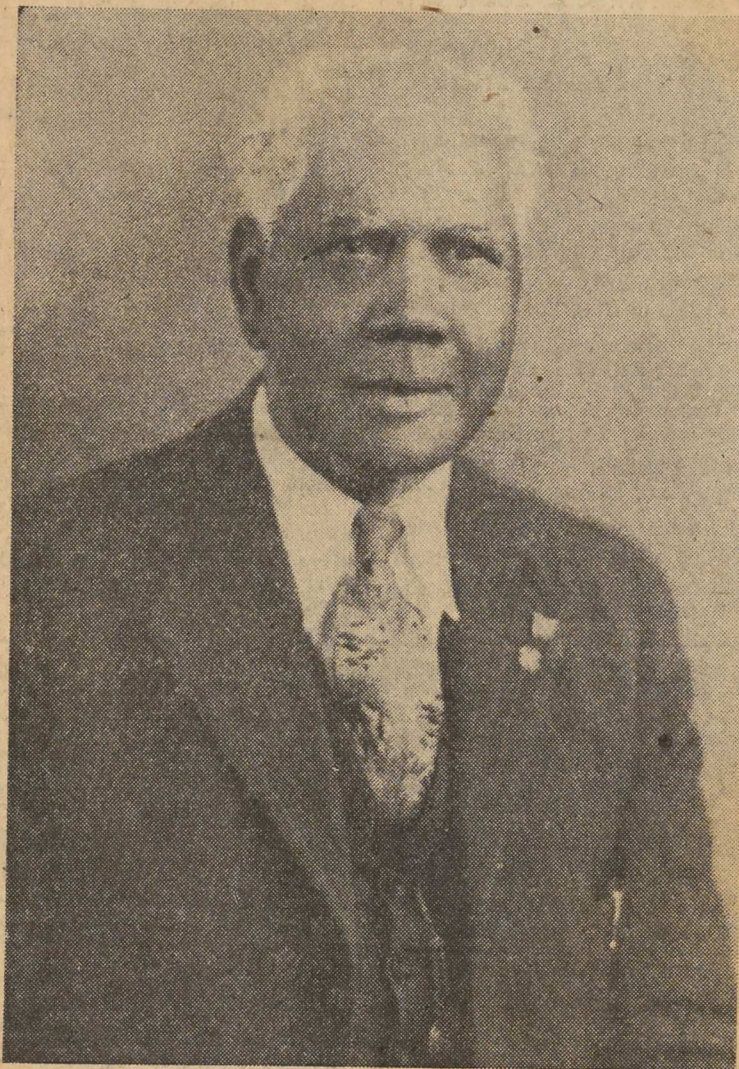


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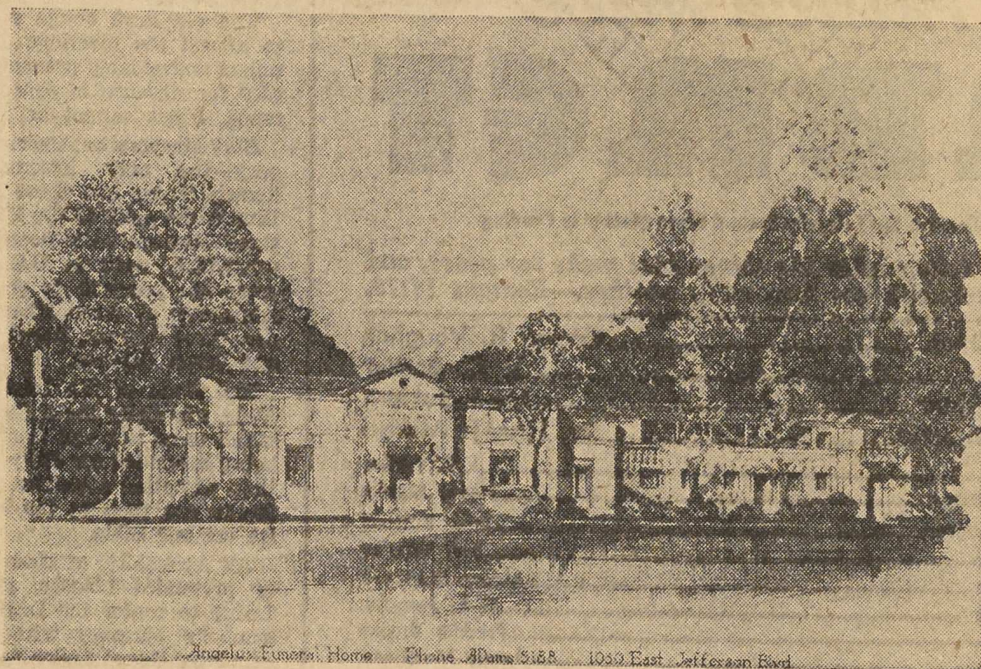
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PERSEVERANCE

We must not hope to be mowers,
And to gather the ripe, gold ears,
Unless we have first been sowers,
And watered the furrows with tears.

It is not just as we take it,
This mystical world of our;
Life's field will yield as we make it,
A harvest of thorns or of flowers.

—Goethe



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DO YOU KNOW

By WILLIAM HILL, JR.

The old laws oblige every brother to attend the meetings of his Lodge unless unavoidably prevented. The penalty for absence is censure or reprimand. Fines cannot be inflicted.

Blue Masonry or Ancient Craft Masonry—the only Freemasonry ever known. There are three Degrees and Blue is the color of the Highest. These three Degrees have been divided and subdivided, until in U.S.A., nine degrees are required to obtain the full knowledge of three. They include the now three degrees, Royal Arch, Royal, and Select Degrees.

The Book of the Law is the Holy Bible, especially the 5 Books of Moses, which were lost and later found after being concealed for 470 years. In other than Christian countries, other Divine Books are used in the same manner we use our Bible.

All Assemblies of Masons or Masons or pretended Masons, meeting as a Lodge to confer the Degrees or teach symbolic Masonry without authority of a legal Grand Lodge are Clendestine bodies or Lodges. Symbolic Lodges can only be established by Symbolic Grand Lodges.

The closing of a Lodge is always at high Midnight. The Brothers then go home peaceably, remembering that high Midnight of Life may overtake them without a moment's notice.

Cowans and Evesdroppers are worthless fellows, a harpy, or a dog. The punishment, if caught, to be placed under eaves of the house in rainy weather till the water runs in at his shoulders and out at his shoes.

The Highest or most severe punishment administered for a Masonic crime is Expulsion. The other punishments are reprimand, definite suspension, and indefinite suspension.

Landmarks of Masonry are those immemorial Laws which have been handed down from age to age, not knowing whence they originated with no person or body the right to change them and by which all Masons are bound. They consist of written and unwritten fundamental Laws of the Order. These Landmarks vary in number from 7 to 39 according to various Grand Lodges.

Darkness in Freemasonry is a symbol of Ignorance. It is said "The eye should not see until the heart has conceived the true nature of those beauties which constitute the Mysteries of the Order."

Remember the Bible informs us that God said, "Let there be light, and there was light." We as Masons must dispense light in our way of living.

WISDOM

Wisdom is the sum of all the knowledge, thought and reasoned opinion of all the people. No one man, no one nation, nor any one race or age had or has or has all of it. We gain wisdom by the study of the thought of others, and therefore those most certain to become wise will be those whose minds are ever most certain to become wise will be those whose minds are ever open to consider and find the truth in what other minds produce.

—M. A. Stillwaugh

FAMOUS TROWEL

The trowel used by George Washington to lay the cornerstone of the Capitol at Washington in 1793 has been used since by seven other Presidents of the United States for great and important undertakings.

As the trowel spreads the cement that unites the several parts of the building, so does the spirit of friendship bring men together in Masonry to make a great institution.—Ex.

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The first Masonic Home in America was established in Kentucky in 1869.

Abnet Reporter Takes a Candid Portrait of California's Most Outstanding Masonic Leader

By Earl Whaley

Past Master T. B. Norman, of St. John Lodge No. 5, F. and A.M. of Los Angeles is a Masonic brother who is well known throughout California, Washington, Oregon or wherever Masons meet. Brother Norman, is one with whom those who have not had the pleasure of making his acquaintance might feel that the time spent in doing so was well worth while.

Rich in fraternal knowledge, experience, and service, brother Norman has had a long life of activity and is still going strong.

Born in Austin, Texas, a graduate of Wiley University in Marshall, Texas, and a Spanish American War veteran, brother Norman came to Los Angeles in 1901 and has been affiliated with the most prominent fraternal organizations of the city. He is affectionately known as the "Daddy" of Garrison Lodge, having been instrumental in its being set up and also having officiated as its Master. In connection with his association with Garrison Lodge, he recalls, with much praise, the work of the secretary L. G. Dandridge, who is now known throughout the nation as the "Secretary of Secretaries."

The record and activities of T. B. Norman reads like a legend. A member of Palestine Commandery, he holds the distinction of being the only one in the jurisdiction to make proficiency in the ceremonial as High Priest and Prophet and says that the most enjoyable of all, to him, is the Shrine ceremonies. He is Past Grand Patron of the Golden State Grand Chapter, O.E.S. and has had the honor of being Patron of Affectionate O.E.S. for twenty-one years. Affectionate Chapter holds him in such high esteem that for the past six or eight years the second meeting of February has been designated and observed as "Norman's Day."

His early Masonic interest was inspired by the late Reverend Greggs and T. A. Harris, and he in return, has served as the inspiration in Masonic Achievement for Brothers Henry A. Spears, Grand Patron of the Golden State Chapter, O.E.S. and Grand Inspector Andrew W. Powell, as well as for many others who have known him.

He recalls the time when our present Grand Senior Inspector, Dr. Titus P. Martin, demitted to this jurisdiction and later was instrumental in starting Holland Lodge on to its position of prominence that it now enjoys in the Jurisdiction. Also, declares the Masonic benefactor T. A. Satchell, the present Grand Junior Warden was instrumental in St. John Lodge forging ahead and keeping to the forefront with the rest of the Lodges in this jurisdiction.

Being a charter member of St. John Lodge, brother Norman is naturally proud of Brother Satchell's success.

He expresses enthusiastic satisfaction in his praises of the degree of proficiency attained and the initiative shown by the younger Masons of this present day crop. Although having many good things to say concerning the Past Grand Masters of the California Jurisdiction, and especially of PGM Wilson, under whose administration he served during his "Garrison Lodge" days, he states, that the Order has grown and made more progress under present Grand Master George R. Vaughns, than any other time in the entire history of California Masonry.

"T.B.," as he is affectionately called, has a memory that is a veritable storehouse of information pertaining to Masonic events of years gone by. He recalled, that it was Brother T. A. Harris, who started the proficiency system and regrets that some of the history and older work has been lost.

Brother Norman is well known in Oregon and Washington and has a host of friends among the older members of the Masonic fraternity.

Among his other fraternal affiliations is a record of 50 years membership in the Knights of Pythias; 27 years as the Keeper of Records and Seals, Past Grand Chancellor, Past Grand Master, U.B.F., Past Grand Mentor Knights of Tabor and at present is Endowment Secretary.

