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Monday, January 21st, 2019
Martin Luther King Jr. Day

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TRESTLE BOARD

- Tues., Jan. 1 – Happy New Year
- Wed., Jan. 2, 7:30 p.m. - Stated Meeting
- Sat., Jan. 12, 7:00 p.m. – Muskrat Lodge, Caldwell Lodge
- Wed., Jan. 16, 7:30 p.m. – Stated Meeting
- Mon., Jan. 21 – Martin Luther King Jr. Day

It seems like yesterday we were welcoming in 2018 and here we are at the doorstep to 2019. For those brethren traveling to warmer climates, I look forward to seeing you when you return in the spring. Along with a new year comes a full year of plenty to do in the lodge including inspection season!

This year, our inspection will be on Wednesday, February 13th. Our Grand Master is anticipated to be in attendance and we have several conferrals coming up, so I'm hoping our work should be well rehearsed by then.

Just to be sure, I should be calling at least one special meeting for a conferral and a few practices for both the Entered Apprentice and the Fellow Craft degrees this month.

We also have the calendar books for 2019 with all the important dates in place. Those books are \$5.00 each this year but I can't over emphasize how handy they are for contact information across the district in addition to the important dates everyone counts on. Please keep our sick and distressed brethren and their families in your prayers as well as those who are away from their families serving in the military. Finally, please note I listed the Muskrat Lodge in the events. If you have never experienced it, I would encourage coming. It's something you... well... don't see every day. It's memorable to say the least. I hope to see a few of you there!

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- Fri., Jan. 11, 7:30 p.m. – Stated Meeting, Entered Apprentice Degree
- Fri., Jan. 18, 7:00 p.m. – Entered Apprentice Practice, Also Fellow Craft Team
- Mon., Jan. 21 – Martin Luther King Jr. Day
- Fri., Jan. 25, 7:30 p.m. – State Meeting, Memorial Service for Departed Brethren
- Fri., Feb. 1, 7:00 p.m. – Practice, Entered Apprentice Degree for Inspection

Coming Events

- Fri., Feb. 8 – State Meeting, Ladies Appreciation Night
- Fri., Feb. 15 – Practice, Entered Apprentice Degree for Inspection
- Fri., Feb. 22 – Annual Inspection, Entered Apprentice Degree

Happy New Year my brothers! May 2019 be the year of good fortune and prosperity to all. I hope everyone had a Merry Christmas. I would like to thank everyone who came out for the installation and a special thanks to Canton Commandry No. 38 and Barberton Chapter of DeMolay for posting the Colors. I had brothers from numerous lodges as part of the installation because we are a bigger fraternity than just our lodge. To me, being a member of Masonry is about the great friends I have gained from all over.

For any of our brothers who will be traveling to warmer climates for the winter, safe travels and we will see you in the spring. If you are local, please come out to a stated meeting and get to know us.

Inspection Season is upon us and if you have the ability to do so, go to the other lodges around the district and support them. I will be traveling to as many inspections as I can this year and I would love the company of fellow brothers from McKinley Lodge. Our Inspection this year is in the Entered Apprentice Degree on Friday, February 22nd at 7:00 p.m. If you are going to come just once this year, come for our inspection.

Brethren please also join me in attending Canton 60's Inspection on Wednesday, February 13th and Trinity's Inspection, Thursday, March 7th. We need to support them

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 Thurs., Jan. 3, 7:30 p.m. - Stated Meeting
 Thurs., Jan. 17, 7:30 p.m. - Stated Meeting
 Mon., Jan. 21 – Martin Luther King Jr. Day
 Thurs., Jan. 24, 6:00 p.m. - Spaghetti Dinner, Ball Room

Happy New Year Trinity Brethren! As we ring in the “New” year and look to a promise of 2019, let’s remember the importance of our Craft. To all those Trinity members who can assist our young line of officers in acquiring more light, please return and share your knowledge. We are extremely willing to lend an attentive ear. For those members who need a ride let us know and we will do our best to provide a ride to and from Lodge. Your attendance is needed and enjoyed. The Holidays are behind us and practice for a successful inspection is in full swing. The fellowship accompanying it is strong and genuine. Make plans to join us for the Spaghetti Dinner on Thursday the 24th at 6:00 p.m. Our first dinner in October 2018 was a huge success and we expect nothing less for January; and may 2019 bring a prosperous and enlightening Masonic year for all Masonic brethren.

