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*Most Worshipful George R. Vaughns  
Grand Master—California Jurisdiction*

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### G R A N D I N S P E C T O R S I N Q U A R T E R L Y M E E T

In an effort to bring about uniformity of Masonic procedures as their theme, the Grand Inspectors met with the Rt. Worshipful Will W. Johnson, Grand Lecturer at the mountain retreat of the Most Worshipful George R. Vaughns, Grand Master last month.

The meet was more in the form of a forum inasmuch as subjects brought up for discussion were thoroughly aired and solutions rendered on the spot. While there were no notable changes made immediately, what changes found necessary was referred to the Grand Lodge committee set-up for that particular purpose.

The edits of the Grand Lodge was called to the attention of the Inspectors and their rigid enforcement was recommended as a safeguard to further combat clandestine Masonry. At one interesting point in the formal discussions, the Grand Master called to the attention of the Inspectors certain reported infractions of Masonic Laws in some of the districts. With deep concern and with emphasis, the Grand Master pointed out that Masonic Laws

must be at all times respected regardless of who the parties are. He continued, "at no time in the future will he tolerate these actions, and since the inspectors are empowered to act, it is up to them to see that these Laws are respected."

One innovation in Masonic procedure enacted at this session was: In the future, all prospective ranking officers of subordinate Lodges must make proficiencies before the Inspectors of their districts before being eligible to hold office. Another matter called to the attention of the Inspectors were Investigations. It was noted, that in some instances there was a laxity on the part of Investigation committees in performing their duties properly.

The Grand Master at one juncture during the discussions on finances made strong references to his recommendation at the last session of the Grand Lodge, that was unanimously adopted concerning a single expenditure of Lodges. This recommendation was made as an economic and financial solution of all subordinate Lodges in case of an unforeseen depression.

Right Worshipful Will W. Johnson, Grand Lecturer presided at this conference. Others present were, the Most Worshipful George R. Vaughns, Grand Master; Dr. Titus P. Martin, Senior Inspector of the Southern district; Richard Ellis, Senior Inspector of the Northern district; W. B. Massengale, district No. 7; J. W. Edmonson, district No. 6; William Hill, Jr., district No. 6; Rev. D. D. Mattocks, district No. 8 and Mack C. Bufford and S. C. Bottler of the Public Relation department.



**HASSELL DAVIS**  
Grand Inspector, District No. 2

## ADDRESS OF THE MOST WORSHIPFUL GRAND MASTER

Delivered to the 91st Annual Communication at Berkeley

Right Worshipful Grand Officers and Delegates:

After a year of recess, we are met this morning in the city of Culture and Learning, Berkeley, California; to convene the 91st Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge. We are here by the invitation of East Gate Lodge No. 44, a Lodge of progressive Masons, who recently purchased their own home in this city with few if any dollars, yet to be paid. The entertainment committee is headed by Bro. Henry Godfrey, assisted by a splendid group of co-workers, which includes our Sisters of the Eastern Star and Heroines of Jericho. For the fine entertainment and many favors we know are in store for us, I voice to this committee the gratitude of the Grand Lodge.

At this moment it is mine to report to you our operation of the preceding twelve-months:

This past year we have been living in a confused world of frustrated peoples. At this time the diplomats of 54 nations are failing with the problem of making the United Nations the instrument of lasting peace. As they work for the incorporation of their hopes and desires in that important international organization, we in America face the overall picture of communism, race tension, labor unrest, high prices, housing shortages, increased taxes, economic insecurity and corrupt politics in high places. Is there any wonder people are frustrated. In this world of uncertainty, is there hope for everlasting peace? Yes, there will be peace, everlasting peace, when the peoples of the world sincerely practice the fundamentals upon which this great institution of ours is founded. "The Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of Man."

Everywhere Masonry should be given opportunity for the making of better conditions, better relations, better life. To the extension of the fields of its operation, every member of the craft should give the best he has in him.

While there remain the ideal of Nationalism, there must also be the ideal of Internationalism. The two must not conflict, but, acting in unison, there will constitute the charter for the union of the races. So, operating, they will eliminate race hatred, race prejudice and bring all peoples to a realization of that which is the purpose of the Creator, that every man is the brother of every other man.

The coming of the era of brotherhood can only be brought about by the application of these principles to the conduct of Masons in their relations to one another, as well as with all men everywhere.

### CONDITION OF LODGES

All lodges in the Jurisdiction, including Hawaii, have been visited by the Grand Master or his representatives, some have been visited several times.

All bodies have membership gains, bespeaking the growth of Masonic influence throughout the Jurisdiction. Subordinate lodges are financially sound and with proper financial supervision, we will be able to survive the predicted depression, if and when it comes, without serious results. To this end, and to avoid unwise, spontaneous and unnecessary spending of lodge funds, I recommend that in the event of any contemplated single expenditure by a lodge in excess of Two-hundred (\$200.00) Dollars, all members of said lodges be so notified, giving the amount and reason therefor; said notice to be given not less than 15 days prior to the meeting the expenditure will be acted upon.

My visit to Pauloa Lodge No. 51, Honolulu, Hawaii; was timely and met with much success. There we met a group of intelligent young men eager to receive the benefits Masonry and our Jurisdiction have to offer. The lodge's personnel is composed of several racial groups, all working in harmony and in the true spirit of brotherly love. Our lodge in Honolulu now has men of character, integrity and standing in the Territory. A finer group of men I have yet to meet. They are destined to become one of the better lodges of our Jurisdiction.

The work of the Grand Inspectors, especially those of the north, under the able leadership of Senior Inspector Bro. Richard Ellis, has been of inestimable value to the office of the Grand Master. Their work is reflected in the extraordinary growth of our Jurisdiction and the uniformity of our ritual work. In two of our districts the work is too heavy and the districts too large for proper coverage by one Inspector. With your approval, these districts will be divided.

I recommend that two new districts be created, one known as Imperial Valley District, the other, Alameda County District.

### CHARTER AND WARRANTS

On recommendation of several lodges of Los Angeles, a Grand Master's Dispensation was issued to William Nickerson, Jr., club at Los Angeles empowering it to assemble as a legal lodge to discharge the duties of Masonry in the several degrees in a regular and constitutional manner, according to the ancient forms of the fraternity, the constitution and regulations of this

Grand Lodge.

The Grand Master's office has received petitions to organize Masonic Lodges from Golden West club; westside of Los Angeles and a club yet to be named connected with the 24th Infantry at Gifu, Japan.

I recommend that if a Grand Master's Dispensation is issued to Golden West club at Los Angeles, or to the club at Gifu, Japan; and if and when either have successfully served their probationary period, a Grand Lodge Certificate be issued to each or both.

### CLANDESTINE MASONRY

Much progress has been made in wiping out fraudulent Masonry in America among Negroes. The Grand Lodge of Massachusetts (White) through its committee composed of Past Grand Masters, handed down an opinion to the effect that Negro Freemasonry in Massachusetts to be legitimate and "duly constituted." This opinion was unanimous. Of other groups who purport to be Masons the report said, "We have found no evidence in support of such claims and our conclusion thus far, is that the so-called, "Prince Hall" Freemasonry is alone entitled to any claim of legitimacy among Negroes of this Commonwealth."

Notwithstanding this progress, we will not be satisfied until every man or group of men who seek to prostitute Masonry for profit, shall be brought to the bar of justice and exposed for what they are, and their spurious orders condemned forever.

In this fight to stamp out bogus Masonry in our Jurisdiction, in addition to the program we already have, I recommend as an educational background and a brief for arguing the legitimacy of Prince Hall Masonry, each buy, read and study the book, "A History of Freemasonry Among Negroes in America," by Bro. Harry E. Davis. To this end I recommend the Grand Lodge stock this History thereby making it available to all members, at a reduced price.

