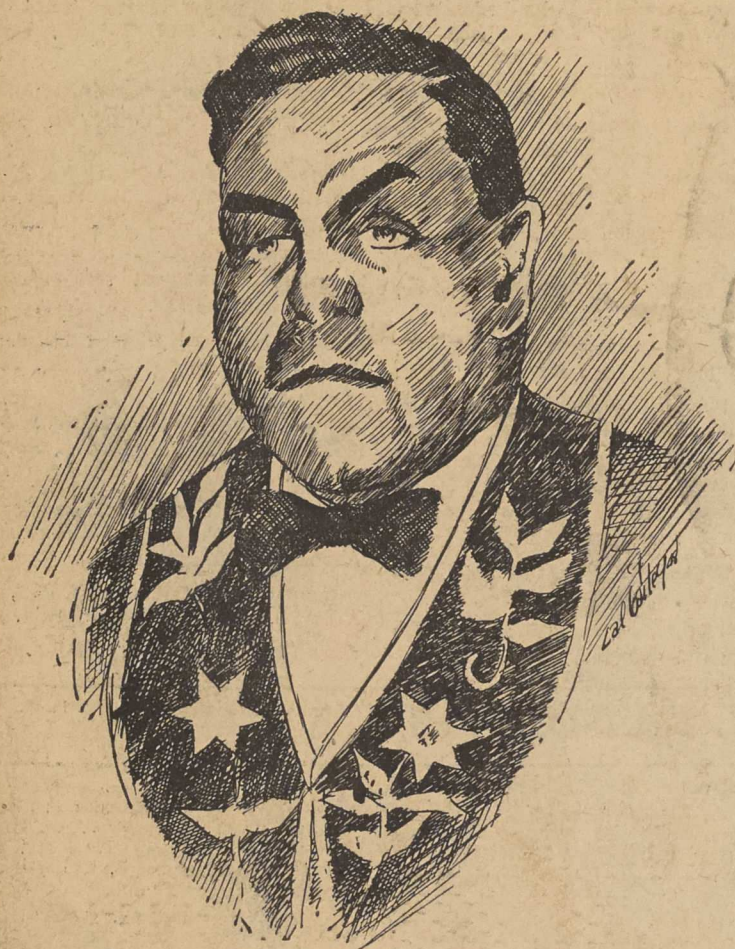


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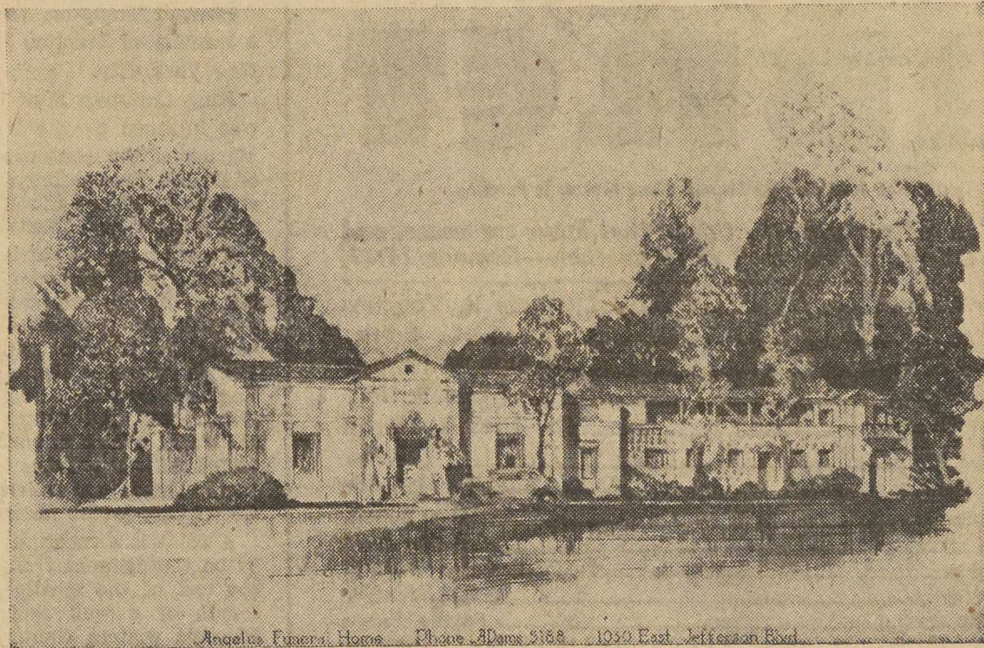
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By WILLIAM HILL, JR.

Howard Thurston, the Magician, is a member of Manitou Lodge No. 106, New York City.

King Christian X of Denmark, who was interned by the Nazis, is Grand Master of the National Grand Lodge of Danish Freemasonry and his brother, Prince Harold Christian Frederick, is Deputy Grand Master.

Freemasons, in affixing dates to their official documents, never make use of the common calendar, but one peculiar to themselves, however, it varies in different rites. York and French rites that Masons of the U.S.A., England, Scotland, France, Germany, and Ireland, date from the creation of the world, calling it Anno Lucis, abbreviated A.L., signifying in the Year of Light. The date is arrived at by adding 4,000 years to the present date.

A cubit is a measure of length said to be the distance from the elbow to the end of the middle finger or one fourth of a well proportioned man. Masonic writers claim a cubit to be wither 18 or 22 inches. There are two kinds of cubits—the sacred and profane. The sacred is twice profane. The cubit used in dimension of the Temple is the common or profane.

None but Master Masons can be buried with funeral honor of Masonry, and even then subject to certain restrictions. No Mason can be buried with formalities, except at his own request expressed while living. No public procession can take place nor can two or more Lodges assemble for this purpose without dispensation of the Grand Master.

Few if any Lodges, can claim such importance as Navy Lodge No. 2612 in London where in 50 years, 2 kings of England and 3 Past Grand Masters of English Freemasonry have been affiliated.

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THE SILENT MASON

The silent Mason is one who lives and acts out his principles in all his intercourse with his fellow man. We believe in Masonry that acts silently. We want no loud cry in the market place or vain pomp and show. The Mason who tries to live our principles without ostentation will be a pillar of strength to the noble institution. The humblest craftsman who has been made a Mason in his heart is worth more than any number of distinguished members to whom its teachings are mere verbiage.

A. J. Morris
(Masonic Historiography)

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Birthday Greetings To

SEPTEMBER CELEBRANTS

Mesdames Pegga Hawkins (7); Suzanne "Bunny" Brooks (25th).

Sadie Priestly (11th); Messrs. Maceo Sheffield (8th).

S. C. Bottler (21st), Phillip Vaughner (10).

Mrs. Laura Hopkins, Grand Treasurer, J.E.S. (1st).

Mrs. Blossie Adams, Riverside (26); Mrs. Frances Albrier, Berkeley (21st); Mrs. Audrey Brooks, Riverside (29th).

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Lampisa, the shipowner, on being asked how he acquired his great wealth, replied, "My great wealth was acquired with no difficulty, but my small wealth, my first gains, with much labor."—Epictetus.

ADDRESS OF THE MOST WORSHIPFUL GRAND MASTER TO THE 92ND ANNUAL COMMUNICATION

AT

SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA

Deputy Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Most Worshipful Prince
Hall Grand Lodge of California and Jurisdiction:

We are assembled this morning in the beautiful and cosmopolitan City of San Francisco for the purpose of convening our 92nd Grand Communication. In the light of Masonic history may we not also say we meet on consecrated ground? This is the City of our birth. This is the City of Lodge No. 1 and Lodge No. 3. This is the City, though destroyed by earthquake and fire, its Masonry has survived to the present moment with its state of being continuous. Today we are home after a long absence. We return fully grown and unashamed, knowing we have kept the faith with our venerable forbears. Somewhere beneath the clods of this City, their bodies are consigned to the dust from whence they came.

His Honor, Elmer Robinson, Mayor of the world-renowned San Francisco, the Chamber of Commerce and other Civic organizations, by written word have invited us and with them the citizens of San Francisco are by word, deed and action, making us feel with tremendous impact the full meaning of the word hospitality and why this City is known throughout the world as the "City that knows how." With this background, it is no small wonder that we approach our deliberations with reverence, a full sense of our responsibility to the future and a deliberate resolve that from this communication will come legislation of such moment to make San Francisco proud that in this City we had our origin. San Francisco, we are grateful.

We are here as guests of Hannibal Lodge No. 1 and Victoria Lodge No. 3. The Grand Sessions Committee is composed of members from both lodges, Sisters from the Order of the Eastern Star and the Heroines of Jericho. The Committee Chairman is the affable and efficient Past Master Walter Sanford. This splendid and hard-working committee has gone to the length of its cabletow in making preparation for our every want and need; for these and the many courtesies that yet await us, I now make known to them the gratitude and the heartfelt thanks of the members and visitors to the Grand Lodge.

Now is the hour for me to officially review with you the business entrusted to my care for the past twelve months. That I may have the wisdom and understanding so to do I ask that you stand with me while the Grand Chap-

lain petitions the Throne of Grace for strength and guidance.

As we turn our thoughts retrospectively we find our nation and the world since last we met, still frustrated and confused with men of indecision leading in affairs. Aims of the European Recovery Program are snarled up in the realities governing the European scene. The friction of the "cold war" between the United States of America and Russia is now beginning to spark. Strikes and labor violence are suddenly spreading again throughout the world. Race problems in the United States is eclipsed by that of the Union of South Africa. "White supremacy" in South Africa means restriction on wages, travel and living of the black man. The Palestinian situation is threatening to engulf the world in military conflict. High prices, high taxes, unemployment, labor agitation and social unrest are unsolved American problems. This world of racial bigotry, labor unrest, high prices, high taxes, economic insecurity, war tenseness and Godless people is in need today, more than any time in its history, of men and women who are fundamentally grounded in those principles contained in the Holy Writ. Men and women who will fearlessly and sincerely practice the fundamentals upon which this great order of ours is founded, "The fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man". With such leaders and such leaders alone shall the peoples of the universe travel the highway which leads to World Brotherhood.

The world, in its present chaotic state, most needs an infusion of tolerant thought into her business, political and social life. Not more world commissions, world agencies, and world orders, but more brotherhood among men of the world. A rededication and baptism in human rights and less emphasis on property rights. Less high sounding platitudes and more

doing and practice; less preaching and more example of human conduct and fellowship.

Our lodges throughout the Jurisdiction have shown gains both numerically and financially. We have pleased in the most part with the high type of leadership and excellent Masonic spirit prevailing in the several lodges personally visited. More official visits have been made this past year by the representatives of the Grand East than have been made heretofore in any one Masonic year. The reports are encouraging where they show constant improvement in the basic fundamentals of our work.

A higher standard of degree work proficiency on the part of the officers is desirable. It is the responsibility of officers that candidates are given the full benefit of the lessons taught in the three degrees and are favorably impressed.

On September 13, 1947, and at the appointed hour in the City of Los Angeles, the Grand Lodge, was, by your Grand Master opened in extraordinary session for the special purpose of constituting William Nickerson, Jr. Lodge, U.D. into a Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons. After the solemn and appropriate ceremony of constituting a charter issued by this Grand Lodge was placed in the hands of Worshipful Master, John L. Thompson, empowering William Nickerson Jr. Lodge to thenceforth act as a regular lodge. R. W. Grand Lecturer, Brother Will Johnson, installed the officers in a manner pleasing to all present. The work of the Grand Lodge officers on this occasion left little to be desired.

On recommendation of East Gate Lodge No. 44, F. & A. M., your Grand Master issued to William Anderson Club at Berkeley, California, a dispensation empowering it to assemble as a legal lodge to discharge the duties of Masonry in the several degrees in a regular and constitutional manner, according to the ancient forms of the fraternity, and the constitution and regulations of this Grand Lodge.

