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## The Working Tools of a Mason and Their Proper Application

From time to time you have heard the working tools of a Mason explained to you in a Spiritual and material way, but I think that most of us have taken the material side and left out the Spiritual side, or have forgotten the Spiritual meaning of the working tools of a Mason. In erecting a building you must first have a foundation to build on. The success of the building depends on the quality of the foundation.

In order for me to successfully bring to you the spiritual meaning of the working tools of a Mason, I must first have some basic thought to think on. I have selected a thought from the 13th Chapter of the I Corinthians which reads:

"If I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am become sounding brass, or a clanging cymbal. And if I have the gift of prophecy, and know all mysteries and all knowledge; and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. And if I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and if I give my body to be burned, but have not love, it profiteth me nothing. Love suffereth long, and is kind; love envieth not; love vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up, doth not behave itself unseemly, seeketh not its own, is not provoked, taketh not account of evil; rejoiceth not in

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## GRAND MASTER TAKES HEROINE DEGREES

Golden Gate Court No. 4, Heroines of Jericho, had the honor of initiating a distinguished candidate, Most Worshipful Grand Master, Bro. E. Al Fulcher of the Prince Hall Grand Lodge of California and its jurisdiction. Three degrees were conferred by the following grand officers:

### First Degree

Grand Most Ancient Matron — Sis. Anna King  
Grand Deputy Worthy Joshua — Bro. Jimmy Williams

### Second Degree

Grand Deputy Most Ancient Matron — Sis. Jessye Singletary  
Grand Marshal — Bro. Richard Singletary

### Third Degree

Grand Most Ancient Matron — Sis. Anna King  
Grand Worthy Joshua — Bro. Clarence L. Lewis

Other grand officers working in all three degrees are as follows:

Grand Senior Matron — Sis. Florine Williams  
Grand Junior Matron — Sis. Lillian J. Brown  
Grand Deputy Lecturer—Sis. Rubye Lewis as Senior Attendant  
Grand Deputy Lecturer — Sis. Josephine DeJan as Junior Attendant  
Grand Deputy Lecturer — Sis. Nellie Howard as Outer-gate Keeper

The degrees were very impressive and well done by all the officers. Congratulations to Most Ancient Matron Sis. Stella English and her court.

## YOUR LODGE: ITS FUTURE

By MELVIN M. GAINES

Chairman Public Relations Committee  
D. D. Mattocks No. 87

Good public Relations is the proper nourishment to stimulate growth and prosperity within the frame work of our fraternity, it is the mother of new ideas and the guardian of character.

Public Relations can mean many things to many different people, because it is so widely practiced, so lucrative, so pretentious, so respectable and disrespectable depending upon the character of the persons employing its use. It is a new and dynamic activity whose boundaries have not been definitely determined.

The esteem or "lack of esteem," with which we are regarded by our sisters, brothers, and the general public is a continuing process by which we as men and Masons shall endeavor to obtain, and keep the good will of people everywhere; inwardly through self analysis and correction, outwardly through every means of expression.

It is the ideas and the thought factor projected into the Masonic body that will determine its future and its destiny; all that we achieve or fail to achieve will be the direct result of our own thinking. Since the birth of civilization ideas have been the bulwark of progress responsible for our growth and development, promoting a better standard of living with more jobs and pay for everyone. Ideas have set the pattern for progress and that pattern shall never be changed.

There are those among us who are adverse to progressive ideas, complacent in their mode of thinking. They will scorn and reject through ignorance without knowing the value of that which they have rejected. How much less we will have if we repress ideas and cease to give birth to new ones?

The truth is that we can not afford to be complacent in our thinking, we must come up with something for the benefit of Masonry, for more impressive recognition in this world of ours, for if we don't, clandestines will, and we who sit here idle will remain existing, but forgotten.

To the lodge that will work and incorporate new ideas; unity, peace and plenty await their will and pleasure. To the bigots, wishers and loafers, stagnation and ultimately poverty accompanied by a lack of the will to exist.



## WORKING TOOLS (cont. from p. 3)

unrighteousness, but rejoiceth with the truth; beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things. Love never faileth; but whether there be prophecies, they shall fail; whether there be tongues, they shall cease; whether there be knowledge, it shall vanish away. For we know in part, and we prophesy in part; but when that which is perfect is come, that which is in part shall be done away. When I was a child, I spake as a child, I felt as a child, I thought as a child; now that I am become a man, I have put away childish things. For now we see in a mirror, darkly; but then shall I know fully, even as also I was fully known. But now abideth faith, hope, love, these three; and the greatest of these is love."

"The greatest of these is love." Love is going to be the foundation that I am going to build my thoughts on. First, we will ask what is love? Love is God or God is love; you can term it either way. Second, how does love apply to the working tools of a Mason? That is what I am planning on telling you. The working tools of a Mason are the twenty-four inch gauge and the common gavel, the plumb, the square, the level and trowel. The next question is how are they used? We are taught the twenty-four inch gauge is made use of by operative Masons to lay out their work, but we as free and accepted Masons are taught to make use of it for a more noble and glorious purpose of dividing our time, it being divided into twenty-four equal parts is emblematical of the twenty-four hours of the day which we are taught to divide into three equal parts, whereby we may find a portion for our devotion to God, a portion for our usual avocation, and a portion for refreshment and sleep. In other words, our time should be divided in such a way that we dedicate a portion to God, a portion to our neighbor, and a portion to ourselves.

First, what is your duty to God? I am not telling you to go to church, for some of you may not believe in churches. Of course, that is your own business where you go, but I will tell you one thing, you will not go wrong by going to church sometime. As I said before that is your own business where you go. To visit the sick, that's giving God some of your time; to help the poor, that's giving God some of your time; to help to do good at any time is giving God some of your time. For Jesus says, "As you do it unto one

of the least of these my brethren even so you do it unto me."

Next, what is your duty to your neighbor? First, who is your neighbor? In Masonry you are taught that every human being has a claim upon your kind offices, do good unto all; in that case everyone is your neighbor. We should regard the feelings of others; we should be kind to everyone; we should love everyone; we should even do good to them that hate us, for Christ tells us "He that sayeth he loveth me and hateth his brother is a liar; for how can you love me whom you have not seen and hate your brother whom you have seen." Then your duty to your neighbor is to love him.

Last, but not least comes self. That is one of the greatest hold-backs to Masonry in our group — is Old Self. We are too busy looking after Self to see God or our neighbor. We magnify ourselves so big that God or our neighbor doesn't have a look in. In other words, we want to be the Big I Am when it should be the other way around. In order to be big you have got to be small in the sight of God; you have got to humble yourself, be meek, be willing to serve, and not to rule. If you'll notice in your ritual whenever it speaks of Self, it always comes last; first and always comes God, then your neighbor, and yourself last. Then let us look more seriously on the spiritual meaning of these working tools of a Mason.

The next working tool is the common gavel, and its proper application. The gavel is an instrument made use of by operative Masons to knock off the corners of the rough stone the better to fit them for the builder's use, but we as free and accepted Masons are taught to make use of it for a more noble and glorious purpose of divesting our mind and conscience of all the vices and superfluities of life. What are vices? Pride, covetousness, lust, envy, gluttony, anger and sloth. In order to be a true Mason at heart you must rid your mind and conscience of these vices, thereby fitting ourselves as living stones for that spiritual building that house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

The next working tools are the plumb, square, and level. The plumb is an instrument made use of by Masons to raise perpendiculars, the square to square their work, the level to lay horizontals, but we as free and accepted Masons are taught to make use of them for a more noble and glorious purpose. The plumb admonishes us to walk uprightly in our several

stations in life before God. The word "upright" means straight. Those of you who are familiar with your Bible will recall that whenever God speaks of an upright man He refers to a palm tree, because a palm tree is always straight. You never see a crooked palm tree, therefore we should walk straight and upright before God at all times, ever squaring our actions by the square of virtue. Before we can apply the square of virtue, we have to first know what virtues are. Humility, liberality, chastity, gentleness, temperance, patience, and diligence. These are the virtues that we must square in our own life first; and remembering that we are traveling upon the level of time; anything that is level is even. Then we should live a clean even life while we are traveling to that undiscovered country from whose bourne no traveler returns.

The last working tool of a Mason is the trowel. The trowel is an instrument made use of by operative Masons to spread the cement which unites the building into one common mass, but we as free and accepted Masons are taught to make use of it for a more noble and glorious purpose of spreading the cement of brotherly love and affections, that cement that unites us into one sacred band or society of friends and brothers. In speaking of brotherly love we are not speaking of the material side of man as some of you may think; instead we are speaking of the spiritual side of man, for Masonry is spiritual, not material. I think it was Longfellow or some poet who said in one of his poems: "From dust thou art, to dust returneth," was not spoken of the soul.

