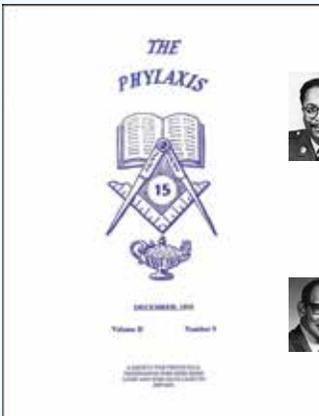


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**182 Prince Hall Masons Help Support NAACP Defense** Reprinted from Jet magazine. Prince Hall masons donate \$200,000 to the fund.



**183 Another Color of the Rainbow** A female youth group associated with the Caucasian Grand Lodge of Iowa allows admission of a black girl. The International office suspended all Rainbow activity in Iowa when the grand master allowed the admission: "It would be unmasonic conduct to discriminate against any petitioner on account of race."



**185 Niggerdom in Regalia** A Caucasian newspaper used this title to criticize actions of Alexander Clarke and Prince Hall masons in Mississippi during Reconstruction. The paper published a letter that said: "Clark came to this city and established a nigger lodge under dispensation of his own, as Gd. Master of Nig. Masons in Missouri."



**188 What Came We Here to Do?** Ira Holder addresses a group of Entered Apprentices, one of whom is his son.

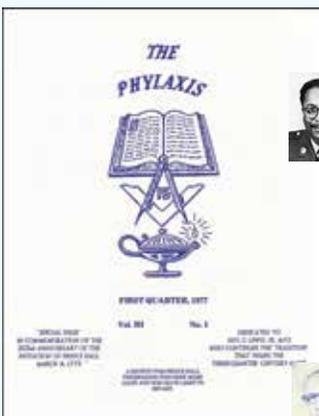
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**191 The Origins and Objects of Ancient Freemasonry** "From whence sprang Masonry but from Ethiopia, Egypt, and Assyria?"

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**2 A Word from the President** Executive meeting is held each year in March nearest the sixth.

**2 Executive Meeting Held** The third annual executive meeting was held in Leavenworth, Kansas. The report of the president discussed the tenure of grand masters, the need for grand lodge representatives, need for support to the Masonic library in Iowa, and the need for continued surveillance of non-Prince Hall groups.



**3 Open Letter from John G. Lewis, Jr.** He expresses concern that limiting the tenure of a grand master to two years hampers continuity of programs and fiscal policy. Petitions have been presented in the Shrine to remove the requirement that Shrine members must be Master Masons.



**4 Our Priceless Masonic Heritage** FPS Holder discusses fraud and graft under the National Compact with grand masters making masons at sight without restraint and for a consideration. His article contains an extensive extract of the Prince Hall story as fabricated by William Grimshaw.



**7 Niggerdorn in Regalia (Part II)** Alexander Clarke responds to a mean-spirited attack printed in a Caucasian newspaper. Clark says he makes his statement in vindication of his personal and masonic character, "as colored masonry, like white masonry, needs no defense."

**8 Welcome to New Members** Two new members are Sheldon Redden and Deary Vaughn, both of whom have APO military addresses, and both of whom went on to chair the Conference of Grand Masters.

**8 Notes, Queries and Information of Items of Masonic Interest** A book by Charles H. Wesley, *Prince Hall: Life and Legacy*, is announced; the Conference of Grand Masters is to be held in Washington, DC.



**9 Tribute to John G. Lewis, Jr.** Prince Hall masonry and Grand Master John G. Lewis are honored by the NAACP. A detailed biography of Grand Master Lewis is included.



**16 Prince Hall Was A Man** The executive secretary includes the Grimshaw version of the Prince Hall story in this paper.

**18 Tribute to Colonel West A. Hamilton** A member of the Board of Education in Washington DC is paid tribute at age 90.

**20 The Phylaxis Society and the Prince Hall Confession of Masonic Faith** The Society promotes the credo written by George W. Crawford in 1914 in his book, *Prince Hall and His Followers*.



**21 The Founder Prince Hall and Freemasonry** A presentation to the Conference of Grand Masters by John Davis discusses the civic activity of Prince Hall. He presents an estimate of the total assets in Prince Hall grand lodges including the Ancient Egyptian Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine.