"T.B." will be 81 years young in the near future and when he quoted the three score and ten years mentioned in the Bible, he said that he is thankful that he has been blessed with four score.

He is the uncle of the famous Athlete Jimmy Norman, of the early twenties at Lincoln High School; who is at present Chancellor Commander of the Knights of Pythias.

ABNET hopes that Brother T. B. Norman will be with us for many years to come and that he will have the opportunity to see Prince Hall Masonry reach the goal which we of the present day are seeking to attain.

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Help thy brother's boat across, and lo! thine own has reached the shore.

—Old Hindu Proverb

ELIMINATE PREJUDICE

Most misunderstandings are the result of inadequate knowledge of people and conditions surrounding their attitude and decisions. What is the outstanding secret of Masonry?

Surely it is not its grips, its tokens, nor its magic word which passes from mouth to ear; nor is it found completely in the moral laws it teaches, using symbols of high ideals and brotherly duties, turning truths into tools for the shaping of human character.

These are truly vital and of great importance, but unless these things lead to the realization that we are each traveling a lonely road leading into the sphere of immortality we have not caught the significance of our Craft.

We are told that if we are ever to accomplish the building of a better civilization it will find its source in world brotherhood. If this be true, and we have no reason to doubt its validity, we must begin by endeavoring to understand each other.

The three degrees of ancient Craft Masonry are aptly called "symbolical degrees." He who is unable to interpret Masonic symbolism need not hope for even a fair understanding of the high and noble aims of the Craft. It has been said that a man may be moral and yet mean. He may be clean but cruel; honest but uncharitable; truthful but narrow and bigoted.

Sympathy and understanding enter into the consciousness of the good man and Mason. Prejudice can find no lodgement in the heart of a real Mason. When William Story and James Russell Lowell were students in college, they were opposed to Daniel Webster because he remained in Tyler's cabinet.

These two young men went to Faneuil Hall one day ostensibly to listen to an address by Webster, but really to show their disapproval of the man and his methods; this they were to do by hissing.

When Webster arose and began to speak, however, the two young men forgot to hiss. They were pleased with his manner, fascinated by his rhetoric and charmed by his personality, until at last they found themselves applauding with the enthusiastic crowd.

Thus when we come to understand men in general we find much which is worthy of our approval, and often find that we are not divided in our sympathies and aspirations.

A great knowledge of the teachings of Masonry will give us a better understanding of our fellowmen.

—Masonic Quarterly.



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OUR DAY OF MEMORIES

Members of Holland Lodge No. 20, F. & A. M., who are deeply grieved by the death of its venerable Past Master Thomas Palmer, whose irreparable loss in consequence of that sad event, may account themselves blessed that his life was so long and so beautifully lived.

This beloved Past Master, who was a 32nd degree Mason enjoyed the respect and admiration of all of the branches of the fraternity. He was the 18th Master of Holland Lodge and was active in both the lower and upper houses of Masonry.

In spite of the sudden and tragic manner in which he died, we do not believe Brother Palmer, would have had his end come at any other place—50th street Masonic Temple. Always vitally interested in the activities of his Lodge and his community, during the recent war, he was Captain of the Air Raid Wardens of his district.

It was with deep and particular pride when his only son, Tom, Jr. was accepted and given his first degree into the Lodge that he had served as Master and was still an active member.

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Civic Center No. 52, in particular and Holland Lodge moans the loss of another of its faithfuls.—Brother James Allen. While an active member of Good Hope Lodge No. 29 of Oakland, brother Allen, several years ago had removed to Los Angeles and had become a beloved and respected member of Civic Center by adoption and Holland by claim. In fact Brother Allen was claimed by every Lodge he had visited,—and he visited them all regularly.

When Civic Center Lodge was duly constituted by the Grand Lodge several years ago, member of this Lodge voted him in as an official and honorary member. Last year when Holland Lodge was voting Grand Lodge expense to its representatives officers, they included Brother Allen's expense as a gesture of their respect and admiration of the service he was rendering them.

We really feel that the Grand Master of the Universe, was in need of another Chaplain in the Celestial Lodge, and also being awe when he began his prayer by saying, "Sweet Jesus, Kind Heavenly Father," He sent orders for him to transfer his membership. Right now, should the Grand Lodge of the Universe be in session, we can be sure Brother Allen is squaring himself at the Altar and praying to that Grand Master above to look down upon the California Blue Lodges and bless and forgive them.

DOUGLASS No. 33

South Los Angeles

R. E. Salisbury, W. M.

Keiff Boulton, Sec'y

Meets 2nd and 4th Mondays

Progressive Program Continues Under New Master of Douglass

By Rev. B. C. Cooke

Douglass Lodge No. 33, F. & A. M., is making splendid progress under the leadership of Brother R. E. Salisbury, its new Worshipful Master.

The true spirit of Masonry seems to reign throughout the brotherhood. Nothing is more pronounced in Douglass Lodge, than the real love that should predominate Masonic brethren everywhere. That love and fellowship is really kept alive in Douglass Lodge by all of its members.

Brother Roy Taylor, JP.M. is a living example to us all in what it means to be true Masons. He is an inspiration to all Masons everywhere. Brother Keiff Boulton and Ed Lewis our efficient secretary and treasurer respectively, have contributed greatly to the spiritual leadership of Douglass.

Brother Clarence Williams in the West and Le Roy McDowell both aid in dignifying the Lodge's meetings by their eloquence of speech and their seriousness of purpose.

The Lodge is making tangible strides in our efforts to build a home for Masons in South Los Angeles. We look forward to a greater and brighter goal under the leadership of the Great Architect of the Universe.

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Research News

By T. B. Norman

The Engagement Ring

When Abraham's servant met Rebekah at the well and persuaded her to become the wife of Isaac, he gave her a pair of earrings and a couple of bracelets to bind the troth. By the time, 2000 years ago, when the Romans got around to making laws, a ring had assumed the same significance. That little band of betrothal has been the source of much happiness—and plenty of trouble ever since.

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"Wants and Needs"

There is a wide gap between what a man needs and what he wants. But what a difference that gap makes. If he could be satisfied with three plain meals a day, a bed, and a roof over his head, he could do pretty well in this Garden of Eden we call United States. Remember the old cartoon that had a man atop a mule holding a stick with a bag of oats on the end extended about four feet in front of the mule's head. It was impossible, of course, for the mule ever to catch up with the oats, but the mule didn't know that, so he kept forging ahead. Well, that is about the way each of us pursues his wants. Eventually comes frustration. When a man gets too much of that, he begins to hope very, very deep down and secretly, that some world blow-up will occur. He won't admit, even to himself, that he harbors such a hope. But his frustration is an expanding force and must be relieved. That is why news of Old world disasters, local calamities, strikes, riots, floods, drouths and hurricanes have such a fascination for many people. Such news is alarming to the man who thinks he is catching up with the bag of oats, but it is relief for the man who knows he has lost the race. No one can stand still. The man who has quit running after the "oats" invariably reverses the situation and start backing away. But the "oats" (his wants) are still there—and he can't get away from them. Instead of luring him forward, they push him backward. He tries to back out of everything social customs, fraternal obligations, business ethics, accepted standards of living, current excitements, fads and seasonal activities. The point is, that man isn't a mule. For one thing, he gets life satisfaction from chasing the bag and he does catch up with some of his wants. But the minute he does, new ones, twice as alluring as the ones he has satisfied, appear. So the race continues. And that is about all there is to life. Galloping—furiously, calmly, foolishly, craftily, intelligently, recklessly, carefully—but galloping after "wants" that multiply faster than they can be satisfied.

ST. JOHN LODGE NO. 5

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Los Angeles, California

WM. H. COLLINS, W. M.

WILLIAM TATUM, Sec'y

T. A. SATCHELL

Rt. Worshipful T. A. Satchell, junior Grand Warden of the California Grand Lodge was recently re-elected president of the Los Angeles Past Master's Council at their annual election of officers at the 50th street Masonic Temple.

The Council composed of Past Masters of the local area serves as counsellors to the young Masters when conferring degrees and public ceremonies when requested. It is their tutelage and guidance that has inspired many of the promising young Master that are now holding office.

Brother Satchell having served his Lodge as Master for five consecutive years is held in high esteem by the Jurisdiction. He is senior Trustee and treasurer of the Trinity Baptist Church on the Westside of Los Angeles. In accepting the nomination, the venerable Masons addressed the Council:

Twelve months ago you elected me president of this council to serve a term of one year. Tonight that term of office expires. It is fitting therefore that a summary of our year's work be presented to the council as a matter of record and for the benefits of our members who were unable to attend these meetings in a regular way.

First, I wish to express my thanks to every Past Master whose interest and sincerity of purpose made it possible for the council to operate. I am especially grateful to the secretary of this organization Brother C. W. Ladd, whose efficiency is not only outstanding in this field of endeavor but one whom this council can safely rely for future development and guidance. I am also deeply indebted to the members of the Master's council of 1945 whose untiring efforts and progressive ideas have made this council of Masters a fraternal reality.

The Past Master's council of Los Angeles area is not an organization of ordinary importance in a sense of organized activities it is a medium through which every Past Masters may strive to develop his spiritual and Moral life in accordance with the purpose of Freemasonry as it affects the Fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of Man.

In the keeping with the meaning of our by-laws and constitution with reference to article No. 3, page 2, on January 22, 24th and February 14th respectively you council of Masters

conferred three symbolic degrees. This work was done under the auspices of St. John's Lodge No. 5, F. and A. M. and representing a part of our services necessary to the establishment of Western Knights Lodge, U. D. On March 13th the council also gave assistance to Western Knights U. D. and William Nickerson, Jr., No. 55 in a joint session. At this assembly the sublime degree was conferred. On April 28th our organization accepted an invitation extended by Guardian Lodge No. 50 and assisted in conferring the third degree. Every moral support was given this young Master, Brother Archie Herbert, who however, conferred the degree himself in its entirety and in a manner which leaves an indelible impression that he is one of the best ritualist among the Masters of today.

In the course of our years work it was necessary to amend the constitution and our by-laws so that the Members of the council could legally be asked to pay 25c per month dues, a means of raising funds to frame the work of the council. The activities of the council extended further, endeavoring to assist the local committee of the F. E. P. C. in forcing legislation of a bill known by the letters indicated above and bearing No. B984. At the request of this council, communications were sent to legislators in Washington, D. C., namely Senators J. N. Ives, of New York; Taft, of Ohio; Sheridan Downey and W. F. Knowland, of California. Favorable and prompt replies were received to that end.

Again, I am grateful to you for the support which you have given me during my term of office. Whatever mistakes I have made during those months, rest assured that my intentions were good. May God grant that our future activities in this council be crowned with success. —T.A.S.

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LIKE BEGETS LIKE

Smile into the face of the world and a smile comes back—render good service to others and good service is returned to you—show a spirit of helpfulness and that spirit will surely send back aid to you of a like kind—think good thoughts and the same good thoughts will be of you.

The only way to avoid getting a square deal from the world is by not giving the world a square deal yourself.

