

## THE HISTORY OF HOURGLASS LODGE #1

### The Meaning of the Hourglass

The Hourglass is an emblem of human life. Behold! How swiftly the sands run, and how rapidly our lives are drawing to a close. We cannot, without astonishment, behold the little particles in this machine, how they pass away almost imperceptibly (adj. impossible to perceive), yet, to our surprise, they are all exhausted in a short space of an hour. Thus wastes man! Today, he puts forth the tender leaves of hope: tomorrow, blossoms, and bears his blushing honors thick upon him; the next day comes a frost, which nips the shoot, and when he thinks his greatness is still aspiring, he falls, like autumn leaves, to enrich our mother earth.

The Hourglass, as explained in the ritual, is a gloomy subject. But when you look at it as a part of the whole philosophy of Freemasonry, it isn't dreary. It becomes a symbol of Time. Time profitably spent. Time is the only thing that men have in equal abundance. As you learned in the First-degree, time is important. Each day should be used wisely, for every second wasted is lost forever. Time is one commodity that can never be recovered.

### Hourglass History 2010

The elected officers for Hourglass Lodge #1 were Ron Foster, Worshipful Master, Ron Johnson, Senior Warden, John McGowen, Junior Warden, Malcolm King, Treasurer, and Fred Norman, Secretary. The appointed officers were Caddy Lewis, Tiler, Harvey Jackson, Senior Deacon, and Jason Robinson, Junior Deacon.

Although there was a split within the years to come, Hourglass Lodge #1 still stood strong.

### Hourglass History 2012

In 2012, Hourglass began to rebuild. The elected officers were Ron Foster, Worshipful

Master, Jason Robinson, Senior Warden, and Robert Thomas Jr., the Junior Warden. By June of 2012, Hourglass had 2 new Master Masons. One of the new brothers was Bro. Donovan Monroe (“D”), who had one of the strongest hearts and desire for knowledge, and the other his CT brother, Bro. Bryan K. Johnson.

### **Hourglass History 2013**

During the elections of 2013, the elected officers were Bro. Jason Robinson, Worshipful Master, Bro. Robert Thomas Jr., Sr. Warden, Bro. Michael Briscoe (Can’t Get Right), Junior Warden, Bro. Donovan Monroe, Secretary, and Bro. Bryan K. Johnson, Treasurer. On December 26, 2012, Michael Briscoe was lost to the Hourglass in a very fatal accident and was laid to rest in January 2013 in his hometown in Louisiana. RIH, dear brother. This caused Hourglass to grow closer as a family and lean on each other during their time of hurt and pain. On March 13, 2013, Hourglass lost Bro. Donovan Monroe. A brother who showed dedication, heart, love, and fortitude for the craft was lost after dealing with the battle of a heart condition. This event caused the last four brothers of Hourglass to grow even stronger together. PGME Weston Jarvis began to call these four brothers the Four Horsemen because of all the hurt they had gone through, they never stopped growing with each other. Even after all the adversity that Hourglass Lodge #1 had to face, they began to grow in number and strength, holding on to the values of Family First. By the end of 2013, Hourglass had grown to seven brothers, when the following three brothers were raised: Bro. Eric Moshay, Bro. Kenny Logan and Bro. Ervin Jefferson.

### **Hourglass History 2014**

During the elections of October 2013, the following officers were elected: Bro. Jason Robinson, Worshipful Master, Bro. Robert Thomas Jr., Senior Warden, Bro. Bryan K. Johnson, Junior Warden, Bro. Eric Moshay, Secretary, and Bro. Kenny Logan, Treasurer. Bro. Ervin Jefferson was appointed to the position of Senior Deacon. We had

3 other Master Masons come to raise this year. Bro. Joe Manning, Bro. Norman Hicks, and Bro. Steven Hartfield. Hourglass Lodge continues to grow, not because of the quantity of brothers, but because of the quality of the brothers who were building. PM Ron Foster left at the beginning of 2015 and became Grand Master of Urijah Grand Lodge.