I recommend that when William Anderson Lodge, U.D., has successfully

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HOLLAND No. 20



Meets First and Third Mondays of Each Month
 1050 East 50th Street, Los Angeles 11, California
 ALAN BARCLAY, W. M. LILLARD G. DANDRIDGE, Sec'y

Allan Barclay, Master Holland Lodge No. 20 Aids Stricken Members

The dispensation of charity in the Masonic Fraternity is neither startling nor new, but it is heartwarming and commendable to see the members of the Fraternity hasten to the aid of a stricken brother on a moments notice. Such was the case of Brothers Valsey Young and Samuel Lawson, when their needs were reported by Worshipful Master Allan Barclay, of Holland No. 20 of Los Angeles.

Brother Young, who met with an unfortunate accident of racial hatred while visiting his kin in the south is now convalescent at his West 12th Street home.

Worshipful Master Barclay, upon receiving such generous gifts and donations of food and money for the relief of these brothers, sends the following message to the Craft:

Permit me to take this opportunity to express my undying gratitude to the members and friends of Holland Lodge for their response to the need of our brothers in their hour of need. With a prayer that the good Lord will fill our hearts with Love for our fellowmen and a sincere desire to be helpful to all created beings

Respectfully yours,
 Allan Barclay, Master

Donations received were:

Robert Armstrong, \$2.00; B. A. Ashcraft, \$2.00 and food; Edward Allen, \$1.00; Nathaniel Arrington, \$1.50; E. Anderson, \$1.00; T. Battle, \$1.00; John W. Bryant, \$1.00; Robert L. Britt, Sr., \$1.00; Bernard N. Burch, food; Stanley Burrell, \$2.00; Gerald J. Barnum, \$2.00; Michael Bennett, \$1.00; Knighty Brooks, \$1.00; Eddie Benbo, \$4.00; William Buchanan, \$1.00; Onri W. Bilbrew, \$1.00; J. L. Billinger, \$1.00; G. A. Blackwell, \$2.00; E. M. Brown, \$2.00; Ira E. Bell, \$1.00; S. C. Bottler, \$1.00; Allah Barclay, \$1.00; William Carson, Jr., .50; Edward Chiles, \$1.00; Rev. H. Crutchfield, food; S. S. Collins, \$1.00; Claude C. Cruse, \$1.50; Joseph P. Crozier, \$4.00; B. C. Davis, \$1.00 and food; Ollie Dempsey, food; James H. Dawkins, \$2.00; James L. Daniels, \$1.00; Rev. Ames F. Griffin, \$2.00; Rev. Frank Harris, \$1.00; Henry Martin, \$5.00; H. W. Sheppard, .25; E. A. Sammons, \$1.00; Leon Russell, \$1.00; Open Collection in Lodge \$13.10.

LOS ANGELES CONSISTORY FETES MASONIC OFFICIAL WITH SURPRISE TRIBUTE

Saturday, September 18, 1948 was a memorable evening in the colorful life of Lillard G. Dandridge 33° at the regular meeting of the Los Angeles Consistory, when 100 or more members of the combined Masonic bodies gathered to pay a surprise tribute to California's most outstanding Mason.

By far the most significant honor paid a living individual, members of the various Crafts, under the leadership of William E. Tatum, assembled with representatives from the various lodges to bestow a tangible award upon Lillard G. Dandridge, for his incomparable services to the combined houses of California Masonry. It was an absolute surprise to Dan, as he is familiarly called by his fellows, so precise and well did Brother Tatum form his program. Dan's surprise was even more intense, when in walked his devoted wife, Mrs. Anna Dandridge, who is seldom seen at the public affairs as she contents herself with making his home life comfortable when he returns from the arduous meetings his offices command of his time.

Northern Dignitaries Attend

Among the various Lodges and their representatives form branches where Dan belongs: Rufus Marshall, treasurer, of Holland Lodge No. 20, (Blue Lodge) Bernard Dillingham, Knights Templar; E. W. Fisher, Commander-in-Chief, Los Angeles Consistory; William E. Tatum, Past Potentate Egyptian Temple No. 5, (Shriners); Arthur McClanahan, 33-degree Masons; George R. Vaughns, Grand Master, Prince Hall Grand Lodge of California; and Charlie Jackson, from the Masonic Holding Association.

Out of town visitors present and paying tribute to Dan was Commander-in-Chief Westan Massengale, of Victoria Consistory No. 41 of San Francisco; Harvey Chisom 33° of Oakland. Each representative made a short talk on Dan's invaluable services and contributions to the various houses of the Prince Hall fraternity. A beautiful gold watch and an engraved scroll containing the names of the various bodies was presented to the honoree by Grand Master George R. Vaughns, who flew down from Berkeley for the occasion. Jerome Hubert, Sr., C. C. F. C. rendered several tenor solos.

GRAND LODGE OFFICERS TO BE HONORED AT PRESS BANQUET

What is expected to be the outstanding event on the calendar of Prince Hall Abnet, the Prince Hall Grand Lodge California official publication, is dated for the Sombbrero Cafe, Thursday, October 21 when the Staff presents the Grand Lodge Officers to the Public with a Press-Banquet.

In addition to the formal presentation of the Grand Officers, the fast growing Masonic journal under the stewardship of S. C. Bottler, Editor has arranged a program whereby the presentation of historical accounts of the charter and life of Prince Hall the founder of the Prince Hall Masonic fraternity will be given in an interesting outline.

For the first time of note, the extensive community program of this Grand Body will be revealed to the Press and Public. Heretofore, unpublished, the welfare and charity departments will come in for the revelation that the California Grand Lodge has been extending unlimited services and contributions to the communities of the country. Noteworthy, among its general community services are the Security Fund and the Prince Hall Youth Association. The Security Fund is for the benefit of the young school graduates, who are desirous of setting themselves up in business immediately after completing their scholastic training. The Grand Lodge will advance the necessary funds with sufficient time extended in which the youngster can repay without the hardship of burdensome financial transactions imposed by banks and loan companies. The Prince Hall Youth Association was established this year at the Grand Sessions held at San Francisco. The Youth Association, is the Grand bodies' program of combatting the so-called juvenile delinquency. Under the directorship of Archie Herbert, Master of Guardian Lodge No. 50, the Masonic Youths of the community will be amply provided for with a community center on a large and full time schedule.

Civic leaders and the leading journals of the city has responded to invitations sent out by the Staff. City Councilmen Bennett, Moore and Allen; Assemblyman Augustus Hawkins, Sheriff Biscaluz, Floyd Covington, of the Los Angeles Urban League; Harry Cohn, president of Columbia Studios; A. H. Wingarter, and Dave Harmon, of Columbia Studios; Lorenzo Bowdoin, of Angelus Funeral Home; Howard Corrington, of Leur's Packing Company; Bert Garden and Phil Williams, photographic manufacturers; Drs. H. H. Towles, C. W. Hill, Louis

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Side Glances at a Grand Secretary

by S. C. Bottler

The indefatigability of Lillard G. Dandridge, 33rd degree (active) has for years been taken for granted. Taken for granted, primarily, because of a modesty that is characteristic but in some instances, a fault. For five years, we have been trying to get a photo of him and equally as long we have tried to get him to talk about himself, but just when we think we have him slated for a successful interview, uncannily he becomes suspicious and "clams up."

Recently, several members of the Los Angeles Consistory No. 26, headed by William E. Tatum, made a conscientious study of Dan's important contributions to the Prince Hall Masonic Fraternity by comparing notes and searching the historical archives of this jurisdiction. The results of their findings were such as to warrant something more tangible than mere words. So, they decided to honor Dan, deservedly,—our ad lib, with a surprise testimonial on the regular meeting of the Consistory. Incidentally, Dan has been Recorder of the Los Angeles Consistory No. 26, since 1917.

The word GRAND that follows Dan's name, as he is more familiarly known, is without a doubt more than just a title for the office that he holds. He is never too busy to lend aid, especially to the young initiates in spite of his heavy agenda of secretarial duties to many of the houses of the fraternity. Ordinarily, Dan is of a quiet, modest and friendly nature, religiously fair in his daily association with his fellows but when aroused he becomes a tornado of encyclopaedic thrusts,—and you had better go to one, before you challenge him to debate. He has an uncanny knack of sizing up traits in individuals, and because of this trait, his opinion of people and matters of importance is often sought. He is not only a thorough instructor but an attentive listener. It was because of his constant threats to purchase us an encyclopedia or lexicon in order to prevent us from making so many mistakes in our references to Masonic terms that we slipped off and purchased one ourselves,—hence our running up on the word ABNET.

The respect and affection that he has for the present Grand Master, has caused them to be tagged with the cognomen, "indisputable team of progress." The cooperative activities of this efficiently functioning business team, that centers around the Grand Master-Grand Secretary and the efficient corps of the Grand Lodge Officers have caused the California Jurisdiction to grow to significant and

phenominal heights in the past five years.

To amply describe the activities, contributions, leadership, and influence that Dan commands is an impossibility. However, when we take into consideration, the fact, that it was Dan who was the inspiration for the establishment of Thomas Waller Lodge No. 49; the only Prince Hall daylight Lodge west of the Rockies; Civic Center No. 52; Guardian No. 50; William Nickerson, Jr., No. 55; Friendship Chapter, O. E. S.; (the latter honored him with a banquet several days ago) Holland, Talbot and Garrison Chapters, K. T.; it leaves little wonder that this secretary of secretaries is in large measure the Master's and other titled Officers' alter ego. In his capacity of supervising the business of the executive office of the Grand Lodge and coming into direct contact with the administrators and executives of the entire jurisdictional offices, and the host of persons claiming the attention of the Grand Master to countless demands.

To a second rate man, this would constitute simply a round of mechanical although wearisome activities. To a man of constructive ability and imagination, to one sensitive to the Fraternity's interest, deeply sympathetic with efforts to correct abuses, and earnestly opposed to department heads' indifference and petty tyrannies, it means the privilege of a far-reaching influence and distinguished fraternal service that Lillard G. Dandridge 33° (active) deservedly enjoys.

Then it is indeed small wonder when we realize the fact that Dan holds a life membership in Holland Lodge No. 20, of which he is a charter member; life membership in the Imperial Order of the Mystic Shrine, Past Master of Holland, Past Potentate of Egyptian Temple No. 5; Past Secretary of the Circle of Constantine Encampment (National); Past High Priest of the Grand Royal Arch of California.

His memberships also include Zerubbabel Royal Arch Chapter No. 1; Palestine Commandery No. 1; besides having been secretary of the 50th street Masonic Holding Association and at present secretary of the 12th street Masonic Holding Association.

Yes! the word GRAND after Lillard G. Dandridge's name is definitely more than a title.

His age, he won't tell, but we will venture a rough guess that he is in his fifties. Born in Topeka, Kansas; coming to Los Angeles when yet a mere lad, he is one of four brothers and two sisters. His mother, Mrs.

Grand Lodge Officers to Be Honored at Press Banquet

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Jones, Arthur Quarles, John L. Thompson, Morgan T. White, Sr., W. Robert Brown are just a few of the prominent Masons and businessmen of the community that have sent in early reservations for the banquet.

Of the leading magazines and newspapers expected to be represented are Ebony, Life, Sentinel, Eagle, Pittsburg Courier, LaOpinion, B'Nai B'Rith Messenger, the Japanese News, and the Chinese Press.

The first reservation reaching ABNET'S office was received from Rt. Worshipful Robert Caldwell, Grand Sword Bearer, of McCloud, California. Although Brother Caldwell, will be unable to attend, his reservation was donated to the Grand Lodge's publication and its public relations department.

Featured on the interesting program will be the nationally famed Nash Singers, under the direction of the renown Luvenia Nash, composer-director. Thomas Waller Lodge No. 49, with Willard McDaniel as Master will be in charge of the musical background arrangements of the banquet.

The beautifully illustrated program was designed by ABNET's own Staff artist Lester Matthews, young architect and designer who is fast becoming California's most sought after designer.

Members of ABNET's working staff are: June Brown, office clerk-stenographer; Mmes. Ethel Bufford, O. E. S. Editor; Gladys Treece, O. E. S. Reporter; J. E. Waller, city Editor; Mack Bufford, Ass't Editor; Henry Martin, business-manager; Fred. A. Brooks, circulation; Lester Matthews, illustrator; and Maceo Sheffield and E. L. Joseph, photographers.