—Exchange



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HERBERT A. GREENWOOD, W. M. WILLIAM FAULKNER, Sec'y

Angel City Speaks

By Walter Laremore

The Lambs Club, of which Brother William is chairman, will hold a raffle for the benefit of the "sick and shut in." First prize will be an electric refrigerator. Second prize, a table model radio. And third prize, is an electric Mix Master.

The price of the tickets will be one dollar. Each book will contain ten tickets, \$9.00 to be turned in and \$1.00 to be kept by the member for his services. No committee member or member of his family will be allowed to participate in the drawing. The drawing will be held at our annual party given September 11, 1948. You will receive your book at the Hall or through the mail. This is a worthy cause.—Please put it on your "must do" list.

Another important date will be St. John's Day. Master Greenwood urges every brother's full participation in this eventful day. A wonderful program is promised you by Emanuel Nelson, chairman of the committee.

Rev. Jordan will be the principle speaker. Historical accounts of Prince Hall Masons will be given by Brother T. A. Satchell. Many other interesting speakers will be heard.

For the newly made brethren is a brief resume of the origin:

The life of St. John the Baptist is closely associated with the biblical narrative.

According to history St. John the Baptist has never made any special contributions to Freemasonry. He was a great Preacher and Prophet. In the year of 287 A.D. when Freemasonry was carried to England, it was customary to dedicate and consecrate to some Saint every structure intended for the worship of God and with like idea all of the cooperations, artists and artisans and the trades choose Patron Saints.

The Freemasons choose Saint John the Baptist, for theirs, because his feast fell on the 24th of June, the date of the summer Solstice. We as Free and Accepted Masons are observing Sunday, June 27th as St. John's Day because it is the Sunday nearest to the original St. John's Day.

There's lots of work involved in making this a successful St. John's Day program and one who is doing his share, is our own Junior Warden, Curtis Watts, who is also secretary of the St. John's Day program.

Brother Smith, having had the

pleasure of this California sunshine since the early age of three summers, he attended Los Angeles' public schools, where he excelled in his academic studies. He had a natural love for sports. He made all city two years in succession on the Jefferson High School Southern California championship basketball team. Having learned good sportsmanship early in life, he has carried this on in later life to the benefit of all who know him. Now at the ripe old age of thirty, he finds fishing his most enjoyable sport.

He was made a master Mason in 1945 and left to serve his country the same year. Entering the Navy, where he became third class pharmacist mate. Upon receiving his honorable discharge, he resumed his activities in the Lodge and was appointed Senior Deacon.

An ideal family man, he loves his home life. He has a wonderful wife and two very fine children, a boy and a girl.

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MASONIC MUSINGS

What the Lodge holds in store for the average member depends largely upon what the members has placed in store with the Lodge.

The expression worn on a Master Mason's face is more important than the emblems worn on the lapel of his coat.

When a lukewarm member says he is going to attend Lodge next Tuesday night, ask him what he did last Tuesday night.

The definition of a Masonic charity on the part of some members of the Fraternity depends upon whether they are on the receiving or giving end.

Many a Master's idea is to keep the Lodge alive by artificial means. Some members prefer to let it die a natural death.—The Masonic News.

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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.

—Exchange

HERBERT GETS ABNET AWARD

Archille W. Herbert, Jr., 39-year-old president of the Los Angeles area Masters and Warden Association, today was chosen MASTER of the year by ABNET, the California Grand Lodge official publication, editor Bottler announced.

Worshipful Master Herbert, of Guardian Lodge No. 50 was chosen from a field of progressive young Masters, any of whom could have been chosen for the top honors. Because, of young Herbert's outstanding contributions and program, he was selected this year for the first recipient of what will be an annual event on the publication's agenda.

Since January 1948, Herbert has been president of the combined representatives of the 12-Lodges of the Los Angeles area. His leadership and program in this association has caused the Lodges of this area to become a bee-hive of progressive activities and for the first time in its history to have a sizeable treasury to further its varied community and inter-Lodge programs. His interest and detailed introduction of a Youth program caused the Grand body at its recent annual session to adopt the program as its official own and Grand Master George R. Vaughns immediately appointed Brother Herbert as the first chairman of the Prince Hall Youth Association.

He attended U.C.L.A.'s school of engineering and received his B.S. degree from the Pacific States University school of engineering. Herbert, is at present a member of the Los Angeles Fire department. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Herbert, of West 31st street.

The ABNET award is based upon first, the "Schedule of Good Gifts," of a Master, cooperation, leadership, ritualistic proficiency in all degrees, a constructive program and its follow through and community and inter-Lodge welfare.

Close runners-ups to the ABNET awards were Al. Fulcher, master of Adnois Lodge No. 25 of Oakland; Allan "Nick" Barclay, of Holland Lodge No. 20; Herbert A. Greenwood, of Angel City Lodge No. 18; Harold Mitchell, of Crescent Bay Lodge No. 19 of Santa Monica; and Vernon Holloway, of Fidelity Lodge No. 10 of San Diego.

Worshipful Master Herbert, and his wife the former Marjorie Lorraine Ball, and their five children live at 1225 East 41st street.

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I believe in the dignity of labor whether with head or hand; that the world owes no man a living but that it owes every man an opportunity to make a living.—Edwin Markham.



DELTA No. 21



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Fraternally Speaking

By Andrew W. Powell, P. M.

As the Inspector of District No. 1, I have the pleasure of answering many questions to the newly made brothers of our Fraternity, both in Operative and Speculative Masonry. But, are all the questions asked by these brothers, questions of the secrets of the Order? No, just as you and I, when first we entered our Lodge to receive our first degree. Someone stood out among all the rest, one whose impressions has been lasting. But before I get ahead of myself with this writing, let me say here, today we are "entering" many young men into our Fraternity. So, let us forever remember to keep our actions square as some newly made brother may be patterning his life from ours.

This article is being written about one of those brothers of Delta Lodge No. 21, F. & A. M. of whom many questions have been asked, there are many such brothers in our Lodge who will from time to time be presented through this column. Today we speak of W. E. Leonard, P.M.

Brother Leonard demitted from King

ASHLER No. 35

True to the progress this Lodge is making, the deeds to property purchased by Ashler Lodge No. 35, F. & A. M., was presented at their last stated meeting.

The members of Ashler are keeping a sharp eye peeled on other Halls, so that they may submit suggestions when it is time to go to work on their own Temple.

Worshipful Master C. Vandenburg has expressed high hopes for his 1948 degree teams who have performed some noteworthy work this year. It is their expressed aims to continue toward that degree of perfection of which all true Masons heart is set.

I am sure that Ashler was the first Lodge in the Bay area to put on a third degree under their newly made Master. This feat being performed in January.

All Ashler members regrets the departure of Brother V. Tyuse, who left with his father for Kansas. If honor and duty are the earmarks of Masonry, then Brother Tyuse was an excellent example, of the heights that can be attained through Masonic knowledge.

David Lodge, Worchester, Massachusetts, to Delta Lodge No. 21 of Los Angeles, on June 14, 1914. He was appointed senior Deacon, December 1915. Elected junior Warden December 1920.

After returning from overseas service with the U.S. Navy in World War I, he was elected senior Warden December 1921, and Worshipful Master 1922. In 1923 he was elected Secretary and has continued in that office since, this being his twenty-fifth year.

His record as Secretary over this period is incomparable. Never missing a meeting of his Lodge, except the month following Grand Lodge, when he usually flies back East.

Brother Leonard is a retired Postal Employee with over thirty-three years of service. He is president of the Westside Home Owners Association and a successful Real Estate Broker. He was the first Scout Master to organize a Boy Scout Troop on the Westside of Los Angeles over thirty years ago. One of his brightest cub-Scouts was the present junior Warden of Delta No. 21, Lawrence Cosey, Jr.

With a solid background such as Brother Leonard has, it is small wonder when he stops writing and address the W.M. to enlighten the Brothers on a point. His personality and approach gains him the attention and admiration of all.

Indeed Brother Leonard is the Man and Mason for any newly made Brother to pattern his life.

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EXCLUDE THE RED FLAG

We have room for but one flag, the American flag, and this excludes the red flag which symbolizes all war against liberty and civilization just as much as it excludes any foreign flag of a nation to which we are hostile. We have room for but one language here, and that is the English language, for we intend to see that the crucible turns our people out as Americans, of American nationality, and not as dwellers in a polyglot boarding house; and we have room for but one sole loyalty, and that is loyalty to the American people.

—Theodore Roosevelt

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CHOSEN on the basis of "ritualistic proficiency, leadership, a progressive Masonic program and its execution," Archie W. Herbert, (above) was named Master of the year (1948) by ABNET. Award to be given at the Grand Officers-Press Conference-Banquet in October.

ASHLER No. 35

Meets 2nd & 4th Mondays

Cecil Vandenberg W. M.

Walter Freeman, Secretary

Secretary
Richmond, California

ASHLER SQUARES OFF

By Walt Freeman

Why is it???—That a small town blue Lodge seems to be a goal for money seeking, bold, and show off fake masons.

Who are they???—The way we figure it, these men have either read something some where and the result, seems, that they have found a way to get quick change.

What do we do with them???—I may say this. First we pick up a brother or two and give him the chastising of his life, (verabably I mean) and if he is heard from again, we warn the Lodge of what ever town or city he is in and put them on their guard.

Ashler Lodge No. 35, F. and A. M., under a very worthy Master, is the Lodge. I may state that under the tutorship of Grand Inspector John Edmonson, Ashler has really come to the top. We are happy to say that our Inspector will be with us again at our next intermediate meeting in an official capacity.

When in Richmond, don't fail to look for Ashler Lodge,—we appreciate your interest and visits.



