

DISTRICT 1, 8, and 11

To the Most Worshipful Grand Master, Lodge Officers, Wardens and Brethren of the 114th Annual Communication of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of the Tennessee Jurisdiction

Greeting from Districts 1, 8, and 11:

I, C.E. Hopkins, District Deputy Grand Master in and for said District, beg leave to make the following report:

This has been a very good year for the district. We have had our calendar meetings every quarter and all lodges were represented.

On July 7th and 8th, Grand Master Charles F. Williams made his Annual Visit to Districts 1, 8, and 11, at 6:00 p.m., on Saturday. The Memorial Service was on Sunday at 3:00 p.m. Hope Lodge #144 was the host lodge with Bro. James Sims, W.M. The service was at Pilgrim Rest Baptist Church in Jackson, Tennessee. The speaker for the Lodge of Sorrow was Bro. Rev. Willie R. Bond.

Grand Master had a question and answer session on Saturday, and it was very informative. Grand made a special request of the district to establish a banquet for his Annual Visitation. Grand also requested that all lodges make sure that the correct address of all members of each lodge be sent to the Grand Lodge office.

Grand Master explained to the brethren the importance of the donee cards and requested that each lodge should update this at their earliest. The Grand Master gave instruction on the form 990, the Scholarship Program, and he explain to the Brothers where our Mr. Prince Hall tickets sales money goes along with the charity work that is being done by our Grand Lodge. The Brothers certainly enjoyed the Grand Master visitation, it was very informative and enjoyed by all.

Brotherly love for all and may God Bless and keep our Grand Master, and may he live long and serve the Lord.

Fraternally submitted,

C. E. Hopkins. D.D. G.M.

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DISTRICT 2 & 7

To the Most Worshipful Grand Master, Grand Officers, and Brethren of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge, F. & A.M. of Tennessee and its Jurisdiction,

Greetings:

I, James H. Pearson, District Deputy Grand Master of Districts 2 & 7, submit the following report for the past Masonic Year. The Year was inspiring with most of the lodges attending the Quarterly Meetings and I am proud to report that Celestial Lodge No. 80 has started construction on a new lodge hall. Highlighting our years work was the Annual Visit to the district by Grand Master, Charles F. Williams, and our Third Scholarship and Awards Banquet with Dr. Daugherty as banquet speaker touching on "What is that in your hands? It's a rod, use it." Our two-day session, July 14-15 closed Sunday afternoon with a memorial service honoring our departed brothers and sisters.

Fraternally submitted,

James H. Pearson P.P.H.M.

James H. Pearson, DDGM

DISTRICTS 3 and 5

To the Most Worshipful Grand Master, Grand Officers and Brethren of this 114th Annual Communication of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons of the State of Tennessee

Greetings:

I, James O. Hudson, District Deputy Grand Master beg leave to make the following report:

This has been a good year for the district. We have had all our quarterly meetings plus two Banquet Committee call meetings, all meetings were very well attended.

Jacksonville Lodge No. 50 had a Charity Banquet in the Fall, whereby they gave to local charities at Christmas.

Look To The East Lodge No. 112 gave Christmas baskets and Balboa Lodge No. 205, contributed \$100.00 to Christmas Basket Fund.

The high point of the year was our Most Worshipful Grand Master Brother Charles F. Williams' Official Visit to our district, held on April 21, 1984 at 4:00 P.M. in Dyersburg, Tennessee with Balboa Lodge No. 205 as host. We had a very good meeting. The Grand Master's report and lecture were well received and enjoyed by all.

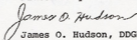
After the meeting we had our first District Banquet at Ross United Methodist Church/Recreation Building Saturday night. It was very well attended.

Our Grand Master gave a short talk at the Banquet, he was very well received.

From the banquet with the help of the Masons and Eastern Stars of District 3 and 5 and others we were able to give \$125.00 to LeMoyné-Owen College, Memphis, Tennessee; \$125.00 to Lane College, Jackson, Tennessee; \$125.00 to Fisk University, Nashville, Tennessee, and \$125.00 to McHarry Medical College, Nashville, Tennessee. Many, many thanks to all.

At the close of this Masonic Year, peace still prevails in our district. I am thankful.

Fraternally submitted,


James O. Hudson, DDGM

DISTRICTS 4 & 6

To the Most Worshipful Grand Master, Wardens, and Brethren of
the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge, F. & A.M. of
Tennessee and its Jurisdiction

Greetings:

I, Albert E. Boyd, DDGM of Districts 4 and 6, do hereby submit
the following report for the Masonic Year of 1983-84:

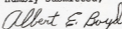
I have made my Official Visit to most of the lodges in my
district and was able to keep close communication with most of
the Worshipful Masters, and helping to assist them in any way
possible.

