PRINCE HALL GRAND LODGE

1825 *Free and Accepted Masons* OF MARYLAND 1966

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FIRST MARYLAND LODGE WARRENTED 1825 - 119 YEARS AGO BY PENNSYLVANIA GRAND LODGE

PRINCE HALL MASONS TRACE ORIGIN TO ENGLISH GRAND LODGE

By CLIFF W. MACKAY
Public Relations Director, Md. Grand Lodge

Freemasonry in the United States traces its origin to the first person of color who was made a freemason. That person was Prince Hall, who was freborn at Bridgeton, Barbadoes, British West Indies about September 12, 1748.

His father, Thomas Prince Hall, was an Englishman and his mother, a free colored woman of French extraction.

At the age of 17, he gained a working passage aboard a ship bound for Boston, Mass., where he arrived in 1765 and obtained employment as a leather worker, the trade learned from his father.

Eight years later, he became a freeholder in real estate and was qualified to vote. He associated himself with the Methodist Church and after extensive study of the Bible was admitted to the ministry and assigned a charge at Cambridge.

It was on March 6, 1775, that Prince Hall and fourteen other Free Negroes were received and initiated into a lodge of Freemasons at Castle William, Boston Harbor (now Fort Independence) by the Master Lodge No. 441 (a military lodge on the Irish Registry) attached to the 38th Foot Regiment.

The other candidates, who paid 15 guineas for entering, seven for being passed to the degree of Fellowcraft and three for being raised to the sublime degree of Master Masons were:

Peter Best, Cuff Brufform, John Carter, Peter Freeman, Fortune Howard, Cyrus Jonbus, Prince Beer, Thomas Sanderson, Beuston Singer, Boston Smith, Cato Spesin, Prince Taylor, Benjamin Tiber and Richard Tilley.

One guinea, an English coin, was equivalent to $5.04 in American money of that day.

The military lodge granted Prince Hall and his brethren authority to meet as a lodge, to go in procession on St. John's Day and as a lodge to bury their dead; but they could not confer degrees nor perform any other Masonic work.

For nine years these brethren together with others who had received their degrees elsewhere assembled and enjoyed their limited privileges as Masons.

Finally in March, 1784, Prince Hall petitioned the Grand Lodge of England, through a worshipful master of a subordinate in London for a warrant or charter. On September 29, 1784, the warrant was issued.

It was not delivered, however, until three years later because the brother to whom the matter was entrusted failed to call for it. It was delivered on April 29, 1787 by Captain James Scott, a ship captain, and a brother of John Hancock, one of the signers of the Declaration of Independence.

The original charter is presently in a safe deposit vault in Boston. It reads as follows:

"To all and every:

"We the Most Worshipful and Loving Brethren — We, Thomas Howard, Earl of Effingham, Lord Howard, etc., Acting Grand Master under the authority of his Royal Highness, Henry Frederick, Duke of Cumberland etc., Grand Master of the Most Ancient and Honorable Society of Free and Accepted Masons, send greetings:

"Know ye that we, at the humble petition of our right trusty and well beloved brethren, Prince Hall, Boston Smith, Thomas Sanderson and several other brethren residing in Boston, New England, in North America, do hereby constitute the said brethren into a regular lodge of Free and Accepted Masons under the title or denomination of the African Lodge to be opened in ample form, and we do hereby empower them, at their said petition and of the great trust and confidence reposed in every one of the said above named brethren, hereby appoint the said Prince Hall to be Master, Boston Smith, Senior Warden, and Thomas Sanderson, Junior Warden, for opening of the said lodge, and for such other further time only as shall be thought proper by the brethren thereof, it being our will that this our appointment of the above officers, shall in no wise affect any future election of officers of said lodge, but that such election be regulated as agreeable to such by-laws of the said lodge contained in the Book of Constitution; and we hereby will and require of you, the said Prince Hall, to take special care that all and every, the said brethren are to have been regularly made Masons, and that they do observe, perform and keep all the rules and orders contained in the Book of Constitutions; and further that you do from time to time cause to be entered in a book kept for that purpose, an account of your proceedings in this, our warrant, with all such rules, orders and regulations as shall be made for the good government of the same; that in no wise you omit once in every year to send to us or our successors, Grand Masters, or Rowland Holt, Esq. our Deputy Grand Master for the time being, an account of your said proceedings and copies of all such rules, orders and regulations as shall be made as aforesaid, together with the list of members of the lodge and such sum of money as may suit the circumstances of the lodge and reasonably be expected toward the Grand Charity.

