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Ground breaking ceremonies of the Exceptional Children's Opportunity School, 310 E. 122nd Street, Los Angeles, California. Dedicatory services performed by Prince Hall Grand Lodge and Mrs. Juanita C. Macklin, founder and executive secretary.

Prince Hall Grand Lodge, F.&A.M., California and Jurisdiction, will
Convene in the City of Berkeley, Calif., July 16-19, A.L. 5961
106th Annual Communication

Roster of Lodges — Prince Hall Grand Lodge F. & A. M. — California and Its Jurisdiction

No.	LODGE	CITY	MEETING HALL	MEETS	SECRETARY'S NAME	ADDRESS & ZONE	MASTER
1.	Hannibal	San Francisco	2804 Bush St.	1st & 3rd Wed.	Alphonso Dotchin	2802 Bush St. (15)	William Barnes
2.	Philomathean	Sacramento	I. O. O. F. Hall, 9th & K Sts.	2nd & 4th Sat.	E. R. Tinsley	4040 - 2nd Avenue	J. W. Hyman
3.	Victoria	San Francisco	2804 Bush St.	1st & 3rd Tues.	Harry T. Overton	1256 Oakdale Avenue	Charles Posey
5.	St. John	Los Angeles	1050 E. 50th St.	1st & 3rd Tues.	Randolph J. Williams	1323 S. Catalina St. (6)	Willie L. Moore
6.	King Solomon	Fresno	1112 Tuolumne St.	2nd & 4th Thurs.	W. L. Garner	1538 F. Street	Ben Nicholson
7.	Acacia	Oakland	925 30th St.	1st & 3rd Mon.	James O. Harrington	945 - 39th Street (9)	Ferdinand C. Abbott
8.	F. F. Talbot	Los Angeles	1050 E. 50th St.	2nd & 4th Tues.	W. R. Norwood	1158 W. 29th Place (18)	Hosea Lewis
10.	Fidelity	San Diego	3007 Logan	1st & 3rd Fri.	Gilbert Milton	351 Maxim St.	Wm. E. Moore
11.	Hiram	San Joaquin	410 E. California	2nd & 4th Tues.	Ludy Douglas	890 Worcester Avenue	James Shelby
12.	Bakersfield	Pasadena	1475 Lincoln Ave.	2nd & 4th Fri.	Robert W. Ford	890 Worcester Avenue	Dover D. McCoy
13.	Keystone	Stockton	2335 12th Street	2nd & 4th Fri.	Stanley Y. Beverley	2743 - 10th Street	Charles Stevens
14.	Orange Valley	Stockton	230 E. Fremont	2nd & 4th Fri.	John E. Hutchings	2144 E. Myrtle St.	Willie J. Billingsly
15.	R. C. Marshall	San Jose	1104 - 8th St.	2nd & 4th Tues.	James Forbus	346 West Court	Carl Bard
17.	Prince Hall	San Bernardino	1720 Broadway	1st & 3rd Wed.	William C. Faulmer	1803 East 49th Street (11)	Grady Williams
18.	Angel City	Los Angeles	1720 Broadway	1st & 3rd Mon.	Perry D. Lacy	1818 1/2 18th Street	Wm. B. Lazenby
19.	Crescent Bay	Santa Monica	1050 E. 50th St.	1st & 3rd Mon.	Timothy W. Wright, Jr.	948 Almond, Compton	Chad L. Stoudenmire
20.	Holland	Los Angeles	1050 E. 50th St.	2nd & 4th Fri.	Andrew H. Powell	810 E. 92nd St. (2)	Carlton P. James
21.	Delta	Los Angeles	925 Olive Street	2nd & 4th Tues.	Tennis Banks	122 Montecito	Willie Williams
22.	Unity	Portland, Ore.	116 N.E. Russell St.	2nd & 4th Mon.	Robert M. Canada	4227 N.E. 12th Street (11)	Walter Whittier
23.	Excelsior	Pasadena	925 30th St.	1st & 3rd Fri.	E. Al Fuchser	632 Imperial Hiway (59)	Thomas Williams
24.	Jewel	Oakland	925 30th St.	2nd & 4th Mon.	Samuel Clark	870 - 66th St. (9)	George Hawkins
25.	Adonis	Long Beach	516 W. Esther Street	1st & 3rd Tues.	Andrew M. Horton	314 Gulf Ave., Whittington, Cal.	Kenneth C. Ross
26.	Sunset	Vallejo	685 2nd St.	1st & 3rd Fri.	Dubois M. Gee	331 Walnut Street	Willie L. Cross
27.	Firma	El Centro	610 55th St.	2nd & 4th Thurs.	Nathan P. Hardy	321 Hill Street	Merritt Johnson
28.	Eureka	Oakland	610 55th St.	1st & 3rd Fri.	Abraham P. Phillips	845 Brockhurst St. (8)	Samuel H. Jones
29.	Good Hope	Oakland	610 55th St.	2nd & 4th Thurs.	Ramon J. Session	735 E. 90th St. (2)	Ezell Hilliard
30.	Pride of the West	Los Angeles	925 30th St.	1st & 3rd Mon.	Harmon Williams	1709 - 1st Street	Maurice Garner
31.	Douglas	Los Angeles	925 30th St.	2nd & 4th Tues.	Willie Poston	315 Ramona St., San Mateo	Joseph White
32.	Wesley	Oakland	925 30th St.	1st & 3rd Tues.	Willie Poston	Rt. 1 Box 235	Calvin Adams
33.	Wesley	Oakland	925 30th St.	2nd & 4th Tues.	Willie Poston	23 E. Evergreen	Jack Mix
34.	Landmark	Bay Area	925 30th St.	1st & 3rd Mon.	Sam E. Barnes	344 Ramona St., San Mateo	John Short
35.	East Gate	Bay Area	925 30th St.	2nd & 4th Tues.	Sternad Battifield	889 Appar St. (6)	Emmett Harrison
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40.	Guardian	Honolulu, T.H.	925 30th St.	1st & 3rd Sat. at noon	R. N. Samfordson	1162 E. 2nd Place (11)	Richard Lant
41.	Civic Center	Los Angeles	925 30th St.	2nd & 4th Wed.	R. N. Samfordson	1705 W. 2nd Place (4)	Robert Lant
42.	Friendship	Los Angeles	925 30th St.	1st & 3rd Fri.	Arthur A. Gilliam	89-943 Halawa Heights Rd., Hie	Wm. K. McKee
43.	Philadelphia	Stockton	925 30th St.	2nd & 4th Tues.	George Charles	3821 S. Huntington (8)	Melvin Andrews
44.	Western Knights	Los Angeles	925 30th St.	1st & 3rd Sat.	Nathel Neatey	1133 G. Street	Bill Davis
45.	Wm. J. Anderson	Berkeley	925 30th St.	2nd & 4th Thurs.	Jack Moore	1517 E. Milan St.	Cob R. Holbert
46.	Gibraltar	San Diego	925 30th St.	2nd & 4th Thurs.	Roy M. Moore	1538 18th St. (Santa Monica)	George Smith
47.	Highland Heights	Los Angeles	925 30th St.	1st & 3rd Tues.	Herman Jackson	536 8th St., Oakland (7)	Chesler Smith
48.	Fred C. Brooks	Oakland	925 30th St.	2nd & 4th Thurs.	W. J. Clark	3019 Cl. Ave., Oakland	Chesler Smith
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50.	Cedars of Lebanon	Los Angeles	925 30th St.	2nd & 4th Thurs.	Jessie Thompson	9827 16th Street	Chesler Smith
51.	Silver Square	Madera	925 30th St.	1st & 3rd Wed.	Edgar A. Cook	3728 46th Street	Chesler Smith
52.	Edwin A. Clarke	Los Angeles	925 30th St.	2nd & 4th Fri.	Henry J. Carter	1350 Sacramento St., Berk. 2	Chesler Smith
53.	James H. Wilson	Los Angeles	925 30th St.	1st Mon. & 3rd Sat.	Calvin R. Ivory	2101 65th Avenue (21)	Joseph Clarke
54.	Paul E. Alexander	Los Angeles	925 30th St.	2nd & 4th Sat.	Jesse Lewis, Jr.	2812 Wellington Rd.	Rosie D. Jacobs
55.	John A. Barber	Fontana	925 30th St.	1st & 3rd Fri.	Rev. H. L. Clark	716 Marshall Avenue	Walker Lee Williams
56.	Jerusalem	San Francisco	925 30th St.	1st & 3rd Fri.	Leon Williams	20680 Ave. 21 1/2, Chowchilla	Robert E. Massey
57.	Monarch	Woodland	925 30th St.	1st Sat. & 3rd Mon.	Freddie D. Jenkins	1409 So. Gramercy Pl. (19)	Robert Thompson No. 2
58.	George W. Posey	Vallejo	925 30th St.	1st & 3rd Tues.	Clifton Davis	12918 Belhaven St. (59)	Bruce G. Gary
59.	Gustavus Thompson	San Diego	925 30th St.	2nd & 4th Thurs.	Truitt Spigner	1734 W. 7th St., San Bernardino	Antonio B. Ramos
60.	Twin Peaks	Berkeley	925 30th St.	1st & 3rd Fri.	Key System Employees' Bldg.	139 Pierce Street	James Blanton
61.	Olympus	Honolulu	925 30th St.	1st & 3rd Fri.	I. O. O. F. Hall, 3rd & Main	6615 Tremont (9)	Sandy Diggs
62.	Cosmopolitan	San Diego	925 30th St.	2nd & 4th Fri.	72 Black Diamond St.	C. D. Cannon	John F. Ghelston
63.	Golden West	Oakland	925 30th St.	2nd & 4th Fri.	1209 Georgia St.	Charles E. Cooley	Henry Alexander
64.	Apollo	San Luis Obispo	925 30th St.	2nd & 4th Fri.	2804 Bush St.	Harold L. Welch	Samuel Williams
65.	Zephaniah	Delano	925 30th St.	2nd & 4th Fri.	Knights of Pythias Hall	David W. Roston	John Dade
66.	D. D. Mattocks	Del Paso Heights	925 30th St.	2nd & 4th Fri.	3007 Logan Ave.	Harry T. Holder	Ernest Harrison
67.	Starling J. Hopkins	Berkeley	925 30th St.	2nd & 4th Fri.	Knights of Pythias Hall	Edward M. Brown	Joseph M. Ayala
68.	Joppa	Los Angeles	925 30th St.	2nd & 4th Fri.	3007 Logan Ave.	Glascio I. Ewing	Cal B. Smith
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75.		Los Angeles	925 30th St.	2nd & 4th Fri.	California Hall, 925 Polk St.	Willie H. Payne	Harry G. Tolliver
76.		Los Angeles	925 30th St.	2nd & 4th Fri.	925 - 30th St.	Harold Gilbert	Sieve Denham
77.		Los Angeles	925 30th St.	2nd & 4th Fri.	7918 So. Central	Handell M. Sutton	Rudolph L. Rivers
78.		Los Angeles	925 30th St.	2nd & 4th Fri.	1201 W. 37th Place	Wesley V. Burton	Wm. B. Smith
79.		Los Angeles	925 30th St.	2nd & 4th Fri.			Urban Grass
80.		Los Angeles	925 30th St.	2nd & 4th Fri.			Louis Hunt, Jr.

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GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS

Long Beach, California
July 18, 1960

Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master, Grand Officers Past and Present, Members and Visitors of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge Free and Accepted Masons of California

Greetings:

"It is a distinct privilege to address you this morning in our great host city of Long Beach . . . home of the illustrious Sunset Lodge No. 26 . . . and it is with the highest fraternal respects that our heartiest congratulations and fervent THANKS are extended for the bounteous hospitality accorded to all assembled. An occasion like this touches the sensibilities of all thoughtful minds . . . and we commend you highly upon the excellent work that has been accomplished, especially to the dedicated Worshipful Master, Past Masters and Officers of Sunset Lodge No. 26 and the Worthy Matron, Past and Present Officers and Sisters of Queen Beach Chapter No. 33, Order of the Eastern Star, and to the Heroines of Jericho.

NECROLOGY

One hundred of our outstanding Prince Hall Masonic Brothers have forever dropped the working tools of life, and their great Masonic careers came to an end since our last session. Such active and useful lives might be closed, but our memories of each will linger long in the minds and hearts of those left to carry on the great work of Prince Hall Masonic Grand Lodges. Let us bow our heads to the Grand Architect of the Universe while our Right Worshipful Grand Chaplain offers the eulogy for those of our beloved brothers who can no longer speak for themselves.

(Prayer by R. W. Grand Chaplain B. Leon Carson).

There has never been a time in the history of our nation when FREEDOM was more in jeopardy than now. Men's hearts, seemingly, fail them because of such morbid fears.

Political leaders weaken in the face of *pressure* and compromise American ideals for the sake of expediency.

Leaders in government align us

with one form of tyranny in order to combat another. And a feeling of dismay overcomes many of us who *protest only by silent acquiescence.*

It is high time, therefore, that we as Prince Hall Masons make our voices and petitions heard and known, for it is our dedicated duty and responsibility to fight for equal rights and freedom not only for ourselves and our families, but for our children and our children's children until all racial barriers and segregation are reduced to the lowest minimum throughout the length and breadth of these United States of America.

All around the world — Europe, Asia, Africa, South America and the Orient — aggressors are laying their plans and executing them with vigor and precision.

One by one the great freedoms are going down as the sinister designs of these men succeed. The lamp of human dignity grows dimmer when conditions like these prevail in any part of the world. Freemasonry may never be a world power to resist these changes by resolute opposition. Its purpose is confined to the hearts of men, to teach men to love charity, do honor, practice justice, grant mercy. Its enemies lie not in some other vengeful organizations or political movements BUT within itself — the greedy, selfish men who are Masons in name only and whose conduct brings the Craft into disrepute. Their defections make the work of the Fraternity's enemies easier.

The time has come — when Lodges (like Prince Hall Masonic Grand Lodges) must come into the open in active solicitation as well as in public statement of aims, so that men may see that in all this political confusion there is *one body* with strong and worthy ideals — *a sheet anchor in a sea of change.*

Better housing, equal job opportunities, civil rights and Integration are essential to the advancement of all Americans of Negro origin. These achievements, however, are of little value unless we are prepared to take advantage of them.

This preparation has to begin in earliest childhood, in a family group

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PROMINENT MASON ADDRESSES BANQUET

We greeted, entertained and listened to a great Masonic student and author. One who has mastered the art of research, so we learned, by listening to the mastery in which he delivered his oration. We were all thrilled and marvelled at the truth, clearness and simplicity in which this discourse was presented. It marked on the face of time one who knew and dared to tell the TRUTH. Yet, "There is one good thing about telling the truth, you don't have to remember what you said." We all share this opinion; it was a revelation of how a Freemason thinks and acts; it was appreciated by all Prince Hall Masons attending. Editor.