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COURTESY

Courtesy is a Masonic virtue. There is a certain courtesy which is always maintained in the Masonic Lodge room which is not observed outside the tiled precincts. Masons should be just as courteous to one another on the street and in public houses as they are when they get in Lodge. In fact, all the virtues of Masonry were intended for use every hour of the day. More Masonic courtesy during the seven days of the week will go a long way toward making Masonry worth while.—Masonic Light.

Alice Margaret Dandridge, 79 years of age, who looks more like his sister, lives on West 29th Place.

With his devoted wife Anna, Dan lives out in South Los Angeles on Santa Ana Boulevard.



ANGEL CITY No. 18



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Prince Hall Masonic School

By H. R. HOXIE

To all Prince Hall Grand Lodges and the various Lodges in this Jurisdiction, something that has long been in darkness and is now being brought to light, our own King Solomon's Temple of Knowledge No. 1, a Masonic school of enlightenment, not only in ritualistic work but the moral perceptions of life.

This is the original school of Masonic instruction, founded by Past Master Brother W. H. Brooks, on the fourth Sunday of April, 1937. With three entered-apprentice from B. F. Talbot Lodge No. 8, F. & A. M. they first began meeting at the home of Brother Brooks, every Sunday morning at 1456 E. 49th Street. "From time to time the brethren would come to me and ask if it would be alright to bring other brethren from the various Lodges," said Brother Brooks. Being interested in the ritualistic proficiency of the young brothers, Brother Brooks replied, "whoever is desirous of bettering himself in the ritual of Masonry, let him come."

As more and more came for instructions, it became necessary to seek larger quarters, which the small club room at the 50th Street Temple was made available.

Just when the school seemed to be getting too large for one instructor, Brothers R. C. Cotton and E. Cleveland offered their aid and was gladly accepted by Brother Brooks. As time went on and the class grew larger, two more young Masons were added to the staff of instructors in the person of Allan Barclay and Joseph Dow.

The class, not having the majority backing of the local Lodges, it fell upon the founder to dig into his pockets to purchase the necessary equipment for the young officers. Soon, however, progress was noted and the mouth to ear system caused more young brothers to seek admission to the class. Since the class's inception, many of the various Lodges now making names for themselves point with pride to the KSTK as their Alma Mater, notably of the group is young Allan "Nick" Barclay, of Holland No. 20. Other Masters of the class were the brothers Manuel, Simon, Moses, Roebuck, Hoxie, Brown, Griffett and Woods.

Brethren, in writing this article, we are trying to bring out the spiritual

Angel City Speaks

By Walter Laremore

Speaking of effort, our senior Warden, Brother Frank Jones, seems to have an abundance of effort and energy. He will gladly expend and give his time to any worthy project. We of Angel City are proud of his ability to "get the job done." He attended the Los Angeles public schools and was graduated from Jefferson High School in 1936. While a student, Frank Jones, was noted for his versatility and achievements, both in scholarship and athletics. He was active in school extra-curricular activities and headed several organizations. He attained the enviable honor of becoming a Knight and was also president of the Thesbian Forum in his senior year at Jefferson.

Apart from his outstanding scholastic record, Frank Jones' life in the everyday world has been constantly varied and challenging, but his adjustment has been consistently constructive and inspiring. Happily married for eight years to his attractive and "better half," Carrie Parks Jones. He is the father of two lovely daughters, Frances and Muriel.

Active in social and civic circles, Frank Jones, is the Scout Master of Troop No. 748, which is sponsored by the Masons. Needless to state, he is a favorite with the boys and his sincere and untiring interest in them and their problems has not gone unrewarded. He has been a member and officer of Gimpers Business Club, organized over twelve years ago. He is employed by the Los Angeles Board of Education as head gardener. Modest and unassuming, those who know him are enriched by his strength of personality and admirable aspirations.

side of Masonry. We also are aware of the fact that the short time allotted us here on this realm, we should attempt to improve in the philosophy of life and its consequences, and it is our intention to attempt to bring these points home to each initiate, so that it will not all be a rule and guide for his present transactions, but that he will be better enabled to follow the rules which are laid down on our Trestle Board of Life which is in the great book of Revelations.

At present, all classes are opened on the first degree. The class meets at the 50th Street Temple every Sunday morning at 11 o'clock.

ISIS TEMPLE OF SAN DIEGO HAS CEREMONIAL

The biggest little Temple in the U.S.A., Isis of San Diego, had its first ceremonial, Saturday June 26, 1948. Eight novices traveled across the hot burning sands of the desert of San Diego. Illustrious Potentate Wallace E. Noble of Isis was ably assisted by our Imperial Asst., Rabaan Joe Oliver; Egyptian Temple's Illustrious Potentate Arthur Quarles, and Noble Cohn. With the ceremoniel equipment of Egyptian Temple, Captain J. W. Burton and Egyptian Temple's Patrol assisting Noble Cohn, Noble Watts Nathaniel that is, and his Plymouth, I mean Studebaker, they change them so fast, Noble's Fitzgerald, Walter Jones. Noble 1st. Lieutenant N. H. Pritchett and his Buick with Noble's Sollie Metoyer, and Freddie A. Brooks. Seesawing back and forth as it was between Los Angeles and San Diego. The merits of a Buick and a Studebaker being discussed or cursed et al Noble Thompson Past Master, Past Master, Past Master, wait I am going to fast, I mean Master of Wm. Nickerson Jr., now and Past Master of Civic Center Lodge, along to assist, also was our Chief Rabaan of Egyptian Temple Noble Louis H. Jones also Noble's J. F. Myers, J. A. Chunn, Noble Clay Past Potentate of Medina Temple of St. Louis always on hand to assist his Illustrious Potentate Wallace Noble of Isis Temple No: 102.

I say his because he resides in San Diego and is always on the job to assist in any undertaking of Isis No. 102.

Everybody say they missed a treat Noble Illustrious Potentate says it will even be better next time "Hospitality Plus" says Noble Cohn as he looks forward to Menelik Temple's visit south to Egyptian. Noble Arthur Quarles Illustrious Potentate of Egyptian very busy getting ready for St. Louis what with reports and various correspondence, etc. makes for a very busy schedule at this time, see you next issue. "Let's make this a big Shrine year, with our "Cancer Fund Donations." Oh yes I think Noble Pritchett got those tires changed around and the proper air pressure in those same tires and Noble's N. Watts and Geo. Fitzgerald and Walter Jones can watch his smoke.

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To be a member of a Masonic Lodge and not understand its symbolism is as inconsistent as to be a citizen and not understand the principles of government.

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Each candidate accepted should be made to understand that Masonry is in all essentials a plan of life—a way of living.



Abnet Covers the Shrine Convention



By ANDREW POWELL

After writing the news of Delta Lodge No. 21 for Abnet for some time, what a surprise when this cub reporter was given his first big assignment to cover the 47th National Convention of the Imperial Council, Order of Mystic Shrine, and all appending bodies, which was held in the City of St. Louis, Mo., from August 15 to 20th.

As the El Capitan pulled out of the Union Station at 2:00 on the 12th of August 42 nobles and members of their families were aboard. Others who shared the trip with us were: Mrs. Beatrice McCarroll, Worthy Matron, O.S.; Joe Oliver, Imperial Assistant Rabban; and Mrs. Ann L. Powell, Illustrious Commandress of Egyptian Court. As we traveled eastward, Illustrious Potentate Arthur Quarles in his speech to the drill team and to the members of the Egyptian Temple, reminded them in a very friendly manner of what was expected of them.

The Convention for all related bodies was opened with memorial services, which were held at the beautiful Pleasant Green Baptist Church of St. Louis.

On Monday morning the Daughters of Isis and the Shriners opened their business sessions in Kiel Auditorium. That evening a public reception was held in the Auditorium, at which time Mayor Kaufman of St. Louis and Potentate Turner of Medinah Temple, the host temple, extended greetings to the 8,000 visitors present. Mrs. Mary McLeod Bethune, one of America's most outstanding leaders, spoke before the vast assembly on the issue of Civil Rights. Mrs. Bethune stated that we must have faith, but at the same time we must work for the rights which should be ours. She continued by saying that we must look beyond ourselves and think above ourselves, that we must become internationally minded, world citizens. This dynamic speaker concluded by making an analogy between the races of man and a beautiful garden of roses which she once saw in Switzerland. In this garden were roses of the familiar shades of red, yellow, and white, but there also was the beautiful black rose which was gorgeous in its distinction. Each rose made its distinctive contribution of beauty and sweetness to all who beheld the garden. Claude Bakewell, Republican, of the Eleventh Missouri Congress responded by saying that the 81st Congress will fight to put into full force Anti-Poll-Tax bill and the

Anti-Lynching Bill by first killing the filibuster in Congress. Imperial Potentate Raymond Jackson expressed his gratitude to the nobility by responding with \$45,000 to be given to the Tubercular, Cancer Fund, a favorite charity of Shriners.

The baseball game between the Kansas City Monarchs and the Chicago Giants on Tuesday night at Sportsman park was another of the highlights of the convention. During the intermission, before 20,000 fans, 7 Shrine patrols, in lighted costumes, drilled on a darkened field. Wednesday was "E" Day, "E" for Egyptian, for before 14,000 spectators the drill teams lined up for competitive drill. After three hours of the most beautiful drilling that this reporter has ever witnessed, Egyptian's sun kissed Shieks of the Desert, headed by Captain Burton, Cooley, took the floor. After one half hour of perfect formation they left the floor with the thundering applause of the thousands ringing in their ears, and little doubt was left as to who had won the national championship. Many thousands lined the streets to see the parade, which was a pageant of color, with each marcher wearing the traditional fez. Other of the outstanding events included the parade of the Knights of Temple, the Shrine Jamboree at the Club Riviera, and the National Bathing Beauty Contest, which was won by Miss Lois Sutton, of Washington, D. C.

★ ★ ★ SEGREGATION RULE IN GUARD

SACRAMENTO — The California National Guard must continue segregation of white and Negro troops or lose Federal appropriations, Attorney General Fred N. Howser ruled recently.

In an opinion handed down at the request of Assemblyman Augustus F. Hawkins of Los Angeles, the only Negro member of the state Legislature, Howser said:

"The authorized Federal authorities, having adopted a policy of segregation of whites and Negroes at the company level, such organization policy must be followed by the state. Neither the Governor nor the Legislature can change that policy."

There are three Negro National Guard battalions in this state, two in Los Angeles and one in San Francisco, the adjutant general's office said.



Mr. and Mrs. Marion Wildy, of Honolulu, Hawaii. Mr. Wildy is the representative of Pauloa Lodge No. 51, F. & A. M. Prince Hall affiliation of the California Jurisdiction.

Dean of Masons

Past Master Morgan T. White, Sr., dean of California Masons, observed his 89th birthday, October 6.

Still active in the Lodge where he served as its first Master, Holland No. 20, Brother White is the mainspring of every progressive movement instituted by his Lodge. His hobbies are the young and progressive men of the fraternity. He recently stated to the Morgan White, Sr. Editor of ABNET, P.M., that his greatest ambition today, is to see the success of the Grand Lodge's publication. His, was one of the first reservations made for the Grand Lodge's Press banquet and will be presented with fitting honors on this occasion.

Living at his South Mariposa Street home with one of his devoted daughters, he spends many of his leisure hours at the 50th Street Hall with his cronies.

He is a life member of both Holland No. 20 and the Los Angeles Consistory.

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Next in importance to freedom and justice is popular education, without which neither freedom nor justice can be permanently maintained. — James A. Garfield.

-STRIDER'S TASTY LUNCH

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Silver Anniversary of Santa Monicans



Left to right: Mrs. Ann Harvey, Mrs. Helen Smith, Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Mitchell, and Mr. Ray Harvey.

