

"THE GRAND MASTER'S BULLETIN"

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Worshipful Master, Wardens and Brethren:- Greetings:

The year 1960 has been ushered in with predictions that the wonders of scientific achievements will virtually change the pattern of human existence in this new decade. It is evident that the miracles of this age of space will not only affect our daily lives, but in turn will be transmitted into our Masonic Institution. It must be realized that if Masonry is to maintain its present status, in this era of mankind's greatest achievements, it must prepare to make certain adjustments within the limitations of its ancient charges and time-honored customs. Perhaps then Prince Hall Masons of Iowa should give more thought to the subject:-

THE MASON and the COMMUNITY

The world sees Masonry through US. This is the challenge faced by each of us who pray to the All Mighty Father for strength to practice without the Lodge those great moral and social virtues inculcated within. To be a Mason is a privilege which is accompanied by a number of responsibilities. One of these is to be a man of service to his community. We hereby urge each Prince Hall Mason of Iowa to accept any opportunity to serve the civic needs of his community and in so doing think and act like a Mason. Remember the community sees Masonry through YOU.

JUDGE YE KINDLY

On numerous occasions Masonry has found itself condemned and criticized by its own members. For the most part this is due to a complete ignorance of what Masonry is trying to accomplish. The Trestle Board of the Grand Lodge of Minnesota (White) covers the subject very well as it states: "Don't expect perfection in a man just because he is a Mason. If you do you will be disappointed. Masonry makes a man better, but no human agency makes men perfect. If he is a Mason you have the right to presume he is a fairly good man, but do not condemn Masonry even if a few Masons turn out bad. Even the Great Teacher himself had a Judas. The aim and purpose of Masonry is to receive none but good men, keep them good and make them better. Judge the institution not by a few failures but by the average of its successes. That average is high and consequently gives a standing to its members, but it cannot be an infallible guide. So with the Masonic Body, it may decide to do something which you, as members individually oppose, but do not feel that you must condemn on that account. You may be right but do not pull away. Remember that even you are not infallible.

BROTHER JOE PASSES ON

The entire Jurisdiction has been saddened by the untimely death of our R. W. Grand Lecturer, Brother Joseph L. White (19). Brother White was a man of extreme dedication to Freemasonry. Undaunted by the severity of his afflictions he concerned himself only with an effort to assist his beloved fraternity to ascend to greatness. "Brother Joe" passes on to his eternal rewards, may his spirit of unselfish service to Prince Hall Masonry long linger within our hearts and instill in us a greater desire to maintain and uphold the precepts of our Order.

APPOINTMENT

We are pleased to announce the appointment of P.S.G.W., Bro. William Hubbard, (21), as the R.W. Grand Lecturer for the Jurisdiction of Iowa. We are certain that Brother Hubbard will serve you in this capacity in a very capable manner, provided that each Lodge gives to him the cooperation that he needs. The address of his office is 118 East 5th St., Savanna, Illinois.

A WORTHY CAUSE

There is still time to make a donation to the March of Dimes Fund in your community. Remember that it is a worthy cause.

CONFERENCE OF GRAND MASTERS

The conference will convene in Boston, Massachusetts on August 11, 12 and 13, 1960, with the service at Prince Hall's grave to be Sunday, August 14.

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PRINCE HALL DAY FUND

Since the last Bulletin, a \$10.00 contribution to the Prince Hall Day Fund by Sumner Lodge No. 3, now makes the grand total of \$186.00. The following donations have been authorized from this fund: Prince Hall Commission on Glandestine Masonry, \$50.00; Prince Hall Legal Research Bureau, NAACP, \$25.00; "March of Dimes," \$25.00; National Urban League, \$10.00; United Negro College Fund, \$10.00; and Leader Dogs for the Blind, Inc., \$10.00, for a total of \$130.00. Again we express our gratitude to all who participated in this program which enables your Jurisdiction to render material support to other organizations in their efforts toward human betterment.

CHANGES IN SUBORDINATE LODGE OFFICERS

We direct your attention to the following changes in Subordinate Lodge Officers and suggest that you correct your rosters accordingly: North Star, 2.-Warren Stoval, W. M., 400 S. E. 6th, Des Moines, Iowa. Sumner, 3.-Hubert Ross, W. M., 404 So. 4th, Burlington, Iowa. Golden Star, 4.- Leah Crayton, W. M., 737 Center St., Ottumwa, Iowa. Hiram, 19.- James H. Jones, W. M., 713 LeClare St., Davenport, Iowa. Doric, 30.- Richard Henderson, W. M., 659 - 27th St., Des Moines, Iowa. Twin City, 32.- Chauncy Herndon, W. M., 1901 - 8th Ave., Council Bluffs, Iowa. St. Johns, 35.- Russell Burt, W. M., 713 Cottage St., Waterloo, Iowa. Corinthian, 43.- Arthur Woods, W. M., 314 Ave. C., Fort Madison, Iowa. Solomon, 45.- Samuel Boutchee, W. M., 824 - 9th Ave., S. E., Fort Dodge, Iowa. Joe W. Cole, Sec'y., 114 $\frac{1}{2}$  So. 6th St., Fort Dodge, Iowa.

"HERE AND THERE"

North Star No. 2.- Bro. Luther T. Glanton (2) has been elected to a Municipal Court Judgeship in the City of Des Moines. He is the first of our race to be elected to this distinguished office. Congratulations "Your Honor."

Golden Star No. 4.- On December 20th, the Craft of Ottumwa celebrated the birthday of the oldest (and still active) Prince Hall Mason in Iowa, Bro. Charles Owens, who is now 92 years young. We salute you Brother Owens.

McNeil No. 21,- The entertainment committee for the Seventy-third Annual Communication of the M. W. Prince Hall Grand Lodge, F. & A. M. of Iowa, are working over time to insure that this Grand Session will be the best ever. We suggest that you plan your vacation schedules now so that you can be in Clinton come July 13, 14 and 15. The M. W. Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Oklahoma has formed a Lodge at Anchorage, Alaska. It is planned that two other Lodges will be created in the 49th State and then the new M. W. Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Alaska will be formed.

DEATHS

The Grand Architect has summoned to His Right Hand the following brethren: Vernon Bailey (1), Charles J. Rhodes (2), Joseph L. White (19), Charles Holmes (30), Charles R. Trimble (32) and Rev. George T. Stinson, Jr., (35.)

NEW MEMBERS

We welcome into our ranks the following: Tommy Calhoun (2), Byron Hayter (2), Willie R. Sanders (14) and David Williams (14.)

SPRING CONFERENCE AND WORKSHOP - APRIL 10th.

The Spring Conference and Workshop is scheduled for April 10th in Des Moines, Iowa, with North Star Lodge No. 2, as hosts. You will be receiving further details from Brother Charles Peguese who is serving as general chairman. The theme of this years conference is "Plan your Work and Work Your Plan" - the prime objective - "A Well Informed Jurisdiction." The Spring Conference is the tonic you need after a long, cold winter, so we are looking forward to seeing you there.

Fraternally yours,

*Frank B. Robinson*  
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Grand Master