

"THE GRAND MASTER'S BULLETIN"
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Worshipful Master, Wardens and Brethren: - Greetings:

In preparing this final Bulletin to the Craft, we become aware that we are winding up our tenure of office with a vast number of things yet undone. It is these uncompleted tasks that will become a challenge to each of us interested in the growth of Prince Hall Masonry in Iowa. It is this unfinished business that will constitute the theme of our address to the membership assembled in Grand Session at Clinton. There is, however, a matter that should not be delayed so we bring it to your attention.....

STRAIGHT FROM THE SHOULDER

The conduct of many of our brethren without the Lodge Hall is becoming a source of embarrassment to the Jurisdiction. It is becoming public knowledge that in practically every Tavern, Key Club and "after hour rendezvous" can be found Masons conducting themselves in a loud, boisterous and oft times profane manner. Nor is it unusual to discover the names of Masons in the newspaper accounts of vice raids on disorderly houses. In addition, our office has received a number of reports concerning the indiscretions of brothers with the wives of other Master Masons. It is small wonder that we are experiencing difficulty in attracting men of good repute into our Fraternity. Let us remember that Freemasonry is not a haven for men of loose morals nor will provide shelter for those whose conduct is in utter contempt of its noble precepts. It becomes incumbent upon our leaders, here and now, to either straighten out these misguided brothers or start appropriate action to remove them from our ranks. The reputation of Freemasonry must be protected from those who have begun to worship false idols.

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST DAY

St. John The Baptist Day is to be observed on the Sunday nearest the 24th of June, namely the 26th of June. Let us enter into the ceremonies appropriate to this occasion with extreme reverence and be ever mindful that we are honoring the memory of a Patron Saint, John the Baptist, who was the forerunner of Jesus Christ. Let us each ponder the fact that Freemasonry imposes no religion upon us nor does it deny us a religion. It does impose upon us a belief in a Supreme Being and requires that we act in a manner that will prepare us for life beyond the veil. We are therefore charged on our observance of St. John the Baptist Day to emulate the integrity of this Patron Saint and rededicate ourselves to the obligations we have assumed to Almighty God, our neighbor and ourselves.

The following Lodges have extended cordial invitations to all for Sunday, June 26th: Decatur No. 14, Sioux City, Mt. Olive No. 17, Cedar Rapids and Doric No. 30, Des Moines.

PRINCE HALL DAY FUND

A donation of \$10.00 from St. John's Lodge No. 35 makes a total of \$196.00 contributed to the Prince Hall Day Fund. Since our last report to you, a \$5.00 membership in the NAACP has been authorized, making a total expenditure of \$135.00 and leaving a balance in the fund of \$61.00. Again we say, many thanks to all of you for a job well done.

APPOINTMENTS

Richard Henderson (30), Acting W. Junior Grand Deacon; Charles Morris (42), Chrm. of Committee on Credentials; William T. McKee (4), Director of Publicity and Public Relations; Leroy Hester (17), Jurisprudence Committee, Benjamin Grayson (4) appointed by the R. W. Grand Secretary to serve as W. Deputy Grand Secretary.

DEATHS

Since the last Bulletin the Grand Architect has summoned to his Eternal Presence, Bro. Clifford Cowden (3) and Bro. H. L. Martin (29).

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73rd ANNUAL GRAND COMMUNICATION - JULY 11, 12, 13

The 73rd Annual Grand Communications of the M. W. Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Iowa, F. & A.M. will open in the city of Clinton, Ia., promptly at 9:00 A.M. (Daylight Savings Time) on Monday, July 11, at the CLINTON BOAT CLUB 40 4th Ave. So. All Masters, Wardens and representatives of the several Lodges of this Jurisdiction are expected to be present and on time. Our hosts, McNeil Lodge No. 21, having been working diligently for many months to insure that our sojourn with them will be a pleasant one. The city of Clinton is reputed to have excellent human relations. Let us then, as Prince Hall Masons and good citizens, do nothing during our stay there to mar this relationship or detract from the dignity of our Order.

GRAND LODGE SCHOOL OF INSTRUCTION- will convene under the direction of the R.W. Grand Lecturer, William B. Hubbard (21) at the conclusion of the Monday morning business session. In an effort to revitalize this important Grand Lodge function, Bro. Hubbard has a well planned program to offer to you which will include the conferring of the Past Master Degree.

THE GRAND LODGE PUBLIC RECEPTION- will be held Monday evening starting at 7:30 P. M., at the BETHEL A.M.E. CHURCH, 305 So. 3rd St.

THE GRAND LODGE MEMORIAL SERVICE- will be held on Tuesday evening, July 12th, starting at 7:30 P.M. at the BETHEL A.M.E. CHURCH.

(The Entertainment Committee is also planning a Dance for Tuesday evening to be held at the Clinton Boat Club after the Memorial Service.)

ELECTION OF OFFICERS- the Grand Session will be concluded on Wednesday, July 13, with the election of officers to be held shortly after 2:00 P. M.

TAKE DUE NOTICE

All recommendations calling for a change either in the Constitution or Code must be submitted in proper form on Tuesday morning, July 12th.

Invitations to entertain the Grand Lodge in 1961 must be in writing and filed with the R.W. Grand Secretary by Wednesday morning, July 13th.

(This is a wonderful Lodge project so give it consideration.)

HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS

THE LAFAYETTE (6th Ave. So. & 2nd St.) Single \$5 - \$5.75; Double \$7.75 - \$8.25; Twins \$9.50 - \$10.00. THE CLINTON (7th Ave. So. & 2nd St.) Single \$3.50; Double \$5.25; three to a room \$7.25; four to a room \$8.25. THE GRAND (522 So. 1st St.) Single \$3.50; Double \$5.25.

For reservations and information relative to housing in private homes write either to Bro. G. I. Thompson, 1022-8th Ave. So. or Bro. James Henderson, 806-10th Ave. So., Clinton, Iowa. The headquarters of the Entertainment Committee will be at the Hall of McNeil No. 21, 307 1/2 So. 3rd.

WE ARE GRATEFUL

For your wonderful response to the Call of the Spring Conference held April 10th, over 132 brothers were registered and were in accord that it was a great meeting. Bro. Charles Peguese (2), the Conference Chairman and his committee rate a high commendation for the splendid manner in which they prepared for this outstanding Masonic occasion.

NEW MEMBERS

We welcome into our Fraternity the following brothers: Julius King (4), Jack Williams (4), John Grayson (4), Royce Walker (4), John Skipper (30), Harold Pearl (30), William Dyzer (30), Kenneth Bennett (34), William Haddox (34), Lawrence Johnson (34), O. C. Smith (35), Steve Montgomery (35), Sammie Day (35), and Alfred Cartmill (43). North Star 2 will soon add three more to the list.

If you are planning to go to Boston for the Prince Hall Pilgrimage August 11, 12, 13 and 14, we suggest you write to the Housing Chrm. Wm. H. Phillips, 1095 Tremont St., Boston, Massachusetts before July 1st.

Fraternally yours,

Frank B. Robinson
Frank B. Robinson, Sr.
Grand Master