The following speech was delivered at the Municipal Auditorium in Long Beach, Calif., July 18, 1960, before a gathering of some two thousand members of the Prince Hall Masonic family, during their 105th Annual Communication Banquet:

Most Worshipful Sir, Grand Officers and Members of the M. W. Prince Hall Grand Lodge, F&AM, California, Distinguished Guests, Ladies of the Affiliated Groups. Brethren:

Together with my own, I bring you the fraternal greetings and good wishes of my fellow-members of the Lodge of St. Andrew, of Boston in New England. May I add that my presence here at your 105th Annual Communication has the express and unqualified approval of my own Grand Master. May I say, further, that although I am here merely as an individual Mason, and as a representative neither of my own Lodge or Grand Lodge, I should not have accepted M. W. Bro. Greenwood's most gracious invitation had I not been certain that it would be regarded by my fellow Masons in Massachusetts as I myself think of it — as a great compliment, less to me personally than to the Lodge to which I have the honor of belonging. In this spirit, Most Worshipful Sir, I thank you once more for that high tribute, and, particularly, for your most flattering introduction.

For my own part, I count this a most propitious occasion. It is a privilege for me to be here, and I am very proud that I have been invited to share with you what I think is an adventure in friendship and brotherhood — one which is fraught with no little potential for the furtherance of the aims and purposes of the fraternity to which we all belong.

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LODGE OF ST. ANDREW

*(Reprinted by Special Request from Vol. 7, No. 4)**

This following paragraph consists of what was printed on a slip enclosed in each copy of the book:

This copy of the Bi-Centennial Memorial Volume of the Lodge of St. Andrew is presented with the compliments and fraternal good wishes of the members of the Lodge, with the hope that it may be an acceptable addition to your library, and in accordance with the sentiment expressed in the concluding paragraph of its preface.

ST. ANDREW'S DAY, 1958

In any organization whose history is at once ancient and honorable there exists inevitably a tendency to get stuck fast in Yesterday. Certainly it is true that if there is any merit in looking backwards and attempting to record the deeds and thoughts of previous generations, it must lie to a considerable extent in the resulting stimulation and awakening of one's curiosity regarding the past. Nevertheless, we hold it equally true, and of far greater consequence, that as we review the pageant of action and ideas displayed by our predecessors, we in turn are thereby enabled to see our own present problems more clearly and in better perspective than would otherwise be the case: particularly, the courage, the vision, the character of these men who founded our Lodge and who helped to establish our Republic can never fail to be a source of inspiration to us, to bring a quickening to our hearts, or to embolden us in our own day to dare our best.

This small volume, the fourth recorded backward glance of the Lodge of Saint Andrew, is primarily for that group of a score and a half to whom membership in the Lodge has become part of their hearts and minds. We hope that it will come into the hands, also, of many of our brothers wheresoever dispersed, and regardless of race, creed, or nationality, who by the very fact of membership in our fraternity exemplify an assertion of faith and a rebuke to cynicism. Finally that these pages may contain some thing of interest or inspiration, however slight, to any reader, whether or not a member of the Masonic fraternity, who is nevertheless a man of good will, and who believes, as we do, in the Fatherhood of God, and the Brotherhood of Man, is the sincere hope of all who have had the privilege of preparing them for publication."

For the Committee

WINTHROP WETHERBEE, M.D.

AUGUSTUS P. LORING

A quick perusal of the Bi-Centennial Memorial edition of the Lodge of St. Andrew, showed there were many references to Prince Hall. We regret that we cannot publish all of the historical Freemasons of the day which include many heroes and advocates of Freedom that stirred and won the Revolution of 1775, such as Joseph Warren, Paul Revere and Joseph Webb.

Selecting a particular item is like trying to pick up a run in a silk stocking with a needle and thread. However, may we quote several excerpts from this very excellent research?
Page 19:

"In England, the Ancients and Moderns laid down their arms in 1813, ending a schism which had lasted for seven decades. As we have seen, by this time also, the two Grand Lodges in Boston had consolidated to form in 1792, "The Grand Lodge of the Most Ancient and Honorable Society of Free and Accepted Masons for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts."

"The English Grand Lodges presenting a more united front, it seemed judicious to the newly formed Grand Lodge of Massachusetts to adopt a resolution denying recognition to any Masons holding allegiance to a foreign Grand Lodge; later this was altered to deny the right of Masons to assemble in Massachusetts under warrant of any foreign power. These provisions were, and are, assertions of exclusive territorial jurisdiction, dogma unique to American Masonry, and contrary to the principles anciently established, and maintained to the present time by the Grand Lodges of England, Ireland and Scotland. They not only represented an attempt to coerce the Lodge of St. Andrew into joining the Grand Lodge of

*Includes all written about Prince Hall in the Bi Centennial Memorial Volume of the Lodge of St. Andrew."

Massachusetts (an attempt which, in 1809, was finally successful) but they had the additional effect of denying recognition to the Prince Hall Masons, whose original charter had been granted by the Modern Grand Lodge of England as early as 1784, and whose Grand Lodge had been established, under the same auspices, in 1791. Up to this time there had never been any question of the legitimacy of this group — their charter had been issued, in fact, by the same Grand Lodge which had appointed the Provincial Grand Master of St. John's Grand Lodge in 1733; unlike St. John's Grand Lodge, the Prince Hall group had continued in uninterrupted existence and activity ever since their initial organization. The Prince Hall (African) Lodge, and the Lodge of St. Andrew are the only two Lodges in Massachusetts whose original charters, issued respectively by the Grand Lodges of England (Modern) and of Scotland, are still in possession of the petitioners. (Page 21). Continuing, An Ancient Tale New Told: "There is, however, one of our eighteenth-century projects which has continued to interest us and to which it may seem not unfitting to return, as to something in the nature of unfinished business. Perhaps it may not be improper to close this brief chronicle with an account of it."

"According to tradition, probably correct, our members assisted at the installation of Prince Hall and the other officers of African Grand Lodge in 1791. If this is true, we are by this single act sponsors of one out of every eight American Masons today. Our relations with the colored Masons had indeed been friendly from the very beginning, and it was only Joseph Warren's untimely death which prevented him from issuing, as Provincial Grand Master, the charter which was to establish the first lodge of colored Masons in this country. That honor then fell to St. John's Grand Lodge, whose Master, John Rowe (also, by affiliation, a member of our own Lodge) issued a limited "permet" which entitled the colored group to meet as a Lodge, to "walk on St. John's Day," and to bury their dead in manner and form. This permit of 1775 did not allow African Lodge, as it was then called, to make Masons, although it gave the Lodge regular and lawful status. Not until hostilities had ceased, in 1784, was the full charter issued, this time by the Grand Lodge of England (Modern), confirming the legitimacy of, and permanently establishing, African Lodge, as No. 459 in the registry of England."

"While we continued to maintain a cordial and fraternal attitude toward Prince Hall and his group, with our entry into the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts official intercourse terminated. Our foster parent would not recognize the Colored Masons, because they held from a foreign Grand Lodge, nor would it invite them to join by endorsement, as we were urged to do. It was not until after the Civil War that we felt the time had come when we could once more come to their aid. Our caterer at this time was Joshua B. Smith, born a slave, who had come North, entered the service of a Boston family, and later gone into business for himself. He was a well-known and highly respected citizen, and in 1867 we were proud to report that we had made him a Mason, as we had seven other colored men, all of whom received the three degrees in our Lodge during the years 1867 and 1868."

"Three years after, in 1871, we approved and recommended to the favorable consideration of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, the petition of seven colored brethren, all initiated, passed and raised in the Lodge of St. Andrew, to form a new lodge, to be called Thistle Lodge. This petition was unequivocally rejected, in spite of the fact that the then Grand Master had previously assured us that it would be granted."

"If we intend to maintain the high tradition of our founding members, and if we propose to give more than lip service to the standards and ideals which they exemplified, we would do well to remember that the very foundation-stone of Masonry is recognition of the great fact of the Brotherhood of Man. We should recall that our parent, the Grand Lodge of Scotland, excludes distinctions based on creed, colour, or clime. We appropriately could give serious thought to resuming this particular project and finally seeing it through to a successful conclusion. Throwing the tea into Boston Harbor in 1773 was a

GRAND LODGE COMMITTEES ACTIVE

The following committees were appointed by Grand Master Herbert A. Greenwood after the opening of the Grand Lodge:

Grand Master's Address: Frank G. Allen (68), Roy M. Moore (55), Rufus Simpkins (55), James Jordan, Willie L. Moore, Carlton P. James (21), Oscar Clisby (12) and Lee Walker (20).

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Necrology: Rev. B. Leon Carson (15), Rossie D. Jacobs (65), F. C. Abbott (7), George Howlings (25), Marcello Caumiron (48), Willie Cross (27), Albert A. Gaines (46), Samuel Williams (79), Wm. H. Collins (5), E. V. McIntosh.

Time and Place: Roscoe H. Broyles (19), Wm. Barnes (1), J. W. Hyman (2), Ezell Hilliard (30), Bill Davis (53), Bruce Gary (71), Sandy Diggs (74), Ernest Williams (26), Estaban Bonevitz (34), Caesar Huff (59).

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timely and dramatic gesture of patriotism and a striking demonstration against economic and social injustice."

"Perhaps in 1956, it would be no less timely, fully as patriotic, and considerably more constructive, if we turned our attention once more to the subject of Negro Masonry, and after almost two centuries of frustration, managed finally to resolve this problem and thus bring to all our craft a greater portion of that light which God sheds upon the minds of men and which we know as truth."

This is my first visit to your great state, and although over the years I have heard much of its scenic beauty, its unmatched climate, its great industries, its thriving commerce and agriculture, since my arrival yesterday I have had little enough time to fully appreciate much of these. I have heard, also, a great deal about Californian friendliness and hospitality, and through correspondence with Brothers Herbert A. Greenwood, Royal E. Towns, and Ernest Williams, I had begun to have some comprehension of what they might be like. Nevertheless, they have exceeded my highest expectation. From the moment of my arrival in Los Angeles, the warmth and sincerity of your welcome, the many thoughtful courtesies which have been extended me, and the kindness and good will with which everyone has greeted me, have all combined to give me a real assurance that, although I am a stranger, and three thousand miles from home, yet I am still among friends and brother Masons. For this, I want to thank every one of you, from the bottom of my heart.

Brethren, writing the history of the Lodge of St. Andrew, to which allusion has been made, was for me a labor of love which proved rewarding to a degree I did not think possible when I first undertook the project. In the first place, I learned a great deal of Masonic history, and, in particular, much about the close relationship which existed between Prince Hall himself and the members of my Lodge during the period of the American Revolution and immediately thereafter. In fact, after finishing the first draft and showing it to some of our members for comment and criticism, there was a general feeling that I had written more the history of Prince Hall Masonry than that of the Lodge of St. Andrew. Somewhat against my own wishes, I was compelled to make certain revisions and deletions. The compromise seemed worth making for the sake of keeping on the record, and in print, the chief points I wanted to emphasize — that Prince Hall Masonry and the Lodge of St. Andrew had been intimately connected during the earliest days of each; that throughout the years we had gradually lost this association, due largely of course to the policies adopted by our own Grand Lodge; and finally, that if we want to live up to our own high tradition, in this present day and age we can do nothing better or

more Masonic than take our heads out of the sand, re-evaluate what we mean when we speak of the universality of Freemasonry, and bring our own thoughts on the subject to the attention of our fellow Masons in Massachusetts. This many of us have tried, and are trying to do.

A second and particularly happy occurrence in connection with our history, was the fact that the book had its initial distribution at our Feast of St. Andrew in 1958, and this observance, always the high point of our Masonic year, on that occasion was memorable in that our guest of honor was M. W. Dr. James R. Lesueur, at the time Grand Master of the M. W. Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Massachusetts. Bro. Lesueur responded to one of our five traditional toasts — "To our brethren in Freemasonry, wheresoever dispersed" — and in a speech which was brief, sincere, eloquent, and utterly appropriate, spoke of the activities of Prince Hall Masons in various parts of this country, in Canada, in the West Indies, in France, Hawaii, Liberia, and elsewhere. I have been a member of my Lodge for over thirty years, and in all of this time I have never heard anything to approach the ovation which Bro. Lesueur received when he finished. It was spontaneous, heartwarming, and completely overwhelming.

A third outcome of distribution of the volume, and one particularly gratifying to me, has been that I have been brought into contact, through correspondence, with other Masons throughout the country, men interested either in Masonic history in general, or more specifically in Prince Hall Masonry; many of these have expressed a wish for some form of recognition, or relationship, or fraternal association, closer than now exists between Prince Hall Masonry, and the so-called Caucasian variety. Of course, they are in fact one and the same.

A fourth and completely unexpected bonus, if I may call it that, was in itself sufficient to have made the entire undertaking worthwhile, and more. It came in the form of a citation, addressed to the Lodge of St. Andrew, to Wor. Augustus P. Loring, and to myself, from 1959 conference of Prince Hall Grand Masters in New York City. Beautifully phrased, it congratulated the Lodge on having weathered the storm of time for over two hundred years, and Bro. Loring and myself for our part in editing and distributing the memorial volume. Needless to say, this citation is one of our most treasured possessions, and one which

has a secure and permanent place in our archives.

The fifth, the final, and in some respects the ultimate accolade which has accrued to me and to my Lodge, largely I suspect because of my history, is another of which I little thought when I sat down at my typewriter and started work six years ago. It is, of course, the invitation which has brought me here tonight. I hope that this truly fraternal gesture on your part will serve as a precedent that will be emulated in other jurisdictions, and that the future will hold an increasing number of visits and exchanges of visits between our two groups who are essentially one, but who have been kept apart for many years by barriers which are completely artificial, senseless, irrational and contrary to the basic tenets of Freemasonry. Let us have brotherhood not only for this day, but for all of our years, and may it be a brotherhood not of words alone but of acts and deeds.

With your permission, this evening I should like to tell you a little bit about my own Lodge, concerning which I have been asked many questions, and then speak briefly — and I assure you that I shall be brief — about three matters of mutual interest. First, although I should not presume to tell anyone in this room anything new about Prince Hall himself, I do think I have uncovered two little-known aspects of his relationship to my Lodge which may be interesting to you. Then, I have thought you might like to know what is current thought and teaching regarding Prince Hall Masonry, in the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, A.F.&A.M. And finally, although it is always a risky thing to do, I should like to hazard one or two purely personal speculations as to the possible future course of Masonry in this country, as it may affect all of us.