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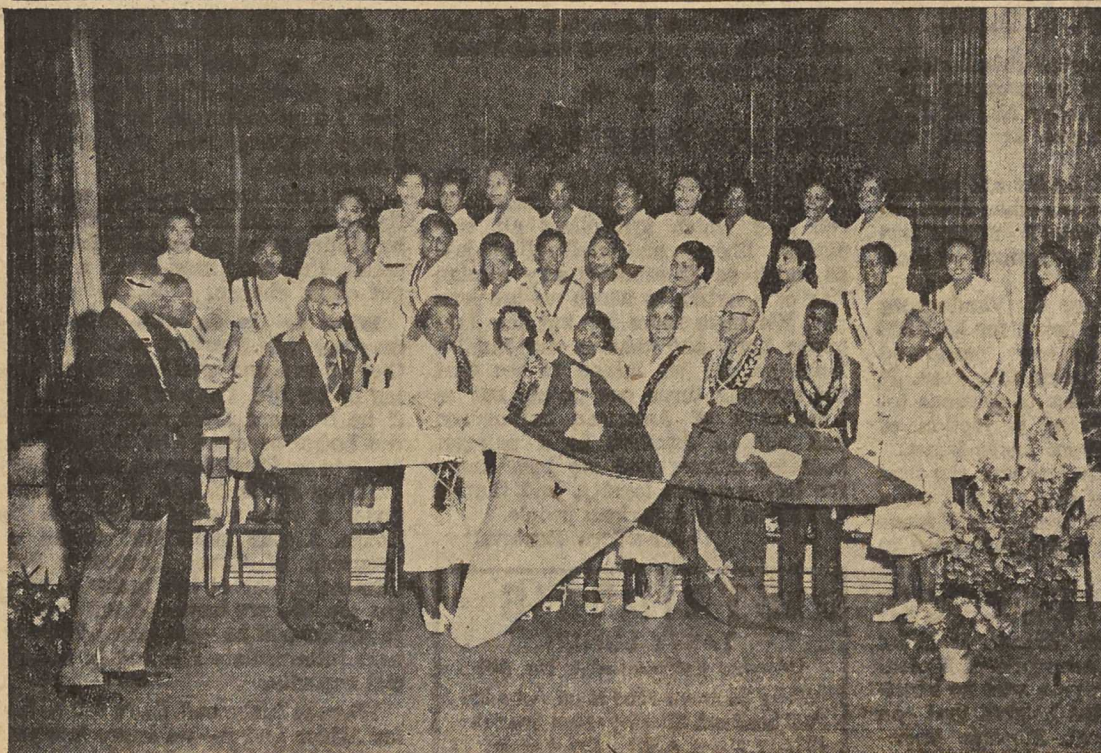
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MASON'S WIVES

(Reprint from Past Master's Topics)
Illinois Publication

Masons' wives often ask the question: "What may I expect or rely on in case of my husband's death and I find myself destitute? If he should die living away from his Lodge (he having been in good standing) what could I do to gain assistance?"

It is, perhaps, a mistake that so few Masons ever talk upon the subject of Masonry with their wives, and take no pains to inform them fully in the matters involved in the question here presented. It is her right, and we think it very important that the Mason's wife should know what she may expect from Masons in case of her husband's death, should she need assistance or not. A few thoughts upon this subject may prove beneficial to some of our readers. It has been explained as fully as possible many times why women are not admitted into Masonry, and we think the wives of Masons generally are satisfied on that point. We have also asserted that it is one of the grandest features of this great institution that, without any obligation on her part, it gives to woman an equal share with man of its beneficence and protection. This it does, not only to a Mason's wife, but it also includes also his father, sister and daughter. Whatever he is entitled to receive in the way of pecuniary assistance it is their equal right to enjoy.

Masonry, however, differs in its mode of dispensing charity from the many more modern fraternal societies of the present day. It does not provide for health insurance nor mortuary benefits. Such provisions are in no sense charitable, for they give alike to the rich and poor. Masonry gives when a brother is needy and entitled to assistance.

The claim must be founded upon his being in good standing in some Lodge and worthy to be recognized as a brother. These facts being established, he is entitled to receive what his necessities demand, and in case of his death his widow occupies the same position that he did while living, as regards receiving assistance.

What a Mason's wife may expect, in case of her husband's death, may be readily inferred from the above. If within the Jurisdiction of the Lodge of which he was a member, it is the duty of that Lodge to ascertain how she is situated, and to afford such assistance as the case may demand. If within the Jurisdiction of another Lodge, she should at once make herself known to some member of it, if she needs assistance whatever, when it will become the duty of that Lodge to do for her what it would do for one of its own members.

A Mason's Lodge is not simply a

QUEEN BEACH CHAPTER No. 33

O. E. S.
Long Beach, California

Queen Beach Chapter No. 33, was again honored by the official visitation of another Grand Officer; non other than our own beloved Grand Worthy Matron, Sister Beatrice McCarroll, of Santa Monica. Sister McCarroll looking very pretty was dressed in a floor length white formal dress with a beautiful white orchid corsage given her by the Queen Beach Chapter and presented by Sister Dorothy Reece.

The Grand Worthy Matron's lecture and advice was so helpful, the rays of confidence was quite evident on the faces of the Officers before the voice of the speaker had faded from the Chapter's Hall. Sister McCarroll's encouragingly admonished her listeners "to live clean lives, so that we can truly say, we have come to worship Him."

The Grand Worthy Patron, Brother Henry A. Spears, who also adorned the East struck the keynote of the occasion when he said, "If we follow the Grand Worthy Matron's advice, we cannot help but become better Eastern Stars, better Christians, better Mothers, Fathers in our homes."

Greetings were given by the Grand Deputy Sister Allie Cook, Sister Brunson and Orsburn and Brother Cook.

The Motto "IN GOD WE TRUST"

If you will look at the coins of the United States, whether they are pennies, nickles, dimes, quarters, half-dollars, or dollars, minted after 1864, you will see the motto "In God We Trust", imprinted on them. This motto was originated in the U.S.A. by S. P. Chase, then secretary of the treasury, in the year 1864 and has appeared on all coins of this country. In a letter to the director of the mint Chase told how the nation could not expect to remain powerful or safe without the help of God, and he then instructed the director to prepare a device to place this motto on all coins.

—Masonic Bulletin, Canton, Ohio

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There exist limitless opportunities in every industry. Where there is an open mind, there will always be a frontier.

—Charles F. Kettering, in the
Masonic Historology.

little band of a few score members, but it extends from East to West and between North and South, and true Masonic charity is equally extensive. A Mason from Illinois is as much a Mason in any other State or Country. Whatever assistance he would be entitled to at home will be extended to him wherever he may be. A Mason's wife, by establishing that relationship, is always entitled to the same Masonic recognition.—Masonic Advocate.

Response by our Sister Reece who impressed an everlasting thought that we are constantly striving to be better citizens, better neighbors, better Eastern Stars and always trying to exemplify the tenets of our Order.

Much praise is to be given the Triangle Social Club, organized March 15, 1948, for the purpose of furnishing Queen Beach with proper regalia for the floor work and other necessities as it sees fit. Their first function given was a buffet supper which was huge success. The next effort was an old fashioned whist party which was attended by a very large crowd. "Carry on the Good Work," is the motto of the Club.

Officers are: Dorothy Reece, president; Rose Jones, vice-president; A. B. Sawyer, secretary; Carrie Mitchell, treasurer; and Helen Irving, chaplain.

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B. F. Talbot No. 12 and H. P. Holland No. 13 Royal Arch Chapters Meet In Joint Session

B. F. Talbot and H. P. Holland, Nos. 12 and 13 respectively met in joint session July 2nd at the 50th street Masonic Temple regaled in their new regalia. The new regalia consisted of new collars and jewels, "gold" also aprons.

This equipment was purchased, and donated, by the "Rams Club," a group of Royal Arch Masons formed for the purpose of raising money to buy such equipment as deemed fit for the Royal Arch Chapter.

With the interest of the Ram Club centered around creative ideas and activated, it is with the same hope that new enthusiasm will be created in the regular meetings of the Royal Arch Chapter.

All Royal Arch members are cordially invited to attend our meetings the first Friday in each month at the Masonic Temple, 1050 East 50th street.

Ellsworth C. Harris is the High Priest of the B. F. Talbot Chapter and James Thomas, H. P. of the Holland Chapter.

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District of Columbia's Grand C. C. F. C. Outlines Duties Of P. H. Masons to the Uninitiated

By John Edward Smith, P. G. M.

To All Prince Hall Jurisdictions:

In extending to you fraternal greetings from the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia in this year of our Lord 1948, we feel doubly honored, and we cordially invite you to share that honor with us. This is, first of all, our centennial year. To have preserved an unbroken line of succession from Grand Master Charles Datcher in 1948 is indeed a sincere cause for rejoicing.

Now permit me to present a matter that deserves serious attention: **What is the duty, if any, of Prince Hall Masonry to the uninitiated?**

I am sure all will agree that many earnest seekers after Prince Hall Masonry fail to find the right way. As a result they fall into clandestine paths. I claim this first false step is taken because many followers of Prince Hall fail to shed upon the true path that light so necessary to guide these earnest seekers in the way they should go.

To illustrate: We send out our letters of fraternal greetings and we print our rosters and proceedings, but no one save a brother is ever supposed to read them. CCFC's write many fine letters and receive like ones in return, but they reach only the regularly initiated. That being true, it is self evident that no matter how earnestly the other seekers after truth may strive to find it, we give them no encouragement.

What happen then? Why, they fall in with some bogus degree-selling group and are thus lost to Prince Hall Masonry all the way from the first to the thirty-third and last degree. Then having thrown away a golden opportunity at the start, many believe we should go into courts in an attempt to correct a situation that, through lack of foresight, we let slip through our hands.

Realizing all this, one Grand Lodge at least has sought to remedy it . . . the Grand Lodge of Illinois under Grand Master Ashby M. Carter. Buying a whole page of advertising space in a state newspaper, he lays before the uninitiated, the profane, the clandestine, the bogus, the irregular . . . one and all . . . those facts about Prince Hall Masonry that may be given to the public.

Truth is a divine attribute, and by this method the uninitiated are enlightened and the bogus and clandestine are confused. Thus Prince Hall Masonry has its day in court—the court of public opinion—and all of us benefit thereby.

To those who have not seen it, let me outline this Illinois Grand Lodge newspaper advertisement. First, a like-

ness of Prince Hall and his Masonic History appear; then the history of Illinois Grand Lodge; the Masonic and Eastern Star home at Rock Island our regularity defended; the Illinois Masonic family; likeness of the various officers, and pictures of the home, etc. Seeing these many likenesses, many uninitiated will likely recognize as friends and neighbors to whom they will feel free to go for advice as to Masonry.

Of this advertisement, Grand Master Carter writes: "This effort represents a phase of our educational program to combat clandestine Masonry. Already it has resulted in throwing confusion into the ranks of the bogus groups operating in our midst and has caused many of their members to seek affiliation with us."

If that was the result in Illinois, why should not the same be true in other Prince Hall Grand Jurisdictions? May I suggest that you use that newspaper, colored or caucasian, from which you can get the best results through wide circulation within our racial group in your own state, and you will find it money well spent.

Observatory Chapter No. 30

San Jose, California

Grand Chapter Officers Visits O. C. Chapter

By Mary I. Fisher

The Grand Worthy Matron, sister Beatrice McCarroll of Santa Monica and Sister Geraldine O'Connor of Los Angeles; officially visited Observatory Chapter last month. At this same meeting we were greatly honored with many visitors from San Francisco, Oakland, Richmond and Monterey Chapters. Before the meeting the visitors were served with a delicious ham dinner at the beautiful home of sister McBride and the unique part of the affair dessert was served after the meeting at the Masonic Hall. The colation committee was headed by sister Eric Jordan with sisters Morris, Brock and Fisher assisting.

Observatory Chapter is small but

F. C. Marshall Lodge No. 15

San Jose, California

R. C. Marshall Lodge's News Letter

By J. C. Calloway, P. M.

We of Richmond C. Marshall Lodge No. 15 are proud of ABNET, as it is what we need to keep in touch with the "goings on" in the other Lodges and Chapters in our Jurisdiction and your correspondent is urging a 100% subscription for the magazine that gives us all the news of our brothers and sisters whom most of us see only at our annual Communication. We are quite enthusiastic concerning our next Communication being held in San Francisco, as we will try to have a hundred percent attendance there; it being just a short distance from our city.

