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Treas.—Robert E. Brooks

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Meets 1st and 3rd Tuesday in each month, 181 Thames St., Newport, R. I.

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Secy.—James A. Richardson
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The Most Worshipful Harmony Grand Lodge will meet in semi-annual communication in Masonic Hall, 181 Thames street, Newport, R. I., June 12th, 1923, at 7 p. m.

In annual communication in Masonic Hall, Odd Fellows Building, Cranston Street, Providence, R. I., Dec. 11th, 1923, at 10 a. m.

HISTORICAL SKETCH
FROM WHENCE WE CAME

The records show that the first Grand Lodge in the craft of Free and Accepted Masons and installation of a Grand Master took place in London on the 24th day of June, 1717, and was known as the Grand Lodge of England. This was the regular Grand Lodge, of which His Royal Highness Henry Frederick, Duke of Cumberland, etc., etc., etc., was Grand Master, and it was he who granted the original charter of African Lodge, No. 459, Sept. 29th, 1784, to Prince Hall, Thomas Sanders and others. Prince Hall was appointed a Deputy Grand Master by the same source,
with power to form new lodges, which he did. Hiram Lodge of Providence, R. I., was instituted June 25th, 1797, and African Lodge, No. 459, of Philadelphia, was instituted Sept. 22nd, 1797. These two lodges, with African Lodge, No. 459, of Boston, Mass., formed the first Negro Grand Lodge. The subordinate lodges in Rhode Island worked under African Grand Lodge jurisdiction until June 24th, 1847. Harmony Lodge, No. 1, was instituted by African Grand Lodge Dec. 11th, 1826. On June 24th, 1847: African Grand Lodge established in 1808; the First Independent African Grand Lodge established in Pennsylvania 1815 and Hiram Grand Lodge established in 1837, the only three Negro Grand Lodges in the United States at that time, met in convention 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 becoming a part of the body (the National Grand Lodge) surrendered its charter and received its present charter Dec. 11th, 1847, under the title of Prince Hall Grand Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons.

Celestial Lodge, No. 2, F. & A. M., of Providence, was instituted and received a warrant to work as a Lodge Dec. 27, 1847, under the auspices of Prince Hall Grand Lodge. Stone Mill Lodge, No. 3, F. & A. M., of Newport, R. I., was instituted and received a warrant
to work as a Lodge Dec. 27th, 1850, under the auspices of Prince Hall Grand Lodge. Radiant Sun, No. 4, F. & A. M., of Providence, R. I., was instituted by Prince Hall Grand Lodge Feb. 22nd, 1858, and received a warrant to work as a Lodge. King Solomon Lodge, No. 5, was instituted by Prince Hall Grand Lodge July 15th, 1858, and received a warrant to work as a Lodge.

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:
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.

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

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 24th, 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 Lodge, No. 1 17-11-1836
- Celestial Lodge, No. 2 12-27-1847
- Stone Mill Lodge, No. 3 12-27-1850
- Radiant Sun Lodge, No. 4
- King Solomon Lodge, No. 5 7-15-1858
- Star of the East Lodge, No. 6
- Mount Moriah Lodge, No. 7 12-27-74
- Boyer Lodge, No. 8 12-16-73

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.