

# Adelphic Union Lodge #14

Free & Accepted Masons, Prince Hall Affiliation

Warranted May 11, 1863

MEETING THE FOURTH TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH FOR THE PAST 145 YEARS.



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**State of New York and Its Jurisdiction**

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 \*Joseph Archie  
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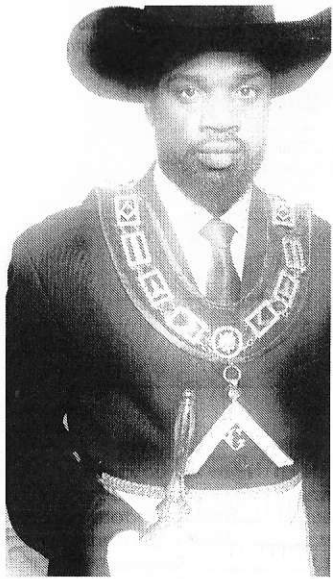


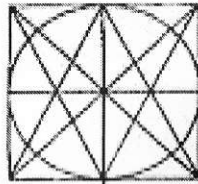
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You and your Masonic friends are cordially and fraternally invited to attend the Annual Communication of Adelpic Union Lodge #14:

Tuesday, March 24, 2009  
at 7:00 PM sharp

On the Third Floor of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Masonic Temple

454 West 155th Street  
New York, NY 10032



**From The East**

Greetings My Dear Brethren

I want to begin by thanking the brothers of AUL14 for the renewed sense of energy which has permeated this Lodge over the past several months. Adelpic Union has had the busiest degree schedule in the Grand East, with two degrees performed over the last two months and with another initiation scheduled for April. This month, we will take a

break from the \*work\* as we host internationally renowned author and lecturer, Brother and Doctor Timothy Wallace- Murphey from the Grand Lodge of Scotland. His topic will be, "What Islam Did For Us." We have been very busy promoting the lecture and are expecting many guests from our Grand Lodge, the Grand Lodge of New York, the Grand Lodge of Connecticut and others. This will also be our first lecture that will be open to the public, so it should be viewed as an opportunity to attract new members.

Prior to admitting guests, we will arraign RW Paul W. James on charges of Misfeasance/ Malfeasance upon the duties of the office of Secretary and other un-Masonic Conduct, with a trial expected to be scheduled at a special meeting in April. All members will be summonsed to attend. After dealing with the arraignment, we will act on the several motions as suggested at the Trestle Board meeting before proceeding to act upon the many matters that we have regarding petitions. Important among the items being taken up by the Trestle Board is a matter regarding a new Crest, "The Adelpic" featured on page 5 of this communication.

Finally, all Brothers are strongly encouraged to assemble with me on Tuesday, March 17, 2009 at Metropolitan A.M.E Church, 58 West 135th St., Harlem, N.Y. 10037 (135th Street between Lenox & 5th Avenues) at 7:00 PM for the Masonic Funeral of RW Edward E. Davis, Jr. (93). RW Davis was a friend to AUL14 and a true exemplification of diligence in duty and selflessness in service. He had a big smile and a friendly greeting for every brother he met, and presented himself as a model Mason. We owe him no less than to be present at the time when the Craft should assemble to "offer before the world, the last tribute of our affection thereby demonstrating the sincerity of our past esteem for him and our steady attachment to the principles of the Order." Govern yourself accordingly.

PLEASE NOTE THAT THE GAVEL WILL SOUND AT 7:00 PM. BE ON TIME AND READY FOR LABOR.

Fraternally yours

WM Thomas C. Brooks, Jr.

**Upcoming Events / Visitations**

- Meridian Lodge #93 Funeral for Edward E. Davis, Jr. Metropolitan A.M.E Church 58 West 135th St. Harlem, N.Y. 10037 (135th Street between Lenox & 5th Avenues)
- Kane Lodge #454 presents "The Master's Swan Song," March 17, 2009: Cocktails and Dinner [\$45] at 7:00 PM and Concert [free] at 8:00 PM. RSVP to Gregg Korn gmaiz@aol.com, 212-337-6606
- Widows Sons, #11 Regular Communication March 18, 2009 opening at 8:00 PM at 70 Pennsylvania Avenue.
- Antioch Lodge, #66 Regular Communication March 19, 2009 opening at 8:00 PM at the Grand East
- Jephthah Lodge, #89 Regular Communication March 20, 2009 opening at 8:00 PM at the Grand East
- Abercorme Lodge#86 Regular Communication March 26, 2009 opening at 8:00 PM at the Grand East
- Prince Hall Lodge, #38 Regular Communication March 27, 2009 opening at 8:00 PM at the Grand East
- Joppa Lodge, #55 Regular Communication March 28, 2009 opening at 8:00 PM at the Grand East
- Samson Lodge, #65 Regular Communication April 01, 2009 opening at 8:00 PM at the Grand East
- Euclid Lodge, #70 Regular Communication April 02, 2009 opening at 8:00 PM at the Grand East