We had our regular official visit from Grand Inspector William Hill, Jr., who gave a very interesting summation of Masonry. He was accompanied by Senior Inspector Richard Ellis, who also gave us food for thought. He spoke of the "Old Timers", and in particular of Past Master Rev. W. A. Magett. We were glad to tell him that Bro. Magett is living in Monterey, though still an active member.

Past Master Harold B. Jordan, his wife Past Matron Eva Jordan and their son Master Harold Jordan, Jr., have gone east on an extended motor tour. They will visit their daughter, sister Rosalyn Jordan King in Evanston, Illinois. We hope to have more news for the readers of ABNET in our next news letter, so until next edition —J. P. C.

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Dunning Re-Elected President Of Urban League Directors

Joseph S. Dunning, first Negro analysis expert employed at Douglas Aircraft Co. during the war, was re-elected president of the Board of Directors of the Urban League, it was announced several days ago at a luncheon meeting of the League.

Otto Buss, principle of Jefferson High School was elected vice-president; George A. Beavers, Jr., secretary; and Mrs. Phyllis Plummer, ass't secretary.

with our few members we have started a building fund which is growing very rapidly. Sister Lenora Jordan is serving as Worthy Matron and Brother Wilbert Lawton, worthy patron. Sister Mary I. Fisher is Secretary.



FIRMA No. 27



VALLEJO, CALIFORNIA

Sam Atwood, W. M.

James W. LeDoux, Sec'y

FORWARD WITH FIRMA

By PETER LARIEAU

The large attendance of Firma Lodge members continued as the Lodge met in regular communication last month. They were prepared and did confer the Fellowcraft degree on five new brothers. Before the comfortably seated audience Brother Walter Freeman, senior Deacon, took over for the two lectures with which all brothers of this Order is familiar, and with a clear distinct voice acquainted the five new fellows with the "middle chamber."—Brother Benjamin Walker of Ashler Lodge No. 35 sat in on this meeting.

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Firma Lodge school, the steadily growing meetings of instruction met tonight with more than twenty interested brothers present. The Instructor, Brother Walter Freeman opened the meeting and after some instructions in various phases of lodgeroom work, turned the class over to Brother Peter Larieau who had prepared a lecture on "What Came You Here to Do?"

The school was honored by the presence of the Grand senior Inspector Brother Richard Ellis, who came in after the lecture was started and heard only part of it but thought it had been well covered. The short talk Bro. Ellis made, he left us with this thought, "The knowledge gained and value received by a brother in the preparation of a lecture is immeasurable."

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The Worshipful Master announced the appointment of Brother William T. Banks as Librarian and urged any brother who had a book that might be of use to the Craft to make it available.

The time has come when brothers are not content to take his degrees and then forget about the work. Firma's school has started a new era, one in which the brothers in the South and elsewhere about the Lodge will be prepared for any and all Masonic eventualities.

Men are crying for good reading matter. Firma's library offers you the opportunity. Any book on Masonry will be accepted and gratefully acknowledged.

Several committees reported including the trustees, Bro. Sidney Brown, chairman, reported on the progress of

the Lodge business as comes within their scope. The program committee has all planned programs under control and is in the process of arranging others. Incidentally, the picnic mentioned before in this column, will be held Saturday, June 19th, at the Blue Rock Springs Playground in Vallejo. All Masons, their families and friends are invited. There will be lots of fun for young and old alike.

The St. John's day program will be held at the Second Baptist Church; Rev. Haley J. James, Pastor. The location is Capitol at Branciforte streets and the day is Sunday, June 27, 1948 at 8 p.m.

Rev. J. E. McCorkie, pastor of Kyles Temple A.M.E. Zion church will preach the sermon and a grand program is planned.

The City of Vallejo is signally honored to have the family of the celebrated Dr. Patterson of Tuskegee Institute, Tuskegee, Alabama sojourning here while the doctor studies at Stanford University at Palo Alto. The Pattersons are the houseguests of the E. U. Moores at the Alameda street home.

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Wednesday, May 12, Grand Inspector Richard Ellis, Grand Inspector William Hill, Jr. and your reporter made the trip to San Joe to visit R. C. Marshall Lodge No. 15. Bro. Theodore Moss (PGM) Worshipful Master. We were lucky enough to find them conferring the Fellowcraft degree. As usual, where Masons meet a swell time was had. Your reporter felt right at home with the brothers although I had never sat in a meeting with any of them excepting the W. M. before.

After the meeting we were the guests of W. M. Moss for a late supper before starting back to East Bay area. The roundtrip covered more than 150 miles.

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Again, it is time to close. As usual I have enjoyed chatting with you. In parting for another month here is a thought I wish to leave with you:

Philosophy is of two kinds: That which relates to conduct, and that which relates to knowledge. The first teaches us to value all things at their real worth, to be contented with little, modest in prosperity, patient in trouble, equaled mind at all times. It teaches us our duties to our neighbors and ourselves. But it is he who

FIDELUS SCRAPBOOK

By Peter Vallejo

Fidelus Chapter No. 19, O.E.S., met in regular session Friday, April 23, 1948, to confer the Eastern Star degree on three candidates: Mrs. Robert Beal, Brother Samuel Brown and Peter Larieau, Jr.

Your reporter has been connected with several fraternities and feel well qualified to pass on the merits of such ritualistic ceremonies as I have been through. I therefore state unequivocally and without fear of contradiction, that the beauty and simplicity of this degree surpasses anything I have seen in this line. Although I had expected a lot from these ladies, I was totally unprepared for the beauty of the work and efficiency of the team.

Brother G. W. Posey acting as Worthy Patron was at his inimitable best and was very ably assisted by the sisters.

It was announced by Mrs. Mamie Brown, Worthy Matron, that the Grand Worthy Matron, Mrs. Beatrice McCarroll of Los Angeles would make her official visit to Fidelus Chapter in the very near future.

Fidelus Chapter, entertained the Worthy Grand Matron of the Golden State Chapter, O.E.S. (Prince Hall Affiliation) Mrs. Beatrice McCarroll of Santa Monica.

As this was a regular business meeting, it was necessary to dispense with some of the Chapter's business so as to make way for the Grand Worthy Matron whose speech had been

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SYMBOLISM

The symbolism of Masonry is the soul of Masonry. Every symbol of a Lodge is a religious teacher, the mute teacher also of morals and philosophy. It is in its ancient symbols and in the knowledge of their true meanings that the pre-eminence of Freemasonry over all other orders consists. In other respects, some of them may compete with it, rival it, perhaps even excel it; but by its symbols it will reign without a peer when it learns again what its symbols mean, and that each is the embodiment of some great, old rare truth.—Albert Pike.

possesses both that is the true philosopher. The more he knows, the more he is desirous of knowing; and yet the further he advances in knowledge, the better he understands how little he can attain, and the more deeply he feels that God alone can satisfy the infinite desires of an immortal soul. To understand this is the height and perfection of philosophy.—Southey.

Abnet Letters

IN SICKNESS AND IN HEALTH IT'S ABNET

Sirs:

Being a shut-in member and Past Master of St. John Lodge No. 5, for more than a year, I have been out of the limelight and general activities of my Lodge and the Order and know what is going on only through the visitation of the brethren and of the Craft.

I was greatly surprised to receive the April copy of the ABNET, and while I don't know the name of the sender, I appreciate receiving the copy. I feel sure that it was someone who was thinking of me. I have read every article and think it a very fine movement on the part of those who are sponsoring the issue. I am enclosing \$1.00 subscription for same.

In reading ABNET, I see and recognize the names of so many with whom I have been associated for quite a number of years. When I read the name of Dr. Titus P. Martin, whom I affectionately call "Tite" and who was the W.M. of Holland Lodge No. 20, and who worked hard to put the Lodge on the Map of Masonry, I feel proud of his promotion and achievement in the Order.

Andrew Powell, who I assisted in seeing the light in the Order and Delta Lodge No. 21, is another of whom I am very proud of and happy to see making advancement in the Order.

Then my own P.M., T. A. Satchell, who is now Grand Junior Warden; and P.M. Sims, the Grand Sr. Warden; and "Bill" Faulkner, the very efficient secretary of Angel City Lodge No. 18; and L. G. Dandridge, whom I consider the Prince of all Secretaries; Old Man Henry Godfrey, William Hill, Jr., and many others I know, seeing their names, gives me the thrill of my life. All of those named and to the others whose names not mentioned, I say, go on with the good work in the local and Grand Lodge.

It may not be my privilege to again mingle with you in the Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter of the O.E.S. but in spirit I will ever remember you on bended "knee."

With fraternal love and all good wishes for the success of Prince Hall ABNET, and may it continue to spread the news and doings of the Masonic Lodges, the Eastern Star, the Heroines of Jericho and all branches of the Order, I extend fraternal greetings.

Yours in B.L.R. & T.

—Thomas B. Norman, P.M.

GRAND INSPECTORS ITINERARY

SOUTHERN DISTRICT

Senior Grand Inspector—Dr. Titus P. Martin

April 16—Jewel, Lodge No. 24—Pasadena, California.
 April 26—Douglass—Lodge No. 33—Los Angeles, California.
 May 10—Garrison—Lodge No. 45—Los Angeles, California.
 May 11—Unity—Lodge No. 22—Santa Barbara, California.
 May 26—Guardian—Lodge No. 50—Los Angeles, California.
 May 28—Delta—Lodge No. 21—Los Angeles, California.
 June 7—Holland—Lodge No. 20—Los Angeles, California.
 June 8—B. F. Talbot—Lodge No. 8—Los Angeles, California.
 June 21—Western Knights—U. D.—Los Angeles, California.

Grand Inspector, District No. 2—Hassell Davis

May 17—Landmark—Lodge No. 40—Monrovia, California.
 May 18—Sunset—Lodge No. 26—Long Beach, California.
 May 21—Jewel—Lodge No. 24—Pasadena, California.
 May 24—Unity—Lodge No. 22—Santa Barbara, California.
 May 28—Hiram—Lodge No. 12—Pasadena, California.
 June 16—Fidelity—Lodge No. 10—San Diego, California.
 June 22—Prince Hall—Lodge No. 17—San Bernardino, California.
 June 17—Orange Valley—Lodge No. 13—Riverside, California.

Grand Inspector, District No. 1—Andrew Powell

Note: Inspector Powell is busy giving instruction to Western Knights, U.D. Lodge every 1st and 3rd Mondays in order to bring their proficiency up to standard by July 1, 1948. For this reason his visits are limited to:

April 22—William Nickerson, Jr.—Lodge No. 53—Los Angeles.
 May 19—Thomas Waller—Lodge No. 49—Los Angeles.

NORTHERN DISTRICT

Senior Grand Inspector—Richard Ellis, Jr.