Secondly, I recommend we honor our illustrious dead Prince Hall and in so doing further our study on the legitimacy of the Grand Lodge he so well founded; to wit: that we set aside our meeting night nearest to September 12th each year, said night to be known as Prince Hall Study Night. The generally accepted date of Prince Hall's birth is September 12, 1748. On that night each lodge or group of lodges will have a program consisting of either of the following: a speaker, debate, seminar, round-table discussion, or open forum, tracing the Life of Prince Hall

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## John W. Dobbs, Georgia Masonic Official, Hails Cal. Masons

### Extols Masonic System in Talk to Business Group

"When God made the West, He made the Best."

This was the declaration last week of Hon. John Wesley Dobbs, Grand Master of Masons for the State of Georgia. Grand Master Dobbs, making his first visit to California, arrived here last week from Dallas where he went as one of the nation's 33° colored Masons to attend the Supreme Council of Scottish Rite Masonry. While there he conferred the honorary 33rd degree upon 31 Negro Masons who had assembled in the Texas city to receive the coveted Masonic honors.

"Actually California is all that I've heard favorably about it. The hospitality and friendliness of its people, the extraordinary climate and the amazing growth and leadership of Prince Hall Masons on the Pacific Coast that is becoming the chief topic where men and Masons meet. He continued in extolling California by saying, 'I can't understand why the Lord was so prejudiced in giving California so much and some other states so little.'"

Grand Master Dobbs arrived here with his wife to visit the Imperial Assistant Rabban, Joseph L. Oliver after having spent a fortnight in the northern part of the State as the house guest of Attorney George R. Vaughns, Grand Master of California's Jurisdiction.

Recognized throughout the nation as one of its outstanding Orators and Historians. The Georgia Grand Master is an executive director of the Citizen Trust Company, Negro owned Federal Bank at Atlanta, Georgia. As a railway mail clerk (retired) he was directly instrumental in many legislative changes in the service affecting not only the Georgia Negro employee but others throughout the country's railway mail system.

He was the founder of the Postal Alliance, postal employee organization at Atlanta and it was he who carried the torch in breaking down the discriminatory policy of the railway organization of forbidding the Negroes to belong to that organization's Insurance group.

While speaking as an honored guest of the Liberty Building Loan Association he gave a detailed and historical review of the Negro of the past era and

their progress as of today. He noted with remarkable accuracy the inroads, the population, the gains they have made as a result of the last war, the new industries and economical progress affecting Negroes in every town and hamlet in these United States.

Mincing no words, Dobbs delivered a fighting talk that ranged from political ideas to business prospects of the American Negro under the democratic government. He lashed out at the lethargy and spininess of our so-called "big shots" in not putting up a united organizational front in which he feels certain automatically will gain the advantages that these certain individuals are so quick to cry "wolf".

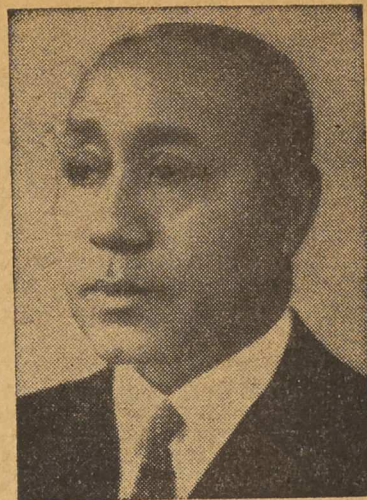
Mr. Dobbs, continued by making comparison with the fight the Negro in Georgia had made by proving himself and organizing both politically and economically. The progress of the Negro in his home State and town is now a matter of history. (It is legal for Negroes to vote in all Federal elections at Georgia).

Masonically, Dobbs said, the significance of the Master of a Lodge as a leader and the obedience of the members to his dictates should be the same in our community life and affairs. "Since all can't be leaders, it is as scientific and necessary to be a good follower of a sound and constructive program. It is indeed a sad commentary on our leadership when we can not follow the program of proven leadership.

While he declined to forecast the possibility of the Imperial Shriners holding their annual conclave here in the near future, it is hoped his impressions of California will lend much weight in bringing that national body here in 1949.

He is the father of six very attractive daughters and he holds the unique distinction of being the only male member of a household of eight.

Mr. and Mrs. Dobbs, was roundly entertained by the Joe Olivers, Past Grand Master and Mrs. Butler, whom he succeeded Georgia; at the Commonwealth street home of the Perrys; The Elks, Egyptian Temple No. 5 of Los Angeles; Isis Temple at San Diego; Mr. and Mrs. (C sharp minor) Davis, Pacific Town Club, Liberty Building Loan company and many others.



JOHN W. DOBBS  
VISITS CALIFORNIA

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### JEWEL No. 24

Pasadena, California  
Meets First and Third Friday  
of each Month

**Jewel Lodge No. 24 Dedicates  
Cornerstone at Pasadena's  
Metropolitan Baptist Church**  
By ROBERT POYNTER

Jewel Lodge No. 24, of Pasadena, joined the Metropolitan Baptist Church recently with colorful Cornerstone ceremonies as the progressive Metropolitan Church, pastored by the Rev. S. M. Malone, laid their foundation for a magnificent edifice soon to be completed.

Rev. Malone and the members of Metropolitan Baptist Church are to be commended for the unique business arrangement of its building program. No loan will be made for its erection. The edifice will be built in units, and each unit started when sufficient funds have been raised by its members' various clubs and committees. According to reliable reports, all but one unit is ready financially for the workmens tools.

The Masonic dedication services was conducted by Jewel Lodge No. 24 with the Right Worshipful Starling J. Hopkins, deputy Grand Master officiating. Assisting him were: P.M., Lee of San Bernardino, acting deputy Grand Master; P.M., Jerome L. Hubert, acting Grand Senior Warden; T. A. Satchell, Junior Warden; P.M., Walter Walker, Grand Treasurer; P.M., H. H. Thompson, acting Grand Secretary; P.M., Hardy Berry, acting Marshall; Rev. Haynes, Grand Chaplin and P.M., Claude McKinney, Grand Orator.

There was over 300 persons attending the Masonic ceremonies and the parade was escorted by the Pasadena Police detail. Past Master Claude McKinney, highlighted the affair with one of the most masterful orations heard hereabouts of its kind.

## Charter Officers and Members of William Nickerson Jr. Lodge, No. 55

Election of John L. Thompson as Worshipful Master of the recently constituted William Nickerson Jr. Lodge No. 55 is the second time in three years Brother John L. Thompson has served a new Lodge as its Master.

When Civic Center Lodge No. 52, received their charter from the Grand Lodge, it was John L. Thompson, Worshipful Master.

Mr. Thompson, superintendent of the Westside branch of a local Insurance company is a product of Garrison Lodge No. 45. During the recent war he was Captain of the State Guard. While attending Officers Training Unit of the State Guard, he won distinguished honors as the only Negro to win first honors in examinations and maneuvering tactics. At this same instance he was elected vice-president of his class, composed of both white and colored personnel.

After graduation from Wilberforce College, Ohio; Thompson went into the independent taxi-cab business at Canada. Later coming to California where he joined the Insurance company as claim adjuster.

His natural ability as an organizer

won him the plaudits of his co-workers both in the Insurance business and the Masonic fraternity. Most of the members of the William Nickerson Lodge are employees of the insurance company.

Mr. Thompson is a member of the Pacific Town Club, patron of the Eastern Star and the Phi Beta Sigma fraternity.

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### BRING HIM BACK

How many do you think—in the United States tonight—would go to Lodge if someone who is in regular attendance would use a little persuasion to get him to go? You owe it to your fraternity as a whole and your Lodge in particular to introduce sojourners and re-interest members who for any reason have become apathetic.

Don't greet them with that hello stranger technique, but accept him back with that warm feeling of friendship and brotherly love.



