(Photos by Paris Gray)

MASONIC OFFICIALS are seen presiding during their recent observance of St. John's Day held at the Masonic Temple, Eutaw and Lanvale Sts.

JUST A SAMPLING OF THE ASSEMBLED MASONS who were in attendance for their St. John's Day celebration.

Masons mark St. John's Day

Baltimore Prince Hall Masons gathered to celebrate St. John's Day on Sunday, Dec. 18 at the Willard W. Allen Masonic Temple, Eutaw Place and Lanvale St., the Grand Lodge headquarters in Maryland.

The Grand Lodge, under the leadership of the Most Worshipful Samuel T. Daniels, Grand Master, paused to remember St. John the Evangelist. St. John was commissioned by "Our Lord Jesus Christ to write and spread the "Word." He was instructed to "Write the things thou has seen, the things which are the things which shall be hereafter."

Inspired by the life of St. John, Masons have dedicated every Masonic Temple to his memory and every Mason therein is pledged to carry out St. John's mission.

Adopting St. John as a Worthy Patron, Masons learn first to love one another and then they are encouraged to spread the love to all mankind.

During the celebration, the Rev. Dr. Charles A. Johnson, II, pastor, Sharp Street Memorial United Methodist Church, was the guest speaker. Dr. Johnson reminded those assembled that it was John the Baptist who had introduced John the Evangelist to Christ and that John the Baptist is also a Worthy Patron of Masons. Dr. Johnson also reminded the assemblage that Christ said, "No greater man of woman born, ever emerged in history than John the Baptist."

Music for the service was rendered by the Simon Williamson Memorial Choir, Faith Baptist Church. The first St. John's Day was observed in 1775 and marks the beginning of the practice of Freemasonry by Blacks in America.

Other program participants included the Rev. Bro. Ernest Humphrey, who gave the invocation; Wor. Bro. Leon Jackson, deacon, City Temple of Baltimore Baptist Church, the scripture; R. W. Richard, Brown ADDGM, 15th D., the welcome; the Rev. Bro. Joseph Clark, R.W. Grand Chaplain, the offertory prayer; R. W. Robert G. Moore, Jr., DDGM, 16th D. remarks R.W. Paul A. Smith ADDGM, First Masonic Dist., and the Rev. Dr. Charles Albert Johnson, pastor, Sharp St. Church, the benediction.

Prince Hall Masons in Maryland trace their history to Massachusetts and to Prince Hall, (September 12, 1748 to December 7, 1807.) 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 of Lodge No. 441 (a military lodge on the Irish Registry) attached to the 38th Foot Regiment.

The military lodge granted Prince Hall and his brethren authority to meet as a Lodge, to celebrate 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.

The first Masonic Lodge of Color in the State of Maryland was Friendship Lodge No. 1, which was founded February 2, 1825. St. James Lodge No. 2 and Enterprise Lodge No. 3 soon followed. And, in 1845, these lodges formed the first Colored Grand Lodge of Maryland. Today Prince Hall Masons of Maryland are members of THE MOST WORSHIPFUL PRINCE HALL GRAND LODGE OF MARYLAND AND ITS JURISDICTION. These Lodges and Prince Hall Lodges of other States, evolve from African Lodge No. 459.

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He is the Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr.

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Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) and National Car Rental Systems, Inc. are calling for entries for the third annual nationwide Poster/Essay Contest open to students in Grades 1-12. Each of the seven first-place national winners will receive a check for $1,000 to be presented at an awards ceremony in New York City on Tuesday, April 4, 1989. To receive official contest rules write:
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If you read a good book that you enjoy, share it with others. Write a short report about the book including the title, author, what the book was about, and why you would recommend it to other children. Also, add your name, age, and school on the report. The best book reports will appear on the Kids Talk page in the AFRO-AMERICAN. Send your book report to:
Kids Talk
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2002 11th Street NW
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Mix and Match

Read the following sentences about the life and works of the Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr. and fill in the blanks with words used in today's puzzle.

1. Martin Luther King, Jr. made a famous speech on the steps of the Lincoln Memorial in Washington, D.C. The name of the speech is "I Have A _____."

2. Dr. King encouraged black people not to fight violently, but to use non-violent _____ in the struggle for equal rights.

3. Dr. King was often called a drum major for _____.

4. _____ was a way of life for blacks. It kept black people out of nice restaurants, in the back of movie theaters, and out of certain schools.