Grand Inspector, District No. 4—Ray Hunter

May 19—Superior Lodge No. 41—Bakersfield
 May 24—A. E. Wright Lodge No. 37—Tulare
 June 22—San Joaquin Lodge No. 11—Bakersfield
 June 24—King Solomon Lodge No. 6—Fresno

Grand Inspector, District No. 5—John W. Edmonson

May 11—Amicus Lodge No. 48—Vallejo
 May 21—Firma Lodge No. 27—Vallejo
 May 24—Ashler Lodge No. 35—Richmond

Grand Inspector, District No. 6—William L. Hill, Jr.

May 12—R. C. Marshall Lodge No. 15—San Jose
 May 19—Hannibal Lodge No. 1—San Francisco
 May 19—Victoria Lodge No. 3—San Francisco
 June 17—Peninsula Lodge No. 46—Monterey
 June 28—Community Lodge No. 43—Palto Alto

Grand Inspector, District No. 7—Weston B. Massengale

April 19—Acacia Lodge No. 7—Oakland
 May 3—East Gate Lodge No. 44—Berkeley
 May 27—Good Hope Lodge No. 29—Oakland
 June 22—West Gate Lodge No. 36—Oakland
 June 28—Adonis Lodge 25—Oakland

Grand Inspector, District No. 8—Rev. D. D. Mattocks

April 17—Philadelphus Lodge No. 54—Stockton
 May 14—Keystone Lodge 14—Stockton
 May 15—Philadelphus Lodge No. 54—Stockton
 May 22—Philomathean Lodge No. 2—Sacramento

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ACACIA LODGE CONFERS MASTER DEGREE UPON TEN NEW MEMBERS

The last two months has been quite eventful for Acacia Lodge No. 7, F. & A. M. in Berkeley last month. A complete program of activities began April 10, when the following brothers were initiated in the third degree of Masonry: Alzie B. Allen, Will Hicks, Almers Jones, Elijah Onick, Granville M. Swisher, Samuel A. Martin, Otis W. Bess, Marvin R. Posten and Evans Cantrell.

Charles L. Sumner, who received his first degree at Acacia, received his third recently at Fidelity No. 10 in San Diego, Calif. This brotherly act on the part of Fidelity Lodge was greatly appreciated.

All Mothers, old and young were honored at a Mother's Day breakfast, Sunday, May 9. This is an annual event, staged by Acacia Lodge and as usual the affair was very successful. Over 300 people enjoyed the palatable meal.

Acacia Lodge will confer the First Degree, Monday 21. The Second will be conferred jointly with West Gate and if the Grand Lodge's dispensation is granted, the third degree will be granted before the end of the year.

So, until another press time, I will remain your Lodge's correspondent—Evans Cantrell.

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CONCENTRATION

All who would study with advantage, in any art whatever, ought to betake themselves to the reading of some sure and certain books oft times over; for to read many books produceth confusion rather than learning, like those who dwell everywhere are not anywhere at home.—Martin Luther

Abnet's Correspondents

William Jackson, Hannibal No. 1, San Francisco.

C. A. Garrard, Victoria No. 3, San Francisco.

Fred I. Gray, Fidelity No. 10, San Diego.

Clarence Brooks, Orange Valley No. 13, Riverside.

C. L. White, Creseent Bay No. 19, Santa Monica.

Andrew Powell, Delta No. 21, Los Angeles.

L. R. Blackburn, Excelsior No. 23, Portland, Ore.

Willie Anderson, Jewel No. 24, Pasadena.

Levi Howard, Sunset No. 26, Long Beach.

William Vaughns, Adonis No. 25, Oakland.

Peter Larieau, Jr., Firma No. 27, Vallejo.

Andrew A. Lacy, Jr., Good Hope No. 29, Berkeley.

E. L. Thompson, Pride O' West, McCloud.

B. Clarence Cooke, Douglass No. 33, Los Angeles.

Alfred Harris, Ashler No. 35, Richmond.

Roy Simpson, West Gate No. 36, Oakland.

Frank Adams, Palo Verde No. 37, Blythe.

Rev. John W. Davis, Landmark No. 40, Monrovia.

Ludy Douglas, Superior No. 41, Bakersfield.

Sidney Staton, Community No. 43, Palo Alto.

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Wesley Sinclair, Civic Center No. 52, Los Angeles.

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Youth is a blunder; Manhood a struggle; Old Age a regret.

—Disraeli

Just Thinking

By Earl W. Griffin

Sr. Deacon, B. F. Talbot
Lodge No. 8, F. & A. M.

Our Lodge meets twice a month, for the benefit of what? Yes, I know it is supposed to be Masonry, but is it? We go through the same old routine of opening and closing which is necessary and quite impressive when done correctly, yet at times quite boring to the "old timers." Then comes the same old phrases and arguments, viz—remember Brothers, visit our sick and practice Charity and Brotherly Love. The latter, if something was done about them besides empty and hollow words could keep Masonry alert, active and impressive, not only because they are "The points of our Profession" but in really doing so we would be giving the world a little of that it so greatly needs.

Why do we not have a larger attendance? Well, for one thing we must think up and do more things that will hold our members' interest for Masonry like business or anything will lag and suffer unless we have something new, active and interesting in our meetings. We must find ways and means to give the novice as well as the matured something more than a few secret handshakes, grips, and words less they become disillusioned as have so many.

Every Mason knows and most every non-Mason thinks that Masonry is tops and it is up to us to find ways and means to accelerate and perpetuate the loftiness of our institution. We must find ways and means to fraternize more—more about John's hobbies, more about Bob's children, more about Jim's cats, dogs and his garden and to recall the happy and troublesome days of our youth as well as the years in between. Yes, and about Masonry too, anything to give us more zip.

Well, brothers, you have been thinking, too, so what do you have to offer for the benefit of Masonry?

—B. F. Talbot's Bulletin

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After all there is but one race—humanity.

—George Moore

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COMMUNITY LODGE No. 43

Gleanings of Community Lodge No. 43, F. & A. M.

By Sidney L. Staton

The activity in Community Lodge has not subsided, in fact we are just like a bee-hive moving into the final operation of presenting to the people a magnificent Manhattan Frazer automobile on July 3, 1948, for the purpose of raising funds to build a temple and leave a monument to Masonry and our posterity. In the process of this objective we have endeavored to enlist the aide of all Masonic bodies in the jurisdiction which we are satisfied they can appreciate and will help us realize our objectives. The month of June is our deadline in this effort so don't delay your assistance.

What's happening in Community Lodge? Since our last article to our fine publication, ABNET, we wish to report that our Lodge conducted a Masonic burial as a fraternal courtesy to Arnett Lodge No. 329 of Liberty, Texas, for Brother Joseph Lavigne, who was layed at rest in April. The services were held at A.M.E. Zion church, Palo Alto, and the Masonic burial at Alta Mesa Memorial Park, and may we remark that Community Lodge was highly complimented on the conduct of the efficient manner the service was rendered by E. C. Sheppard, W.M. We are proud of our Master.

The Eureka club is moving in no uncertain terms as the smoker which was given at the residence of Brother Hellems was a fine affair and also the Pride of Peninsula No. 36, O.E.S., presented a tea in Palo Alto which was indeed a success. The semi-formal dance to be presented with invitations to friends in Northern California is anticipated as a social event of the season at the beautifully appointed Community Center in Palo Alto. The celebrated orchestra of Eddie Alley will be there as well as the first showing of the Manhattan Frazer Sedan.

The Juneteenth or 19th of June is the big effort in the first big picnic of the season to be held at Oak Grove in San Mateo where the antural outdoors is the pleasure of thousands of people in the bay area. This picnic sponsored by the Eureka Club will be from 9 a.m. to 12 midnight, in which barbecue, games of horse shoe, bingo, a special

feature baseball game of outstanding players will play as well as all of us amateurs will try our prowess on the diamond. Prizes will be awarded for the sack races, relays, in fact everything that goes to make an outdoor picnic a success, we will hope to enjoy. Dancing will be all day and all evening.

We are offering a popularity contest prize to the Young Lady who sells the largest amount of tickets on the 1948 Frazer Sedan and we will crown her queen at the affair and she will also have the honor of presenting the winner of the Automobile the official award. We are forming booster clubs to charter buses or cavalcade of autos to attend the picnic on June 19, 1948 at Oak Grove Park, San Mateo which is reached by El Camino Real to San Mateo turn at Mills Memorial Hospital on Crystal Springs Rd. for 2½ miles. Sign will be placed at points for your guidance. We trust our brethren will support us in the ambitious program.

It is with pleasure that we announce the brethren of Community Lodge are in there doing their best to put over this program. May we mention that the high man in ticket sales to date is Bro. Warren Ott with \$80.00 reported. This is something to shoot at as well as Bros. Young, Rose, Heron and others turning in fine results.

We will say so-long, for now and will be looking forward to seeing you in person. May we state in our visitations Bro. Sidney L. Staton visited Philomathean Lodge No. 2 at Sacramento April 24, 1948, bringing greetings from our Lodge and wishing them success on their building project. May we commend them for their courage and they also congratulate us on our venture.

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WHAT IS MASONRY?

In the home it is kindness.
In the business it is honesty.
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Toward the unfortunate it is pity.
Toward the wicked it is resistance.
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Toward the strong it is trust.
Toward the penitent it is forgiveness.
Toward the fortunate it is congratulation.
Toward God it is reverence and love.

East Gate Lodge

No. 44

Berkeley, California

The regular June communication of East Gate Lodge was exceptionally well attended. Foremost on the trestle board was the matter of the membership subscription to the ABNET. The resolution that "The dues be raised to one dollar, and that each member be assessed forty cents, the same to be used in payment for each member's subscription, met with the unanimous approval of the Craft.

Reports from the committee on St. John's Day were read and approved, although many of the craft feel that in view of the many large church auditoriums in the area, that we ought in the future, continue the fine old Masonic tradition of observing our patron saints day in one of these edifices erected and dedicated to the worship of Almighty God.

The May issue of the ABNET was received and read with interest. Those of us who have read the publications of the California groups of Masonic bodies can point with considerable and justifiable pride to our ABNET, especially so since the true meaning of the name has been revealed.

However, along with orchids to our editorial staff, East Gate Lodge has instructed your correspondent to sound a kindly warning to "ye editors" with regard to political advertisements. We feel that the ABNET should steer clear of political endorsements, implied or otherwise.

It is most certainly our duty to urge every member of the fraternity to exercise his right of franchise, but we are getting into deep water when an official and fraternal organ such as the ABNET appears to espouse the candidacy of even members of the fraternity, in view of the many and varied political faiths of our whole membership. And that is "30".

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PRAYER

Prayer is the soul's sincere desire
Uttered or unexpressed;
The motion of a hidden fire
That trembles in the breast.
Prayer is the burden of a sigh,
The falling of a tear,
The upward glancing of the eye
When none but God is near

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General Chairman of 1948 Grand Session, Names Committees And Program for Four-Day Confab

The Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge and its affiliated bodies will hold its Grand Sessions July 18 through the 24, 1948, in San Francisco, California as the guests of Hannibal Lodge No. 1 and Victoria Lodge No. 3, F. & A.M.; Naomi Chapter No. 2; Bethel Chapter No. 31, O.E.S. and California Poppy Court No. 6 Heroines of Jericho.

