

The Prince Hall Wall of Honor

You are invited to view the Prince Hall Wall of Honor. It is located on the second floor of our Grand Lodge building. This is where the portraits of all the distinguished gentlemen who have served as Grand Master of this organization may be seen. You will recognize many of the names such as George Middleton, Lewis Hayden and John J. Smith. They are the same names that are found on the black history trail in down town Boston. They were the leaders in the community. Many were legislators, professionals, and businessmen.

You will enter a hallway. The first view to attract your notice is a replica of the lodge room where Prince Hall and our ancient brethren held their meetings. It was the back room of his business, at the Sign of the Golden Fleece, in down town Boston. This is where Prince Hall conducted his business as a leather dresser and as a caterer.

In the room is a painting of Prince Hall. It is our conception of him as there are no existing paintings or drawings of what he looked like. The one description of him is that he was "a tall, lean Negro of great dignity... he was thought by some to be of royal African blood."

Some of our more recent Grand Masters were Dr. William D. Washington, Dr. James R. Lesueur and Attorney John Garvey Bynoe.

Our present Grand Master is the Honorable **Anthony I. Jakes, Sr.**

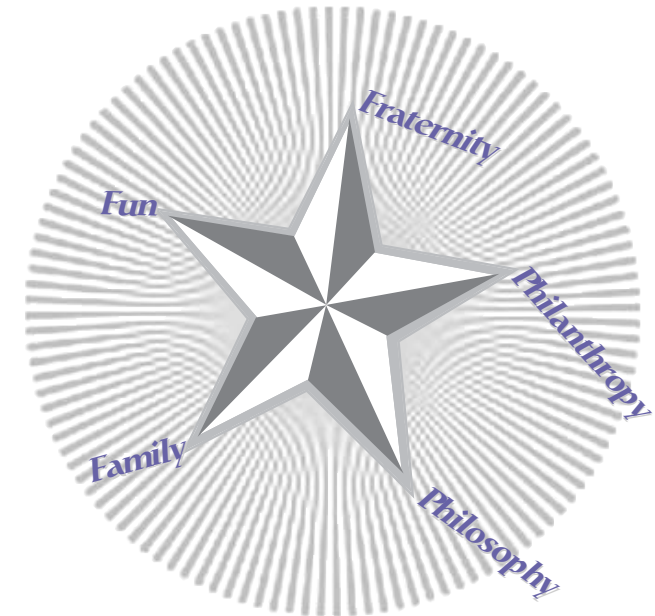


The Prince Hall Masonic library is located on the same level. It contains rare reference books on religion and social issues. You will find a wealth of Black history, especially of the Boston Black community. The library is available for research by contacting the Grand Historian, Bro. Raymond T. Coleman.

The Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge Jurisdiction of Massachusetts

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The Five Facets of Freemasonry



**That the
Legacy of Prince Hall Continues**

MODERN FREEMASONRY AND THE FIVE FACETS

There are many myths and misconceptions about Freemasonry. It is thought to be a secret society whose members practice strange rites. Many link its beginnings to the building of the pyramids of Egypt or the craft guilds of the cathedral builders of Europe.

Actually, the Freemasonry that is practiced today started as a fraternity, or social club for men. A minister, who taught philosophy, and other prominent and well-educated men, formed an organization known as the Premier Grand Lodge of England. It began in 1717.

Prince Hall and other men of color, who were made Masons in an Irish Military lodge, requested a charter from the Premier Grand Lodge of England to start a lodge in America. A lodge charter was issued to them September 29th, 1784. That lodge was designated African Lodge #459.

The greatest and best of men have always been associated with this fraternity. For this and other reasons, many are attracted to it.

To better understand the nature of our organization a chart has been prepared called The Five Facets of Freemasonry. It uses five words, all beginning with an "F" sound, to explain what it is about.

After reviewing this chart, if you have any interest in knowing more about our organization or becoming a part of it, call the number below or visit our web site.

A slogan we use is, "To become a Mason, Ask a Mason."

If you, or a member of your family have any interest or questions on how to become a Mason, visit our web site at www.princehall.org or call 1-617-445-1145.

THE FIVE FACETS OF FREEMASONRY

Fraternity *Philanthropy* *Philosophy* *Family* *Fun*

Fraternity:

Freemasonry is believed to be the oldest and largest fraternity in the World. The Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons, the successor to African Lodge, is the oldest fraternal organization started by Blacks in America. A bonding among men of good will and like interests.

Philanthropy:

Support Charities, Scholarships, Volunteering and Mentor projects.
Meals for Seniors Holliday parties and gifts for Children

Philosophy:

The philosophy of our order is a system of moral and social virtues based on fundamental truths. It is taught by symbols, allegories, and lectures.

Some of the Principals are:

Fatherhood of God, Brotherhood of Man.

The Golden Rule. All men are equal.

Observing these principals tend to promote stability of character, morality and good citizenship

Its Beliefs: Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth

Its Basic Virtues: Temperance, Fortitude, Prudence and Justice

Family:

The Order of Eastern Star

An organization for our Wives, Widows, Mothers, Sisters, and Daughters

The Pythagorans

Male Youth Organization

The Youth Circle

Female Youth Organization

Fun:

Outings Conventions Trips Parties Banquets Social Events