### **Hourglass History 2015**

During the elections of October 2014, the following officers were elected: Bro. Robert Thomas Jr., Worshipful Master, Bro. Bryan K. Johnson, Senior Warden, Bro. Eric Moshay, Junior Warden, Bro. Norman Hicks, Secretary, and Bro. Joe Manning, Treasurer. Bro. Ervin Jefferson was appointed as the Senior Deacon and Bro. Steven Hartfield was appointed as the Junior Deacon of the lodge. And against all odds, Hourglass still strived to be great in the jurisdiction of AGL. At the end of 2015, Hourglass Lodge #1 had 9 active Master Masons in their role, with the addition of Bro. Paul Davis. We also initiated four new EAs at the end of 2015 that showed great character. Bro. Toro Thomas, Bro. Josh Thomas, Bro. Alphonso Morris and Bro. Namon Thomas.

### **Hourglass History 2016**

During the elections of October 2015, the following officers were elected: Bro. Robert Thomas Jr., Worshipful Master of the Lodge, Bro. Bryan K. Johnson, Sr. Warden, Bro. Paul Davis, Junior Warden, Bro. Norman Hicks, Secretary, and Bro. Joe Manning, Treasurer. Bro. Ervin Jefferson was appointed as the Senior Deacon and Bro. Steven Hartfield was appointed as the Junior Deacon of the lodge. Still having 3 EAs as we entered the 2015 year, we passed the three EAs to FCs and embraced 2 more EAs in the likes of Bro. Gilbert Munoz and Bro. Wendall Fobbs, who was also passed to FC with the other 3 EAs that we had. At this time, we initiated five; we had two affiliates that came to us, Bro. Joseph Zore and Bro. Chris Hines. We begin to grow even more in 2016 were with the initiation, passing, and raising of a total of 9 brothers under the

leadership of WM Robert L. Thomas Jr. The 9 brothers that were raised were raised in a joint raising ceremony with Caleb Lodge #3 which has so far been one of the best raisings of the Lodge. The brothers raised to Master Mason are as follows:

1. Bro. Namon Thomas
2. Bro. Gilbert Munoz
3. Bro. Cornell Rosemond
4. Bro. Toro Thomas
5. Bro. Joshua Thomas
6. Bro. Alphonso Morris
7. Bro. Takary Royal
8. Bro. Wendall Fobbs
9. Bro. Demon Little

This growth has brought Hourglass Lodge #1 to a total of 20 active brothers, of which one is an FC Bro. Isaac Beasley. We were also petitioned by the Grand Master of Abraham Grand Lodge, PM Rickey Fillmore, for membership. We voted and accepted him as a member of Hourglass Lodge #1, which brings our total count to 21 active brothers in Hourglass Lodge #1.

### **Hourglass History 2017**

During the election of October 2016, Bro. Joe Manning and Bro. Norman Hicks was passed out of their positions and became Honorary Past Masters and the following brothers were nominated and elected as Hourglass Lodge #1 2017 officers. Bro. Bryan K. Johnson, Worshipful Master, Bro. Paul Davis, Senior Warden, Bro. Steven Hartfield, Junior Warden, Bro. Gilbert Munoz, Secretary, and Bro. Ervin Jefferson, Treasurer. The appointed officers for the year of 2017 are Bro. Joshua Thomas, Senior Deacon, Bro. Demon Little, Junior Deacon, Bro. Wendall Fobbs, Senior Stewart, Bro. Cornell Rosemond, Junior Stewart, Bro. Chris Hines, Tyler, Bro. Namon Thomas, Chaplain,

Bro. Toro Thomas, Marshal and PM Bro. Robert L. Thomas Jr. Lecturer.

