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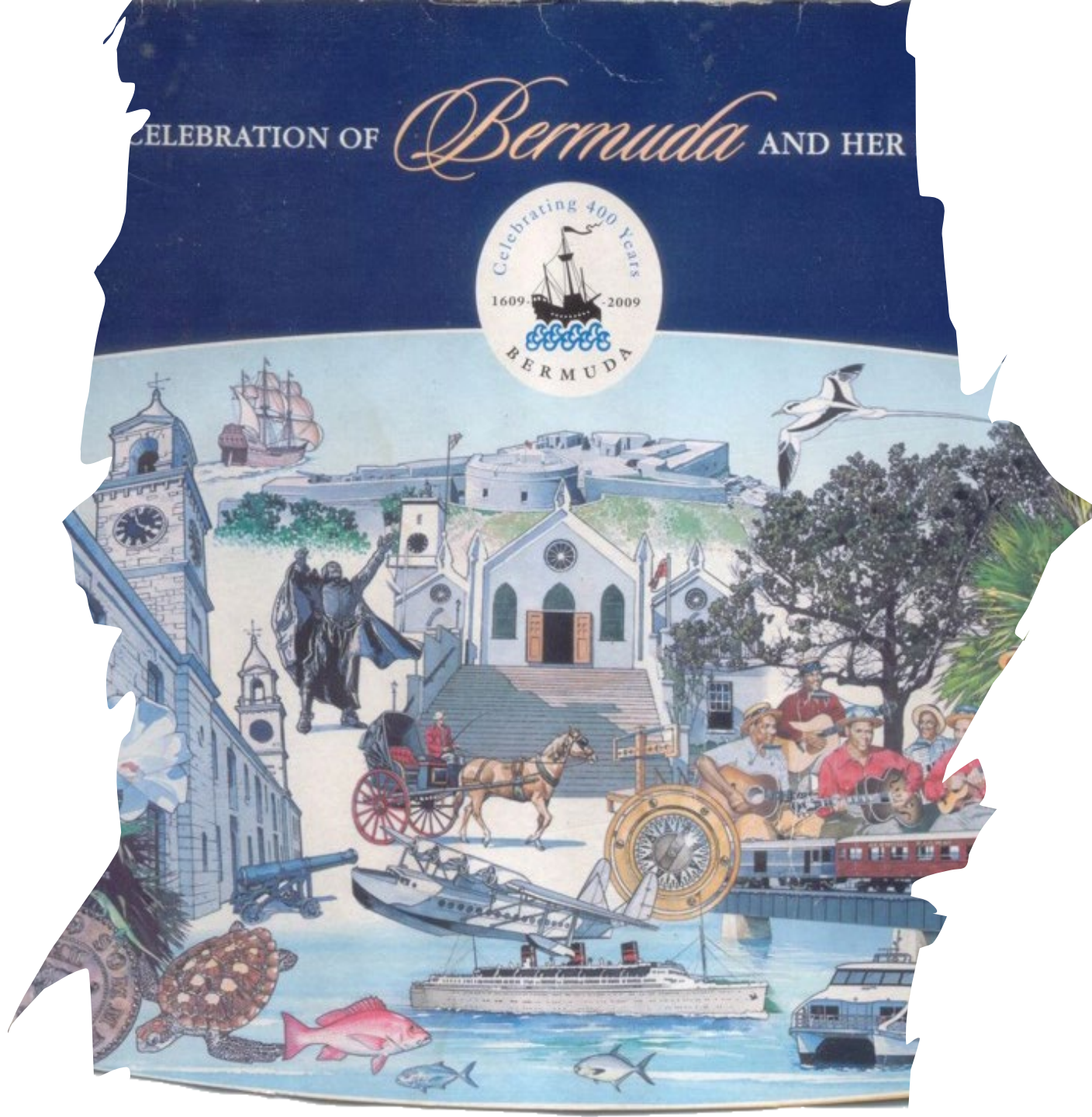
THE HISTORY OF LOCAL LODGES AND FRIENDLY SOCIETIES  
COOPERATING ECONOMICALLY FOR A BETTER FUTURE

