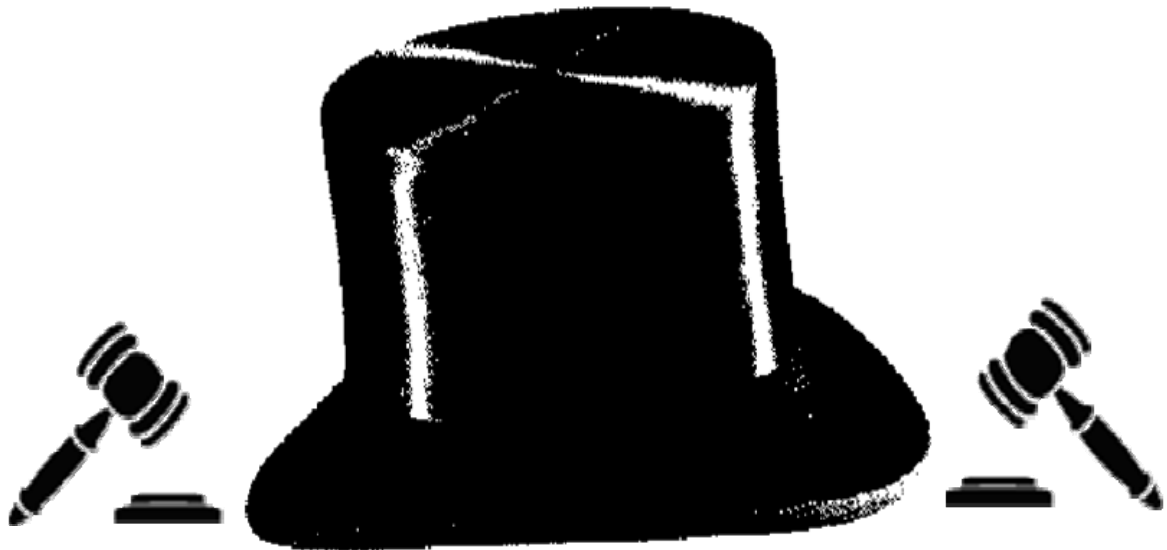


**MOST WORSHIPFUL PRINCE HALL GRAND
LODGE F&AM WASHINGTON AND JURISDICTION**

**GRAND MASTER'S ANNUAL ADDRESS
2008 - 2009**

"THE JOURNEY CONTINUES"



MOST WORSHIPFUL GRAND MASTER

KENNETH B. ANTHONY

JULY 13, 2009

To: Right Worshipful Charlie Walker III, Deputy Grand Master; Most Worshipful Past Grand Masters, Visiting Most Worshipful Grand Masters, Visiting Most Worshipful Past Grand Masters, Right Worshipful and Worshipful Grand Lodge Officers, Visiting Right Worshipful and Worshipful Grand Lodge officers, Worshipful Masters, Past Masters, Wardens, and Brethren All.

Greetings,

As Grand Master of Mason for the Most Worshipful Prince Grand Lodge of Washington and Jurisdiction, I extend to each of you a warm welcome.

It is very difficult indeed for me to express adequately my appreciation of the honor that was conferred upon me by electing me to serve you as Most Worshipful Grand Master.

Agreeable to the established tradition of this Grand Lodge the Most Worshipful Grand Master is expected to give an annual address. The hour has come.

I deeply appreciate the privilege of addressing an organization of such humble beginnings being Influential and of strong Association with its Prestige and strength. May it always continue to use its position for the common good of humanity.

NECROLOGY 2008 - 2009

James S. Larkin	June 26, 2008	Inland Empire #3
Roosevelt Newman Sr.	July 29, 2008	Cassia #5
Kenny Raub	August 7, 2008	King David #87
Tonny Sims	October 29, 2008	Vancouver #47
Charles H. Jones	November 10, 2008	Abiff #37
Levi Townsend (LM)	February 9, 2009	Martin Luther King Jr. #65
Wilbert Johnson	February 18, 2009	Abiff #37
Tyree Fleeks	February 26, 2009	Harmony #2
Oliver Coleman	March 30, 2009	Fred U. Harris #70
William B. Wade	April 10, 2009	Mabuhay #59
William Carl Lewis	April 10, 2009	Cassia #5
Ciprian Perez	April 14, 2009	Booker T. Washington #91

Man is like vanity: his days are as a shadow that passeth away.