Mrs. Tatum Resumes Music Class

Mrs. William Tatum, wife of Past Potentate William Tatum of St. John Lodge No. 5, who regularly donates her time to conducting a music class at the Eastside Settlement House, has resumed her class there, it was announced recently. She will teach each Tuesday at 2:30 p.m. Parents interested in enrolling youngsters in the classes, which are free, are advised to contact the center.

Other news from the Settlement House concerns the formation of a Girl Scout Troop committee, under the directorship of Mrs. Ellendore Adams, Girl Scout Field director. Members include: Mmes. Myrtle Adams, Myrtle Brown, Ruby Livingston, Sadie McReynolds and Lucy H. Jones.

The Eastside Settlement House won three awards at the annual convention of the California State Association of Colored Women Clubs at San Diego last month. A grand award was won for a yellow ceramic's boy's head, first prize for a copper picture of a horse head; and second prize for a ceramic ash tray.

O. E. S. BAY AREA NOTE BOOK

By ETHEL BUFFORD

The Past Matron's night, held on September 28, 1948, of South Gate Chapter No. 27, Order of Eastern Star was a success. The Past Matrons put on the Eastern Star Degree; the Matron of the day was Sister Irene Simms; Patron was Past Patron, Walter Williams; Past Matron, Sister Ethel Matthews, Associate Matron; Past Patron, Brother Anthony Abraham, Secretary; Sister Ruth Larch, Treasurer; Past Matron, Sister Emily P. Anderson, Conductress; Past Matron, Sister Blanche Abraham, Associate Conductress; Past Matron Zibeia Foster Williams; Warden, Past Matron, Margaret Howard; Star points, Adah, Sister Past Matron Serah Stanley; Ruth Past Matron Sister, Julia Kendrick; Esther, Past Matron, Sister Maggie Marshall; Martha, Past Matron, Sister Maude Brock; Electra, Sister Past Matron, Silvia Ramsy. They initiated seven profanes, five for South Gate and two for Beulah Chapter. The Matron and her staff of officers are to be commended for their beautiful work. Advance Officers' month began on October 12 with the advance officers filling their stations. Matron Sister Carrie Johnson, Patron Brother Milton Pursley, Associate Matron, Sister Ethel Bufford; Conductress, Sister Maude Wiseman. The meeting was conducted as if the officers were in their regular stations, and all are to be commended for their fine work. We were privileged to have some very distinguished guests with us. The Grand Worthy Matron of Colorado and Jurisdiction, Sister Hattie Jefferson. She gave a very inspiring talk, and she said that she was proud to know that she was affiliated with Prince Hall, because if she were not she would have missed a treat. With her was the worthy Matron of Wyoming Chapter No. 16, of Cheyenne, Wyoming, Sister Charles Rhone. She, too gave a very inspiring talk, and was also glad to be Prince Hall affiliated. The Star Social Club held a tea on Sunday, September 26 and an electric sewing machine was given away; the tea was very successful.

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REMEMBER THE GOOD

Forget yesterday and live in today. Happiness is the art of never holding in your mind the memory of any unpleasant thing that is once passed.

Prominent Matrons Are Charter Members of O. E. S. Club

The Star Light Chapter, U. D., O. E. S. with Mrs. Frances Spann, Worthy Matron will be constituted as a regular Chapter of the Golden State Grand Chapter, O. E. S. (Prince Hall Affiliation) November 13, 1948 at the 50th street Masonic Temple, according to Henry Spears, Grand Worthy Patron.

Star Light Chapter, U. D., after serving the customary probationary period as required by the Grand Chapter, was granted a Dispensation and has made phenomenal progress under the guidance of Mrs. Ann Powell.

Mrs. Audrey Jones, regional director of the A. K. A. Sorority for the far Western region, is well known nationally as an organizational leader of the powerful A. K. A.'s. The AKA's is one of the most progressive Sororities in the country, who employs a full time representative at Washington, D. C. to keep an eagle-eye on Negro welfare issues.

Mrs. S. C. Bottler, (Dr. Mary E. Norment) prominent young Santa Monica medico, will be remembered as the very young woman who in 1944 averaged the highest grade in the tough California Medical examination. Dr. Norment, is now acclaimed by the Medical Staff at the Santa Monica hospital where she is a member of the staff as one of their most able physicians.

Officers of Star Light Chapter are Frances Spann, Worthy Matron; Robert L. Devers, Worthy Patron; Ella Dostey, Associate Matron; Jason Mercier, Associate Patron; Grace Hicks, Secretary; Audrey Jones, Assistant Secretary; Allena Dent, Treasurer; Lessie Postell, Conductress; Mary Devers, Associate Conductress; Mary Bottler, Adah; Thelma Morris, Ruth, Fay Johnson, Esther; Ellee Jones, Martha; Hazel Vaughner, Electa; Geneva McDowell, Marshall of the West; Mrs. Ghandi, Warden; and Cassell Morris, Sentinel.

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South Gate Chapter, O.E.S.

South Gate Chapter had the honor of many distinguished visitors at their meetings after Grand Session. Among them were Sister Octavia Stits, Past Grand Worthy Matron of Eureka Grand Chapter, O.E.S. of New York and a member of Sunshine Chapter; Sister Lilly White, P.M., Marid Chapter Phoenix, Ariz.; Sister Lena Harris, P.M., of Mary Puretups Chapter No. 48; and the Grand Conductress of Gary Indiana. It was a pleasure to have these visitors with us, and we enjoyed the very lovely and encouraging remarks made by each of them.

STAR DUST

By GLADYS TREECE

The Past Matrons of Queen Esther Chapter No. 4 put on the O. E. S. degree Friday night, August 27th. Seven candidates received this degree. Our Past Patrons deserve a big hand for such a delightful evening. After the degree, refreshments were served. On Friday the 24th of September, Queen Esther put on the Queen of the south degree. October 22nd was advanced officers night and the O. E. S. degree will be put on by thees officers. Oh! Yes! busy you say—well Queen Esther never rests! Came October 24th and they celebrated their 49th anniversary with a star-point tea.

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Past Matron Rosa L. Dawson spent vacation in Portland, Oregon; and while there Grand Conductress Abbie Contrell honored her at a very lovely luncheon.

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Brother Harry Pierson, secretary of the Grand Trustee Board and Past Master of Good Hope Lodge No. 29, F. & A. M.; is convalescing from an operation. He is doing well a sthis goes to press.

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Naomi Chapter No. 2 celebrated its 70th anniversary at a musical tea September 12th. Seventy years!—my what a long time. They are to be honored!!! Sister Lillie Wilkerson is the Worthy Matron and Brother Robert Fields is Worthy Patron.

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New Eastern Star Chapter Constituted by The Golden State Grand Chapter

Star of the East Chapter U.D. was constituted by the Grand Chapter on the 25th of September at the East Gate Hall, Berkeley, California.

Star of the East Chapter which now bears the Number 48 has as its chartered officers, Francis Christian, Worthy Matron; Dorothee Custer, Associate Matron; A. C. Roberts, Worthy Patron; Roy Maple, Associate Patron; Bessie Johnson, Conductress; Marie Jeffers, Associate Conductress; Barbara Henderson, Secretary; Carrie Maples, Treasurer; Florence McKenney, Warden; Genevieve Thomas, Sentinel; Martha Jackson, Marshall; Esther Harris, Organist; Elsie Thomas, Adah; Lottie Rucker, Ruth; Rose McGhee, Esther; Anita Johnson, Martha; and Willie Roberts, Electra.

The Chapter paraphernalia was dedicated by the Grand Patron, Henry M. Spears.



PRINCE HALL LODGE No. 17

San Bernardino, California

Meets 1st and Third Wednesday

Earl L. Mitchell, W.M.

E. S. Johnson, Sec'y



Highlights of No. 17

By VE ESTER WRIGHT

We are happy to announce that we have a progressive Lodge, where we are continually growing in Masonic work. New brothers are continually uniting with us.

Our Masonic work is being carried on by men who are qualified. As in the case of our degree work, our junior Warden always confers the 1st Degrees, and it is done in a manner of which we are all proud. We are also proud of our Sr. Warden in the 2nd Degree. They always prove their interest and belief in the organization of which they are a part.

On one of our meetings a committee was selected to make an attack on an irregular Lodge (Clandestine). Bro. J. W. Lee, P.M., Past Patron, and Past District Inspector was appointed chairman of the committee. Past Master Lee, being well prepared for the job, began his work and after presenting the facts which clearly showed theirs as being an irregular lodge and ours as being completely regular he succeeded in convincing

several of the fellows of what they should do. He urged no one to join with him, but he left them knowing that they were wrong. We have since received word that they have decided to go the right way. This is one of Prince Hall Lodge No. 17's way of aiding our fellowman to ever remember the fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man.

The "L" St. Building Association is doing a fine job of paying off the debt of over \$8000 which was acquired slightly over two years ago. There is now a balance of \$3000. The association now has a drive on to liquidate this amount. A Popularity Contest was planned in which five of our finest young women were chosen to run for the highest goal, and each of them was sponsored by a different brother. Several weeks ago a barbecue was given at the home of W.M. Earl L. Mitchell. It was a huge success, and it provided an incentive to the other sponsors to begin work. The contestants were: Miss Billie Jel Johnson, Miss Bobbie Green, Mrs. Johnetta Jackson, Mrs. Dorothy Debeal, and Mrs. Wynonia Nailing.

Dr. F. M. Nelson, Grand Orator, Retires

Rt. Worshipful Dr. F. M. Nelson, Grand Orator, of the California Prince Hall Grand Lodge, announces his retirement from further activities in the Lodges and private practice.

Long prominent as Oakland's most outstanding physician and surgeon, Dr. Nelson, once before had decided to go into retirement but due to the emergencies of the last war, was compelled to take up cudgel and continue his large practice just a little longer.

As an orator, he is without peer. It was upon one occasion while giving the oration at a St. John's Day services at Oakland, that Dr. Nelson held a large audience spellbound for 45 minutes while tracing Masonry to the era of the Druids. He is not an emotional dramatist but more on the order of the late President Roosevelt. Cultured and refined his stately manners bespeak an unusual intellect. Once, when as a youngster, he chose the priesthood for his station in life, whereupon he saw the urgent need to be of more service to mankind, he changed to the Medical profession where he is noted for his valuable contributions to the advancement of Medical science.

This paper's attempt to get him, recently to make just one more public



DR. F. M. NELSON

appearance before his actual retirement, fell upon deaf ears, as Dr. Nelson, stated, where physical exertion and routines were expected, he was absolutely unavailable.

We left him enjoying himself, watering his Berkeley lawn.

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The happiest miser on earth—the man who saves up every friend.

—Robert E. Sherwood

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Nothing is ever work unless you'd rather be doing something else.—J. M. Barrie.

Prince Hall Day In San Diego

Fidelity Lodge No. 10

By FRED GRAY, JR.

Vernon B. Holloway, Worshipful Master of Fidelity Lodge No. 10, acting under the direction of George R. Vaughns, Grand Master of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge called the craft together to render one of the most impressive services that could be witnessed in any city. The craft assembled at the hall, located at commercial and Evans Streets, and a line of march was formed with the San Diego Veterans of Foreign Wars and a police escort leading. The line proceeded east on Imperial to Thirty-first Street and then one block north to the Rev. Lewis' church where the tribute was paid to our first Grand Master, Prince Hall.

The program for the day was highlighted with the appearance of Mrs. T. Banks, Mrs. E. Williams, Mrs. T. C. Conner and Mrs. Irene Francis. The Masonic history of Prince Hall was given by Moses N. C. Long, the history of Prince Hall's Christian life was given by Richard Richardson, and the Worshipful Master Vernon B. Holloway allied the life of Prince Hall with that of our brothers of today. Each of these addresses were delivered in a flawless manner. By making speeches of this kind throughout the state the so-called Clandestine lodges will find existence impossible, because the people at large will be able to distinguish true Masons from all others. With this thought in mind we are looking forward to a similar celebration a year hence.