On June 9-10, 1984, Grand Master Charles F. Williams made
his Official Visit to our district. On Saturday, June 9, 1984,
we had a wonderful session and dinner was served afterward.

On Sunday, June 10, 1984, we had our Annual Church Service,
with Rev. O.B. Boots speaker and Pastor of Collins Chapel C.M.E
Church. Evening Star No. 62 was host on both days.

With the help of God and the support of the brethren, we
hope to better our district in the future.

Humbly submitted,



Albert E. Boyd, DDGM

DISTRICT 9

To the Most Worshipful Grand Master, Brethren of this Grand Communication of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons of the State of Tennessee.

Greetings: From District 9

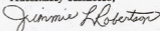
I, Jimmie L. Robertson, District Deputy Grand Master beg leave to make the following report: We have been fairly successful during the past Masonic year. Our quarterly meetings were held as scheduled:

On January 29, 1984, James R. Grimes offered his resignation as District Deputy Grand Master. One name was submitted to the Most Worshipful Grand Master Charles F. Williams to succeed deputy James R. Grimes, Jimmie L. Robertson.

On February 9, 1984 Bro. Jimmie L. Robertson went to the office on the Most Worshipful Grand Master to pick up his credentials. The first assignment that Grand Master Williams had for Deputy Jimmie L. Robertson was to find out why Fredonia Lodge #139 was behind in its grand lodge taxes. The entire membership was out of benefit. Several attempts were made to get in contact with the Master, but were unsuccessful. I finally got in touch with the Secretary, Theodore Giles. He stated that all of the members were old and sick and that he was tired of carrying the Lodge by himself.

On June 23, 1984 our Most Worshipful Grand Master, Charles F. Williams, made his Annual Visit to Oakland, Tennessee. Pomegranite #37 was host lodge. The meeting was held at the Cleave Memorial C.M.E. Church. The meeting was well attended. At this meeting Grand Master, Charles Williams ordered Deputy Jimmie L. Robertson to pick up the Charter of Fredonia #139. The Master and Secretary both stated that the Charter had been destroyed and that they did not know where to find it. There are some members of Fredonia #139 who want to join other lodges. Grand Master Charles F. Williams will make a decision at Grand Lodge.

Fraternally submitted,



Jimmie L. Robertson, DDGM

DISTRICT 10

To the Most Worshipful Grand Master, Wardens and Brethren of
This Grand Communication of This Worshipful Prince Hall Grand
Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons of the State of Tennessee

Greetings from District 10:

E.F. Groves, District Deputy Grand Master in and for said
district beg leave to make the following report. This has
been a very good year for this district. Our meetings have
been good and very well attended by most of the lodges.

On May 5-6, 1984, our Most Worshipful Grand Master, Brother
Charles F. Williams made his Official Visit to our district.
This was held in Grand Junction, Tennessee, with Goodwill Lodge
No. 253 as host. The Grand Master was very informative and
well received by all.

On Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock, we were blessed with a won-
derful service at Pleasant Grove M.B. Church. The minister of
the church did a wonderful job and it was well received by all.

Fraternally submitted,

E. F. Groves

E.F. Groves, DDGM

DISTRICT 15

To the Most Worshipful Grand Master, Wardens and Brethren of this Grand Communication of this Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge Free and Accepted Masons of the State of Tennessee

Greetings:

I, Henry McNear, District Deputy Grand Master of District 15 beg leave to make the following report:

This has been a very good year, 1983-84, for District 15. Our monthly meetings were well attended by most of the lodges and the district observed all special days. We have regular instructions at each meeting, we also presented a project and it was a great success with Pride of Madisonville as host.

We had a wonderful Christmas party, St. Peter Lodge was host and peace and harmony prevails among the craft. Our local lodges are doing fair at a local level.

Our recent quarterly meeting was June 2-3, 1984, at the Holiday Inn Alcoa, Tennessee. East Tennessee Grand Lodge, Districts 15, 16, and 17, with host lodges Granite and Rosebud Chapters, Excelsior Chapter 205 and Fredrick 227. In this meeting, we were honored to have our Grand Master present, on his Annual Visitation and the craft enjoyed him highly as he brought to us some very inspiring thoughts of all times, and we pray God's blessings on him and peace and harmony will continue throughout the craft.

Humbly and fraternally submitted,

Henry McNear
Henry McNear, DDGM

DISTRICT 16

To the Most Worshipful Grand Master, Grand Lodge Officers and Brothers of this 114th Annual Communication of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons of the State of Tennessee

Greetings:

I, William E. Blevins, submit the following account of my stewardship while serving as District Deputy Grand Master in and for District 16:

I have worked quite closely with the masters and brothers of each lodge in District 16. Lectures, followed by a question and answer period, are featured each time I visit a lodge. The results are very gratifying to all concerned.