Psalms 144:4

STATE OF THE NATION

It is not my intentions to bore you by reiterating news that has flooded the headlines this past year. Instead I will briefly recapture things that affect this great Nation. Such as high Gas prices, Foreclosure of Homes, High Health Cost, The Stock Market Crashing, Job losses being higher than it has been in a decade causing family's to be unable to feed, cloth, and educate their kids.

This year the first Afro American Barack Obama was elected President of the United States. This brought about a new hope for change that would change the world in the way people think and live there life. This generated an interest like never before for politics. The record show this was the highest voting turn-out in history with young voters showing more involvement than ever before.

THE PACIFIC RIM CONFERENCE OF GRAND MASTERS & GRAND MATRONS

The Pacific Rim Conference of Grand Masters & Grand Matrons was held in Anchorage Alaska. Jurisdictions represented this year were California, Oregon, Washington and Host Alaska. Absent was Hawaii. Each Grand Master addressed any concerns that may affect their jurisdiction. Topic discussed was the money sent to the Supreme Council for the Knights of Pythagoras (K.O.P.) with no report of where the money is spent. The protective order from the Imperial Potentate of the Shrine and overseas Brothers demits. Next year Washington Jurisdiction will host the Pacific Rim Conference of Grand Masters & Grand Matrons.

CONFERENCE OF GRAND MASTERS

The annual council of Grand Masters and Grand Worthy Matrons were held in the city of Los Angeles, California May 17 - 23. The president for the Conference of Grand Masters, M.W. Sheldon Redden opened with a welcome and greeting, M.W. Redden then ask all Grand Masters to stand give their name and jurisdiction. There were Forty-four (44) Grand Masters in attendance. Some brief highlights of the conference were:

- Child protective Program
- Knight of Pythagoras investment funds
- Presentation on Bogus Mason
- Computer-based software for membership data base
- White paper items of concerns/agenda items for the conference
- The protective Order of the Imperial Potentate

The protective order, Holding Temple and Holding Lodge in the Jurisdiction of Louisiana generated a discussion that lasted over Three (3) hours. There was mention of every jurisdiction breaking ties with the jurisdiction of Louisiana and with the Shrine. It Talk of each Jurisdiction starting its own Prince Hall Shrine. After all that lengthen discussion the decision was made to break recognition with the Shrine on the Conference of Grand Masters level only and each jurisdiction govern themselves.

Elected for the President for the Conference of Grand Masters this year was M.W.G.M. Wilber Curtis for the Texas Jurisdiction. Over all the conference was very informative

UNITED SUPREME COUNCIL

The United Supreme Council was held in Rochester, New York May 22-25. Washington State was well represented. All three ILL Deputies were present; S.G.I.G. Andrew Morgan, Deputy of Orient for Europe; S.G.I.G. Daniel L. Lunsford, Deputy of the Orient of Washington and Oregon State; S.G.I.G. Dwight R. Johnson, Deputy for the Orient of Far East.

During the opening all Grand Masters was received and invited to the East. This conference like all was very informative.

STATE OF THE CRAFT

District #1

The District Deputy reports: R.W. Melvin Lozan Jr. has a willingness to work with each lodge of his district. The District meetings still lack full attendance. However they are more together than in the past.

District #2

The District Deputy report: R.W. Julius W. Brown Jr. continues in keep this district involved with the community and Church Calls. Thanksgiving and Christmas food baskets for the needy, also eggs for the youth Easter Egg Hunt just to mention a few. Through district meetings he has kept District #2 motivated.

District #3 & #4

District Deputy Opris Vincent King and the member in District #3 bring to life the true meaning of small in numbers but big in heart. With the few brothers on hand this district continues to practice masonry, brotherly love along with involvement in the community. On the other hand District #4 hand District #4 has struggle to meet and keep above board with the Lodge Hall being an issue for the past several years and now with a location to meet I look for progress real soon.