AGAIN—John L. Thompson, who was elected Worshipful Master of the recently installed William Nickerson, Jr. Lodge No. 55, F. and A. M. is the second time in recent years to serve a Lodge in the California Jurisdiction as a Master. He was Civic Center No. 52 first Master.



John L. Thompson, Worshipful Master; Lonzie L. Jones, Senior Warden; Miller S. Kemp, Junior Warden; Houston Pillow, Secretary; Edward Ford, Treasurer; Marston Washington, Senior Deacon; Clarence King, Junior Deacon; Ajay Johnson, Senior Steward; Kenneth Sanford, Junior Steward; Isaiah Pillors, Chaplain; James Reese, Marshall; William S. Henderson, Organist; Johnnie L. Valentine, Tyler.

Charter Members are John Lallen, Ray W. Bartlett, George H. Browning, Willis E. Carson, Thomas R. Clarke, Jr., Cecil L. Crosslin, Thomas J. Duckett, Willie Edwards, Lonnie D. Eberhardt, Graham Fain, Artis C. Grant, Edward Greenwood, Fred H. Griffin, Morris D. Hampton, Kenneth I. Harris, Edmond Holmes, Sam H. Hunter, Emory M. Harding, Wilbert K. Jordan, Charles Jackson, Prince E. Langdon, David J.

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## ADONIS No. 25 OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA



JOSEPH BROOKS, W. M.

ADRIAN C. BRIDGES, Sec'y

### By "Pot Shots"

Hello everybody, we are sure glad to have Brother "Fat Boy Junior" and Mrs. Chisom back with us again after having a fine trip through the East and on into Canada. We are sure that you know the purpose of the trip, the 33rd degree was conferred on our good brother Chisom at the Scottish Rite Cathedral at Washington, D. C. Don't let this hurt your head, Brother Chisom is Past Master of "THE LODGE, Adonis No. 25. It seems to me, a sad state of affairs when the Lodges of northern California can't support a Masonic Forum, when this same Forum was sponsored by a few of us members who met house to house until it grew too big; but now it seems that the Forum is traveling a rough road and is about to come to an end . . . What about this "Past Masters and Masters? . . . Most Holy and Glorious Lord God, the Great Architect of the Universe, the giver of all good gifts and graces; Thou has promised that where two or more are gathered in Thy name, Thou wilt be in their midst and bless them. In Thy name we have assembled, we desire to proceed in all our doings in Thy name . . . Funny, how we are great hands to start out with a bang! But, when the glamour is gone or the going gets tough, where are we? . . . Saturday and Sunday, October 11th and 12th the Right Worshipful Grand Lecturer and the Grand Inspectors held their meeting, attended by representatives of the Grand Lodge's public relation department and ABNET the Grand Lodge's publication, at the "Frances Lenona Redwoods" the Santa Cruz mountain home of our Most Worshipful George R. Vaughns, Grand Master. The assembled members were: William W. Johnson, Grand Lecturer; Richard Ellis and Dr. Titus P. Martin, Senior Grand Inspectors; Rev. D. D. Mattocks, William Hill, Jr., John W. Edmondson, Wesson Massengale, District Inspector, and Mack C. Bufford and S. C. Bottler directors of Public Relation. Well, brothers that was a very fine meeting. Some of the brothers gave up trying to fight the battle of the bulge. Of course too much can't be said about the fine, fine cooking of Mrs. (Hazel) Vaughns meals, just done up to a yum-yum-yum-yu-m-m-m! Rev. Mattocks must weigh a few extra pounds this week. Bill Johnson did not lose an inch; that Bufford boy says that he eat slow—Ha! Ha! Bottler, Hill,

Ellis, Massengale, Vaughns and Martin have a smooth way of making food disappear if you know what we mean. Saaay, ha, ha, did you know that the Hon. George Vaughns and S. C. Bottler can't tell the difference in chickens to fry, we mean roosters (he) chickens? Well, somebody went short of eggs for breakfast next day, for the Brothers killed the laying hens, and mind you one hen with ten eggs. You will have to ask them what the Madam said. I don't have radar ears and was a safe distance, "so not know" . . . Before we forget this one, let's tell it. Brother Chisom got lost in Marshall Field's Store. Wonder what he was looking for huh? . . . And make him tell you about the "clandestine Masons" running him into the subway. We know he should have taken Crawford and Whitfield for hire along. Will we live and learn? He almost got 33½ degrees. Ha! Ha! We only have tame clandies on the Coast. "Fat Boy Jr.", did you ever hear of Legs Diamond and Al Capone? Speaking of gangsters, makes me think of our own Inspector A. Chauncey Bridges of the Homicide Dept. and Adonis Lodge . . . Oakland California's "Novak for Hire" being our favorite program on Sunday nites. Five by five Inspector Bridges, reminds us of Inspector Hellman, Pat Novak's headache. If he polishes a few more apples of these fruit merchant's stands, girdles won't help his pants, he'll have to wear mid-riffs . . . Say Brother Laurence (Paint) Turner, why don't you get on the ball and get afloor plug in the hall for lights? Remember how they don't go on? You represent Adonis Lodge, remember? Putting all play in the garbage can, let's get ready for a big turnout to thank Officers Bridges and Buchanan for the fine work they are doing for this community to curb crime. Hats off to you fellows!! I may stick pins in you but the "pot shooter" won't let nobody else do it, no sir. So wash your faces, we are going to present you two with fine badges and a party too . . . Saw a baby going somewhere with Brother Eli Bradshaw . . . Brother Edgar Almerine Fulcher is now a hog king. His hogs lvei better than some people. They have a home in the Santa Cruz mountains. rother Earl Grant take notice, or are the hogs fattening, Al? . . . Real Estate Broker John Edmondson

of Firma Lodge is having an Insurance headache, huh John? . . . Brother Milton Pursley, fire chief, seen with his chest out. His brother from Los Angeles is moving his business up to Oakland. We welcome you . . . Oh yes, Past Masters, Masters and Wardens Council meets every fourth Friday at 925 "30th" street, Oakland. Come out and meet with us . . . Don't forget the joint raising at the Y.M.C.A. in December . . . Daily prayer—Oh Lord, help me keep my big mouth shut when I don't know what I am talking about.

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### GRAND MASTER DOBBS

Adonis Lodge No. 25, Oakland, had the pleasure of receiving Most Worshipful John Wesley Dobbs, Grand Master of the State of Georgia-Jurisdiction. Grand Master Dobbs, is an active 33rd degree Mason. While visiting Northern California Brother Dobbs and his wife was the house guest of Grand Master and Mrs. George R. Vaughns.

Brother Dobbs was very much impressed with the proficiency of the officers and degree of Adonis Lodge. During collation after meeting, discussion with M. W. G. M. Dobbs we found him to be a widely traveled Mason and Past Imperial Potentate A.E.A.O.N.M.S.; thirty-two years Railway Postal Service (retired) and at present serving as a director of the Citizens Trust Bank Trustee of the First Congregational Church, President of the Atlanta Civic-Political League and vice-Chairman of the Republican State Central Committee.

In later conversation we found Brother Dobbs is the father of six charming daughters and has done a man size job of educating them at Spellman's College and sending some of them to foreign countries for special studies. Brother Dobbs is a graduate of Morehouse College.

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## FIRMA No. 27



VALLEJO, CALIFORNIA

Roy Anderson, W. M.

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### Looking Fordward with Firma

By PETER LARIEAU, JR.

VALLEJO—I wish to take this opportunity to express my appreciation to Firma Lodge for permitting me to report their activities. I hope to live up to their expectations by reporting the news as I see it to the subscribers throughout the jurisdiction.