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ABNET LETTERS

Read It and Subscribe

Sirs:

I met a brother at the Shriner's convention in St. Louis, Mo., in August and he was a very nice Noble from Los Angeles. (Ed. Note: The Brother was Freddie A. Brooks). He took my name and address and sent me a copy of "Prince Hall Abnet," which I really enjoyed, reading of the many wonderful things that the Masonic family are doing on the West Coast.

I am a member of Cable Lodge No. 119, F. & A. M., Chicago, Illinois. Now after reading ABNET, I am sending a subscription for myself and a brother of mine.

Thanking you in advance, and appreciating the copy that I have already received.

Fraternally,

—Henry Cogwell.

**FIRMA No. 27**

VALLEJO, CALIFORNIA

Sam Atwood, W. M.

James W. LeDoux, Sec'y

FORWARD WITH FIRMABy **PETER LARIEAU**

A group of Firma's members journeyed to Sacramento to sit in on a third Degree with Philomathean, No. 2. Past Master Walter Clay officiated in a very masterful manner.

The four brothers taking the degree were Malcolm Corbert, Amos, Whatley, Oscar Miller and Leon DeBerry.

Present in this meeting was Brother Henry Walker of New Tuscan Lodge No. 5, New Orleans, Louisiana, Prince Hall Affiliation.

We were surprised to learn that W. M. Robert Poole of Philomathean had figured in a road accident, but was doing fine, in fact, was at the meeting.

In an interview for ABNET, your reporter learned that at 12:30 Thursday afternoon, April 29, Brother Poole, while enroute to Sacramento driving his truck, swerved to avoid a headon collision with a car which was bearing down on him from the opposite direction. As a result there was a crash and the truck was completely demolished. It was later found that the other driver was blinded by the glistening snow. Brother Poole was trapped in the cab of his truck which was mashed to a height of eighteen inches. He was extricated by cutting the metal away and taken to the Memorial Hospital in Redding where he was found to be suffering from a buckled collar-bone, right ear severed nearly off, lacerations, abrasions, and shock. Brother Poole related how several people he met while hospitalized had treated him, and he told of flowers and other comforts that had been brought by them.

Firma Lodge met in regular communication with the larger part of the meeting devoted to the discussion on one of the charges. Brother Cecil Vanderberg Jr., Worshipful Master of Ashlar Lodge No. 35 was present and took a very active part. Brother Vanderburg, an intelligent young man with a voice to match, gave a short talk which was more than interesting. He is well known among Firma members and everyone enjoys hearing him speak. He announced a meeting to be held in the near future in which two brothers would receive the Third Degree.

The regular session of Firma Lodge School, was one long to be remembered. With more than twenty brothers

NEWSLETTER

From Excelsior No. 23

By **L. R. BLACKBURN**

It has been some time since Excelsior Lodge has attempted to make a report to you. The Memorial Day flood seemed to have taken all the life out of the people of this district. The morning Oregonian, our daily paper, has a picture headlined, "Flood waters still cover farmlands." This is the third flood that I have seen, and I can truthfully say that it was the worst ever. I do not think that it will ever be known how many were lost. Excelsior Lodge was fortunate not to have lost any members, but we have eleven members who lost everything they owned. I am lost for words to express the grateful appreciation of the people who shared the many boxes received from the many lodges of our jurisdiction. The response was spontaneous and far excelled that of all the local agencies. One behalf of the joint committee set up for the flood relief work, I wish to thank the Grand Lodge and all of the Chapters for their liberal contributions of money and clothing.

The Lodge is in a healthy state and enjoying fairly good attendance. We welcome visits of the brethren traveling this way. Excelsior Lodge meets the second and fourth Monday nights of each month at 116 N.E. Russel St. The Mt. Hood Chapter meets the second and fourth Thursday nights of each month at the same address.

The brethren had just begun to enjoy the ABNET, and many have inquired about it during its absence.

Many thanks again for the kind considerations.

present the meeting got off to an early start with Brother Walter Freeman, the Instructor presiding. Brother William T. Banks gave a lecture on the Third Degree Obligation, taking each paragraph he broke it down and gave his interpretation before preceding to the next. After the lecture, the brothers asked questions and discussed the subject.

The time has come to close up this corner for another month. I'll be here next month.

FIDELUS SCRAPBOOKBy **Peter Vallejo**

Fidelus Chapter No. 19, O.E.S. has been very busy during the past several weeks with two important events taking the spotlight. Braving inclement weather, more than eighty members and well-wishers assembled at the Masonic Temple to celebrate the 29th anniversary of the chapter at a tea which also closed out a drive among several members. Several organizations were represented, among them, Firma Lodge No. 27, F. & A. M.; Harmony Court No. 18, H.O.J.; Ninevah Court No. 54, Daughters of Isis; Rahab Court No. 5, H.O.J., Berkeley; Affectionate Chapter No. 18, O.E.S., Los Angeles; and Ninevah Chapter, R.A.M.

Charter members present included Sisters L. J. Williams, E. Moore, Brothers L. J. Williams, and J. R. Taylor. Corsages were presented to the ladies and boutonnières to the men (Charter members). Each had a short talk. Brother Williams talked on the friendship that existed among the Masonic family and said that throughout more than three decades of fraternal affiliation, he had always felt at home with members of the order wherever assembled. Brother Taylor recalled the birth of the chapter and summed it all up by saying that the present chapter is the result of cooperation and determination of the brothers and sisters to carry on through some very trying times.

There was a short program consisting of vocal solos by Sisters Verna Woodall, Leola Coleman and Leddie Williams with piano accompaniment and a piano solo by a very promising young lady, Miss Ella Mary Smith. Miss Smith played Sparkles, by Walter E. Miles, a complicated piece of music. The Star Social Club raffled a beautiful set of embroidered pillow cases the proud winner of which was Mrs. Jimmie K. Wade. Tea was served throughout the affair which concluded with a pageant which depicted the building of a temple, as each part was erected the builder presented the cost of the part she had built. This was also sponsored by the Star Social Club.

Fidelus Chapter observed Esther Day Divine Services with the Friendship Baptist Church as the guests of the pastor, Rev. J. H. Morris and his congregation. Mrs. Agnes Adams, in her capacity of Mistress of Ceremony, introduced the several visitors and participants on the program. Mrs. Eliza Brown read the history of Esther's life, a very impressive story. Rev. Morris, taking his text from the book of the same name, preached a stirring sermon on Esther.

HIGHLIGHTS OF GRAND SESSIONS

By ARCHIE W. HERBERT

GREETINGS!

By the way of welcome, the great tribute of accord paid our Prince Hall Masonic family in the statement of Elmer E. Robinson, Mayor of the City and County of San Francisco, is here presented: "

"It is a pleasure to extend San Francisco's cordial welcome to the Prince Hall Masonic Family.

You have come to a cosmopolitan city where no one is a stranger, and a city which understands very well the arts of hospitality. I hope that during your stay in our city you will see the unusual beauty of its setting and come to know the fine spirit that makes San Francisco one of the most unique cities in the United States. May your stay here be one that you will long remember with pleasure."



To these warm words of welcome were added those of Brother Walter H. Sanford, P. M., General Chairman of the Grand Sessions Committee, which were:

"We take this privilege to greet and extend to you a most cordial welcome to hold your 1948 Convention in the beautiful city of San Francisco, which you will find both hospitable and cosmopolitan.

May your deliberations and labors in Convention be constructive, harmonious, and profitable, and during the hours of your recess may the hospitality of our people cause you to leave our city with pleasant memories.

Sunday July 18, 1948, Devotional Services were held in the Auditorium of the Girls' High School, Scott and O'Farrell Streets at 3:00 P. M. During the period of preparation, a high state of excitement prevailed. Generally, the delegates were not only elated over the renewal of cherished old friendships, but also were congenial and happy to make new acquaintances, to mill through the crowd, and to see the multitude of new faces. At the proper moment, order was established to the formal procession of the bodies to their specific stations. The cadence of their tread, stately in its bearing, served as an integral part in establishing the appropriate setting for the solemnity of the occasion. The present and past Grand Officers were then conducted to their commanding positions by their staffs with an imposing air of grace and dignity. After the presentation of several high spirit-

ed hymns by the Inspirational Chorus of the Third Baptist Church of the city of San Francisco, the devotional services were conducted by Reverend Brother F. D. Haynes, Grand Chaplain. Rev. Haynes, in true homage to the omniscience of the Almighty Creator, pointed out that in order to be a true Mason, one must have some religious depth. He charged that in this world of wide variances between preaching and practices, of serious inequalities and injustices precipitated out of class barriers, and of tension and turmoil arising out of the overbearing conflict of order versus chaos, the one haven of refuge to all who will but accept is vested in the four words, "In The Beginning God." Under our assignment, he directed, we are marching across the world to bring the sons of Ham, Shem, and Japheth together. He indicated further, that the day is not far hence when all of the sons of God will walk side by side. There is a yearning, he implored, in your heart to return to God and, as one of his appointed workers, you are to carry as the inexhaustible source of your faith the all assuring knowledge that God is the Destiny of All Things.

With the keynote of the assemblage thus established, Most Worshipful George R. Vaughns, Grand Master, condoned, in all of its essence, the wisdom of the sermon which had been so beautifully rendered. In praise, he indicated that it was a message which teaches us how to live. The day is here, he stated, when we should express and demonstrate less high sounding platitudes and more action, less preaching and more doing, less hostility and more friendship and brotherly love. Then in the most serious manner be forewarned, that the day is fast coming when you men and women here assembled, who are God fearing, must take the lead. We are all ambitious to do our part, he stated, and I wish all who have ambition to step forward.

Sister Beatrice McCarroll, Grand Worthy Matron of the Order of the Eastern Star was next called upon to address the body. She stated:

"We must ever adhere to our motto, Building With Christ, for we can not build with success if we do not have Christ in our structure."

Sister Leola B. Wilson, Most Ancient Grand Matron of the Heroines of Jericho, was then called upon to speak. She asked that each and every individual who had heard the commendable instructions and charges which had been so wisely given, to do his utmost to follow them.

LODGE OR SORROW

Tuesday evening July 20, 1948 Grand Sessions convened to pay their just

tribute to those of our Masonic Family who have been called from our midst by the will of God. Each body in regular succession officially conducted its ceremonies in honor of their dead. First, the Golden State Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, under the Command of Brother Henry M. Spears, Grand Worthy Patron, paid their respect in a ritual of floral elegance and interpretation which is without parallel in the annals of ordinary existence. Secondly, the Grand High Court of the Heroines of Jericho conducted their ceremonies under the command of Brother Robert Fields, Deputy Grand Joshua. The ceremonies were concluded with the services of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge, Rite Worshipful Starling J. Hopkins, Deputy Grand Master, presiding. In keeping with the excellence of his past performances, Brother Hopkins, in all sincerity, and in a flawless and masterful demonstration of eloquence, dedicated the full measure of his talents in unfolding the Masonic Mantle of Honor in commemoration of our departed Brethren. Equally impressive was the response of the Grand Lodge Officers. The distinguishing contribution of Brother F. M. Nelson, Grand Orator to these proceedings was particularly outstanding as a result of the high level of his exceptionally artful and demonstrative delivery. Musical accompaniment was furnished by Bro. Julius C. Hall, Organist of the Grand Chapter, and by Bro. Willard McDaniel, Grand Organist of the Grand Lodge.

RESOLUTIONS

The Grand Lodge, responding to the urgent appeal by representatives of the Masters and Wardens Association of Los Angeles, California, adopted both of the resolutions presented by this association. As a result, a more adequate contribution has been provided for our death benefit grant for our deceased Brethren. In addition, a survey has been authorized to ascertain the increase in dues which would be necessary to bring this relief up further to an amount which will more adequately meet the present day high costs of funeral obligations. Outstanding in their support of this measure on the floor of Grand Lodge were Brother Herbert A. Greenwood, W.M. Angel City Lodge No. 18, Brother Archie W. Herbert, W.M. Guardian Lodge No. 50, Brother Allan Barclay, W.M. Holland Lodge No. 20, and Brother Robert Ball W.M. Civic Center Lodge No. 52. The grave need for such legislation was first brought to the attention of the Masters and Wardens Association by Brother R. E. Salisbury, W.M. Douglass Lodge No. 33.

