

Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge for the States of Oregon, Idaho and Montana



## Masonic News Fall 2023

# From the desk of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Master



Greetings,

It gives me great pleasure to welcome you to the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons Fall Newsletter. This is a kickoff of a new form of communication, sharing the highlights of recent activities within the jurisdiction. I shared this idea with our Right Worshipful Grand Secretary Anthony Albert and described what I wanted to accomplish. I would like to see us circulate this on a quarterly basis, but we will create as we proceed with our work.

For any strategy to be successful, it requires all parts of an organization to support it actively and implement it consistently and effectively. Our jurisdiction is building and growing, while using the four principles of Integrity, Friendship, Respect and Service. You will see in our newsletters all these pillars and characteristics.

Freemasonry tomorrow probably will not look like the Freemasonry some of us remember. It is more and more important that we embrace technology within our jurisdiction so as a rule, this newsletter will always be emailed to all who have shared an email address. Feel free to print off, read at lodge, and provide members who do not have a computer a copy.

We hope that this communication will inspire you to continue in your efforts as a Prince Hall Mason.

As we move into the Holiday Season, it's a time for gratitude. I'm grateful for the love that I find from my family, and throughout my Masonic family. I am thankful for you! I hope that all of my family reading this are grateful for everything in their life.

From the East,

MWGM A. Moppin

### From the Lecturer



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It gives me great pleasure that the members of this Grand Body and jurisdiction have placed confidence in me to serve as your Grand Lecturer. As outlined in our Grand Constitution and Bylaws, it is my duty to: Ensure uniformity in the authorized work and lectures throughout this jurisdiction. There are several other duties and responsibilities, but this, (I believe) should be primary. We want to make certain that the work and instruction happening in one Lodge is happening in all Lodges. We pride ourselves on Psalm 133: "Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity...". I believe that this is our time to shine in what we say we believe. ...we have to be on one accord.

I don't claim to know it all, but what I do know, I am willing to share. I invite each of you to do the same. If there is a particular lecture or bit of information you'd like to get out, send it my way. After review, we will come up with a way to properly disseminate the information. Again, I thank you for your trust and look forward to serving this Grand Jurisdiction as your Grand Lecturer.

Fraternally submitted,

Right Worshipful Thereyarn Pressley Jr Grand Lecturer

## From the Desk of the Grand Secretary

Dear brethren, I hope this finds you in great spirits and the Architect of the universe has kept you healthy and safe. I am excited for the new Masonic Newsletter we are attempting here. It is now 6 months since I took on the role of Grand Secretary and the challenges are endless. However, I stand steadfast on making sure our jurisdiction is informed and running smoothly.

It has also been an interesting Masonic year for me personally, having been installed into the Chair of the Building Committee. I'm not new to working with non-profits, so the work is fun and fulfilling.

Right Worshipful Grand Secretary Anthony Albert



## Enterprise Lodge #1

- Enterprise organized the Backpack giveaway for the jurisdiction
- Elections in December
- Most Worshipful Grand Master Visit first quarter 2024
- District Deputy visit 2024





## Acacia Lodge #6

- Acacia raised two brothers from Fellowcraft to the Sublime degree of Master Mason, with the support of Enterprise Lodge and Unity Lodge
- Deputy for the Orient Gregory Wraggs visited Acacia
- Officer elections are in December
- District Deputy visit 2024





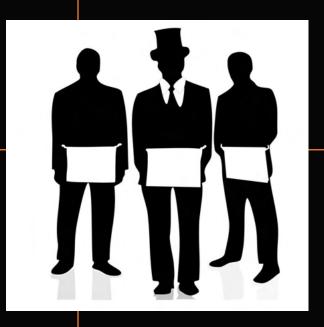
## Unity Lodge # 9

- Unity held it's first Lodge meeting in years with the support of Acacia Lodge brothers
- Elections in December
- Most Worshipful Grand Master Visit first quarter 2024
- District Deputy visit 2024

