

We are NOT all Brothers

An introduction to Clandestine Freemasonry

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Important Words to Know

- Regular
 - A Lodge working under the legal authority of a Warrant of Constitution is said to be regular. The word was first used in 1723 in the first edition of Anderson's Constitutions. (Mackey's Encyclopedia of Freemasonry)
 - A “regular Lodge” is one that conforms to Grand Lodge requirements; a “regular Mason” is the member of such a Lodge who conforms to its laws and by-laws. (100 Words in Masonry)
- Irregular
 - Lodge or Grand Lodge established in regular fashion, but have departed from normal custom and rules of Freemasonry
 - Example:
 - Grand Orient de France
 - Established in regular form in 1733
 - No requirement of VSL on altar
 - No required belief of Supreme Being
 - Admits women into their organization



Important Words to Know

- Clandestine
 - Freemason:
 - One made in or affiliated with a clandestine Lodge. With clandestine Lodges or Freemasons, regular Freemasons are forbidden to associate or converse on Masonic subjects. (Mackey's Encyclopedia of Freemasonry)
 - Lodge
 - A body of Freemasons or of those improperly claiming to be Freemasons, uniting in a Lodge without the consent of a Grand Lodge, or, although originally legally constituted, continuing to work after its Charter has been revoked, is styled a Clandestine Lodge. (Mackey's Encyclopedia of Freemasonry)
 - Synonyms
 - Spurious
 - Bogus



What makes PHA Regular

- Bro. Prince Hall and 14 other men of color were initiated (E, P, R'd) in a Regular Lodge in 1775
 - Irish Constitution Military Lodge No. 441
 - Grand Lodge of Ireland
- Granted a dispensation by No. 441 (African Lodge) in 1776
 - Allowed them to:
 - Meet as a Lodge, Form Processions on the days of the Saints John and Conduct Masonic funerals
 - Not allowed to:
 - Confer degrees nor to do other Masonic work.
- African Lodge petitioned the Grand Lodge of England in 1784 for a Warrant (Charter)
 - Warrant issued on September 29, 1784 to African Lodge # 459
 - Warrant received on April 27, 1787
- All Prince Hall Grand Lodges who have a seat at the Conference of Grand Masters are regular in origin and trace their lineage back to warrant issued to African Lodge #459



FACT:

- Prince Hall Masonry has always been plagued by groups within the African American community claiming to be Masonic.
- 2006 in the United States:
 - Over 245 Bogus or Irregular predominately Black Grand Lodges
 - Over 70 Bogus or Irregular predominately White Grand Lodges ¹
- These bogus groups were introduced into the African American community as economic group enterprises and economic development activities²



KEY PLAYERS IN BOGUS FREEMASONRY

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John George Jones

"Father of Bogus Freemasonry"



- **Significant Facts**

- **MWPHGL of IL**
 - Initiated, passed, and raised in John Jones Lodge No. 7
 - Lodge named after his Uncle
- **Grand Secretary: 1873 & 1874**
- **Deputy Grand Master in 1875**
 - Not re-elected
- **Lieutenant Grand Commander**
 - United Supreme Council Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry for the Southern and Western Masonic Jurisdiction of the U.S.A. and Canada
- **Founder of the Imperial Council of Prince Hall Shriners**
 - June 3, 1893
 - Now known as A.E.A.O.N.M.S

John G. Jones...cont

The Trouble Begins

- Suspended on Aug. 31, 1887 by GM JW Moore for insubordination and rebellion³
 - Brother, Theodore Jones, was also suspended at the same time
 - Both were later reinstated after dropping civil lawsuits against GM
- Suspended from the USC AASR Southern Jurisdiction of the U.S.A. by SGC Thorton A. Jackson on October 25, 1895.⁴
 - Lost reelection as Lt. Grand Commander on October 21, 1895
 - Started his own Supreme Council and named himself SGC and expelled Thorton A. Jackson and others without authority on October 22, 1895
 - Permanent Suspension on October 22, 1896 at the Annual Session of the USC AASR, Southern Jurisdiction, USA.
- Expelled from the MWP HGL of IL on October 14, 1903 by GM Henry E. Burris for gross Unmasonic conduct
 - William Gray was also expelled at the same time for the same charges as Jones.
- After their expulsion, Jones and Gray started creating Lodges and Grand Lodges with Gray as GM and Jones as Gr. Secretary.⁵
 - John G. Jones Lodges are styled Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, but have no lineage to the Antients (Athols) which existed from 1751 until 1813 in England



John G. Jones Cont...