THE LODGE OF ST. ANDREW is the oldest Lodge in continuous existence in Massachusetts, its charter bearing the date November 30, 1756. Together with our Prince Hall brethren, we are the only two Lodges in the Commonwealth which have in their possession (or, I believe, ever did have), original charters from the Grand Lodges of Scotland and England respectively. We are as proud of ours as you are of your own.

We are small. In a city where membership in most of the other lodges is counted in the hundreds or even the thousands, our own by-laws limit us to fifty, and during most of the pe-

riod of my own membership, we have had approximately half this number.

We select our members carefully, not on any basis of wealth or prestige, but entirely upon character by which means willingness to work at being good Masons. We expect each member to attend communications regularly, to accept any office to which he may be appointed or elected, and to demit from the Lodge if for any reason, other than ill health, he finds himself unable to fulfill these conditions. At any given time, approximately half of our membership is apt to consist of Past Masters, and the other half, of those on the way up. If a member is absent from a meeting, the others usually know the reason.

We take in, on an average, one candidate each year, and we go to great pains to have the degree work as nearly perfect as human fallibility will permit, and to perform the entire ritual with the strict ceremony and dignity which it deserves. Our time of meeting is late in the afternoon, usually around five o'clock; after transacting our business, and either working or rehearsing work, we then adjourn to what we call our Table Lodge, where we enjoy a good dinner and spend the evening in fraternal companionship. This, of course, is another reason why we keep our membership small — we want never to become so large that we cannot enjoy each other's company, all sitting about a single table, or break up and return to our homes without each member having at least a few words with everyone else present. We take our Masonry seriously, outside the Lodge as well as within it, and for most of us the Craft in general and our own Lodge in particular are about as close to our hearts as are our own families.

In the old days, we owned, and used to meet, at the Green Dragon Tavern. When Daniel Webster delivered the oration at the dedication of the Bunker Hill Monument, he spoke of the Green Dragon as "the headquarters of the Revolution." A later historian, the biographer of Paul Revere, wrote that "more revolutionary eggs were hatched in this dragon's nest than in any other spot in Boston." Perhaps the last word, however, belongs to the Massachusetts Society of the Sons of the Revolution, whose memorial tablet now placed at the location of the old tavern, states that it marks "a site forever memorable as the birthplace of American freedom."

While we are very proud of this great heritage, we realize that we can only pay our debt to the past by putting the future in debt to ourselves, and that no institution can long survive living entirely on memories of past glory. We realize that if, through our great good fortune, in our youth our hearts were touched with fire, and we saw the snowy heights of honor, it is for us today to bear the report to those who come after, and to conduct our present activities in accordance with the same Masonic ideals regarding the brotherhood of man, which come down to us, like the sound of distant trumpets, from those high and far-off times of two centuries ago.

THE PAST

A. Several years ago I received a letter from a lady in a Boston suburb, saying that she had been referred to me by the Secretary of the G. L. of Massachusetts, and asking if I could tell her anything about the Masonic activities of her ancestor, one William Burbeck, born in Boston in the year 1716. I was able to tell her quite a bit — that he had been one of the original petitioners for our charter, and is named in that document; that he was our second Master of record, and served in that office at various times for a total of eight years; and that he had been a Grand Warden as well as a Deputy Grand Master, of our own St. Andrew's Grand Lodge. As our Master, he had given the degrees to such contemporary notables as Paul Revere, John Lowell, Joseph Warren, and many others; he had been an ardent member of the Sons of Liberty, and a participant in the Boston Tea Party, both, by the way, projects of the Lodge of St. Andrew; he had kept our charter in his personal possession for a period of almost twenty years, fearful lest it should fall into alien hands during those troubled times in Boston. Finally, I told her that although we knew he was by occupation a stone carver, and later served as an officer of artillery in the Revolutionary Army, we knew little more about him than this, and would welcome anything further she might be able to tell us.

As it turned out, she had some information which was indeed interesting. It seems that Bro. Burbeck was at first a stone carver (and examples of his work exist in Boston to this day) but he had two other interests which overshadowed this — he was a student of mathematics, and had at the same time as an avoca-

tion, a great interest in, and knowledge of, the manufacture of fireworks. It was he, for instance, who devised the displays which were set off to celebrate the repeal of the Stamp Act in 1766. The two interests, mathematics and pyrotechnics, combined to turn his thoughts to ballistics and firearms, and the upshot of it was that he accepted a commission from the Crown (we were still a British colony at the time) as Lt. Col. of Artillery, and eventually became commandant at Castle William, a small fort in Boston Harbor, which post he held until after the Battle of Lexington. He then escaped in a small boat and made his way to Cambridge, where, by evident pre-arrangement, he surrendered, and gave himself up to the Committee of Safety — Joseph Warren was its head and other members were John Hancock, Revere, Joseph Webb, and Perez Morton (all, by the way, not only his friends, but his fellow-members of the Lodge of St. Andrew). General Washington, recognizing his talents, promptly recommissioned him as Lt. Col. of Artillery in the colonial forces.

Brethren, if William Burbeck did not leave Castle William until after the Battle of Lexington (which occurred, of course, in April of 1775), then on March 6th of that year (the date upon which Prince Hall and his fourteen companions were initiated into Masonry) he was still in command of the garrison, (and I have confirmed this from letters and other documents still in possession of his family). He lived on the post, which was a small one, and we must assume that little took place there without his knowledge. Furthermore, at this time he was one of the most prominent and best-known Masons in Boston; surely he was known, Masonically, to the officers and members of Lodge No. 441. Finally, like our other members, he was on terms of close friendship with Prince Hall.

To me it seems difficult, indeed impossible, to escape the conclusion that Bro. Burbeck was actually present, as a visitor to Lodge No. 441, and even, possibly, as the highest ranking Mason there, participated in the ceremony, on that historic occasion when Prince Hall and his followers were initiated into the Craft. Furthermore, as it was directly after this that Prince Hall applied to our G. M., Joseph Warren, for his "permit," it is I believe almost equally certain that the entire affair was so planned, and that it failed to come

to fruition only because of Warren's untimely death at Bunker Hill.

B. — Three of the earliest and most prominent abolitionists in Boston were John Hancock, Prince Hall, and John Lowell. This, and their common interest in Masonry, bound them closely together. Today we think of Hancock primarily as President of the Continental Congress, and as a signer, in Philadelphia in 1776, of a document which proclaimed that "all men are created equal," to the support of which proposition he pledged his life, his fortune, and his sacred honor. The following year, it is a matter of record, Prince Hall presented to the Massachusetts legislature a petition dealing with the same subject. Two years after this, our brother and Past Master, John Lowell, as one of the framers of the Massachusetts constitution, secured the insertion into it of the phrase "all men are born free and equal." In 1783, this was interpreted by the Supreme Court of Massachusetts as the basis for the abolition of slavery in the Commonwealth. Without the slightest doubt, all of these changes came about largely because of the close personal and Masonic relationships between Bros. Hancock, Hall and Lowell, and I feel that their cooperation in that matter is something of which we should all be proud to this day, and a subject for mutual congratulation. I mention these two episodes from the past as further evidence of the close association between Prince Hall and the Lodge of St. Andrew in the earliest days, and particularly, because as far as I know, neither has been mentioned in any Masonic history up to the present time.

I had hoped to be able to bring you from our Lodge records some evidence concerning the tradition that members of the Lodge of St. Andrew assisted at the installation of the officers of African Grand Lodge upon its formation in 1791. This, as you know, is asserted by Grimshaw, and considered true by Davis, Williamson, and other authorities. Unfortunately, our own records of the period are too meager either to establish it as a fact, or to disprove it; nevertheless, we believe this to be the case, and so does the foremost Masonic historian in Massachusetts at the present time, the secretary of our Grand Lodge.

THE PRESENT

To pass now to the present, and speaking of course only of Massachusetts, I should say this: Not long

ago one of our Grand Masters addressed our Table Lodge substantially as follows. "It is probable that the attitude of the Lodge of St. Andrew towards Prince Hall Masonry is entirely correct, and will come to be generally accepted as such within a very few years; the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts cannot publicly endorse it as yet, because of the dissension it would arouse in certain other jurisdictions."

This, I think, is an accurate statement of the attitude now prevailing in my own Grand Lodge. There are those of us who are not proud of it. In spite of the fact that the G. L. is an independent, autonomous and sovereign grand body, as are the Grand Lodges of all of the states, the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts prefers to defer to opinions prevalent in other and distant parts of the country, rather than take a stand for what it actually believes to be right. I have known personally most of our grand officers during the past fifteen years or so, some less well than others, and I can remember only one who in a personal conversation would not agree that Prince Hall Masonry is in every respect regular and legitimate. The one individual holding a contrary opinion was not prejudiced, but merely ill-informed — he shared the misconception, altogether too common, that lack of formal recognition carries an implication of clandestineness, which of course is not at all the case. In spite of the fact that since 1947 my own Grand Lodge has lacked the moral courage to affirm in public what it professes in private, the situation is not without redeeming features.

In our Lodges of Instruction, for instance, Prince Hall Masonry is a topic of frequent discussion, and the teaching invariably is that it is in all respects regular and legitimate, and that it is formally unrecognized by Massachusetts only because of the fear of repercussions from other jurisdictions. It is made clear and specific that lack of formal recognition carries no stigma of irregularity or of clandestineness, and the fact is stressed that the 1947 public affirmation of the legitimacy of Prince Hall Masonry was rescinded two years later not because it was incorrect, but because it was misunderstood. As a matter of fact, the historical conclusions themselves never were repudiated. Nevertheless, there are many Massachusetts Masons who are heartily ashamed that their Grand Lodge lacked the fortitude to stand

its ground and defend its stated position, and that in effect it meekly submitted to blackmail, acting through expediency rather than through conviction. There is in Massachusetts an increasing interest in the subject, and thoughtful Masons are beginning to wonder why Freemasonry, a fraternal organization which professes belief in the universal brotherhood of man, should be a laggard instead of a leader in a matter of human relations. My own Lodge had this called to its attention, somewhat pointedly, in 1956, when one of our visitors from Scotland reminded us that his own Grand Lodge, our parent, made no such distinctions, but held that Masonry is for men of good will everywhere, regardless of the color of their skin.

Massachusetts Masonic groups other than my own have entertained Prince Hall Masons, and I have reason to believe that their invitations are being reciprocated. All of this, admittedly, is slow, and there are those of us who would like to see faster progress, but at any rate there is movement, and in the right direction.

THE FUTURE

To come, finally, to a consideration of the future, what do we want, and how should we go about getting it? I shall not presume to speak for anyone but myself, and I could very well be wrong, but nevertheless I should like to express a few purely personal opinions.

In the first place, I take it for granted that the Prince Hall Mason is very proud of his identity as such, his good name, and of his ancient heritage; I assume that neither his name, nor his 185-year old tradition in this country are possessions with which he willingly would part. This, of course, is as it should be. I come to the conclusion that at the present time, at least, the Prince Hall Mason is very much less interested in formal recognition, in intervisitation, and least of all, in integration, if I may use the word, than he is in having firmly established throughout the Masonic world the undeniable fact of his complete regularity and legitimacy. In other words, recognition in the sense of intervisitation, or of amalgamation, could not possibly make him a bit more legitimate than he already is, but public affirmation and acceptance of the fact should be of considerable help to him in one of his greatest problems—the combatting of the clandestine, irregular and "bogus" groups which plague

him in many jurisdictions, and detract from his good name and from that of all Masonry. Of the very existence of these groups, many Caucasians know nothing whatever.

Secondly, it would seem to me that such affirmations have been rare up to the present time, for three reasons in addition to that lack of moral fibre I have already mentioned. These three are prejudice, apathy, and ignorance.

Concerning the first of these, I should think that the mental attitudes which prevail in certain jurisdictions, whether we like it or not, would be likely to postpone for an indeterminate period any degree of fraternization between our two groups in these particular areas, and I can understand, also, why in some of these jurisdictions, the Prince Hall Mason is more than content that this should be the case. As far as apathy is concerned, it is always easier to do nothing than to do something, but the day has long since passed when any citizen of our country, Mason or not, can afford to be unaware of or indifferent to, the great social and economic developments which are taking place throughout our land. It is not only across Africa that a wind of change is blowing. Indifference to basic issues, of course, is indifference to moral issues. The man who formerly was content to sit back and say that "time will take care of all these things" is rapidly becoming obsolete. "Time" is being aided by an ever-increasing public awareness that many conditions tolerated in the past can no longer be permitted to exist. No one, in our time, can be either indifferent or apathetic towards the world about him. There remains then, ignorance, and in my own opinion, his in the correction of this defect that lies the greatest hope for the future of Freemasonry in America.

The average white Mason, for instance, will be astounded if you tell him that out of every eight or ten Masons in this country, one is colored. He has no conception whatever of the magnitude of the problem which besets Prince Hall Masonry in its efforts against spurious and irregular groups, or of the great possibility for harm to all of us which is presented by their existence, or of the important work which has been done, and is being done against them by the Prince Hall Commission on Clandestine Masonry. The work of this Commission deserves the gratitude and support of all legitimate

American Masons, regardless of their affiliation. Only a small proportion of Caucasians, I suppose, have read the splendid article on Prince Hall Masonry which appeared in *Ebony* two years ago, and even fewer are familiar with Harry Davis' admirable and scholarly history which laid to rest for all time the myth of the irregularity of Prince Hall.

I firmly believe that in many jurisdictions besides my own, all that is needed to promote a better understanding and a mutually satisfactory relationship between our two groups, is the establishment of more and better communication with each other, and that the first steps in achieving this are being accomplished by informal visits such as have taken place in Massachusetts, for example, and such as you have made possible by inviting me here, and I should like to say in this connection that your formal reception of me, into your Grand Lodge this morning was a milestone of great significance. With increasing knowledge of each other will come a deeper understanding and a realization that our Masonry is one and the same. When such visits become commonplace, instead of a novelty, there will result at least a union of our hearts and minds, based on common convictions and common ideals.

Personally, I should like to see develop, as the next stage, exchanges of visits within the Lodge itself, not necessarily by any implied "right" on either side, but through mutual inclination; not for any purpose of gaining material advantage by either group, but for the sake of greater good to the fraternity, and to enable us to share together the honor that comes to those who faithfully serve a high and worthwhile cause. Then, and then only, we shall exemplify and put into actual practice, those tenets regarding universality, and brotherhood one with another, which we profess at the present time, but carry out only in part. I assure you that there are Masons in Massachusetts who are hoping, and working, for this goal.

