

HISTORY OF FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS, (PRINCE HALL)
 IN RHODE ISLAND
 "FROM WHENCE WE CAME"

Records show the first Grand Lodge in the craft of Free and Accepted Masons and the installation of a Grand Master, took
 6-24
 1717 - place in London on the 24th day of June, 1717 and was known as the Grand Lodge of England, the regular Grand Lodge which Henry Frederick, Duke of Cumberland, etc., etc., and it was he, who granted the original charter of African Lodge, No. 459, September 29th, 1784 to Prince Hall, Thomas Sanderson and others.

Prince Hall was appointed a Deputy Grand Master by the same source, with the power to form new lodges, namely, Hiram
 6-25
 1797 - Lodge, No. 3 of Providence, R. I., instituted June 25th, 1797 and African Lodge, No. 459 of Philadelphia, Pa., in-
 9-22
 1797 - stituted September 22nd, 1797, These were the first three subordinate Negro Masonic lodges in America which met and
 1808 - formed African Grand Lodge in 1808 making it a free and independent sovereign Grand Lodge with a jurisdiction absolute and entire throughout the United States and countries..
 Hiram Lodge, No. 3, F.& A.M., held regular communications,
 1813 but in 1813, lost quite a few of its members who left Rhode Island , under the auspices of the African Humane Society to make a settlement in Liberia. It was these Masons with others who were afterward granted a license to establish a Lodge in Liberia, which still existed in 1906.

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"October 30, 1826, A petition was received from our brethren in Providence, R. I., praying for a warrant to work as a lodge. A committee was chosen to act on said petition. Voted: that the brethren in Providence shall receive their warrant, without paying, except their yearly tribute, granted and Harmony Lodge, No. 1, F & A.M. PH was instituted on December 11, 1826, in Providence, R. I., the second lodge of F. & A. C. Masons, PH in Rhode Island.

12-11
1826

All Rhode Island subordinate lodges worked under African Grand Lodge of Massachusetts from 1797 to June 24th, 1847. Also in 1847, the only three Negro Grand Lodges; African Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, est. 1808; the First Independent African Grand Lodge of North America, est. 1815 in Pennsylvania; and Hiram Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, est in 1837, met in convention in June of 1847 and formed the National Grand Lodge of the United States of America, to be the Supreme Masonic Power (PH) in the United States.

June
1847

African Grand Lodge, upon becoming a part of the National, Grand Lodge, surrendered its charter and received a charter under the title of Prince Hall Grand Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, dated

12-11

1847 - December 11, 1847. Its life was from 12-11-47 to 10-7-57.

12-27

1847- - Celestial Lodge, No. 2, F. & A.M. PH, of Providence, R. I., received its warrant to work as a lodge, December 27, 1847 under the auspices of Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Mass.

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MERIDIAN SUN LODGE, No. 5, F. & A. M. PH of Providence, R. I.

Feb 2-received its warrant to work as a lodge, February 2, 1853
1853

under Hiram Grand Lodge of Delaware.

STONE MILL LODGE, No. 3 F. & A. M. PH of Newport, R. I. re-

Dec 27
1857 received its warrant to work as a lodge, December 27, 1857 un-

der the auspices of Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Massachusetts.

RADIANT SUN LODGE, No.4 F. & A. M. PH of Providence, R. I.,

Feb 22received its warrant to work as a lodge, February 22nd, 1858
1858

under Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Massachusetts.

KING SOLOMON LODGE, No. 5, F. & A. M. PH of Providence, R. I.,

July was instituted and received its warrant to work as a lodge,
15,

1858 -July 15, 1858, under Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Massachusetts.

On December 27th, 1858, a committee representing Harmony Lodge,

No. 1; Celestial Lodge, No. 2; Stone Mill Lodge, No. 3; Rad-

iant Sun Lodge, No. 4, and King Solomon Lodge, No. 5, ^{having} applied

to the M. W. Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Massachusetts to be

set apart and ^{were} given a warrant to work as a Grand Lodge, en-

Oct 7
1858 -titled the Most Worshipful Harmony Grand Lodge of the State

of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations, which reigned from

1858 to 1885.

LONE STAR LODGE No. 14, F. & A. M. PH were instituted and

Dec 27
1870 -warranted, December 27, 1870 in Providence, R. I., under

Hiram Grand Lodge of Delaware.