**23 The Phylaxis Society and Racism: Integration : Consolidation** An incident with the Rainbow Girls in Iowa gets national attention. "The Prince Hall mason is not especially eager for a solution that would destroy his historic institution."

**28 Discrimination Illegal: Mason** Expounds on the Rainbow Girls incident in Iowa.

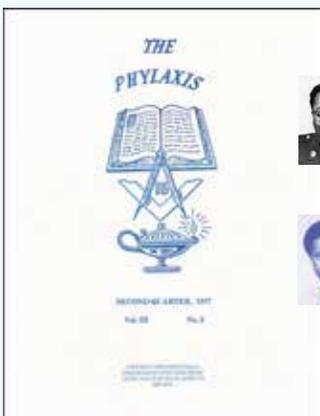
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**26 A Word from the President** Raymond Coleman is appointed editor of the magazine. The president describes the Society's traveling exhibition. A Phylaxis chapter in Iowa takes the name of Alexander Clark.



**27 The Secretary's Korner** The Society reminds members to update their mailing address when they move.





**27 Interview with Bros. Arrington and Marsengill** Two Caucasian members and honorary fellows of the Society speak with President Walkes. “Prince Hall masons need to know more about Prince Hall masonry.” They urge Prince Hall grand lodges to send copies of their proceedings to the Masonic Library in Iowa.



**30 “Whence Came You And Whither Are You Traveling?”** Traces the origin of this term through various phases and usages.



**33 From My Point of View** The author gives his personal definition of masonry.

**36 Notes, Queries and Information on Items of Masonic Interest** Discusses a Prince Hall lodge made up of Caucasian members; Benjamin Hooks becomes President of the NAACP; a paper written by President Walkes is accepted for publication in the *Philaethes Magazine*.

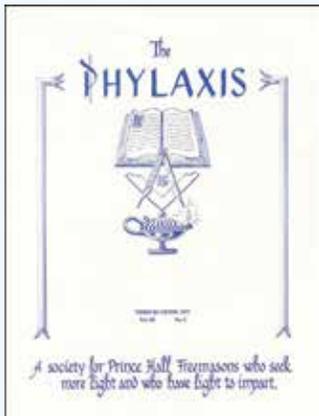
**37 Welcome to New Members** Included are Benjamin Barksdale and Earle L. Bradford.

**38 The Phylaxis and A Prince Hall Masonic National Memorial—A Challenge!** After a visit to the George Washington Masonic Memorial in Alexandria during a meeting of the Conference of Grand Masters, some grand masters suggest that Prince Hall grand lodges should build such a monument to Prince Hall.

**38 The Phylaxis and Charles H. Wesley’s Prince Hall: Life and Legacy** Wesley is given the Society’s Certificate of Literature.

**39 Are You An Active Member?** A poem.

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**42 A Word from the President** Letters have been received from Caucasian masons, some not so kind. The president acknowledges the calligraphic work of L. Sherman Brooks.



**43 Niggerdom in Regalia** Grand Master Alexander Clarke reports his spirited exchange to his grand lodge. Grand Master Clark shows how and why any masonry tracing its origin to African Lodge must be considered legitimate.



**46 The Giant Sleepeth** Innocent black men become victims of spurious and irregular masons, while the Prince Hall order sleeps. Nothing of a constructive nature is being done to cure this cancer.

**48 Are You A Mason?** A poem submitted by E. O. Henderson of Augusta, GA.

**49 Notes, Queries and Information** Charles Wesley’s *Prince Hall: Life and Legacy* is promoted again; another call for Prince Hall grand lodges to send their proceedings to the Masonic Library in Iowa. A book by W. A. Muraskin, a non-mason, Jewish, sociologist, examines Prince Hall masonry: *Middle Class Blacks in a White Society—Prince Hall Freemasonry in America*.



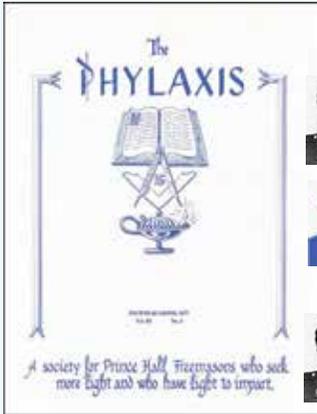
**50 Roots** “The history of the black man in America is the history of Prince Hall masonry.” This speech by President Walkes was presented before members of the A. G. Clark Chapter of the Phylaxis Society in Des Moines, Iowa.