If we spread more brotherly love among ourselves and live each day for the eternal good of others, there will be no question about who among us can best work and best agree. There are two kinds of Masonry: Operative and Speculative. Operative Masonry alludes to the material side of man, speculative Masonry alludes to the spiritual side of man. Operative Masonry is only material or earthly symbols to teach us how to apply speculative Masonry to our spiritual lives, for as I said before, Masonry is spiritual. If you remember in your several lectures, each one of your working tools are explained to you in their material (or worldly use) then they are explained in their spiritual application. For an example, we are taught that in operative Masonry we allude to a proper application of the usual rules of architecture whence a structure will derive figure, strength,



and beauty, and which will result in due proportion, and just correspondence in all its parts (which is material) then we turn around and say by speculative we learn to subdue the passion, act upon the square, keep a tongue of good report, maintain secrecy, and practice charity (which is spiritual). And so you will find in all of your teachings of Masonry in your rituals that the symbols of operative Masonry are just to teach you how to apply them in a spiritual way to our lives, in order that we may become better men and Masons spiritually.

For the benefit of some of you newly made brothers, I would not pay a great deal of attention to some of the arguments about how some of the brothers work in and out of their several lodges, such as stepping over dead bodies and walking around in circles. That has no significance in this day and time. Those methods (or symbols) were used in those days to teach the people in that age how to come out of darkness into light. (Darkness means ignorance, light means intelligence). The people in those days did not have books to read and study like the people in recent years, so they were taught by certain signs and symbols in material things in order to get them to understand their spiritual meanings. Christ used the same methods when He was on earth to teach His disciples and the people of that day, only He used parables which is nothing more than an earthly story with a heavenly meaning. For instance, Christ would say, "The Kingdom of heaven is like unto a man who had a vineyard. . ." He would go on with this material or earthly story and when He had finished it He would apply it to the spiritual side of man. It was the only method that He could use in those days to make the people understand. You take back in the days of the Pharaohs their only means of teaching people were by hieroglyphics, but we in this age can read and think for ourselves. Education has brought us out of darkness into light. You may ask the average five year old child of today what is a telephone or radio, and the child will tell you right away what they are and you don't have to draw pictures of them to make them understand. So you can plainly see that we are living in a more advanced age than our ancient brothers. We do not have to use those old methods to make the intelligent mind of today understand the spiritual teachings of Masonry.

I do hope that in the days to come  
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## ACCEPTANCE ADDRESS

On being elected Master of Phillip A. Buchanan Lodge No. 63, Prince Hall affiliate.

I accept with the deepest humility the honor and privilege to offer my service to you and our Grand Master above.

I will put forth my greatest efforts to make Masonry in this Lodge, hearts and minds of the members therein.

My convictions are to be concerned about you, why you can not come to meetings, and after you receive your three symbolic degrees you lose interest and never return. It may be that you are not grasping the message the officers of this lodge are attempting to instill and impress on your memory.

I will attempt to get more Masonry into you and not more men in Masonry. To help you to understand what your rights, benefits, and privileges are as a Mason, to attempt to explain to you what you are continually searching for and if found what it would be as a reward for your labor in the Temple and where the Temple is.

How you are to be recognized as a Mason, what Masons and non-Masons should say and think about you. To attempt to let you know what we give, stand for and endorse. That these things are more important than the rings and pins we wear.

I will attempt to prove to you that there is a great difference between you and the uninformed, why we say all people have a call on our kind office and service. To inform you that it does not mean just gifts, handouts, loans, and credit, it also means good counsel and advice of you which would not be asked of you unless there was a difference between you and the uninformed. I am concerned as to why we are not attracting the leaders in our communities such as the Doctors, Lawyers, Business men, Ministers, and College Graduates. Why would they rather join a social club? Brothers, are the benefits of our labor going to waste? And why when you are made a Mason there is no record of change in your character? I say to you as Master of this Lodge, "Let's make 1957 our banner year and end up with a record of achievement that will be a challenge for years to come for Lodges and Masters alike."

Fraternally Yours,

VIRGIL HOOPER, W.M.

## From the Notebook of the Worshipful Master

We find upon us a new year, the year we looked forward to with eager anticipation during the month of December, 1956. At this time we may have made some resolutions or just simply said to ourselves, "Next year will be different from this one. There are some things that I certainly want to get done. The house and grounds need some work and other things need taking care of." These and other things you probably said to yourself this time in December 1956 at the approach of the new year. Well, if at this time you have not made a start to put your plans into action, do not linger too long because this year got off to a very fast start and is keeping the pace. Just reflect a moment, January has come and gone, February is just a memory, March is on its way out and April will soon be upon us. True is the saying that time waits for no one.

As your thoughts were at the approach of the New Year, the same were the collective thoughts of the new administration which you elected to serve you in the Lodge for this year, 1957. Our plans were to be constructive, progressive and to include the suggestions and ideas of the Brothers. We have but one thought in mind. "For the good of the Order, for the good of the Lodge, and for the good of the Brothers."

Some of our "thinking out loud" at the beginning of the year included the following:

1. More instruction and information pertaining to the Secret Arts and Practices of Masonry.
2. Meetings of a reasonable duration. (Shorter Meetings.)
3. Refreshments every meeting night.
4. More activity in the Craftsman Club.
5. Improve the physical appearance of the Lodge.
6. A closer harmony among the several Lodges in the district.

With regard to the items mentioned, our considerations are as follows:

1. *More instruction and information pertaining to the secret arts and practices of Masonry.*

On our Intermediate meeting night in January, there was a demonstration on the correct method of "Working in"

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that some of our so-called big Masons will stop going back in the ancient past and digging up a bunch of old, obsolete language and pollute the for all 3 degrees as well as explanations concerning them. The Tyler's Oath was also given and explained. After refreshments, the correct procedure for working out in all three degrees was demonstrated and explained by the Grand Inspector, Nathaniel Batie. On our Intermediate meeting night in February we had a First Degree with four new brothers coming into the Craft. I understand from our Jr. Warden William Moore and Bro. O. Dess Dykes who have been working with the new brothers, that they are ready for their Proficiency already. Good work, brothers.

**2. Shorter meetings.**

From time immemorial this has been a problem to plague the Worshipful Master. Nevertheless, great strides in this direction are being made. Business meetings of necessity take a little longer in order to properly take care of the Business pertaining to the Lodge. However on our Intermediate meeting nights, with full programs and even a First Degree, the Lodge was closed around 10 o'clock. If you have not been attending the Lodge meetings because you thought we would be there ALL NIGHT, . . . well come on out and see that such is not the case.

**3. Refreshments every meeting night.**

If you have been in regular attendance at your Lodge meetings this year, no comments from this Office are necessary. You have partaken of a variety of delicious refreshments. We have had ice cream, cake, donuts, coffee, cookies and on our last meeting night we had more than 7 different kind of pies! One Brother remarked that the refreshments alone were worth coming to the Lodge meeting. Our hearty thanks to the Jr. Warden, William E. Moore for so amply attending to refreshments.

**4. More activity in the Craftsman Club.**

The Craftsman Club has been very busy as you will see. The Officers of the Craftsman Club for this year, 1957 are:

Chairman, William E. Moore, 3167 Franklin Ave., BE 9-3441; Co-Chmn., O. Dess Dykes, 3120 Franklin Ave., BE 2-2236; Secretary, James E. Kinsey, 318 No. 31st St., BE 4-5214; Treasurer, Spencer Love, 3284 McLaurens Lane, BE 3-5730. Members — ALL THE BROTHERS OF FIDELITY LODGE No. 10.

**5. Improve the physical appearance of the Lodge.**

Actually 4 and 5 work hand in hand. The Craftsman Club have plans for improving the Physical appearance of the Lodge. The first item on their program is the Fence Project. No doubt you have received a letter informing you of this 'Fence Project.' If you have not received your letter or any information concerning the 'Fence Project' please contact the Chairman of the Craftsman Club at once.

The Craftsman Club had a meeting in February 1957. The Chairman reported that the Fence Project was met with high enthusiasm by the Craft and the Brothers have been responding beautifully. However, if you are one of the Brothers who have not yet responded please do so at once. The Chairman states that plans are to "wrap up" the Fence Project within the next 2 weeks with the co-operation of the Brothers. In the meeting plans regarding a Bar-b-q, a Founders' Day Dinner the early part of April, and other activities were discussed. For further details regarding the activities of the Craftsman Club, be sure to attend the next meeting. The date and place will be announced in Lodge.

**6. A closer harmony among the several Lodges in the District.**

This is not just a one Lodge plan, but one that is on the program of all the Lodges in the District. In the past the Lodges in District No 4 have enjoyed the fellowship and Brotherhood of one another. This is our joint pledge to continue to do so in the future. In keeping with this idea, on January 16, 1957 at Fidelity Hall there was a general meeting of the Worshipful Masters and Officers. Lodges in attendance were Fidelity No. 10, Gibraltar No. 58, G. A. Thompson No. 79, Golden West No. 83, and Starling J. Hopkins No. 88.

The purpose of the meeting was in line with number 6 above. There was general agreement among the Brothers on the various things discussed. An idea presented was that our District (No. 4) invite the GRAND LODGE to meet here in San Diego in 1958. The Masters and Officers of the Lodges present were in agreement with the idea. This idea was presented and discussed in our Lodge meeting and was met with approval by the Craft. However this is just for extending the invitation to the Grand Lodge. Naturally it is at their will and pleasure whether they accept or not.