District #6

The lodges In Mainland Japan under District Deputy Gregory Nicholson are doing what mason should be doing by making many charitable contributions and programs. Considering the present of the Oklahoma Jurisdiction the Prince Hall masons in Mainland Japan still represent this Grand Lodge well keeping the faith with the Grand Lodge of Japan and at this present moment we now have a UD Lodge located in Mainland Japan.

District #7

Located in Okinawa Japan with Torii Lodge #46 and Okinawa Military lodge #68 under District Deputy RW Derrick Williams who is doing an excellent job taking into considering most of the brothers are out on military assignment which make very hard to keep in step with what they are custom to. And I am sure this will change when their members return from duty.

District #8

This District under RW Clifton Claybrooks is doing well bring in new member and dealing with the same problems all the overseas districts have and that is Oklahoma Jurisdiction moving in.

District #9

This District under HPGM/MW Andrew Morgan as in previous years has their Members dispersed throughout the world in places like Afghanistan, Bahrain, Iraq, Qatar, Kuwait and throughout the United States which generate a situation as how to keep these Brothers as members of the Washington Jurisdiction considering the closure of bases in the next year or so.

Which will causes lodges to relocate also with brothers being deployed and not able to meet as a lodge will generate an interest to demit. And we well know the Oklahoma Jurisdiction will issue a Charter in the snap of a finger. Brothers to keep up with the times this Grand need to come up with some language that will allow the Grand Master to charter a lodge other than issue dispensation for a UD lodge outside of session, such as a letter in lieu of a Charter.

District 10

R.W. Sidney R. Thomas Jr., in Seoul Korea while working together to issue they are ritualistically and administratively prepared and still working with the local schools and community in excellent manner. Keep up the good work.

District 12

This district under R.W. Norman Macon is small in numbers and doing well. Mabuhay Lodge #59 is located in the Philippines and they represent this Grand Lodge well by working in the community and closely with the Grand Lodge of the Philippines.

OFFICIAL OUT-GOING CORRESPONDENCE

2008

July 26	To all in Jurisdiction Re: Open Air Degree in Granite Falls, WA and Annual Unity March, Joint Church call in DuPont,-WA
July 26	To all in Jurisdiction Re: Out of the Jurisdiction August 17 - 20
July 26	Letter to MWGM B.L. Hooks of Tennessee introduction Thurman C. Jones as my representative J Liaison
August 1	To all in Jurisdiction Re: Out of the Jurisdiction August 28 - Sept.3 P.G.M. Harden M. Keys in charge
August 9	To Elected and Appointed Officers Re: Notice for September 20 Staff Meeting.
August 9	To all in Jurisdiction Re: Appointing SDDGM John Fort as Calendar Master
September 6	Letter to all Worshipful Masters of District #1 Re Assignment to Building Project #2 Management Board.
September 10	To Olympus Lodge N45 Re: Ceasing Telephone Solicitation.
September 27	To all Past Grand Masters of MWPHGL WA Jurisdiction Re; Establishment of Grand Lodge Programs.
September 27	TO W.B. Secretary John H. Wylie of British Columbia Canada Re: Unable to attend Annual Installation of Officers
October 1	Letter to all head of houses of Seattle Re; Meeting for Building Project #2 rent
October 22	Letter to PGM Billy V. Morris Re: Acceptance of his resignation as Code Committee Chairman

October 22 To all in Jurisdiction Re. Change in appointments of committees P.G.M. James F. Troutt from Chairman of Jurisprudence Committee to Code Committee Chairman and RW LaRoi Carter appointment as Chairman of Jurisprudence

October 22 Letter to Jurisdiction Re: Ritual and Book of Instruction

November 8 Letter to GSW Gardner Torrence Sr. Re: Red, 'White and Black Ball Committee Members, Date, Location and Ticket price

November 22 Letter to all Grand Lodge Officers Elected and Appointed Re: Grand Master Staff Meeting January 31, 2009

November 22 Letter to Executive Grand Lodge Officers Re: Accountability for Grand Lodge Cell Phones

November 22 Letter ILL Potentate Glenn Murray of Beni Hassan Temple #64 Re: Request for assistance with Building Project #2

November 22 Letter to Head of Houses under Building Project #2 Re: How to resolve their delinquent status for rent.

