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**3 Prince Hall Masonry** Discusses the three degrees of Masonry and attendant duties.



**6 John Marrant, Brother Chaplain** John Marrant was chaplain of African Lodge 459 under Prince Hall. Prince Hall describes him as “a black minister from back home, but last from “Brachtown, Nova Scotia.”

**7 Some Important Events in the Life of Prince Hall** This article appeared in the Plumblin of the MWPHGL of Louisiana. Reveals known activities of Prince Hall, the man. (Relies heavily on Grimshaw.)

**9 Prince Hall Public School** The Prince Hall Elementary School is the first public school in American to be named after our founder, Prince Hall. It was opened on September 7, 1973 in the City of Philadelphia on 18th and Godfrey.

**10 Roster of Grand Masters** A listing of sitting grand masters.



**10 Caucasian Prince Hall Lodge** In 1871 there was a lodge of German Jews working in New York City under the jurisdiction of the Prince Hall Grand Lodge of New York.

**12 PHA Masonic Structure** An illustration of Masonic bodies to include the York and Scottish rites.

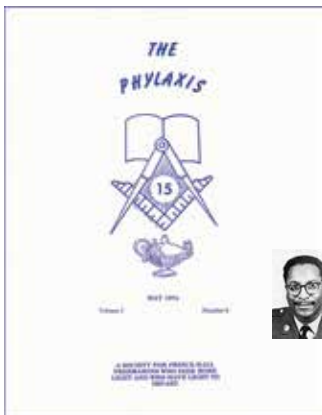
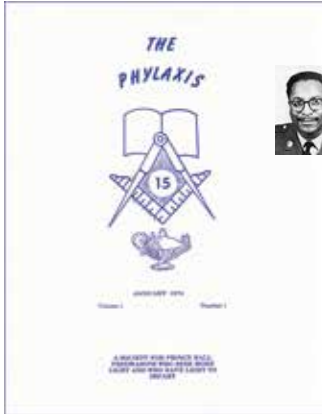
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**14 Hold Rites for Vern T. Watts, Grand Master** Bio and obituary of deceased Grand Master Vern T. Watt of Kansas.



**15 A Word from the President** Plans for future articles, investigation of non-Prince Hall bodies. Early mention of the Northwest Chapter of the Phylaxis Society.



**16 You Be the Judge???** Poses questions about the 1827 Declaration of Independence of African Lodge. Did it forever sever its connection with the Grand Lodge of England?



**16 I am Freemasonry** Musing about the Masonic Order. "I teach the lessons of life and of death, and the relationship of MAN to GOD and MAN to MAN."



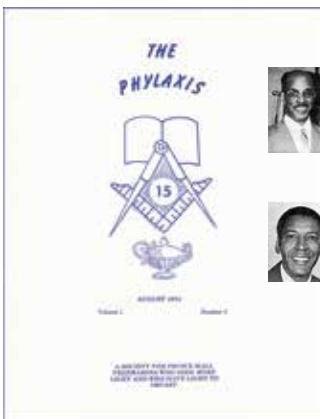
**17 Profile of a Non-Prince Hall Masonic Organization** Presents a profile of a bogus grand lodge in New Orleans claiming to have drawn members from the Compact Grand Lodge. Refers to those groups as "Bogus" who claim to be masonic without legitimate masonic authority.



**18 The Masonic Philosophy of Samuel W. Clark** Samuel Clark is described as a voice crying in the wilderness during the dark days of our Masonic history. His appeal was for truth and justice before the world Masonic community against hypocrisy.

**19 The Phylaxis Society Subscription Card** Membership subscription form.

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**22 Our Responsibility as Prince Hall Masons** Many men joining bogus groups are lost to Prince Hall Masonry. We need a program of education for our members about their origins.



**23 Profile of a Non-Prince Hall Masonic Organization** Continued from the previous issue. Scottish Rite masons claim masonic lineage back to Mother Kilwinning Lodge No. 0 of Scotland.

**24 Northwest Phylaxis Society Chapter Tacoma-Seattle Washington** News about the activities of the Northwest Phylaxis Chapter. Roster of members.

