

STATE OF ILLINOIS

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

Proclamation

WHEREAS, Among Masons the name Prince Hall is held in towering esteem, for it was he who gave his name as founder of the Prince Hall Masons, an honorable and ancient Lodge of distinguished origin, and

WHEREAS, This honored founding father of the Prince Hall Masons was zealous in the promulgation of the Masonic Order during the formative years of our beloved country and was forever loyal to this Order's ideals and a mainstay in one of this country's earliest lodges, and

WHEREAS, Prince Hall earned the prestige generally reserved for those of more fortunate birth in days when birthright provided easy access to a world this free-born native of Barbados, West Indies, found to be only a place of work and few laurels, and

WHEREAS, The birth date of Prince Hall will be observed on September 13 of this year when Congressman William L. Dawson and other dignitaries will join with Prince Hall Masons to pay homage to the founder of African Lodge No. 459 on May 6, 1787, which became, upon Prince Hall's death M. W. Prince Hall Grand Lodge, F. & A.M. of Massachusetts,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Otto Kerner, Governor of the State of Illinois, do hereby proclaim September 13, 1964, to be PRINCE HALL AMERICANISM DAY in Illinois in order that Masons in this state and in all states in the United States and in countries associated with Masonry may pay their respects to this honorable man.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand, and caused the Great Seal of the State of Illinois to be affixed.



BY THE GOVERNOR :

Done at the Capitol, in the City of Springfield,
this THIRTY-FIRST day of AUGUST, in the
Year of Our Lord one thousand nine hundred
and SIXTY-FOUR, and of the State of
Illinois, the one hundred and FORTY-SIXTH.

Otto Kerner
GOVERNOR

William W. Chamberslain
SECRETARY OF STATE

TO BE READ IN OPEN LODGE

**Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge
F. & A. M. of Illinois**



Office of

HENRY G. FORT, GRAND MASTER

Masonic Temple - 4227 South Cottage Grove

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Chicago, Illinois

PROCLAMATION

September 1, 1964

To the

Grand Lodge Officers, Members of the Grand Lodge, Masters,
Wardens and Brothers of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand
Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, State of Illinois,

Greetings:

In accordance with the provisions of our Constitution and By-laws, and in conformity with the action of our last Grand Lodge, you are hereby officially notified that the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge, F. & A.M., of Illinois, will convene in its 98th Annual Grand Lodge Communication on the second Tuesday in October, 1964, that being the 13th day of October, at the Jefferson Hotel, 235 South Jefferson Street, Peoria, Illinois, at the hour of 9:00 A.M. Daylight Time for the purpose of transacting such business as shall legally come before it.

REGISTRATION

Sunday and Monday - Henry Brown Lodge - 7:00 A.M.
511 First Street, Peoria

Tuesday and Wednesday - Jefferson Hotel - 7:00 A.M.
235 South West Jefferson St., Peoria

NOTE

1. Registration for Grand Lodge - \$5.00
2. Complete registration, including Banquet and Ball - \$10.00
3. Banquet only - \$5.00
4. Ball only - \$2.00

The Budget Committee will meet Monday, October 12, 1964, at 2:00 P.M., Jefferson Hotel. All Grand Lodge elective officers, Past Grand Masters, and Chairmen of following committees:

Grand Lodge Accountant	Director of Junior Craftsmen
Director of Masonic Education	C. C. F. C.
Director of Public Relations	Grand Attorney

All Grand Lodge Officers, Lodge Representatives, and Past Masters, MUST register with Credential Committee upon arrival and not later than 12:00 Noon on Wednesday, October 14. Past Masters representing lodges must present credentials as such signed by the Master, Secretary and Wardens of the lodge, under the seal of the lodge. Lodge representatives must notify the Credential Committee of the absence of any of the legal representatives before 12:00 Noon on Wednesday.

SPECIAL NOTICE

Every member MUST have a 1964 DUE CARD and Registration Badge to be present at this Session.

Lodges having members with 50 years continuous Masonic membership are directed to supply the Grand Master with the following information before September 15, 1964:

Name of Member: _____
Name of Lodge: _____
How long a member of your lodge: _____
How long a member of other lodge (if any): _____
Name other lodge _____ State _____
Age of Brother: _____

ANNUAL MEMORIAL SERVICE

Monday, October 12, 1964, at 7:30 P.M. - Ward Chapel A.M.E. Church,

Rev. W. L. Johnson, Pastor, Elliott and Fifth Street. Each lodge must have a representative present for roll call.

Public Reception - Banquet and Grand Ball - (informal) - Tuesday, October 13, 1964, at 7:00 P.M., at the Jefferson Hotel, 235 South West Jefferson Street, All Grand Lodge Officers are requested to wear Tuxedo.

To all the above, take due and timely notice, and be governed accordingly.

Dated this first day of September, 1964.

HENRY G. FORT
Most Worshipful Grand Master

ATTEST:

J. Harold White
Right Worshipful Grand Secretary

PRINCE HALL DAY PROGRAM WILL BE HELD:
ROBERT TAYLOR HOMES FIELD HOUSE
39 WEST 47TH STREET, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 1964 - 8:00 P.M.

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