Further in harmony with number 6, on February 10, 1957 at Fidelity Hall the Past Masters of Fidelity No. 10 sponsored an Inspirational Dinner for the benefit of the Masters, Officers and Brothers of the Lodges in District No. 4. The food was good, a lot of it and steaming hot. The program presented by the Past Masters of the various Lodges was very nice, and a good time was had by all. Our Past Masters Council is to be commended for their endeavors in making that program a success. If you missed the affair, you missed a good one. However you need not miss the next one. The Brothers present prevailed upon the Past Masters to sponsor another Inspirational Dinner. The Past Masters consented to do so. The date, time and place of the next dinner will be given in Lodge meeting.

Before I leave No. 6, just a reminder, — all the Brothers of Fidelity Lodge have a standing invitation to visit the meetings of the Lodges. Do accept that invitation.

The 6 items listed were just a few of the considerations this administration pondered over at the beginning of the year and are now in effect. There were, of course, many more items which space will not permit to enumerate here. However they will and are being discussed thoroughly in Lodge meeting.

Your attention is now called to the Prince Hall Blood Bank in San Diego. Some time ago there was initiated a Blood Bank by the Brothers for the benefit of the entire Prince Hall Masonic family. There are still a number of pints in the Blood Bank and it is there for use by you or your family — free of charge. If you need blood for yourself or family, contact Brother Walter McDonald, 508 Olive-wood Terrace, phone CO 2-2507 and he will give you the information as how to go about securing it from our supply in the Prince Hall Blood Bank. If at present you are well and your family is enjoying the best of health, which I sincerely trust is the case, now is the time for you to donate a pint of blood to our Blood Bank. One never knows what the morrow will bring.

The Prince Hall Little League Baseball Team. — Again this year Fidelity Lodge and the other Lodges in District No. 4 are joint sponsors of a Little League Baseball Team. The young fellows had a wonderful

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## ANGEL CITY LODGE No. 18, F. & A. M., NEW HOME

It was some time back in 1953 when several of the members of Angel City Lodge realized the membership was outgrowing the 50th street hall. They thought about buying a hall and set out to do just this.

Some of the members discussed the matter with our Chapter and it was suggested that we merge to buy a large piece of property and erect a building large enough to house all branches of Masonry in Los Angeles. Several meetings were held and committee was formed. The plan was to ask each member in Los Angeles to loan the building committee \$100.00. This plan was in effect for two years. After many fruitless efforts to get the members to support it, the committee was disbanded. All money that had been collected was returned to the penny with interest gained.

Brother Nathan Williams, Jr., then Master of Angel City called his craft together and stated that there were so many members of Angel City who had supported the building program, that the Lodge would go alone and try to buy a hall of its own. This we did.

We worked along the same lines that had been presented to the entire membership of the city, was asking each to loan the Lodge \$100.00. The money would be in the form of a saving to the members. Because it will be returned with interest within ten years. In the first month under the directions of Brother Williams and his committee, \$12,000.00 was loaned to the Lodge by the members. Many of the members are making monthly payments on their loan at this time. Then we set out to select a hall. Several sites were looked over and investigated. The building committee consisted of new members and past Masters. Many meetings were held and finally we selected the present site for \$52,000.00.

The Lodge paid \$15,000.00 initial payment and moved into the hall for its first meeting March 1956. After one year of operation we owe less than \$33,000.00. In addition to our 2nd floor Large Hall we have a lower hall with dining room facilities to rent. We have a Store on the lower floor to rent, and two rent houses. We have four other Lodges renting our Hall and four Eastern Chapters and a Heronines of Jericho Court. Our payments are \$400.00 a month and our rental income is \$365.00. This figure does not include the renting of the Dining room.

One of the most interesting parts of the program is the interest that has been manifested by the Brothers of the Lodge. As you know, when you go into a new home there are many little things that must be done to make things pleasant, there are adjustments to be made to fit our Masonic program and works. All tables, desks, chairs, heaters, altars, officers' stands, as well as many other small items were needed. All of the above articles were donated by the members. They painted the 1st and 2nd floor halls. Lockers were built, platforms made, and other carpenter work done. This all was accomplished under the direction of our present Master Burney B. Irvin. Our Junior Past Master, Brother Williams has united to bring this hall to its present stage.

There are still improvements to be made, and as time goes along we will have one of the finest equipped meeting halls in the jurisdiction.

Our Property is located in the center of the city on Broadway, one of the main thoroughfares. Foot traffic in the day time has been checked and it averages over 100 persons per minute passing north and south. We have a cross town bus line on our north corner, 54th street running east and west, a bus line on Broadway in front



Wm. C. Faulkner

of our hall running north and south, a continuous stream of automobiles and trucks.

On the front of our building we have a beautiful neon lighted sign reading "Angel City and Prince Hall Affiliation, F. & A. M." This sign is visible for miles at night, telling the world Prince Hall Masonry is established here.

Since we have been in our hall our attendance has increased over 40 per cent, our small intermediates' meetings have an average attendance of 60 members. At each meeting we have some brother stepping up to the Secretary's desk donating some small or large article that can be of use and a saving to the Lodge, such as ash trays, light bulbs, clocks, and volunteering for work on Saturdays (that's our day

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## GOOD HOPE'S NEW HALL

A Master Mason traveling the width and breadth of the state of California can, with a discerning eye, find many landmarks left by early day Masons of many nationalities. Landmarks of Masonry among Negroes in the state were established by men, who although at that time were few in number, came here possessed of faith and courage, and who bonded themselves together in brotherhood and charity, seeking to find a better way of life for themselves and their future generations.

A Mason of such calibre was late P.M. Joseph Crosson, aided and assisted by the now deceased Theodore Parker, P.M. William H. Evans, P.M. Estridge, P.M. A. E. Carter, and P.M. Mellontree among others.

Working with a nucleus of members from Marcial Neal Lodge No. 4 Knights of Pythias, these two worthy men in 1919 petitioned the Grand Lodge of Masons of the State of California then presided over by Most Worshipful Past Grand Master T. A. Harris to be granted permission to institute a U.D. Lodge in the City of Oakland, California for the purpose of setting up what is now known as Good Hope Lodge No. 29 F. & A. M.

In June of 1920 the Grand Lodge Session held in San Diego, California passed favorably on a motion placed before those assembled that a charter be granted and the same was done accordingly after some deliberation, the Lodge being duly instituted on June 18, 1920. At the time of this action Good Hope Lodge numbered some 53 members. Since that time has steadily grown to a membership that now numbers 373 with some twenty-three Past Masters still in active status.

Two of the first meeting places of the Lodge were Foresters' Hall on Clay Street and later in Carpenters' Hall. In 1936 or thereabouts the Masonic Temple located at 30th and Myrtle Streets became the meeting place of Good Hope Lodge. This was brought about when Acacia Lodge No. 7, Adonis Lodge No. 25, Beulah Chapter O.E.S., and Good Hope Lodge No. 29 banded together and pooled their resources together to build the temple which is still being used today by those Lodges mentioned above, the latter being an exception.

In 1955 under the leadership of the Worshipful Master Frank R.

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## GOOD HOPE'S NEW HALL

Wright a motion was passed by the Lodge to the effect that a committee be formed and instructed to explore and to seek out sites and information that would permit Good Hope Lodge to establish a home of its own, a plan that had gradually been brought before the Lodge from time to time by Farsighted brothers in the Lodge who felt that present day needs and future progress would be enhanced by such a move. Some exploratory work was done by this committee and when in 1956, P.M. Wright passed the gavel and the jewels of the office to W.M. Richard Wilson the wheels of this idea began to turn in high gear. Under the driving and skillful leadership of W.M. Wilson, a committee consisting of Bros. Ed Harris and Boyce Parker selected an existing hall ideally suited and located for the needs present and future of the Lodge.

Once given the approval of the building by the Lodge, W.M. Wilson with the able assistance of the above mentioned committee and others such as Lodge Secretary P.M. Nathan Hardy, Senior Warden Ernest Mayfield, and Bro. Novelder Draper, Trustee Chairman, among others placed the proposed purchase of this building before the Grand Lodge Board of Trustees for its consideration and assistance.

Purchase of this building was consummated on November 1, 1956, after the building had been duly appraised by this committee and terms and conditions of the purchase price of \$42,000.00 had met with the approval of the Grand Lodge, the financing principal of the transaction.

Feeling that W.M. Wilson had done an excellent job spearheading this operation, and in order that machinery of operation of the Lodge Hall could be properly and smoothly installed, Good Hope Lodge expressed its gratitude to W.M. Wilson by electing him to serve as its Worshipful Master for the second consecutive term during the year of 1957.

In order that the Lodge hall might be properly managed, W.M. Wilson appointed committee chairmen to carry out the necessary work as follows: Budget and Finance, P.M. H. Pierson; Relief Department, Bro. McNeely Taylor; Building Superintendent, P.M. Willie Moore; Auditing Committee, P.M. Frank R. Wright, Jr.; Vice Chairman, P.M. T. C. Christian; Secretary, P.M. Andrew Lacy; Treasurer, P.M. Irving Schuler; Trus-

tees, Bro. Lovelder Draper; Public Relations, Bro. Ed Harris.