My formal reception into your Grand Lodge this morning I consider a most significant milestone. I am proud beyond power of words to express that I have been permitted to receive this highest of honors, and it is a memory which I shall take back with me and cherish always.

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ELECTION RESULTS

The convention of the Prince Hall Grand Lodge, F. & A. M., Grand High Court Heroines of Jericho and the Golden State Grand Chapter O. E. S., closed here Wednesday after election of new officers.

New officers of the Prince Hall lodge are:

Herbert A. Greenwood, Los Angeles, grand master; Theodore Hareman, Oakland, deputy grand master; Paul Washington, San Diego, grand senior warden; Roy W. Moore, Los Angeles, grand junior warden; Roy E. Treece, Compton, grand treasurer; Lilliard G. Dandridge, Los Angeles, grand secretary; Luther Johnson, Oakland, grand lecturer; and W. Robert Brown, Los Angeles, and M. K. Courts, San Diego, trustees.

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NEW OFFICERS of the Golden State Chapter, O.E.S. are:

Carrie J. Ellis, Pasadena, grand worthy matron; Jefferson Stone, Oakland, grand worthy patron; Ann L. Powell, Los Angeles, grand associate matron; Leon C. Maybuce, Berkeley, grand associate patron; Virginia Courts, San Diego, grand treasurer; Daisy Lee Crosby, Los Angeles, grand secretary; Lillian Seagraves, Los Angeles, grand treasurer of charity; Marie Brooks, Menlo Park, grand secretary of charity; Lucille Goward, Los Angeles, grand lecturer; Elois O'Quinn, Berkeley, grand conductress; Mignon Braxton, Los Angeles, grand associate conductress; and Leon Marsh, Oakland, John L. Thompson, Los Angeles, Gertrude Purseley, Oakland, Abbie Cantrell, Portland, and Laura Hopkins, Riverside, all trustees.

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OFFICERS of the Heroines of Jericho are:

Florine D. Williams, Los Angeles, most ancient grand matron; Henry Charles, Los Angeles, worshipful grand Joshua; Lillian M. Brown, Los Angeles, grand deputy most ancient grand matron; Chauncey Clarke, Los Angeles, deputy worthy Joshua; Helen Love, Los Angeles, grand senior matron; Stella English, Oakland, grand junior matron; Maggie Fields, San Francisco, grand secretary; Henrietta Whiteside, Los Angeles, grand charity secretary; Sylvia Ramsey, Berkeley, grand charity treasurer; and Ruby Lewis, Oakland, and John Ogletree, Lafayette Love and Archie Pergerson, all of Los Angeles, grand court directors.

GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS (cont.)

and continue throughout the individual's life. A family is not only the cornerstone of the community but the most important influence in a growing child's life. Much of the preparing for better living for a goodly number of our folk falls on the parents and the community.

One of the most immediate and pressing needs is for parents to think through their own feelings about themselves, their worth, dignity and values, so that they may effectively give their children the strong feelings of love, security within the family, and desire to grow. Parents and community leaders must set proper examples in their daily lives that will inspire, stimulate and motivate youth to more worthwhile ideals and nobler pursuits.

A Negro parent must help to prepare the child to take advantage of new opportunities from infancy. He can begin by taking an interest in himself and his community and developing a sense of pride in worthwhile achievements. He must learn about the educational, cultural, and vocational opportunities so that he cannot only set an example himself but be in a position to offer concrete guidance as well as the love and security of the family.

One of the growing problems in our cities is the irresponsible element . . . the lazy, irresponsible element who does not want to progress, but who—like a crab in a basket—grabs hold of the forward-moving man and attempts to prevent him from progressing.

It is most regrettable that the law-abiding, decent members of the group are judged by the worst element by and large. It is most unfortunate that many of our police officials do not make a distinction between the irresponsible person and the responsible citizen.

So, in order that we may set the record straight, we are advocating and fighting for the responsible man. Our fight is not for the undesirable, irresponsible element who does not vote, who does not register, who does not contribute to the social and economic welfare of the community. Those people, understandably, do not represent the right-thinking overwhelming great majority of the citizens . . . and it is necessary that each and every Mason help to rid our communities of these undesirable elements.

We, as Masons, need to re-examine our goals and purposes, and re-

dedicate ourselves more to what is right and good in the minds and hearts of men than to what we may pretend to be. We cannot progress unless we give our Lodges and Grand Lodge the devotion and the energy our duties require. We must fix our eyes on greatness, as Pericles challenged the citizens of Athens to do 2,400 years ago.

Meaningless innuendoes and undermining on the part of some factions in our Masonic body is so devastating that it eats away the strength and integrity of the dedicated membership. That may be the selfish motive of such saboteurs, but we have news for them, Brothers, for the spiritual needs, cultural advances and broadening horizons of Prince Hall Lodges in this Far-West Jurisdiction is strong enough to sustain the moral vitality of the dedicated leaders entrusted with the responsibilities of carrying out their sacred duties.

The success and forward movement of our Lodges depend upon the everlasting teamwork of every living soul. Such an organization of free men—must through education and example induce self-discipline and social responsibility, and encourage higher standards of personal morality, broader concepts of enlightened self-interest, more discriminating tastes, and greater understanding of the necessity for broad citizenship discharge of public, as well as private, obligations . . .

The success and forward movement of Prince Hall Masonry depend upon a vast number of other outside organizations—churches, labor unions, professional societies, trade associations, political parties, civic and charitable groups—local, state and national. And the leadership of these diverse and sometimes conflicting organizations is multiple and fluid. Men and women in all walks of life wear several hats at one time. An attorney or a merchant may be the chairman of a local group. A doctor may be president of a PTA, a housewife, president of a political club, may become the prime mover in a campaign to reapportion our districts so that more members of our ethnic group may be elected to political office . . . providing enough of us exercise our franchise by not only becoming registered voters but by using that ballot effectively in reducing many of the evils prevalent in our communities to the lowest minimum.

We must prepare such leadership in our respective Lodges . . . To make

democracy work, freedom must be used with responsibility and restraint. It must find expression in the lives and labors of men and women who see public responsibilities no less demanding than their private pursuits—men and women willing to give of their time and talents for the common good of all.

There can be, however, no separation of public and private pursuits so far as the moral responsibilities of a free society are concerned.

The producer of a TV program has no moral license to concern himself only with what will attract the largest audience. He has an obligation to consider whether he is elevating or debasing the sensibilities of the millions to whose homes he has access. The gratification of a viewer's desire for violence and sadism in television programming is no more defensible morally than the gratification of base desires through forms of vice. A lawyer with a talent for persuasion is not justified in using those talents deliberately to mislead a jury and make a mockery of justice.

A salesman is not morally justified in misrepresenting a piece of merchandise to make a sale, and an advertising copywriter has no license to use his talent with words to delude and ensnare. Likewise, a political leader who has the capacity to inspire public confidence is not justified in hoarding his popularity, as if it were a personal possession, when all about him are challenges to use his influence to lead the people to necessary, though sometimes unpleasant, decisions.

History has demonstrated that free societies can tolerate a distressing amount of confusion of license with freedom. But this toleration is made possible by the counteracting acceptance of moral and political responsibility on the part of dedicated and selfless men and women.

With all the humility of a dedicated leader, it is most urgent that each and every one of us enlist in this cause of counteraction. Personal acceptance of the obligations of freemasonry is absolutely essential to the progress of our Grand Lodge.

The tremendous problems facing us are the challenging opportunities of a revolutionary age . . .

CONDITION OF THE CRAFT

We wish to report that our Grand Lodge and our subordinate lodges are in the best condition that they have ever been—numerically and financially—in the hundred and five years of our existence.

OFFICIAL ACTS

Detailed analysis of Official Acts, Visitations and Dispensations will be found hereto appended.

OFFICIAL VISITATIONS

Total number of official visits
Total number of Lodges visited,

Last year we reported that we had visited individually or in groups, every lodge except Puuloa No. 51 and Cosmopolitan No. 82 in Honolulu, Hawaii.

This year we reveled in one of the most pleasant experiences of our Masonic life while in the company of the brothers of these lodges in our Fiftieth State and the sisters of the Chapters.

From the time we were met at the airport by a multitude of brothers and sisters to be showered with kisses and the most beautiful leis imaginable until the time we departed, laden with more beautiful, fragrant and exquisite leis, we were the recipients of the gracious courtesies and hospitality that only the Hawaiian people know how to extend.

"ALOHA OE" (its meaning)

It's more than just an easy word for casual goodbye;
It's gayer than a greeting and it's sadder than a sigh;
It has the hurting poignancy, the pathos of a sob;
It's sweeter than a youthful heart's exquisite joyous throb;
It's all the tender messages that words cannot convey;
It's tears unshed and longing for a loved one gone away;
It's welcome to Hawaii and it's lingering farewell;
It's all the dear and silent things that lovers' lips can tell;
It's woven into flower leis and old Hawaiian songs;
It's frailer than a spider-web and strong as leather thongs;
It's fresh as dew on ginger blooms and older than the moon;
It's in the little lullabies that native mothers croon;
It's said a hundred different ways, in sadness and in joy.
Aloha means 'I love you.' So I'll say 'Aloha Oe.'

— Don Blanding

CONSTITUTIONAL CEREMONIES

Acting in conformity with the authority vested in us by the Grand Lodge at its One Hundred and Fourth Annual Communication, held

at San Diego, California, in July, 1959, and assisted by many of our elected and appointed Grand Lodge officers, we Constituted and Dedicated at public ceremonies Gravity Lodge No. 94 at the Masonic Hall, 1050 East 50th Street, Los Angeles, California on October 24, 1959 and Ionic Lodge No. 93 at Masonic Hall, 935 30th Street, Oakland, California on November 6, 1959.

Also acting in conformity with the authority vested in us as Grand Master and with almost unanimous consent of all the members of Grand Lodge we Constituted and Dedicated Mt. Nebo Lodge No. 95 at Western Knights Lodge No. 56 on February 27, 1960.

NEW LODGES

Upon three petitions presented over the signature of seven (7) or more Master Masons in each petition the following lodges were instituted:

Mount Nebo Lodge U.D. by Most Worshipful Grand Master, Herbert A. Greenwood with Right Worshipful T. A. Satchell, Grand Inspector of District No. 1, serving as Worshipful Master on October 3, 1959.

King David Lodge U.D. by Right Worshipful Roy W. Taylor, Grand Inspector of District No. 2, acting as Grand Master and Worshipful Master on April 8, 1960.

Pacific Progressive Lodge U.D. by Past Master John L. Thompson of Wm. Nickerson Lodge No. 55, acting Grand Master, on April, 1960.

CORNERSTONE CEREMONIES

Invitations were accepted and cornerstones laid in the foundations of the following edifices:

October 11, 1959—St. James Baptist Church, 1470 Hudson Street, San Francisco, California, Reverend Archie J. White, Pastor. Ceremony conducted by Right Worshipful Walter C. Taylor, Deputy Grand Master, Bayview Lodge No. 64, Host Lodge.

March 13, 1960 (Ground Breaking)—Exceptional Children's Opportunity School, 310 East 122nd Street, Los Angeles, California, Juanita Macklin, Director. Ceremony conducted by Most Worshipful Grand Master, Herbert A. Greenwood.

June 5, 1960—Greater North Oakland Baptist Church, 3209 Linden Street, Oakland, California, Reverend A. O. Bell, Pastor. Ceremony conducted by Right Worshipful Walter C. Taylor, Deputy Grand Master, East Gate Lodge No. 44, Host Lodge.

July 3, 1960—Williams Chapel A. M. E. Church, 1913 Woolsey Street,

Berkeley, California. Reverend S. D. Rhone, Pastor. Ceremony conducted by Right Worshipful Walter C. Taylor, Deputy Grand Master, Monarch Lodge No. 73, Host Lodge.

RECOMMENDATIONS

We Recommend That —

1. King David Lodge U.D. be granted a warrant after having complied with all Grand Lodge laws.
2. Pacific Progressive Lodge U.D. be granted a warrant after having complied with all Grand Lodge laws.
3. Employment agencies supported by Grand Lodge be established in strategic places throughout our jurisdiction.
4. An Employment Opportunity Foundation be established to support and implement Fair Employment Practice.
5. The musical composition TEACH US O LORD TRUE BROTHERHOOD, submitted at last Grand Lodge by Brothers Alleyne, Carson and Harris be adopted as our Grand Lodge Hymn.

OFFICIAL ACTS

1959

August 6—Transmitted Grand Masters Demit from Grand Master Dobbs of Georgia to L. J. Williams Lodge No. 76 for Brother Shirley Harris.

August 16—Welcomed the Imperial Council Ancient Egyptian Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine and the Imperial Court Daughters of Isis at the Second Baptist Church, Los Angeles.

August 17—Greeted the Imperial Council AEAONMS at its 58th annual session and the Imperial Court of the Daughters of Isis at its 48th annual session.

August 23—Attended 56th Installation of officers of Queen of Sheba Chapter No. 7 at Masonic Hall, Los Angeles.

August 29—Attended annual banquet of Douglas Lodge No. 33 at Douglas Hall, Los Angeles.

September 4 and 5—Attended 50th Annual Prince Hall Commandery Knights Templar and the 36th Annual Pacific Grand Guild Conclave H.T.C., Los Angeles.

September 10—Approved amendment of By-Laws of Olympus Lodge No. 81, Berkeley.

September 12—Authorized Past Master King Titus of Angel City No. 18 to conduct funeral ceremonies for Brother Daniel Lee of Acme Lodge No. 43, Alexandria, La.

September 13—Delivered Prince Hall Day address at Orange Valley



Pictures at the four corners, beginning at the top: Cornerstone laying at the North Oakland Baptist Church, by D.G.M. Walter C. Taylor and Grand Lodge Officers. Top, right, Grand Master Henries, Liberia, is entertained by Grand Master Richard Stitt of New York and his official staff.

Bottom, left: Guardian Lodge No. 50, Los Angeles. Bottom, right: Monarch Lodge gives scholarship to Thomas Johnson, in presence of Elwood V. (Doc) Hess, Principal of McClymonds High School.

Center pictures from left to right: Layman awards given prominent Los Ange-



linos. Dr. Winthrop Weatherbee, G. M. Herbert A. Greenwood and Ernest Wilson of Long Beach. The border of the picture shows scenes from Annual Banquet. Master Samuel H. Jones, Good Hope Lodge and the young ladies of Ashler Lodge's fashion show in Richmond, Calif. Wm. Louis Hunt, Jr., of Mt. Nebo Lodge, responds to Charter Presentation. Top and bottom center spread show Leo Walker. Leon Marsh crowning Sister Thelma Narcisse while P.G.M. Geraldine De Pinto observes; Harry A. Brewer. Lower center shows P.M. Fred Beams. The heads of the Knights of Pythagoras, Archille Heber, Grand Master, P. G. Porter of Kansas and John W. Thompson and P. M. Herbert Jenkins.