To the Director of Public Relations, Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge, California and Jurisdiction, and Editors of ABNET, I say congratulations for putting a very timely idea into operation. I feel assured that I voice the sentiments of the entire organization when I wish for you every success in this venture. Our cooperation will show that we are 100% behind you. ABNET can go far in cementing fraternal brotherhood among the lodges and will serve to further the cause of Masonry wherever it is read.

This issue finds us at or near the crossroads. We are nearing the end of 1947, a successful year that has seen Firma take on many new members while losing only one of the old. Yes, The Grim Reaper has seen fit to pass us by with only one swath of his sythe, for which we are thankful. We are also thankful for the successful programs we have sponsored, such as St. John's Day, etc., etc. And the splendid support we have received from our auxiliaries, Fidelus Chapter No. 19, O.E.S. and The Heroines of Jericho.

On Friday, October 17, Firma's lodge-room was the scene of a giant raising as the lodge went into the final phase of initiatory work for the year. 7:30 p.m. found us off to an early start with the lodge lowered for fifteen candidates to make proficiency in the second degree. Two of the brothers, not having done this to the satisfaction of the lodge, were sent back for further study. The members of Firma are (to use the vernacular), "on the ball", and refuse to accept any brother for the next degree until he has made suitable proficiency in the proceeding one. This is in strict accordance with an edit of the Grand Lodge. The other thirteen was duly raised before an audience of upwards of ninety and included Senior Inspector Richard Ellis, Deputy Inspector John Edmonson, J. Poole, W.M., Sacramento and party and representatives of Ashler Lodge No. 35, Richmond and others. Following the works, in which our reporter had a part, a delightful repast

was served by the Colation Committee, W. Freeman, Chairman, in the well appointed dining room on beautifully decorated tables.

The very well seasoned food, consisting of roast turkey and all the trimmings was prepared by Bro. Max Stewart of Firma Lodge, a chef by profession.

For the benefit of all the brothers of Firma Lodge and especially those that have been raised this year, a school has been instituted, with two very able instructors, Bros. H. R. Ingram and W. Freeman, Marshal and Junior Warden respectively. The classes are held in spacious quarters graciously provided by P.M. Sam Brown at 640 Springs Road. Brothers of all lodges are cordially invited to attend. The meetings are on the fourth Wednesday of each month.

In these classes the young brothers, all of which have shown marked interest, can learn the aim and fundamentals of Masonry.

The school was started with the view that in open discussions many things can be brought to light and explained that the young Mason might never get in an aroundabout fashion. Here, pertinent subjects are brought up and authorities are consulted until the question is answered to the satisfaction of all concerned.

The last meeting was opened by Bro. Freeman and turned over to Bro. Bertrand Perry who led a very lively discussion on the 133 Psalm of David. Among the brothers who took part in the discussion were: Roy Anderson, W.M., Sam Atwood, S.W., W. Freeman, J.W., B. Perry, S.D., E. Brown, J.D., H. R. Ingram, M., S. Brown, P.M., J. Watson, L. Toney, D. Neely, H. J. Miles, Rev. H. J. Morris and yours truly. The debating that ensued showed that considerable time had been devoted to study of the subject by all present. However, not having reached a unanimous decision by closing time, the discussion was tabled until a later date when more information on certain points could be obtained.

W. M. Anderson read and explained the purpose of the Tilers Oath and advised all brothers to learn it as it would be beneficial when traveling.

Because of the proximity of the next meeting to Thanksgiving the date was set up to Tuesday, November 25, when Sam Atwood will lead the discussion on the 12th Chapter of Ecclesiastes.

It will be noticed by apt brothers that we are in the religious phase of Mas-

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### Ashler Lodge No. 35 Confers Degrees

By A. Harris

First degrees were conferred on three candidates by Ashler Lodge No. 35, F. and A. M.; November 25th at the Veterans Hall, York and Willard streets; by B. L. Hadnot, junior warden, with the assistance of the Ashler Degree Team.

Friday, November 28, the Ashler Chapter O. E. S. received their Charter. This affair was open to the public and was held at the Veterans Hall.

onry. The point is to find out just what these passages of scripture mean and their connection to Masonry. We feel that in this way we fill a threefold need. 1. To acquaint the brother with these portions of the Bible, 2. To teach him to regulate his life by its principles and 3. To have him understand that when, and only when, he lives by its precepts, is he living a true Masonic life.

A club has been formed to raise and add money to the Building Fund. It has as its first project a raffle. Three beautiful prizes, a bicycle, radio and an electric toaster will be awarded the lucky winners on the night of December 19th, at the U.S.O., 1209 Georgia St. Tickets are 50 cents and the winners do not have to be present to win.

Incidentally, the above address is the newly acquired home of Firma Lodge, possession of which cannot be taken until February 1947 due to unfinished business of the U.S.O. After the date it is hoped and expected that all brothers visiting in Vallejo or its vicinity, will drop in to see us, we can promise you a pleasant stay in a fraternal atmosphere. Until then we are housed in McCollum's Hall, 427 Capitol St. Our meeting nights are the first and third Fridays of each month. Make up a party and visit us.

On the sick list this month:

Bro. J. M. Owens, 104 Denio St., Bro. E. U. Moore, 124 Alameda St., Bro. H. S. Amerson, 231 Illinois St. is convalescing from a hard seige of illness.

If there are any questions or comments on any of the above mentioned activities please address them to Peter Larieau, 249 Fifth St., Apt. 152, Vallejo, Calif. We will also regard any criticism as constructive and answer promptly.

All for this month, meet me here next month.

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## Abnet Letters

### Once More We Meet

Sirs:

Please accept my sincere thanks for the copy of ABNET, the attractive, newsy official organ of the Prince Hall Grand Lodge of California. It is a most welcome addition to the growing field of Prince Hall journals. Its expert and high class make-up as well as its interesting and informative contents contribute to its usefulness and value. My acquaintance with the editor through previous correspondence and through the columns of the press, gives added assurance that quality will keep pace with performance.

Feeling that you might be interested in an exchange of official publications, I am mailing, under separate cover, copies of "Past Masters Topics", Illinois' official organ. Our editor, Bro. Laurence L. Jones, 5839 Prairie Ave., Chicago 37, Ill., is happy to place you on his exchange list with the request that you reciprocate. (Eds. note: Fair enough.)

As President of the National Alliance of Postal Employees I anticipate a visit to the Coast next spring at which time I hope to look in on some of the brethren.

Fraternally,  
Ashby B. Carter, M.W.G.M.

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### The Origin of the Thing

Sirs:

I want to express my gratitude, to you, for including my name among the GOOD secretaries in the Jurisdiction. I consider it a very great honor to be included with Brother Dandridge. I consider him the peer of any secretary with whom I have come in contact.

We, all, enjoyed ABNET and hope and pray with you for its success. Please, what is the meaning or origin of the word "ABNET"?

Yours fraternally,  
Walter L. McDonald

## THE GRAND MASTER'S MESSAGE

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and the legitimacy of Prince Hall Masonry.

### GROWTH NOTED

Our Jurisdiction the past few years has enjoyed a constant growth in strength, finance, numbers and in influence. The Grand Secretary's report this morning will show, when interest is added, the Grand Lodge's liquid assets, which is the same in cash, to be more than \$80,000.00. The aggregate assets of our Jurisdiction are more than a half-million dollars.

Our membership as of June 30, 1946 is 4,678 (Ed. note: The recent tabulation indicates the membership is now well over the 5000 mark. These figures do not include the O.E.S. and the Herionones of Jericho) largest in history. The City, County and State officials are now looking to the lodges of their respective communities for leadership.

This progress could not have been, but for the quality of men coming into our order, the excellent and hard working officers of our subordinate lodges and the intelligent and business-like leadership of the Grand Lodge officers surrounding your Grand Master.