The Masters and Wardens Association of Los Angeles has expressed the wish to thank the many Brethren who

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A. Fraiddie's Diary

Aboard Shrine Special: The bunch is in fine fettle, and sober after one day out. At Albuquerque, Andy Powell, buying Indian headgear or War bonnet, just to be different. Patrol have sombreros . . . Walter Miller, says he came along just to get even, had trouble with his baggage last year, arrived the day everyone was leaving Atlantic City. This time he is getting even with the patrol for making him snap all pictures. He is going to be in all of them this time, fashion-plate and leading man . . . Nobles, E. Carter; Theo. Webb; George Fitzgerald; Nathaniel Watts; James Goodeu; Nick Pritchett, playing the popular game of cards, where you see who can raise and bluff enough to get the pot,—and see-saw around with the money . . . Illustrious Potentate Quarles and Noble, J. F. Myers and two B. F. Talbot's men sitting together with their heads close in deep d-e-e-e-e-p conference . . . Capt. J. W. Burton, sparking a young lady from car to car and introducing her to the gang . . . May Oliver, sound asleep at this point after a busy first day . . . Lala Lee and Charles Spencer, celebrating their 43rd wedding anniversary with daughter Imogene Clay, of Egyptian Court celebrating her birthday with gang singing "Happy Birthday." . . . Clarence Armour, reading about that new camera he received after being on the waiting list for quite awhile, — the rolls cost \$9.25 each . . . Clarence Jones, reading, in spite of the den of noise,—some book—I wonder what's the title . . . Juanita Watts and Novella Curtis, kibitzing on that poker—I mean bluff game . . . Earl Bohannon, studying his code ritual when not on platform looking in awe at the choo choo taking the curves, (rail road, that is) . . . Raining in Colorado, near La Junta . . . El Capitan a smoothie . . . Several days later: Los Angeles' delegation on tour of Anheuser-Busch Brewery among 'em were Daughters Oliver, Armour; Sister Brooks; Nobles, Howard and Myers and Illustrious Potentate and me . . . Mr. Busch serves his lovely brew after the tour of the plant where we saw the bottling and canning operations

and the washing machine for returned bottles, m-m-m-m very interesting machinery.

Wednesday: After announcement of prize winning team, the Captain of Egyptian's Patrol recipient of kisses from the women folks—now he's just full of lipstick and no wife to offer an explanation, picked up and carried around by Nobles Watts and Fitzgerald. Hardly able to hear rest of announcement from Imperial Potentate Ray Jackson, old composure himself . . . My thrill will come when the crack drill team is presented to the Temple by the Captain at our first meeting in October,—scoop! for AB-NET. When speaking of the drill team, please put emphasis on CRACK-DRILL-TEAM . . . Imperial Potentate, an imposing figure directing the arranging of the various Temples in order on the steps of the Soldiers Memorial Building in St. Louis, with the Host Temple Medivah, at the top of the stairs, Egyptian No. 5; Medina of New York City; and Persian of Indianapolis, Indiana, in line near bottom row where the Imperial Divan had the first row . . . Prizes were presented CRACK-DRILL-TEAM in uniforms. . . . Marguerite Chapman, our own song bird was heard at Kiel Auditorium at the memorial services. Too bad I couldn't hear her, according to reports she was excellent, but drill practice at 7 a. m. each morning leaves us with very little time for anything but,—hep-hep-hep . . . Illustrious Com-madress Powell and our Grand Inspector left today for New York, after a busy session at Imperial Council meetings, she had to rush to catch train as she was busy until last minute as delegate from Egyptian Court No. 5, Daughters of Isis . . . After we visit the Forrest Park Zoo, then we leave for Chicago this evening at 11:55 . . . Say hello to the Staff . . .

Thursday: Everybody assembled at 4573 Euright, at the home of one of St. Louis' leading socialites, Mrs. Bailey . . . Joy reigns supreme after announcement by Imperial Potentate that Egyptian No. 5 Patrol had 97-points for first place in competitive drill at Keil Auditorium . . . About 1 a. m. Thursday after the introduction of bathing beauties of various Tem-

ples of Imperial Domain. Miss Alabama, Miss Oklahoma City, Miss Georgia, Miss Indiana, Miss Chicago; all very beautiful, attractive, shapely models of young American Womanhood . . . After which Imperial Potentate made announcement above . . . California delegation had no eyes nor ears for talent show that followed their exhibition drill given after Imperial Potentate told Captain Burton he had five minutes to show the Nobles what made the prize winning points.

Friday: Getting ready to go back downtown to dinner with Andrew Powells and then to memorial services . . . Our headquarters are at the Price's. They have a beauty parlor on Olive street, — not L. A.'s Olive street . . . Place hard to find, but the cabs have a 25c zone, large radius, but I can't stand that 50c a whop! Have you seen the word?—any way you know what I mean punettety or is it "Pud?en-yed?" Everybody well satisfied with places to stay. The Price's had arranged for places, and Charles Moore in very lovely homes. Clarence Armour's father had a lovely room for Mrs. Oliver as Joe was with the Divan. Of course Imperial Assistant Rabaan Oliver made it possible for us to have a hotel. Walter Miller is staying there, everybody lives west of the river. East river, is where other people live . . . Not a bad town, old brick buildings, one hundred and somethings years old. Snow, ice, smoke and heat treated for age. Well I'm going down by the river tomorrow not taken from the song by the same name. There I expect to see the things that Lincoln saw and gazed upon in awe, if not a near exact facsimile in modern dress. The Hawkins and the Coleman's where we are staying have been lovely. Mrs. Hawkins, just came from the hospital today . . . Well, bub, we don't like to forget the swell fellows that made our trip so pleasant, because when the Editor has to travel, we certainly don't want him to suffer for our omissions so please mention that El Captain dining crew bent all the way backward to make, m-m-m-m—they did look funny bending that way—our trip enjoyable and comfortable.

—Little Freddie.

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Attorney George R. Vaughns Re-elected Grand Master of Calif. 92nd Annual Session

**Dr Titus P. Martin, Walter H. Sanford
Elected Grand Wardens**

SAN FRANCISCO—Attorney George R. Vaughns, of Berkeley was re-elected Grand Master of the large California Jurisdiction by a comfortable margin over the deputy Grand Master of Riverside who was his only opponent.

The California Jurisdictional Masters and delegates to the 92nd annual conclave again expressed their desire for the continued progress of a sound and united administration that has earmarked the California Prince Hall fraternity under Grand Master Vaughns, brilliant young Oakland attorney.

Two new Grand Officers were elected to the official family, Dr. Titus P. Martin of Los Angeles and Walter H. Sanford, of San Francisco.

Dr. Martin, a graduate of Meharry medical school is past Master of Holland Lodge No. 20, F. & A. M. He is at present assistant medical director at Los Angeles central postoffice Terminal Annex.

Walter H. Sanford, this year chairman of the 92nd annual Grand Session committee is Past Master of California's first Lodge Hannibal Lodge No. 1, of San Francisco; this year host Lodge along with Victoria No. 3. He is at present clerical supervisor of the San Francisco's Mayor's office. Bro. Sanford, holds the distinction of having served under three Mayors of San Francisco.

Of the new Grand Lodge appointments Brother William Bigby, Jr., board of equalization officer of Fresno supplants Dr. F. M. Nelson as Grand Orator with equal ability. Another of the appointed Grand Officers are John L. Thompson, Insurance Executive of Los Angeles who was appointed Grand senior deacon. Thompson, alert, energetic and aggressive is characteristic of the type of able officers that forms the roster of the Prince Hall family of California. As one of Los Angeles' top Insurance executives, Brother Thompson has displayed a natural ability as a leader not only in public life but equally as well and impressive in the Masonic Fraternity. Besides having been elected to serve two new Lodges as Worshipful Master he is at present along with his lovely wife,

Zora, serving the Rose of Sharon's Chapter, O.E.S. as Worthy Matron and Worthy Patron; adding to the husband-wives combinations of Masonic couples. However, the title of Mr. and Mrs. Masonry would go to Grand Inspector and Mrs. Andrew Powell.

The incomplete Grand Lodge roster of new appointments Hassell W. Davis, of Pasadena as senior Grand Inspector of the southern area; replacing Dr. Martin, who was elected Grand Warden. Vernon Holloway of San Diego and Brother McGee of Calexico are the new Grand Inspectors added to the southern roster. Other appointments will be officially published just as soon as they are received from the Grand Master's desk.

It is to be noted that the re-election of Attorney Vaughns, is an indication of the desire and need of a sound and continuous good administration within the California Jurisdiction. Vaughns' zeal for good administrative government of the Grand Lodge's business is infectious. Once he has picked the right man, he offers him a free hand and keeps his promise.

It is now common knowledge that as a member of the present administration these men work longer hours and to more stimulating purpose than they ever did before. This can be attested by the long trips undertaken last year by the then senior Inspector Martin in giving complete coverage to the southern area. It was not an uncommon sight to see Dr. Martin with



**GEORGE R. VAUGHNS
GRAND MASTER**

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1948-1949 GRAND LODGE OFFICERS front row: l. to r. Worshipful Starling J. Hopkins, deputy Grand Master; Most Worshipful George R. Vaughns, Grand Master; Rt. Worshipful Dr. Titus P. Martin, Sr., Grand Warden. Back row: l. to r. Rt. Worshipful Lillard G. Dandridge, Grand Secretary; Rt. Worshipful Roy Treece, Grand Treasurer; Rt. Worshipful Will W. Johnson, Grand Lecturer; Rt. Worshipful Walter H. Sanford, Jr. Grand Warden.

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Standing left to right are: Jas. A. Stowers, Kenneth Crawford, James Vaughns, Lee Stanton, J. D. Banton, Angelo Stanton, Emory Overton, Ted Bomar, Sanford Magee, David Sands, Charles Crawford, and Taylor White.

—ABNET's Photo by E. F. Joseph

STOP BROTHER, JUST FOR A MOMENT!

Ed's Note: The following is a statement that we would like to see every Lodge in the Jurisdiction reproduce and frame to hang in a strategic place in the Lodge.

Before you enter this Holy of Holies, ask yourself in your innermost heart, "Am I duly and truly prepared?" If you will listen you may hear a voice within saying, "It is a brother desiring admission."

Can you enter this sanctuary this night as, indeed, a brother? Have you divested yourself of the garments of hate, envy, jealousy, deceit, hypocrisy, and put on the robe of Brotherly Love? Can you stand before the Holy Altar, which recalls to your mind memories of by-gone days, and looking into the eyes of your Worshipful Master extend a greeting to those about you?

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Even if we have chaos in our conditions, we need not have chaos in our ideas.—G. K. Chesterton.

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A Mason should build himself and thereby contribute the building of humanity.

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If we desire to help mend the world we should first mend ourselves.

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Proper application or demonstration of Masonic principles of living can help

ADDRESS OF GRAND MASTER

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served its probationary period, a Grand Lodge Charter be to them issued.

Fraudulent Masonry is a continuing menace and is now threatening to become a serious competitor to legitimate Masonry in America. The principles of Masonry as being practiced by unscrupulous men are being misdirected, perverted and prostituted for selfish material gains, and if these practices are allowed to continue, the true principles of Masonry will finally be lost to society and posterity.

Many of our lodges have heard the call of youth and have administered to their needs in various ways; not less than six lodges are sponsoring Boy Scout Troops. At our last Grand Session it was decided that all lodges participate actively in youth movements existing in their respective communities or create a youth organization of its own. Most of the lodges have carried out the proposal and many boys and girls have benefited thereby. From the reports of the various lodges which participated in this activity, we learn that our youth movement must be continued and enlarged upon. Dollars invested in youth by organizations or men are a safe and sound investment, such investment insures the future of mankind.