Rick Oberhauser, Worshipful Master

January, 2019 21st Masonic District Inspection Schedule

Wed., Jan. 16, 7:00 p.m., Wayfarer 789, F.C. Degree, Ref., Wallick, Wilson
 Tues., Jan. 22, 7:00 p.m., Clinton 47, M.M. Degree, Ref., Muehlenbein, Rhodes
 Mon., Jan. 28, 7:00 p.m., Port Washington 202, F.C. Degree, Ref., Wallick, Rhodes
 Wed., Jan. 30, 7:00 p.m., Ashlar 639, F.C. Degree, Ref., Zabor, Wilson

February, 2019 21st Masonic District Inspection Schedule

Mon., Feb. 4, 7:00 p.m., Star 187, E.A. Degree, Refresh., Zabor, Wilson
 Tues., Feb. 12, 7:00 p.m., Barberton 750, F.C. Degree, Ref., Muehlenbein, Lautzenheiser
 Wed., Feb. 13, 7:00 p.m., Canton 60, F.C. Degree, Fresh., Wallick, Herbert
 Sat., Feb. 16, 7:00 p.m., Caldwell 330, E.A. Degree, Ref., Muehlenbein, Lautzenheiser
 Wed., Feb. 20, 7:00 p.m., Cypress 604, F.C. Degree, Ref., Tanner, Lautzenheiser
 Fri., Feb. 22, 7:00 p.m., Wm McKinley 431, E.A. Degree, Ref., Tanner, Lautzenheiser
 Tues., Feb. 26, 7:00 p.m., National 568, E.A. Degree, Dinner Before, Muehlenbein, Rhodes
 Thurs., Feb. 28, 7:00 p.m., Coventry-Akron 83, E.A. Degree, Re., Muehlenbein, Wilson

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Tues., Jan. 1 – Happy New Year
 Daughters of Mokanna, Dark

Sun., Jan. 6 – Little Christmas

Wed., Jan. 9 - Nazir Grotto, Dark

Mon., Jan. 21 – Martin Luther King Jr. Day

Coming Events:

Wed., Feb. 13, 5:30 p.m. – “Get to Know Us Night” Social

Secretary/Treasurer’s Notes:

Reminder: Nazir Grotto will be dark during the month of January 2019.

Reminder: Your Dues where due December 31st 2018. If you have not paid yet, please send them in. The second notices will be mailed by January 6th 2019.

The Grotto has a new e-mail address: nazirgrotto123@gmail.com – please address all e-mail correspondence to this new address.

Wednesday, February 13th 2019, Nazir Grotto in conjunction with the National “Grotto Day” to be held in March, will be holding a “Get to Know Us Night.” This is open to all Master Masons. There will be a social hour at 5:30 p.m. with dinner at 6:30 p.m. and a presentation about the Grotto at 7:30 p.m. Please contact the Secretary/Treasure (330) 605-2431 for further information or to place reservations.

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 Tues., Jan. 15, 7:00 p.m. - Stated Meeting
 Sat., Jan. 19, 12:00 Noon – Inspection, Canton Commandery No. 38
 Thurs., Jan. 24, 6:00 p.m. - Trinity Lodge Spaghetti Dinner
 Mon., Jan. 21 – Martin Luther King Jr. Day
 Tues., Jan. 22, 7:00 p.m. – Inspection, Kent Chapter
 Thurs., Jan. 31 7:00 p.m. - District Meeting, Silivercreek Chapter
 Fri., Feb. 8, 7:00 p.m. – Inspection, Cuyahoga Falls Chapter, Tadmor Shrine

Happy New Year 2019 Companions! Here we go on the start of a new year and it looks like it is going to be a busy one. Hopefully we all survived Christmas and New Year's and now its time to get back to Chapter and work off some of those extra pounds. We start off with our Stated Meeting on Tuesday, January 15th.

Let's all come out on Saturday, January 19th to help support our King with his Commandery Inspection. Lunch is at Noon, all are invited. Also on Tuesday, January 22nd we will travel to Kent Chapter for their annual inspection. I really need all the Companions to attend if possible so Canton Chapter can bring home the traveling award.

If you like Spaghetti and all the fixings; come out Thursday, January 24th as Trinity Lodge 710 will be having their second Spaghetti Dinner; most of the officers in our Chapter will have tickets for this. Thursday, January 31st we will travel to Silivercreek Chapter for our district meeting. All are invited to this program so come and put your two cents worth in. On Friday, February 8th, will be Cuyahoga Falls Inspection, held at the Tadmor Shrine. Come out for a fantastic fish dinner at the Shrine and then we will all attend the Inspection.