The hall, a two-story building of masonry and rustic exterior, has three store fronts on the ground floor. Two of these will be leased and the third one is now being converted into an office and recreation room for the pleasure of the Lodge membership. On the second floor is to be found a large comfortable assembly room, a bar, a fully equipped kitchen with a large banquet hall adjoining, rest rooms, a ladies lounge, and a lobby. The interior of the hall is now being painted by some of the Craft, and it is the consensus of opinion among those who have passed through it, that with the completion of this work and the completion of the office and recreation room, Good Hope Lodge will indeed have a home capable of providing all the needs of its membership and one of which the membership can be justly proud. (Picture on page 13.)

On the night of March 14, 1957, W.M. Wilson called the Craft to order on the third degree of Masonry in Good Hope Masonic Temple. Swelled by several visiting Past Masters and Worshipful Masters from affiliated Lodges in the Bay area along with many visiting brethren, the total attendance on the memorable evening presented a scene so impressive and so inspirational that those present could not but be affected by the culmination of the hard work and planning that went into the establishing of a successful climax of work started back in the days of 1920.

Dedication ceremonies will be conducted by the Grand Lodge on April 28, 1957 being presided over by our most esteemed Grand Master E. Al Fulcher and committees are now at work carefully mapping projects and management policy for the hall in order that its many accommodation facilities can be most effectively used by Good Hope Lodge No. 29 and the community in which it is located.

The officers and members of Good Hope Lodge wish to extend to the members of all affiliated Lodges throughout the Grand Lodge Jurisdiction a standing invitation to those visiting in Oakland, California to visit the hall and meet with us on the second and fourth Thursday evenings of each month. The address of the hall is 610 - 55th St.

## OFFICE OF

LUTHER JOHNSON  
Grand Lecturer

872 - 69th Ave., Oakland 21  
March 13, 1957

R.W. Royal E. Towns  
533 Rosal Avenue  
Oakland 10, California

Dear Brother Towns:

This letter to your office, while admittedly delinquent, comes as the result of inspiration received by observations in the distant past and of a very recent nature.

Having had the pleasure of working with you in your position as editor of "The Prince Hall Masonic Digest," I am fully aware of the strenuous hours and painstaking research expended by you in an effort to present a publication for the enlightenment of the brethren of this jurisdiction.

It is my opinion based upon a personal evaluation and statements made by others that this publication has gained such a status that I doubt if this jurisdiction would again be content without it.

It was and still is my purpose to attempt to circulate this booklet in such a manner which will assure it being read by those upon whom we are desirous of making favorable impressions, clandestine elements and brethren of other races.

It was my very great pleasure to have statements made to me recently by brethren owing obedience to the Grand Lodge of California, (White), who expressed their admiration for such a fine periodical. Genuine surprise was registered when informed that its editor was a man of local residence.

Wishing you continued luck in your work and offering you my wholehearted assistance in your efforts to disseminate knowledge, I am,

Fraternally yours,  
LUTHER JOHNSON, SR.

As early day Masons left their landmarks along the trail of Masonry in this fair state, we, the members of Good Hope Lodge No. 29 F. & A.M. California and Jurisdiction humbly and reverently feel that we have established that which our founders started by their untiring and devoted efforts. So Mote It Be.

ERNEST BROUSSARD,  
Member of Pub. Rel. Comm.

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## THEY ARE INDISPENSABLE

By FRED A. HOUSTON, P.M.  
Guardian Lodge No. 50  
Los Angeles, Calif.

When one receives a magazine or newspaper little thought is given to the vast amount of work required to put it into print. The articles of the various contributors, photographs, assembling the material, composing and proofreading make a real job for the editor and printer. Many printing shops do publications as well as job work. The editor must therefore keep in close communication with the printer, either by phone or in person while his particular job is in the process of being printed. This frequently requires considerable time, patience and energy.

In our jurisdiction of 76 lodges and 8,000 members, there should be no lack of interesting events and worthwhile news every issue. It may be observed that much of our news comes from outside the jurisdiction. Truly few of us are trained in the skills of Journalism but generally speaking, dates and a simple statement of facts is all that is necessary to make understandable an interesting reading. We enjoy reading of Ritualistic work performed, civic and social efforts and Youth programs and there too are news events of individual Masons that may be of interest.

*The Prince Hall Masonic Digest*, therefore, is the best and most valuable asset we have in disseminating information among the Craft. Our San Francisco Convention of 1955 climaxed 100 years of Masonry in Cal-

ifornia and its Jurisdiction, and although only five years old, the *Digest* represents our first and so far our most successful effort to place before the Craft a journal of Masonic information. Our growth in lodges and membership make it a necessity. If it did nothing but publish Grand Lodge proceedings, it would be of inestimable value to those unable to attend. The Grand Master's address, reports of various committees, election results, convention comments, hospitality reflections of city officials and hosts indicate the knowledge necessary to acquire a complete coverage of such proceedings.

The recent report of Bro. Royal E. Towns, our Public Relations Director and Editor of *The Digest* indicates a bit of weariness and well he should be. It has been generally known that his department needs more support and interest than has been forthcoming in the past. As a matter of fact, his job has been so thoroughly and competently performed from the title cover of our journal to the very last page that many of our brothers suspect that it will go on forever without any effort on any one's part except his own.

Let us therefore step up production as is done in the industrial world and do all we can to lighten the burden of Bro. Towns. A very important factor greatly appreciated by any publication is a mailing list as nearly correct as possible. Returned mail for lack of correct addresses can become an expensive item. Our brothers can alleviate this to some extent by forwarding their own changes of address to the publisher, but primarily this is the duty of various secretaries. It is they who have first hand knowledge of the new, suspended or deceased brothers.

Lastly, few if any of the irregular lodges have a publication at all and certainly nothing equal to our Journal of Masonic information. It should be our individual and collective responsibility to cooperate in every possible way to keep it alive, for the *Prince Hall Masonic Digest* and Brother Royal E. Towns each are indispensable.

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to work around the building). The interest among the brothers is here. That's why we are proud of our Officers and members who instituted this building program and the members

## "Masonic Inspiration"

Dear Brother Towns:

I had the great pleasure of a visit from your good friends, Bill Jarvis, Past Master of Victoria Lodge No. 3, San Francisco, yesterday. He certainly is a grand man and a credit to Prince Hall Masonry.

Bill thought you might care to write up a story on *MASONIC INSPIRATION*.

I enclose necessary material.

If you find room in a forthcoming issue, you might care to use it.

Best regards, and hats off on editing a really live and very professional magazine!

(Signed) CHARLIE VAN COTT

Meet Brother Charlie Van Cott, publisher, *Masonic Inspiration*, By Raymond Huhta, W.M., Publicity Lodge No. 1000, New York City.

Brother Charlie Van Cott is a great Mason and a great fighter for human liberty. He is a 32 degree Mason, a Shriner and Tall Cedar. He is a "fighting" Mason, always ready to defend or advance the Craft. He has been a writer for twenty years on large city newspapers and magazines like *The Saturday Evening Post*. He recently won the gold award of the Freedoms Foundation for promoting The American Way of Life. Single-handedly he succeeded in erecting a statue of gold honoring Brother Thomas Paine — an event that attracted world-wide interest. He was a key figure in promoting The Four Freedoms, Rights of Free Americans, Tribute to the Unconquerables and Better Books for Youth. Brother Cott plans to make *MASONIC INSPIRATION* his final and most important work. He publishes this newsy bulletin on a non-profit basis and is able to produce it at 2 cents a copy ONLY if enough Lodges order copies for their members each month. Our Lodge is proud to be one of the growing list of Lodges subscribing to this wonderful bulletin. How about your Lodge? Why not see that all your members receive this fine bulletin each month!

Write: Chas. Van Cott  
Morris Plains, New Jersey

who had faith in their ability to make this building possible.

We invite all Prince Hall Masons to visit our Hall any 1st or 3rd Wednesdays of the month. You are welcome. Our address, 5428 S. Broadway, Los Angeles, 37.



## YOUR LODGE (cont. from page 3)

Opportunity knocks at least once at every door, it is the deaf and the irresolute that it passes by. It is worth exactly what we are prepared to make of it and will remain only for the time we use it.

A Lodge of Masons is likened to a garden, which may be intelligently cultivated or allowed to run wild; but whether cultivated or neglected it will bring forth. If no useful seeds are planted therein, weeds will fall and continue to produce their kind. Just as the gardener cultivates his garden, chooses carefully his seed and keeps his land free from useless weeds, so must we lift the standard of Masonry and recognize our fraternity as a progressive and involving being that is where it is so that we may learn. As we learn the spiritual lesson which our circumstances contain, the weeds will pass away and give place to greater, more progressive achievements.

The desire is to obtain; to aspire is to achieve. Shall our basest desires receive the fullest measure of gratification and our purest aspirations starve for lack of sustenance? The greatest achievement was at first and for a while only an idea, then opportunity and success.

The giant oak waits its opportunity in the acorn, the bird waits in the egg and in the highest vision of the soul a waking angel stirs. Dreams, ideas and opportunity are only the seedlings of successful realities. All things are as they are because of the thoughts and ideas built into them, one is progressive because it is free from base ideas and adverse control, the other complacent because the gardener is lazy.

Law, is the dominating principle of the universe. Justice is the soul and substance of life and righteousness is the molding and moving force of the world. This being so, free and accepted Masons have but to apply themselves to their principles and ideals.