**25 O'Misawa Lodge #54 – O'Misawa, Japan** Members of a lodge in Japan help to support a child abandoned by her African-American father and her Japanese mother.

**26 Welcome to New Members** A list of early Society members includes Sovereign Grand Commander Jno. G. Lewis and Charles H. Wesley.

**26 Notice to Grand Master, Greetings** An appeal for official publications of grand lodges and for other assistance.

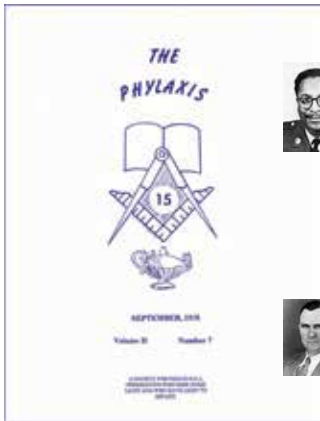
**26 Members of Northwest Chapter Phylaxis Society** Photograph of the chapter members.



**27 The Iowa Masonic Library** The Society requested this article from the author so that the Prince Hall family would learn of the existence of the Iowa Masonic Library and freely use its facilities. "First, Best, and Biggest in the world."



**28 Prince Hall Masonry and the Civil War - Part I, A Masterpiece.** After issuing the Emancipation Proclamation, Lincoln reversed his earlier position and authorized the use of freed blacks in the Union Army. Prince Hall Masonic military lodges followed shortly thereafter.



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**34 A Word From the President** Brother Walkes asks grand lodges to celebrate the Prince Hall bi-centennial this year and celebrate the American bi-centennial next July.

**35 Welcome to New Members** New members include William D. Green, soon to be Financial Secretary.



**35 Freemasonry Among Negroes and Whites in America: A Study in Masonic Legitimacy** Comments relative to a book of the same title.

**36 Notes, Queries and Information on items of Masonic Research** A new column that addresses reader questions about (1) Primus Hall, (2) Prince Hall Bicentennial, (3) Interference, (4) Grimshaw, (5) Prince Hall Postage Stamp, (6) Prizes and Awards for Writing and Painting, and (7) Other Awards.

**38 The Phylaxis Society and the Iowa Masonic Library** An appeal to grand lodges to send material to the Iowa Masonic library and to use the resources of the library.

**38 A Mason and a Man** A poem submitted by Robert L. Hughes, Northwest Chapter Phylaxis Society.

**39 The Northwest Chapter of the Phylaxis Society** The three great lights.



**39 Does the 'Prince Hall' Masonic Charter Exist?** The author traveled to Boston where he was allowed to examine the charter and record books of African Lodge. He reports it to be in an excellent state of preservation.

**41 The Significance of Brotherhood** A Prince Hall Masonic Classic read before and printed under the auspices of Prince Hall Lodge No. 38, MWPHGL of New York, May 23, 1919. It urges black men to get back to that moral and intellectual excellence of the blacks of antiquity of whom Herodotus claims the Olympian gods called "faultless Ethiopians."



**44 History of Prince Hall Masonry** A paper read at the 64th anniversary of Frank J. Brown Lodge #80, St. Louis, Missouri. (Relies heavily on Grimshaw.)

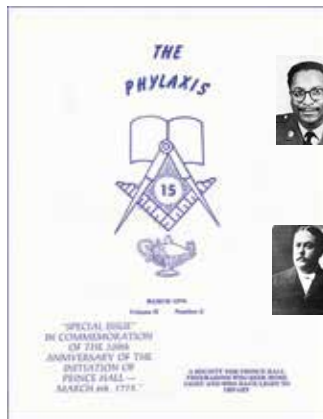
**45 Grand Master Gilliam of Mississippi Passes** Obituary for deceased Grand Master Gilliam of Stringer Grand Lodge.

**45 The Local Chapter - The key to Co-ordinate Activity in the Phylaxis Society Program** A discussion on how local Phylaxis chapters are formed.



**47 Prince Hall Masonry and the Civil War - Part II** A Masterpiece continued from previous issue. Martin Delaney is commissioned a major in the army from civilian life. Governor Andrews presents to GM Lewis Hayden of Massachusetts a gavel made from a slave whipping post and a straw basket used to escape from slavery.

