

MA: Brothers visit Prince Hall

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Master Masons from various lodges visited Richard Allen #30 Lodge of Prince Hall Masonry, to witness the third degree on seven new Brother Master Masons.

Right Worshipful Paul A Moore, PDDGM of the former 16th Masonic district (now the 31st) who is an honorary life member of PH Grand Lodge, is always ready for a Masonic road trip. RW Moore has been a long-time vocal advocate for the recognition of Prince Hall



Masonry, long before the official acceptance by MA Grand Lodge, has always encouraged others to take the opportunity to visit and witness other lodges under the jurisdiction of Prince Hall.

Wor Yves Maignan Richard Allen Lodge #30

Wor Kevin C McGinnis Occidental Lodge

Brothers making this trip were Wor Richard Podlenski PM Mechanic's Lodge, Wor John Gillman, PM Mountain Lodge, Wor Robert Knight, PM Occidental Lodge, Bro Darrel English, Lafayette Greylock Lodge, and Wor Kevin McGinnis, Occidental Lodge. After enjoying the evening with Brothers of Richard Allen #30 and Summer Lodge #5 of Prince Hall Masonry, I'm a grateful Mason and I feel enriched because of this beautiful experience. The degree work was administered by two Lodges and two Masters, Wor Yves Maignan of Richard Allen Lodge, and Wor Roger Miller of Summer Lodge. On our arrival our party was greeted in the parking lot and was directed to the reserved parking area. The Lodge Wardens and Stewards were on hand to provide this, and shake hands with the travelers. Lodge was opened and formal protocol was the order of the day, with white gloves and top hat included. The travelers approached the altar from the west, under the due-gard and sign, introductions were given, then RW Paul Moore and Wor Kevin McGinnis were escorted to the East. RW Moore was placed at the Master's right in the first seat of honor; Wor McGinnis was placed at the Master's left. After the first section and part of the second was finished, the Craft was called to refreshment, and a bountiful meal was received. Wor McGinnis was seated at the head table to break bread with Wor Yves Maigan and Wor Roger Miller. During the traditional soul meal complete with greens, the Masters discussed differences and similarities.

After the evening's degree work had been concluded, Richard Allen and lodge Master Yves Maignan called on many for closing remarks that ended with Wor McGinnis followed by the final remarks reserved for Right Worshipful Paul A Moore. After the Master closed, brothers lingered and about the several apartments to enjoy informal fraternal conversation.