Lodge No. 13, Riverside.

September 26—Accepted the invitation of Sunset Lodge No. 26 and Queen Beach Chapter No. 33 and the representative of Heroines of Jericho to be hosts to the 1960 Grand Sessions.

September 27—Invited Past Grand Master E. Al Fulcher to present Grand Lodge Plaque for meritorious service to Past Master H. H. Godfrey at the 50th anniversary of Victory Consistory, Oakland, on October 31, 1959.

October 14—Approved amendment of By-Laws of Harmony Lodge No. 61.

October 14—Appointed Past Master Leo T. Walker of Holland Lodge No. 20 and Past Master Earl T. McMillan of Garrison Lodge No. 45 as Grand Lodge representatives on the Committee for Negro History Week of Our Authors Study Club.

October 19—Attended Annual Family Night of James H. Wilson Lodge No. 68, Los Angeles.

October 24—Held Grand Inspectors meeting at Masonic Hall, 1050 E. 50th Street, Los Angeles.

October 28—Attended Courtesy Night of Starlight Chapter No. 51 at Arlington Masonic Temple, Los Angeles.

October 31—Attended Third Annual Banquet honoring Grand Master and Grand Heads of all affiliated bodies sponsored by the Masters and Wardens Association of Los Angeles at Douglas Lodge No. 33, Lodge Hall.

November 7—Attended Board of Trustees meeting at Hannibal Hall, 2804 Bush Street, San Francisco.

November 10—Approved revision of By-Laws of Twin Peaks Lodge No. 80 with three exceptions.

November 15—Attended Prince Hall Day ceremony and Cornerstone Laying of Eureka Lodge No. 28, Lodge Hall at El Centro.

November 19—Attended Equal Opportunity Day Dinner at the Urban League with a few Past Masters of '45 at the Statler-Hilton Hotel, Los Angeles.

December 13—Presented Grand Lodge check in the sum of \$250.00 on final payment of Grand Lodge Life Membership in National Association for the Advancement of Colored People at the Second Baptist Church, Los Angeles.

December 10—Requested Deputy Grand Master, Walter C. Taylor, to examine newly elected Worshipful Masters of Hannibal Lodge No. 1 and Bayview Lodge No. 64.

December 21—Installed the Worshipful Masters, Wardens and Officers of twenty-one (21) subordinate lodges in the Los Angeles area.

December 30—Transmitted check from Grand Lodge in sum of \$250.00 to Deputy Grand Master Walter C. Taylor to be presented to Booker T. Washington Center, San Francisco.

1960

January 11—Attended meeting of Poinsettia Court, Heroines of Jericho.

January 19—Requested Worshipful Master Richard Hunt, Thomas Waller Lodge No. 49 to conduct funeral ceremony for Brother Benjamin W. Jones, Sunset Lodge No. 85, Ardmore, Oklahoma.

January 20—Authorized Grand Inspector William A. Petty to repossess Charter of Thomas T. Smith Lodge No. 78, Marysville.

January 27—Requested all subordinate Lodges to agree that Mt. Nebo U.D. be constituted and Dedicated forthwith.

February 8—Addressed radio audience on the City Hall steps on a program of Our Authors Study Club, observing National Negro History Week, Los Angeles.

February 14—Appeared as speaker at Annual Observance of Negro History Week at 103rd Street Baptist Church, Los Angeles.

February 27—Approved amendments to By-Laws of Garrison Lodge No. 45.

February 27—Attended Board of Trustees meeting at Los Angeles.

March 2—Approved amendments to By-Laws of Adonis Lodge No. 25.

April 23—Declared April 23, 1960 to be Prince Hall Day at Exceptional Children's Opportunity School, 310 East 22nd Street, Los Angeles.

April 30—Held Masters, Wardens, Secretaries and Treasurers meeting at Hiram Lodge Hall, Pasadena.

May 7—Attended Fire Service Day, Engine Co. No. 14, 3401 South Central Avenue, Los Angeles, with Right Worshipful Archille Hébert Senior Grand Warden.

May 19—Invitation addressed to Imperial Potentate Booker T. Alexander (sent to Noble Dero Howard) for the Imperial Council AEAONMS to hold its 1965 session in San Francisco, at the direct invitation of Thutmose Temple No. 74.

May 21—Held Masters, Wardens, and Secretaries meeting at Good Hope Lodge No. 29, Lodge Hall, Oakland.

May 21—Attended Board of Trustees meeting at Good Hope Lodge
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Letters to the Editor

Grande Loja do Estado
de São Paulo, Brazil

Dear Sir and Brother:

Thank you very much for your interesting letter of April 18th and for the information and literature you so kindly forwarded to us at the request of Brother Harry W. Bundy, M. W. Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Colorado.

We have exchanged quite voluminous correspondence with Brother Bundy in connection with the Prince Hall Lodges and also as regards the race problem, not only as it exists in the United States but also in other countries such as South Africa.

As is probably of your knowledge, there is no discrimination whatsoever in Brazil where civil rights are equal to everyone regardless of race, creed or color. This is why we have found it difficult to understand and explain the situation existing in some parts of the United States and elsewhere, particularly so where Masonry is concerned since the Fraternity should not heed the color or race of a man if he has the qualifications to be a Mason for his character and devotion to country and family. Fortunately, many Masons like Brother Bundy have liberal views on this subject and time may come where we can all be one single family. We Brazilians live very happily with all races and we recognize the contribution of the negro towards the development of the country. Not few of those who fought for the independence of this country were negroes.

We do not wish to prevail on your offer, but please be assured that we should very much appreciate receiving any publications regarding your activities and accomplishments. Any literature you send us will be well used in spreading your aims and crusade for the betterment of your race.

Thanks again for the literature forwarded and which we shall read with genuine interest and please convey our fraternal greetings to Grand Master Herbert A. Greenwood.

Fraternally and sincerely,

*Francisco Rorato, Grand Master
Erwin Seignemartin, Grand
Secretary, Foreign Relations*

IMPORTANT

Send in the changes necessary to correct Lodge Directory, page two, if any errors are found. Masters and Secretaries take notice!!

NEW YORK ELECTS GRAND MASTER

Dr. Richard H. Stitt was elected Grand Master of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge, State of New York, at the 115th Annual Grand Session. Visitors attending included Grand Master William O. Greene of Michigan and Carl L. Wilson, Grand Master of Ohio.

Dr. Stitt, a practicing physician of Brooklyn has been active in the Grand Lodge for many years, he succeeds William L. Jordan who held the post for the past two years. J. Harold Johnstone of New Rochelle was elected to the office of Deputy Grand Master, Harrison Clark was elected Senior Grand Warden and Dr. Charles Griffin elected Junior Grand Warden. Henry J. Walton, Fred Reynolds and David Tyler were elected Trustees. The awards Banquet held at the Hotel New Yorker was addressed by the Hon. Roy Wilkins, Executive Secretary of the NAACP who also received the award for \$1000 which has been an annual donation by the Order for the past several years. Mr. Lawrence Perkins received the award to the United Negro College Fund which also has been donated annually. Six Scholarship awards were made to qualifying High School students. The winners were Claudia Burnham of Brooklyn, Constance Thomas of Queens, Sylvia Watson of Rochester, Carolyn McGill of Manhattan, Joan Marshall of Mt. Vernon and Constance Givens of Elmira.

Liberian Grand Master Visits

Grand Master Richard H. Stitt, M.D. of the Prince Hall Grand Lodge, State of New York, F. & A. M. was host to Dr. Richard A. Henries, Grand Master of Masons, Prince Hall, of Liberia, Africa, at a Luncheon held at the Lobster Restaurant.

Dr. Henries, also the Speaker of the House of Representatives of the African Republic, is on a short business trip to New York where he enjoyed visiting with his sons. One son, George, a law student at Cornell University was among the guests, the other, Richard Jr., an engineering major at Howard University, was unable to be present.

Dr. Henries attended the Grand Masters Conference in '59 with his wife, a former Connecticut resident and a Past Matron of the Eastern Star. When he returned home from that session he took with him some

worthwhile ideas, one of which was the establishment of the office of C. C. F. C. This has proved to be a great help as the Grand Secretary's Office which had been handling all phases of this work had been so swamped that it was impossible to handle both types of work. As a result a smoother operation has been accomplished.

Among the guests present were Past Grand Masters Arthur T. Giddings, Henry A. Rhodes, William L. Jordan, Deputy Grand Master J. Harold Johnstone, Senior Grand Warden E. Harrison Clarke, Junior Grand Warden Charles Griffin, Grand Secretary Alton Haywood, Grand Treasurer John J. Nash, Hon. David M. Thomas, Liberian Consul General, Hon. Levi Marshall, House of Representatives, Liberia, Mr. George Henries, Mr. Victor Hne, (Sec. to Dr. Henries, and Baxter F. Jackson, Prince Hall Grand Lodge.

Californian Welcomed

Brother Eugene Lasartemay of East Gate No. 44, terminating his trip which took him through the West Indies, and some of our Southern States paused in New York City to visit Masonic friends. Brother Lasartemay visited the Lodges when he was here some ten years ago. While on this visit he enjoyed a trip to Staten Island with the Grand Lodge for the purpose of laying a cornerstone, and had a nice time talking to our newly elected Grand Master Dr. Richard H. Stitt, discovered that they had mutual friends in Berkeley. Brother Lasartemay was journeying to Boston to make a personal pilgrimage to Prince Hall's grave. He should be home by press time, so make him tell you the story in person.

SELFISHNESS

Selfishness may be safely regarded as one of the greatest perils confronting all types and classes of men, and to save men from it they must be encouraged to develop life on its highest plane. This means that their vision of life must be clarified and enlarged.

— *Grand Lodge Bulletin, Iowa*

LOVE

Brotherly love implies that kindness, one thread of which binds more securely than bands of steel.—*Masonic Bulletin of Greece*

FREEMASONRY

Freemasonry should shun the immoral man, however high a place he may hold in state or society.—*New South Wales Freemason*

Public Relations Report

Ten years ago, in Portland, Oregon, at the 95th Annual Grand Communication of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of California, the task of presenting this honorable and ancient organization a magazine that could be published quarterly. One that would be so interesting that copies would not be amassed in the anti-rooms of Lodges, awaiting the eventual call of the scavenger, one that would be representative of this Grand Lodge.

After some eleven months of thinking, planning, investigating and consultations with the late Grand Master Starling J. Hopkins and his official staff, we were able to produce our first edition of the Prince Hall Masonic Digest in June of 1951. Since then it has told its own story to the Masons of the Universe, with equal regularity.

Through the medium of the Prince Hall Masonic Digest we have been able to advance not only to our membership each advancing quarter since that time, in their homes, but to others throughout the world who were delighted to digest its contents because of the information contained within its covers.

In the pages of this pamphlet we have been able to give the membership and the world, the benefit of the historical account of our great leader and founder, the late Prince Hall, Grand Master of African Grand Lodge No. 459, of the State of Massachusetts and his Charter, received from the Grand Lodge of England — its legitimacy no Freemason can deny. In fact, only one other lodge of the Colonial period can produce such evidence.

Some of the events leading up to the day when Prince Hall and fourteen others were raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason at Castle William, and many of the fraternal events surrounding him from that time in our Revolutionary War, his death, the ultimate founding of Prince Hall Grand Lodge from this particular event to the present period have been ably covered.

When one realizes that one in every eight or ten Masons in the world is one of Prince Hall's generation, we immediately recognize the capabilities of his vision, his leadership, and how he realized, nearly two hundred years ago, that Freemasonry was what we needed as a race that would eventually bring us into recognition and give

us first class citizenship; for to be a Mason is to be a leader of people.

He demonstrated that qualification to the people of Massachusetts Colony, his historical background proves beyond doubt that he was one of the outstanding men at the time, as a soldier, patriot and politician and today, 184 years later, his name is one of reverence by thinking conscientious educated Masons of the Masonic realm.

His ingenuity in utilizing his good common sense would not allow him to join the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts. The Lodge of St. Andrew and Prince Hall Grand Lodge were steadfast in their resolutions to the Mother Grand Lodges. St. Andrew eventually joined forces with the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts — but stood, even to this day, to the absolute Masonic law — which no other could boast.

Any denial of Prince Hall's Charter, so frequently in the past called "Spurious," has been changed by Masonic students, encyclopaedists, historians and men without bias who recognize truth to be a Divine attribute — the foundation of every virtue. Even the wording of Mackey's latest Encyclopedia of Freemasonry has come forward with the truth.

Not only has such knowledge of Masonic research been sent to Freemasons, as a whole, but copies of this publication lie in state for posterity at the California State Library at Sacramento, the Bancroft library on the University of California Campus at Berkeley, in the Stromberg-Harry Williamson Collection in the Library of the Grand Lodge of New York.

Those with foresight have had their copies bound, for the revelations, research and articles in the past copies represent something that money can't buy.

We are certain you read this excerpt in an article "Young Freemasons and Education," by Norman C. Dutt, Volume 8, No. 4, page 10:

"There are published some mighty fine Masonic magazines and periodicals, even the California Prince Hall (Colored) Masonic Digest is one that will bring credit anywhere in the Craft world. To name a few in the United States of America: The New Age, The Royal Archmason Magazine, The Philalethes, The California Freemason, The Virginia Masonic Herald, The Illinois Enlightener, The Oregon and The Indiana Freemason."

Just the article alone, circulating throughout the Masonic world, is am-

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THE SWORD

By Norman C. Dutt

The sword is one of the most interesting of all the implements of Freemasonry. Its history, origins, customs and uses have traveled along the path of the Craft. In the U.S.A. its use is practically confined to the so-called higher degrees and orders, and their appendent bodies. There are a few symbolic Lodges that the sword still plays an important part of the ceremony. There are also a number of Lodges and there are few indeed that the Master wears a sword as part of the jewels of his office.

The sword is of great importance in all Lodges that embrace the Scandinavian system of Freemasonry. This is also true of Lodges in France, Netherlands and many German Lodges. In Ireland the sword is used in one of the most important degrees of the Craft. The influence of this is reflected in a few constitutions in Australia. In those countries that follow the Scottish Rite workings (A. A. S. R. F. M.), in the blue or symbolic Lodges the sword is used in all the degree work.

In England the sword is still used, but not as much as in the days before the union of 1813. A few lodges remain that still make use of the sword according to the old workings.