**51 Articles and Actions of Freedom** “We are co-architects of an invisible kingdom not made by the hands of man.” Presented by J. W. Davis to the Conference of Grand Masters in Washington, DC.

**53 Black G.I.s in Korea Adopt a Leper Colony** Reprinted from *Sepia Magazine*. “Black soldiers of Prince Hall lodge in Korea devoted to brotherly love.”

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**58 A Word from the President** President Walkes shares a letter from a reader concerning the article, “The Giant Sleepth.”



**59 The Objective of Masonry and Our Responsibility** FPS Holder traces speculative masonry back to 1646 in making his point. He proposes that the objective of masonry is to teach.



**61 A Society is Born** The history and origins of the Phylaxis Society written by the founder and first president, Joseph A. Walkes, Jr.



**63 Jonathan Davis and the Rise of Black Fraternal Organizations** An amazing tutorial by Charles H. Wesley showing the process of historical research. The Scottish Rite Consistory in Washington, DC was named in honor of Jonathan Davis.

**68 Black G.I.'s in Korea Adopt A Leper Colony** A continuation of the article in a previous edition.

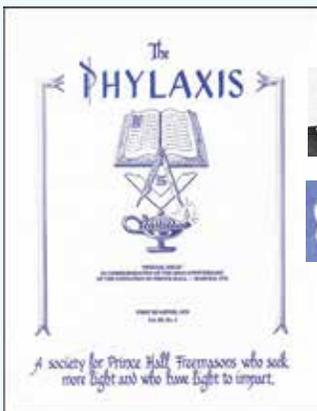
**70 Notes, Queries and Information** An update on the activities in the Grand Lodge of Minnesota; additional promotion of Charles Wesley’s book, *Prince Hall: Life and Legacy*; an announcement that Alexander Clarke’s home is to be restored.



**71 Secretary’s Corner** The Executive Secretary solicits comments from the membership to let the Society know how it is doing.

**72 Grand Masters’ Photo** “The Power and the Glory” May 1977.

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**74 A Word from the President** President Walkes shares a letter from Keith Arrington who addresses criticisms sent in by other Caucasians.



**75 Prince Hall Freemasonry** George Draffen refutes Grimshaw as woefully inaccurate, and in some cases, manifestly untrue. This article and Charles Wesley’s new book sounded the death knoll for the Prince Hall story we got from William Grimshaw, but decades later, well into the third millennium, the Grimshaw story lives vibrantly in Prince Hall lore. Draffen’s article has been posted on the Phylaxis website for decades, but the Grimshaw tale persists. Strong evidence is presented that the patent appointing Prince Hall as provincial grand master is another of Grimshaw’s inventions.



**78 Our Inherent Right** Freedom is the thing most sought after. Periodically leaders rise up to champion the cause of repressed people, leaders like Prince Hall and Martin Luther King, Jr.

**79 Report of Wisconsin Grand Lodge (A.F.&A.M.)** The Grand Lodge of Wisconsin recommends acknowledging the legitimacy of the Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Wisconsin as a first step leaving the door open for continued improvements in relations between the two grand lodges.



**80 Phylaxis Society and its Extraordinary Worldwide Communications** Shows how much the Society is immersed in communications. The article heaps praise on Charles Wesley's book, *Prince Hall: Life and Legacy*. Order forms for Wesley's book were enclosed with this issue of the magazine.

**82 Congressional Record (200th Anniversary of Black Masonry)** A congressional tribute to Prince Hall.

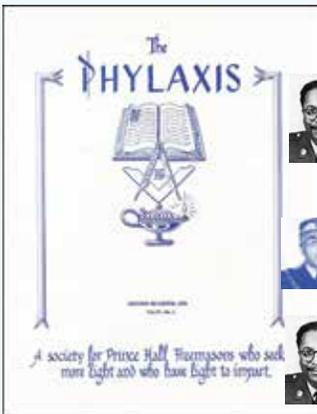


**83 Black Masonry and Brotherhood** Keith Arrington supports his Grand Master's position on the Rainbow Girls incident.

**86 Phylaxis Society and the Prince Hall Confession of Masonic Faith**

**94 Welcome to New Members**

**95 Notes, Queries and Information** The question is posed "Can a Caucasian mason be admitted to a Prince Hall lodge during labor?"



