

Welcome, Prince Hall Masons!

We welcome Most Worshipful Grand Master Brother Nathaniel Johnson and the Prince Hall Masons. In 1866, under authority of the Grand Lodge of New York, Past Grand Master Paul Drayton organized

Bahamas, and neighboring jurisdictions were in attendance. The Grand Lodge Convention Steering Committee and our gracious host and hostess of the Western Region laid full plans for a Grand Communication that



Brother Nathaniel Johnson, Most Worshipful Grand Master

THE MASONIC MISSION

BY Pat Rhodes Landingham

King Solomon Lodge, No. 23 (now No. 1), at New Bern, N.C., and Giblem Lodge, No. 28 (now No. 2) at Wilmington, N.C. By authority of the same Grand Lodge, Past Grand Master James W. Hood, who had been appointed as supervisor, organized in 1867 Eureka Lodge, No. 30 (now No. 3), at Fayetteville, N.C., and Widow's Son Lodge, No. 31 (now No. 4.) at Raleigh, N.C. The four lodges last mentioned, on March 1, 1870, met in Giblem Lodge room, in the city of Wilmington, and organized the present Most Worshipful Grand Lodge for the State of North Carolina with M.W. James W. Hood, grand master, and R.W. J.J. Sawyer as grand secretary.

The 126th Annual Communication took place here on Thursday, Friday and Saturday of last week at the M.C. Benton Convention Center. Thousands of Masons from this state, the

would be remembered for a long time. The attendance was large, the enthusiasm strong, and participation good.

Most Worshipful Grand Master Nathaniel Johnson is a strong and capable leader of this great organization. His commitment to Freemasonry is only second to his personal commitment to God. The Brothers dealt with issues directly affecting people from all ethnic, economic, and social backgrounds.

"All eligible American Citizens should take part in the governmental process of election," said Johnson. "Prince Hall Masons are expected to register and vote. They should also encourage and assist others in voter education, registration and voter participation. Voting is the ultimate exercise and expression of being free. It is important that we be informed about legislative issues and policies that affect our daily lives."

He also said, "As we prepare to wrap up another year of our existence, I urge each of us to pause for a moment and look back over the transactions of the year. If you are satisfied with your contributions to our effort, then you may enter into the 127th year with the confidence that you have what it takes to help your Grand Lodge move to the next level. If you are not satisfied that your efforts were the best that they could have been, then you too, may enter the 127 year, but with a resolution that this year you will make a difference. You see, at any time, you are intelligent enough to recognize that they are not doing things right. You are just the person they need to step forward and help them do it right."



Newly inducted members of the Beta Alpha Chapter of Iota Phi Lambda are, left to right, Alexandria Jackson, Pency Boston, Constance Prunty, Portia McDougal and Queenester Jeffries.

Beta Alpha Chapter inducts new members

The Beta Alpha Chapter of Iota Phi-Lambda Sorority Inc. held an induction ceremony for five new members Sunday, Sept. 29, at the YWCA.

Devotion was led by Soror Shirley Miller. The initiation ceremony was conducted by Southern Regional Director Phyllis Shaumate, assisted by

Dean of Pledges Virginia Wright, Arrie Wright and Ruth Medlock.

Following the pinning and presentation of certificates, the new sorors entertained the sorority members with a skit. This was followed by an exchange of gifts made by the new sorors, and delicious refreshments.

The new sorors are Portia McDougal, Pency Boston, Alexandria Jackson, Queenester Jeffries, and Constance Prunty. Soror Florence Corpening, chapter president, welcomed the new sorors as part of an organization that is celebrating 50 years of excellence in serving their community.

First Baptist Church to hold 117th anniversary

First Baptist Church, 700 Highland Ave., will hold the following annual services of worship from Sunday, Oct. 20 to Sunday, Oct. 27:

Founders Day, Sunday the 20th; fall revival 7:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday; and the 117th Church Anniversary, Sunday the 27th.

The Rev. Dr. Alonzo Lawrence will be the 11 a.m. Founders Day preacher and the week's revivalist. Lawrence is the pastor of Moore Street Baptist

Church in Richmond, Va. He received his doctorate of ministries degree from Union Theological Seminary in Richmond and his master of divinity degree from the School of Theology, Virginia Union University. Lawrence is on the writing staff of the Baptist General Convention of Virginia and is chairperson of the Eastern Ministerial Leadership Commission and second vice president of the American Baptist Churches of the South.

The Rev. Honorable Stephen

Hewlett and the Gravel Hill Baptist Church of Richmond will be the guests during the 117th Church Anniversary Service of Worship.

Hewlett is a graduate of the School of Theology, Virginia Union University and the University of Houston Law School. He is also a practicing attorney in Petersburg, Va.

The Rev. Wendell A. Johnson is the senior pastor, and the Rev. Dr. David R. Hedgley is pastor emeritus.

Dellabrook Presbyterian to celebrate 40th

Dellabrook Presbyterian Church will celebrate its 40th Anniversary with a week of revival services, culminating with a banquet. The revival schedule is as follows:

•Monday, Oct. 14, the Rev. William Fails and the First Union Baptist Church of High Point, N.C.

•Tuesday, Oct. 15, the Rev. Donald Jenkins and the St. Paul United Methodist Church of Winston-Salem

•Wednesday, Oct. 16, Dr.

Samuel Stevenson and the Grace Presbyterian Church of Winston-Salem

•Thursday, Oct. 17, Dr. Serenus Churn and the Mt. Zion Baptist Church of Winston-Salem

•Friday, Oct. 18, Dr. Gardner C. Taylor, pastor emeritus of Concord Baptist Church of Christ of Brooklyn, N.Y.

The public is invited to join the Dellabrook church family each evening for worship and celebration. Services will begin

at 7 p.m. and will be held at Dellabrook Presbyterian Church on Dellabrook Road in Winston-Salem.

The week will culminate with a banquet on Saturday, Oct. 19 at 7 p.m. at Highland Presbyterian Church Fellowship Hall. The speaker for the evening will be Dr. Alton Polard. The vocalist will be Carlotta Samuels Flemming. Please call the church at 725-4574 if you would like to attend.

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