BOYER LODGE, No. 15, F. & A. M. PH of Newport, R. I., insti-

Dec 16
1873 -tuted and given a warrant to work as a lodge, December 16,

1873.

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Dec 27
1874 - MT. MORIAH LODGE No. & F. & A. M. PH of Providence, R. I., was instituted and given a warrant to work as a lodge, December 27th, 1874 under the auspices of the M. W. Harmony Grand Lodge of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations. It was dissolved and relinquished its charter in 1889.

Dec 2
1875 - UNION LODGE No. 9 F. & A. M. PH was instituted and received a warrant to work as a lodge, in Providence, R. I., December 2nd, 1875, under the auspices of M. W. Sovereign Grand Lodge of Rhode Island.

June
24th
1874 - Having labored in a subordinate capacity in the State of Rhode Island for nearly 25 years, on June 24th, 1874, Radiant Sun Lodge, No 5; Lone Star Lodge, No. 14, and Boyer Lodge, No. 15, represented by its officer, met in convention to form a Grand

UNION
GRAND
LODGE - Grand Lodge "by the name, style and title of UNION GRAND LODGE, F. & A.M. of the State of Rhode Island.

On June 23rd 1875, a convention was called by the M. W. Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Massachusetts (the mother) for the purpose of bringing about a consolidation of the M. W. Harmony Grand Lodge of Rhode Island and the M. W. Union Grand Lodge of Rhode Island.....many were present both for counsel and action.....were of no binding force.....until they separately, each by itself made it so by action. In November, of 1875, the members of each Grand Lodge met.....to form a complete union, a consolidation was made and each of the subordinate lodges were given a new charter by the auspices of the ,? W? Sovereign Grand Lodge, with in-

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structions to return their old charters into the Sovereign Grand Lodge.....A large number of the members of the M. W. Harmony Grand Lodge, claiming they had not been properly represented at the consolidation Convention, refused to send in their charter and the subordinate lodges under her, and continued to work as the M. W. Harmony Grand Lodge of Rhode Island.....From 1875 to 1885, they both met as separate bodies, each having subordinate lodges under their control. The craft in Rhode Island can claim and prove a continuous line of Free and Accepted Masons, PH, from Hiram Lodge, No. 3 of Providence, the first subordinate lodge in the state, up to the present. (Hiram Lodge No. 3, F. & A. M. of Providence, R. I., was given a license on the 25th day of June, 1797, by Prince Hall, Master of African Lodge, No. 459 of Boston, Massachusetts, to assemble and work as a Lodge, the second Negro Lodge created in the United States.)

Rhode Island subordinate lodges worked under two Massachusetts Grand Lodges: M. W. African Grand Lodge, 1797 to 1847; M. W. Prince Hall Grand Lodge, from 1847 to 1858, when three subordinate Rhode Island lodges petitioned to form M. W. Harmony Grand Lodge of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations, 1858 to 1885; M. W. Eureka Grand Lodge of Rhode Island, 1885 to 1914 back to the name, M. W. Harmony Grand Lodge, 1914-1944; Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Rhode Island, 1944 up to the present.

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B. Albert Ford, PGM telling me about the legal name, registered with the State of Rhode Island as Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Rhode Island, not Most Worshipful, as told to the craft about 1951 by PGM Joseph G. LeCount.

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It is hoped that the Grand Master, the Grand Historian and other knowledgeable members of the craft meet to bring up to date, a printed pamphlet of one hundred seventy four years of Prince Hall Masonry in the State of Rhode Island.

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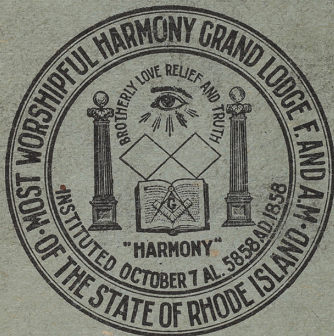
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During the latter part of 1858 the five subordinate lodges, Harmony Lodge, No. 1, Celestial Lodge, No. 2, Stone Mill Lodge, No. 3, Radiant Sun Lodge, No. 4, and King Solomon Lodge, No. 5, met together and petitioned to the National Grand Lodge to be released from Prince Hall Grand Lodge jurisdiction and be set apart as a separate Grand Lodge. Their request was granted and they were set apart by officers of the National Grand Lodge and Prince Hall Grand Lodge and given the following warrant under which they were to work as the Most Worshipful Harmony Grand Lodge of the State of Rhode Island:

