

PRINCE HALL MASONRY-- 10-15-68

ADDRESSES: BOSTON-- PRINCE HALL GRAND LODGE F & A.M., 1095 TREMONT
NEW YORK--PRINCE HALL MASONIC TEMPLE---454 W. 155TH (MANHATTAN)
WASHINGTON--PRINCE HALL GRAND LODGE F & A.M. GR. SECY-1000 U N.W.
S.R. CATHEDRAL PRINCE HALL---1631-11TH N.W.

SOURCE---OFFICIAL HISTORY OF FREEMASONRY AMONG COLORED PEOPLE IN NORTH AMERICA
BY WM. G. GRIMSHAW.

CASES REVIEWED:

M.W. MUTUAL G.L. VS. M.W. PRINCE HALL -381 PAC 2D 130-WASH. 2 CASES (BELL)
PRINCE HALL GRAND LODGE EXISTED AS AN UNINCORPORATED ASSOCIATION IN THE STATE
OF WASHINGTON FROM THE YEAR 1903, BUT TRACES ITS MASONIC BACKGROUND IN THIS
STATE TO PRINCE HALL ANCESTRY LODGE ORGANIZED IN 1889 AT ROSLYN WN. PHGL WAS
FIRST INCORPORATED IN THE STATE OF WASHINGTON IN 1906 UNDER THE NAME OF THE GD
OF F&AM, AFRICAN-OF WASHINGTON. IN 1907 THE NAME WAS CHANGED TO M.W. & PH
GL OF WASHINGTON AND ITS JURISDICTION, F & A.M.

TRIAL COURT FOUND RESPONDENT PH GL IS A LEGITIMATE MASONIC LODGE TRACING ITS
MASONIC ANCESTRY BACK TO THE ORIGINAL COLORED MASONIC LODGE NO. 459 AND THAT
APPELLANTS (BELL, ETC) HAVE NO LEGITIMATE MASONIC ANCESTRY.

RESPONDENT PH GL HAS 12 SUBORDINATE OR BLUE LODGES IN WASHINGTON WITH 800
MEMBERS AND WITH A CORRESPONDING MEMBERSHIP IN EASTERN STAR CHAPTERS, SCOTTISH
RIE CONSISTORY AND SHRINE BODIES. THE FINDING OF FACT AS SUMMARIZED ABOVE AND
IN ALL RELATED PARTICULARS MATERIAL TO THE TRIAL COURT'S CONCLUSIONS OF LAW ARE
SUPPORTED BY SUBSTANTIAL EVIDENCE."

INTERNATIONAL FREE & ACCEPTED MODERN MASONS VS. M.W. PRINCE HALL G.L. F&AM OF
KENTUCKY ET AL. 318 SW 2D 46, KY--1958

PH--IN 1850 R.H. GREAVES DEPT. GR. MASTER OF G.L. OF OHIO WARRANTED AND
ESTABLISHED MOUNT MORIAH LODGE #6 F&AM OF LOUISVILLE, THE FIRST LODGE
ORGANIZED IN THE STATE. IN 1867 MOUNT MORIAH AND TWO OTHER LODGES IN KY WHICH
HAD ALSO BEEN CHARTERED BY OHIO JURISDICTION ESTABLISHED THE GL OF F & AM
COLORED MEN OF KENTUCKY. INCORPORATED IN KY JAN. 11, 1901 AND ARTICLES AMENDED
JAN. 1951 TO CHANGE NAME TO M.W. PRINCE HALL GRAND LODGE F&AM OF KY.

IN SUMMARY THE APPELLEES (PH) ESTABLISH A LEGITIMATE MASONIC LINEAGE AND CON-
TINUOUS OPERATION OF MT. MORIAH LODGE IN KENTUCKY FROM 1950.

PRINCE HALL GRAND LODGE F & AM VS. SUPREME COUNCIL OF N.S. OF S.G.I.G. OF 33RD
DEGREE A & A SCOTTISH RITE, NATHANIAL A. BROWN, INDIVIDUALLY AND AS SGC .
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GOOD HISTORY BY SPECIAL REFEREE. PF, PH HAS 60 SUBORDINATE LODGES IN NEW
YORK WITH MEMBERSHIP LITTLE UNDER 10,000. GL F&AM WHITE CAME INTO BEING IN
NY IN 1781, PRIOR TO WHICH TIME THERE EXISTED IN THE COLONIES THE PRACTICE
OF FREEMASONRY THRU LODGES WHICH UP TO THEN WERE BROUGHT TO BEING BY CHARTER OR
WARRANT UNDER THE AUTHORITY OF A PROVINCIAL G.L. WHICH IN TURN CAME UNDER THE
G.L. OF ENGLAND.