"Moreover, we will require of the said Prince Hall, as soon as conveniently may be, to send account in writing of what may be done by virture of these presents.

"Given at London, under our hand and seal this 29th day of September, A. L. 5784, by the Grand Master's command.

"R. HOLT, Deputy Grand Master (Seal)

Attest: William White, Grand Secretary."

The lodge met on May 6, 1787, by virtue of the authority of the Charter, and designated itself as African Lodge No. 459. On June 24, 1791, a general assembly of colored Masons was held at Boston, where the grand lodge was formed.

Prince Hall was elected as grand master and other elected and appointed officers were installed by Prince Hall, assisted by brethren from St. Andrew Lodge (white).

It was on June 24, 1808 that the representatives of the then existing three lodges met in Boston and changed the name of the Grand Lodge to the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge, F. and A.M. of Massachusetts in memory of Prince Hall.

There are presently 38 Masonic Grand Lodges in the United States, one in Ontario, Canada, Liberia and the Bahamas and several hundred subordinate lodges, all direct descendants from the M. W. Prince Hall Lodge of Massachusetts.

Available Records show the following Grand Masters served the Grand Lodge from 1876-1960

James A. Handy	1876-1878
Robert H. Gibbs	1879-1880
William F. Taylor	1880-1881
Isaac Meyers	1882-1883
John B. Sanks	1883-1884
H. P. Ringgold	1884-1885
Lemuel P. Griffin	1886-1887
Isaas H. Howard	1888-1889
Samuel E. Young	1890-1894
Walter W. Lewis	1895-1897
James E. Hill	1898-1899
William H. Tilghman	1900-1906
Joseph L. H. Smith	1907-1909
Thomas A. Jones	1910-1911
Joseph P. Evans	1912-1921
Willard W. Allen	1922-1960
Samuel T. Daniels	1960-

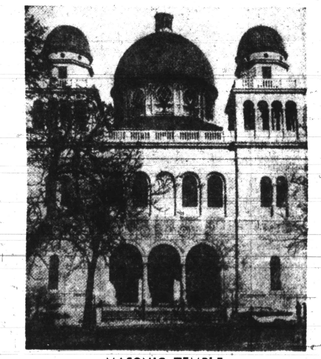
HON. PRINCE HALL
Founder of Prince Hall Masonry

R.W. E. Jerry Williams, 33°
Grand Junior Warden

R. W. Ronald D. Scott, 33°
Grand Treasurer

R.W. Alvan S. Stanley, 33°
Grand Secretary, Emeritis

R. W. Frederick Hicks 33°
Grand Secretary



MASONIC TEMPLE
1305 EUTAW PLACE

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MT. OLIVE No. 25
W.M. Norman Uncles
S.W. Vincent Dodson
J.W. Robert W. Lewis
Sec. Robert E. Johnson

MORNING STAR No. 44
W.M. Alfred Carter
S.W. William Parker
J.W. David Chavanur
Sec. Sumner U. Davis

MT. MORIAH No. 56
W.M. Walter Williams
S.W. Henry Harris
J.W. David Ross
Sec. Leonard L. Miller

UNITY No. 73
Sharptown, Md.
W.M. George B. Quinton
S.W. Rhuel O. Gaskes
J.W. Clifton Gordy
Sec. Daniel S. Smiley

JOHN A. HOLMES No. 89
W.M. Thomas J. Morton
S.W. Earl R. Smith
J.W. Truitt R. Boyd Jr.
Sec. Matthew Carmichael