December 31 Letter to All state side Worshipful Master, Wardens and officer Re: Mandatory attendance at the annual Leadership Conference.

December 31 Letter to all Elected and Appointed Grand Lodge officers Re; Mandatory attendance for Grand Lodge Programs.

2009

March 7 Letter to H.P.G.M. Andrew Morgan Re: Statues of James E. Chase Masonic Lodge No. 81

March 23 Letter to the Jurisdiction Re: Bro. Charles B. Thomas suspension

March 23 Letters to the Jurisdiction Re: George R. Draper suspension

April 01 Letter to R.W. Edward T. Crumb Re: Appointment as Prosecutor For Grand Master's Trial Commission,

April 01 Letter's to R.W. Melvin Lozan, R.W. Willard DeRouen, P.M. Percy Moody, P.M. Tyron Johnson, P.M. Robert D. Cassidy, P.M. Justus Singleton, P.M. Conley Stansell, appointment as members of Trial Commission No. 2009-01

April 30 Letter to M.W.G.M. David L. Jefferson of Nebraska RE: Thanking him for providing Masonic Salutations and/or Last Masonic Rites for Bro. Bill Wade of Mabuhay No.59

INCOMING CORRESPONDENCE

2008

July 21 Cassia Lodge #5 &, Olympic Chapter #2 Joint Anniversaries
August 14 Lafayette Lodge No. 241; invitation to international Night
September 10 Letter from Cascadian Consistory No-75 Re: Ladies Night
September 30 Letter from P.G.M. Billy V. Morris Re: Resignation as Chairman of Grand
Lodge Code Committee
September 30 W.M. Conrad Brown of African Genesis Lodge No. 101 requesting
assistance with demit for Bro. Mark Lee
October 3 Beni Hassan Temple #64 & Bern Hassan Court #45 invitation to Potentate
& Commandress Ball
December 31 Letter from MWGM Redden Re: Registration for the Conference of Grand
Masters

2009

February 17 Letter from MWGM Sheldon D. Redden Re: Executive Board Members
March 20 Letter from Grand Lodge investigation Committee recommending to drop all
charges against RW Julius Brown #72
March 20 Letter from Grand Lodge Investigation Committee stating there are No
validity to the charges against PM Eric Gaines #72
March 26 Terry E. Thomas the Suspension of Mr. Charles B. Thomas, Jr.
Apr 16 Letter from MWGM Sheldon D. Redden Re: Agenda for the 90th session
May 4 Anthony Grand High Priest Re~ Invitation to General Conference H.R.A.M.
May 27 Letter from W.M.G.M. Clarence Round Jr. asking permission to use this
Grand Lodge Cremation Ceremony
June 1 Letter from the Trial Commission Re: The committee recommendation
suspension of RW Charles B. Thomas Jr. for 90 day with time served

OFFICIAL ACTS

2008

August 9 Letter to Jurisdiction Re~ Reinstatement of PM Ronald M. Harrell Sr.
October 22 Letter to M.W. James F. Troutt II (P.G.M) Re: Appointment as Code
Committee Chairman
October 22 Letter to Jurisdiction Re: Delayed printing of Ritual and Book of Instruction
October 22 Letter to R.W. LaRoi Carter Re: Appointment as Jurisprudence Committee
Chairman