The Aftermath (Lodges, Grand Lodges)

- Clandestine John G. Jones Lodges and Grand Lodges (AF&AM) exist throughout the United States.
 - Advisory Board for all AF&AM Grand Lodges in the US
 - The General Grand Masonic Congress received its charter rite August 1847 in Washington D. C., revised in 1870 and reorganized by John G. Jones in Cleveland, Ohio August 9, 1889, under the name of National Masonic Congress A.F. & A. M.⁶
 - Renamed General Grand Masonic Congress of U.S. & Canada, August of 1920 (Jones was deceased by this time)
 - Splinter groups have started from this Congress
 - Congress of Grand Lodges supposedly established in Chicago in 1877
- Multiple AF&AM Grand Lodges exist in the same city and State
 - All have different Grand Masters



John G. Jones Cont...

Brief History of the United Supreme Council

- The United Supreme Council 33° for the Southern and Western Jurisdiction, Grand East at Washington DC⁷
 - Established Tuesday, April 5, 1869
 - With the dissolution of the National Grand Lodge in 1877, the condition of the five (5) Supreme Councils in the United States of America (Negro) began to discuss amalgamation (uniting).
 - January 31, 1881: Council of Deliberation met in New York, NY
 - Determined that there should be only two (2) Supreme Councils for the USA (Negro)
 - Adopted and signed the Articles of Union
 - United Supreme Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry, Prince Hall Affiliation, Northern Jurisdiction, U.S.A



John G. Jones Cont...

Brief History of the United Supreme Council, SJ

- September 17, 1886: Washington Supreme Council (Ill. Thornton A. Jackson) and Baltimore Supreme Council (Ill. James A. Handy) appointed 14 Commissioners from both Councils
 - In compliance with the ruling of the Council of Deliberation of January 31, 1881 (New York, NY) to create a Supreme Council for the Southern Jurisdiction
 - January 27, 1887
 - Creation of The United Supreme Council of the Thirty-Third and Last Degree Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite for the Southern Jurisdiction of the United States of America
 - **IMPORTANT FACT**
 - On January 27, 1887, The United Supreme Council 33° for the Southern and Western Jurisdiction became a part of newly established USC 33° and Last Degree AASR for the Southern Jurisdiction of the United States of America



John G. Jones Cont...

The Aftermath(United Supreme Council)

- John G. Jones continued to operate his self-created United Supreme Council after his Permanent Suspension
 - Chose the name of The United Supreme Council Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry for the Southern and Western Masonic Jurisdiction of the U.S.A. and Canada
 - Revived the old name of the USC before the merger in 1887
 - No legal authority to create new Supreme Council in 1895
 - Of the 15 men present at the creation of this clandestine Supreme Council, Jones was the only one who had the 33rd degree. Four of those present had the 32nd degree, while the remaining were only Master Masons.⁴



John G. Jones Cont...

False Statements Told by the John G. Jones Members

- The Southern Jurisdiction of the USC was established in 1870.⁸
 - Truth: The Southern Jurisdiction of the USC was established in 1887
- James A. Handy represented the Southern Supreme Council and Thornton A. Jackson represented the Southern and Western Council at the 1881 Council of Deliberations Meeting in NY in 1881.⁸
 - Truth: James A. Handy was the SGC of the Baltimore Supreme Council and Thornton A. Jackson was SGC of the Washington DC Council (Southern and Western Council). Southern Jurisdiction did not exist in 1881.
- John G. Jones received charters from the United Grand Lodge of Romania for King Solomon Lodge of NY #1, Hiram Abiff Lodge #2, Jerusalem Lodge #3, and Joppa Lodge # 4⁹
 - Truth: The United Grand Lodge of Romania was established in 1880 and has never issued any charters to African American Masons
 - Note: Same document states that John G. Jones and H.C. Scott opened a Grand Lodge of Ancient Free & Accepted Masons 1869
 - Truth: John G. Jones was still a member of the MWPHGL of IL in 1869 and the United Grand Lodge of Romania was eleven years from being created.

