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## GRAND MASTER'S WEEKLY GREETINGS



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## IN MEMORIUM

M. W. Prince Hall Grand Master



Born at Bridgetown, Barbadoes, British West Indies September 12th, 1748. Made a Mason in Travelling British Lodge No. 58, at Copp's Hill Boston Harbor, Massachusetts, on March 6th, 1775. Appointed the first Worshipful Master of African Lodge No. 459 under a Warrant from the Grand Lodge of England, September 29th, 1784. Elected Grand Master of the Most Worshipful African Grand Lodge in Boston, now The Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Massachusetts, June 24th, 1791. Died December 7th, 1807. O sleep the sleep of the Blest, Thou sainted Prince. Thou hast not lived in vain, For we have climbed near the crest Of the mount, whence, Thou didst mark thy name.

Think ye oh, Master Masons,  
On our Prince Hall.  
Does his life ring out true?  
Let us have your letter son.  
Answer the call,  
Has it meant naught to you?



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Jeptha Chapter No. 14, O. E. S. will hold a private installation the 27th and serve supper to their members.  
Silver Crown Lodge No. 26, F. & A. M. will have a private installation on the 26 at their hall.

## SPECIAL PRINCE HALL ISSUE

The American Stimulators are planning a special Prince Hall Memorial issue of the Gazette, which will contain cuts, autobiographies, articles of and by the various present and past Grand Officers and Subordinate officers of the various departments of the Fraternity and its Adoptive Rites, also a brief history of Illinois Masonic Jurisdiction. This will be something you will want to preserve. It will be printed on special paper and will be worthy of the interest of the entire Masonic Family. The yearly subscription of the Gazette is only \$2.00 per year. We have not missed an issue in 25 years. As the Grand Lodge has adopted this

paper as its official organ we hope to have its columns used by the entire Masonic Family. You will note that it is improving each week and will find it just the thing the Crafts needs for fraternal, social, commercial stimulus. As an advertising medium the 25 000 members of the Masonic Family about 14,900 of whom are in Chicago will be found as appreciative readers of anything you may have to offer. Masons are among the most liberal, progressive buyers in the world.

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By Wm. McKinley Reed, J. W., Golden Gate Lodge No. 43, 3217 So. Wabash Avenue.

The second award of the American Stimulators on the subject "WHAT HAS MASONRY MEANT TO ME" goes to Brother Wm. McKinley Reed, member of Golden Gate Lodge number No. 43 F. & A. M. and active in building up the fraternity in all departments. His letter follows:-

Socially, intellectually and fraternally, Masonry has meant much to me. When I was initiated in 1920, I was hardly able to utter the obligation. I was never a speaker and was extremely embarrassed to talk before even a small group of people. When I was called before my Master to show myself sufficiently proficient to receive the Fellow craft's degree, the stage fright left me.

When I was employed for a short time by the Chicago Milwaukee and St. Paul Railway Co., at Ute Iowa, my foreman, white, introduced me to a number of his friends who were Masons. They took me to their white Masonic lodges, where I was complimented upon my proficiency and ability to speak and prove myself as a man and a Mason. They said "many colored masons are unable to speak intelligently and defend themselves."

I never dreamed that I would be able to hold an intellectual position anywhere; and owe my present social, intellectual and fraternal stand to Freemasonry. The memory of Prince Hall our first Grand Master who died December 7th 1807 shall ever be sweet to me.

## ORDER OF BEES FOR BOYS AND GIRLS ADOPTED BY MISSOURI

The Order of Bees for boys and girls, the Junior Department of the Masonic Fraternity, and copy righted by the Grand Master and Supreme King Bee, Brother Thos. H. Samuels is rapidly growing in popularity in all jurisdictions of Freemasonry, including our own.

In a recent communication Brother Eugene G. Lacey, Most Worshipful United Grand Lodge F. & A. M. of the State and jurisdiction of Missouri said, "I would like to see your Order of Bees established in all our jurisdictions, that our children in traveling from one to another will also find friends. I hope your aim is to make it universal. I will be glad to assist you with it in Missouri. I will also thank you for a copy of your Fraternal Traveling Certificate"

King David Lodge will soon petition for authority to start a Hive and it is understood that Golden Gate Lodge No. 45 will do likewise. Both these lodges will work in co-operation with the respective Eastern Star Chapters which they have adopted.

## JUST A CARD PLEASE. ORIENTAL LODGE WRITES INMATES AT THE HOME

If you were shut in from the outside world, a card at Christmas time would be the same as an oasis in a desert. It would let you know that the bounds of true love is undying, and cause you to believe that "out of sight, does not always mean out of mind."