**AUL14 Sick and Shut In**

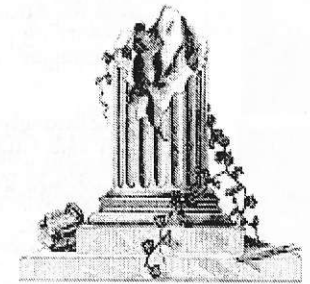
Please take a moment out of your busy schedule to call, visit or send a card to a brother on our Sick and Shut In list. Extending yourself to these brothers will brighten their day and remind them that *Masonry knows no physical boundaries*. Someday we will all look forward to the same extension of kindness from another brother. Please notify the Worshipful Master of any additions that should be made to this list.

**PM Wilmer H. Jones**  
163 Park Ave., Garden City, NY 11040 (516) 746-6549

**Bro. Chester Pinkney**  
124 Martense Ave., Brooklyn, NY 11226 (718) 282-5605

**Bro. Carlington E. Foster**  
114 Allen Drive #45B, Great Neck, NY 11020 (516) 482-8592

**PM Barry Cleckley**  
1816 Gleason Ave., Bronx NY 10472 (718) 892-7293



**Widows of AUL14**

- Willie Vaultz, .....Great Neck, NY (516) 446-5429
- Marry Curry, .....149 Manor Pl, Great Neck, NY
- Gloria M. Hawkins, .....1939 Lexington Ave., #6F, NY, NY (212) 427-3563
- PWM Evelyn Archie, .....139 St. New York, NY
- Mayme Summers-Roberts ..... 1920 Amsterdam Ave, #13L, New York, NY (212) 368-2013

## Internationally Renowned Author and Lecturer **Timothy Wallace-Murphey** of the Grand Lodge of Scotland visits AUL14.

In the furtherance of our educational objectives, and with the assistance of W.: Br.: Rashied Shareiff-Al-Bey (37), the brothers of AUL14 will have the honor and pleasure

of hosting this encore lecture. Br.: Wallace-Murphy has lectured at Cornerstone Lodge #37, Aurora Grata – Day Star #647 (GLNY) several times, and will speak to Alpha Lodge #116 (GLNJ) on Saturday, March 21st. It is because of his long-standing acquaintance with Br.: Rashied that we are afforded this unique opportunity. This will be Br.: Wallace-Murphey's second visit to the MWPHGL-NY, after having first visited Cornerstone Lodge, #37 in 2008.

The topic will be "What Islam Did For Us," drawing from his book by the same title, and which was dedicated to Br.: Rashied. According to Br.: Wallace-Murphey, "religious toleration, respect for learning, the concepts of chivalry and brotherhood are as relevant today as they have ever been. We were taught these principles by the people of Islam when, in Spain, they acted as Beacons of Light in the Dark Ages of European religious intolerance, narrow-mindedness, and persecution." The "relevance" of which he speaks is reflected in the state of the Craft today, where the last vestiges of religious, racial and other intolerances have yet to be "cleaved from the flesh" of Freemasonry.

According to Br.: Rashied, this topic "focuses on Islamic contributions to Western civilization in general, but when this interface is properly understood, it becomes clear how the impact of Islam on the explosion of knowledge out of Europe fueled that explosion through gnosism and philosophy imported from the Islamic east (Egypt, Syria, Persia [Iran], and the Levant) and south (Spain and Morocco) – and that without this input, the Renaissance and the Age of Enlightenment to which it gave way would have been impossible. Freemasonry's inheritance from this input is both inherent and obvious, at least to those who are both serious students of Freemasonry and open-minded enough to admit it."

With this program, and other similar programs which will follow it, Adelpic Union Lodge, #14 is taking a big step towards returning to a position of relevance in our Grand Lodge, and we will firmly establish our Lodge as a beacon of education within Masonry in New York in general. We are expecting a large crowd and thus, an invaluable opportunity to make connections, serve our community and to make a first impression on the "profanes" in the crowd who may be interested in alarming our inner door.