Last but not least, do remember Saturday, May 11th 2019, we will be having our York Rite Festival at the Canton Masonic Temple. Do you know of a Freemason who wishes to continue his Masonic education? Well here is a good place to do it. More details to come as they are known.

Respectfully

Richard Snider, H.P.



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Mon., Jan. 21 – Martin Luther King Jr. Day

Hello Companions! I hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas and a safe and happy New Year.

During this Christmas season, we all saw and heard a lot about this song or that show being banned because it offended someone. While I believe whole heartedly in caring about others, I also believe that if you look for the bad in anythings you can always find something. This way of thinking can take you down a slippery and negative road. Instead I would ask everyone to try and find something you like in every situation you are faced with in the coming month. Find that silver lining if you can. In the end you will find yourself feeling a lot more positive over all.

Larry Haines, Master

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- Sat., Jan. 5, 8:00 a.m. – Stop Action Order of Temple Degree, Wadsworth
- Mon., Jan. 7, 7:00 p.m. – Practice, Order of Temple Degree
- Sat., Jan. 12 – Inspection, Order of Temple Degree, Medina
- Tues., Jan. 15, 7:45 p.m. – Stated Meeting
- Sat., Jan. 19, 2:00 p.m. – Inspection, Order of Temple, Canton No. 38
- Mon., Jan. 21 – Martin Luther King Jr. Day

Happy New Year, Sir Knights! I hope that everyone had a great and safe New Year celebration surrounded by family and friends. Our inspection is three weeks away and I am looking forward to getting this in the books and know we will all do great. The dinner will be spaghetti and meatballs and a ladies program will be going on starting at 2:00 p.m. with dinner at 5:30 p.m. I would also like to get a group together and visit Wadsworth’s Inspection so we can see what is coming. I am looking forward to seeing you all very soon.

This month Knight Templar fun fact; Knights Templar (or simply Templars), mysteries and warfare – these three avenues had an obscured connection when it came to the mercurial times of the medieval Crusades. In fact, their full name ‘Poor Fellow-Soldiers of Christ and of the Temple of Solomon’ (or Pauperes commilitones Christi Templique Salomonici in Latin) directly pertains to the enigmatic Temple of Solomon. And while the Templars did exhibit their fanatical martial prowess on the battlefields (a ‘quality’ conducive to Crusades,) the moniker of ‘Poor Fellow-Soldiers of Christ’ didn’t really do the organization any justice. That is because, by 13th century AD, the Order administered an incredibly well-managed economic infrastructure throughout Christendom while also making innovations in early European banking systems. However, there was more to the Knights Templar than deep fortunes and fervent warfare tactics.

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as they are supporting us. Of course, I will be happy if you can attend any other inspections with me as well, but please let's have a strong showing for these two lodges who we share a building with.

On Friday, February 8th, during our Stated Meeting, we will have a "Lady's Appreciation Night" for all the patience and hard work our ladies do. There will be a rose ceremony and each member will have the opportunity to present his lady a rose and say something special to her. Let myself or the secretary know you are coming so we can have enough roses for every lady.

If you haven't been to lodge in a while, we would love to see you. Many brothers tell me they do not come back because they forget the due guard and signs and didn't want to be embarrassed. Please come to me or one of my officers and we will get you up to speed or anything else you may have forgotten. We are here for you, the membership.

Steve Morosko, Worshipful Master

March, 2019 21st Masonic District Inspection Schedule

Sat., Mar. 2, 9:00 a.m., Hudson 510, M.M. Degree, Lunch, Zabor, Wilson
 Tues., Mar. 5, 7:00 p.m., Victory 649, M.M. Degree, Refresh., Zabor, Wilson
 Thurs., Mar. 7, 7:00 p.m., Trinity 710, F.C. Degree, Refresh., Tanner, Lautzenheiser
 Mon., Mar. 18, 7:00 p.m., Mystic Tie 194, E.A. Degree, Refresh., Wallick, Rhodes
 Tues., Mar. 18, 7:00 p.m., Wm H. Hoover 770, M.M. Degree, Fresh. Muehlenbein, Rhodes
 Sat., Mar. 23, 7:00 p.m., Meridian Sun 69, F.C. Degree, Dinner Before, Tanner, Herbert
 Wed., Mar. 27, 7:00 p.m., Tuscarawas 59, M,M, Degree, Fresh., Tanner, Lautzenheiser
 Thurs., Mar. 28, 7:00 p.m., Summit 213, E.A. Degree, Refresh., Zabor, Herbert