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**54 A Word from the President** Facts about Prince Hall, Master of African Lodge and some of his challenges. This issue commemorates the two hundredth anniversary of the initiation of Prince Hall. It recounts a petition from Prince Hall about three Negro members of African Lodge kidnapped into slavery.



**55 Prince Hall's Letter Book** Upton gives a summary of the letter books of Prince Hall.

**58 A Charge Delivered to the African Lodge** Delivered June 24, 1797 at MEMOTOMY, MASS. by the Right Worshipful Prince Hall.

**61 Congratulations** Executive Secretary, Bro. James E. Herndon, was honored as Master Mason of the year. Other honors went to First Vice President Herbert Dailey and to Second Vice President Zellus Bailey.

**61 The Phylaxis Society and the Prince Hall Confession of Faith** Presents a credo espousing belief in freemasonry and belief in Prince Hall freemasonry.



**62 Alexander Clark, P.G.M** Known as the colored orator of Iowa. Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Missouri, he was a man of national reputation and distinguished at home and abroad as such.

**65 Vital Dimensions of Effective Power I.** Intellectual Power, II. Economic Power, III Political Power, IV. The Power of Togetherness, V. Psychological Power, and VI. The Power of Faith.



**69 The Storm that Produced Light on a Dark Subject** In 1897 Gideon S. Bailey and Con A. Rideout, two Prince Hall masons, petitioned the Grand Lodge of Washington to engage in fraternal communication. The fraternal storm then ensued.



**71 Recognized, Unrecognized, Clandestine** I have read hundreds of discussions and opinions in Grand Lodge proceedings on this subject—among which are some of the most vitriolic attacks on Negroes and Negro Freemasonry. The white brethren have not added to their stature by their actions.



**72 Whence Come You and Whither Are You Traveling?** The first fellow of the Society (Holder) traces the origin of these terms through various masonic lecturers including Preston and Webb.

**74 Notes, Queries and Information on Items of Masonic Research** (8) Alexander G. Clarke historical site, (9) Tornado destroys Masonic Hall, (10) Qualification of petitioner, (11) Prince Hall military officer, (12) Compact lodges in New York



**78 A Word from the President** My aim is to preserve the memory of the things I love, to be truthful to them and therefore to write as well about them as I can. We plan to continue issuing special editions in March of each year in tribute to the Master, Prince Hall. Ira Holder has been made the first fellow of the Society.



**79 Prince Hall Masonry and the Civil War, Part Three** The second Prince Hall military masonic lodge to serve in the Civil War was Phoenix Lodge No. 1. One can see the workings of Prince Hall masonry and the African Methodist Episcopal Church, both having played a major role in sustaining Black America.



**83 Prince Hall's Letter Book, Part Two** Upton's summary continues.



**86 Whence Come You and Whither are You Traveling, Part Two** Holder shows that requisites to advancement one must have: a mission to perform, determination to perform that mission, and constant travel toward one's objective.



**88 John Pine Noted Masonic Engraver was Black** John Pine engraved the frontispiece to Dr. James Anderson's Constitution of 1723 and again in 1738.



**90 The Phylaxis, Phylalethes, and M.P.S.** The Phylalethes objected to use of "MPS" by the Phylaxis Society and suggested the society use PSM instead.

**90 Prince Hall Bi-Centennial** The writer suggests that Prince Hall masons should be about the business of building hospitals and universities of higher education.

**91 Bro. Kivie Kaplan Passes** He was national president of the NAACP.

**82 Welcome to New Members** includes James A. Mingo of the District of Columbia.

**92 Phylaxis Profile: Dr. William M Freeman** Southern University professor and MPS named in Who's Who in the South and Southwest

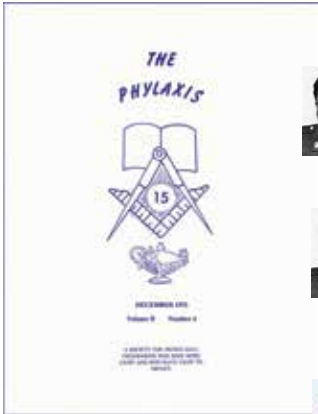
**93 The Membership Committee Goals** This four member committee is the forerunner of the Council of Representatives.

