



NEW YORK STATE SENATOR

Kevin S. Parker

# **Senator Parker Honors Lodge Grandmaster At Caucus Weekend**

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Brooklyn, N.Y- At last month's recently concluded annual New York State Association of Black, Puerto Rican, Hispanic & Asian Legislators Inc. Legislative Caucus Conference, New York State Senator Kevin Parker honored Gregory Robeson Smith Jr. as the Most Worshipful Grandmaster of the Prince Hall Grand Lodge State of New York at a special ceremony in Albany.

Smith is a graduate of Morehouse College and received his master's from Long Island University, in New York. He has worked with Fortune 500 companies and is Regional Vice President at the Compass Group North America.

"It is an honor to give this well-deserved recognition to the Most Worshipful Grand Master," said Senator Parker. "In his capacity he has done a yeoman's job in holding members to the creed of making good men better and unity in all endeavors."

A fifth-generation Mason, Smith grew up in the organization and has been a part of the system for more than 45 years. Due to his tenacity and work ethic, he was chosen by his mentor to serve as Assistant to the Committee on Foreign Correspondence (CFC). Working there for a few years he was appointed Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence until he received his 33rd and last degree and subsequently the 59th Grand Master of the Lodge.

### **About State Senator Kevin Parker**

Senator Kevin S. Parker is intimately familiar with the needs of his ethnically diverse Brooklyn district comprising sections of Flatbush, East Flatbush, Kensington, Ditmas Park Midwood, Flatlands, Canarsie, Georgetown, Old Mill Basin, Mill Basin, Marine Park and Bergen Beach. A lifelong Brooklyn resident, he is the Chairman of the Senate Energy and Telecommunications Committee and sits on the Senate Finance; Rules; Banks; Internet and Technology; Rules; and Budget and Revenue.

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