UNION
and

HEALTH
HAPPINESS

To all whom it may concern, Greeting:

KNOW YE, THAT I, John P. Thompson, by virtue of power and authority vested in me as M. W. D. D. N. G. M. of the Northern District, do grant this my Warrant to the following trusty brethren, they having been elected at a conventional meeting of three Regular working Lodges, Ezra J. Morris, G. M. of Celestial Lodge, No. 2, I. D. S. Hall, D. G. M. of Stone Mill Lodge, No. 3, Geo. W. Frizs, S. G. Warden, of King Solomon's Lodge, No. 4, Gilbert D. Gardner, J. G. W., Celestial Lodge, No. 2, Benj. B. Gardner, G. Sec'y, Stone Mill Lodge, No. 3, Newport, David A. Minton, G. T., of King Solomon's Lodge, No. 4, Wm. Warmsley, G. Tyler, of Celestial Lodge, No. 2, for the opening and establishing of a Grand Lodge for the State of Rhode Island to be known by the name of Harmony Grand Lodge, having Masonic jurisdiction of, and possessing all the rights of any other Grand Lodge in the National Compact; the right to warrant and establish Lodges in the State, to rule, regulate and govern the same by issuing Edicts, Rules and Laws for the government of the same so long as they are in strict conformity with the Constitution and usages of Masonry, and they shall have power to try and expel persons or lodges for violation of rules or insubordination. I do authorize and empower said trusty Brothers, Ezra J. Morris, J. D. S. Hall, Geo. H. Frizs, and Gilbert D. Gardner, to install their successors, bestowing upon them all the dignities of their office, and that such successors shall in like manner install their successors, during the continuance of this Grand Lodge, providing always that the

said above named and their successors pay due respect to the National Compact and the ordinances thereof; otherwise this warrant to be of no effect.

Given under my hand and seal of the National Grand Lodge in the city of Providence, R. I., this 7th day of October, A. D. 1858, A. L. 5858.

JOHN P. THOMPSON,
M. W. D. D. N. G. M.,
Northern District.

(seal)
EZRA J. MORRIS,
D. N. G. Sec'y,
Northern District.

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Lone Star Lodge, No. 14, F. & A. M., of Providence, R. I., was instituted by Hiram Grand Lodge of Delaware, and received a warrant to work as a Lodge, December 21th, 1870.

Boyer Lodge, No. 15, F. & A. M., of Newport, R. I., was instituted by Hiram Grand Lodge of Delaware, and received a warrant to work as a Lodge December 16th, 1873.

These three Lodges, Meridian Sun No. 5, Lone Star No. 14 and Boyer Lodge No. 15, being dissatisfied working under a distant Grand Lodge, agreed to form a Grand Lodge of their own with the supreme power within the State. They met June 24th, 1874, and formed the Union Grand Lodge of Rhode Isl-

and, with M. W. Michael Boyer Grand Master, and R. W. Joseph Banks, Grand Secretary.

Star of the East Lodge, No. 6, F. & A. M., of Providence, R. I., was instituted by the Most Worshipful Harmony Grand Lodge, June 20th, 1870, and received a warrant to work as a Lodge.

Mount Moriah Lodge, No. 7, F. & A. M., of Providence, R. I., was instituted Dec. 27th, 1874, by the Most Worshipful Harmony Grand Lodge, and received a warrant to work as a Lodge.

On November 22nd, 1875, delegates from both Most Worshipful Harmony Grand Lodge and Union Grand Lodge met in Providence, R. I., and endeavored to consolidate and form a new Grand Lodge to control all the subordinate lodges in the State. A consolidation was made and each of the subordinate lodges was given new charters under the auspices of M. W. Sovereign Grand Lodge. A large number of the M. W. Harmony Grand Lodge claiming they had not been properly represented at the consolidation convention, refused to send in their charters and continued to work as M. W. Harmony Grand Lodge of Rhode Island.

Union Lodge, No. 9, F. & A. M., of Providence was instituted by M. W. Sovereign Grand Lodge, Dec. 2nd, 1875 and received a warrant to work as a Lodge.

From 1875 to 1885 the M. W. Harmony Grand Lodge and M. W. Sovereign Grand

Lodge met as separate bodies, each having subordinate lodges under their control.

