



Union Lodge U.D.

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Union Lodge U.D. Holds Its First Lodge Meeting

Chicago, IL -- Union Lodge U.D., F&AM, PHA opened its first meeting at the Prince Hall Grand Lodge temple in Chicago, IL on October 11, 2007. Union Lodge was granted a dispensation to meet as a lodge by M.W. Brother Angelo W. Jones, 33°, Grand Master of Prince Hall Masons State of Illinois and its Jurisdiction. Union Lodge consists of past and present members of Elijah S. Betts Lodge #23, F&AM, PHA, Bloomington, IL. Several of the ESB #23 members who moved back to their hometown of Chicago decided to form a new lodge to continue their close bond and practice Masonry.

The Chicago members have been meeting informally since February 2007. In May 2007, several of the members traveled to Bloomington to support P.M. Aubrey K. Barlow, 33°, Elijah S. Betts #23, where he was being honored at the Mason of the Year banquet. R.W. Barlow, Grand Auditor, introduced the Chicago members to M.W. Grandmaster Jones. The members informed the Grandmaster of their request and a follow-up meeting was soon scheduled.

The group decided that the new lodge would be named "Union". They voted on the first slate of officers including electing P.M. Michael Humphrey as Union's first Worshipful Master. Even as an informal group, the members participated in community events such as the March of Dimes' "WalkAmerica."

The officers of Union Lodge U.D. are

Worshipful Master	Michael Humphrey, P.M
Senior Warden	Adrian Cooley
Junior Warden	Christopher Calhoun
Secretary	Maurice Walton
Treasurer	Erwin Staples
Senior Deacon	Thomas Revish, P.M
Tyler	Abdulrahim Ali

The Union Lodge meeting location is at the Prince Hall Grand Lodge temple at 809 E. 42nd Pl, Chicago, IL 60653. Their meeting date is every second Thursday at 7:30pm.

The Union Lodge's mission statement is to be recognized as a lodge of enthusiastic, innovative, and forward thinking men - united in God, fellowship and service, dedicated to mutual self-improvement, and committed to making a positive difference within our communities.

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The Brothers of Union Lodge UD after their first historic meeting on October 11, 2007.
(Front row): SW Adrian Cooley, WM Michael Humphrey P.M., JW Christopher Calhoun.
(Standing): SD Thomas Revish P.M., Treasurer Erwin Staples, Tyler Abdulrahim Ali,
Maurice Walton