Let us govern ourselves accordingly and bring a wonderful program to fruition that will stand out in the minds of our guests as an example for why so many are drawn to Masonry, and why the principles for which we stand can and should improve the world in which we live.

**NOTE:** *This event is being held directly after our Regular Communication and is scheduled to start at 8:00 PM with a collation to follow.*

Introducing ...

## "The Adelpicous"

"The Adelpicous" is the name of this Crest which was developed by WM Thomas C. Brooks, Jr. and SW Wayne A. Francis as members of the Marketing / Outreach Committee, chaired by JW Jonathan Shim. It was adopted by the Trestle Board Committee on March 13, 2009. Thus

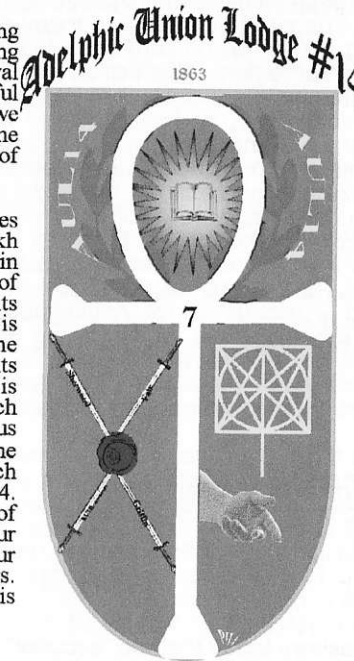
producing an "official" breakdown of all of the symbols contained within the Crest.

This, along with other changes to our bylaws will be presented at our March and April meetings before they are voted on in May and sent to the

begins the painstaking process of obtaining Grand Lodge approval of this most useful symbol of what we represent as the "Adelpic Union" of this Grand East.

The Adelpicous features an Egyptian ankh displayed prominently in its center with a sprig of acacia surrounding its loop. Inside the loop is the sun with the Volume of Sacred Law in its center. Below the loop is the number seven, which in addition to its various meanings, represents the initial number which was assigned to AUL14. On the lower left side of the Crest are four swords, representing our first four Grand Masters.

Each of the swords is piercing a red rose,



Grand Lodge for approval at the June Grand Session. After this approval process we will then be allowed to officially use the Crest as a legal representation of our Lodge.

With the development and approval of this Crest, we are once again setting a trend which others will want to follow and thereby increasing our status amongst our peers. When this new aspect of our Lodge is viewed in concert with our other new furnishings, it becomes clear to the on-looker that there is something really special happening in Adelpic Union Lodge, #14. We are growing by leaps and bounds and making an honest

effort to translate the usefulness of Masonry into our current era. We hope that you will be present at our March meeting so that you will be able to say, decades from now, that you were a part of the vote that brought this new expression of Adelpic pride into fruition. If you cannot be present, then we would also appreciate it if you would write a note to the Lodge relating your opinion regarding the Crest prior to the meeting so that your voice is heard on the matter.

Upon a cursory glance, it becomes clear that The Adelpicous is robust with symbolism and may be analyzed in different ways by different individuals. The History / Research Committee is now in the process of

Fraternally Yours,

WM Thomas C. Brooks, Jr.

## *Masonic Education*

### The Junior Warden's Station

In as much as we do not accept nomination or appointments to our several "stations and places" about the Lodge merely to war.n the seats with our bottoms, it is incumbent upon us that we diligently exemplify the charges with which we are admonished during installation. The Junior Warden is best identified as the officer responsible for providing collation, as that is the duty in which he is most consistent, whereas his most important duties, in this and many other jurisdictions, is largely neglected. The term Warden is derived from the Middle English word "wardein" and from the Anglo-French word wardein, gardein, from warden to guard dated around the 13th century. The word Warden has many different meanings in today's world. Its basic meaning is one having care or in charge of something with supervisory duties or with the enforcement of specified laws or regulations, thus implicating the Junior Warden's role as the prosecutor of the Lodge.

"What came you here to do?" If we do not conform our recreants so that they are suitable for Masonry, then Masonry becomes that "useless parade," which is suitable to them; incapable of expounding upon the beneficial and happy effects of the ancient and honorable institution. It is the duty of the Junior Warden to see that the "nare-do-wells" do not find solace amongst the Brethren "who do well," lest the Craft becomes a haven for the former and a burden upon the latter. It becomes less of what we sought in it, and more of what we have made of it, an amalgamation of excuses and a monument of nothingness. Within Masonry, "Brotherly Love" must work in two directions, both "paying wages" and "exacting punishments," for both invest the Brother with that of which he is due. Thus it is the same disgrace to avoid correction when it is warranted as to withhold wages when they are earned. To each his just desert, for each has earned as much.

