

# City of Philadelphia



Council of the City of Philadelphia  
Office of the Chief Clerk  
Room 402, City Hall  
Philadelphia

(Resolution No. 080844)

## RESOLUTION

Congratulating and Honoring Charles A. Bishop on being elected and installed as the 99<sup>th</sup> Most Worshipful Grand Master of Prince Hall Grand Lodge Free and Accepted Masons for the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania on October 14, 2008.

WHEREAS, Freemasonry is one of the world's oldest secular fraternal societies. It is a society of men concerned with moral and spiritual values. For many years, Freemasons have followed three great principles: brotherly love, relief and truth.

WHEREAS, The Prince Hall Grand Lodge Free and Accepted Masons of Pennsylvania is recognized as the Father of Black Masonry and it currently has over 5,000 active members. On October 14, 2008, Charles A. Bishop was elected and installed as the 99<sup>th</sup> Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Prince Hall Masons for the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, where his theme is to "Preserve the Past and Enrich the Future";

WHEREAS, Grand Master Charles A. Bishop became a member of Ionic Lodge No.112 in September 1970, and since his induction has served his brethren with vigorous commitment and dedication; and

WHEREAS, Grand Master Charles A. Bishop embodies the spirit, ethics, character and morality of a true Masonic Member which has been evident in the roles he has held within this society; and

WHEREAS, Grand Master Charles A. Bishop believes, if you extend yourself to Mankind in all phases of life you would be a better person because of it. With this belief, his ongoing commitment and dedication to his family, community and brethren has provided the City of Philadelphia and all members of the freemasonry a living example of the true spirit of servitude; now therefore

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BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA, That it hereby congratulates and honors Charles A. Bishop on being elected and installed as the 99<sup>th</sup> Most Worshipful Grand Master of Prince Hall Grand Lodge Free and Accepted Masons for the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania on October 14, 2008.

RESOLVED FURTHER, That a copy of this resolution be presented to Grand Master Charles A. Bishop as evidence of sincere acknowledgement and recognition of this legislative body.

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CERTIFICATION: This is a true and correct copy of the original Resolution, Adopted by the Council of the City of Philadelphia on the thirtieth of October, 2008.

Anna C. Verna  
PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL

Patricia Rafferty  
CHIEF CLERK OF THE COUNCIL

Introduced by: Councilmembers Jones and Goode

Sponsored by: Councilmembers Jones, Goode, Greenlee, Sanchez, Reynolds  
Brown, Kenney and Blackwell