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**BERMUDA'S**  
Atlantic  
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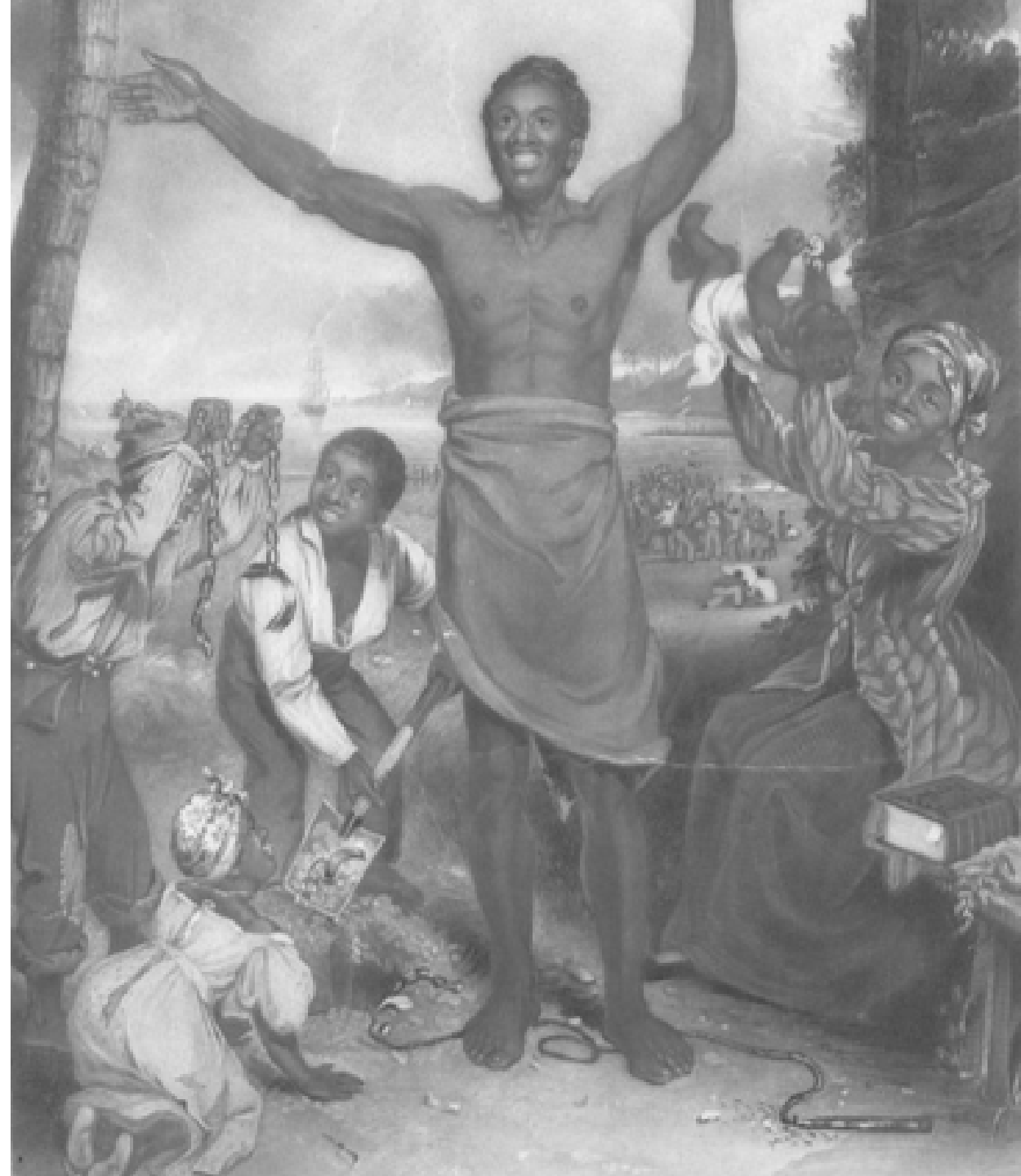
## Bermuda and Her People

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# Post- Emancipation

Now free, the people needed the opportunity to be “equal.”





The banner of the Bermuda Friendly Societies Association



The recognizable 3 interlocked rings of the “Odd Fellows.”



Bermuda's first international lodge – Somer's Pride of India. It was imported from Philadelphia, USA.



# Honorable Mentions

Self-Help vs. Mutual Help  
“I am my brother’s and  
my sister’s keeper.”

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# Parade

of the Friendly  
Societies



# Bermuda

was unusual in the number of different roles the societies filled.







The Future  
of our movement

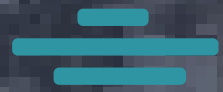




# Strength in Unity

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**The friendly societies** were the first co-operatives of Bermuda. Their structure and their actions were critical to the strides made by the beleaguered population of working class Blacks and to the self-empowerment of our communities.



# Coming Up...

## **The Independent Order of Good Samaritans and Daughters of Samaria.**

This lodge was a neighbourhood school that catered to both the primary level as well as giving adults an education in civics; there was recreational dancing for parents, and games and sports for the youth; members were mentors for new initiates as well as juvenile members and youth in the community. It was used as a community centre for government services and a stage for artistic persons from other parishes as well. Its members were leaders and contributors to many of the enterprises that were important in Bermuda.

( The 'PRESENTATION' is at a time and place to follow. )