San Francisco is the home of the Grand Lodge, this Grand body was formed in San Francisco in 1855 and was the ninth Grand Lodge in the United States. This being the 92nd annual communication with the Most Worshipful George R. Vaughns Grand Master presiding.

The 65th Annual session of the Golden State Grand Chapter, O.E.S. with Mrs. Beatrice McCarroll, Grand Worthy Matron presiding and the 23rd Annual session of the Heroines of Jericho, with Mrs. Leo B. Wilson, Most Ancient Grand Matron, presiding will also be in session. These three Grand bodies will have some 5000 lay members and delegates in attendance.

The committee in charge under the capable direction of Past Master Walter Sanford is putting forth every effort to make the Grand Session the best in history. The city of San Francisco, the Convention Bureau and the Board of Education have joined the Committee in trying to make this Grand Session a noteworthy success.

The executive committee includes Walter Sanford, (P.M.) general chairman; Walter M. Harrison, (P.M.) vice-chairman; William Jackson, general secretary; Mrs. Jutsina Ross, (past-matron) assistant secretary; and Past Master C. A. Gerrard, treasurer.

Other committees and their chairmen are Mrs. Elizabeth Johnson, (P.M.) chr. of programs; Mrs. Agnes Shaw, chr. of housing; Robert Fields, (P.M.) chr. of finance; S. I. Johnson, Master of Victoria Lodge chr. of banquet; D. Lester, Master of Hannibal Lodge chr. of refreshments; Mrs. Lillian Wilkerson, Matron of Naomi Chapter, O.E.S., chr. of entertainment; E. A. Thompson, (P.M.) chr. of printing; William Jackson, chr. of registra-

tion; Walter H. Sanford, (P.M.) chr. of decorations.

PROGRAM

(July 18th to July 24th)

Sunday, July 18, 3 p.m.—Religious services will be observed in the Auditorium of the Girls High School, O'Farrell and Scott Sts. (Entrance on O'Farrell street).

Monday, July 19, 9 a.m.—Opening of Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter sessions.

Monday, July 19, 8 p.m.—A public reception, Dr. William McKinley Thomas, Master of Ceremonies.

Tuesday, July 20, 8 a.m.—A breakfast given by the Past Masters of Hannibal and Victoria Lodges, honoring the visiting Masters of 1948.

Tuesday, July 20, 9 a.m.—Both Grand Bodies in Session.

Tuesday, July 20 (noon)—Pictures of the Grand bodies made.

Tuesday, July 20, 8 p.m.—Lodge of Sorrow.

Wednesday, July 21, 9 a.m.—Both Grand bodies in session.

Wednesday, July 21, 1:30 p.m.—Election of Grand Lodge Officers.

Wednesday, July 21, 8 p.m.—A banquet at the Scottish Rite Auditorium, corner Van Ness avenue and Sutter street. (Entrance on Sutter street). Mrs. Bertha Gerrard, Mistress of Ceremonies.

Thursday, July 22, 9 a.m.—Grand Session Heroines of Jericho.

Thursday, July 22, (noon)—Pictures of the Grand Body made.

Thursday, July 22, 2 p.m.—Grand Session Heroines of Jericho.

Friday, July 23, 9 a.m.—Grand Session Heroines of Jericho.

Saturday, July 24, 9 a.m.—Election of Grand High Court Officers.

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NEW LODGE CONSTITUTED BY GRAND BODY

Adding to the large California Jurisdiction, a new Blue Lodge on the Westside of Los Angeles was recently constituted by Grand Officers of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge at public ceremonies at the 50th street Masonic Temple.

The constituting of Western Knights Lodge makes the 56th Blue Lodge now in the California Prince Hall family of Free and Accepted Masons. Just about a year ago, William Nickerson, Jr. Lodge No. 55 received its charter from the California Grand Lodge. William Nickerson Lodge was named in honor of the late William Nickerson, Jr., famed Negro Insurance Company founder, and had as its first Master John L. Thompson, superintendent of the Westside branch of this Insurance company.

With the pronounced growth of California Prince Hall Grand Lodge, it can be directly attributable to the recognized authenticity and the valuable community service rendered by this group which is recognized unequivocally through out the world as legitimate.

Western Knights Lodge which is now identified by the number 56 has as its first chartered officers Claud Devers, Worshipful Master; Robert L. Devers, senior Warden; S. C. Bottler, junior Warden.

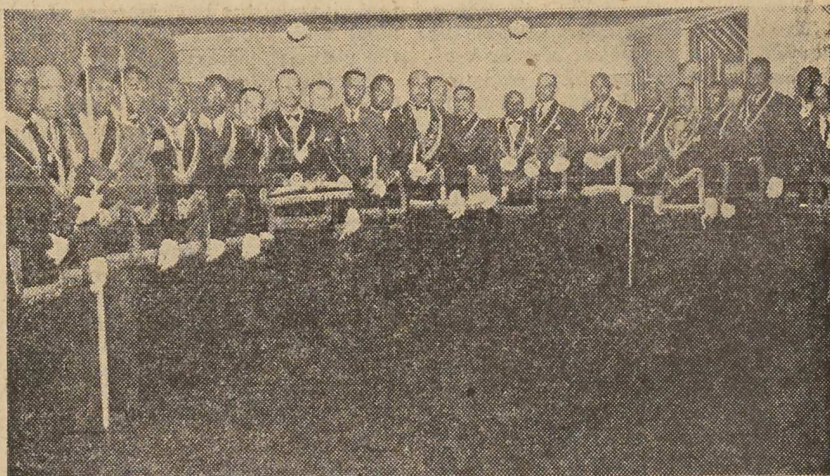
Other officers are Cassell Morris, treasurer; Thomas W. Fleming, secretary; Andre Vaughn, senior deacon; Fred Smith, junior deacon; John Gaines, senior steward; Jerome Smith, junior steward; Earl Henry, chaplain; James Arline, marshal; Chester Taliaferro, organist; and Jonas Porter, tyler.

Grand Lodge Officers participating in the consecration ceremonies headed by Most Worshipful George R. Vaughns, Grand Master were Starling J. Hopkins, deputy Grand Master, of Riverside; John Sims, Grand senior Warden; T. A. Satchell, grand junior Warden; Rev. Quinn, acting Grand Chaplain, of San Diego; Lillard G. Dandridge, Grand Secretary; Roy Treece, Grand Treasurer; Dr. Titus P. Martin, Andrew Powell and Hassell W. Davis, Grand Inspectors; J. L. Taylor, William Faulkner and M. Earl Grant, Grand Trustees; John L. Thompson, acting Grand senior steward; Mack Bufford, acting Grand junior Steward; J. L. Lee, Enus Calloway, of Long Beach; R. E. Salisbury, Theodore Moss of San Jose; Roy Taylor, John Brown and Mr. Allen of Douglass Lodge No. 33.

Grand Lodge and Officers of Western Knights



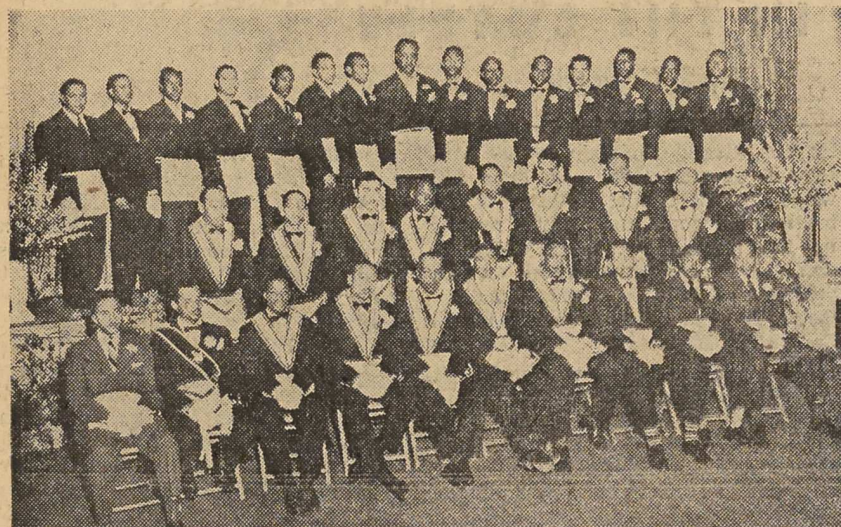
Grand Lodge Officers



Banquet at Bountiful Beach



Western Knights Lodge No. 56, F. & A. M.



ABOVE PHOTO pictured front row left to right: William Freeman, James Arline, marshal; Carl Booth, ass't secretary; Cassell Morris, treasurer; Robert L. Devers, senior Warden; Claud Devers, Master; S. C. Bottler, junior Warden; Charles Postell, James Byas, Leonardt Warren; Thomas W. Fleming, secretary; John Gaines, senior steward; Jerome Smith, junior steward; Andre Vaughn, senior deacon; Fred Smith, junior deacon; Jonas Porter, tyler. (back row) James Goings, Cleveland Martin, Runyon Bell, Gerald Hatten, William House, Irvin Watts, Rudolph Henderson, Henry Lewis, Herman Harvey, W. Robert Brown, Earl Sheppard, Albert deBlanc, Ernest Bufford, Welton Gaines, Leroy Seats, not shown is Cephas Williams.

Photo at right is Senior Warden and Mrs. Robert L. Devers. Mrs. Devers is Conductress of the Star-Light Chapter, U. D., O. E. S. the adoption of Western Knights Lodge.



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At the 27th Annual Meeting of the Los Angeles Urban League held Sunday, April 25, the following twenty-one persons were elected to membership on the Board of Directors: Mrs. Clinton M. Barr, George A. Beavers, Jr., Kermit A. Brown, Russell S. Brown, Otoo Buss, Joseph S. Dunning, A. P. Durosseau, Bonar Dyer, James A. Gray, Mrs. Mable V. Gray, Bernard

S. Jefferson, Lou Mandelbaum, Mrs. Clarissa Matthews, Howard G. Mayer, I. H. McClelland, Rt. Rev. Msgr. Thomas J. O'Dwer, Miss Phillis Plummer, Herbert Tobin, Mrs. Clara Towns, Robert Triest, and Herbert C. Ward. Robert E. Alexander, president; City Planning Commission and Judge Stanley Mosk spoke in the subject: "Housing—Our Number One Problem."

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IT'S IN THE BOTTLE



By S. C. Bottler

Scene of the 92nd: This year by proclamation of the Most Worshipful George R. Vaughns, Grand Master of the California Jurisdiction, the 92nd annual sessions of the most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge will convene at colorful and historical San Francisco where the Prince Hall Grand Lodge was born in 1855 and the earthquake shook it in 1906.

Yes, indeed, San Francisco is the birthplace of our Grand Body, the Golden Gate bridge, the Gold Coast, the Barbary Coast, quaint buildings, drab and colorful and Fisherman's Wharf. For swashbuckling history depicting the saga of men of brawn and daring and women who pioneered with these buckeroos,—read California's history.