In convention, agreeable to articles of union approved and ratified by both Grand Lodges, said articles called together the entire craft of the State; a union was formed on the 17th day of June, 1885, uniting the entire craft of the State into one Grand Lodge, to be known as Most Worshipful Eureka Grand Lodge of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations, by the following lodges:

- ~~Harmony~~ 6-25-1797
- ~~Harmony~~ G.L. Harmony Lodge, No. 1 12-11-1826
- ~~PHG~~ G.L. Celestial Lodge, No. 2 12-27-1847
- ~~PHG~~ Stone Mill Lodge, No. 3 12-27-1850
- G.L. Radiant Sun Lodge, No. 4
- G.L. King Solomon Lodge, No. 5 7-15-1858
- Star of the East Lodge, No. 6
- ~~Harmony~~ G.L. Mount Moriah Lodge, No. 7 12-27-74
- ~~Harmony~~ G.L. Boyer Lodge, No. 8 12-16-73
- ~~Harmony~~ Mount Moriah Lodge, No. 7, dissolved and relinquished charter in 1889.

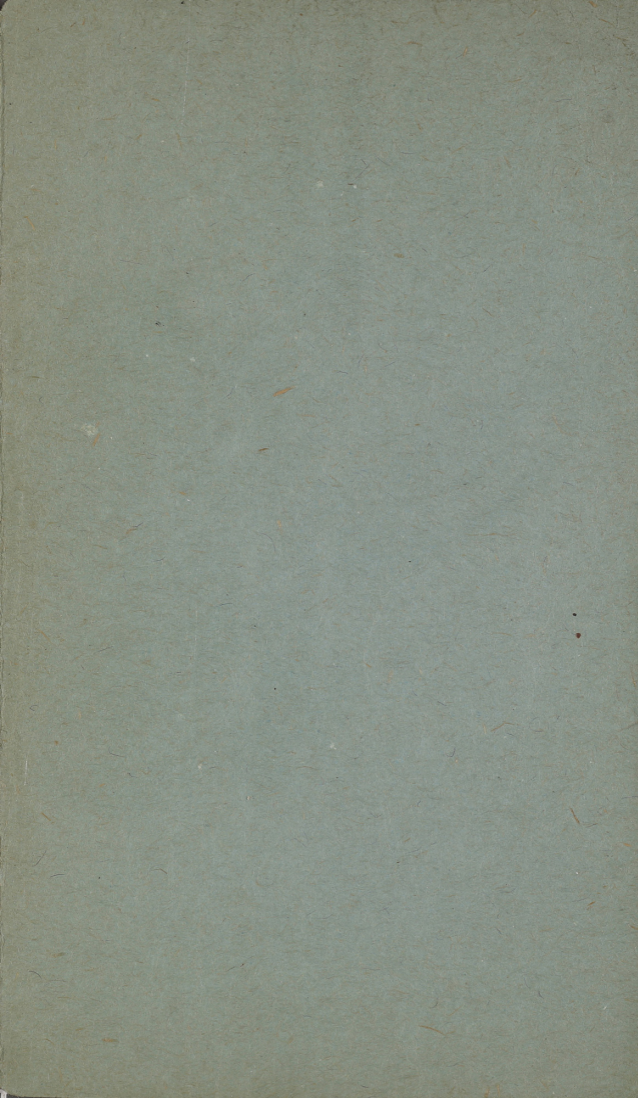
Star of the East Lodge, No. 6, dissolved and relinquished charter in 1903.

Radiant Sun Lodge, No. 4, dissolved and relinquished charter in 1906.

In the annual communication of the M. W. Eureka Grand Lodge held in Providence Dec. 8th, 1914, it was unanimously voted to again resume the name of the first original Grand Lodge, the Most Worshipful Harmony Grand Lodge of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations, which was incorporated under the laws of the State of Rhode Island in 1873.

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WHEN WILL THE ORDER OF SHRINE BE DEAD?

When the Black Stone eats grass like an ox,
And the fishworm swallows the whale;

When the Camel knits woolen sox,
And the hare is outrun by the snail.

When sea serpents stand upright like men,
And doodle bugs travel like frogs;

When Camels feed like the hen,
And feathers are found on hogs.