We are observing Masonic Days and holding monthly district meetings for the purpose of giving instructions to the crafts.

Grand Master Charles F. Williams presided over a two-day session of Districts 15, 16, and 17, June 2-3 in Alcoa. A commendable number of brothers was present to meet, greet and enjoy our Grand Master's vast knowledge of Masonry and Life.

Our Christmas party, held in Newport in December was well attended and very much enjoyed by all.

Many thanks to our Grand Master and the brothers of District 16 for allowing me to serve another term as District Deputy and, most especially, we are grateful to The Almighty God who has so richly blessed us and has "brought us from such a mighty long way."

Faternally submitted,


William E. Blevins, DDGM

DISTRICT 17

To the Most Worshipful Grand Master, Grand Lodge Officers, and Brethren of the 114th Annual Communication of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons of the State of Tennessee.

Greetings:

I, Willie L. Threat, District Deputy Grand Master of District 17, beg leave to make the following report, and give a summary of the activities in our district for the Masonic Year of 1983-1984.

Regular monthly meetings have been held and we were blessed with good attendance by the lodges and craft. I have endeavored to keep in close contact with the district lodges and have assisted them in every way that I could.

The highlight of our year's work was Grand Master Charles F. Williams' annual visit to District 15, 16, and 17, on Saturday and Sunday, June 2-3, 1984. This year, the meeting was held in Alcoa, Tennessee, with Granite Lodge No. 289 serving as host. The Grand Master's remarks to the craft were informative, helpful, and inspiring.

While we have enjoyed some measure of success, we do not count ourselves as having arrived. We shall not rest on laurels already won, but rather, we shall continue striving that we might reach new heights.

Fraternally yours,



Willie L. Threat, DDGM

DISTRICT 18

To the Most Worshipful Grand Master, Grand Lodge Officers, and Brethren of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge, F. & A.M. of the State of Tennessee

Greetings, the Officers and members of District 18 beg leave to make the following report:

We have eleven lodges in the district, and are happy to report that peace and harmony prevails throughout the district. Love and fellowship are deeply felt among the brethren and sisters of the O.E.S.

August 10, 1983 I visited Duck River Lodge No. 136 and installed the officers. August 22, 1983 I visited Elk River Lodge No. 109 and installed the officers. September 25, 1983 I visited Morning Star Lodge No. 11 for celebration of Prince Hall Day. R.W. Deputy Grand Master John V. Malone was the speaker.

October 30, 1983 at 2:00 P.M. in Lynchburg, Tennessee the District Grand Lodge met with Land Mark Lodge No. 155 host lodge. Bro. Hiram L. Daniels, W.M. The meeting was well attended. The election of officers was held. The question and answer session was enjoyed by all. We joined the sisters of the O.E.S. for a buffet dinner that was enjoyed by all. December 9, 1983 I went to Memphis, Tennessee with Bros. Mitchell Birdsong and Hardin C. Franklin for the celebration of Grand Master Charles F. Williams' 80th Birthday.

January 29, 1984 at 2:00 P.M. in Fayetteville, Tennessee, the District Grand Lodge met with Elk River Lodge No. 109 host lodge. Bro. Frank Roseboro, W.M. The meeting was well attended. The Ten Commandments of Masonry was read to the lodge. It was asked that every Master be given a copy for his lodge. We joined the sisters of the O.E.S. for a buffet dinner.

April 28 and 29, 1984 Central District Grand Lodge No. 18 met with Murfreesboro Lodge No. 12, host lodge. Bro. James L. Butler, W.M. in Murfreesboro, Tennessee. Grand Master Charles F. Williams made his Official Visit to the district. Grand Master Williams gave a lecture and the standing of the lodges in the district and how to improve the weak lodges in the district. We joined the sisters of the O.E.S. for a buffet dinner.

The District Grand Lodge was called on at 6:30 P.M. Grand Master lectured the craft. A fellowcraft mason was raised to the sublimed degree of a Master Mason. A buffet dinner was served.

April 29, 1984 at 8:30 A.M. we met at Shoney's Restaurant for a fellowship breakfast which was well attended and enjoyed by all.

Central District Grand Lodge No. 18 and Central District Grand Chapter No. 3 assembled at Allen Chapel A.M.E. Church at 11:00 A.M. for Grand Master Charles F. Williams' 25th Annual Sermon. His text was from Philippians 4:19: Subject: "What Do We Really Need." As usual he preached with the spirit. We returned to the lodge hall for a buffet dinner which was enjoyed by all.