John G. Jones Cont...

The Aftermath(The Shrine)



- Ancient Arabic Order of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine (A.A.O.N.M.S.) was established on September 26, 1872
- John G. Jones, was introduced to the ritualistic mysteries of the Order by one Ali Rofelt Pasha, Deputy and representative from the Grand Council of Arabia, during the World's Colombian Exposition in Chicago in 1893.¹⁰
 - Established the Imperial Council of Prince Hall Shriners on June 3, 1893, in Chicago, Illinois
- December 12, 1900: Name of organization changed to Imperial Council of the Ancient Egyptian Arabic Order Nobles Mystic Shrine of North and South America and its Jurisdiction, Incorporated
- After Jones was expelled from the MWPHGL of IL, he created a Shrine organization that was attached to his Bogus creations.
 - Imperial Grand Council Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine of North and South America
 - Exact same history as that of the Imperial Council of Prince Hall Shriners (June 3, 1893, in Chicago, Illinois)¹¹
 - Temples in 20 States



Jerry Baxter Baldwin

“King of the Deep South”

- Claimed to have once been a member of Olive Branch Lodge under the Jurisdiction of the Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Alabama
 - No evidence could be found to prove where Baldwin was made a Mason, but he was not a member of Said lodge ¹²
- Created Free and Accepted Colored Masons of America ¹³
 - Organized on November 1917, in Opelika, Alabama
 - Incorporated on December 3, 1921
 - Mission: Organize a group of Black people who would dedicate themselves not only to understanding the principle of Freemasonry but also to apply those principles to improve the social conditions of their race
 - 1917-1921: Seventeen lodges established throughout Alabama, Mississippi and Georgia
 - 1921: First Grand Lodge, Lincoln, created in Phoenix City, Alabama
 - T. M. Phillips, Grand Master
 - Elected the first Supreme Grand Master in 1924
- Name Change: April 4, 1955
 - Supreme Grand Lodge, Modern Free and Accepted Masons of the World, Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite

Jerry Baxter cont...

Locations and Structure

- Locations
 - 20 Grand Councils
 - 17 States and 3 Countries (Canada, Bahamas, and Trinidad & Tobago)
- Council governed by a Grand Master
- The Leadership Team of Modern Free and Accepted Masons
 - Supreme Grand Master
 - Supreme Deputy Grand Master
 - Supreme Grand Senior Warden
 - Supreme Grand Junior Warden
 - This structure is **IRREGULAR**

**MODERN FREE
AND ACCEPTED
MASONRY OF THE WORLD**



William V. Banks

"Mr. International"

- "Masonic" Lineage ¹⁴
 - Claimed to have been initiated in St. John Masonic Lodge in 1925 in Geneva, Kentucky
 - Left KY at an undisclosed time and moved his membership from lodge to lodge
 - Claimed that his "lodge" at Geneva, Kentucky, "ceased to operate," but does not give the date
 - In 1939 Banks, in protest of certain practices of his Detroit lodge, left it and became the head of "Modern Free and Accepted Colored Masons" at the request of a man who had been its head for 35 years
 - The name was changed in 1950 to the present name of International Free and Accepted Modern Masons.
- Banks was suspended from Modern Free and Accepted Colored Masons by SGM Jerry Baxter Baldwin ¹⁵





William V. Banks cont...

The Creation of IF&AMM

- Name: International Free and Accepted Modern Masons
 - August of 1950: Received business license from Dover, DE to establish a non-profit business
 - **UNITED STATES CHARTER AUTHORITY**
 - Moved HQ to Detroit, MI
 - Dr. Banks and his host of friends established a National Jurisdiction
- The **Biggest Lie** Ever told
 - Having been incorporated and chartered in August of 1950; our Charter empowered International Masons to practice Freemasonry, and operate as a Masonic Order, throughout the United States, its possessions and territories. This American issued charter empowers International Masons to the same rights as those charters issued directly from the Grand Lodge of England or the Grand Orient of France.
 - A business license does not give an organization the right to practice Freemasonry in any legal manner
 - I have spoken directly with the State of Delaware Div of Corporations and they have confirmed that IF&AMM is a registered business.