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**2 A Word from the President** President Walkes tells us, based on the 4th annual executive session, the Society has had a fruitful five years. He acknowledges I. H. Clayborn, Grand Master of Texas.



**3 Interview with Charles Wesley** Joseph A. Walkes and Charles H. Wesley, two imminent Prince Hall historians, converse. This is recommended reading for all students of the history of Prince Hall masonry. Living in Washington, DC, Wesley spent much time in the National Archives.



**6 German Masonic Museum** This museum has the past grand master medal presented to J. G. Findel by the Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Massachusetts.



**8 Open Letter to Caucasian Grand Lodge of Mass.** This letter protests the treatment members of the Society received during a visit to the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts.

**9 St. John the Baptist** It was not a coincidence that the first grand lodge met for the first time on June 24, 1717.

**10 Members Awarded** Principle officers are honored and members bringing in new members are acknowledged.

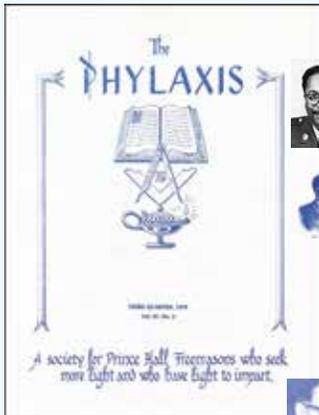
**10 What Does The Phylaxis Society Seek?** Reprinted from January 1974.

**11 Notes, Queries and Information** Mention is made again of Charles Wesley's book, *Prince Hall: Life and Legacy*. Another book is mentioned, *History of the Most Worshipful Stringer Grand Lodge: Our History is Our Challenge*, as well as a book by President Walkes, *Black Square and Compass: 200 Years of Prince Hall Freemasonry*.

**12 Welcome New Members** Included is Edward B. Darnell, Past Imperial Potentate, Ancient Egyptian Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine.

**13 A Tale of Two Pillars** The symbolism of a pair of pillars detached and separate from the main structure.

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**18 A Word from the President** President Walkes highlights some of the classic pieces appearing in this issue, and there are several.



**19 Masonry and Jim Crow** Written is 1877 by Willis N. Brent, PGM MWPHGL of Missouri. The masonic version of Jim Crow is Exclusive Territorial Jurisdiction, an illegal act of Masonic racism.

**22 Ms Harrison, George Draffen Awarded Ira S. Holder, Sr. Certificates**



**23 The Doctrine of Exclusive Jurisdiction** By George Draffen. "The grand lodges in England, Ireland, and Scotland have never accepted the doctrine of Exclusive Territorial Jurisdiction."



**24 Darby Named Editor of Phylaxis News-Letter**

**24 Notes, Queries and Information** A documentary film is available and the Conference of Grand Masters is announced.



**25 New Fellows** Paul Best is elected a fellow. Honorary fellows are James A. Mingo, L. Sherman Brooks, and John Davis.

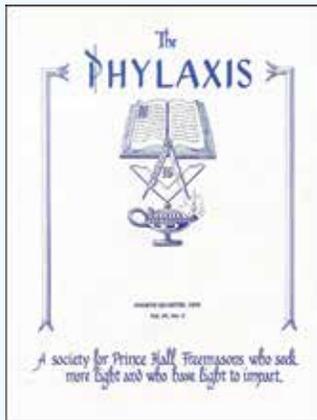


**26 Interview with Charles Wesley Cont.** Walkes and Wesley clearly have mutual admiration for each other as historians. Wesley expresses an indebtedness to Walkes.



**30 The Power and the Glory** The decline in grand lodges appears to be faster in grand lodges that turn over their grand masters fastest. This paper earned Paul Best his position as a fellow.

**32 Photo of Grand Masters** May 1978.



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**34 A Word from the President** President Walkes was asked how he puts the magazine together. Part of his answer is, “Most masonic publications printed in the English language are received at my post office box.”