In the Middle Ages when knight-hood was in flower, it was the symbol of chivalry and the weapon without which a true knight would never be found. The library of the London (England) College of Arms has an old manuscript which gives the best description on the symbolism of the sword of the knights. Quote:

"Unto a knight, which is the most honorable office above all others, is given a sword, which is like unto a cross, for the redemption of mankind, in signifying that like our Lord God died upon the cross for the redemption of mankind, even so a knight ought to defend the cross and to overcome and destroy the enemies of the same; and it hath two edges in tokening that with the sword he ought to maintain knighthood and justice."

In Masonic Templarism this symbolism has been preserved, and the sword with which the modern knight is created is said to be endowed with the qualities of justice, fortitude and mercy.

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REPORT OF THE BOARD OF GRAND TRUSTEES

Fiscal Year ending April 30, 1960
Most Worshipful Grand Master,
Honored Past Grand Masters, Right
Worshipful Grand Lodge Officers,
Honored Past Masters, Worshipful
Masters, Wardens and Brethren:

In accordance with Article XV, Section 5, Sub-paragraph 1 of our Constitution, and by the Grace of God and the confidence you, our Brothers placed in us, we are again privileged to bring to you an Annual Report of your Board of Grand Trustees.

The word "Board" as hereinafter contained, shall refer to, and mean the Board of Grand Trustees.

We are happy that we can again report to you that you possess a financially strong, and ever growing stronger, Grand Lodge.

We readily admit that this is due primarily to your foresight in adopting a plan of financing in keeping with the growth of this jurisdiction, and because of that growth, the tremendous increase in services.

The Department of Masonic Digest

You might note with a great degree of pardonable pride the fact that although there has been no slackening of quality, no decrease in issues, and certainly no lessening of reading material contained in this, the Voice of this Jurisdiction, yet there was a noticeable reduction in cost to produce, for which Brother Towns is to be commended.

We think this again proves that a good man only needs reasonable support, and a chance, and nine times out of ten he will come up with a good job.

The Board says to Right Worshipful Royal Towns, on your behalf, "Thanks for a job well done, and keep up the good work."

The Entre Nous

We are sorry to have to report to you that for some reason this program is lagging. The amount of money spent to produce this item was not great, but *your* money. We therefore must balance this account, as most of you know the price set for these items certainly could not have included any great profit. It was not intended for the Grand Lodge to make a profit thereon. The idea, we agreed, was and is a good one. It is intended to show simply that you are telling the world that as a Mason you are willing to go to the full length of your cable-tow to carry out all of your obligations to your fellowman, and especially to a

Brother Prince Hall Mason. The Board cannot see a thing wrong with the adoption of this, or some emblem known only to Prince Hall Masons, and so that a Prince Hall Mason can easily identify a Brother Mason, especially while traveling on our highways. This, however, is your problem; ours is to return the money used to produce those emblems back to your treasury.

The price is only a dime each. Send your checks in to our Grand Secretary. Right Worshipful Frank White deserves your support. Extend your cable-tow to its full length. Don't let this venerable Mason down.

Homesite - Tulare

The Board, not satisfied with the present unstable market in the Real Property field, did not feel that it would be profitable for us to subdivide this land and build two and three bedroom houses on a tract development basis, to be sold to the public. Neither could we find enough of a demand for rental units that we felt would support a large apartment building development program for rental to the public, inasmuch as there is little, or no heavy industrial activity in that area. We are at present making a survey as to the feasibility of a first class motel for support of the property, and in the background a large and suitable home and sanitarium for senior, sick and indigent Prince Hall Masons.

We lean very heavily towards the belief that the time has already come when the saying "Masons take care of their own," should cease to be just a saying. We are convinced California should take its rightful place in the lead and do something about it. We have the land. As you know the State and County furnishes its aged some aid. With us preparing a bed, a Prince Hall Mason need not be allowed to suffer during his few remaining days here on this earth if possible to prevent it.

In the meantime, the Board was not satisfied with the present income from this property. Neither were we in accord with the value of this property as carried on our books. After discussing this, pro and con, it was decided that we should get this property appraised by competent and qualified appraisers—non-members of this Order.

The appraisals were made by the following companies, and their opinions of value are herein contained.

APPRAISAL REPORT

Property: Sec. 27, TP 19 So. County of Tulare. This opinion is based on records of sale of similar property,

type of property, and location. Size of parcel: 30.78 acres.

Taxes: Special and General Assessments, Total \$273.62.

Improvements: Cement block house, pump and land put into production.

After careful analysis of pertinent data obtained through and from several sources, it is my opinion that a fair market value of the above described property is \$850.00 per acre, or \$26,180 for the parcel.

In their opinion, they stated that this price could vary depending upon the terms and conditions of sale—for cash a little less, and on terms, a little more.

Submitted by Central Realty Co., Inc., Tulare, California.

Signed by Mr. Mitchell L. May.

Mr. William N. Snowden, of the Niday Realty Company, Tulare, California, reported that in their opinion a fair market value of this property is \$1,000 per acre and that a total price of between \$28,000 and \$32,000 might be obtained.

However, it might be pointed out here that the Board was not completely satisfied with either of these appraisals, particularly because of the failure on the part of these appraisers to state in addition to their opinions of a fair market value that should be obtained for this property, but also their opinion of the highest and best use to which this property might be put, which could raise their estimate.

Brethren Brown and Hardeman felt that if this was ascertained, the value would be closer to \$1,500 per acre, so they, being real estate appraisers, decided to appraise this property at no expense to the Grand Lodge. After making a couple of trips up there, searching the records, seeking a trend, and after talking with neighbors and others, they arrived at the following opinion of a fair market value for this property, based on their estimation of the highest and best use to which this property can be developed.

They stated that after thorough and careful analysis of pertinent data, and a check and study of recent sales of similar properties in the area and adjacent thereto, that in their opinion the value of this property would prove to be \$1,500 per acre. That, however, there is no heavy industry in the area to sustain a subdivision program, either in individual houses to be built and sold to the public on contract, or rental units to be built by us and rented to the public, therefore . . .

In their opinion, the highest and best use to which this property could be put, would be an "off the highway" motel, built, owned and operated by us through our Prince Hall Holding Investment Corporation, and in the background, near the old highway, we should set aside enough land and later build a 30 to 50-room home and sanitarium to be available only to senior, sick and indigent Prince Hall Masons.

The Board, at a later date, received three (3) or more offers for this property from responsible citizens living in or near Tulare.

(1) Mr. Wayne Denning, President of the Tulare Realty Company, and recent builder of a project known as Tulare Inn, at an estimated cost of between \$500,000 and \$750,000. Mr. Denning and one of his colleagues came to Los Angeles to our Board meeting on February 27. They offered \$30,000 in cash or on terms. However, if the Board would not sell, then they would be interested in a long term lease of 99 years. Upon being questioned as to their plans for developing, it was drawn out that they had plans which called for investing \$500,000 to \$1,000,000 with which they planned to erect a 33-unit motel, embodying all of the latest appurtenances, including a very large swimming pool and two coffee shops. They agreed that if this could be worked out, a reversionary clause could be inserted in the lease providing for these improvements becoming the property of the Grand Lodge on expiration of the lease.

(2) Our tenant in the property for the past ten years or more, Mr. Fred Langermarsino, wrote a letter to the Board dated January 25, 1960, in which he offered to buy, and asked for our price.

He sent a second letter on February 8, 1960 offering to come in person. His offer was to buy a certain portion or all of the land for a price not to exceed \$1,000 per acre.

(3) The third offer came from Mr. Ferrin Tiffany. He came down with his broker and made a written offer, with a check as a deposit in good faith, drawn for \$500.00. Their offer was for the purchase of five (5) acres, located north of Cartmill Road, west of 99 Highway and Oaks Avenue, in the County of Tulare, State of California, which, simply stated is the best price offered for this portion was five acres of the property. The total \$12,500 or \$2,500 per acre.

You can be sure by now your Board

of Grand Trustees was trying every place, and doing everything possible to learn, why all of a sudden this property was so much in demand, and certainly we were opposed to selling at any price at this particular time. For the Grand Lodge's information, we are still searching for the true answer.

In the meantime Mr. Tiffany and all others were informed of the Board's decision not to sell. Mr. Tiffany made an offer to lease the east five acres and erect the necessary buildings thereon, and pay \$1,200 per year for twenty years (\$24,000) plus a certain percentage of the net business, and asked for and was given permission to sublease a certain portion of this five acres to a service station operator.

From this rental the Grand Lodge will receive 50%. All buildings and improvements of Lessor will revert to and become the property of the Grand Lodge upon the expiration or termination of the lease. This means that we will be getting more for less than five acres than we have been getting for over ten (10) years for the entire property. The lease in full is available for your inspection.

Grand Sessions at San Diego

Your Board is happy to report that our last Grand Sessions at San Diego was a successful operation. They reported receipts of \$16,029.95 with a net, after legitimate expenses, of \$6,490. However, they voted certain donations to committeemen and women, amounting to a total of \$1,540, leaving a grand total net receipts of \$4,950 of which eleven units, including the Grand Lodge received equal shares of \$450.00. It might be pointed out that this was a successfully conducted operation but not completely flawless.

The Grand Sessions Committee, Brother R. W. Wm. Faulkner, Chairman, we are happy to report has done a yeoman job in guiding the local committees through and helping them solve all problems. Also we might add in San Diego as in Portland, Oregon, they selected the very best talent in businessmen and women they could find. Brethren P.M. Courts, Thompson and Washington; all are excellent and worthy businessmen. To these brothers and sisters, your Board of Grand Trustees offers a heartfelt thanks. You did what we knew you could do.

Bonding of Grand Chapter Officers

A request was received from the Golden State Grand Chapter, requesting the Grand Lodge to furnish a security bond for four (4) of its prin-

cipal officers. We felt that the risk involved was too great for us to expand the Surety Department at this time. We informed the Grand Chapter, however, that we would be happy to expand if we were asked to bond subordinate chapter officers as well.

Loans to Lodges for Building Purchases

We have received no applications for this purpose since you closed this department. We did, however, receive one application from an affiliate through Fraternal Ownership Organization for a \$15,000 loan. You of course know we had no other alternative but to turn it down.

We also received requests for smaller amounts for building repair and renovating. One building had been temporarily condemned; the others had received notices of correction needed repairs. Inasmuch as this Grand Lodge money was more in jeopardy than the Lodge's ownership, we had no other alternative but to protect both interests.

It is good to be able to report that 99 percent of Lodges owning these buildings are under excellent managements and are paying their loans off well and on time.

It might be wise to review this department, looking possibly towards making some decision as to its future.

February 27, 1960, \$405,437.43

This was a happy day because on this day we received a report to the effect that for the first time in the history of this Grand Lodge we had passed the \$400,000 mark in assets. To us on your Board, this was something to shout about. You probably ask yourself—Why? Well! don't forget Brothers we are following probably some of the greatest business men this state had produced among our people. Men like P.G.M. George R. Vaughns, Past Board Chairman M. Earl Grant, P.G.M. Roscoe Broyles, P.G.M. Theodore Moss, P.G.M. Starling Hopkins. These men, Brothers, are the cause of our having the chance to do a job for you. Certainly we should do our best to be an inspiration for you men who will soon take our places, just as these Brothers were to us. We are not ashamed to admit that we have watched, admired, and prayed for the opportunity to be like these Strong Pillars of Strength in our midst. We hope that we might be able to do something, as we pass this way that will be the spark which will ignite the flame within the bosom of our younger brothers, causing them to want to

do their bit for the Order. May we say that again—Total Assets, \$405,437.43. By the way, this was the report for January, 1960.

Committees appointed to investigate Halls and non-Subordinate Lodges in which this Grand Lodge holds shares

Worshipful Brother Beverly headed the committee investigating the South and Worshipful Brother Hardeman chaired the Northern Committee.

These investigations were decided on because the Trustee Board cannot find any records which indicates that the Grand Lodge has ever received any dividends on these investments. (It is the policy of this Board to make only sound investments which return adequate interests.) Brother Beverly reported that the 50th Street Hall property is operating in the black but unable to pay any dividends. That the Masonic Temple Association, owner of the 12th and Central Hall in which the Grand Lodge owns 137 and 3, a total of 140 shares, has a tentative condemnation because of some very badly needed corrections and repairs.

Orange Valley Lodge Hall also was under suspension because of much needed repairs, as outlined during a fire inspection.

Brother Hardeman investigated the Thirtieth Hall Association and others in the Bay Area, submitting substantially the same type of report—operating in the black but still unable to pay dividends. We are all aware of the fact that most of these buildings are suited only for Lodge and Chapter meetings. It is therefore, good to know that, although the above usages are true "yet" somehow these Prince Hall Masons are still able to keep within the black, and keep in most cases a clean meeting place. They should be encouraged by your support.

The Prince Hall Youth Program

Your Board of Grand Trustees noted with a great deal of interest the fact that under the guidance of our Senior Grand Warden (who, by the way holds the second highest office in our National Youth Organization) the Knights of Pythagoras Chapters are being formed. We do not say the Youth Programs that have been sponsored over the past few years are not good. However, we are not in possession of any information which tends to prove that as a result of those programs one single boy has been persuaded that it would be in his best interest to become a Prince Hall Mason. Yes! We are

aware that there are those persons who will quickly say we should be happy to be giving just for the sake of giving. To which we ask, then, why did not the white Mason just organize Sports Programs for their boys, instead of DeMolay?

Your Board of Grand Trustees is convinced that just as sure as it is necessary to groom little sheep in order to keep an adequate supply of wool, or to replenish a lake with minnows in order to be assured of an adequate supply of fish in that lake, or to from time to time, plant trees in a forest in order to be assured of an adequate supply of lumber . . . So it is with Masonry. We must develop a program and support it which will start our boys on the road to our Lodges.

If this Board is permitted to pursue its program of building this into one of the richest Jurisdictions in the world, every department must produce a tangible dividend. We are convinced as we said, that no greater dividend can be produced than that our boys be ready, able and willing to take over and perpetuate this great inheritance. We repeat, we feel our Youth Committee has done a great job in the area of their operation but we would like to see some evidence that we are in some way getting our money's worth. We feel that from the time a boy, for instance, joins a Junior Club and graduates to a Senior Club and from there to —? We should have his record, his potentials as a citizen, as a man and above all, if there is a possibility he might become a Prince Hall Mason — remember, it takes fully six years to complete this cycle. If our Educational Program is good enough by that time, a reasonable percentage of these boys should want to become Prince Hall Masons. If not, then we are of the opinion our money is not being well spent, for we are completely persuaded that just as sure as churches design their programs to convert sinners, so should our every activity, every program, be designed to convert the profane that there is no other way in Masonry but as a Prince Hall Mason.

