

SAINT JOHNS DAY

Sunday, June 21, 1987
10:15 a.m.



HOST LODGE:

NORTH STAR LODGE NO. 2, F. & A. M.
Prince Hall Affiliation, Inc.
State of Iowa Jurisdiction
DES MOINES, IOWA

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FELIX A. WILLIAMS, JR.
Most Worshipful Master

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Morning Star Baptist Church
1150 - 13th Street

PASTOR: Rev. Alex Crawford, Jr.

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ONWARD CHRISTIAN SOLDIERS

Onward Christian Soldiers,
Marching as to war
With the cross of Jesus,
Going on before.

Christ, the Royal Master,
Leads against the foe;
Forward into battle,
See his banners go.

(CHORUS)

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Marching as to war
With the cross of Jesus,
Going on before.

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"SAINT JOHNS DAY PROGRAM"

- 10:15 a.m. Assemble
- 10:45 a.m. Procession of Masonic Body
HOST LODGE
NORTH STAR LODGE NO. 2, F. & A. M.
Presiding Most Worshipful Master:
FELIX A. WILLIAMS, JR.
- PRAYER: Chaplain Grant Barber
- SONG: Masonic Body
"Onward Christian Soldiers"
- HISTORY: Presiding Most Worshipful Master
- INTRODUCTION: Officers and Dignitaries
- PRESENTATIONS to
PASTOR: Senior Warden Robert L. Butler
- TRUSTEE CHR.: Junior Warden Henry Colton
- CLOSING REMARKS: Presiding Most Worshipful Master
* (CONCLUSION of program)
- CHURCH SERVICES: Reverend Alex Crawford, Jr.

* Masonic Body will retire after Benediction.

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MORNING STAR BAPTIST CHURCH
10:30 a.m.

Through the guidance of Almighty God, I am privileged to stand before you as Most Worshipful Master of the HOST LODGE, North Star Lodge No. 2, F. & A. M., Prince Hall Affiliated, Iowa and Jurisdiction.

Allow me to bring greetings to Rev. Crawford, officers, and members of Morning Star Baptist Church; present and past Grand Officers of Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Iowa and the Order of the Eastern Star, Worshipful Masters, Worthy Matrons, Brothers and Sisters, assembled.

In the Lodge, we observe this day to rededicate ourselves, our thoughts and our deeds in tribute to the principles of two (2) Builders: Holy St. John the Baptist and John the Evangelist. We honor them as beautiful and appropriate symbols which are an essential part of Freemasonry.

To show the existence of likeness, allow me to compare these two Saints this morning. As a forerunner of Jesus, John the Baptist was a passionate, devoted, and heroic crusader. John the Evangelist was an Apostle of love -- and later became the trusted confidant of Christ.

Also, we remember today those multitude of unknown builders -- forgotten of fame, unrecorded by history -- but who by their love and loyalty structured their lives into the Temple, and left only their marks upon it.

Their names were lost, like autumn leaves blown by winter winds, saved in the memory of God who does not forget. They sleep in the dust, with no hope of record by man...content to live in the work they formed and the good they did, yet vanishing as if they had never been.

They are the real builders of the Temple and it is their monument and their memorial. Into their labors the Craft is embodied and because of their faithfulness we have a finer, firmer faith with which to face tomorrow.

We still have our "Lodge of the Holy Saint John at Jerusalem" from which we supposedly have come. That lodge is now, at it has always been, a "DREAM" lodge. It is an ideal which we may only hope to attain. It may be in Jerusalem, but more likely it is found in our hearts.

So let us rededicate our lives to the end that our Great Fraternity shall never perish, but continue to spread its good-hearted influence upon those who travel the same road and who receive the same light that our Patron Builders symbolize.

THANK YOU