FRIENDSHIP No. 1
W.M. Luther A. Mathias
S.W. Preston J. Johnson
J.W. Noah W. Jones
Sec. James G. Reaves

FEDERAL No. 9
W.M. Thomas J. King
S.W. Stanley H. Fiskin
J.W. Joe Blanding
Sec. Walter L. Matthews

LAMACH No. 30
Salisbury, Md.
W.M. Ulysses Polk, Jr.
S.W. William J. Mayfield
J.W. John A. Gidden Jr.
Sec. Robert E. Winder

UNIONVILLE No. 45
Pocomoke City, Md.
W.M. Nathan Jones
S.W. Hinton Finney
J.W. James Purnell
Sec. Harrison E. Matthews, Sr.

WILLIAM F. TAYLOR No. 57
W.M. Donald G. Gaither
S.W. Grafton A. Matthews
J.W. Robert F. Meekins
Sec. James D. Brown

PYTHAGORAS No. 74
Rockville, Md.
W.M. Eugene Summerour
S.W. James R. Gregg
J.W. Peter L. Redman
Sec. Clarence A. Hebron

TUSCAN No. 90
W.M. Maurice P. Gray
S.W. Edward J. Watson, Jr.
J.W. Ronald L. Brown
Sec. Harold A. Street

ANDREW J. EVANS No. 102
W.M. Melvin Brooks
S.W. James Davis
J.W. Clem Brown
Sec. Clarence Wake

CLARENCE KIMBROUGH No. 111
Augsburg, Germany
W.M. Robert Grant, Sr.
S.W. Joseph C. Pennington
J.W. Emer C. Turner Jr.
Sec. Howard N. Myers

WM. MINGO No. 5
W.M. William Brightful
S.W. Willie Howell
J.W. Ernest Gorham
Sec. Ralph Small

EASTON STAR No. 16
Easton, Md.
W.M. Howard M. Brown
S.W. William H. Brown
J.W. Lafayette Davidson
Sec. Martin E. Jenkins, Sr.

PRIDE OF CAMBRIDGE No. 50
Cambridge, Md.
W.M. Fred W. Coapish
S.W. Owen Ross
J.W. Thomas E. Fisher Jr.
Sec. John L. Coleman

EAST GATE No. 65
Pocomoke City, Md.
W.M. Malcolm Davis
S.W. James Redding
J.W. William Winder
Sec. Frank L. Cornish Jr.

SIN AI No. 68
Cambridge, Md.
W.M. Thomas G. Williams
S.W. Paul Alston, Jr.
J.W. Ashley Wigfall, Sr.
Sec. Lewis White

E.W.S. PECK No. 82
Hurlock, Md.
W.M. Edward D. Young
S.W. Stanley B. Wilson
J.W. Jack C. Brown Sr.
Sec. Michael Dantley

EVENING STAR No. 84
East Ridgeville, Md.
W.M. Alfred Cook
J.W. Thurman R. Tyler
Sec. Thomas C. Hay

ALFRED E. YOUNG No. 99
Huntingtown, Md.
W.M. James W. Diggs
S.W. Robert A. Thomas
J.W. Joseph R. Thomas
Sec. Jefferson Moore

CECIL A. ELLIS, SR. No. 110
Linkenheim Temple, Germany
W.M. Johnny W. Carter
S.W. Justice R. Lee
J.W. Willie Lyles
Sec. John B. McCants

KING SOLOMON No. 7
W.M. Reginald H. Golden
S.W. Randolph Sydnor
J.W. John W. Gray
Sec. Clifton Tatum

KING DAVID No. 18
W.M. Reginald H. Golden
S.W. Randolph Sydnor
J.W. John W. Gray
Sec. Clarence Coleman Jr.