Oriental Lodge number 68 F. & A. M. has again taken the lead and will write the inmates of the Home. They are Brothers Beck, McClain, Lewis, Rivers, Louis and Sister McClain. The matron is Sister Hicks and the superintendent is Brother Charles Golden. Want you JOIN THE FRATERNAL GOOD FELLOWS and send a card as a greeting from your Chapter, Lodge, Commandery, Consistory, Shrine, Palace, Court, Circle, etc? Of course candy and other things are always accepted but just a card means so much.



THOS. H. SAMUELS,  
M. W. Grand Master Prince Hall Masonic Grand Lodge



DR. W. B. BEATY

R. W. G. Treas. of Prince Hall Masonic Grand Lodge, Ill.

## A. L. LEE, GRAND PATRON CONSTITUTES CHAPTER.

Brother Albert S. Lee, of Champaign, Illinois Grand Worthy Patron of Eureka Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, of Illinois and Jurisdiction, will be present in Chicago to constitute Hiram Chapter at the Union Masonic Temple Dec. 9th at 8 p. m.

Great Thoughts Born in Stillness.  
All the revelations are the gift of stillness. The lake must be calm if the heavens are to be reflected on its surface.—J. Eberley.

Snails Spread Devastation.  
On the coast of Ceylon quite lately a plague of snails occurred. Millions and millions were to be found everywhere, and some of them were reported to weigh a pound each. They began by feeding on and destroying young coconut trees, and then went on to the rubber trees. The government took steps promptly and managed to stop their devastations.

Nobleness is Diffused.  
As one lamp lights another, nobleness grows less, so nobleness unkindled nobleness.—James Russell Lowell

## SAVAGE FIENDS ARE AGAIN ACTIVE

One Man Burned At Stake In Florida. Thousands Look On With Fiendish Glee As Flames Consume Human Body.

## USUAL MANUFACTURED "CONFESSION" GIVEN TO PRESS BY MOB MEMBERS

## Arkansas and Texas Join in Celebrating Death of Dyer Anti-Lyching Bill

By Associated Negro Press.  
Perry, Fla., Dec. 14.—About a week ago a young white school teacher was brutally murdered near this city and at first it was presumed that crime was committed by white persons. A pretended investigation was made and the first idea abandoned and the crime was fixed on Negroes and attention given to tracing down the "black brute" or "brutes." Having learned that two or three Negroes had left the vicinity some days ago and went to points in Georgia, the the authorities turned their attention in that direction and soon located the parties suspected and placed or had them placed under arrest. One, Charlie Wright, was arrested in Madison County, Florida, and Albert Young, colored, was arrested in Kindalou, Georgia. Both denied that they had committed the crime

While the sheriff of Taylor County was conveying the two prisoners to another county for safekeeping, a mob said to be of about a thousand men intercepted him and took the two men and after a "mob trial" convicted Wright of the crime tied him to a stake and built a fire about his feet and body and burned him alive. The mob made Wright confess the crime. According to the statement of mob Wright confessed the crime and that the mob, knowing these facts, placed the blame upon Wright to quiet the public mind.

In this "human burning" Florida has been the first state to celebrate the "death of the Dyer Bill."

## Texas Lynching.

Streetman, Texas, Dec. 14.—After having been accused of an attempted assault upon a white school teacher near here, a few days ago, George Gay, Negro, 25 years, was hanged to a stake. His body riddled with bullets. Gay paid the extreme penalty of death only upon circumstantial evidence according to the young man's own statement. In that the young man refused to identify the victim. This seemed to irritate the already impatient mob, and upon demand, the sheriff turned his prisoner over to the leader, who was unmasked.

well known in the community. Ropes and guns of many descriptions were gathered as the victim was tied to an automobile dragged down the road to a tree, where the lifeless body was strung up to a limb and was made the target of two hundred shots.

Following the lynching, many Negroes were driven out of town. Many homes were burned, including a Negro hotel.

No arrests have been made and the authorities are making no efforts to apprehend those guilty of murder.

## Arkansas Lynching.

Morrilton, Ark., Dec. 24.—Following the shooting of Deputy Sheriff Grant Farris, Leslie Smith a Negro, was taken by a mob and lynched.

According to reports, the deputy went to the Negro's home to arrest him for peace disturbance and during a controversy, in which heated words were exchanged, it is charged that Smith shot the deputy, inflicting a slight wound from which he will recover. The deputy succeeded, however, in lodging his prisoner in the county jail.

As soon as the news spread of the wounding of Deputy Farris by a Negro, a mob of nearly a thousand formed and gathered at the county jail, clamoring for blood. On the pretext of an attempt

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Rev. J. B. McCrary,  
Past R. W. G. Chaplain, Prince Hall Masonic Grand Lodge of Ill.

Moderator of Mt. Olive Baptist Association and pastor of Unity Baptist Church, Brookport, Ill., wishes all of the pastors and members of the District Many Conversions.