

Kansas was Western Star No. 1 located in Lawrence. It was organized in 1865 with David G. Lett as Worshipful Master and chartered by the Grand Lodge of Ohio.

Shortly afterward, Euclid Lodge No. 2 of Topeka and Mount Oliver Lodge No. 3 of Leavenworth were established and chartered by the Grand Lodge of Ohio when John Jones was Most Worshipful Grand Master. These lodges remained under the jurisdiction of Ohio until 1875, when a convention of the craft was called to meet at the Masonic Hall in Lawrence, Kansas on March 7, 1875.

The Grand Lodge of Kansas was organized under the name, Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of the Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, State of Kansas. David G. Lett was elected first Most Worshipful Grand Master.

The current Most Worshipful Grand Master is Howard C. Paschall Jr.

### The Grand Lodge of Louisiana

**S**INCE its ESTABLISHMENT on January 5, 1863, the Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Louisiana has been noted for its tradition of community building. One of its current outstanding programs is the leadership conference for Black trainees held annually at Southern University.

Equally worthy of note is the Grand Lodge's efforts to assure Black farmers a fair share of governmental programs devised to help farmers; its sizable contributions and organizational aid to the NAACP Legal Defense Fund; its annual donations to the United Negro College Fund; its fight to assure Louisiana Black teachers parity with all others in salary, promotions and other benefits.

Recently, the Grand Lodge has established Camp Chicota, a 127-acre youth camp located among the rolling pine lands of Evangeline Parish in central Louisiana. This camp has 30 modern, well-kept buildings, picnic grounds, and an Olympic-size swimming pool. The camp is non-sectarian, non-denominational and knows no creed or color.

The Grand Lodge's John C. Lewis Jr. Memorial Fund makes grants and donations for scholarships. Grants from this fund have also been made to the NAACP, OIC, Dillard University, Grambling University, Boys Club Community Association for Welfare of

School Children, Community Day Care Center, Operation Mainstream (adult education), Knights of Pythagoras, American Red Cross, Sickle Cell Anemia Projects, Catholic Service Center/Lake Charles, and the SCLC.

In addition, many of the local lodges have blood banks, clothing banks, and softball leagues. They also give food baskets to the needy, and hot meals periodically to those in need. Visiting children's hospitals and homes for the

elderly is also among the programs of many local lodges.

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