PROGRESS No. 39
Towson, Md.
W.M. Ernest J. W. Collins
S.W. Roland L. McGrady
J.W. George Owens
Sec. William F. Walker

PRINCE HALL No. 38
W.M. Lorenzo Haywood
S.W. Cornelius Tinsley
J.W. Leroy Bridges
Sec. Herman Williams

RISING SUN No. 46
Baltimore, Md.
W.M. James K. Johnson
S.W. Oslor Allen
J.W. Vernon Murray
Sec. Clayton Greene

JAMES E. STEWART No. 49
New Market, Md.
W.M. Davis V. Hill
S.W. William B. Hill, Jr.
Sec. Howard B. Thomas

STEVENSON No. 92
Sparks, Md.
W.M. Richard Brown
S.W. Richard Powell
J.W. John Jackson Jr.
Sec. Richard A. Cromwell

BEE HIVE No. 66
Pomonkey, Md.
W.M. Oliver L. Myers
S.W. Joseph H. Morton
J.W. Richard Marbury
Sec. Joseph C. Parks

VICTORIA No. 71
Berstow, Md.
W.M. Hamilton Perrum
S.W. Clyde Carter
J.W. Sewell Howe
Sec. Turner Mackall

STAR OF BELLEVUE No. 86
Bellevue, Md.
W.M. Charles E. Green
S.W. Clarence Green
J.W. Walter E. Barnett
Sec. William M. Fields

WESTMINSTER No. 98
Westminster, Md.
W.M. Stanislaus Chase
S.W. Charles Dorsey
J.W. Theodore R. Chase Jr.
Sec. Arthur J. Cole

ERNEST W. LYON No. 107
Kaiserslautern, Germany
W.M. Harry P. A. DePew
S.W. Walter Tuppeuss
J.W. Winston Clayton
Sec. John W. Plummer

SAMUEL T. DANIELS No. 108
Mannheim-Heddesheim, Germany
W.M. Willie R. Byrd
J.W. Rollie A. Dunn
Sec. Louis Sloan

FREDERICK T. HICKS No. 117
Fulda, Germany
W.M. Harold L. Dunham
S.W. Frederick Jones
J.W. Charles G. Lewis
Sec. Brady C. Jones

NANNIBAL No. 8
W.M. Low Mobley, Jr.
S.W. Charles A. Marshall
J.W. Melvin E. Truiett
Sec. William M. Mason

MT. LEBANON No. 32
W.M. Levi Peterson
S.W. Raymond A. Bynum
J.W. Clifton H. Johns
Sec. Lennie B. McKeever

LANDMARK No. 40
Catonsville, Md.
W.M. Allen Jarvis, Jr.
S.W. John Harris Jr.
J.W. Ernest Eldridge
Sec. George Matthews

LINCOLN No. 53
Berlin, Md.
W.M. Jesse Turner
S.W. Robert Hunter
J.W. Arthur Sturgis
Sec. William F. Purnell

BOOKER T. WASHINGTON No. 87
Berlin, Md.
W.M. Levin Holland
S.W. Samuel Henry
J.W. Charles Hughes
Sec. William T. Briddell