When the Camels swim thru the air,
And elephants roost on trees,

When insects in summer are rare,
When snuff never makes people sneeze,

When fish creep over dry land,
And Camels on bicycles ride;

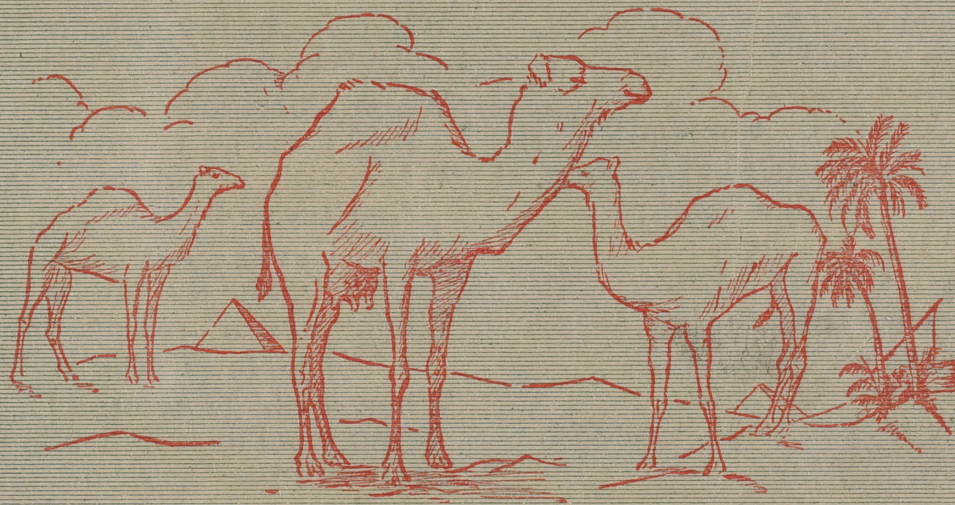
When foxes lay eggs in the sand,
And women in dress take no pride.

When Dutchmen no longer drink beer,
And girls go to preaching on time;
When billy goats butt from the rear,
And treason no longer is crime.

When Devils Pass brays like an ass,
And limburger smells like cologne;
When plow-shares are made out of glass,
And hearts of true Nobles of stone.

When ideas grow on a Camel's hump,
And wool on a hydrolic ram;
Then will the Order of Shrine be dead,
And the country won't be worth a damn.

Lay Down
Here—
Sweet
Mama, I'll
Take It
Now!



Chicago—
Here We
Are,
El Zora
Temple, 124
Marion, Ind.

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*June 25, 1797 Hiram Lodge
No 3 126 in R. I.*

PROCEEDINGS

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FOREWORD

Masonic activities of the different Grand Jurisdictions, as revealed in their annual volumes of Proceedings, show to all of us the desire of the craftsmen to perfect and keep a continuous record of the work of the craft. It has been emphasized anew the fact that the craftsmen everywhere are striving to make the organization more perfect, to bring it more closely in touch with the highest ideals and aspirations of the generation, and, by increasing its adaptability, to promote its usefulness. The Committee on Publication desire to place Rhode Island in the ranks of those who have their records continuously from their infancy and sincerely hope to perpetuate and solidify the craft in her jurisdiction so that the Masonic world may hear from her after each annual communication.

CHARLES H. DAVIS,
A. CLIFTON BUCHANAN,
M. ALONZO VAN HORNE, Asst. Sec.,
R. B. KING,
SAMUEL BROWN,

Committee on Publication.

HISTORICAL SKETCH

The following short synopsis of our history as Free and Accepted Masons is deemed necessary because of the constant attack made upon us as to our authenticity. The following facts are arranged to show the uninterrupted continuance of our Lodges in Rhode Island from the creation of Hiram Lodge, No. 3, which was given license on the 25th day of June, 1797, by Prince Hall, master of African Lodge, No. 459, to assemble and work as a Lodge. This was the second Negro Lodge created in the United States. The third Lodge created was African Lodge, No. 459, Philadelphia, Penn. The officers were installed by Prince Hall, G. M., Sept. 22nd, 1797. These two lodges, with African Lodge, established the African Grand Lodge in 1808, making it a free, independent sovereign Grand Lodge, with a jurisdiction absolute and entire throughout the United States and countries. By this revolution and assumption from that day to this, the African Grand Lodge, without interruption, has exercised all the plenary powers of a Grand Lodge. Hiram Lodge, No. 3, held regular communications, and was largely attended, but in 1813 it lost quite a few of its staunch members who left Rhode Island under the auspices of the African Humane Society to make a settlement in Liberia. It was these Masons with others who afterwards were granted a license to establish a Lodge in Liberia, which still exists.