**35 The Phylaxis & Southern Africa** Discusses the acceptance of “coloured” members under the Apartheid definition of *coloured*.

**35 St. John’s Day in Winter** The celebration on December 27 is almost forgotten.



**36 Masonic Aprons with Colored Borders** By Harold V. B. Voorhis. The first grand master in 1717 was photographed in a plain white apron.



**39 The System of Grand Representatives** Describes a situation in which grand lodges exchanged grand representatives before CCFCs took over.



**41 Fraternal Recognition** Jno. G. Lewis discusses fraternal relations with concordant and “side” orders. He questions legislation that requires females to join the Order of the Eastern Star before joining any other female order.

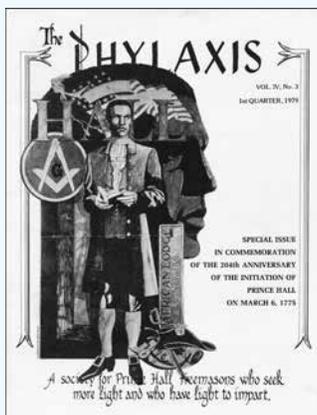


**43 Masonry & Jim Crow (Part II)** Elaborates further on the dormancy of African Lodge after the death of Prince Hall versus extinction of the lodge.

**45 Welcome to New Members** A new member is Booker T. Alexander who served as grand master of Michigan, imperial potentate of AEAONMS, and sovereign grand commander of the Scottish Rite, Northern Jurisdiction.

**46 Notes , Queries & Information** Alex Haley is made a mason; the executive session is slated to be held in Iowa; and there is concern that masonic publications continue to use Grimshaw’s untruths long after publication of Wesley’s book.

**48 I Am Freemasonry** Credited to R. V. Denslow, grand master of Missouri 1931-32.



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**50 A Word From the President** The President opens with quotes about Prince Hall from Jeremy Belknap (1795), and continues with an appeal by Prince Hall on behalf of three kidnapped Negroes, one of whom was a member of African Lodge.



**51 System of Grand Representatives Part II** The present system of CCFCs as a substitute for grand representatives denies us the insights into the internal structure of the grand lodges we recognize.



**53 Power and the Glory ... An In-depth Analysis of Prince Hall Freemasonry** Continued from previous edition. Grand lodges where tenure is unrestricted seem to have a more solid financial footing. FPS Best agrees to do further analysis if proper financing can be obtained.

**56 Middle Class Blacks in a White Society** William A. Muraskin, a non-Prince Hall Jewish sociologist, proposes that Prince Hall masons hold a central position in the history of the African-American middle class.



**58 Masonry & Jim Crow, Part III** Concludes that the authority vested in African Lodge remained unbroken in the period leading up to the formation of Prince Hall Grand Lodge.



**60 Interview with Pres. Joseph Walkes, F.P.S.** Shows a personal side of President Walkes. He discusses how American prejudices infected grand lodges overseas (Germany in particular) that always maintained the legitimacy of Prince Hall freemasonry. He talks about the errors in William Grimshaw's so-called *history*, and asks why Prince Hall day (without *Americanism* attached) is not celebrated on March 6th.

**63 Salute to M.W. I.H. Clayborn** Grand Master Clayborn was an active member and a strong supporter of the Phylaxis Society in its formative years. This salute came before he became sovereign grand commander.



**64 Rev. Josiah Henson, Uncle Tom and Prince Hall Freemasonry** Josiah Henson was the character used by Mrs. Harriet Beecher Stowe to typify the hero of her great historical novel, *Uncle Tom's Cabin*, of pre-Civil War days. But the records reveal that he was not the "handkerchief" head of kowtowing personality as pictured in the story, but rather, he was a strong and outstanding individual as his true life has revealed. And he was a freemason. Henson was instrumental in delivering 118 human beings from bondage.

**67 A Charge Delivered to the Brethren of African Lodge - 1792** Prince Hall addresses the lodge.

**70 Henson Story Photos**

**71 Notes, Queries and Information** Framable copies of the Prince Hall Credo are available; criticism of South Africa; Is England a Caucasian grand lodge? Wesley's book is described as indispensable for Prince Hall masons.

**72 Phylaxis Society and the Prince Hall Confession of Masonic Faith**