For years on end masonry has been plagued by unauthorized bodies commonly known as clandestines — some unscrupulous ex-members, completely without morals have attempted to give the Masonic secrets to these bodies for personal gain, believing at the same time that they would destroy the body whose code of ethics they were not capable enough to uphold, while at the same time overlooking masonry's most valuable secret weapon — The Brethren! You, my brethren, and you alone, can stamp out this weed forever with the most powerful weed killer of all, good public relations. Let the public know by every

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craft with it. The scripture tells us to let the dead bury the dead and look forward for greater light. I have been a member in this Jurisdiction around twenty years, and I have seen visiting brothers hail from all parts of the United States, and I have never yet seen any two work alike. So after all, what difference does it make who's right or who's wrong. There is no way of proving it, the only authority any living creature has today is what he has read from some history; that being true, one writer has just as much right as the other according to his understanding, and our adoption; for whatever work a Jurisdiction adopts, it is theirs by right of adoption, then the other fellow has just as much right to his as we have to ours.

I was reading an article the other day where a Professor in Science was talking to his class, and he asked one of his students if he told him to go in his library and destroy all books that were out of date which would he destroy. The student replied that he would destroy all books over ten years old. So you can plainly see that Scientific methods that Thomas Edison and many of the Scientists before and after his day used are obsolete today. They have been improved upon. Then let us improve our minds in Masonry by searching for the more sacred thoughts of the fraternity and forget about the material side and old Self; and exemplify the noble tenets of the Order in our daily living. In so doing we will be fitting ourselves as living stones for that spiritual building, that house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. I thank you.

B. G. GRAY, P.M.,  
Delta No. 21

means of expression just who are the Free and Accepted Masons in your community. Live, walk, act and talk like men with a purpose, make more appearances in public as a masonic body, hold your banner high.

All of you are a part of masonry's mighty public relations, you have many as yet untapped resources contained in hidden ideas, suggestions and improved methods. Explore your latent ideas, develop your talents to the extent that you may render a better service to your lodge, your home and community.

Brethren, without the inner door awaits prosperity, complacency and poverty; one of them must enter and become a part of our body. Think on these things and remembering always that by our deeds shall we be known.

## DEVELOPING FAITH AMONG YOUNG PEOPLE

By BROTHER BURRELL W. PORTER  
Chairman of Youth

It has long been accepted that nature abhors a vacuum and whenever one occurs nature will call upon every force in the universe to fill it. Every young mind is similar to a vacuum, it must be filled with something by some person or institution. Since the course of life which one takes or follows is largely determined by what is in the mind, it seems reasonable that the home, the school, fraternal orders and the church, having the opportunity to participate in filling the minds of young people, would do their best to see that the best in mental, moral, social and spiritual truth and enlightenment be put into the minds of all young people as early as possible. The major part of the burden in filling the mind with spiritual truth, rests upon the Church, and other worthwhile organizations like the Masonic Lodge, and should be supported by the home.

The primary business of the Young peoples Fraternal Order is to foster a better personality for a better personal Christian Faith. It is therefore incumbent upon those in the leadership of the Fraternal Order to always be prepared to impart the truth upon which faith grows at every occasion presented to them. The scripture says: "Faith comes by hearing," and I would like to add, "Faith also comes by seeing." Certainly one of the best ways to foster Personal Fraternal Faith in the Organization is through the teaching and precepts by the Leadership of the Fraternal Orders. Therefore, the obligation to be prepared to teach, rests upon those who lead in the Orders. It is also the challenging duty of every leader to not only teach but practice the things they teach. It seems to me a brilliant teacher who lives a careless life will not be quite as effective in fostering personal faith as a teacher who may not be very brilliant but who lives daily the things he teaches.

A person who has never taken a voyage before will purchase tickets and take a stateroom on a steamship to England and before going aboard will wire their friends in England that they will arrive at a certain time. This is possible only because they have faith in the durability of the

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ship and the Knowledge of the captain and the pilot. Likewise the Youth will grow more Masonic-like in their character if a greater faith is developed, that connects them to the fact that they feel that they are a part of the whole Organization.

Specific aims for Fraternal Education of the young people: These aims should begin in the home. If young people are to enter upon the right road in life and pursue a specific destiny in mental, moral and spiritual developments, the ground work for successful growth in these endeavors must be laid in the home. It will be the duty of the schools, youth organizations, such as the "KNIGHTS OF PYTHAGORAS" and the CHURCH itself to encourage growth in these fields.

It is at this point that the schools and the youth organizations, have the specific duty to bring to the child the showers of understanding and deep appreciation which will help these principles grow.

How should a leader evaluate the work of the young people?

First: If the leader is competent he should be able to determine from the work of the young people just how much of the teachings illustrations and demonstrations a young person has understood, appreciated and accepted.

Second: How much zeal the individual young person has to transmit these ideals to other young people and transmit them to others. The various examples, the most endurable impression in fostering increasing faith in the fraternal orders are established by what the individual youth believes and confirms and what that youth does as a result of the belief and confirmation.

A Fraternal leader of Youth can be thankful to God for the blessings in his labors when he has brought a young soul to the point of understanding and determination where he will say with the poets:

*Since right is right and God is God,  
Then right the day must win,  
To doubt would be disloyalty,  
To falter would be sin,*

or

*So night is grandeur to dust,  
So near is God to man,  
When duty whispers low, 'thou must',  
'Tis youth replies: "I can."*

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season last year, and this year promises to be even better. If you attended any of their games last season you observed that they tended to be more interesting than major league baseball. Let us, you and I give the fellows our support by attending their games and rooting them on to win. More about their activities and season schedule will be given in Lodge meeting.

This year too, as in years past, Fidelity Lodge and the other Prince Hall Lodges in District No. 4 are joining together to present a Scholarship to some deserving graduating High School student who plans to go to college and further his education. Information has been sent to the High Schools in San Diego County relative to our Scholarship program. However, if you know of some worthy and well qualified High School senior student who you feel is deserving of our Scholarship, contact the Office of the Worshipful Master, supplying the name and address of such student. All applications will be given due consideration by the Scholarship Committee.

On April 19, 1957 the Grand Master and the Grand Lecturer will make their official visit to San Diego. That is our regular intermediate meeting night. All of the lodges will meet at Fidelity Hall on that night for the meeting. Fidelity Lodge being the wisest, largest, friendliest, best, as well as the oldest lodge in the District has the honor and distinction of being the Host Lodge. Naturally being host, you are expected to be there, so mark the date on your calendar now - APRIL 19, 1957. This Office is counting on you to be there, also let the visiting Brothers know that you a member of Fidelity Lodge - by extending to them every courtesy and demonstrating that you are a true HOST.

There are others things, such as St. John's Day in June, Prince Hall Day in September, plans that the women have for fixing up the hall and many other events that are not recorded here. All of it concerns you as a member of Fidelity Lodge. Take part in your activities, know what is going on, attend your Lodge meeting so that you may be well informed.

One other very important matter on my desk before I proceed to close. Check your Dues Card. Is it marked up to date? As you know, the Auditing Committee will make their report

## THANKS

For the contributions of some of our brothers. We regret that all could not be printed, but keep sending in your articles, you will then have the pleasure of reading them in one of our future editions.

May we also serve notice on the committees whose names are listed as a part of the editorial staff - your contributions are also welcomed. To the Secretaries of the Masters' and Wardens' meetings in the north and in the south - many of the brothers who cannot attend these meetings would welcome having in their home and files, copies of the very fine speeches and papers presented on these occasions. To the Masters' and Wardens' Associations, wherever you may be located, let us hear from you. We would like a little more home news of lodges and their activities.

## BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

Thanks to Acacia Lodge No. 7 and Apollo Lodge No. 84 for their contributions to the Oakland Boy Scouts of America. The Scout movement teaches youth the value of organization from the Cub Pack at six to the First Class Boy Scout beyond the age of twelve years. And from then on he may receive the honors of an Eagle Scout if he has the qualifications. In this movement they start learning leadership at an early age and are taught respect for law and order. A regular annual contribution that would help just one Boy Scout in your vicinity, should be mandatory. For each youth you invest into the Scout movement, a boy will be molded into a better man of tomorrow.

on our next business meeting night. All Brothers who are 3 months or more in arrears will be put on their list. So check your card. The secretary will be most happy to mark it for you.

Sincerely,  
JAMES C. LEE, III  
Worshipful Master, Fidelity  
Lodge No. 10

P.S. - On our regular Intermediate meeting night, this coming Friday, March 15, 1957 (the "Ides of March") the Grand Inspector will make his official visit. You are expected to be in attendance so that the Craft may properly give recognition due to our Grand Officer. We will also have a First Degree proficiency and Brother Moore informs me that refreshments will be ample. Last, my Brother, be on time so we may get out before 10 o'clock.