### SELF INVENTORY

Let us now take inventory of our individual lives during the past year. Have they become adjusted to the principles we profess? Have we been guilty of immoral turpitude, dishonesty, excessive drinking of intoxicating liquors, especially in lodge-rooms, taken the advantage of the sanctity of each others homes, "cheated, wronged or defrauded a brother" or have we in any way "debased the dignity of our profession."

Freemasonry is an institution of high ideals, character building and lofty standards which dignifies the human life. That we have unscrupulous, mercenary and ignoble men in our order does not diminish the institutions power for good. Unworthy men are a blot upon the order, a blur upon the membership rolls and by their base purposes prostitute the symbols of the order to unworthy ends.

If we are to be true followers of Masonry, we should regard ourselves above notoriety, glamor, above bickering and deceit.

If Masonry has a purpose in our lives, we must not content ourselves with mastering of the ritual to the end of becoming dramatic and spectacular in the lodge-room. If this be our all, then Masonry fails in its purpose in the affairs of mankind.

"The first aim, therefore, is to uplift the individual life. Each man who bows at our altar and assumes the solemn obligations placed upon him, should rise with clearer purpose and loftier

aims. If he can but realize that as a Mason he has had given him the plans and specifications drawn by the Supreme Architect of the Universe for the erection of the sublime structure of his own character, he will have caught the real spirit and aims of Masonry.

On the contrary, if merely moved by desire to improve his business, to wear a Masonic charm or to be able to start in a mad chase for the "higher degrees," the newly made Mason has been spoiled in the making. To be a real Mason is to be better men in every relation of life. A more loyal, loving and considerate husband; a more devoted and indulgent father; a better citizen; a truer friend—are a few fruits to be gathered from the Masonic orchid. Many are so intent upon selfish achievements that these are little esteemed."

Finally, if we as Masons are to do our part in bringing peace to the shattered world, restore order to the chaos of the American way of life and instill tolerance in the thinking of all peoples, then allow me to close in the words of Henry L. Fish:

"As members of an ancient and honorable Fraternity, which was handed down to us bearing upon its symbols whose significance is bounded only by the limits of humanity, which advocates principles more humane than the ancient law, more enduring than the pyramids, let us maintain the purity of its morality, remembering that the measure of our individual worth will mark the standard of its prosperity and its influence in the present . . . and the legions of Masonry shall stand beside truth and Christianity, a wall of rock, against which the forces of ignorance, intolerance and infidelity shall beat in vain."

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## IT'S IN THE BOTTLE



By S. C. Bottler

The Chinese say that when the spirit of disaster darken the world, a Star of Good Omen rises to drive it away. And now we see Christmas approach, heralded by "Christmas bells, Christmas trees, Christmas odor on the breeze" and all things that children sing about — heralded also, in spite of the threatening clouds of another war, by unmistakable mellowing of the general mind.

Dragged along at its chariot wheels are some things that seem incongruous until we reflect how they came there. It is not by choice but by compulsion that trade and paganism and pleasure follow Christmas as trophies of royal power. And other things also that we take too much for granted: the Masonic charities, foraging for the poor; sodalities of sympathy, guilds of the generous heart; Good Will leagues and Children's Societies; Red Cross, Community Chests and Christmas seals that fight a plague; —all these follow too, each with its candle of kindness. Then Christmas Eve with its Carols deepens into worshipful midnight of bells and canticles of joy, followed by dawn of the day itself and shouts of children—these march along as willing captives in the triumphal progress of Christmas.

Even when ignorant or careless of its source, people of Good will feel Christmas to be "a good time, a kind, forgiving, charitable, pleasant time," as Schrooge's nephew said it was.

A glowing scene in the rich tapestry of the Christmas story, is that of the Magi—the Kings of Wisdom from the East—bringing tribute of gold and frankincense and myrrh to the Christ Child. No sword. No orb and scepter. No crown of conquest. Only the symbols of Peace and Health and Plenty;—for commerce that supplies the people, gold; for religion that lifts and liberates the people, frankincense; and myrrh, a medicine, for healing that restores the people;—like Christmas itself, each gift a prophecy. Material supply, science and art, inner truth—are these—are Commerce, Science, Religion also make tributary to the Royal Power of Christmas? Most certainly they are. These owe their choicest flowering to the Nativity, whose spirit created the conditions in which they could flourish, hope; from it we may measure how much our hope has been realized.

When Christmas Good Will is fully come, and when it exist now, merriment will abound. Wish for your friends and take for yourself a Happy, Hopeful, Reassuring Christmas—happy and hopeful Light. Surely that is a merry thing! And, Friends of ABNET, such a Christmas we cordially wish for YOU.

A Month in Review: Significantly enough, when the Grand Lecturer, Will W. Johnson, called the quarterly meeting of the Grand Inspectors, the setting was the rustic abode of the Grand

Master, George R. Vaughns, located in the picturesque Redwood mountains of Santa Cruze. It afforded us one of those rare week-ends when a trip to the northern part of the state is always welcome and anticipated venture. So-o-o-o, with Dr. and Mrs. Titus P. Martin and their young nephew we leisurely motored to Berkeley, the colorful little University of California town. Luckily we reached our destination just ahead of a two-day downpour. The warmth and cheerfulness of Mrs. Hazel Vaughns, the Grand Master's lovely wife always makes our stay there a delightful one.

Friday—Still raining (didn't it?) we travelled the 60-odd miles to Los Gatos (the Cats) mountain resort town where scientists declare, the spring waters in that area are 100 per cent pure.

The Grand Master's ranch is appropriately named the "Frances Leona Redwoods," so named after his late wife the devoted and charming Frances Leona. Situated on 8-acres of stately Redwoods. The Grand Master and Mrs. Vaughns, spend their week-ends puttering around their expansive flower beds, and on a levelled plot of ground repose chicken runs, squab pens and rabbit residences. One of the three cottages on the acreage is named "Honey-moon Cottage" where me and my mis-sus got our start on the sea of matrimony.

Mrs. Vaughns has done a beautiful job of interior decorating the cottages, incorporating the rustic beauty of the place and the California motif of interior designs.

The Grand Inspectors with the Grand Lecturer presiding, went thoroughly into legislative and ritualistic phases of Masonry. While there was no specific changes noted, the revision of the Constitution has been ordered by the Grand Lodge and the report of their progress was requested.

During the summary of the proceedings by the Grand Master, he noted with emphasis, the edits of the Grand Lodge, laws and rules and regulations governing the subordinate Lodges to be enforced by the district Inspectors on the official visits.

Restrospect: In the annals of American Free and Accepted Masons, the name Prince Hall is traditional and summons up a host of Poignant mem-

ories of Negro daring and leadership in the history of our country.

The celebration staged, recently by the eleven local Lodges in Los Angeles proper at Hamilton Methodist Church was one to add to the roster.

As speaker of the day, Rt. W. Deputy Grand Master, of the California Jurisdiction was at his usual best when outlining the early history of the illustrious and eminent scholar Prince Hall, and the significance of the original Charter granted Prince Hall on American Masonry today. Deputy Grand Master Hopkins, detailed the determination of Prince Hall, when acting in the regular Army of the United States, his trip to England to petition the Mother Lodge for a Charter to set up a Lodge in America. The initial Lodge so granted its charter, the first in America was named African Lodge No. 459. As has now become a Masonic Custom among Free and Accepted Masons. The fraternal brothers of Prince Hall, so honored him upon his death by naming the Grand Lodge of Boston after their departed leader and what is now known throughout the United States as Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge, F. and A. M. In the city of Boston, there is a shrine dedicated to the memory of the illustrious person.

By recommendation of the present Grand Master of the State of California at the recent annual communication, all Lodges in the jurisdiction will celebrate the date nearest Prince Hall's birth (September 12) by special events.

For the excellent program staged before a turnaway crowd, much credit is due Louis H. Jones, junior Past Master of B. F. Talbot Lodge No. 8, as chairman of the committee; Jerome Hubert, Grand Lodge's C.C.F.C. who acted as Master of Ceremonies; and the many others who contributed their time to make the program a success.