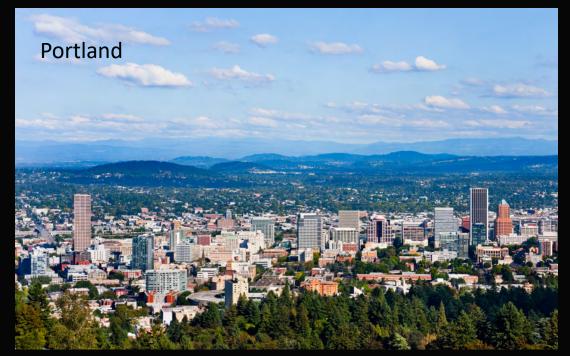


## Sabre Lodge # 7

- Jerome Dudley acting Worshipful Master
- Elections in December
- Most Worshipful Grand Master Visit first quarter 2024
- District Deputy visit 2024









## District Deputy Updates

District 1- Terrell Thompson, PM

District 2 - Thereyard Pressley, PM

The role of the District Deputy is one of service. The District Deputy is a guide to each Brother working in the lodge.

Each District Deputy will be visiting every Lodge in their jurisdiction before Grand Session 2024.

We look forward to the visit and instructions.

## Newly Raised Master Masons







Let's welcome our newly raised Brothers



Master Master Brian Carew

# THROWBACK ACACIA #6 1982



# Grand Session and Leadership Conference

### Leadership Conference 2023

Annual workshop took place in March of 2023 at the Doubletree Hotel. Guest speakers were Paul Knauls Jr (Community Activist), Michael "Chappie" Grice Author/Educator/Community Engagement Officer, Royal Harris WINNERZ Circle- Community Activist/DEI Specialist and Kevin Modica Community Official/ Community Relations Management.



#### **Grand Session 2023**

A Grand Session in Prince Hall is a very special, interesting and motivating experience. The 64<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting was in Portland Oregon and had quite the turn out. Brothers from Idaho and Oregon came together for two days to work and decide the direction of our craft.

Most Worshipful Grand Master – Andreas Moppin

Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master - Calvin Kyles

Right Worshipful Senior Grand Warden - Elwood Robertson

Right Worshipful Junior Grand Warden - Royce Williams

Right Worshipful Grand Treasurer - Hasan Artharee

Right Worshipful Grand Secretary - Anthony Albert

Right Worshipful Grand Lecturer – Thereyarn Pressley





## Grand Session 2023



### Brothers and wives socializing in harmony





Most Worshipful Grand Master of California San Juan, Right Worshipful Senior Warden Washington, Past Right Worshipful Junior Grand Warden Neal

### **Pac Rim Conference 2023**

### San Diego, CA

The Most Worshipful Grand Master Andreas Moppin and Right Worshipful Grand Secretary Anthony Albert attended the Pac Rim Conference in October in San Diego.

Grand Worthy Matron Donna Keller and Past Grand Matron Brenda Moon also attended representing the Eastern Stars.







## **Charity & Community**

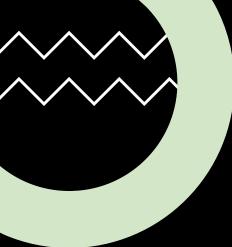
- Annual Turkey drive was November 18<sup>th</sup> at Kenton Lodge Hall being spearheaded by Brother Royal Harris. The Brothers handed out 50 turkeys in 40 minutes. The need for us is there.
- Enterprise Lodge came together with the craft to give away backpacks to the community this backto-school year. The backpacks were free for anyone that wanted one.
- The Most Worshipful Grand Master Andreas Moppin and Right Worshipful Grand Secretary Anthony Albert supported the Backpack Portland (PORTLAND BACKPACK'S MISSION IS TO SERVE CHILDREN WHO ARE AT RISK OF HUNGER BY PROVIDING FOOD SACKS FOR WEEKEND DAYS WHEN FOOD SCARCITY IS HIGHER. WE BELIEVE THAT ENGAGING THE COMMUNITY IN OUR EFFORTS CREATES A GREATER IMPACT THAT REACHES BEYOND REDUCING HUNGER.)











## Happy Holidays

Please take the time to enjoy your family and give thanks for everything that is good in your life.



Thank you for taking the time to read our Masonic Newsletter. Please direct any corrections, comments and additional information to <a href="mailto:Secretary@MWPHGLORIDMT.ORG">Secretary@MWPHGLORIDMT.ORG</a>.

Please summit your story ideas also, we would like to have the next newsletter before Grand Session.