Fraternally submitted,

Andrew J. Bowden
Andrew J. Bowden, DDGM

DISTRICT 19

To the Most Worshipful Grand Master, Wardens and Brethren of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Tennessee and its Jurisdiction

Greetings:

I, Bennie Griffey, DDGM of District 19, hereby submit the following report for the Masonic Year of 1983-84.

Our regular meeting dates were held on each fifth Saturday. All were well attended. All of our Masonic days were observed through the district.

During this Masonic Year, I as Deputy, have been able to keep close communication with all (11) Worshipful Masters concerning the business of the lodges through visiting each individual lodge on one of their regular meeting nights, telephone calls, and written communication. Working as a team, we have been able to solve most all unexpected obstacles. Through continuous communication, we have been able to utilize and support the programs and recommendations of the Grand Lodge.

On June 16-17, our District Grand Lodge met in Gordonsville, Tennessee, Cumberland Lodge No. 367. Bro. Tillman W. Payne served as host Master.

Grand Master Charles F. Williams was present. On Saturday afternoon, he delivered his Annual Address, which was outstanding.

Our Annual Scholarship Banquet was held on that Saturday night. We were happy to have visitors from other districts. There were approximately 100 persons in attendance. Bro. Robert L. Smith, Past Master of King David Lodge No. 187, was the speaker for the occasion. Grand Master Williams gave remarks encouraging everyone to support the Masonic Order and charity programs.

On Sunday, a joint Memorial Service was held at Mt. Olive Baptist Church in Carthage, Tennessee, for our departed brethren and sisters of the district. The Lodge of Sorrow tribute was done by Rev. Johnny Grimes, pastor of the church.

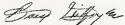
Rev. Eulless Pettus, pastor of Spring Hill Baptist Church, Clarksville, Tennessee, delivered the message for St. John's Day. His sermon was a spiritual closing for the two-day meeting. Rev. Charles F. Williams also gave inspiring remarks.

We are pleased to report that District 19 awarded 5 scholarships at \$100.00 each, with the help of all eleven lodges.

Thanks to all masters and brethren of the eleven lodges of District 19. I am proud to be a member of this great district.

May God richly bless Grand Master Williams, his cabinet, and the entire Masonic Family.

Fraternally yours,



Bennie Griffey, DDGM

MEMPHIS DISTRICT

To the Most Worshipful Grand Master, Right Worshipful Senior Warden, Deacons, Worshipful Masters, Past Masters and Brethren of this 114th Annual Session of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge

I, Lester S. Young, beg leave to make the following report:

The Prince Hall Masonic Lodges in the Memphis District remain stable in membership. There has been some suspensions, however, most of the lodges have initiated enough members to offset the loss. Our lodges are meeting regularly and the meetings are well attended.

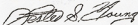
I contact the Worshipful Masters quarterly by telephone, personal visit or through the Master's and Past Master's Council, which meets each first Sunday of the month.

The lodges of the Memphis District have observed all of our Annual Masonic Days. Our most enthusiastic meetings were on Saturday, May 26, 1984 when our Most Worshipful Grand Master, Rev. Charles F. Williams, made his Annual Visit to the Memphis District masonic lodges. "Grand" brought wholesome information and instructions along with an unparalleled presentation on banking and financial planning by Bro. Jesse Turner, #314. The repass was superb. And on Sunday, May 27, 1984 our church services were observed at St. James A.M.C. Church, 600 North Fourth Street, Rev. H.L. Starks, #321, pastor. The most enlightening part of the service was the sermon delivered by Rev. Velesious Purdy, #137, pastor of St. Peter M.B. Church. Each brother expressed positive comments concerning the service.

The economy still is taking its toll on our lodges, however, we are blessed that things are as good as they are.

Thanks to a God fearing Grand Master and to the faithful brothers peace and harmony continues to prevail in the MEMPHIS DISTRICT.

Respectfully submitted,



Lester S. Young, DDGM

NASHVILLE DISTRICT

Most Worshipful Grand Master, Grand Lodge Officers,
Wardens and Brethren of the 114th Annual Communication
of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge, Free
and Accepted Masons of the State of Tennessee

Greetings: From the Nashville District

The highlight of our Masonic Year was hosting the 113th Annual Communication at The Maxwell House Hotel.

Our Most Worshipful Grand Master, Charles F. Williams, made his annual visit to the Lodges in Nashville on June 5, 1984 at 7:30 P.M. All of the Lodges in the Nashville District were present.

All of the Lodges in this District are meeting regularly. These meetings are well attended.

All Masonic days have been observed.

Peace and harmony prevails in this District.

Fraternally submitted:

James R. Watts

James R. Watts, DGM