Western Knights: Returning to the southern part of the state, we took time out just long enough for a breather. But just long enough to hasten to Normandie and Jefferson to visit a potential Masonic Club, named Western Knights. It is under the capable leadership of Brother Deever, one of the sterling members of South Los Angeles' Douglass Lodge No. 33. Much will be heard from this organization later.

Sunset No. 26: Still tagging along with the Southern district Senior Inspector Dr. Titus P. Martin, we dropped in on Brother Enus Calloway, Worshipful Master of Sunset No. 26 at Long Beach, California. While the progress

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## L.A. Sentinel Gives Lesson in Journalism and Press Relations

What is to be an annual affair, the Los Angeles Sentinel, leading weekly newspaper of the West Coast gave what in our opinion, was one of the most significant approaches to community unity and harmony that any local weekly has undertaken to date. By special invitation, representatives of all key organizations in the State was invited to the Last Word Café for the Sentinel's first annual press conference.

Mr. Leon Washington, editor-publisher of the Sentinel briefly outlined the mechanism, and general processing of a newspaper. He even let us in on the know as to the reason for the shortage of the precious material. So fundamental are these materials, he de-

clared that a special trip to Chicago was necessary for him to run down a lead to supply the Sentinel for future editions. This is significant of the efforts on the part of the Sentinel and its publisher to give the public and the community the service for which it is well known. Other departments of the trade such as engraving, composition, photography was expertly outlined by Charles Williams and Norm Simonoff, Los Angeles leading engravers and photographers.

Beautiful Miss Corinne Adams, Sentinel's society editor proved an attractive teachers as well as an authority on newspaper reporting and copy preparation. Mrs. Adams, in essence had this to say, "Many of the current correspondents seem to think that their reactions to a situation transcend in reading value the things that occurred. They tell in detail how they go to a certain place, relating their hardships and emotions and then forgetting to inform us what happened after they got there. It is my opinion, said the pretty teacher, that newspaper readers are not interested in the personal adventures and reflections of the correspondent but in what he saw of the scene from the standpoint of a supposedly expert observer and without reference to his own participation, if

any. Miss Adams, continued, the reporter of a big fire does not tell how he left his office, how he journeyed by streetcar or subway or taxi to the scene, or his mishaps on the way. He relates what happened at the fire and he omits himself from the narration."

LeRoy S. Hart, managing-editor was there with his lecture on the fundamentals of business management of a newspaper as applicable to the publicity agents of various organizations.

Others of the Sentinel's staff introduced were Clinton Arnold, theatricals; Juanita Williams, advertising; Harry Levette, ANP correspondent; Joyce Nevelle and Grace Simons, re-write.

Conferences such as these could be the nucleus of a real and potent power, not only in the community but in national affairs as well. The two fundamental necessities of the Negro people particularly in California are politics and production. Unity, such as displayed at the Sentinel's press conference could be the real working tools for the so-called "minority problems."

Nevertheless, the Sentinel's first annual press conference was a tremendous success. Much good was accomplished, organizations from all over the State responded and got the inside dope on the operations on the "ins" of the Fourth-Estaters.

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## HAZEL SCOTT THRILLS CROWD

Philharmonic Auditorium struck its attendance gait recently when a capacity audience was thrilled by the musicianship of pretty Hazel Scott, concert pianist extraordinaire, whose classical-popular program kept the multitude applauding almost constantly.

The weather had that fall chill in it and a light o'coat was quite comfortable. An elderly lady sat directly in front of us, I'm sure she was a school teacher, instead of austerity and frigidity she smiled sweetly with amusement when Hazel wandered off into one of her jazz meanderings of Bach, Mendelssohn or Chopin.

Hazel's strapless white evening gown was an artist's conception of indescribable beauty. Her charm and artistry will be chalked up in musical archives as something original in concert entertainment. She subscribed to two different tastes of music lovers, both old and young of the modern era, and who appreciate music for the real stories that the old Masters would have us understand.

Local Masons of Los Angeles' only daylight Lodge appreciated immeasurably the works of their revered one, the late Thomas "Fats" Waller.

Music impresario Behymer's fall concert series presented Hazel Scott in full measure of piano favorites, offering

thrills to a large and appreciative audience.

Miss Scott, like her husband Congressman Clayton Powell, always cognizant of the needs of her fellow people lingered long enough in the city of Angels to give a private benefit performance for the Westview Hospital building program.

Although we are not giving a review of lovely singer Muriel Rahn's recent concert it was highly successful affair as well as Father Flanagan's Boys' Town Choir.

Musts on our future program of good music is Nino Martini, Marian Anderson, the San Carlo Opera series Carol Brice and out of sheer curiosity we will go to hear Nadine Conner, California's contribution to Grand Opera world.

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and Masonic advancement of Sunset is in the official report of Grand Inspector Martin, we hasten to add that Sunset is well on the way in their building program and will soon move to larger and more commodious quarters in a building just completed by one of its own members. After the highly interesting meeting we hastened to the beautiful Maple street home of Brother Calloway where Mrs. Ethel Calloway, of the Beach chapter of the O.E.S. awaited us with a buffet luncheon fit for Kings. And like Kings we did the swell, elegant luncheon justice—please believe me!



V. Holloway

**Master Fidelity** Several days later the good doctor in company with the Grand Lecturer Will W. Johnson, and district Inspector Hassell Davis we motored down the colorful Kings Highway along the Coast to San Diego to pay our respect to Vernon Holloway, Master of Fidelity Lodge No. 10.

This trip and visit besides the colorful coastal trip along the ocean, it was most inspiring to hear and see the real up and coming reports from Fidelity. This is without a doubt one of the progressive Lodges in the Jurisdiction. Already, with a comparatively small membership they are well on their way to a building of their own. We pay especial tribute to Bro. Walter McDonald, Fidelity's capable secretary. His book-keeping and minutes of meetings are most complete of any secretary in the Jurisdiction. Also, we heartily concur with the Grand Inspector—Fidelity is in good and capable hands.

Palo Verde No. 37: In the heart of the desert, about 250 miles Southeast of Los Angeles lies Blythe, California. Blythe, one of California's Agriculture centers is noted for its farmers and farm products. About 98 miles west of Blythe is Indio from whence world wide famous dates are grown.

Palo Verde Lodge reminds me of the saying of Christ, "where, a few is gathered in my name, etc." Palo Verde, small in numbers, but potent insofar as progress and Masonry is concerned. The blueprint of their new building was on display and about now they are break-

ing grounds for the construction of their own home.

On this trip the Grand Inspector was accompanied by the Grand Secretary, Lillard G. Dandridge, and Clayborne Smith of Holland Lodge. After an interesting session with Palo Verde we were royally entertained by a feast typical of the southern hospitality from where so many Blythean spring. During the absence of Worshipful Master Evans, young Will H. Ector, senior Warden, acted as Master. Other officers of Palo Verde are Sam White, junior Warden; Marc Bowen, senior Deacon; William Wilkins, junior Deacon; Frank Adams, Secretary; and Ed Jones Treasurer.

