

PHGC OES **Study** Session

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Meditation: Give Me A Clean Heart

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What it Means to Serve

What does it really mean to serve with a clean heart?

- The word serve is an active verb, which implies doing. The word serve is synonymous with such words as give, supply, support, aid, attend, and relieve as examples. With words like those, it is challenging to understand how anyone could serve **without** a clean heart.

So, when Fred Hammond speaks about a clean heart, what is he talking about?

- We can have a heart to give and give it freely, but what are we giving and **in what spirit** if we are quietly holding on to things that *steal our energy and depletes our zeal for wanting to serve?*



Excuses that Prohibit Our Calling to Serve

- I won't even make a dent in the problem.
- I want to do something that really matters.
- I won't be heard unless I have a certain title or rank.
- I expected to feel a sense of belonging, but I don't feel like I fit in here.
- I spoke up and volunteered to help, but no one has contacted me.
- What if I fail?
- They probably have plenty of other volunteers.

**There are
only two
options:
Make
progress
or make
excuses.**



Food for Thought...



Hmmm...

Take a moment to think about what your response might be to another sister or brother or even yourself when excuses are made that prohibit us from providing service to those that need it (whether it be within our organization or externally facing).



Order of Eastern Star Landmarks

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#2 - Its lessons are **Scriptural**; its teachings are **moral**; and its purposes are **beneficent**.

#4 - **Each** candidate *shall declare a belief in the existence of a Supreme Being* who will sooner or later, punish the willful violation of a solemn pledge.

**Grand Constitution & By Laws, PHGC State of Washington and Jurisdiction*



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Adah

S

Sacrifice

Saved her father's word and sacrificed her life for her father

Ruth

E

Emigrate

Left her people and friends to dwell with the people of God

Esther

R

Render

Was prepared to render up her crown and her life to save her people from extirpation

Martha

V

Voice

She "cried out" to Christ about her brother & received Victory because God gave Lazarus life over death because of her belief

Electa

E

Elected

She elected to die before she would deny God
(Elect Lady)



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➤ Mathew 7:16 in the KJV states, “**Ye shall know them by their fruits.**”

➤ **We are Servants**

- In the context of service, this simply means that a servant is recognized by what they **do**, *rather* than what is said.
- **How we do** is just as important as *what we do* – The service we provide should be meaningful and positively impact the communities that we serve.
- How many of us have said what we intend to do, *but* often fall short of doing the task that we said we would do?



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#4 - **Each** candidate *shall declare a belief in the existence of a Supreme Being* who will sooner or later, punish the willful violation of a solemn pledge.

- Before we all joined the order, one of the questions that we were asked is, **“Do you believe in a Supreme Being?”**
- Definitively, we serve our Supreme Being(s) by serving others.



A Legacy of Service



It's What We Do!



Faith, Hope, and Charity

1 Corinthians 13:13

“And now abideth **faith**, **hope**, **charity** these three; but the greatest of these is **charity**.”

- **Charity** is a **noun**, characterized by words like **aid**, **help**, and **relief** – sound familiar (*sounds like synonyms for the word serve*)?
- In short, the word **charity** involves benevolence and selflessness. *If charity is to be actualized, **someone must be willing to do the work**.* Someone must be willing to serve.
- Having the designation of a charitable organization means that we are **unselfish** and **compassionate**. Not only do **we have faith** which is grounded in **our belief** in our Supreme Being, but **we have hope** because of who and what we believe. ***There is no hope without faith.***



Prince Hall Grand Chapter, Order of Eastern Star State of Washington & Jurisdiction

1900

Mt. Rainier Chapter #1 was established in Seattle, WA
1st subordinate OES chapter in the Pacific Northwest

1913

The Grand Chapter, OES of Washington and Jurisdiction was established in Tacoma, WA
1st Grand Worthy Matron – Etta Hawkins, 1st Grand Worthy Patron – Emmitt Holmes