April, 2019 21st Masonic District Inspection Schedule

Mon., Apr. 8, 7:00 p.m., Mt. Akra 680, F.C. Degree, Fresh., Zabor, Herbert
 Tues., Apr. 9, 7:00 p.m., Conrad 271, M.M. Degree, Refresh., Wallick, Herbert
 Mon., Apr. 22, 7:00 p.m., New Philadelphia 177, M,M, Degree, Refresh., Tanner, Rhodes

What do you know about Prince Hall Masonry?

Originally appearing in the February and March 2008 issues of this publication, during the period when the Grand Lodge of Ohio and Grand Lodge of Prince Hall Masonry were relaxing ancient rulings on clandestine visitations and membership; Prince Hall Masonry being both a black and white male organization. At the risk of appearing politically incorrect in the month of Dr. Martin Luther King's Anniversary and at the request of several brethren, we are again presenting this article in the hopes this article will clarify and educate our Brethren on the Prince Hall Masonic story. Presented in a slightly abridged manner and taken from the references listed.

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Over the years, as a Mason, I have heard many theories about Prince Hall (black) Masonry from other misinformed Brethren such as myself. I have always wondered, since all Masons enjoy the same ancient heritage of operative traditions, why did two forms of this fraternity evolve. Also my first illusions being misinformed, was to learn that Prince Hall is not a place, but the name of a man.

Many rumors of the birth of Prince Hall have arisen. A few records and papers have been found of him in Barbados where it was rumored that he was born in 1748, but no record of birth by church or by state has been found there. All 11 countries were searched and churches with baptismal records were examined without finding the name of Prince Hall.

Another rumor states that not much is known of Hall's life before the Revolution. He was born in 1735 and was the slave of William Hall of Boston. His son, Primus, was born in 1756 to Delia, a servant in another household. In 1762, at the age of 27, Hall joined the Congregational Church, and soon after, married an enslaved woman named Sarah Ritchie. Eight years later, after Sarah's death, he married Flora Gibbs of Gloucester. A month after the Boston Massacre, William Hall freed Prince; his certificate of manumission read that he was "no longer Reckoned a slave, but [had] always accounted as a free man." Hall made his living as a huckster (peddler), caterer and leather dresser, and was listed as a voter and a taxpayer. He owned a small house and leather workshop in Boston. It is believed that he was one of the six black men of Massachusetts named Prince Hall listed in military records of the Revolution. It is believed he may well have fought at Bunker Hill. A bill he sent to Colonel Crafts indicates that he crafted five leather drumheads for the Boston Regiment of Artillery in April, 1777. (4)

One widely circulated rumor states that Prince Hall was free born in the British West Indies. His father, Thomas Prince Hall, was an Englishman and his mother a free colored woman of French extraction. In 1765 he worked his passage on a ship to Boston, where he worked as a leather smith, a trade learned from his father. During this time he married Sarah Ritchery. Shortly after their marriage, she died at the early age of 24. Eight years later he had acquired real estate and was qualified to vote. Prince Hall pressed John Hancock to be allowed to join the Continental Army and was one of a few blacks who fought at the battle of Bunker Hill. Religiously inclined, he later became a minister in the African Methodist Episcopal Church and opened schools for black children to be educated. He was a fighter for the abolition of slavery. "Some accounts are paraphrased from the generally discredited Grimshaw book of 1903." (1)

Discounting all rumors, a very significant event happened in Masonry on

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March 6, 1775. John Batt, working under the authority and the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Ireland, initiated Prince Hall and fourteen other free black men into Masonry in Army Lodge No. 44. When the British Regiments left Boston on March 17, 1776, a dispensation was issued by Batt authorizing Prince Hall and his brethren to meet as a lodge under restrictions. Under this permit, African Lodge No. 1 was formed July 3, 1776. Official acknowledgment of the legitimacy of African Lodge No. 1 was almost immediately made by John Rowe of Boston, a Caucasian and provincial Grand Master of North America holding authority from the premier Grand Lodge of Freemasons, the Grand Lodge of England. He, too, issued a permit authorizing African Lodge No. 1 to appear publicly in procession as a Masonic Body for the purpose of celebrating the Feasts of Saints John and to bury its dead.