Just before the beginning of hostilities of World War II, the B-Square Club, sponsored by this Grand Lodge was growing in prestige and numbers. Then came the war and unfortunately, most of its members were within the draft age and went "off to the wars." Our youth organization, along with many others, stopped functioning. Brother Archie W. Herbert, the brilliant and active Worshipful Master of Guarian Lodge No. 50, will present at this Grand Session, a proposal for a youth program to be adopted by the Grand Lodge. We bespeak for him your serious thought and attention.

I recommend that this Grand Lodge sponsor a youth organization properly financed.

The State of Oregon recently experienced the worst flood in its history. When the news broke, we immediately sent a telegram to Grand Inspector Brother Boyce Strain asking for a detailed account of the disaster and asking what help we could be to the stricken, more especially our brethren. We received the following graphic report of the catastrophe from Brother Strain.

Portland, Oregon
June 3, 1948

"Most Worshipful Grand Master Geo. R. Vaughns:

I am happy to say that all of our

Brothers living in Van Port are safe although they were unable to save anything, only the clothes they were wearing. The authorities kept reassuring them all the week that there was no cause for alarm even as late as three o'clock Sunday afternoon. Consequently, only a few were prepared for the worse. We have found adequate housing for our Brothers the Red Cross and Salvation Army are feeding them and giving them vouchers to buy clothing at the department stores. Brother Blackburn, Kinney and myself were at the Red Cross again today trying to give our services or whatever assistance we could give. We were told that there was adequate clothing and ample food, if anything, we could do, would be for us to give money and only money for the relief. As soon as the Master comes in I will advise him to call a special meeting and give each member that was living in Van Port some financial assistance from our treasury.

You no doubt have seen pictures of the place after the break in the wall, and heard radio reports. I don't think they could or did give a complete report. The wall broke about 4:30 in the afternoon; when I first heard it I was out there in less than a half hour. It doesn't seem possible that the place could be 10 feet under water in so short a time. People on housetops, in windows and hanging on to anything that would keep them afloat and the houses breaking just like you would crush an eggshell in your hand. There must have been at least a thousand to drown. People separated from their families running here and there trying to find them, some with hardly any clothes on or no shoes. It was something awful.

All trains from the north have to stop in Vancouver, Washington. S.P. trains stop in Brooklyn and trains from the east a few miles out at a flag station. The airport is closed and expecting it to be flooded before morning. You see we are almost completely isolated here. Water is about two feet deep in the Union Station. A man caught a salmon in the station Monday afternoon, about ten pounds. It is rather amusing to see people fishing out there now.

Boyce Strain
1433 N.E. 1st Avenue"

We later received a request from Excelsior Lodge at Portland, Oregon for financial assistance. Your Grand Master, at once sent a check for \$500. I request that my action in this matter be ratified.

I again place in your hands, my beloved brethren, the Jewel of my high office, unencumbered, untarnished and undefiled for your disposition and take this opportunity to say unto you, I am grateful for the many courtesies, kindnesses and favor that were mine to

enjoy, the invaluable and sincere friendships I have made and the heart-warming, constructive cooperation I have received from my Grand Lodge officers down to and including the youngest Entered Apprentice who stands in the Northeast corner, while serving you in this exalted position of Grand Master.

The last few minutes, may I discuss with you the essence of Masonry. In with you the essence of Masonry. In character-building. A man's character must be distinguished from his reputation, "REPUTATION IS WHAT OTHERS THINK OF US, CHARACTER IS WHAT WE ARE." Character is builded from within and becomes one's destiny. Character-building begins early in our lives by receiving the benefits of good home training. The young man who has been reared under the influence of a well-governed home, under the saintly care of a Christian mother and the sympathetic and sound advice of a God-fearing father, embarks upon an active life fortified sufficiently in character to withstand the trials and tribulations that await him.

"Masonry attempts to plant in the minds of its members, general rules which shall govern their conduct and to inspire them to right living, by holding before them high ideals by means of its symbolic teachings, and who can calculate the influence exerted upon them. It is impossible for any thoughtful man to receive the degrees which it confers without being deeply impressed with the purposes of life and the solemn obligation to be "a good man and true and strictly to obey the moral law" which rests upon him as a member of society. With him alone rests the choice of the use he will make of the training he has received; but his Masonic obligation rests upon him, everywhere and under all conditions, as it does in the discharge of his duties in the Lodge." Therefore, in Masonry character alone counts.

The Masonic Brother who studies, understands, and becomes imbued with the principles of symbolic Masonry exemplifies the eternal truth that the mission of Masonry is to build the temple of character in men. He realizes that which has been so beautifully put in words by Henry S. Kaley, Past Grand Orator of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska, speaking before its grand session in the year of 1880 and I quote, "Upon her altar he beholds the Holy Bible, God's best gift to man, which he is reminded is the great light of Masonry and the rule and guide of every faith. She gently leads him by her symbolic teachings and lessons of love to the ladder of faith, hope and charity, and admonishes him to have faith in God, hope in immortality and charity to all mankind, which he is also forcibly taught that the cardinal ten-

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ets of a Mason's profession are "brotherly love, relief and truth." In short, with a gentleness that inspires confidence, and a grandeur that challenges admiration, does she constantly seek to lead him into a higher plane of human action. Nor does Masonry stop in her mission of mercy and lessons of love within the closed recesses of her temple, but with a quietness that seeks no applause she stretches out her hand of benevolence to the needy, giving bread to the hungry, and clothes to the naked. She seeks to raise up the downtrodden and oppressed of all climes; to tear asunder the oppressor's chains and paralyze the tyrant's power; to scatter the lighted fagot prepared for the unfortunate victim; dull the keen edge of the scalping knife; sheathe the glittering sword of contending armies, and seek to unite in common brotherhood the nations of the earth."

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DOES OUR CHARACTER MEASURE UP TO THE STANDARDS MASONRY TEACHES?

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BEHOLD A BROTHER?

Can you enter the Lodge tonight with a desire not only to receive, but to give?

Should you entertain a spirit of enmity in the slightest degree for a brother in this Lodge, go on in, take the hand of that brother of yours, talk it over with him in the fraternal spirit that you should, and watch the mists disappear and the Sunlight of Masonic Brotherhood illuminate your heart and his. Just try, brother. You will not be disappointed. The noblest work of God is man, and the ancient landmarks of Freemasonry are His handiwork of man's highest nobility. Unless, then, you claim to be a Mason, good and true, I beseech you to turn back and do not enter. But if your ambitions and aims are the high calling of the Brotherhood of Man as taught throughout the ages by the fraternity of Freemasonry, and sanctified in nature and revelation by the approval of the Great Architect of the Universe, enter here, for within you will find THAT WHICH YOU SEEK.—The Royal Arch Mason.

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lent their support by letting it be known that they were unquestionably in favor of the adoption of such needed legislation.

THE PRINCE HALL YOUTH ASSOCIATION

Designed to meet the troubled and unsettled state of present day affairs, and to permit our body to arise to counter the imposing challenge of those men and women who are principally concerned in selfish material gains that they can realize by fostering the cause of clandestine Masonry, the coordinated plan of the Masters and Wardens Association of Los Angeles was presented Grand Lodge by Brother Herbert Jenkins, Treasurer, and Brother Archie W. Herbert, President respectively. This plan embodying the organization of the Prince Hall Youth Association had in its scope the pre-established medium of bringing into being the request made by the Grand Master that technical and professional study, wide spread public education, and substantial contributions to youth be immediately employed by the Craft to meet the pressing needs of the hour. This matter was placed in the office of the Grand Master for his disposition.

Crescent Bay Lodge No. 19

Santa Monica, California

By C. L. WHITE

Crescent Bay Lodge was well represented at the Communication of the Grand Lodge. The delegation was headed by our Past Master and Past Grand Master, R. H. Broyles, Past Master McCarroll and W.M., J.W., S. and several members made the trip to Oakland with them. Crescent Bay is honored to have not only a Past Grand Master, but also the present Grand Lecturer, as members of its Craft.

At the intermediate meeting of August the 1st degree was given. We were honored to have as our guest Past Grand Junior Warden, Satchel of the St. John of Los Angeles. Brother Satchel treated us to the lecture on Freemasonry.

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Gleenings of Community Lodge No. 43

San Francisco, California

By SIDNEY L. STATON

Well may we open by saying what is going on in the World? You can bet that community Lodge is making its contribution to the news edition. The Eureka Club has been extremely busy sponsoring the very colorful formal dance and the picnic that was given in support of our effort to present the Manhattan Frazier automobile. It was a noutstanding affair of which we are proud, and may we mention here the very fine manner in which the committee took care of the guests. That beautiful park was most fitting for the occasion. The chefs in the barbecue pit were Brothers K. Mack and E. M. Brown and Sisters Lillie Mack, W. Landry, and T. F. Smith; Brother N. French and Harvy Moore took charge of the soda water refreshments; the radio public address system was handled by Brother George Grimes; the Frazier was transported on Brother James Ferguson's truck and finally the Worshipful Master, E. C. Shepard was doing a magnificent job of seeing that everyone was having a good time.

July 3, 1948 was the climax of our big effort, a very fine ball was had, and the auto was given away. Mr. Paul Smith of 323 Grant Street, in Palo Alto, California, was the holder of the lucky number 2487. He came to the dance in a jalopy and drove home in that beautiful Manhattan Frazier. It was very edifying to see the interest shown by hose present. May we say here and now hat the response from the several Lodges and the support of their memberships gave the Eureka Club the grandest feeling and this encouragement, and that from the public in general, is deeply appreciated by the brethren. Our Building Fund Committee will continue to carry until it successfully meets its ultimate goal, a MASONIC TEMPLE.

There has been a sustained program maintained by the committee in the affairs of a smoker at the residence of Brother E. M. Brown. A delicious chicken dinner was served and Bridge, Whist, and other entertainment was enjoyed by all. The home of Brother T. F. Smith was the setting for another very successful social gathering. The committee is under the chairmanship of Brother C. Davis, and they receive the praises of all the brethren. Prince Hall Day, held jointly with Pride of Peninsula No. 36 O.E.S. in San Mateo at the St. James A.M.E. Zion Church was indeed a credit to our Masonic Bodies. The program was very fitting for the occasion.

In Memorium to an illustrious Mason who devoted his all to Masonic principles, we report the death of Brother Frank D. Hellems on the afternoon of

August 3, 1948 while he was in New York City visiting a sister-in-law, Mrs. M. Johnson. His death was a shock not only to Palo Alto where funeral services were conducted by Community Lodge No. 43 and Pride of Peninsula No. 36 of which he was Worthy Patron; he also was a member of the Shrine. Services were held at University A.M.E. Zion Church of Palo Alto of which he was a member, and he was buried at Alta Mesa Cemetery. Worshipful Master, E. E. Shepard conducted the services as Brother Hellems always wanted.

A fe wof the highlights of the life of a Masonic Brother such as Brother F. D. Hellems: Brother Hellems we can say is the Father of Community Lodge in that he helped to start the U.D. Lodge in 1927, he was a member of Richmond C. Marshall Lodge No. 15, and when we received our charter in 1927 he demitted and has been Secretary for the past 10 years. He had been ever the instructor of the degrees and always given his Masonic knowledge to the brethren. He gave much of the furniture to the Lodge, so you can see that he has been unselfish in his zeal for the Craft. Just this year we honored him with a life-membership of which he was very proud. The Lodge was at a loss to pay their homage to him in any greater manner or expression than this.

He also was the founder of Pride of Peninsula Chapter No. 36 of which he was the first Worthy Patron, and he served in that capacity for many years. He has been a resident of Palo Alto for the past 25 years and by the large number of citizens who were present at his funeral verifys the high respect he had attained in his community. He was a printer by trade and Community Lodge has been the recipient of much of his talent.

