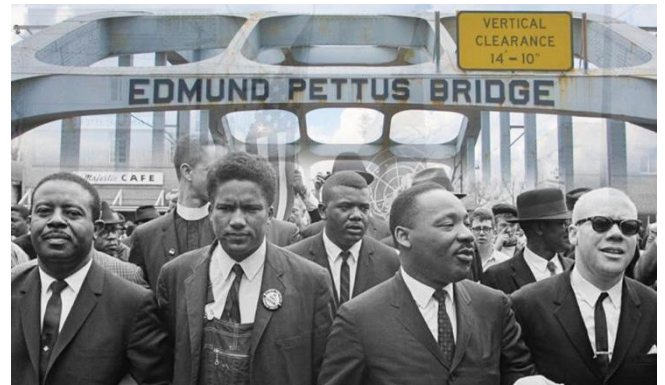


# 61st Annual Selma Bridge Crossing Jubilee

March 8, 2026  
Selma, Alabama



The original peaceful march across the Edmund Pettus Bridge on March 7, 1965, became a defining turning point in American history. The violence that followed, witnessed by the nation, stirred the conscience of the country and ultimately led Lyndon B. Johnson to champion the Voting Rights Act of 1965, which was signed into law later that August. Today, the bridge stands as a National Historic Landmark and a global symbol of the ongoing pursuit of racial justice.

While the modern-day crossing is symbolic and carries none of the danger, violence, or hardship faced by those who marched in 1965, it remains deeply powerful and meaningful.



MW Morris' reflection:

*"Today I stood in the same place where so many courageous men and women stood in 1965. Humbled by the hardship they endured in order for me to be where I am today and achieve what they dreamed might one day come true. There has been great progress since then, but more progress and dreams are still needed. Join me in dreaming the next dream."*

The front line of the march included 13 sitting Grand Masters, 11 of whom were Prince Hall Grand Masters, accompanied by the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of California, as well as Most Worshipful Morris, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of New Jersey. In a demonstration of unity, Most Worshipful Morris marched alongside Most Worshipful Jimmy Barnes, Grand Master of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of New Jersey. This served as a powerful and meaningful display of unity among Masons across the state.

The moment stands as a reminder to continue reflecting on the sacrifices of those who came before and to remain committed to building a future grounded in justice, unity, and brotherly love.