2009

- January 23 Letter to Melvin Jr. Re: Establishment of a Grand Lodge.
- January 23 Letters to WB Justus Singleton and RW Percy Re: appointment to Investigation Committee for charges filed by P.M. Samuel J. Hunt II
- March 21 Certified letter to P.M. Charles B. Thomas Jr. #73 Re: Suspension from Masonry
- March 23 Certified Letter to P.M. George Draper #17 Re: Suspension from Masonry.
- May 6 Letter to RW Julius W. Brown, Jr. Re: Grand Master demit
- June 1 Letter to P.M. Samuel J. Hunt IT Re: Results of Investigation of charges against P.M. Julius W. Brown Jr. The committee was unable to substantiate the validity of the charges
- June 1 Letter to RW Julius W. Brown Jr. Re: Reinstatement to Position as District Deputy Grand Master -District No. 2
- June 3 Letter to PM Charles B. Thomas Jr. Re; Title 205, Section.02 assign an addition 182 days to suspension
- June 3 Letter to Jurisdiction Re: Title 205, Section 02 assign an additional 182 Days 10 suspension
- June 13 Letter to P.M. Edward T. Crumb Re: PM Charles Berry an additional appointment to Grand Master's Commission No. 2009-02
- June 13 Letter to P.M. Charles Berry Re: Appointment to Grand Masters Commission No. 2009-02

EDICT

2008

- August 13 No Hazing during Masonic Initiation and ritualistic ceremonies.

PROCLAMATIONS EDICTS

- #1 Celebration of Prince Hall on about September 17, 2008
- #2 Election, Installation of Officers on or before Dec. 27, 2008 and Observance of Festival of Saint John the Divine on or about December 17, 2008
- #3 Observance of Saint John the Baptist Sunday, June 24, 2009
- #4 Date and Location of the 106th Annual Communication and Submittal of Annual Reports by June 20, 2009

OFFICIAL VISITATIONS

2008

July

17 -18 York Rite Conference Vancouver~ WA. Hilton Hotel

August

1 Egyptian Lodge #44 & Esther Chapter #27 Anniversary Banquet

2 Open air degree Granite Falls, WA

3 Joint Church Call & Unity Unit March DuPont, WA

17 Imperial Session Kansas City

20 Return from Imperial Session

28 District #9 District Session Europe

September

4 Return from Europe

11 Washington St. Council of Deliberation Pasco Washington

13 Return from Council of Deliberation Pasco Washington

17 Office hours Grand East

20 Grand Lodge Staff Meeting

20 Controller Board Meeting

21 Scottish Rite Feast of Tisheri

24 Office hours Grand East

27 Cassia Lodge #5 & Olympia Chapter #2 Anniversary Banquet

October

1 Office hours Grand East

4 Cascadian Consistory #75 ladies Night

8 Office hours Grand East

11 Shrine desert conference Seattle WA

11 Shrine desert conference Ball Seattle WA

18 Grand Entertainment Committee Meeting

18 Controller Board Meeting

November

5 Office hours Grand East

6 International Night Nile Temple Seattle WA

15 Controller Board Meeting

December

- 2 Office hours Grand East
- 16 District #2 Management Board Christmas Party Tacoma WA
- 17 Office Hour Grand East
- 20 Joint Raising Past Master Degree & Public Installation Seattle WA
- 20 Controller Board Meeting

January

- 7 Office Hours Grand East Seattle WA
- 14 Office Hours Grand East Seattle WA
- 15 Office Hours Tacoma Lodge Hall
- 16 Leadership Conference Seattle WA
- 31 MWGM Staff meeting Seattle WA

February

- 1 Union Lodge #43 Super Bowl Dinner Seattle WA
- 14 Grand Entertainment Committee Meeting Tacoma WA
- 18 Office Hours Grand East
- 19 Office Hours Tacoma Lodge Hall
- 21 Controller Board Meeting
- 27 District #1 Family Night Grand East Seattle WA

March

- 11 Office Hours Grand East
- 17 Office Hours Grand East
- 18 Office Hours Tacoma Lodge Hall
- 21 Controller Board Meeting
- 28 Spring Workshop Federal Way WA
- 29 Cascadian Consistory #75 Remembrance and Renewal

April

- 1 Office Hours Grand East
- 3 Left for Far East District Session in Korea
- 12 Return from Korea
- 18 District Session for District #1 Grand East Seattle WA
- 25 District Session for District #2 Lakewood in Tacoma WA
- 25 Capitol City Consistory #106 Ladies Night Olympia WA

May

- 2 KOP Grand Conclave Grand East Seattle WA
- 13 Conference of Grand Masters in Los Angeles CA
- 18 Return from the Conference of Grand Masters
- 22 United Supreme Council Rochester, NY
- 25 Return from the United Supreme Council
- 31 Grand Lodge Corner Stone Laying Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church in Bremerton, WA

June

- 6 M.W.G.M. Visitation True Resolution #17 British Columbia Candia
- 7 Jubilee Day Celebration Shrine Federal Way
- 13 Grand Entertainment Committee Meeting
- 20 Controller Board Meeting

CLOSING

My Brothers, as I come to a close I ask what makes a good Leader? Courage and loyalty understanding, Initiative and Vision with a strong saving sense of humor.

