodge of Alabama Temple Renovation Lapel Pins are still available for new and existing members upon receipt of your donation(s). Collect up to each level. Display your support for the temple renovation!



PETITION FOR A UNITED STATES POSTAGE STAMP HONORING PRINCE HALL

We, the undersigned, support and endorse the issuance of a United States postage stamp honoring Prince Hall. Based on Prince Hall's numerous contributions to America and more importantly to humanity itself, we are petitioning that Prince Hall be depicted on a United States postage stamp.

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