When such important duties as the prosecution of errant members go unattended for long periods, it becomes increasingly difficult to take them up again. Each offender who goes un-prosecuted becomes a further negative precedent and an excuse for not holding the next accountable, so that justice necessarily stands in the minority. Through the whirling wheel of time, as the recreant becomes more comfortable and the better are forced to leave, a Lodge which once had the strength of 100 men will struggle to open its doors.

It is the sad state of affairs in Masonry today that the "accuser" is often looked upon with disdain as the Lodge struggles to force harmony amongst Brethren who work to produce discord. The accuser is admonished for carrying out a vendetta before the recreant has even proved his innocence. This should never be the case in an "Adelphic Union" lest it be supposed that we have here "labored in vain and spent our strength for naught." When they say of a Mason ... "he talks the talk, but refuses to walk the walk," Look to the Junior Warden, whose duty it is to prefer charges against a Mason guilty of un-Masonic conduct. Only then can he "observe the sun at meridian which is the glory and beauty of the day," and only then again can the Worshipful Master receive honor and the Brethren pleasure and profit thereby.

Faternally Yours,

SW Wayne A. Francis

*Look forward in the coming months to further Masonic Education on our various "Stations and Places." Next month will feature the Junior Deacon's Place.*

## Back to Africa Back to School

### BACK TO AFRICA – BACK TO SCHOOL GLOBAL COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECT

Come join the members of Adelphic Union Lodge #14 of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge NY as we extend our hands and hearts across the Atlantic to help the less fortunate in Accra, Ghana. We are delivering a wide variety of educational supplies and launching a malaria net installation project designed to reduce the high prevalence of malaria deaths in the region. Our goal is to provide hands on service and support to the children and families of the L&A Memorial Academy, a local school in Accra that is sponsored by the Adakum Educational Foundation.

We have planned accommodations to stay at a 12-bedroom mansion, an exciting tour of the countryside, entertainment and a visit to the Grand Lodge of Ghana amongst other treats. This promises to be a life-changing experience as we will visit the school to deliver supplies, work with the children and go to their homes to install mosquito nets. Please join us in this innovative service project that will help to remind us all that we live in a global community and of the importance of living in contribution to others here and

ALL INCLUSIVE COST= \$3,000 (discount for first 12 people that reserve slots with deposits) \$2,500 for members of AUL14.

PAYMENT DATE	PAYMENT AMOUNT	TOTAL PAID
Immediate Deposit Due Now	\$200	\$200
March 30, 2009	\$700	\$900
April 30, 2009	\$700	\$1,600
May 30, 2009	\$700	\$2,300
June 30, 2009 - Final	\$700	\$3,000

For additional information and payment arrangements contact Michelle Brown of Tru Perfekshun Event Planning at 347-255-7144 or via email at [truperfekshun@aol.com](mailto:truperfekshun@aol.com) or via fax at 866-290-8125

## Master Mason of the Year / Community Service Award

The *AUL14 Master Mason of the Year* and the *AUL14 Community Service Awards* were both conceptualized and first awarded in December 2006, under the administration of PM Grant W. Johnson. The first recipients of these awards were Bro. Quincy Brown and SW Wayne A. Francis respectively. In 2007 the awards were not given, and in 2008 only the Master Mason Award was presented to RW Robert Myers, Jr. The members of the Trestle Board Committee now endeavor to make these awards permanent, and as such have reduced the criteria for consideration to the list below.

This list of criteria for these two awards is only a guide, and so any compliance with the list should not be considered as affording any brother a "right" to the award. To be sure, this list only represents the bare minimum and does not contain any details as would not be expected of any and every member. It is only to be used as a rough guide, as the actual decision to make the award will necessarily be a subjective one. Ideally, we would seek to award behavior that lies far beyond the "call of duty," as exemplified by those few members who have already received this honor. In addition to presenting the award at the Annual Dinner Event, the Trestle Board Committee is also in the process of considering the means and locations for displaying the names of our recipients to preserve their honor for decades to come.

The decision to make these awards permanent is just another way in which we intend to display the Adelpitous Pride which has gotten our Lodge "back upon its feet" over the last several years, and it is this same pride that will propel our Lodge to the head of our Grand East as we all strive to exemplify the standard for these prestigious awards. Every member, both in and out of State are qualified to receive either of these awards, so ... let the competition begin!