In the early part of 1826, there being quite a few Negro Masons in Providence, R. I., some of whom had been made in England and Ireland, and some who came from Pennsylvania, New York and Massachusetts, they applied to the African Grand Lodge for a charter. The following record is copied from the records of the African Grand Lodge:

"Oct. 30, 1826. A petition was received from our brethren in Providence praying for a warrant empowering them to work as a Lodge. The petition was received and a committee chosen to act upon the same.

Voted: that the brethren in Providence shall have their warrant, without paying, except their yearly tribute.

That the committee shall have three dollars a day while on that duty.

That they shall write a letter to the brethren in Providence to inform them of said vote, and request them to write when they will be ready.

Oct. 5, 1827. The master having received a letter from the members of Harmony Lodge in Providence, R. I., inviting the Grand Lodge to aid in assisting them to dedicate their hall.

Brother Moody was chosen as Deputy Grand Master to assist on the occasion.

The following brothers volunteered themselves to go on to assist the brothers as follows: M. W. G. M. C. A. Derandamie, P. M. Walker Lewis, P. G. M. S. H. Moody, Bro. R. Brown, P. G. M. John T. Hilton.

Jan. 11th, 1827. The Grand Master read a letter from Harmony Lodge, No. 1, of Providence, R. I., with two dollars for the returns of the past year, and the expulsion of one of their members, named Thomas Essex."

In 1847 there were only three colored Grand Lodges in America: The African Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, established in 1808; the First Independent African Grand Lodge of North America, established in 1815 (Pennsylvania), and the Hiram Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, established 1837. The members of these Grand Lodges, believing that masonry among colored men would be much better protected and advanced by placing its control in hands of a central power, met in convention in June, 1847, and formed the National Grand Lodge of the United States of North America, which was to be the Supreme Masonic Power in the United States.

The African Grand Lodge of Boston, becoming a part of the body (The National Grand Lodge), surrendered its charter and received its present charter, dated Dec. 11th, 1847, under the title of Prince Hall Grand Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Celestial Lodge, No. 2, F. and A. M., of Providence, R. I., was instituted and received a warrant to work as a Lodge December 27, 1847, under the auspices of Prince Hall Grand Lodge.

Stone Mill Lodge, No. 3, F. and A. M., of Newport, R. I., was instituted and received a warrant to work as a Lodge December 27th, 1857, under the auspices of Prince Hall Grand Lodge.

Meridian Sun, No. 5, F. and A. M., of Providence, R. I., was instituted and received a warrant to work as a Lodge February 2nd, 1853, under the auspices of Hiram Grand Lodge of Delaware.

Radiant Sun, No. 4, F. and A. M., of Providence, R. I., was instituted and received a warrant to work as a Lodge February 22nd, 1858, under the auspices of Prince Hall Grand Lodge.

King Solomon Lodge, No. 5, F. and A. M., Providence, R. I., was instituted and received a warrant to work as a Lodge July 15th, 1858, under the auspices of Prince Hall Grand Lodge.

On December 27, 1858, the committee representing Harmony Lodge, No. 1, Celestial Lodge, No. 2, Stone Mill Lodge, No. 3, Radiant Sun Lodge, No. 4, and King Solomon Lodge, No. 5, having applied to Prince Hall Grand Lodge to be set apart, were given a warrant to work as a Grand Lodge. R. W. Ezra J. Morris was elected Grand Master of the first Grand Lodge, entitled M. W. Harmony Grand Lodge.

Star of the East Lodge, No. 6, F. and A. M., was instituted and received a warrant to work as a Lodge June 20, 1870, under the auspices of M. W. Harmony Grand Lodge.

Lone Star Lodge, No. 14, F. and A. M., Providence, R. I., was instituted and received a warrant to work as a Lodge December 27th, 1870, under the auspices of Hiram Grand Lodge of Delaware.

Boyer Lodge, No. 15, F. and A. M., Newport, R. I., was instituted and received a warrant to work as a Lodge December 16th, 1873, under the auspices of the Hiram Grand Lodge of Delaware.