To illustrate his dynamic personality in Masonry on his visit to New York, our Lodge received this communication:

Dear Sir and Brethren: The members of Samson Lodge No. 65, F. & A. M. (Prince Hall) New York, extend to you and your esteemed Lodge our sincere heartfelt sympathy through the loss of our distinguished Brother, Frank Hellems. While visiting in New York, it was a distinct privilege and honor for us to receive and welcome him in our Lodge at the last Regular Communication held July 7, 1948. He seemed to have enjoyed our fellowship. Be cause of his impressive, dignified, and brotherly manner, all of us learned to love him at sight, and hoped for more of his communion. He addressed our Lodge and left no doubt in our minds of his sincerity as a man and a Mason. WE MOURN OUR

George Vaughns Reelected

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the Grand Secretary and Director of Public Relations arriving home at 5 a.m. from one of his jaunts. With equal regularity the other Grand Inspectors made their periodical visits or attended sessions called by the Grand Lecturer under whose supervision they operate. Grand Master Vaughns, believes that the effectiveness of good Masonic government is dissipated by pulling and hauling between its legislative and executive branches. He does not believe that in Masonry divisiveness is the mark of a strong executive. He abhors yes men. His cabinet sessions are a prolonged round of give and take. (We sat in on one session with he and the Inspectors recently from 10 a.m. until 9 p.m.)

Here is a brief analysis of his stewardship:

1. The General funds of the Grand Lodge is higher today than it has ever been.

2. There are more Blue Lodges and less suspensions for non-payment of dues. And more harmony throughout the Jurisdiction.

3. There is a security tax-fund, provided for worthy young College graduates and a very low rate of interest when recommended by members of the Grand Trustees.

4. Grand Inspectors added to official family to work under the supervision of the Grand Lecturer, insuring regular Lodge visits more often and a greater unity of ritualistic work.

5. Upon the recommendation of the Grand Master, the jurisdiction now celebrate annually Prince Hall Day. These annual celebrations introduce programs commemorating our illustrious founder with seminars, church services built around historical highlights of the granting of the original charter to Prince Hall by the mother Lodge of England in 1784 and its relationship to the present day Prince Hall Masonic Lodges in the United States.

6. This year upon the re-introduction by young Archille W. Herbert, Master of Guardian Lodge No. 50, F. & A. M. of Los Angeles of the Prince Hall Youth Association. A youth movement was started under the administration of the eminent and late Dr. N. P. Gregg.

LOSS, MAY HIS SOUL REST IN ETERNAL PEACE. We feel confident that the Trestle Board of his whole life will pass the inspection of the Supreme Architect of he Universe, and hat he will be received into the fraternity of the Spirits of Just Men made perfect. Believe us to be in Fraternal Sympathy.

Arthur Birchwood, W.M.

This is a testimony to our deceased Brother, F. D. Hellems.

CONGENIALITY HIGHLIGHTS DELECTABLE DINNER PARTY

PAR EXCELLENCE in festive splendor, genial conviviality, and gustatory delights, was the supperbuffet which Grand Treasurer and Mrs. Roy Treece hosted for a number of delegates and Grand Lodge officers of the 92nd sessions.

Ordinarily a residence of pastoral charm, the Treece's Lockwood street home in Oakland, on this occasion, might have been a scene from "Midsummer Night's Dream."

Characterizing the gladsome party was the patio and outdoor living room with a huge combination fireplace and barbecue pit, located in the southern end of their beautifully landscaped garden. In spite of its being mid-July the northern California climate was unquestionably crisp, and the warmth of the crackling fire soon lulled us aslumber, of course, after we had eaten a goodly portion of the barbecue New-York cuts, especially prepared by our hostess, Mrs. Gladys Treece.

Guests included Grand Master and Mrs. George R. Vaughns, Deputy Grand Master and Mrs. Starling J. Hopkins, Mrs. Hopkins, is Grand Treasurer, O.E.S.; Grand Lecturer and Mrs. Will W. Johnson, Mrs. Johnson, is Grand Secretary of Relief, O.E.S.; Mack and Ethel Bufford; Dr. Titus P. Martin, Grand senior Warden, of Los Angeles; Messrs. and Mesdames Harry Pierson, Duran Hardin, H. H. Brown, of San Francisco; Mack Courts, of San Diego;

Others were Mesdames Blossie Adams of Riverside; Annie Berryman, of Sacramento; Julia Mitchell, of Los Angeles; and Eunice Wilkes of San Francisco; and Messrs. S. C. Bottler, director of public relations of the Grand Lodge; Henry Martin, business manager of ABNET; and Ernest Buford.

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Guests Honored Bro.

M. K. Courts on Natal Day

FRED I. GRAY, JR.

The celebration of Prince Hall was recessed from the Church, and several of the brothers continued it at the home of Bro. M. K. Courts, where his wife and our sister Virginia Courts had a wonderful colation awaiting the guests. The joyful crowd ate ice cream and the beautiful white cake without even questioning the number of years that our Supreme Grand Master had spared him on this earth.

However, we take this time to wish him many happy returns of the day. Among the many guests in attendance were: Mr. and Mrs. Milton Warner, Mr. and Mrs. Hansford Chapman, Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Conner, Mr. and Mrs. William Moore, Mr. and Mrs. Fred I. Gray, Jr., Mrs. Ethel Williams and sister, Mrs. Brown, Mrs. A. B. Cleveland, and Mrs. Mattie Bishop.

charm, the Treece's Lockwood street

FESTIVE AFFAIR

Gala Party Given By Bredas

Widely feted during their Northern sojourn were Worshipful Master and Mrs. Allan "Nick" Barclay, while attending the 92nd Annual Convention of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge at San Francisco.

Brother Barclay, is Master of the Jurisdiction's largest Lodge, Holland No. 20, and is already regarded as one of the most proficient young Masters in the state.

While in San Francisco, he and his charming wife Mae, was entertained with a sit-down dinner by Mr. and Mrs. Lester Breda, cousins of Mrs. Barclay. At this memorable affair, guests included Mesdames Nellie Lewis and Izetta Allen of Los Angeles; Mr. and Mrs. Leroy E. Breda, Miss Beatrice McCoy and Messrs. Frank L. Breda and Leon Breda.

Also while in the North the Barclays was the guest of honor at the Ward street home of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Day in Berkeley where they were feted with a colorful barbecue-buffet.

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If there is righteousness in the heart there will be beauty in the character. If there is beauty in the character, there will be harmony in the home. If there is harmony in the home, there will be order in the nation. When there is order in the nation there will be peace in the world.—Chinese Proverb.

Santa Monica Couple Re-enacts Memorable Event With Party

On August 1st Mr. and Mrs. Harold J. Mitchell observed their 25th wedding anniversary at 1919 S. Harvard Blvd., Los Angeles.

Amidst a background of roses and gladioli they renewed their vows. The service was read by Rev. H. Mansfield Collins of Neighborhood Community Church.

Mrs. Mitchell, beautifully gowned in white marquette, attended by her sister, Mrs. Helen Smith as matron of honor, lovely in ice blue taffeta, and Mrs. Ann Harvey as bridesmaid charming in orchid taffeta, entered the room from the spiral stairway on the arm of her mother. The mother, Mrs. Frances Terry, was gracefully attired in black crepe.

Mr. Ray Harvey, childhood friend of the couple, acted as best man.

Preceding the service, Mr. Thomas M. Terry sang "Because", accompanied by Mrs. Marie Johnson. The "Wedding March" was played by Mrs. Sarah C. Herriford.

More than four hundred guests attended the beautiful affair, and wished the couple many more happy anniversaries. They were the recipients of many beautiful gifts.

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LET IT BE SEEN!

I would not give much for your Freemasonry unless it can be seen. Lamps do not talk, but they shine. A light-house sounds no drum, it beats no gong, and yet far over the water its friendly spark is seen by the mariner. So let your actions shine out your Freemasonry. Let the main sermon of your life be illustrated by your conduct, and it shall not fail to be illustrious.—Masonic Herald.

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RESTRICTIVE COVENANTS

By unanimous vote, the United States Supreme Court held that state and federal Courts may not enforce residential restrictive covenants. The Court opinion delivered by Chief Justice Vinson, these agreements between property owners to exclude Negroes and other minorities from owning and occupying property so covenanted are not in themselves unconstitutional, but they must be purely voluntary agreements and the Courts may not be called upon to enforce them.

In every day language this decision means that where caucasian property owners agree among themselves not to sell to Negroes, and later one or two or more decide to sell, their neighbors cannot go to court and prevent them from doing so. It means that if Negroes have the money and can find sellers, and are willing to take their chances in hostile atmosphere, they can now buy and move in. No court can step in and keep them from their home.

These are the salient points as handed down by the Supreme Court's decision:

It cannot be doubted that among the civil rights intended to be protected from discriminatory state action by the Fourteenth Amendment are the rights to acquire, enjoy, own and dispose of property. That Amendment erects no shield against merely private conduct, however discriminatory or wrongful.

We conclude, therefore, that the restrictive agreements standing alone cannot be regarded as a violation of any rights guaranteed to petitioners by the Fourteenth Amendment. So long as the purposes of those agreements are effected by voluntary adherence to their terms, it would appear clear that there has been no action by the State and the provisions of the Amendment have not been violated.

But here there was more. We have no doubt that there has been state

actions in these cases in the full and complete sense of the phrase. The undisputed facts disclose that petitioners were willing purchasers of properties upon which they desired to establish homes. The owners of the properties were willing sellers; and contracts were accordingly consummated. It is clear that but for pangs of state power, petitioners would have been free to occupy the properties in question without restraint.

These are not cases—in which the States have merely abstained from action, leaving private individuals free to impose such discriminations as they see fit. Rather, these are cases in which the State have made available to such individuals the full coercive power of government to deny to petitioners, on the grounds of race or color, the enjoyment of property rights in premises which petitioners are willing and financially able to acquire and which the grantors are willing to sell.

We hold that in granting judicial enforcement of the restrictive agreements in these cases, the States have denied petitioners the equal protection of the laws and that, therefore, the action of the state courts cannot stand.

This practice which had grown so widespread in America, affecting not

A MASON'S CREED

All roads that lead to God are Good;
 What matter it, your faith or mine;
 Both center at the goal divine
 Of love's eternal brotherhood.

A thousand creeds have come and gone

But what is that to you or me
 Creeds are but branches of a tree,
 The root of love lives on and on.

Though branch by branch proves withered wood,

The root is warm with precious wine;
 Then, keep your faith, and leave me mine;

All roads that lead to God are good.

—Ella Wheeler Wilcox

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Enthusiasm is the fire that lights the way to achievement.

only Negroes, but Mongolians, Jews, Indians and other minorities as well, ended with deserved victory for such race workers such as George R. Vaughns of Oakland and Loren Miller of Los Angeles, who had waged a relentless fight against such vicious practices that had existed under this Democratic Government.

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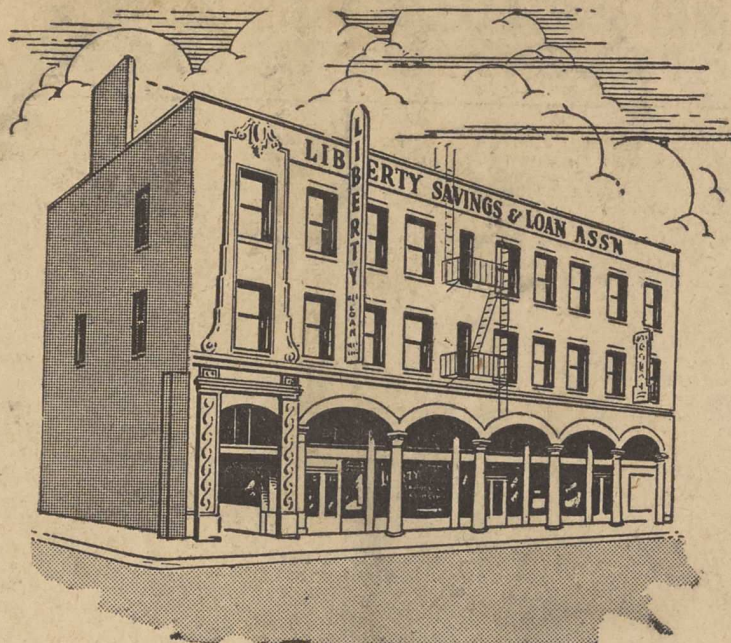
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