As we have tried to unravel the early history of Hannibal Lodge No. 1 and Victoria Lodge No. 3, two of California's oldest Lodges, it seems that records and other valuable documents of these two Lodges was destroyed in the earthquake. However, Brother Cecil Baugh, secretary of Victoria No. 3 came up with a brief history of Victoria Lodge.

In the same nostalgic glee we experienced when reading California's early history as a child reading the proclamation of the Grand Master caused us to reminisce again in the early morning haze that is fog in the Bay region, the "aroma" that is Fisherman's wharf, the cable cars, that we daringly ride to the top of the mountainous hills that is San Francisco, just to help turn the thing around at the end of the line, then a trip to China Town, always with the hope that something mysterious happens that we are equally as glad that it never does . . . after a heavy morning shiny haze that is one of the 92nd's annual scene, as San Francisco wipes the sleep from its eyes . . . nets spread on wharf tops, and here and there shiny bodies of the fish catch reflects fresh-born sunbeams . . . men in characteristic garb, seafaring men, rough-skinned and husky men as if right out of a scene from a movie thriller, but is actually real San Francisco, ramble the passways . . . and some others who are meek and beaten, beg handouts . . . here there comes to life the fish dinners San Francisco enjoys—even on days that aren't Friday.

With equal anticipation we look forward to the 92nd annual session with eagerness to be the first into the cathedral of Masons to again to listen in awe to the Rt. Worshipful Rev. F. D.

Haynes, Grand Chaplain, whose oratory is wrought with with logic and wisdom,—yes shout sisterns,—shout brethern, I would too could I muster up the nerve. Rev. Haynes, if you don't have a subject to speak on this year, then do a repeat performance of last year's subject, "Join God and Company's Builders."

Monday morning, we will again get down to business, with California's outstanding ritualist Rt. Worshipful Starling J. Hopkins, deputy Grand Master as he opens the Grand Lodge in due form. Then the entry of the Grand Master, young, brilliant and without peer as an executive and presiding officer. After he greets us and gives an accounting of his stewardship—every wrinkle that has creased the various Lodges will be ironed out.

This year, in addition to the many new friends we met last year, we expect to meet and know better even more. We look forward to listen to the humor and wit, but meaningful philosophy of Rev. D. D. Mattock, Grand Inspector of Sacramento; to gaze in awe at the pink silk undies of Mack Bufford and stare in admiration at the ladies in white that is the Sisters of O. E. S. and the Heroines of Jericho.

Today, the California Grand Lodge, under its present administration, although under a part time set-up can boast for the first time a cabinet of harmony, enthusiasm, business proficiency and efficiency. The Grand Trustees Board to guide its business, equipped with California's most outstanding business and professional men. Headed by M. Earl Grant of Pasadena. To abet the capabilities of M. Earl we have Harry Pierson of Oakland; S. O. Sheffield, of Fresno; Capt. J. L. Taylor of Los Angeles and others who are lending immeasurably to the economic welfare of this great Jurisdiction their valuable time capabilities. In the Ritualistic department, we have the very

capable Will W. Johnson, our Grand Lecturer with young Richard Ellis, Jr. of Vallejo and Dr. Titus P. Martin, of Los Angeles as senior Inspectors and John W. Edmonson, Hassell W. Davis, Andrew W. Powell, Rev. D. D. Mattocks, Ray Hunter, and Wesson Masengale.

At the helm of fast growing Jurisdiction presides the Honorable George R. Vaughns, one of California's outstanding lawyers and business men. Under the supervision and stewardship of Brother Vaughns as Grand Master, the California Grand Lodge has grown from a \$6,000.00 struggling organization to a cash-in-the-bank \$100,000.00 institution less its other tangible assets.

To properly record the proceedings and keep an accurate account of this large institution we have the indisputable Master of Secretaries Lillard G. Dandridge. Besides Dan's accurately kept books his penmanship is his trade-mark. Dan's interest in the welfare of the young Master Masons, causes his home to be at all time cluttered up with their eager presence and questions. In spite of Dan's always heavy calendar, he somehow find time to sit in conference with these young tyros.

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RITUAL

Those who make a practice of going to Lodge week after week must certainly come to the conclusion that perfection in the ritual, or at least a close approach to that state, is probably the most important phase of the work of the Lodge. A set of officers who can confer a degree in a smooth and impressive manner really make a big impression on the sideliners and gradually it will be noticed that the attendance increases and everybody is talking about the fine work such and such a Lodge does.

—Exchange

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A Grand Master of California And Prince Hall Freemasonry

By HARRY A. WILLIAMSON, Historian

Several incidents have transpired in the history of Freemasonry in the United States which stand as important factors in the attitude of the Caucasian branch of the American Fraternity toward the institution maintained by those identified with what is called the Prince Hall Craft.

The first of these was the movement inaugurated by a number of Freemasons in the Grand Lodge of Ohio in the Colored Freemasons would change the title of their organization to that of "African Grand Lodge," and confine its operations exclusively among those persons of color, the Caucasian jurisdiction would extend fraternal recognition. Unfortunately, the proposal was lost by a very narrow margin at the 1876 session. During the interim between its sessions nobody took the trouble to criticize the Ohio body for that action on the part of a few of its members.

Such was not the purpose of the action of the Grand Lodge of Washington in 1898, yet Grand Lodges throughout the country raised a great deal of bitter feeling upon a matter of much lost importance.

The second incidence as referred to in the above paragraph when that Freemasons of color erect Lodges and in due time a Grand Lodge within its territory, Washington would not deem such to be an invasion of its territory. country-wide controversy that the foundation of American Masonry were badly shaken before it subsided and in doing so the enemies of Prince Hall Freemasonry provided the incentive for a detailed research into the subject which brought forth the voluminous report presented to the Grand Lodge of Washington in 1899 by a committee appointed to investigate the status of the Negro organization.

If the enemies of the Negro Craft did nothing else, they made possible the preparation of a document which not a single historian of that era nor of any generation since, has ever been able to dispute for its historical and factual accuracy. That report was published in 1899 as a pamphlet under the title of "Light on a Dark Subject," and about 1903 by our Bay State brethren as "Negro Masonry," by William H. Upton, in a revised and enlarged edition. This work is now a rarity and in great demand.

The third incident and the one which doubtless the future Masonic historians will concede to have been the most outstanding in American Masonry, was the action on March 12, 1947, when the Grand Lodge of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts issued what can be classified as a Declaration of principles.

While it may prove a repetition to reprint that declaration but there is likelihood many of our brethren may not have had the opportunity to read

just what the Massachusetts body passed upon, and so it is presented in full as follows. Each paragraph has been numbered by me so that should I comment upon the same later, the reader can refer to it and repeating the text will not be necessary.

This was the report of a committee of six Past Grand Masters who were directed to thoroughly investigate the origin and subsequent procedure of the Prince Hall Craft and what it submitted reads:

(1) The committee appointed by you to consider and report on the subject of Negro Freemasonry in Massachusetts, begs leave to submit the following report:

(2) It has been a full half century since our Grand Lodge has considered the subject of Negro Freemasonry. Then, and in all previous studies of the subject, attention was directed primarily, if not solely, to the question of the technical regularity of the origins and early history of Negro Freemasonry. In the light of the evidence then available, it was believed that it could not, according to Masonic Law, be regarded as legitimate Freemasonry. On the same evidence the same conclusion would presumably have been reached . . . and perhaps even more emphatically—if the individuals and Lodges in question had been white instead of colored.

(3) In the intervening half century, Masonic historical research has made much progress, and the emphasis has changed considerably in Masonic thinking with respect to some of the

MASONRY

Brethren do not pass between the Altar and the East in a Masonic Lodge at labor because the Master is supposed to have the Great Lights constantly in view. In theory, at least, he draws inspiration for presiding over the Lodge from the Altar and must not, therefore, be prevented from seeing at any time.

The custom is but a pretty courtesy, but it is rooted in a fundamental conception of the Craft—that the Altar is the center of Masonry, and that from it and the Great Light it bears flow all there is of Masonic inspiration and truth and light.

In English Lodges there is not this problem, since the Altar there is a pedestal near the Master on which lies the Holy Book. —Exchange.

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LODGE IS 248 YEARS OLD

In Perthshire, in the heart of Scotland, is the Lodge of Dunblane Freemasons No. 9, which treasures records from April 6, 1685.—Ex.

factors involved in any inquiry. The legality and regularity of each organizational act is now tested according to the law and customs of its date rather than by those of the present.

4() Your Committee finds that according to the then prevailing Masonic law and custom, the origin, early procedures and subsequent development of the so-called Prince Hall (Negro) Freemasonry in this Commonwealth have been, and are, uncontradicted documentary evidence, dated June 30, 1784, that African Lodge, of which Prince Hall was Master, was, in 1776, granted a "Permet" by John Rowe of Boston (then Provincial Grand Master over North American where no other Provincial was appointed), "to walk on St. John's Day and Bury our dead in form," etc. Rowe, became Provincial Grand Master in 1768.

(to be continued in next issue)

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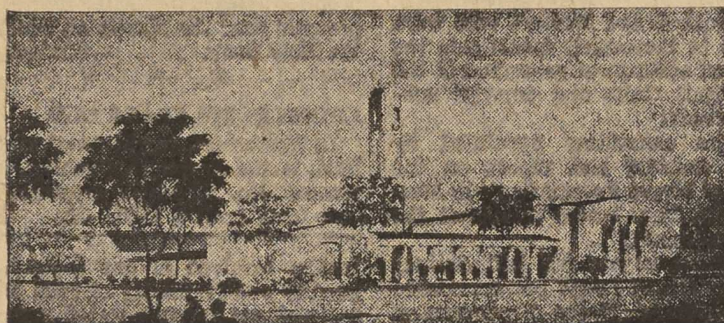
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MISGUIDED MEASUREMENTS

Master Masons too often measure their progress by the degrees they receive rather than the degree with which they throw their influence into applied Masonic teachings.

—Iowa Grand Lodge Bulletin

**A NOBLE RESOLVE**

Here is a noble resolve: "Give me wide walls to build my house of Life—the north to be of love against the winds of fate; the south, of tolerance, that I may outreach hate; the east, of faith, that rises new each day; the west, of hope, that dies a glorious way. The threshold 'neath my feet shall be humility; the roof—the very sky itself—infinity! Give me wide walls to build my house of Life.—Exchange.

**Rev. Hampton Recalled
To San Diego Church**

San Diego—The Rev. Charles H. Hampton, former pastor of Bethel Baptist church here, was elected last Wednesday night to pastor the church again after a two-and-a-half year absence.

The Rev. Hampton resigned from the church in October, 1945, to serve as a special field representative of the Foreign Mission Board of the National Baptist convention, Inc. Recently Bethel vacated its pulpit and the church board recommended the former pastor to the membership.

While the Rev. Hampton was pastor of Bethel, the membership increased to 2,100 and the present building was erected. The minister, son of Mrs. Horace Hampton of West 29th street of Los Angeles served as president of the Western Baptist state board for 10-years.

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The rung of a ladder was never meant to rest upon, but only to hold a man's foot long enough to put the other somewhat higher.

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