

FROM THE GRAND MASTER'S SUITE

Week of June 3-9, 2024

Early Saturday morning our Grand Lecturer and Visitor Emanuel Burwell led a First-time ever team of Worshipful Master to raised 22 Candidates to the degree of Master Mason through Grand Master's At-Site. Notable DC Councilmember At-Large Robert C. White, Jr. and owner/funeral director Kevin L. Reese. Mason at sight is the prerogative of the MW Grand Master outlined in the 25 Landmarks. Brother Mackey specifically notes this power of the MWGM in the Eighth Landmark. Many great men have been made masons at site to include AF General Chappie James, Mayor for life Marion Barry and more. Back to the 18th century, per Coils Encyclopedia, the term "At-Site" came into use after a number of situations where men were made Masons differently than the usual process. They were either 1.) made Masons in occasional lodges, or 2.) With 2 or 3 degrees being conferred all in the same day. This process allows the MW Grand Master to waive the typical waiting period between the degrees.



2024 MWPHGLDC AT SITE RAISING

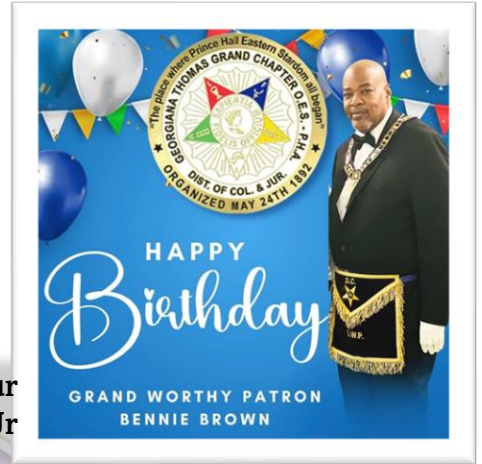


Many Freemasons mistakenly believe that the MW Grand Master simply waves a wand or makes a proclamation to declare a man a Mason, without requiring the candidate to follow the normal degree protocols. All the Worshipful Masters and brothers present on Saturday can attest that these brothers demonstrated themselves duly prepared, worthy and well qualified to be raised to the degree of Master Mason. Many speak about At-Site brothers with a disparaging tone, as if these brothers' entrance in masonry is somehow void of the requirements of traditional raising. During my over 30 years of constant membership in the Prince Hall Freemasonry, I have seen members fold up, quit, get raised and you never see them again, not attend lodge functions, dropped for Non-Payment of dues, and a litany of other actions. All from traditional raisings with only a few of them from the ranks of At-Site masons. A master mason is a master mason regardless of how long it takes you to complete the degrees in 1 day or 7 years.

In DC, the practice of making Masons at sight has been dignified, but this year we ricketed the At-Site program up several notches to a new level. These brothers received everything they for which they paid-without a doubt. The only thing that changed for them was the waiting period between degrees. I would like to Thank from the bottom of my heart the hard work accomplished by the degree team. These WMs stepped up to the plate and hit a homerun like National Baseball Hall of Famer Joshua Gibson, proving that leading from the front is where leadership happens. A special shout out to WM Sean Fleming-Social No. 1, WM Michael McQueen-Felix No.3, Eric Johnson No. 4, Daryl Green No.5, Calvin Washington No.6, Charlie Richardson No. 9, TJ Appleby No. 10, Johnny Donelson No. 12, Chris Nappier No. 14, Leonard Minus No. 19, John Porter No. 20, Jason Thomas No. 22, Cornelius Jackson No. 23, Jason Cook No. 26, Antwane V. Johnson No. 27, Joseph McLeish No. 28 and Tramon Peacock No. 29. Each of these WM represented their lodges in an outstanding fashion. My Grand Master's Ah Ha Moments WM Appleby walked and talked the Middle Chamber looking like a SD of the Year, WM Antwane Johnson performed the White Apron presentation like the Archangel Gabriel himself, and WMs Chris Nappier and Jason Thomas made my heart proud to see that PM Marcus James and I can retire with ease knowing that you two will take the baton of Thunder (Thomas) and Lightning (Nappier). Remember we do not have insurance...I remain fearfully and wonderfully made.



Congratulations to Brother Walter L. Zigler, father of a proud son WM George Zig Zigler, James H. Hill No. 16. WM Appleby walked with him...if he has it not, I have it for him.



Please send up your prayers up for my main man and our Grand Worthy Patron/RW Grand Trustee (E) Bennie Brown, Jr



Felicitaciones por convertirse en masón de Prince Hall en la Gran Logia de DC

The Corpus Juris clearly states the Most Worshipful Grand Master will visit each of the Warranted lodges annually. To that end, please find the schedule for June 2024. The Grand Lodge will be received **NLT 7:30PM** on the night of visitation.

MWGM Grand Visitation Schedule for June

LODGE	DATE
1 Social Lodge No. 1	Thursday, June 6, 2024
2 Ionic Lodge No. 17	Friday, June 7, 2024
3 John F. Cook Lodge No. 10	Tuesday, June 11, 2024
4 Hiram Lodge No. 4	Monday, June 17, 2024
5 Pythagoras Lodge No. 9	Tuesday, June 18, 2024
6 Charles Datcher Lodge No. 15	Wednesday, June 19, 2024
7 St. Johns Lodge No. 12	Monday, June 24, 2024