On June 24th, 1874, The Radiant Sun Lodge, No. 5, Lone Star Lodge, No. 14, and Boyer Lodge, No. 15, represented by its officers, met in convention to form a Grand Lodge. The three Lodges were represented by the following officers and members:

RADIANT SUN LODGE, NO. 5.

Bro. Lewis E. Jones, W. M.
 Bro. Edward H. Lewis, S. W.
 Bro. James R. Johnson, J. W.
 Bro. Nelson D. Latham, Representative.
 Bro. Charles H. Cone (absent).
 Bro. Robert N. Ellston, Proxy (absent).
 Bro. Peter Harris, Proxy.
 Bro. Henry F. Duncan, Proxy.

LONE STAR LODGE, NO. 14.

Bro. Isaac M. Journeyman, W. M. (absent).
 Bro. Lewis E. Latham, S. W.
 Bro. Kenyon Clark, J. W.
 Bro. James O. Frances, Representative.
 Bro. A. Rhodes, Representative.

b E M

- Bro. Wilson Armstead, Proxy (absent).
- Bro. Mark S. H. Walker, Proxy.
- Bro. Edward Foster, Proxy.

BOYER LODGE, NO. 15.

- Bro. James W. Johnson, W. M.
- Bro. Thomas W. Fisher, S. W., (absent.)
- Bro. Collins S. Burrell, J. W.
- Bro. Samuel C. Johnson, Representative.
- Bro. Jackson Carter, Representative.
- Bro. William Still, Proxy.

The following resolutions were passed :

1. *Resolved*, That, whereas, a portion of the craft here represented have labored in a Subordinate capacity, in the State, for nearly twenty-two years, under a distant Grand Lodge, which has been very inconvenient, therefore, we are fully satisfied and convinced that to have the supreme power within the State would be far better for the interest and convenience of the craft.
2. *Resolved*, Therefore, that by the authority of the several Lodges here represented in convention, we proceed according to Ancient Masonry to organize and establish a supreme power in the form of a Grand Lodge.
3. *Resolved*, That we adopt, for the time being, the H. G. L. C. (except that portion that may become inoperative in consequence of the present legislation), together with the general Regulations of Masonry.
4. *Resolved*, That the Convention do nominate, elect and install the elective officers ; and after the necessary appointments are made by the Grand Master, to install the officers thus appointed.
5. *Resolved*, That the Chairman appoint a Nominating Committee, to consist of three, to nominate officers for the forthcoming Grand Lodge.
6. *Resolved*, That the Grand Lodge officers, when duly elected, appointed and installed, for the unexpired Masonic term, ending the second Wednesday in December, A. L. 5874, they and their successors, to continue forever in perpetuation the present formed body, to be known throughout the world by the name, style and title of Union Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the State of Rhode Island.
7. *Resolved*, That in keeping with the call of this Convention, this Grand Lodge claims Supreme Masonic power, namely : legislative, judicial and executive, with power to create and establish Lodges by dispensation and warrant ; to be

fully exemplified as part of the constitutional powers emanating from Ancient Masonry and subject to one limitation, which is that contained in the old Regulations of 1721, and expressed in the following concise language: "Provided, always, that the Landmarks be carefully preserved."

The following Grand Officers were then constitutionally elected and installed: M. W. Bro. Michael Boyer, Grand Master; R. W. Bro. Joseph Banks, Grand Secretary.

On June 23rd, 1875, a convention was called by the M. W. Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Massachusetts (the mother) for the purpose of bringing about a consolidation of the M. W. Harmony Grand Lodge of Rhode Island and the M. W. Union Grand Lodge of Rhode Island, to which call many of the children obeyed, and were present both for counsel and action, the proceedings of which were of no binding force whatever, upon either the M. W. Harmony Grand Lodge or the M. W. Union Grand Lodge, until they separately, each by itself, made it so by action.

In November, 1875, the members of each Grand Lodge met together and endeavored to form a complete union of the brethren. Members from all the subordinate Lodges in the jurisdiction were present, there being representatives from both the Grand Lodges. A consolidation was made and each of the subordinate Lodges were given new charters, under the auspices of the M. W. Sovereign Grand Lodge, with instructions to return their old charters into the Sovereign Grand Lodge. A large number of the members of the M. W. Harmony Grand Lodge, claiming they had not been properly represented at the consolidation convention, refused to send in their charter and the subordinate Lodges under her and continued to work as M. W. Harmony Grand Lodge of Rhode Island.