William V. Banks cont....

Business License or Masonic Charter?

- Below is the summary of my conversation with the supposed “United States Charter Authority”

Just spoke with a lady @ the State of Delaware div of corporations 302-739-3073

She said that the IF&A Modern Masons has been a corporation registered in Dover, DE since the 1950's. They are registered as a exempt organization that is non-staffed, non-profit. The State of Delaware only grants business licenses and does not have the ability to grant Masonic charters and that most businesses of this nature register with them as protection from certain laws.

When I inquired as to their(IF&AM) ability to use this filing in DE in other states, she stated that their license only grants them permission to exist in Dover, DE and that if they wanted to practice their business elsewhere, they would have to file individually with each state to gain permission to do such.

So the State of DE is not a United States Charter Authority, it just covers the practice of each business entity registered in that state and that State alone. So now the question is did Banks register with MI when he got back there in the 1950's?

I spoke with her on 01-03-12 @ 2:05pm CDT

William V. Banks cont....

Facts about IF&AMM



- Members of IF&AMM get paid to recruit new members
 - Supreme Recruiting Officer
- Their emblem consists of the Square & Compass with a key beneath it.
 - “Having lost a number of law suits, it decided to add a key above its Square & Compass so as not to be confused with Prince Hall Freemasonry.” ¹⁵
 - IF&AMM members will tell that they key unlocks the ivory box of knowledge (Not true)
- Wear Fezzes to Blue House Meetings
 - Multiple colors depending on State and Rank
- Exalted Degrees
 - York Rite: 4-19
 - Scottish Rite Degree: 32nd and 33rd
 - Have to “Cross Over” from the York Rite side to get to Scottish Rite
 - William V. Banks was a self-appointed 33rd
- Structure
 - Supreme CEO/President
 - Supreme GM
 - Regional GM
 - GM



William V. Banks

Early Recruitment Materials

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APPENDIX TWO

THIS IS THE WAY THESE BOGUS GROUPS OPERATE!

INTERNATIONAL MASONS AND EASTERN STARS



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Turmoil After Death

- TV and Radio Station ¹⁷
 - Banks purchased WGPR-62 and WGPR-FM under the business of IF&AMM
 - Upon his death in 1985, station control went to George Matthews
 - Matthews became the Supreme President/CEO of IF&AMM in 1986
 - Mrs. Ivy Banks sued IF&AMM for \$1.3M
 - Amount of personal money she claims Banks used to purchase stations
 - Seized control of both IF&AMM and stations upon banks death in 1985
 - Tencia Gregory, Banks daughter, became the head of the IF&AMM
 - IF&AMM also owned some stock that was also in question
 - Gregory was a member of the Board
 - Was removed without vote of membership and replaced by Matthews



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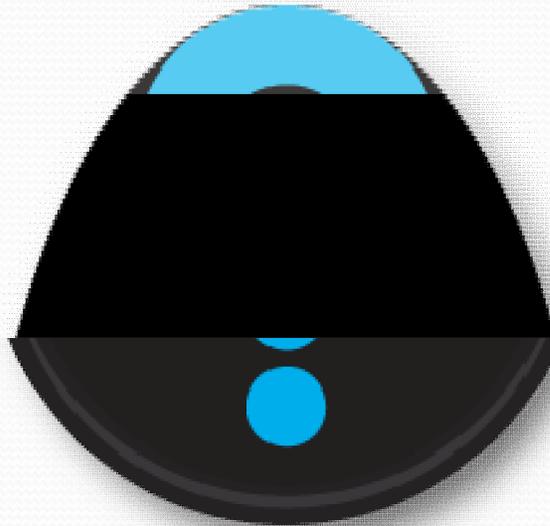
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What Questions Do You Have