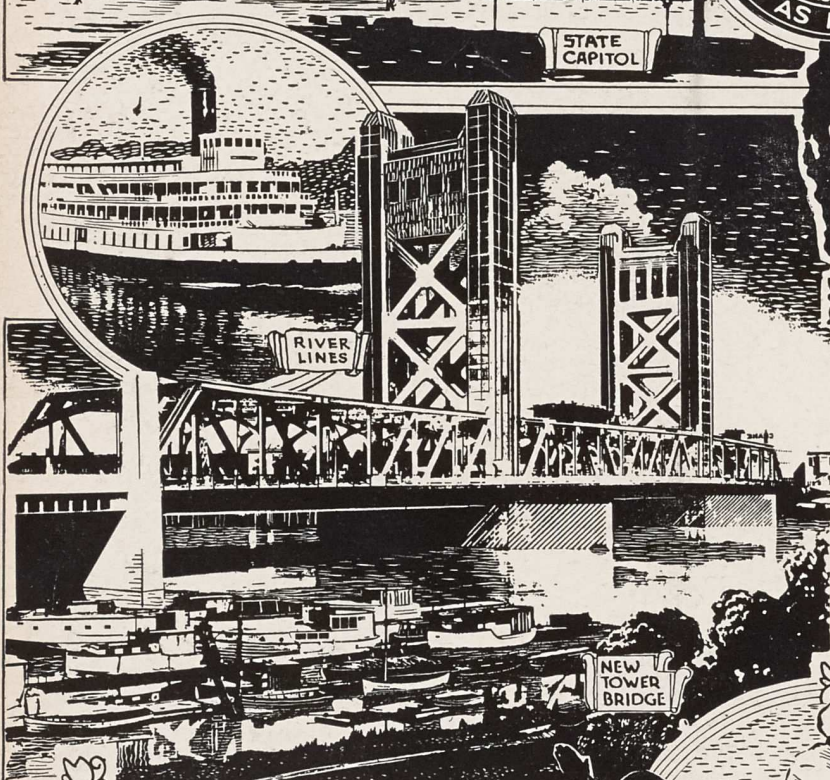
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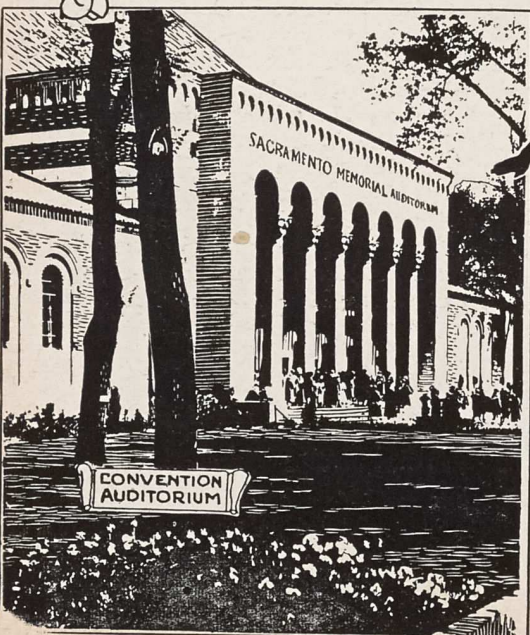
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The above pictures include: 1 — Angel City Lodge Hall, Los Angeles; 2 — Apollo Lodge No. 84, Oakland; 3 — P. G. M. Ray Hunter Addresses Masters, Wardens and Secretaries; 4 — Brother Jimmy Domingo, the only Eskimo member of Prince Hall Masonry; 5 — Past Master Ray Blackshear, No. 84; 6, 9, 10, 12 and 16 — Shots from Long Beach Sessions; 7 — Grand Sessions Committee at Sacramento with Richard Tully, Convention Manager of Convention Bureau, meeting with group; 11 — Grand Sessions Committee, Sacramento; 13 — Los Angeles Commandery, K.T.; 14 — Good Hope Lodge, Oakland; 8 and 15 — Masters', Secretaries, and Wardens' meeting; 17 — Past Master Cosey, Victoria Lodge's Oldest Past Master.



# NATIONAL GRAND LODGE AND RELATED MATTERS

by HARRY A. WILLIAMSON

Apparently, there is very little literature, or data of accuracy extant pertaining to the National Grand Lodge, and what shall follow, have been gleaned through an examination of the records of that body for 1849, 1862, and 1865, also from miscellaneous documents.

There is one very important fact which cannot be emphasized too strongly, and that is, that of the several so-called National Grand Lodges now allegedly in operation within our racial group, not one of these can prove itself to be the legitimate successor, through the submission of indisputable documentary evidence, of the national jurisdiction which was reputedly dissolved in 1877.

Upon this subject, the following may prove of interest, and may be found in the proceedings of our jurisdiction in Connecticut, for 1875, and found on page 7, to wit: That in compliance with the request coming from the National Grand Lodge units in New York, Pennsylvania, Georgia, South Carolina, also several other states which were not mentioned, the National Grand Lodge met in the City of Philadelphia, Pa., and during the session a motion was presented for the dissolution of that national governing body. The result of the voting was as follows:

(a) Yeas: By States 7; by Members 42; by proxies 25.

(b) Nays: By States 8; by Proxies 10; Rhode Island not voting.

This volume of Connecticut transactions gives the names of the delegates to the convention held at Boston, Mass., on the 24th, to 28th of June, 1847, when the alleged formation of the National Grand Lodge was held. The jurisdictions represented on June 24th were Rhode Island, New York, and Massachusetts. It seems those from Pennsylvania did not reach Boston until the 25th, due to the fact they had been engaged in a Saint John's Day celebration in Philadelphia on the 24th.

On the date of the Philadelphia meeting in 1875, there were 14 Grand Lodges working in the National Compact, and these were:

Illinois, Kentucky, Missouri, Virginia, Pennsylvania, Indiana, Tennessee, South Carolina, Kansas, Mississippi, New York, Michigan, New Jersey and Georgia.

It seems that the annual meeting of the National Grand Lodge had been scheduled to held at Wilmington, Del., in 1877, but that prior to the date of the meeting, the jurisdiction in that state had announced its severance to the national governing body, thus the session was without either a sponsor or a place to meet; that it adjourned sine die, never to meet again.

The following data relative to Prince Hall Masonry, as related to the National Grand Lodge units, also, the State Rights, or independent jurisdictions will no doubt prove of both interest and value in a discussion of the probable dissolution of the National Grand Lodge.

## 1 - Pennsylvania

(a) Hiram Grand Lodge withdrew from the Compact on November 9, 1849.

(b) The independent or State Rights grand body denounced the National Grand Lodge on June 28, 1850.

(c) The National Grand Lodge unit and the State Rights grand body, consolidated into what is now Prince Hall Grand Lodge on December 24, 1882.

## 2 - Massachusetts

Prince Hall Grand Lodge withdrew from the Compact on December 18, 1873.

## 3 - New York

(a) At its session in 1848, Boyer Grand Lodge repudiated the signatures of its delegates to the 1847 formation of the national body on June 7th.

(b) Boyer Grand Lodge was re-organized October 13, 1848 under the title of "United" Grand Lodge.

(c) The "United" Grand Lodge and the National Grand Lodge unit consolidated into what is now Prince Hall Grand Lodge on December 27, 1877. (\*)

## 4 - Maryland

The First Independent Colored Grand Lodge and the Union Grand Lodge (Compact), consolidated into what is now Prince Hall Grand Lodge on September 12, 1876.

## 5 - Missouri

Union Grand Lodge (Compact), became an independent jurisdiction by severing its allegiance with the National Grand Lodge on July 8, 1875. (\*)

## 6 - New Jersey

(a) An independent or State Rights grand body was erected April 29, 1850.

(b) Union Grand Lodge (Compact), and the State Rights jurisdiction consolidated into what is now Prince Hall Grand Lodge on December 29, 1875. (\*)

## 7 - Ohio

What is now Prince Hall Grand Lodge withdrew from the Compact on September 21, 1868. (\*)

## 8 - Delaware

The independent or State Rights jurisdiction denounced the National Grand Lodge on July 1, 1850. (\*)

## 9 - California

The Conventional Independent Grand Lodge and the National Compact unit consolidated into what is now Prince Hall Grand Lodge on June 24, 1874. (\*)

## 10 - Indiana

This Grand Lodge withdrew from the Compact June 23, 1873. (\*)

## 11 - Rhode Island

"Union" Grand Lodge (State Rights) and Harmony Grand Lodge (National Compact) consolidated into what is now Prince Hall Grand Lodge on October 27, 1875 (\*)

## 12 - Louisiana

Eureka Grand Lodge (State Rights) and "Union" Grand Lodge (Compact) consolidated into what is now Prince Hall Grand Lodge, in 1874.

## 13 - Michigan

(a) The National Grand Lodge unit dissolved September 22, 1873.

(b) Unity Grand Lodge (State Rights) and the former members of the Compact unit, consolidated into what is now Prince Hall Grand Lodge, September 23, 1873.

## 14 - Virginia

(a) "Union" Grand Lodge (National Compact) was erected October 29, 1864.

(b) A State Rights grand body was erected October 14, 1867.

(c) The above Masonic bodies consolidated into what is now styled as "Most Worshipful Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M. (Prince Hall Affiliation) Virginia Jurisdiction," on December 15, 1875. (\*)

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(d) This is the *only* Prince Hall jurisdiction which styles itself as "A. F. & A. M."

#### 15 - Kentucky

This jurisdiction severed its relations with the National Grand Lodge, in 1875 <sup>(10)</sup>.