On December 2nd, 1875, Union Lodge, No. 9, F. and A. M., was instituted and received a warrant to work as a Lodge under the auspices of M. W. Sovereign Grand Lodge. From 1875 to 1885 the M. W. Sovereign Grand Lodge and M. W. Harmony Grand Lodge met as separate bodies, each having subordinate Lodges under their control.

The craft in Rhode Island were under the following Grand Masters from Hiram Lodge, No. 3, to the present:

- 1797 to 1807 M. W. Prince Hall, African Grand Lodge.
- 1807 to 1809 " " Nero Prince, African Grand Lodge.
- 1809 to 1811 " " George Middletown, African Grand Lodge.
- 1811 to 1817 " " Peter Lew, African Grand Lodge.

- 1817 to 1826 M. W. Samuel H. Moody, African Grand Lodge.
 1826 to 1827 " " John T. Hilton, African Grand Lodge.
 1827 to 1829 " " C. A. Derandomie, African Grand Lodge.
 1829 to 1831 " " Walker Lewis, African Grand Lodge.
 1831 to 1832 " " Thomas Dalton, African Grand Lodge.
 1832 to 1834 " " George Gual, African Grand Lodge.
 1834 to 1836 " " James H. Howe, African Grand Lodge.
 1836 to 1847 " " John T. Hilton, African Grand Lodge.
 1847 to 1850 " " S. T. Kendall, Prince Hall, Grand Lodge.
 1850 to 1851 " " John V. Degrasse, Prince Hall, Grand Lodge.
 1851 to 1852 " " Thomas Thomas, Prince Hall, Grand Lodge.
 1852 to 1854 " " Joseph M. Scott, Prince Hall, Grand Lodge.
 1854 to 1855 " " Geo. M. Mitchell, Prince Hall, Grand Lodge.
 1855 to 1858 " " Lewis Hayden, Prince Hall, Grand Lodge.

HARMONY GRAND LODGE.

- 1858 to 1861 M. W. Ezra J. Morris, Harmony Grand Lodge.
 1861 to 1862 " " John Addison, Harmony Grand Lodge.
 1862 to 1865 " " E. B. Hebrew, Harmony Grand Lodge.
 1865 to 1866 " " J. A. Creighton, Harmony Grand Lodge.
 1866 to 1867 " " N. M. Warmsley, Harmony Grand Lodge.
 1867 to 1869 " " Chas. H. Ringgold, Harmony Grand Lodge.
 1869 to 1870 " " John R. McKim, Harmony Grand Lodge.
 1870 to 1873 " " Marshall A. Terence, Harmony Grand Lodge.
 1873 to 1874 " " Marshall A. Terence, Harmony Grand Lodge.
 1873 to 1875 " " Michael Boyer, Union Grand Lodge.
 1874 to 1879 " " Chas. H. Ringgold, Harmony Grand Lodge.
 1879 to 1882 Thomas R. Glascoe.
 1882 to 1885 Malachai Wilson.

EUREKA GRAND LODGE

M. W. SOVEREIGN GRAND LODGE.

1876 to 1878	M. W.	John H. Monroe.
1878 to 1880	" "	Wm. E. Smith.
1880 to 1881	" "	F. Augustus Talbot.
1881 to 1882	" "	John B. Lane.
1882 to 1884	" "	John H. Monroe.
1884 to 1885	" "	James Lecount.

1883 to 1884 Rev. J. Byrd

EUREKA GRAND LODGE.

1885 to 1888	M. W.	Edward B. Hebrew,	Grand Master.
1888 to 1889	" "	Malachai Wilson,	" "
1889 to 1890	" "	W. H. Turner,	" "
1890 to 1893	" "	E. B. Hebrew,	" "
1893 to 1896	" "	Rev. Mahlon Van Horne,	" "
1896 to 1897	" "	Joseph Monroe,	" "
1897 to 1899	" "	John C. Barnes,	" "
1899 to 1900	" "	Lewis W. Williams,	" "
1900 to 1903	" "	Joseph E. Brown,	" "
1903 to 1904	" "	Wm. H. Watson,	" "
1904 to 1906	" "	Lewis N. Williams,	" "
1906 to 1908	" "	David B. Allen,	" "