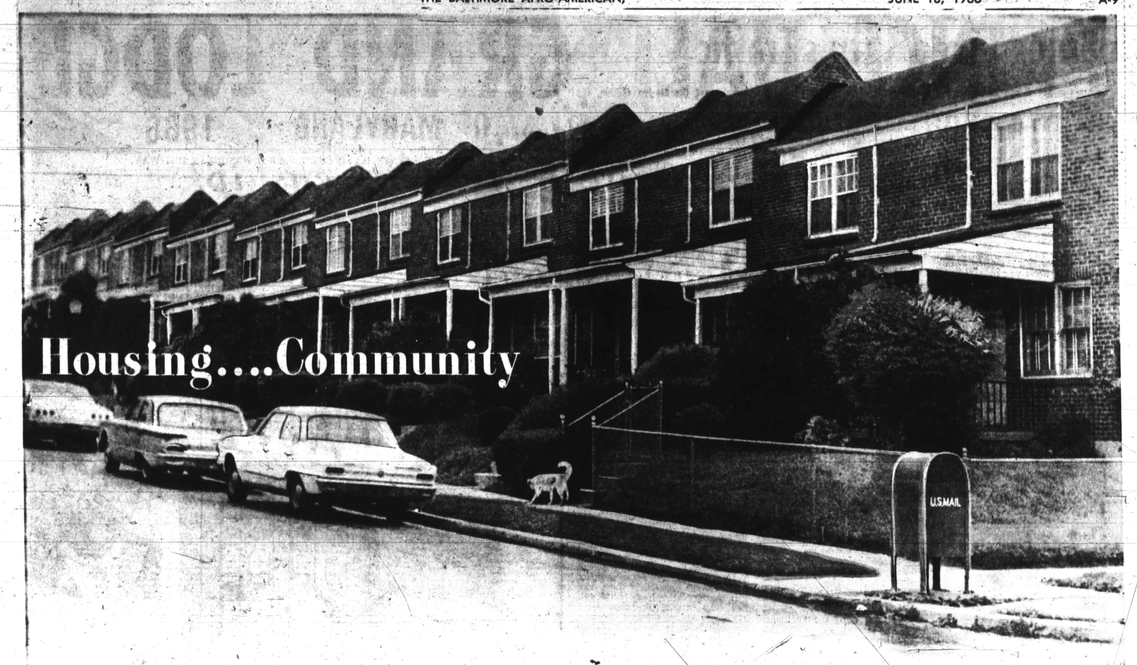
THOMAS H. KIAH No. 101
Chesterlown, Md.
W.M. George Nickerson
S.W. Herbert Warren
J.W. Theodore Dockery
Sec. Irving Hamilton

MT. HOREB No. 24
W.M. Buffus A. Smith
S.W. Wallace Poole Jr.
J.W. Oscar Dashell
Sec. Marcus McBride, Jr.

OAK SPRING No. 41
Hagerstown, Md.
W.M. Charles W. Earley
S.W. John H. Stoner
J.W. Cassar V. Dulaman
Sec. T. Andrew Williams

JOSEPH L. H. SMITH No. 54
W.M. Cliff W. Mackay
S.W. John T. Smith
J.W. George H. Parker
Sec. Winfred A. Cook

EDEN No. 72
W.M. Ulysses F. Winn
S.W. William H. Parham
J.W. Howard L. Marshall
Sec. Herbert McGlotten



THESE NEAT TWO-STORY BRICK ROW HOUSES ARE FOUND IN THE 1600 BLK. KENWOOD AVE.

THE FIGHT GOES ON FOR BETTER HOUSING

In the nine years since its establishment by City Council ordinance Jan. 1, 1957, the Baltimore Urban Renewal and Housing Agency has drawn as much or more criticism than perhaps any other city agency.

Yet, BURHA continues with its long - termed operations, finding Council approval for new projects despite rumblings from some of the councilmen and the public.

Other criticisms have not been directed toward the concept of urban renewal itself, but to the manner of BURHA's operations in opening new projects.

Dr. R. Walter Graham Jr., city comptroller under the preceding Grady - Goodman administration, often publicly voiced this general criticism of BURHA:

"They've got property coming out of their ears now, and are still grabbing for more.

"They are tearing things down everywhere, and rebuilding nowhere."

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DR. GRAHAM was referring to BURHA's continuous acquisition of properties and demolition of homes.

These include the long broken areas such as the Shot Tower Industrial Park area on Fallsway, the Camden Park sector in southwest Baltimore.

Also Madison - Park South project in the McCulloh - Lanvale area south of North Ave.

Although all three sectors formerly housed thousands of families, only Madison-Park South is slated for construction of new homes.

The two industrial projects are for location of business establishments.

Redevelopment of all three have been by BURHA officials' own admission, quite slow.

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IN RECENT months, BURHA has acquired and demolished even more homes in its Madison - Park North project north of North Ave. between roughly Madison and Park Aves.

The same is occurring along Mt. Royal Ave. south of North Ave.