#### 16 - Illinois

This Grand Lodge severed its relations with the National Grand Lodge, in 1875 <sup>(11)</sup>.

#### 17 - Kansas

King Solomon Grand Lodge withdrew from the National Compact and was re-organized into what is now Prince Hall Grand Lodge at a meeting held March 7th to 9th, 1876.

#### 18 - North Carolina

This Grand Lodge withdrew from the National Compact in 1872 <sup>(12)</sup>.

#### 19 - Florida

The State Rights and Compact units consolidated into what is "Union" Grand Lodge on June 12, 1872 <sup>(13)</sup>.

#### 20 - Georgia

(a) A unit of the National Grand Lodge was erected on August 22, 1870.

(b) A State Rights grand body was erected June 23, 1874.

(c) The above jurisdictions consolidated into what is now Prince Hall Grand Lodge, in June, 1888.

#### 21 - Tennessee

(a) A State Rights Grand Lodge was erected August 21, 1870 <sup>(14)</sup>.

(b) A unit under the National Grand Lodge was formed September 19, 1871.

(c) The above jurisdictions consolidated into what is now Prince Hall Grand Lodge, June 12, 1882.

#### 22 - Ontario

This jurisdiction withdrew from the Compact in 1868.

NOTE: *Missouri*. Allegedly, there is a record to the effect this jurisdiction severed its adherence to the National Grand Lodge on July 9, 1869, but this has never been verified.

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What now follows is the result of an examination of the proceedings of the National Grand Lodge for the year 1862, and the meeting held at New York City. Of all the officers (both elected and appointed) who were present in their respective stations, only the National Grand Master, William H. Riley of Pennsylvania, and the National Grand Secretary, Jonathan Davis, also from Pennsyl-

vania, responded to the roll call; all of the other offices were filled with a temporary appointment. The meeting was held in the hall used by the local Compact unit, situated on West 16th Street, between 7th and 8th Avenues. At the morning session of the following day, the only permanent officer in his station was the National Grand Master.

The Grand Lodges adhering to the Compact at that date were:

1-R.W. Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Massachusetts: Lewis Hayden, Grand Master; Dr. John B. Smith, Grand Secretary.

2-R.W. Grand Lodge for the State of Pennsylvania: Jonathan Davis, M.D., Grand Master; Alfred S. Cassey, Grand Secretary.

3-Grand Lodge for the State of New York: David Gordon, Grand Master (\*); Theodore W. S. Titus, Grand Secretary.

(\*) NOTE: The name of This Freemason can be found on the Charter of the *only* known Lodge of Prince Hall Masons which was in operation during a portion of the late Civil War; it bore the name of "Phoenix Lodge No. 1," and the Charter is dated March 1, 1864. The original Charter is now in the Williamson Collection in the New York Public Library.

4-R.W. Union Grand Lodge for the District of Columbia: Robert H. Booker, Grand Master; John F. Cook, Grand Secretary.

5-R.W. Grand Lodge for the State of New Jersey: Henry Mackey, Grand Master, Joshua Woodlin, Grand Secretary. (\*)

(\*) NOTE: This Freemason was a Methodist Minister, and when the Senate of the State of New Jersey assembled on January 31, 1872, he delivered the opening prayer. <sup>(16)</sup>

6-R.W. Union Grand Lodge for the State of Maryland: James Pinkney, Grand Master; Samuel W. Chase, Sr., Grand Secretary.

7-R.W. Harmony Grand Lodge for the State of Delaware: William H. Colwell, Grand Master; Joseph G. Walker, Grand Secretary.

8-R.W. Grand Lodge for the State of Ohio: E. A. Fulton, Grand Master; William F. Ambush, Grand Secretary.

9-R.W. Grand Lodge for the State of Indiana: John W. Harrison, Grand Master; W. G. Robinson, Grand Secretary.

Several items of interest are to be noted in this volume. One indicates there was considerable discussion as to whether a Grand Lodge should be designated as "Most Worshipful," or "Right Worshipful"; it was finally agreed the former should be permissible. The Grand Lodges were not very prompt in the payment of their dues to the national body, for six owed for three years; three, for two years; and, two, for one year. The handling of the proceedings came up for attention due to the fact the members who were responsible for their custody could not account for several hundred copies.

The meetings of the National Grand Lodge were held triennially, and when the time for election of officers for the period between 1862 and 1865 arrived, the National Grand Master, William H. Riley refused to succeed himself, and the assembly called off for at least ten minutes in order to permit the canvassing of the members for a new National Grand Master. The name of Paul Drayton, Grand Master of New York and another whose name is not mentioned, were placed in nomination, and apparently Drayton had a "walk away" and, upon his election, he retired as Grand Master of New York.

The other national officers were:

Richard H. Gleaves (Ohio), National Deputy Grand Master; Lewis Hayden (Mass.), National Grand Senior Warden; William H. Gipson (Pa.), National Grand Jr. Warden; James Needham (Pa.), National Grand Treasurer; Edward M. Thomas (D.C.), National Grand Secretary.

The appointed officers were: Rev. J. D. S. Hall, National Grand Chaplain; Rev. D. Winslow, National Grand Chaplain; Rev. W. Jackson, National Grand Chaplain; Rev. Lewis A. Hood (N.Y.), National Grand Senior Deacon; David Gordon (N.Y.), National Grand Junior Deacon; Nathaniel L. Durham (Pa.), National Grand Senior Steward; John W. Addison (R.I.), National Grand Junior Steward; F. C. Revels (Pa.), National Grand Marshal; H. H. Dade, National Grand Sword Bearer; Jonathan C. Miller (Pa.), National Grand Pursuivant; Jonathan Davis, M.D. (Pa.), National Grand Lecturer.



NOTE: Anent Paul Drayton. He was born in South Carolina, and allegedly he was the son of a member of Congress from that state; he was readily mistaken for a white man. While he was Grand Master, Drayton went into North Carolina and erected Lodges of Freemasons among the Negro population. Finally, the news got around that the Grand Master of New York was in the state, making Masons of ex-slaves with the result, not knowing the identity (racially) of Drayton, the white Masons in North Carolina accused their Grand Master of New York of doing so, and, this was the cause of very strained relations between the white jurisdictions of the two states for quite a period, or until the officials in the southern state learned that Drayton was not a white man.

There has been a statement to the effect that Paul Drayton had been made a Mason in a Lodge in South Carolina, but a search of such records as are in the possession of the earliest Lodges in Charleston; i.e., those not destroyed during the Civil War, fail to reveal his name on their oldest lists.

On page 22 of the 1862 proceedings, there is a list of the Chapters then working under the jurisdiction of the "First Independent African Grand Chapter of North America, of Royal Arch Masons," whose headquarters were in Philadelphia, Pa. Constituent Chapters are listed as being in New York City, Delaware, Massachusetts, Ohio, Missouri, New Jersey, and Maryland.

On the same page is a directory of the "First Independent African Grand Encampment of North America" of Knights Templar, whose headquarters were likewise in Philadelphia. Other Encampments under its jurisdiction were in Massachusetts, Ohio, Maryland, District of Columbia, and New York.

There were two "Encampments" or, as we now style them, "Commanderies" in New York City, namely, "Empire No. 6" and "Rising Sun No. 7" but both were listed as "suspended."

On page 23 there is reference to Scottish Rite Masonry, to-wit:

(a) Supreme Grand Council, 33rd Degree, Sovereign Grand Inspectors General for the United States of North America, whose Grand East was at Philadelphia, Pa.

(b) Subordinate Grand Councils of "V. P.'s" of Jerusalem were located at Philadelphia, Pa., Baltimore, Md., and Washington, D.C.

(c) A "Grand Lodge of Perfection" bearing the title of "Riley Grand Lodge," of which Paul Drayton was the "T.P.G.M.," was located in the City of New York.

We now come to an examination of the proceedings of the National Grand Lodge for the year 1865, and the triennial session at Baltimore, Md., beginning with October 16th, held in the hall of Union Grand Lodge situated at the corner of Saratoga and Davis Streets, with Paul Drayton, National Grand Master presiding.

Three additional Grand Lodges appear in this volume of 80 pages, to wit:

(a) M.W. Grand Lodge for the State of Virginia, constituted 1866: Anthony A. Portlock, Grand Master; J. W. Jasper, Grand Secretary.

(b) M.W. Grand Lodge for the State of Michigan, constituted October, 1865: John W. Harrison, Grand Master; J. Burdine, Grand Secretary.

(c) M.W. Grand Lodge for the State of Missouri, constituted June, 1866: Henry McGee Alexander, Grand Master; William Roberson, Grand Secretary.

There appears the likelihood of an error in the listing of the officers for the Michigan jurisdiction as compared with those for Indiana; the officers of the latter are identical with those of the latter, also, that John W. Harrison served as National Grand Senior Warden at the opening of the session as representing Indiana, further, in the proceedings of 1862, he is listed from Indiana.

A convention of Grand Lodges which were opposed to the National Grand Lodge, was held in the City of Philadelphia, Pa., from October 10 to 12, 1865, and a document from that meeting, bearing the date of October 13, was forwarded to this session of the National Grand Lodge.

The documents bares the signatures of: James H. Townsend (should have been "Jonas," not "James") of New York; Jacob Jenkins of Pennsylvania; L. E.