**94 Should Prince Hall Freemasonry Explore the Table Lodge?** Lodges might know the "fourth degree" in which members mingle in an anteroom or dining room for after-meeting sandwich or meal. The table lodge is not mere banquet with entertainment; it is a special lodge ceremony with a ritual, formalities, and a special terminology which is of some interest.

**95 The Ceremony of the Seven Toasts** The ritual of the seven toasts.

**95 Notes, Queries and Information on Items of Masonic Research (4)** Grimshaw, (2) Bi-Centennial, (13) Past Master's Degree, (14) 100 Most Influential Black Americans, (15) Non-Prince Hall Grand Masters, (16) Negro Masonry in the United States, (17) Universal League of Freemasonry (ULF), (8) PGM Alexander G. Clark.

**99 A Bright Mason** A term usually applied to one who is well posted in the lectures of the various degrees, but the whole heart must be in whatever we do.



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**102 A Word from the President** The first meeting of the executive committee was held in Denver. President Walkes was awarded FPS for his masterpiece. Arthur H. Frederick and Charles H. Wesley were nominated as fellows.



**103 Those Magnificent Masonic Buffalo Soldiers Part One** Little is known of Prince Hall military lodges because they failed to maintain minutes or report to their grand lodges. The first of the lodges was chartered by Texas and attached to the Tenth Cavalry: Baldwin Lodge No. 16.



**106 Stormy is the Road, A Masterpiece, Ira S. Holder, Sr.** Follows Gideon S. Bailey and Con A. Rideout as they seek fraternal communication in the State of Washington.

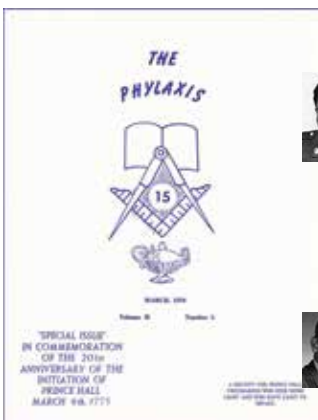
#### 111 Welcome to New Members

**111 The Phylaxis Society and the Missouri Masonic Library** Second Vice President Zellus Bailey assists in creating a new Masonic library in Missouri.



**112 The Masonic Service Association of the United States** The MSA is a voluntary association of masonic grand lodges.

**113 Notes, Queries and Information on Items of Masonic Research** (11) Prince Hall military officers, (18) Conference of Prince Hall grand masters, (8) PGM Alexander Clark, (18) Recognition, and (5) Prince Hall postage stamp.



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**118 A Word from the President** This issue pays homage to the Master, Prince Hall. The Phylaxis Society has begun to attract enemies!

**119 America's Bi-Centennial** While the country was at war with Britain, masonic meetings ceased in Boston. By 1777 both the white and black lodges were on the road to re-organizing.



**120 Should Prince Hall Masons Celebrate the Bi-Centennial-** Yes Jerry Marsengill, FPS (Philalethes Society), argues that, though the country is far from perfect, we do not need any group disassociation itself.



**121 Should Prince Hall Masons Celebrate the Bi-Centennial - No** President Walkes suggests that some consider it a celebration of slavery.



**122 How Long is Your Cable Tow?** FPS Holder traces the historical origin of the cable tow. He observes that the Masonic cable tow symbolically binds the candidate to darkness and ignorance.



**126 Joseph G. Findel, Honorary Prince Hall Grand Master** Findel was a German masonic writer and scholar, who believed the lodges of colored people were legally constituted.

**131 Prince Hall: A Great Negro American** In the proceedings of the 91<sup>st</sup> Congress, Hon Phillip Philbin says “Prince Hall stood in his great day and spoke out militantly for truth, humanity and freedom.”

**132 A Charge Delivered to African Lodge, June 24,1792** A charge delivered by Prince Hall.



**134 The Master’s Sign** A description of a Masonic token in flowery prose.

**135 A Prince Hall Masonic Classic** This well-crafted address by Alexander Clark, PGM of Iowa and Missouri, is rightly identified as an Masonic classic.