Sick Bay: Don't be surprised, should you hear of a Prince Hall "nubs" club. Now that Worshipful Master Watts of Civic Center has joined Bottler, Glover and Barclay by losing four fingers. Barklay is minus one; Bottler, minus 1½; Glover, minus 4 and Watts 4½. That makes Glover president . . . Paul Howard, secretary of Walter Lodge lost a few molars to the dentist but is on the mend . . . No word has been received as to the condition of Brother Clarke, of Guardian Lodge who was leaving the hospital just a month ago . . . Holland Lodge's sick bay list includes Robert vanMeter, William White, George W. Henry, W. M. Chappell, J. R. Robinson, Charles E. Grose and Sam van Meter . . . Young Lawrence Suain, Master of Angel City Lodge is on the mend after a brief setto with the dentist . . . **Nota Bene: All Lodges please send in your sick list. Let them know that you are thinking of them through the columns of ABNET.**

Add Congrats: To Grand Master and Mrs. George Vaughns, who passed their first year of matrimonial bliss in November . . . Curtis and Billye Miller, celebrates their 4th on January 21. Passes: The little bird you saw streaking through the ozone wasn't a bird at all, it was Mr. and Mrs. Leo Draper in their private two-seater flying in from an extensive trip through the East and mid-west States . . . Hats off to the Right Worshipful Rev. F. D. Haynes, Grand Chaplain, who made such a noble gesture at the Grand session in reverting the financial gift given him each year for the purpose of making official trips to the various Lodges in the Jurisdiction when in need of his service for specific occasions. The Rev. Haynes, is the most progressive Church and civic leader in the State. He truly reflects the dogmas of his station in the Masonic fraternity as well as an Agent of Christ . . . Grand Tour: Mrs. Theresa Lindsay, social civic minded wife of Holland Lodge's Gilbert Lindsey is back in town after an extensive trip throughout Texas and other southern States.



W. McDonald  
Sec'y Fidelity

## Douglas Lodge 33 Etches Interesting History

By R. E. SALSURY

Recognition of its contribution to the rapid strides and growth of Prince Hall Freemasonry on the Pacific Coast, Douglass Lodge, significantly enough is earmarked as one of the most representative groups toward the progress of the Masonic Order in this area. Its history denotes the real pioneering spirit and leadership of the eminent Statesman from whom it takes its name—Frederick Douglass.

Pioneering in this same sort of progress and fearlessness in establishing a Prince Hall Masonic Lodge in this newly developed district, Douglass No. 33 of South Los Angeles (Watts District), was instituted June 8, 1922, under the administration of Most Worshipful J. H. Wilson, Grand Master. Under Grand Master Wilson, at that time G. H. Wilson was Grand Secretary.

The charter officers of Douglass were John W. Hale, Master; A. J. Sanders, Senior Warden; and George L. Ranland, Junior Warden.

Under the leadership of its present Master, Roy Taylor, Douglass Lodge has made wonderful progress. Its membership has increased to 200 or more active members.

Situated in the midst of one of the fastest growing Colored districts in the United States, Douglass is destined to become the Greatest Lodge in the Jurisdiction. Its only handicap at present is its present hall is not large enough to house its membership comfortably. However, to meet this situation, the Lodge has purchased a lot and has high hopes to build a suitable hall of its own. The response of the membership to its gigantic building program is very heartwarming. Already, the building fund is such as to warrant its groundbreaking in the very near future. With a new and larger hall, it is without a doubt that Douglass' growth will be phenomenal.

Douglass Lodge's present officers are to be highly commended for their well carried out and constructive program. At each intermediary meeting, they perform initiatory work in one of the traditional Masonic degrees. By this method their trestle-board is never too crowded and prevents unnecessary hardship on its officiating officers.

Its present officers include: Roy Taylor, Worshipful Master; R. E. Salsbury, Senior Warden; Clarence Williams, Junior Warden; F. Boulton, Secretary; and Ed Lewis, Treasurer.

December 8 R. E. Salsbury was elected Master of Douglass Lodge.

## Significance of Holland Lodge's Election

By J. E. WALLER

"Harmony being the Strength of All Institutions, more especially of this of ours."

On the eve of the celebration of St. John, the Evangelist, according to the ancient customs of Freemasonry, December is always selected as the month in which Masonic fraternities hold their elections.

Several evenings ago Holland Lodge No. 20, Los Angeles' largest Lodge held its elections, the first Monday, their official stated meeting night, it being also the first day of December. Before a large and interested audience, the election was held at the 50th Street Hall.

It was evident by their unanimous vote for all officers elected for 1948 that "Harmony" is the keynote for 1948. By unanimous vote, the first time in a number of years, has all of Holland's elected officers been elevated to office without opposition. The Worshipful Master, Senior and Junior Warden, Secretary and Treasurer were honored by unanimous consent by all brothers present. By their vote, members of Holland also indicated during other events of the evening, that they not only desired but appreciated to the fullest and will enjoy to the extreme the slogan of the "Craftsman" former official news organ of the Lodge "How Beautiful it is to Walk in Light." With the advent of the 1948 administration, Holland Lodge membership can rest assured that a program for ALL of the members will be enlightening and beautiful in which to walk.

In an attempt to analyze all of the ramifying reasons why Allan Barclay's and the rest of Holland's elected officers went into office with a clean sweep, there is no need to look far-

ther than the above quotation itself.

Allan Barclay, is an authentic leader. Members of Holland Lodge and the Masonic fraternity recognizes him as such. In his philosophy of Masonic service he truly represents the members as a whole. This, too, the members recognize. He is a trained, earnest, competent and successful servant of Freemasonry. He has shown sincere concern for the welfare of Freemasonry, in his arduous work with the Masonic school, held at the Hall each Sunday morning, as well as his duties and activities as Secretary of the Prince Hall Holding and the Masters and Wardens Associations and the Royal Arch Masons. Barclay's victory was a triumph of membership sanity in which little partisan significance can be found.

What Freemasonry in general and Holland Lodge in particular, requires now for its harmonious and peaceful hopes is what it has always required—**THE PURSUIT OF A WAY OF LIFE IN THE SPIRIT OF THE FATHERHOOD OF GOD AND THE BROTHERHOOD OF MAN**, which was the meaning and the purpose of the Laws and traditions of Freemasonry.

If the spirit of Holland Lodge's unity the other night and the brotherhood of its tenets throughout the jurisdiction, Prince Hall Freemasonry would soon emerge from what the Master-elect

calls, "our institution's war on clandestine Masonry."

If brotherhood was universal in the world, as we strive to make it by the example we live in the Masonic Fraternity, mankind would earnestly seek and soon find peace wearing "the seal of true justice, of far-seeing wisdom, of sincere service to the common interests of the entire craft," as the Master-elect proposes.

Young Allan Barclay let it be known to his constituents before revealing his 1948 program, that he was not interested in cliques, nor revenge in "showing those guys up." He said "I am only interested in the harmony of this Lodge first and then contributing to that of the entire jurisdiction. I fully realize that 'factions' and ideas other than my own, is a healthy sign of interest of the members of any organization. And I certainly intend to use them all as harmony and peace into a channel of strength."

Holland's elected officers for 1948 are: Allan Barclay, Worshipful Master; Gerald Lyons, Senior Warden; Lovell Estell, Junior Warden; Lillard G. Dandridge (re-elected), Secretary and Rufus Marshall (re-elected), Treasurer.

Appointed officers include J. E. Waller, Senior Deacon, Joseph Dow, Junior Deacon; J. Tom Norris, Senior Steward; John Bean, Junior Steward; Curtis Miller, Marshall; and Sam Hall (re-appointed), Tyler. Rev. James Griffith, Chaplain.

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## BY WAY OF MEETING THE STAFF



In our first report to the Grand Lodge at the 91st Communication held recently at Berkeley, we promised in our selection of staff members, it would be qualified first by their interest in journalism, time necessary to apply to our immediate program and the welfare in the Masonic fraternity before we would submit their names to the Grand Master for approval. We still think an unsolicited individual assure us first that his interest is



**Mack Bufford**  
Assoc. Editor

enough to warrant punctuality and consistency to become a member of ABNET'S staff.

We are yet in need of staff members from the various Lodges to further our program. We need full coverage from the O.E.S., the Heroines of Jericho and our Research department, photographers and even some one with a working knowledge of a movie machine.

Those of you interested, write the Editor.

