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Grand Lodge of Louisiana is the support of full citizenship by making being a registered voter a prerequisite for membership in our lodges.

The Most Worshipful Grand Master is Earle L. Bradford. He is also the chairman of the Steering Committee of the Conference of Grand Masters.

## The Grand Lodge of North Carolina

IN 1866, under authority of the Grand Lodge of New York, Past Grand Master Paul Drayton organized King Solomon Lodge No. 23 (now No. 1), at New Bern, North Carolina, and Giblem Lodge No. 28 (now No. 2), at Wilmington, North Carolina. By authority of the same Grand Lodge, Past Grand Master James W. Hood, who had been appointed as supervisor, organized in 1867, Eureka Lodge No. 30 (now No. 3), at Fayetteville, North Carolina, and Widow Son Lodge No. 31 (now No. 4), at Raleigh, North Carolina. The four lodges last mentioned, on March 1, 1870, met in Giblem Lodge room in Wilmington, and organized the present Most Worshipful Grand Lodge for the state of North Carolina. James W. Hood was elected Most Worshipful Grand Master. J.J. Sawyer was elected Grand Secretary.

### Past Grand Masters

Since the founding of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina the following have served as Grand Masters James W. Hood, 1870-1883; James W. Telfair, 1883-1886; Stewart Ellison, 1886-1890; George H. White, 1890-1896; James Young, 1896-1898; J.J. Worlds, 1898-1903; L.B. Randolph, 1903; John W. Moore, pro tem, 1908; R.B. McRary, 1908-1920; James E. Shepard, 1920-1928; L.B. Capehart, 1928-1933; C.S. Brown, 1933-1936; James E. Shepard, 1936-1947; George C. Carnes, 1947-1959; Clark S. Brown, 1959-1974; and Herbert B. Shaw, 1974-1980.

The current Most Worshipful Grand Master is William A. Clement.

## The Grand Lodge of Ohio

THE beginnings of Masonry among the Black men in Ohio have direct connections with Prince Hall Freemasonry in Pennsylvania. There were two streams of influence at work in accomplishing this goal. One of these grew out of the initiative of men



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in Cincinnati; the other arose in Pennsylvania with Richard Howell Gleaves. On March 3, 1847, seven residents left Cincinnati for Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. They were seeking contact with Masons to the east. They had learned of its values and traditions from three of the seven who had been Master Masons in St. Cyprian Lodge of Pittsburgh. The Worshipful Master of this Lodge was Martin R. Delaney.

On January 16, 1848, Corinthian Lodge No. 17 was constituted in the city of Cincinnati. The first Master was Joseph C. King. The other charter members were William Darnes, John Johnson, Shelton Morris, George Paterson, Asbury Young and L.C. Fluellen.

True American Lodge No. 26 and St. John's Lodge No. 27 were established through the efforts of Brother Gleaves. Representatives of the three Cincinnati lodges—Corinthian No. 17, later No. 1; True American Lodge No. 26, later No. 2; and St. John's Lodge No. 27, later No. 3—organized the Grand Lodge for the State of Ohio on May 3, 1849. Thomas W. Stringer was elected Grand Master.

Because of the large number of out-of-state lodges warranted by the Grand Lodge of Ohio, it is often called the "Mother of Lodges." Lodges warranted by the Grand Lodge of Ohio in other states included Richmond Lodge No. 4 at New Orleans, Louisiana in 1850; Mt. Moriah Lodge No. 6 at Louisville, Kentucky in 1852; Union Lodge No. 5 at Indianapolis, Indiana in 1850; King Solomon Lodge No. 8 at Madison, Indiana in 1852; Prince Hall Lodge No. 10 at St. Louis, Missouri in 1853; Stringer Lodge No. 11 at New Orleans in 1854; North Star Lodge No. 12 at Chicago, Illinois in 1855; Britton Lodge No. 13 at Richmond, Indiana in 1856; R. Phillips Lodge No. 17 at Carthage, Indiana in 1856; Parsons Lodge No. 18 at New Orleans in 1857; Central Lodge No. 19 at Springfield, Illinois in 1857; and St. Thomas Lodge No. 20 at Louisville in 1858.

The current Most Worshipful Grand Master of Ohio is Odes J. Kyle.

## The Grand Lodge of Oregon

MANY Prince Hall Grand Jurisdictions had constituted lodges in the state of Oregon including North Carolina, South Carolina, Illinois, Iowa, Missouri, Ohio, Oklahoma, Washington and California. At one

time both California and Washington Jurisdictions had lodges in the city of Portland, Oregon.

On April 16, 1960 a convention of Prince Hall Masons met in Portland to organize a Prince Hall Grand Lodge for the State of Oregon. The representatives of the duly-empowered lodges in operation in the state—Enterprise No. 1, Shasta No. 36 and Beaver No. 38—proceeded to form the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge for the State of Oregon. Freddie E. Williams was elected Most Worshipful Grand Master.

Rocky Mountain Lodge No. 4 (LaGrande, Oregon) chartered under the Jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Washington voted to become a chartered lodge of the newly formed Grand Lodge of Oregon. Other lodges consituted by the Grand Lodge of Oregon include Logan Lodge No. 5 (Portland)—1960; Acacia Lodge No. 6 (Portland)—1965; Sabre Lodge No. 7 (Mounatin Home, Idaho)—1964; Northern Lights Lodge No. 8 (Great Falls, Montana)—1971; and Unity Lodge No. 9 (Klamath Falls, Oregon)—1983.

The current Most Worshipful Grand Master is Joseph L. Harvey.

## The Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania

THE AFRICAN GRAND LODGE was constituted in Boston, 1797. Within the same year Prince Hall, the first Grand Master, warranted African Lodge No. 459, in Philadelphia, designating the Rev. Absalom Jones as Worshipful Master.

In the year 1815, there now being four Lodges in Philadelphia, the Past Masters of these Lodges decided to organize a Grand Lodge.

Because members of the clergy were among the most learned of the brothers, it is not surprising that the Rev. Absalom Jones was elected the Grand Master. At the same time, the following were chosen to serve: Peter Richmond, Deputy Grand Master; Alexander Logan, Senior Grand Warden; Matthew Black, Junior Grand Warden; William Coleman, Grand Secretary; and Anthony Cain, Grand Treasurer. By this action the Masonic Independence of Pennsylvania was firmly established.

The Right Rev. Richard Allen, founder and first Bishop of the African