1925

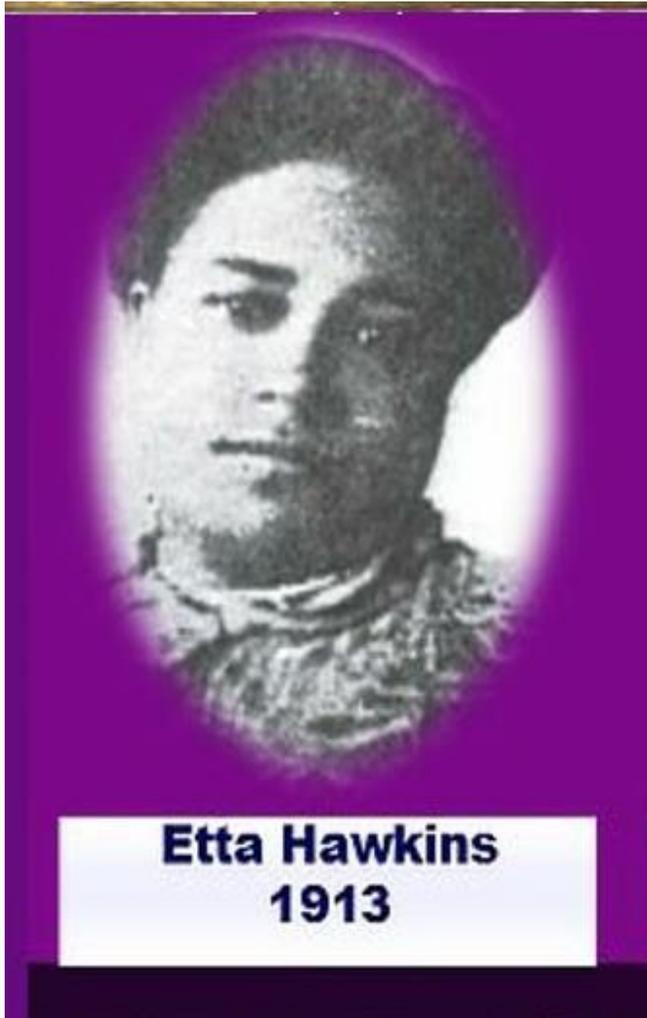
Incorporated as United Grand Chapter of Washington and Its Jurisdiction, PHA, OES
*1944 – name changed to PHGC OES State of Washington and Its Jurisdiction
*1998- name changed to PHGC, OES, State of Washington and Jurisdiction

**See Grand Constitution & By Laws- Articles of Incorporation*



Prince Hall Grand Chapter Washington & Jurisdiction: A History of Service

PGM Etta Hawkins



1870 - 1948

➤ Notable achievements

- An active member of Mt. Rainier Chapter #1
- The 1st & 6th GWM of the Grand Chapter, OES, Washington and Jurisdiction – *1913-1915, 1923-1925*
- She helped to lay the groundwork for incorporation of the United Grand Chapter of Washington and Its Jurisdiction in *1925*
- [Etta Hawkins Founding Member of Seattle NAACP](#)
 - The Seattle branch of the NAACP was founded in 1913 and is one of the earliest branches West of the Mississippi River.



Prince Hall Grand Chapter Washington & Jurisdiction: A History of Service

PGM Mardine Purnell

➤ Notable achievements

- An active member of Mt. Rainier Chapter #1
- The **30th** GWM of PHGC OES State of Washington and Its Jurisdiction – *1975-1978*
- President of the Washington State Association of Colored Women – *1967-1971*
- Co-Founder & Secretary to the Board of the Liberty Bank in *1968* [*Continuing the Legacy of Liberty Bank*](#)
- President of the Seattle Association of Clubwomen *1962 - 1968*
- Co-founded the Seattle Philorati Club in *1947*
 - The purpose was to advance the cause of race
 - Received a 50-year service Award in 1997



1920 - 2005



What *Was* Happening in & out of the Jurisdiction 20th Century

[African Americans in the Modern Northwest](#)

1964 - Seattle voters soundly defeated an “open housing” ordinance that would have let anyone live anywhere. It lost by more than 2-to-1. The city was segregated, and a large majority wanted it that way.

1978 – Seattle becomes the largest city in the United States to desegregate its schools without a court order. Nearly 25% of the district’s students are bused as part of the “Seattle Plan.”

Finding jobs were difficult for people of color – PGM Mardine Purnell obtained her first job in Seattle at the Boeing Company as a stenographer. Obtaining unlikely positions became a pattern for Mardine. In January of 1951 she began working as a Clerk- Typist for the Internal Revenue Service, after being told there were no positions available. Using her qualities of competence, perseverance, and determination, she became Supervisor of the Audit Division in 1971. She received a "Certificate of Award" in August 1965. She retired from the Internal Revenue Service after 20 years of service. - from: [Obituary Mardine Purnell](#)



Faith, Hope, and Charity

Galatians 6:10

“As we therefore opportunity, let us **do** good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith.”