Election 2017 was conducted on October 14, 2017, @ 10333 Harwin Dr., at the H. B. Turner Grand Lodge for the officers for the 2018 year. The following brothers were elected: . Bro. Bryan K. Johnson, Worshipful Master, Bro. Gilbert Munoz, Senior Warden, Bro. Steven Hartfield, Junior Warden, Bro. Paul Davis, Secretary, and Bro. Ervin Jefferson, Treasurer. The appointed officers are Bro. Demon Little, Sr. Deacon, Bro. Wendall Fobbs, Jr., Deacon, Bro. Toro Thomas, Senior Stewart, Bro. Namon Thomas, Jr., Stewart.

Growth of the Lodge

PM Robert Thomas and PM Joe Manning officially left Hourglass Lodge on November 11, 2017, to restart Abram Lodge #7, which showed more growth of Hourglass Lodge #1.

Bro. Ervin Jefferson stepped down from the position as Treasurer on the 1<sup>st</sup> of December 2017, and WM Johnson decided to hold a special election at their first meeting to fill the position on the 28<sup>th</sup> of January 2018. The following brother was elected as Treasurer to fill the vacancy for the 2018 and 2019 years. After the election, WM Johnson changed the appointments for the Lodge as follows: Bro. , Sr. Deacon, Bro. Wendall Fobbs, Jr., Deacon, Bro. Namon Thomas, Senior Steward, Bro. Takary Royal, Jr. Stewart.

Currently, Hourglass has the following brothers listed on their roll for the 2018 year.

1. Bro. Rickey Fillmore
2. Bro. Bryan K. Johnson
3. Bro. Gilbert Munoz
4. Bro. Steven Hartfield
5. Bro. Paul Davis
6. Bro. Demon Little
7. Bro. Wendall Fobbs

8. Bro. Toro Thomas
9. Bro. Namon Thomas
10. Bro. Takary Royal
11. Bro. Alphonso Morris
12. Bro. Percy Jones
13. Bro. Kenny Logan

### **Hourglass History 2020**

The year 2020 Hourglass through the years have had its ups and downs, but through it all, they still march in solidarity toward a common purpose. The elections for the year 2019 placed new brothers in Leadership as the older leadership stepped down, and he nominated all officers for their current positions. Elections were held by Grand Secretary Remund Washington, and the following officers were elected unanimously: Brother Gilbert Munoz was elected as Worshipful Master and became the first Hispanic Worshipful Master in the history of Hourglass Lodge #1, as well as M W Abraham Grand Lodge of Texas. Bro. Steven Hartfield was elected to the position of Senior Warden, Bro. De'mon Little was elected to the position of JW, Bro. Paul Davis was elected to the position of Treasurer, and Bro. Percy Jones was elected to the position of Secretary. Currently, Hourglass has the following brothers listed on their roll for the 2020 year:

1. Bro. Rickey Fillmore (PM)
2. Bro. Bryan K. Johnson (PM)
3. Bro. Gilbert Munoz (WM)
4. Bro. Steven Hartfield (SW)
5. Bro. Demon Little (JW)
6. Bro. Paul Davis (Treas.)
7. Bro. Percy Jones (Sec.)

8. Bro. Willie Chris Clark (SD)
9. Bro. Namon Thomas (JD)
10. Bro. Alphonso Thomas (SS)
11. Bro. Alphonso Morris (JS)
12. Bro. Percy Jones (Sec.)
13. Bro. Kenny Logan (MM)

### **Hourglass History 2022**

The year 2022, Hourglass was still going through multiple changes. In 2020, we lost one of the greatest men who led us as a Grand Master, the M.W. Rickey Fillmore. PM/GM Rickey Fillmore passed August 18, 2020, and was buried August 29, 2020. During the October 2020 elections, Gilbert Munoz nominated Namon Thomas as Worshipful Master of Hourglass Lodge No. 1. The elections for the year 2022 placed new brothers in Leadership as the older leadership stepped down, and he nominated all officers for their current positions. Elections were held by Grand Secretary Remund Washington, and the following officers were elected unanimously:

