#### Vision Statement:

To be the premier organization in the State of Ohio addressing the range of issues that impact our Communities



#### Freemasonry assists the youth

Since 1945, The Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Ohio has sponsored and provided supervision for the Order of Pythagorans, an organization for Boys ages 10-18. The mission of the Order is to provide the youth of our Communities with well- organized programs that promote their all-around development and expose them to community service and mentorship opportunities

#### Mission Statement:

The mission of the MWPHGL of Ohio is to disburse Charity and create viable community development programs as a means of addressing many of the social and economic issues facing the communities we serve.

Our efforts to accomplish this mission will include but are not limited to: promoting education through scholarships, fighting hunger, creating affordable housing opportunities, supporting legislative advocacy, promoting voter education and awareness, and developing collaborative partnerships to support these efforts.

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Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Ohio Free & Accepted Masons

Faith ~ Hope ~ Charity

#### Who was Prince Hall:

Prince Hall is recognized as the Father of Black Masonry in the United States. He made it possible for us to also be recognized and enjoy all privileges of Free and Accepted Masonry.

He was an active leader of the colonial Blacks in Massachusetts. He was a political activist, a proponent of education and civil rights for Blacks and an advocate for the termination of the slave trade and slavery.

Prince Hall had an interest in the Masonic fraternity because Freemasonry was founded upon ideals of liberty, equality, and peace.

Prince Hall Grand Lodge are so named to pay honor to this great man.



The first and essential qualification of any candidate for Masonry is Trust (Faith) in God and belief in his wisdom and goodness. Freemasonry respects the religious beliefs of all its members.

Freemasonry is open to all men of good character who believe in Deity.

### Who are Prince Hall Masons:

Today, the Prince Hall fraternity is the largest predominantly African-American Masonic body in North America. It has over 4,500 lodges worldwide, forming 45 independent jurisdictions with a membership of over 300,000 masons.

Prince Hall Masonry was brought to Ohio in 1847, in the form of two lodges from Pennsylvania, and a third lodge followed in 1848. In 1849 these three lodges joined together to regularly erect the first Prince Hall Grand Lodge west of the Allegheny Mountains.

We are a Fraternal Organization dedicated to the purpose of making good men better and endeavoring to uplift our communities. The principal virtues of a Prince Hall Mason are Faith Hope and Charity.

# ~ *Hope* ~

The second cardinal virtue of Freemasonry is Hope. Hope is symbolic of the hope all Freemasons have in the immortality of the soul.

# ~ Charity ~

Charity is the third cardinal virtue of Masonry and is practiced regularly by all Freemasons.

As a nonprofit, Fraternal, Charitable, and Benevolent organization The Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Ohio donates to and supports various Organizations throughout the State of Ohio.

### **Scholarship Foundation**

The Prince Hall Scholarship Foundation is the primary recipient of our charitable efforts. Since 1981, The Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Ohio has contributed in excess of \$1,000,000 to The Prince Hall Scholarship Foundation to further the education of our youth.