**138 Welcome New Members**

**139 Notes, Queries and Information on Items of Masonic Research:** Pine’s famous frontspiece, Dr. Charles Wesley, John W. Davis, Non-Prince Hall organizations.

**140 Report from Wisconsin** This distinguished committee headed by State Supreme Court Judge George Currie recommended that the Prince Hall Grand Lodge be recognized.

**140 Masonic Duty** A well-read mason is a rare thing.

**141 The Phylaxis Society and the Prince Hall Confession of Masonic Faith** A masonic credo.

**142 Phylaxis Profile** William E. Allen, Jr., MPS, was the first black radiologist to receive a gold medal from the American College of Radiology.

**143 The Lady Freemason** The lady was Miss Elizabeth St. Leger. A decision had to be made: put her to death, or make her a mason in due form.

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**146 A Word from the President** President Walkes refers to the society as *international*. The annual executive meeting was held in Seattle, Washington. Grand Master Jno. G. Lewis is acknowledged for his constant support and encouragement. This issue is dedicated to Martin Delaney.



**147 The Power of Togetherness** FPS Holder refers to the operative masons of medieval times and to the formation of the Grand Lodge of 1717 to make his point.

**149 Notes, Queries and Information on Items of Masonic Research** William E. Allan, Prince Hall masonic postage stamp, Alphonse Cerza, Philadelphia street named for Prince Hall mason (Richard Allen), Schomburg Center, Transactions of the Phylaxis Society, John W. Davis, Asa B. Sampson, Prince Hall Masonic Yearbook, *Prince Hall Life and Legacy*.



**150 Martin R. Delaney Militant Master Mason** This short, stocky black militant attended Harvard until prejudice forced him out. His hatred of racism led him to consider use of force and resettlement in Africa as solutions.

**154 Executive Meeting Held** James Herndon was named a fellow. Two Caucasian masons, Keith Arrington and Jerry Marsengill, were named honorary fellow.

**154 The Real Mason** A poem.



**155 Planning for Spiritual Growth** This is the keynote address given by the Executive Secretary of the Masonic Services Association, Conrad Hahn, at the Grand Lodge of Michigan.



**158 L. Sherman Brooks, Masonic Calligrapher** A professional scribe, he did the back cover for this issue.

**158 The Lady Freemason, How She Came to be Initiated** Continues from the previous issue.

**159 Welcome New Members**



**160 The Origin and Objects of Ancient Freemasonry: Its Introduction into the United States, and Legitimacy Among Colored Men.** A treatise delivered before St. Cyprian Lodge No. 13, June 24, 1853 by Martin R. Delaney.



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**166 A Word from the President** Increasing the membership of the Phylaxis Society must be a result of the effort of all the members.

**166 Herndon and Holder Retire** Charter members step down.



**167 Two Blacks Inadvertently Disrupt White America** FPS Holden addresses the disruptions in the State of Washington resulting from the activity of Gideon S. Bailey and Con A. Rideout in 1897.

**170 57<sup>th</sup> Conference of Grand Masters** Group photograph.



**171 A Speech by Joseph A. Walkes, F.P.S.** Presented to the Conference of Grand Masters in 1976. My purpose is to attempt to explain the role of a small body of Prince Hall Freemasons who have organized themselves into a research society and their relationship to you.



**173 Notes, Queries and Information on Items of Masonic Research** Drew Sales, Jno. G. Lewis Testimonial, Deceased members honored in New Orleans, Middle Class Blacks in a White Society, Conference of Grand Master's schedule, Back Issues of magazines, Prince Hall Masonic yearbook, GM Lewis listed in *Who's Who*,

**174 Report of the Caucasian Grand Lodge F.&A.M. of Wisconsin** The final report concerning the question whether the Grand Lodge of Prince Hall Masons of Wisconsin shall be recognized by the Grand Lodge of Wisconsin.



**176 The Origin and Objects of Ancient Freemasonry** Continued from previous issue. Delaney creates an intricate theory showing how Freemasonry evolved from mysteries of African origin.

**179 Welcome New Members**