Each of these women contributed to the progression of their societies, both professionally and socially, while advancing the purpose of Order at the same time. They **found** ways to simultaneously **align their interests, causes, and servitude** with that of the **Order of Eastern Star**.

Faith, Hope, and Charity are all intricately connected to the foundation of what it truly means to serve.



Servant Leadership

Mark 9:35

Scripture for Review - *(Look it up!)*



Servant Leadership

- Many of us have served in leadership positions, whether in our careers, community-based organizations, or within our family's as the matriarch or patriarch.
- Leaders come from all walks of life with varied experiences. The capacity to lead dwells within all of us. We all have talents, gifts, and most assuredly a purpose.
- When it comes to people and relationships, harmony and peace, providing service to others before serving ourselves, **how successful are we as leaders?**





Real servants don't use
God for their purpose,
*they let God use them
for **HIS** purpose*

Rick Warren – The Purpose Driven Life

Your gifts are not about
Leadership is not about
Your purpose is not about **YOU**

A life of significance is about

SERVING
those who need your gifts, your
leadership, your purpose.

SERVANT LEADERSHIP



Servant Leadership



Reference

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What Will *Your* Legacy of Service Be?

- Making positive impacts toward Social Justice?
- Engaging in activities that support our most vulnerable (elderly & children)?
- Donating time & energy to maintenance of our Masonic structures (buildings) and the contents within?
- Consistent commitment to a special cause in **your** community?
- Preservation of PHGC OES artifacts for future generations?
- _____ (**you fill in this blank**)



Notes for Self-Reflection & Forward Progression

- **Small Acts of Kindness are Just as Powerful**
- We are **not** the Whole Solution – so share your time & attention *without fear*
- **Do Allow Yourself to be served** in a manner that creates mutual respect & mutual change for all involved
- **There is only one Savior** – our role is to humbly dignify those that we serve (to include each other).



Notes for Self-Reflection & Forward Progression



Questions to Ponder – #Service Goals!

- Do I *actively listen* to others – before “chiming in”?
 - Take the time to sit with your family, friend, co-worker, or neighbor, to practice the art of *listening vs hearing*
- Do I pay “IT” forward?
 - Anonymously pay for the person behind you in the grocery store, coffee shop, or fast food restaurant. Or surprise someone with something that they didn’t know you knew they needed.
- Do I anticipate serving because I understand there is always a need (within your capacity to do so)?
 - **In all things pray.** Prayer is powerful. Your steps are ordered. Trust in him, for **HE** will direct your path.



Be Well & Serve With a Clean Heart

THAT'S NOT MY JOB!

This is a story about four people named: **Everybody**, **Somebody**, **Anybody** and **Nobody**. There was an important job to be done and **Everybody** was sure that **Somebody** would do it. **Anybody** could have done it, but **Nobody** did it. **Somebody** got angry about that, because it was **Everybody's** job. **Everybody** thought **Anybody** could do it, but **Nobody** realised that **Everybody** wouldn't do it. It ended up that **Everybody** blamed **Somebody** when **Nobody** did what **Anybody** could have done.

“Service is the rent we pay for the privilege of living on this earth...”

~*Shirley Chisholm*

- Serving others is a privilege and it is our duty as *servants* of God.
- Furthermore, service is apart of the oath that we took as members of the Order of Eastern Star.

Be Well, Be Good to Yourselves, & Remember to Serve with a Clean Heart!



Other Links of Interest

- <https://www.seattlekingcountynaacp.org/1913-1948.html>
- <https://www.salalcu.org/continuing-legacy-liberty-bank/>
- <https://www.capitolhillseattle.com/2015/03/capitol-hill-housing-will-honor-history-of-central-district-development-site-with-liberty-bank-building/>
- <https://www.seattle.gov/Documents/Departments/Neighborhoods/HistoricPreservation/Landmarks/CurrentNominations/LPBCurrentNomPrinceHallNom.pdf>
- <https://www.legacy.com/obituaries/seattletimes/obituary.aspx?n=mar-dine-purnell&pid=15509029&fhid=2317>
- <https://www.historylink.org/File/8632>