The Rituals

You have for years noticed in the official reports the fact that we have been paying \$15.00 per month rent for storage, however, all of the Grand Lodge supplies are not stored for this price — only the blue back rituals. Our Grand Secretary's house as well as the Assistant Grand Secretary's

basement is overloaded with Grand Lodge material.

The Board decided to do something about this unnecessary burden. Your Lodges will receive communications advising you of our decision. We now ask for your cooperation in this matter.

Grand Lodge Regalia

After checking and re-checking, it was learned that not only was our regalia in very bad condition but most of our Grand Lodge Officers were without correctly matching Regalia. I am sure you will agree that this is only natural because no Regalia had been purchased during the past ten years. The Board decided it was time to purchase a complete set of new Regalia. The job was placed within the hands of a committee headed by our beloved Treasurer, Right Worshipful Roy E. Treece. Our motto, Brethren, is and shall continue to be, — "Less talking and more doing."

Credit Unions

According to reports received by the Board, our Credit Unions are doing an excellent job, especially, No. 1, with our late beloved Grand Master's widow, Sister Hopkins in charge of the books. For the past two years No. 1 has sent the Grand Lodge a substantial dividend check. They show total assets of over \$60,000.00.

No. 2 also is growing. It reported assets of over \$10,000.00. It is also reported that No. 2 is broadening its field of operation to include financing automobile purchases.

Another Credit Union submitted an application for a loan. We are sorry to report we had to reject it, first, because we had no authority to make so large a loan as they were requesting and secondly, because with the important program now on our Trestle Board, we are opposed to any expenditure or investment that will tie up any large sum of our capital.

The Prince Hall Investment Holding Corp. and Savings and Loan Institutions

As you remember, we made certain recommendations to you last year which were accepted unanimously. You displayed a confidence in this Board which we feel was without precedent or parallel. Among several things, we asked you to permit us to set up a Holding Company to operate under Articles of Incorporation, authorized by the Division of Corporations of the State of Cali-

fornia. Through this Holding Company we promised to invest your surplus funds, if permitted by that Department of the State, in a Savings and Loan Institution, or a State Bank, to be partially owned by you.

You called out a loud "GO AHEAD." Brothers, this display of confidence in your Board left us speechless. It was indeed a splendid thing.

But we not only want your confidence, which you have shown, but we want you to know of our every move. We are not interested in fast action, therefore, our every step is and must be calculated to bring sure results. You are not interested in mistakes. In this venture we shall not make any. Our plans are tried, proven, and sure.

It will be noticed that you gave us permission to begin with \$50,000.00 of Grand Lodge funds. You also gave us permission to transfer the present Loan accounts to this Organization for the purpose of re-investing this money in Savings and Loan Certificates, as fast as this money came in. This is what we want to do. We are certain that when we carry out this program, this Jurisdiction will become one of the richest, if not the richest, in our Prince Hall family of Masons.

You have had a whole year to think this thing out. We present herewith the Articles of Incorporation. We are ready. We are asking only for your confidence. We know how to carry out this plan. We shall begin immediately to set in motion our plan to organize a Savings and Loan Institution to be largely owned by this Grand Lodge. You have been caused to carry the load long enough.

With this small portion of your money, we shall lift up this burden off your tired shoulders. You have seen many institutions of this type rise up over the past fifteen years. Quite a number of them, with the aid of your money.

If they can do it, so can we. We talk a lot about combatting Clandestine Masonry. If we can through investments (making your money carry the load), assist you in reducing your dues and fees and at the same time pay a larger benefit, that alone should go far towards that goal, to say nothing of the fact that qualified Masons can then obtain loans through their own bank.

The following things were adopted upon our recommendation: Filing
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REPORT OF SENIOR GRAND WARDEN

Most Worshipful Grand Master,
Right Worshipful Grand Lodge
Officers, Members of the Grand
Lodge and Brethren
Greetings:

This one hundred and fifth Annual Grand Communication of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the State of California and Jurisdiction, marks another significant milestone in the index of progress within the realm of Prince Hall Masonry in our area. Today, as in the past, we pray that the Supreme Grand Master of the Universe will guide us in all of our deliberations, that we may wisely chart our course so as to assure the perpetuity of the veneration and esteem with which our Noble Order is regarded. It is my extreme pleasure, as Senior Grand Warden of this Grand Lodge, to extend to you, one and all, the most cordial felicitations from this station, and to share with you in the bonds of fellowship within which, by the arc of the compasses, we are circumscribed. In appreciation of the trust and confidence that you have reposed in me, I wish to report that I have endeavored, to the best of my ability, to fulfill, both willingly and efficiently, each and every assignment delegated to my station from the Grand East, through our Grand Master Most Worshipful Herbert A. Greenwood. Such assignments, for the sake of brevity, I will refer to as Cornerstone Laying, Institutions, Constitutions and Dedications, and as well, the special services as the Ground Breaking for the School of Exceptional Children and the Fire Services Day in Los Angeles.

In addition, on a national scale, as it affects our Order of Masonry, I have served in two positions, to the credit, I trust, of the Jurisdiction of California and to Prince Hall Masonry as a whole. They were as follows: First — The assignment of Supreme Deputy Master of the Order of the Knights of Pythagoras; and Second — The assignment of Assistant to the President of the National Conference of Grand Masters of Prince Hall Masons.

As Supreme Deputy Master Knight of the Order of the Knights of Pythagoras, I have worked coordinately with our State Director, Brother John H. Thompson and with his Associate, Brother Arthur R. McDon-

ald, to reactivate and to set up Councils of our Masonic Youth Organization the Order of the Knights of Pythagoras. The Rev. N. P. Greggs Council of the Order of the Knights of Pythagoras, under the Sponsorship of Guardian Lodge No. 50, Robert L. Bogan, Worshipful Master, was re-instituted March 31, 1960. A degree team comprised of 25 Master Masons representing the Board of Supervisors of the Los Angeles area presented the "Ceremony of Investiture" upon the candidates in a very impressive manner. Lewis Heard Morrisk is serving as Master Knight of the Council. Working coordinately with this Council is a Mother's Club which has been formed under the "Advisorship" of Guiding Star Chapter No. 50 of the Order of the Eastern Star, of which Mrs. Evelyn Jolet is Matron. Mrs. Norvice Brown, Associate Matron of Guiding Star Chapter No. 50, is serving as Advisor of the Mothers Club and Mrs. Jessie Gordon is its President. In each of the social affairs given by the Council, the Mothers Club has supplied an abundance of cakes, punch, candies and the other things that youngsters enjoy to make these events a success. Thus it can be seen that Guardian Lodge No. 50, the Eastern Star Chapter of its Adoption, Guiding Star Chapter No. 50 and the Mother's Club are all working together in an effort to assure the success of this Youth Council.

On May 12, 1960, the Public Installation of Officers of the Rev. N. P. Greggs Council was held at Holman Methodist Church in Los Angeles, of which Rev. Brother Lanneau L. White is Minister. On this occasion we were signally honored by the presence of our Supreme Master Knight, Brother P. G. Porter who is Grand Master of the Jurisdiction of Kansas.

The Community Council of the Order of the Knights of Pythagoras, under the sponsorship of Community Lodge No. 43, of Palo Alto, California, John Short, Worshipful Master, was instituted June 4, 1960. We are looking forward in keen anticipation to the time when each and every Masonic Lodge within our Jurisdiction, in its own right, shall sponsor a Council of the Order of the Knights of Pythagoras.

As a representative of the Jurisdiction of California, I was honored to attend the Sessions of the Supreme Council of the Order of the Knights of Pythagoras which were

held in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, March 26, 1960. It is encouraging to report to you that all of the objectives of this meeting as called were reached in a spirit of harmony and fellowship. Fifteen States were represented at this meeting. Outstanding work in the Order of the Knights of Pythagoras is being done in the Jurisdictions of Oklahoma and Kansas. The Jurisdiction of Louisiana, under the leadership of Grand Master John G. Lewis, Jr., is showing great promise of overwhelming success in this work among our Youth, in view of the fact that after a very short time of work in this field, fully 22 Councils have already been established. It is interesting to report, also, that Illustrious Booker T. Alexander, Imperial Potentate of the Shrine sent two representatives, Imperial Legal Advisor, James L. Jackson Sr., of Detroit, Michigan, and Imperial Youth Director, Emerson Harvey, of Phoenix, Arizona, to look in on the Sessions of the Supreme Council of the Order of the Knights of Pythagoras, in Oklahoma City.

Currently, I am serving in my second year as Assistant to the President of the Grand Masters Conference of Prince Hall Masons. This organization is functioning admirably under the inspired leadership of Amos T. Hall, President and Grand Master of the Jurisdiction of Oklahoma. I feel that it is fitting and proper, therefore, that I review for you, at this time, a few notes on the Grand Masters Conference particularly in regard to the progress that it has made, and of its hopes and its aspirations.

Over a period of years, the Grand Masters Conference has slowly but surely initiated and pursued a course of *action* which is vital to both the Masonic and as well to the personal lives of all Prince Hall Masons. Such work is embraced in the three-fold program that has been, and is being forwarded by the organization, namely:

- I. First Class Citizenship
- II. The Fight Against Clandestine Masonry and for National Unity
- III. Youth

In the fight for First Class Citizenship, representing 9 years of effort, Prince Hall Masons, since 1951, through the medium of the Grand Masters Conference, have contributed in the vicinity of \$186,000.00 to the finance in its entirety, the Legal Research Department of the N. A. A.

C. P. For this assistance so nobly given, Thurgood Marshall stands ever ready to compliment the Prince Hall Masons. He has observed, publicly, on numerous occasions that this assistance coming from the Prince Hall Masons has represented one of the greatest single factors in helping the Negro of America to win his just rights in the Supreme Courts of our land.

In the fight against clandestine Masonry, with the assistance given from the Commission on Clandestine Masonry of the Grand Masters Conference, of which our Grand Master Herbert A. Greenwood is a member, we can report Victory in the Supreme Court of Kansas, and in the Supreme Court of the United States; Victory in the Supreme Court of Georgia; Victory in Oklahoma, Colorado, Arizona and in a number of other areas. In addition, legal cases in the Civil Courts are in progress in the Jurisdictions of Pennsylvania, Washington, Wisconsin, Connecticut and, here too, in many other areas.

In the bid for National Unity, after approximately 12 years of effort on the part of the Grand Masters Conference, fully 37 of the 39 Jurisdictions in the Prince Hall family of Masons in our Nation have changed their names to the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge F. & A. M. of their respective Jurisdictions. This in itself has been an admirable accomplishment.

In the field of Masonic Youth, after 9 years of endeavor through the Grand Masters Conference to establish the Order of the Knights of Pythagoras as the National Sandard for our Masonic work among our Youth of today, 15 of the 39 Jurisdictions in our nation are professing an active interest in the Order of the Knights of Pythagoras.

The time involved in terms of numbers of years mentioned in the foregoing in an endeavor to show positively and conclusively that there is no "Royal Road to Success." There is a passage in our works which admonishes that the gains to which we aspire are "only to be obtained by ceaseless labor . . . Such is the Divine Decree."

The Cause of Freedom is the hue and cry of the day. The prayer of the Petitions of men the world over are continuously being extended that all men may be endowed with the true benefits of this most noble of ideals. We have endeavored to show, here-

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LETTERS TO UPTON

Dear Brother Upton:

You ask me to give my opinion, as a Freemason familiar with the history, law and usages of the Grand Lodge of Ireland, on the question whether, if it should prove to be the case that PRINCE HALL had been initiated in an Irish Military Lodge, the effect of Rule No. xxvii of 1768, cited by you, would have been to render him either an "irregular" or a "clandestine" Mason. You also ask me to give my reasons for my conclusion.

I have pleasure in doing my best to clear up the point, and I regret that I cannot answer your question as categorically as you have put it. For the earliest extant minute book of the Grand Lodge of Ireland does not begin till 1780, twelve years after the "Rules" were adopted by the Irish Fraternity. Hence, my conclusion must be, to a great extent, inferential, and derived from the absence of evidence that would justify any other deduction. But my researches into our records make me very positive in my conclusion, though it is based on negative grounds.

In my opinion Prince Hall would not have been treated by the Grand Lodge of Ireland as irregular or clandestine. As far as I know, there is no instance in our records of any brother being so regarded, for any similar cause, during the last century. This is solely negative evidence, and must be taken for what it is worth; but there are many other reasons, all tending in the same direction.

In the first place, the Registered Lodges (both Army and Town's Lodges) spoken of in the "Rule" are both amenable to the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Ireland: It follows that both Lodges must be on the Irish Register in order that this Rule should come into effect. To my mind, this disposes of the question; for the Grand Lodge of Ireland would never have entertained, and, in fact, never did entertain any such complaint from a Lodge other than of its own warranting, during the period in question. The Grand Lodge of Ireland was far more likely to regard the newly made Mason as a brand plucked from the burning.

In the second place, it is utterly opposed to Irish ideas of equity that the inoffensive candidate should be punished for the fault of the Lodge that initiated him in defiance of the regulation. In such cases of complaint

as I have found under this "Rule," there is no suggestion of the candidate's exclusion from the rights and benefits of Freemasonry. It is always the offending Lodge that is punished. This, too, is obvious on the face of the "Rule" the offending Lodge is "to be fined a Guinea."

These two general propositions are entirely independent of Prince Hall's case, and would apply to any Townsman that was made a Mason in any Army Lodge. But, there are further more, particular circumstances in Prince Hall's case that would require be cleared up before the Irish Regulation could be held to apply to him.

In the first place, the Regiment (59th Foot) in which this Irish Lodge existed was quartered, as I apprehend the facts, in a fort, fortified position, called Castle William, and not in Boston itself. Castle William is stated to have been in quite a different town (Township), Dorchester. In that case, even if there had been an Irish warranted "Town's Lodge" in Boston, the existence of that Lodge there would not cause the "Rule" to apply to the initiation of PRINCE HALL by an Army Lodge in Castle William.

In the second place, a camp follower would have been deemed a soldier and not a Townsman, for the purpose of this "Rule": and it is not extremely improbable that PRINCE HALL would have been allowed within the fortifications unless he had such a connection with the army as would justify the Regimental Lodge in admitting him and so on, and so on.

But all this is beside the question, which has been already decided by the general propositions which show that the conditions of such a case as that of PRINCE HALL, even if the initiation took place in an Irish Lodge, place it outside Rule No. xxvii of the Code of 1768.