In the midst of all of this, only new housing in these areas now under construction are some town houses for above - middle income brackets in the Madison - Park South project.

On the other side of the housing picture, there are 17 low-rent public housing projects in the city under BURHA and the Baltimore Housing Authority.

They furnish dwelling units for 10,260 families.

Only 1,667 such public housing units have been built and occupied since 1956 — the last ten - year period.

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PLANS ARE under way for 2,500 additional such units, 240 of which will be in existing structures to be purchased and rehabilitated by BURHA.

Also, there are plans for about 780 new unit for the moderate income families, scheduled in Madison - Park South and North and 32 in Harlem Park.

Here are the public housing projects, their dwelling units and location:

Edgar Allan Poe Homes (first to be opened in 1940) — 298 units, 221 N. Fremont Ave.

McCulloh Homes — 434 units, 1010 McCulloh St.

Latrobe Homes — 701 units, 900 E. Madison St.

Frederick Douglass Homes 393 units, 201 N. Aisquith St.

Clarence Perkins Homes— 668 units, 1411 Gough St.

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GILMOR HOMES — 587 units: 1640 Balmor Ct.

O'Donnell Heights, 900 units, 1200 Gusryn St.

Somerset Court — 420 units, 500 N. Central Ave.

Cherry Hill Homes —1,597 units, 2700 Spelman Rd.

Claremont — 292 units, 4312 Clareway.

Brooklyn Homes — 500 units, 4140 Tenth St.

Fairfield Homes — 300 units, 1400 Baltic Ct.

Westport Homes — 432 units, 2245 Norfolk St.

Lafayette Courts — 816 units, 201 N. Aisquith St.

Flag House Courts — 437 units, 110 S. Exeter St.

Lexington Terrace — 677 units, 221 N. Fremont Ave.

George B. Murphy Homes (last to be constructed) — 758 units, 700 block George St.

RACIAL DISCRIMINATION, in public housing projects was declared erased here in 1954, and later reaffirmed on various occasions by BURHA officials.

Actually discrimination is unlawful in any BURHA projects, housing or business space rentals or sales.

BURHA has carried along a concentrated program of rehabilitation of many homes and structures in its project areas.

The Harlem Park sector is by far the most notable of these, and has been designated as such since its inception as a BURHA project.

Rehabilitation got under way there in 1959 and is still continuing.

First was the pilot sector, an experimental square block between the 600 blocks of N. Carey and Calhoun Sts.

Since this rehabilitation has been carried to the remaining 32 blocks in this 200-acre project.

Owners have been required to bring their properties up to strict standards set by BURHA.

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FOR NUMEROUS home owners, this has been a hardship by way of added expenses and often difficult financing mediums.

Just recently BURHA officials announced they would acquire the homes of 75 such persons, willing to sell but unable to rehabilitate their homes.

BURHA will take these homes, fix them up for 100 families as additional public housing.

Rehabilitation under BURHA is under way in the Madison-Park South and North areas.

More notably has been the BURHA development of the Charles Center downtown and construction under way in Mount Royal Plaza of 16 completed town houses, one apartment structure and appropriate landscaping.

The story of the Baltimore Urban Renewal and Housing Agency's operations in this city is a long, complex series of things.

They are in the overall picture mainly a complexity of things to come — many of which are not fully developed on paper even.

This agency has been headed since 1959 by Richard L. Steiner. Second in command as deputy directors are Edgar M. Ewing, veteran colored official with the agency, and Robert S. Moyer, former chief of its Information Service.

The agency has 830 employees, 603 of whom are under the Housing Authority branch of its operations.

Its overall budget for the first six months of this year is $13,079,965.

SCENE IN 4600 BLOCK FOREST PARK AVENUE. NOTE DEEP, SLANTING LAWNS, CONCRETE STEPS WITH RAILS, SHRUBBERY.

ONE-AND-A-HALF STORY BRICK AND SHINGLE HOMES WITH DORMERS IN THE 4500 BLOCK NORFOLK AVENUE.