

# MOST WORSHIPFUL PRINCE HALL GRAND LODGE F & A M HOLDS 13TH ANNUAL COMMUNICATION



Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge officers and visiting dignitaries: (Seat from left to right) Deputy G.M.-Willie Waters, G.M.-Jessie J. Smith, G.M.-Gene Berry, Arizona, G Seat-T.C. Freeman. (Standing left to right) GSW-Charles Searcy, G Trust-Harold C. Miller, G Lect-Franklin Briggs, G Chap-O. Charles Fogar. (Standing Rear) G.L.O.-Eugene Mitchell, G Trust-Jeffrey Jones, G Tres.-Larry Jones, G Sec.-Eugene Holgert, Arizona. (Not Shown are) P.GM-Otis Ward, P.GM-Cranford Crawford, GSW-Jerry Robinson Calif., G. Trust-Rufus Gipson, and GLW-Jack Spivey.

By M.W.G.L. Public Relations Committee, P.M., John H. Woodard, Chairman, and M.M., David Moore, Co-Chairman

THE MOST WORSHIPFUL PRINCE HALL GRAND LODGE DESERT ROSE GRAND CHAPTER ORDER OF EASTERN STARS held its 13th annual communication at the Palace Station Hotel and Casino Las

Vegas, last week. Giving Praise to god first, the Grand Lodge was opened in Masonic Historical form. After R.W. Deputy Grand Master Willie Waters was received, he proceeded to receive Grand Master the Honorable Jessie J. Smith who laid the way to a very successful and harmonious Grand session that was closed to the public. Dignitaries from the

states of Calif., Colorado, Arizona and Idaho attended the Nevada Grand Lodge session. The Grand lodge banquet was held in the ballroom at the Palace Station Hotel. Grand lecturer Franklin Briggs served as Master of Ceremonies. He began the program with a presentation of awards to four Las

Vegas pioneers. Worshipful Master Claude J. McKinney, Senior Warden Tony Williams and Junior Warden Will H. Collins of King Solomon Lodge #2 presented the awards to Mother Ethel Pearson, Mr. William Brown, Mr. Clearance Ray and Mr. William Morrison. Ophir Temple presented the 1993

educational award to the engineering scholarship fund at U.N.L.V. Continued annual support of the program entitles underprivileged youth with assistance with their college education. Other awards included Master Mason of the year, awarded to Bro. Darrell Wade, and Lodge

of the year, awarded to Jack Hayward, Lodge #6. The three days of grand lodge sessions concluded with a beautiful memorial service conducted by all Grand Lodge and Eastern Stars officers and an ending sermon by Bro. T.J. Jenkins, Pastor of St. Johns Missionary Baptist Church.

## ESPY ANNOUNCES DATE OF NATIONAL HUNGER FORUM

WASHINGTON.—Secretary of Agriculture Mike Espy has announced he will hold a hunger forum on June 17 in Washington, D.C. to establish an aggressive agenda for the Department of Agriculture to help end hunger in America.

"We can and we must do better to fight hunger in America," said Espy. "During the forum we hope to discuss new strategies so we can rethink how we fight hunger. We live in a country with much abundance, yet we have more than one in five children still living in poverty."

The time and location of the forum in Washington will be announced at a later date. There will be a variety of participants from around the country including persons affected by hunger in their daily lives, farmers, food industry executives, policy experts, academics and government and community leaders.

"We will discuss all aspects of hunger," said Espy, "including the need to reform our current welfare and nutrition programs. President Clinton and I are dedicated to closely examine and

reinvent how government operates in Washington to better serve Americans all across the country."

The June 17 hunger forum is one of seven issues forums that Espy will conduct around the country. The topics of the other forums are: Food Safety/meat and poultry inspection; farm income and program simplification; rural America/its protection and development; agricultural trade and exports; and the environment.

Espy, who has made hunger relief a top priority for his administration, also held a meeting with the World Program on May 25 in Rome. The World Food Program is the food aid arm of the United Nations and now delivers roughly a quarter of the world's food aid.

Said Espy, "We cannot let the hunger issue fade off of our radar screens or out of our hearts or out of our consciences."

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