In task as Most Worshipful Grand Master I have always tried "to love justice, to do Mercy and walk humbly with my God. In the language of the oath of my office an in conformity with the spirit of that oath." I have faithfully discharged my duties."

There were very trying days, days where the qualities of constructive leadership were put to a severe test. People tend to make rules for others and exceptions for themselves.

We should be about building Character! In this organization Build it well, Build it Straight, Strong and True. Build it Clean, High and Broad. Build it for the eyes of God.

On the Five Points of Fellowship I ask you as a Mason are you willing to go on Foot even bare foot on a worthy master mason error in this case the M.W. Grand Lodge if there are necessary requirements to do so.

Second are you willing to go Keens to Knee in a effort to help a Brother and again in this case the M.W. Grand Lodge.

Furthermore are you willing to work with this MW Grand Lodge (Most Worshipful Grand Master) by standing Breast to Breast as to make it safe and secures from Persecution, wrong doing and disrespect to all.

Next you should stretch forward your hand and supp this MW Grand Lodge (Most Worshipful Grand Master) in a effort to keep it in tax, to protect its well being and Stop destruction from within.

Mouth to Ear should be a method of constructive criticism to in enhance the good of our fraternity.

We can continue to allow the revolving door of disrespect to cause destruction as we have in the past. If this M.W. Prince Hall Grand Lodge is to prosper we must be about the business at hand and leave the mess at home.

WE NEED TO START RIGHT NOW TAKING CARE OF BUSINESS

All year I have ask God to lead me threw the Valley and Shadow that some wish I might fail. And that you Judge me only by the Content of my character.

Brothers I am sure you realize that I am grateful to you for this honor and enthusiastic support which has come from the membership which has been inspiring. I extend my heartfelt Thanks to each of you for the opportunity to serve this Grand Lodge.

And to my executive staff **“YOU KNOW.”**

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. I recommend a standing committee be established on the accomplishment of the Grand Lodge Annual Proceedings.

Rational: To get accurate Proceedings out in a timely manner.

2. I recommend an assessment of \$50.00 from each member and the money is earmark for “Building Repair” only.

Rational: To help financially assist in the repair of our ageing buildings

3. I recommend that at this setting of The Most Worshipful Grand Lodge 106th Annual Grand Session the M.W. Grand Master be given authority to create and letter-in-lieu of a charter whenever necessary for overseas lodges in order to keep this Grand Lodge competitive with other Prince Hall Jurisdiction abroad.

Rational: Other Prince Hall Jurisdictions is vastly spreading throughout the overseas areas and known to issue Charters at the snap of a finger.

4. I recommend that this Grand Lodge receive the Resolution submitted by R.W. Derrick A. Williams to amend language in Article 7 and in conjunction with the Article 7, Section 7.01 and 7.02 of the constitution be received.

Rational: In order to establish consistence in planning and implementation of both long and short Range Grand Lodge programs and projects.

5. That all elected and appointed Grand Lodge Officers except the Grand Master pay a \$75.00 deposit for their respective Apron and Collar of the position serving; that will be return at the end of their tenure.

Rational: Brother leaving office and not turning their Apron and Collar in and in some cases the Brother has passed away leaving the Grand Lodge unable to collect this Grand Lodge asset.

6. I recommend that a UD Lodge on Atsugi Naval Station in Mainland Japan be chartered and be named Tounchon Lodge #107 at this Grand session.

Rational: To assist with the competitiveness of increasing membership overseas in that particular area.

Fraternally Submitted,

KENNETH B. ANTHONY
Most Worshipful Grand Master