In case you're looking for a recipe for a nervous breakdown just drop in any day and take over our duties as editor. What with the daily pleading on bended knees (housemaid) to Mack and Mrs. Bufford for news from up north; Mrs. Goward for O.E.S. news; Mr. Goward for his assigned reports and the city-editor, Mr. Waller, to get me to the right Lodge for a promised visit, it's like heading for the last roundup.

By the way of introducing an otherwise well qualified staff and in spite of their good characters, it seems to me their chief delight is to perform some aggravating act and then sit back with childish delight and watch the grey hairs sprout on our noble noggin.

Our associate editor comes from a pioneer southern California family—the Buffords of the Westside. Mack Bufford, the oldest boy, has always had an enterprising and independent streak. As a youngster, many of us remember him as the "Bufford's Hot Dogs." His slogan, especially to his school chums, "no credit, I do my racing on the school track." Of course his language and kicks were much stronger.

His chief interests and hobbies were Motors and Engineering. During his school days in the northern part of the State he met up with another interest,

and later married the beautiful Ethel. Both having the personalities and qualities of a successful business team. Bufford's Motors, is the headquarters of California's motorists from all over the State. Bufford's Motor Clinic of Oakland is one of three in the State that has the approved reputation of expert motor tune-ups. Just the other day, I overheard a fellow down here say, "I've got to make a trip to Oakland and while up there I'll have Mack tune up my motor."

Mack Bufford, likeable, intelligent, well read and well met. He is Past Master of Northern California's largest Masonic Lodge Adonis No. 25. He is

of his own some day. When not running things on ABNET, he is otherwise found surrounded by a stock of Masonic books, deep in study. With his attentive wife, the former Helen J. Goss, he lives at 636½ East 35th street. He is a member of Zion Hill Baptist Church, senior steward of Holland No. 20 and city-editor of ABNET.

The inventor of the radio-microphone did not have Bill Goward, Jr., in mind when devising that contraption. His is a clear distinct and well modulated voice. Incidentally, it is the "voice" that announces the radio program every Sunday morning from People's Independent Church.

William Goward, Jr., family moved to Los Angeles from New Orleans while still an infant in arms. After finishing Lafayette Junior High school they moved to San Diego. After attending San

## FOWL ERROR

It will be chicken for dinner providing one or two of the farmers of this group volunteer to prepare them. Before Mrs. Hazel Vaughns could finish her remarks two farmers, her husband one of his cronies ambled off to the chicken runs to fetch.

After carefully selecting a few male birds, or what appeared to be of the male variety to the two experts, turned out to be one of Mrs. Vaughns prized laying hens.

Mrs. Vaughns advised the farmers that was, to stick very close to Law-Books and Public Relations activities in the future and to safeguard her hens and egg-production she would settle for some sort of a roast when requiring the services of her men guests.

Of course this did not dampen the spirits of the Messrs. Vaughns and Bottler, for the last seen of the prized fowl it was piled high in sections on the gents plates.—Next morning the Cock of the roost had this to say, "It was a fowl deed gents, it was indeed a fowl error."



**J. E. Waller**  
City Editor

the Associate Director of Public Relations for the Grand Lodge and Associate Editor of ABNET.

ABNET's city-editor, hails from the Illinois Jurisdiction. Several years ago



**Wm. Goward**  
Sec'y-Treas.  
ABNET

A trucker-mechanic by trade, his ambition is of owning a fleet of trucks

he demitted to Holland No. 20. His driving energy and interest as a Masonic student soon made him known as one of the most driving forces around the 50th street Hall. When Holland Lodge decided to publish a monthly organ, it was J. E. Waller, the hub of its functions as city-editor of the "Craftsman."

Diego Hi he entered the San Diego school of Auto-Mechanics where he finished with honors.

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## GOOD MORNING

Life! I know not what thou are,  
But know that thou and I must part;  
And when, or how, or where we met,  
I own to me 's a secret yet.  
Life! we've been long together,

Through present and through cloudy  
weather;

'Tis hard to part when friends are dear,  
Perhaps 'twill cost a sigh, a tear,  
Then steal away; give little warning;

Choose thine own time,  
Say not "Goodnight," but in some  
brighter cline

Bid me "Good Morning."

—Anna L. Barbauld.



## SUNSET No. 26



LONG BEACH, CALIFORNIA

Meets First and Third Tuesday of Each Month

CIVIC IMPROVEMENT and cultural interest are included in the Masonic Program as outlined by Worshipful Master Enus Calloway of Sunset Lodge No. 26 at Long Beach, California.

A building program that is well on the way shows promise of an early occupancy of their own building. Along



Enus Calloway  
W. M.

the improvement lines, Brother Calloway, stated they are moving into a new temporary location where they will enjoy better Lodge facilities. In recent years they have been meeting in cramped quarters in the New Hope Church. Their membership is such now that these quarters are entirely inadequate and too small to house their large assemblies and increased membership roster.

A good turnout of Sunset members greeted Senior Inspector Dr. Titus P. Martin, for the Southern District, in spite of the late notice of his official visit. Inspector Martin highly complimented the Beach Lodge on their splendid ritualistic work and the progress they are making and have made this past year under the capable leader-

ship of their present Master. He assured them, his report couldn't be anything other than favorable. He noted little to recommend in the line of improvement. The Senior Inspector's visit otherwise was merely routine. His address hit mainly upon subjects that directly applied to the Grand Lodge's edits and the Grand Master's recommendations. This he implied, at a recent session of District Inspectors, they were strongly urged by the Grand Master to include these edits in their lectures while making official visits.

After an enthusiastic forum at the Lodge, Master Calloway ushered the visitors to his Myrtle Avenue home where Mrs. Edith Calloway, his fetching missus had prepared a feast.

Those who snacked around the beautiful home of the Calloways included Past Masters R. T. Mitchell, L. H. Howard, and V. J. Holeman. Others were Dr. Titus P. Martin, Senior Inspector Southern District; S. C. Bottler, director public relation; Charles Black, secretary; Alexander Clay, treasurer; Alonza Davis, senior warden; George Davis, junior warden; Clifford Miller and Mrs. Ethel Calloway, who extended greetings from Queen Beach Chapter No. 33, O. E. S.

## WALTER McDONALDS ANNIVERSARY

There's something heartwarming about wedding anniversaries, so it is a delight to reveal that Mr. and Mrs. Walter McDonald, Fidelity Lodge's distinguished secretary and pioneer couple of San Diego, have reached the memorable milestone of 20 years.

All of their friends and relatives came from near and far to offer their congratulations and bring appropriate gifts to the popular couple.

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## METHODIST PLAN GLOBAL ORGANIZATION

Springfield, Mass.—An International Methodist Historical Society embracing all Methodist bodies throughout the world was organized recently at the Seventh Ecumenical Methodist Conference.

In a speech to delegates, Rev. Dr. Ernest F. Tittle, minister of the First Methodist Church of Evanston, Ill., said modern religious bodies have lost contact with the masses.

Commenting on the segregation of Negroes in churches, Rev. Clark said, "Methodism in this country is divided on color lines. White Methodist and Negro Methodist are cut off from one another.

However, many Methodist in both the North and South, look and labor for a day when Methodism shall recognize no distinction in race or class. What the world needs is a church of the people."



IMPERIAL COUNCIL of Ancient Egyptian Arable Nobles of the Mystic Shrine (Prince Hall Affiliation) seated, (l. to r.)—Charles D. Freeman, Imp. Treasurer; Joseph Givens, Imp. Chief

Rabban; Rev. Charles Stewart, Imp. Priest & Prophet; Raymond E. Jackson, IMPERIAL POTENTATE; Zack Alexander, Imp. Deputy; JOSEPH L. OLI-

VER, IMP. ASS'T CHIEF RABBAN; and Dr. G. B. Keys, Imp. Oriental Guide.

Names of the other members of the Imperial Divan are unknown.



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