For nine years these brethren, with other free black men who had received their degrees in Europe, assembled and enjoyed their limited privileges as Masons. Distressed, that Prince Hall's attempts to formally associate African Lodge No. 1 with Caucasian Grand Lodges and further frustrated by bigotry and racism, in March, 1784, Prince Hall petitioned the Grand Lodge of England through Worshipful Master William Moody of Brotherly Love Lodge No. 55 (London, England) for a warrant of Constitution. (2)

The warrant was granted on September 29, 1784 under the name of African Lodge, No. 459 on the register of the Grand Lodge of England by authority of then Grand Master, the Duke of Cumberland. It was delivered in Boston on April 29, 1787 by Captain James Scott, brother-in-law of John Hancock and Master of the ship, Neptune. Prince Hall was the first Master of the lodge which was organized one week later, May 6, 1787. (1)

This Charter, signed by Deputy Grand Master Roland Holt and witnessed by Grand Secretary William White, reconstituted African Lodge No. 1 as African Lodge No. 459 and thus began the parallel lines of black and Caucasian Freemasonry which continues to exist in the World today. (2)

This warrant establishing African Lodge No. 459 of Boston is the most significant and highly prized document known to the Prince Hall Masonic Fraternity. Through it, Masonic legitimacy among free black men is traced, and on it more than any other factor, rests their case. That charter, which is authenticated and in safekeeping, is believed to be the only original. (1)

Prince Hall, under the authority of this charter, African Lodge No. 459 then established African Lodge No. 459 of Philadelphia on March 22, 1797 and Hiram Lodge No. 3 in Providence, Rhode Island on June 25, 1797. African Lodge No. 459 of Boston now became the "Mother Lodge" of the Prince Hall Family. (3)

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Recapping to this point: African Lodge No. 1 petitioned for a warrant, received it from the Grand Lodge of England and was renamed African Lodge No. 459 of Boston. This lodge with Prince Hall as its Master established African Lodge No. 459 of Philadelphia and also Hiram Lodge No. 3 of Providence, Rhode Island. These acts established African Lodge No. 459 of Boston as the “Mother Lodge” of the entire Prince Hall family. We now continue:

The African Grand Lodge was not organized until 1808 when representatives of African Lodge No. 459 of Boston, African Lodge No. 459 of Philadelphia and Hiram Lodge No. 3 of Providence met in New York City to form the African Grand Lodge. Further proof of the coveted value of the charter of September 29, 1784 is exhibited when in 1869 a fire destroyed the Massachusetts Prince Hall Grand Lodge headquarters and also a number of the priceless records. The charter in its metal tube was in the Grand Lodge chest. The tube saved the charter from the flames, but the intense heat charred the paper. It was at this time that Grand Master S.T. Kendall crawled into the burning building and in peril of his life, saved the charter from complete destruction. Thus a Grand Master’s devotion and heroism further consecrated this parchment to us, and added a further colorful detail to its already interesting history. The original Charter establishing African Lodge No. 459 of Boston has long since been made secure between heavy plate glass and is kept in a fire-proof vault in a downtown Boston bank. (3)

African Lodge No. 459 allowed itself to slip into arrears in the late 1790’s and was stricken from the rolls of the Grand Lodge of England in 1813 although it had attempted correspondence in 1802 and 1806. Foreign correspondence, in the early 1800’s, was usually made by presenting a ships captain with a sealed packet with the hopes it would be delivered at the other end. As a result in 1827 after further unanswered communication, it declared its independence and began to call itself African Grand Lodge # 1. (1)

According to Grand Master Ozzie L. Gardner, Grand Master of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Michigan, during an interview in 1995, there are some forty-four Prince Hall Grand Lodges now located around the world. Each one enjoys its independence, but they all recognize each other. The newest Prince Hall Grand Lodge is the Prince Hall Grand Lodge of the Caribbean. Like traditional Masonry, each lodge must be chartered by its Grand Lodge. The moving grand line begins at Grand Junior Deacon. The non-moving elected line includes the Grand Treasurer, Grand Secretary, Grand Lecturer, Grand Marshal and three Grand Trustees. Appointed Grand Lodge officers include a Senior Grand

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Steward, a Junior Grand Steward, two assistant Grand Secretaries, Grand Chaplain and four assistant a Grand Tyler and assistant, three assistant Grand Marshals, a Grand Attorney and assistants, a Grand Pursuivant, a Grand Organist, a Grand Pianist and a Grand Standard Bearer.