5. Dr. King was _____ in 1968.

6. Dr. King fought for the _____ of all people — blacks, whites and poor people. He wanted all people to be free of discrimination and to be treated fairly.

7. Train stations, restaurants, and schools were _____ long ago. This means that blacks and whites were separated from each other.

8. In those days of racial turmoil, Dr. King promoted _____ as an alternative.

9. Dr. King helped to organize a grand _____ in Washington where thousands of people came out to non-violently support the fight for equality.

10. In Montgomery, Ala. the people started a _____ of the buses. No black people would ride the buses because they always had to sit in the back of the buses and had to give up their seats to white people. When they stopped riding, the bus company lost money and had to change its policy.

11. Racism was practiced all over the country, but it was most prevalent in the _____.

12. In North Carolina, a group of students started a _____ at the Woolworth's lunch counter. They refused to move because Woolworth's had a practice of not serving blacks.

Have you ever wondered

Why your eyebrows don't grow as long as the hair on your head?

Hair growth has a beginning and an end. At the end of its scheduled time, the hair stops growing and stays in the follicle until it falls out or is pushed out by new hair. Scalp hair grows for two to five years and eyebrows less than six months, so eyebrow hairs are shed while still short.

Teenager looks for way out in 'Youth on the Beat' contest

Vonetta DeLeon, 8th Grade Lombard Middle School

Vonette DeLeon, an eighth grade student at Lombard Middle School, won the "Youth on the Beat" third place prize of a $50 savings bond and a radio for the following editorial:

The Projects: A Better Place to Live?

By Vonetta DeLeon

Life in the projects is not all I thought it would be.

It's the nastiest place I have ever seen. There is so much violence.

It's not like any other place I have ever lived.

Many times I say I hate the projects, but it's not so much the neighborhood as it is some of the people in it. I believe if we got rid of the drug dealers, the alcoholics, and the other trouble makers, it would be a much better place to live.

Puzzling???

Martin Luther King Jr.

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FIND THESE HIDDEN WORDS

IN THE ABOVE PUZZLE:

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boycott	civilrights
justice	march
segregated	sitin

HERE IS THE ANSWER KEY:

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The Devil and the Dopeman are having a ball

By Ronald Pharr

The Devil and the Dopeman
Got together and made a pact
They've got our children killing each other
Over that drug called crack.

Our children are being impressed
By the money a hustler can make.
Fancy cars and diamond rings
Selling that drug called shake.

You can get it in a power
Or you can get it in a rock.
It doesn't matter how you buy it —
It's now sold in almost every block.

Look at the young boy
He's only the age of seventeen.
He rides around in a 50 thousand dollar car
Prettiest car that I have ever seen.

Still at home with his parents,
Yes, living at home with mom and dad
His parents know what's up like that?
Lord knows it's really sad.

As parents we must open our eyes
And also do a lot of praying,
Because if we don't we will all be sorry
In somebody's funeral home our child will be laying.

The devil and the dopeman
Are really putting us to a test.
Everybody's carrying guns now,
It's like living in the wild, wild west.

What is this world coming to?
Our kids are growing up much too fast.
If we don't take a stand and let this keep going on
There's no way that this world can last.

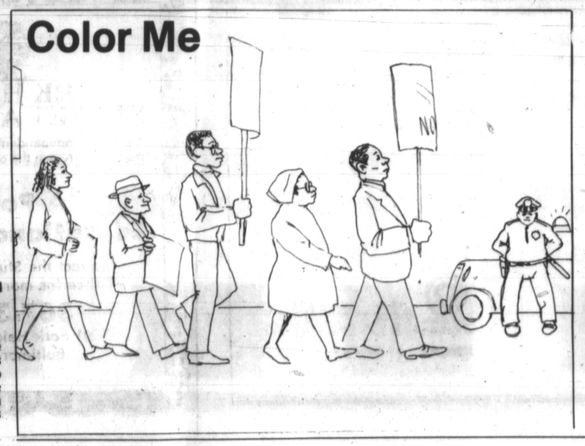
Nancy Reagan says she wants to help,
But there's not much that she can do.
She doesn't have a child out in this mess,
So parents it's really all up to you.

Don't let the devil and the dopeman
Be the cause of your grief.
You've got to be strong and pray to God
Because God Almighty can be our only relief.

He's watching the devil and the dopeman.
He's watching every move that they make.
Teach your child to believe in God.
It will be one less child that old Satan can take.

People, people,
Please hear this call!
Let us stop Mr. Satan and the Dopeman
From having themselves a ball!

Color Me



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