I write under conditions that preclude my access to the minute-books of our Grand Lodge at the present time; but I have gone through my notes with some care, and I am confident that I have not overlooked any case bearing on the very interesting question you have propounded.

Please accept my fraternal good wishes, and believe me

Yours faithfully,

W. J. CHETWODE CRAWLEY
Grand Lodge of Instructions
Freemason's Hall, Dublin
1st May 1899.

THIS IS GOOD PHILOSOPHY

The following advice is taken from an American Craft magazine which asks its readers if it can name the source. We cannot and we wonder if any of our readers can:

Sooner or later a man, if he is wise, discovers that life is a mixture of good days and bad, victory and defeat, give and take.

He learns that it doesn't pay to be a sensitive soul, that he should let some things go over his head, like water off a duck's back.

He learns that he who loses his temper, usually loses.

He learns that all men have burnt toast for breakfast now and then, and that he shouldn't take the other fellow's grouch too seriously.

He learns that carrying a chip on his shoulder is the easiest way to get into a fight.

He learns that the quickest way to become unpopular is to carry tales and gossip about others.

He learns that most of the other fellows are as ambitious as he is, that they have brains that are as good or better, and that hard work, not cleverness, is the secret of success.

He learns that it doesn't matter so much who gets the credit as long as the business shows a profit.

He comes to realise that the business could run along perfectly without him.

He learns to sympathise with the youngsters coming into the business because he remembers how bewildered he was when he first started out.

He learns not to worry when he does not make a hit every time, because experience has shown that if he always gives his best, his average will break pretty well.

He learns that no man ever goes to first base alone, and that it is only through co-operative effort that we move on to better things.

He learns that people are not any harder to get along with in one place than another, for "getting along" depends about 88 per cent on himself.

He learns that bosses are not monsters trying to get the last ounce of work out of him, for the least amount of pay, but that they are usually fine men who have succeeded through hard work and who want to do the right thing. He learns that the gang is not any harder to get along with in one place than another and that "getting along" depends 98 per cent on his own behaviour.

Prince Hall Grand Lodge Formed in Oregon

Early in April of this year two Prince Hall Lodges in Portland and one in Eugene joined in forming the Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Oregon. These Lodges were under charters from the Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Washington. There is in Portland a Prince Hall Lodge under charter from the Prince Hall Grand Lodge of California that did not join in forming the P.H. Grand Lodge of Oregon.

To date fourteen of the thirty-eight Prince Hall Grand Lodges have extended recognition to the Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Oregon.

The *Freemason* has been informed that it was considered necessary to establish a Prince Hall Lodge in Oregon to forestall what the P. H. Masons characterize as "bogus" (clandestine) Negro Masonry being established in the state Court action has been taken in various states against these groups in order to eradicate them. Prince Hall Masonry has a great problem with clandestinism among their own people.

Another activity of the Prince Hall group, for which they are to be commended, is the establishing of the Knights of Pythagoras which is open to boys from 14 to 20. It is not necessary for a boy to be a relative of a Prince Hall Mason to be eligible for this youth group.

P. G. Porter, Grand Master of Prince Hall Masons of Kansas and national director of the Knights of Pythagoras, was in Portland last month to organize the group here, after organizing one at Yakima. Chapters are active in 14 states.

— *The Freemason*

COMMITTEES APPOINTED (from p. 5)

Fraternal Greetings: Jerome L. Hubert, Sr. (45), Steve Denham (91), Jerome Smith (55), Chas. L. Stoudermire (20), Oliver Richard Lewis B. Cox (46), H. M. G. Spencer (23), Emmett Harrison (44).

Committee on Hospitality: Royal E. Towns (57), Chas. Posey (3), Maurice Garner (35), John Short (43), Chester S. Daniel (61), Joseph M. Ayala (82), Thomas Williams (24), Wilbur Massey (69), Robt. Thompson (2), James Lewis (70).

Election Committee: Dubois McGee (28), Harry Tolliver (90), Clyde Thompsen (88), Thomas Johnson (28), Melvin Andrews (52).

THE SWORD (cont. from page 16)

Swords in the days of knighthood were both useful implements of war and the ideals of chivalry. Consequently a great deal of artistry and expense were devoted to the creation of a sword. It was common in the manufacture of these weapons to engrave a motto on the blade. One of the most common of the mottos on swords made in Spain being: "No me soques sin rason; no me embaines sin honor!" Do not draw me without justice: Do not sheath me without honor! Here is another reminiscence of that motto in the portion of the Knights Templar obligation which reminds him not to draw his sword unless convinced of the justice of the cause in which he is engaged, and not to sheath it until his right enemies have been subdued.

Of all the swords that of the Tyler is one of the most interesting in Freemasonry. Mackey states, "It should be wavy in its shape of the blade, emblematical of cherubic fire." 'It is never sheathed, and is always ready for instant use.' In the U.S.A. everything from old cavalry sabres, commemoration swords, Navy cutlasses, Japanese Samurai swords, to sword type bayonets are used as the proper implement of the guardian of the Lodge's outer door. Whatever it may be this custom will always prevail.

GRAND S.W. REPORT (from page 21)

in, that you, as a Prince Hall Mason, through the medium of the Grand Masters Conference, are now, and for a considerable period of time, have been making laudible contributions to this cause of Freedom. The potential for doing good in this regard is almost unlimited. Continued and more effective work in the future can be done by Prince Hall Masons through the Grand Masters Conference only in so far as you, as individual members of the Prince Hall family of Masons, are willing to give more freely of both, your moral and your *financial* assistance on a personal and on an individual basis in order to make these things possible. Overtures are already being made in this regard. We trust that when the opportunity presents itself to you, that you, one and all, will step forward willingly to do your just part.

Archille W. Hébert,
Senior Grand Warden
Fraternally submitted,

GRAND MASTER'S REPORT (from p. 14)
No. 29, Lodge Hall, Oakland.

May 21—Attended Second Testimonial Banquet of Rebecca Chapter No. 56 and Eli Baker Lodge No. 62, Oakland.

May 28—Attended Board of Trustees meeting at Western Knights No. 56, Lodge Hall, Los Angeles.

June 3—Authorized Past Master, Burrell W. Porter, to collect all paraphernalia and monies in treasury of Council of Knights of Pythagoras in Oakland which was not active.

June 3—Approved amendment of By-Laws of Tyre Lodge No. 85.

June 5—Attended 32nd Annual Jubilee celebration of AEANOMS under the auspices of Egyptian Temple No. 5 at Holman Methodist Church, Los Angeles.

June 12—Accepted 50-Star United States Flag presented to Grand Master's office by Masters and Wardens Association of Los Angeles.

CONCLUSION

At the close of this, our third term as your Grand Master, our warmest THANKS are extended to all the officers and members for their concerted and never-failing help whenever it was needed . . . and as it has been demonstrated, it was more than needed to accomplish anything we may have achieved. Realizing that it is incumbent upon every progressive officer and member of this Grand Lodge to keep the ideals of Prince Hall Masonry ever high and never stoop to the low, chicanerous methods adopted by those who do not merit the mantle of true Masonry, we have attempted to wield the gavel judiciously and with dignity at all times.

There is only one way for us to go forward and accomplish the things we are striving to achieve . . . and that is through united and co-operative efforts.

Who am I to say,

GOD BLESS YOU!

HERBERT A. GREENWOOD
Grand Master

DR. WEATHERBEE'S SPEECH

"Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren, once more I want to express my appreciation of the magnanimity which prompted you to invite me here, and to thank you for your generous hospitality, and for the patience and attention with which you have heard me out. May I say to all of you, let us have faith, let us pursue the certain end, and may God bless you all."

—Dr. Wintrop Weatherbee, M.D.

PUBLIC RELATIONS REPORT (cont.)

ple pay for the efforts we have put forth and the price we have paid for the publishing of our Grand Lodge organ.

The financial report for the year will be found in the Auditor's Report, page G-6 and the Budgetary figures on page H-9 of the booklet containing the Grand Master's Report.

In closing we do hope we have generated in your hearts an ambition to become contributors to this history making project, that you as a Mason, in any official or other capacity in which you serve this Grand Lodge, will extend your efforts to include in its pages some of your compositions and writings on Freemasonry so that in years to come our descendents will see

GRAND TRUSTEES REPORT (from p. 19)

Auditing Form, a better System of Bookkeeping, Periodic Reports of our Grand Auditor, a better Bonding of Officers plan.

Due to a misunderstanding, Lodges that have paid their surety bond premiums have not received surety certificates from the Grand Lodge.

and learn what you have contributed to Universal Freemasonry, and to this great expansive jurisdiction of California, where geographical differences should be unknown, but our prudence should be equally as judicious as our workers were in the forests of Lebanon in selecting the trees that were to be used in the erection of King Solomon's Temple, or as exacting as the square of the workers in the stone quarries and as smooth and cementing as the Master Mason who used his working tools to erect and strengthen his structure.

Again, it has been a pleasure to serve this Grand Lodge in this capacity.

Fraternally submitted,

ROYAL E. TOWNS

Director, Public Relations

The Financial Statements as presented by the Grand Auditor have been periodically reviewed by the Board. To avoid duplication reference is made to the Grand Auditor's report on Financial Operations. Budget comparisons for 1959-1960 and Proposed Budget for the Fiscal Year 1960-1961 is herewith presented.

BUDGET PROPOSAL

	Expended 1959-1960	1959-1960 Budget	Proposed Budget 1960-1961	Increase or (Decrease)
Grand Master	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
PGM, DGM, GSW and GJW	957.30	1,000.00	1,000.00	-----
Grand Treasurer	949.61	1,000.00	1,000.00	-----
Grand and Assistant Grand Secretaries'	2,894.81	3,000.00	3,500.00	500.00
Grand Lecturer	925.85	800.00	800.00	-----
Grand Trustees A Auditor Other Appointed Officers and Committees	3,079.54	3,000.00	4,000.00	1,000.00
Printing & Supplies	5,649.01	5,500.00	5,500.00	-----
Donations	3,294.88	4,000.00	3,500.00	(500.00)
Scholarships	1,550.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	-----
Scholarships	1,200.00	1,200.00	1,200.00	-----
Masonic Digest	3,568.21	5,700.00	4,500.00	(1,200.00)
General Expenses & Contingencies	4,154.00	2,200.00	1,500.00	(700.00)
Press Relations	-----	-----	500.00	500.00
TOTALS	\$33,223.21	\$33,900.00	\$34,500.00	\$ 600.00

Estimated Revenues —

General Department	\$ 78,000.00
Relief Department	54,000.00
TOTAL	\$132,000.00

We are also happy to report that all officers and Board members are on the job. Every meeting has been 100% attended. Again, may we thank you for this privilege.

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Long Beach, Calif.
July 19, 1960

To the Most Worshipful Grand Master, Grand Wardens and Members of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the State of California

Greetings:

By the grace of God, we your Committee on Hospitality respectfully submit to you of the 105th Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge; the 77th Annual Grand Session of the Golden State Grand Chapter Order of Eastern Star; and the 35th Annual Convention of the Prince Hall Grand Chapter, Heroines of Jericho.

We are expressing the opinions gathered from a majority of the Brothers and Sisters attending these annual convocations, on a spot check done systematically by this committee. We found such reactions to be very favorable. Of course, as in most gatherings we have found one or two petty gripes of the one or two, who, through no fault of their own have complained about food, housing, and what have you? These things are to be expected for "Be it ever so humble there is no place like home."

We were exceedingly happy to learn that they all enjoyed the Annual Sermon by Grand Chaplain B. Leon Carson, which indeed gave us the Bread and Light we had been looking for, and from the reactions of the convening sessions, we know his prayers have endowed us with a Divine wisdom and Infinite love to make this a blessed realization.

To the Grand Sessions Committee and the local Long Beach Grand Sessions Committee — to all of them — whose names appeared on the program we have, as a souvenir, those names who grace our memento of this session, may God bestow His love on them for their efforts — after

all, there was but one Lodge in this city, Sunset Lodge No. 26, and one Chapter, Queen Beach Chapter No. 33. They deserve our earnest blessing. Chairman Ernest D. Williams and Committee — BRAVO!!!

The Banquet program and the banquet was very well carried out. The soloist, Lewis Owens, singing his selections and the concluding number, "There's Going to Be a Great Day," — was superb, coming at the most opportune time, appropos of the preceding talk on "The Lodge of St. Andrew and Prince Hall," by our stalwart friend and ambassador of Freemasonry, Dr. Winthrop Weatherbee, Jr., of Boston, Massachusetts.

We are certain that no words or thoughts could possible express the gratitude and appreciation of all attending. We were held spellbound by his manner of delivery, and not a soul stirred during his revelation of the historic events of the earliest beginnings of Masonry in the English Colonies of America. Our behavior was that of perfection, because the message he delivered was based on that Divine Attribute we hear so frequently in our work — TRUTH.

We appreciate the courtesies of the Police Department, extended us through its very able Chief Thomas Mooney and the friendliness of his official staff, who always greeted us and gave us proper instruction when we couldn't find that place we were looking for.

We noticed, particularly, an absence of City Officials on the program last night, but the reason was obvious, the City Council, most of its members recently elected, were busily engaged in making up the City Budget that night, which kept the Mayor and the City Council from attending.

However, from the Convention Bureau came a very genuine welcome to us all. He represented not only Howard Jones and his Conven-

tion Bureau, but expressed the sentiments that were meant to convey a hearty welcome from the city as a whole, and it was well taken to be sincere.

To the local newspapers, the Press-Telegram and the Independent, we have nothing but the highest compliments to them for their very excellent rendition of the work of our Orders as the work progressed and for the pictures of our Grand Officers. Their articles were most interesting.

Our hearts are full of love and gratitude for the citizens of Long Beach who welcomed us into their business establishments, restaurants, cafes, motels, hotels, and we have yet to hear a just complaint of the manner in which we were treated in this beautiful city of Long Beach, California (also in the homes of our charming hosts — to be sure).

Last but not least, we learned that many are planning to stay over to enjoy the beauty of this city and its surrounding environs (as so ably outlined in the Prince Hall Masonic Digest and the many pamphlets distributed to us) and our congratulations are extended to the Chamber of Commerce, especially Mr. Naegle, who along with the Convention Bureau furnished the pictures as a living memento of the 105th Annual Conclave held here.

May God in His infinite Wisdom bless all who have been so kind to us and to Him we offer our thanks for such beautiful weather.

We were very happy to serve you in this capacity.

Fraternally and respectfully yours,
Royal E. Towns 57, Chmn.
Maurice Garner 35, Sec.
Fred Anderson (3)
Thomas Williams (24)
James C. Lewis (22)
Wm. E. Massey (69)
Chester E. Daniel (61)
Robert Thompson (20)
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