### Criteria for Master Mason of the Year/Community Service Award

The following eligibility criteria is for any member of AUL14 who is desirous of being considered for an award at the annual Lodge Dinner Event. A member must meet at least 80% of the following benchmarks to be seriously considered for recognition:

- ❖ Must have been financial the year prior to nomination (unless a new member)
- ❖ Pays lodge dues by March communication of the current year
- ❖ Attend a minimum of 8 meetings for the year (unless residing out of State)
- ❖ Readily volunteers to take a seat (if not an Officer) when vacant
- ❖ Does community service outside of the Lodge (at least 2)
- ❖ Has performed degree work during the current year
- ❖ Financially contributes to the lodge as needed (i.e. lodge jewels)
- ❖ Actively participates in lodge events/activities (i.e. dinner dance)
- ❖ Visits sick & shut-in, other lodges (PHA, GLNY)
- ❖ Answers all summonses and requests from the WM of the Lodge
- ❖ Must be nominated by a brother in good standing; or if self-nominated, an outline of all activities that can demonstrate 80% of the above items being met must be submitted to the Senior Warden by the October communication.

Fraternally Submitted

JW Jonathan Shim  
Event Chair

Did you know?

**In China, about 300 B.C., Mencius wrote "A master Mason, in teaching his apprentices, makes use of the compasses and the square. Ye who are engaged in the pursuit of Wisdom, must also make use of the compasses and the square." Additionally, in a book called *Great Learning*, 500 B.C., we find that "A man should abstain from doing unto others what he would not they should do unto him; and this is called the principle of acting on the square."**

### Get Informed and Stay Involved

Remember to log onto the Lodge website located at [www.AUL14.com](http://www.AUL14.com), and if you have not done so already, become a member of [Blue-Lite@yahoo.com](mailto:Blue-Lite@yahoo.com). Remember, the more informed we are regarding the issues facing Masonry today, the more poised we shall be to play an active role in translating the relevancy of our beloved Craft into the current era.

Also, call into the Anteroom conference call every **Tuesday** and **Thursday** night at **9:00 PM** by dialing **605-475-4333**, then enter access code **322 695#**



Gnostic Talisman



**Appointed Officers for 2009**

**Senior Deacon** ..... **Bro Christopher Goodwin**  
**Junior Deacon** ..... **Bro. Gene Edwards**  
**Sr. Master of Ceremonies** ..... **Bro. Errol Allen**  
**Jr. Master of Ceremonies** .....  
**Senior Steward** .....  
**Junior Steward** .....  
**Marshall** ..... **Bro. Jeffery Keaton**  
**Recorder** .....  
**Chaplain** ..... **RW Raymond Charles, Jr**  
**Tiler** ..... **PM Julian McAllister (2)**

**Constitutional Life Members**

RW Raymond A. Charles, Jr.    Bro. Carl J. Young    Bro. James H. Flanders

**De facto Life Members**

Bro. Chester Pinkney    Bro. Carlington Foster

**Honorary Members**

RW John Davis (3)    PGM Solomon Wallace (65)    RW Raymond Riley (38)

**Committees 2008**

*\*Chairman*

**Member Reclamation**

PM Andre' Jones\*  
Bro. Rodney Felder.  
Bro. Leo Bazile

**History / Research**

Bro. Wayne Spooner\*  
Bro Kevin Wardally  
Bro Gene Edwards  
RW Robert Myers, Jr.

**Dinner Event**

JW Jonathan Shim\*  
SW. Wayne A. Francis  
Bro. Kevin Wardally  
Bro. Isaac Sanders

**Investigating**

JW Jonathan Shim\*  
Bro. Kenneth Taylor  
Bro. Harold McBride  
PM Grant W. Johnson, Jr.  
SW. Wayne A. Francis

**Instruction**

JW Jonathan Shim\*  
Bro Gene Edwards  
Bro Kevin Wardally

**By-Laws**

Bro. Wayne Spooner\*  
RW Robert Myers, Jr.  
Bro Christopher Bishun

**Trestle Board**

SW Wayne A. Francis\*  
JW Jonathan Shim  
Bro.Christopher Bishun

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Bro Kevin Wardally\*  
Bro. Wayne Spooner  
JW Jonathan Shim

**Marketing / Outreach**

JW Jonathan Shim\*  
Bro. Wayne Spooner  
SW. Wayne A. Francis  
Bro. Reg Chapman

*Worshipful Master Ex-Officio Member of all Committees!*

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