During this interview, Grand Master Gardner shattered the myth that Prince Hall Masonry is reserved for just the black Mason. He noted that they have a number of white Masonic members. There have been several white men who have served a Prince Hall Lodge as Worshipful Master, and in the book *Black Square and Compass's*, the author noted that there was a Prince Hall Lodge in New Jersey where every member with the exception of the Secretary was white.

Dues average around \$10.00 a month. A Brother is declared delinquent at six months. According to Grand Master Gardner, if a Brother is expelled for nonpayment of dues, his sponsor in Masonry is not expelled along with the delinquent brother, as some report. A dress code of dark suits, black socks, dark shoes, white shirts and dark ties is required and is strictly enforced. When a man petitions a Prince Hall Lodge, the Lodge appoints an investigating committee and there must be thirty days between degrees. Stories that it takes one year between degrees and that the entire lodge is the investigating committee are simply untrue, according to G.M. Gardner.

A tour of their lodge rooms reveals they look a great deal like traditional Masonic lodges. On the altar, located in the center of the lodge room, are the Great Lights of Masonry illuminated by the three lesser. A variation however is that the Master sits under a canopy supported by two columns in the East. Each lodge confers the three degrees of Free Masonry. While secrets were never discussed at the interview, the writer did learn that their ritual is the "Ecci Orienti," or the three-letter key many Michigan Masons carry with them. Each candidate does have a catechism he must commit to memory, much like that sometimes required by the Grand Lodges of traditional Masonry. Most Lodges meet twice a month, once for ritual work and again for regular communications. Refreshments follow the meetings except at the time of a Master Mason Degree, when there is usually a dinner with speeches. A third degree is a festive occasion in Prince Hall Masonry. Once a man becomes a Master Mason, he and his wife are eligible to join the Order of the Eastern Star. He can petition either the York Rite, Scottish Rite and even become a Shriner. All of these bodies resemble and parallel our own Masonic bodies in traditional Masonry. They have no DeMolay, Rainbow or Job's Daughters however their Shrine does sponsors youth groups. The Order of Eyes for Boys and the Iserettes for girls.

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Although there are many organizations who claim to be attached to the

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European Masonic family, none seem to have the credentials like the charter of September 29, 1784 establishing a direct link between African Lodge No. 459 and the Grand Lodge of England. Much of the information to be found about Prince Hall Masonry seems to be centered close to the state of Massachusetts and the city of Boston the birth place of the mother lodge.

Many traditional Masonic Grand Lodges have recently recognized Prince Hall Masonic Grand Lodges as true and authentic Masonic organizations. The tearing down of the fences of bigotry and racism has opened the door for the recognition and even the union of these two worldly organizations. But this writer believes this union will never come about. Neither organization needs the other for continued success. They can coexist very nicely since there are both black and white members in traditional as well as Prince Hall lodges around the world.

A wise old gentleman once told me, while I was experimenting in high school with one of the several endeavors I thought would be successful, "if you want to succeed, know as much about the other fellow as you know about yourself." From reading many online articles and written bulletins, I am convinced that the Prince Hall Mason knows a great deal about traditional Masonry and so we should know about them. They originally learned their trade from Army Lodge No. 44 and John Batt in Boston who brought his Masonry from England. And although things may have changed over the years, and the older members are still very eager to pass the word along to the youth, Prince Hall Masonry has kept abreast with the times and is in equality with traditional Masonry regarding God, country and family.

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Greetings to all Master, Wardens and Deacons and Happy New Year brothers! The meeting for January is schedule for Saturday the 12th at the Canton Temple. There will be a free will offering for a breakfast starting at 8:00 a.m. consisting of biscuits and Gravy and breakfast casseroles available as well as Coffee and juice. The meeting will kick off right at 10:00 a.m. so please be prompt and be sure to bring news from your respective lodge's. The meeting will be brief so we have ample time for the Written Fellow Craft Degree Ritual. This is a great opportunity for those lodges that will be inspected in the Fellow Craft Degree and your line officers will thank you. Now on the off chance you are not aware of the meetings or what all we do, my contact information is: cell, (330) 204-1530 and my email is: ty_youngman@yahoo.com. I am looking forward to a year with improved participation and growing our fraternal bonds.

Ty Youngman, President

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