Brother Namon Thomas was elected as Worshipful Master, Bro. Victor “Jay” Morgan was elected to the position of Senior Warden, Bro. Jarrett Conerly was elected to the position of JW, Bro. Cedric Collins was elected to the position of Treasurer, and Bro. Kevin Hester was elected to the position of Secretary. Currently, Hourglass has the following brothers listed on their roll for the 2022 year:

1. Bro. Bryan K. Johnson (PWM)
2. Bro. Gilbert Munoz (PWM)
3. Bro. Percy Jones (PWM)
4. Bro. Namon Thomas (WM)
5. Bro. Victor “Jay” Morgan (SW)
6. Bro. Jarrett Conerly (JW)

7. Bro. Cedric Collins (Treasurer)
8. Bro. Kevin Hester (Secretary)
9. Bro. Willo Conerly
10. Bro. Johnel Francis

### **Hourglass History 2023**

The year 2023, Hourglass was still going through multiple changes. During the October 2023 elections, Victor Morgan nominated Namon Thomas as Worshipful Master of Hourglass Lodge No. 1. Elections were held by Grand Secretary Remund Washington, and the following officers were elected unanimously:

Brother Namon Thomas was elected as Worshipful Master, Bro. Victor “Jay” Morgan was elected to the position of Senior Warden, Bro. Jarrett Conerly was elected to the position of JW, Bro. Cedric Collins was elected to the position of Treasurer, and Bro. Kevin Hester was elected to the position of Secretary. Currently, Hourglass has the following brothers listed on their roll for the 2023 year:

1. Bro. Bryan K. Johnson (PWM)
2. Bro. Gilbert Munoz (PWM)
3. Bro. Percy Jones (PWM)
4. Bro. Namon Thomas (WM)
5. Bro. Victor “Jay” Morgan (SW)
6. Bro. Jarrett Conerly (JW)
7. Bro. Cedric Collins (Treasurer)
8. Bro. Kevin Hester (Secretary)
9. Bro. Willo Conerly
10. Bro. Johnel Francis

### **Hourglass History 2024**

In the year 2024, Hourglass was still going through multiple changes. During the October 2024 elections, Namon Thomas nominated Victor “Jay” Morgan as Worshipful Master of Hourglass Lodge No. 1. Elections were held by the Deputy Grand Master Marcus Fontentot, and the following officers were elected unanimously:

Brother Victor “Jay” Morgan was elected as Worshipful Master, Bro. Jarrett Conerly was elected to the position of Senior Warden, Bro. Johnel Francis was elected to the position of Junior Warden, Bro. Cedric Collins was elected to the position of Treasurer, and Bro. Kevin Hester was elected to the position of Secretary. Currently, Hourglass has the following brothers listed on their roll for the 2023 year:

1. Bro. Bryan K. Johnson (PWM)
2. Bro. Gilbert Munoz (PWM)
3. Bro. Percy Jones (PWM)
4. Bro. Namon Thomas (PWM)
5. Bro. Victor “Jay” Morgan (WM)
6. Bro. Jarrett Conerly (SW)
7. Bro. Johnel Francis (JW)
8. Cedric Collins (Treasurer)
9. Bro. Kevin Hester (Secretary)
10. Bro. Willo Conerly

### **Hourglass Lodge No.1 History 2025**

On March 8, 2025, the entire membership of Hourglass Lodge No. 1 demitted and withdrew from the M.W. Abraham Grand Lodge of Texas because of a lack of trust in the leadership. Hourglass Lodge No. 1 decided to join the M.W. St. Johns Grand Lodge of Chicago and work until they would become consecrated as the M.W. King Solomon Grand Lodge of Texas, A.F. & A.M. This new consecrated Grand Lodge, Hourglass Lodge No.1 started on a new journey with the same leadership that was elected for

2024. On May 17, 2025, Hourglass Lodge No. 1, Enoch Lodge No. 2, and the Rising Sons Lodge No. 12 initiated 10 new Entered Apprentices.

Humbly Submitted,

M.W. Bryan K. Johnson

Past Master Hourglass Lodge #1

M.W. Grand Master

MW King Solomon Grand Lodge of Texas AF & AM

