

Proclamation

NUMBER 1

TO ALL WORSHIPFUL MASTERS, PAST MASTERS, WARDENS, AND OFFICERS OF LODGES UNDER THE MOST WORSHIPFUL PRINCE HALL GRAND LODGE, F. & A.M. OF WASHINGTON AND JURISDICTION AND TO MASTER MASONS THEREUNTO BELONGING.

KNOW YE BY THESE PRESENTS, that pursuant to Part II, Title 71, Section 71.02 of the Code of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons of Washington and Jurisdiction and by the power and authority in me vested as Most Worshipful Grand Master of Prince Hall Masons, I, Charlie Walker III, do hereby request and direct all particular lodges of this Grand Jurisdiction to celebrate Prince Hall Day by some suitable service or ceremony on or about Sunday, September 19, 2010, which is hereby set aside, observed, and celebrated as Prince Hall Day.

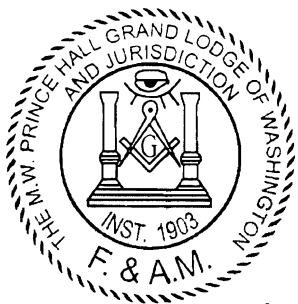
Prince Hall, whom we as Prince Hall Masons recognize as the Father of Negro Masonry in the United States, made it possible for us today to be recognized and to enjoy all the privileges of Free and Accepted Masons. He was born in Barbados, B.W.I., in 1748 and settled in Boston, Massachusetts in the year 1765. On March 6, 1775 he was made a Free Mason in an Irish Military Lodge, No. 441, and in March, 1775 he organized the First Black Lodge of Free Masons in the United States.

On March 12, 1947 the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts acknowledged Negro Masonry of Prince Hall affiliation in that state to be legitimate and "duly constituted." Since that time the courts of many of the several states and the U.S. Supreme Court have decreed Prince Hall Masonry to be legitimate and duly constituted.

Be it further requested and directed that, according to Masonic custom and tradition, all Master Masons are to donate the sum of one dollar each, for the purpose of our education programs, and that each Worshipful Master is to see that these funds are sent along with your First Quarterly Report to the Grand Secretary's office.

Take due and timely notice and govern yourselves accordingly.

Done in the Grand East this 9th day of August, 2010, A.L. 6010



Charlie Walker, III
CHARLIE WALKER III
Grand Master of Masons

ATTEST:

Clarence Davis
CLARENCE DAVIS
Grand Secretary