GEORGE BUSHNELL TESTIFIED, ADMITTEDLY AN EXPERT WITNESS. HE TESTIFIED THE
G.L. OF P.H. OR THE LODGE FROM WHICH IT SPRUNG (PH LODGE) HAS THE ONLY EXISTING
CHARTER OF ANY LODGE IN AMERICAN ORIGINALLY GRANTED BY THE GL OF ENGLAND. THERE
NEVER HAS BEEN ANY CHANGE IN THE POSITION OF THE SUP. COUN. OF THE N.J. IN
RESPECT TO P H MASONRY AND THERE IS NO OTHER NEGRO MASONIC BODY IN THE UNITED
STATES RECOGNIZED AS BEING LEGITIMATE OTHER THAN PRINCE HALL.

THIS IS THE BODY THAT IS THE PF HERE. THE ~~NUMBER~~ MEMBERS OF PH ARE NOT
CLANDESTINE. WITH THE WAR OF 1812 EVERY LODGE IN AMERICA WAS CUT OFF FROM THE
GL OF ENGLAND. THAT, HOWEVER, WAS IN NO SENSE AN ERASURE. IT MERELY WAS MEANT
THERE WAS NO MASONIC INTERCOURSE OR MEETING BETWEEN THEM,

M.W. WIDOWS SONS OF GL OF AF & AM COLORED MASONS OF PA.--160 PA SUPER. 595
1947.

LODGE #459 OF MASSACHUSETTS BECAME A MOTHER LODGE AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE
USAGE OF THE FRATERNITY ISSUED PATENTS OR WARRANTS FOR THE FOUNDATION OF NEW
LODGES AND FINALLY ITSELF BECAME A GRAND LODGE. PRINCE HALL WAS THE HEAD (MAS-
TER) OF AFRICAN LODGE #459 AND THE HEAD OR GRAND MASTER OF IT WAS A GRAND LODGE
AMONG THE LODGES CHARTERED BY IT WAS AFRICAN LODGE #459 IN PHILADELPHIA

BY THE SAME EVOLUTIONARY PROCESS IT BECAME THE AFICAN G.L. OF PENN. AND
AFTER THE DEATH OF PH IN 1807 IT CHANGED ITS NAME IN HONOR OF NIM T PHGL.
NOT NLY WAS ITS BEGINNING LEGITIMATE BUT IT HAS EXISTED AND FUNCTIONED CONTIN-
UOUSLY SINCE 1815 AND IS THE EXCEPTANT HERE. UNDER THE EVIDENCE IT IS CLEAR
AND UNCONTRADICTED THAT THE PHGL WAS AND IS THE ONE AND ONLY SOURCE OF LEGITI-
MATE MASONIC LODGES IN PENNSYLVANIA (END OF QUOTE FROM PA CASE)

THERE IS MUCH EVIDENCE THAT IN COLDROED AMERICA THERE WAS THE ACCEPTED
PRACTICE OF A LODGE ASSUMING THE FUNCTIONS AND PREROGATIVES OF A MOTHER LODGE.
THAT IS THE WAY IN WHICH LODGES DEVELOPED INTO GRAND LODGES. A LODGE OR GL
SEEKING RECOGNITION FROM ANOTHER DOES NOT IMPLY THAT THE LODGE SEEKING SUCH
RECOGNITION ACKNOWLEDGES THE SUPERIOR POSITION OF THE ORGANIZATION FROM WHICH
IT SEEKS RECOGNITION. ST. ANDREWS LODGE OF MASS. WHILE ACTING AND FUNCTIONING
AS A MOTHER LODGE CONTRIBUTED REGULARLY TO THE SURETY FUND OF ITS MOTHER LODGE
(THE GRAND LODGE OF SCOTLAND) DURING THE LATE 18TH CENTURY.

I FIND THAT PLAINTIFFS (PH) AND ITS CLAIMED LEGITIMATE PREDESSORS ALTHO OFTEN
NOT USING THE EXACT NAME USED AT PRESENT, HAVE HAD A FAVORABLE AND CONTINUED
EXISTENCE IN AMERICA SINCE ABOUT THE YEAR 1787."

THIS IS A VERY GOOD CASE