Griffin of Maryland, and J. Harper of New Jersey. Space had been left for a representative of Delaware, but no name was inserted.

The document is somewhat lengthy, but the most important portions read as follows:

"Your Committee would respectfully submit the following resolutions:

"Resolved, That this General Assembly of Grand Lodge, after a mature consideration of our Masonic difficulties, think that the only obstacle which stands in the way of a perfectly consistent Masonic Union, is the organization of the 'National Grand Lodge.'

"Resolved, That in union there is strength, and any obstacle or obstacles which stand in the way of our presenting an unbroken Masonic front, should be immediately removed.

"Resolved, That the Representatives here assembled, be requested to present, agitate and encourage in their respective Grand Lodges, fraternal visitations throughout the Fraternity.

"Resolved, That a copy of this report be prepared and transmitted to the National Grand Lodge, for their consideration."

The Chairmen of this assembly of State Rights grand bodies was Patrick H. Reason, Grand Master of the "United" Grand Lodge of New York; Jacob Jenkins was the Secretary of the convention.

The reaction of the National Grand Lodge to the document sent in by the State Rights assembly was expressed in the following language:

"Resolved, That in view of the fact that the proposition presented to this Most Worshipful National Grand Lodge, through a committee appointed by the Convention held in the City of Philadelphia, demanding, as it does, such concessions and action on the part of this Most Worshipful National Grand Lodge, as would not only be incompatible with the position of this Most Worshipful body, but also subversive of the proposed objects of the aforesaid proposition, and the purposes which the existence and character of this Most Worshipful National Grand Lodge is designed to accomplish.



"Resolved, That the proposition of the aforesaid Convention is not of a character to be entertained by this Most Worshipful National Grand Lodge, and that it therefore be returned to the Committee from correct copies of those resolutions."

At the afternoon session of the National Grand Lodge held on October 18, the following Preamble and Resolutions were presented and adopted by a unanimous vote:

*Whereas*, Pursuant to circular call, issued by the African Grand Lodge of the State of Massachusetts, Delegates from all the Grand Lodges of Masons (colored), in the United States of America, convened in the City of Boston, State of Massachusetts, on the 24th day of June, A.L. 5847, A.D. 1847, for the purpose of establishing a National Grand Lodge, as the most proper and efficient means of effecting and maintaining the principles of Masonic harmony and Union among the different Lodges of Masons throughout the country; and,

*Whereas*, All the said Grand Lodges of Masons, through and by their Delegates, in Convention assembled, did enter into a solemn covenant, to form, erect, constitute and establish a National Grand Lodge of the United States of North America, and to be subject to its jurisdiction; and,

*Whereas*, Certain parties in and of the States of Pennsylvania, New York, New Jersey, Delaware, Maryland and California, have, in violation of their most sacred and solemn covenant, rebelled against the rightful authority of the Most Worshipful National Grand Lodge, thus formed and constituted, and do still refuse to submit to its jurisdiction; therefore, be it, and it is hereby

*Resolved*, That the said parties and persons as above, by the perpetration of this great Masonic crime, have placed themselves beyond the limits of proper Masonic recognition, and so long as they persist in occupying their present positions, they can have no Masonic standing with this National Grand Lodge, nor can those under its jurisdiction acknowledge or respect them as Free and Accepted Masons; and all the members of this Most Worshipful N. G. Lodge and all those working under its compact of jurisdiction, are here-

by prohibited from countenancing the said assumed Lodges or persons as such, or those in any way connected with them, as Masons.

*Resolved*, That, as the purposes of the organization and maintenance of the Most Worshipful National Grand Lodge, was, and still is, to promote and effect the proposed *Union of all Colored Masons in this country*, we do hereby declare, that our hands continue to be extended towards all true and worthy brother Masons, and that we are also ready to receive into our fellowship, even those who are disaffected, whenever the proper application shall be made on their part to be thus affiliated.

In the matter of the casting of votes in the National Grand Lodge, there was a system in vogue for which no explanation has come to light. In some instances one Brother would be recorded as entitled to two votes; in others, a Brother would be recorded as entitled to not only his own vote, but, as proxy, could cast as many as six votes for absent members of the body.

In his address, the National Grand Master referred to Military Lodges, and, the Committee on the Grand Master's address submitted the following which was later approved by the National Grand Lodge:

4th. That portion which relates to Military Lodges: we respectfully recommend the adoption of the following regulations, for the government of any and all such Lodges as may be warranted or chartered by any M.W. Grand Lodge under the jurisdiction of this M.W.N.G. Lodge.

#### *Regulations of Military Lodges*

It being essential to the interests of the Craft, that all Military Lodges should be strictly confined to the purpose for which their warrants were originally obtained, and as a very great abuse may arise from the improper initiation of Masons by such Lodges, every warrant, therefore, which is held by a Military Lodge, shall be forfeited, unless the following laws be complied with, in addition to those specified under the rule regulating subordinate Lodges.

1st. No warrant shall be granted for the establishment of a Military Lodge, without the consent of the commanding officer of the regiment, battalion or company, to

which it is to be attached, having been first obtained.

2nd. No Military Lodge shall, on any pretense, initiate into Masonry, any inhabitant or sojourner at any town or place at which its members may be stationed, or through which they may be marching, or any person who does not, at the time, belong to the military profession, nor any military persons below the rank of corporal, except as serving brethren or by dispensation from the Grand Master.

NOTE: in the above paragraph is reference to a *serving brother*. This has been the very first reference to such an individual to come to the attention of this writer in the annals of the Prince Hall Fraternity; in fact, not another such reference has come to light during his researches.

The "*serving brother*" had its origin in English Masonry during the early years of the Craft when Lodges met at taverns, and drinks were served during the assembly. The party, or waiter who served the drinks, was made a Mason, but he was not a member of the Lodge; the purpose was that he might, with propriety, be within the room while business was being transacted, or degrees being conferred.

3rd. When any Military Lodge under the Constitution of a M. W. G. Lodge, under the jurisdiction of this M.W.N.G. Lodge, shall be in foreign parts, it shall conduct itself so as not to give offense to the Masonic authority of the country or place in which it may sojourn, never losing sight of the duties it owes to the Grand Lodge, to which communication is ever made, and all fees and dues regularly transmitted.

4th. If the regiment, battalion, or company to which a Military Lodge is attached, be disbanded or reduced, the brethren shall take care that the warrant be carefully transmitted to the Grand Lodge, that it may not fall into improper hands; but if a competent number of brethren remain together, they may apply for another warrant, of the same number, to be holden as a civil Lodge, at such place as may be convenient, and which may be approved by the Grand Master. Such warrant to be granted without additional expense.



NOTE: Previously, reference has been made to "Phoenix Lodge, No. 1," as having been warranted by David Gordon, Grand Master of New York. The Warrant also contains the signature of Samuel J. Scottron, as Grand Secretary pro tem. The Lodge, according to information, was assigned to the 29th Regiment of United States Colored Troops; however, originally, it had been a Volunteer Infantry Regiment recruited in Connecticut; its officers, as named in the Warrant, were: Alexander Heritage Newton, Master (Company E); John Andrews, Senior Warden (Company D); Richard Giles, Junior Warden (Company H). Brother Newton became a clergyman in the African Methodist Episcopal Church, and, in later years was a Grand Chaplain in the Prince Hall jurisdiction of New Jersey, also Treasurer-General in the Northern Jurisdiction of the Supreme Council of the Scottish Rite. He died in 1921 at the age of 84 years, and, in 1949, the Prince Hall Grand Lodge erected a Military Lodge at Camp Kilmer, N. J., using Brother Newton's middle name, "Heritage," for its title.

The copy of the transactions for 1865, reveal correspondence with Masons in foreign countries, and an outline of such as presented by the Committee on Correspondence now follows:

(a) A document date at Port-au-Prince, Haiti, July 20, 1864, addressed to Paul Drayton, and bearing the signature of J. Theodore Holly. This Brother became the Protestant Episcopal Bishop to the Republic of Haiti, and for a period prior to his departure to Haiti, he was interested in a body known as the "Philanthropic" Grand Lodge of New York.

(b) A document dated at the Orient of Haiti at Port-au-Prince, September 8, 1864, bearing the signature of Eugene Bourjolly, Grand Secretary, and Grand Representative of Haiti near the National Grand Lodge, addressed to J. Theodore Holly, Representative of the National Grand Lodge near the Grand Orient of Haiti, and attested by Holly from his Masonic Legation.

(c) A document from J. Theodore Holley dated at Port-au-Prince, Haiti, October 18, 1864, addressed to Paul Drayton, National Grand Master of the National Grand Lodge.

(d) A document addressed to the National Grand Lodge from Eugene Bourjolly, Grand Secretary of the Grand Orient of Haiti, dated at Port-au-Prince on October 18, 1864. Bourjolly was the Grand Representative of the Grand Orient of France near Haiti, also such of other bodies.

(e) A document bearing the number 68, dated at Port-au-Prince, Haiti, November 7, 1864, addressed to William H. Riley, Sovereign Grand Commander of the Scottish Rite at Philadelphia, Pa., from Charles Archin, Master of Friendship of United Brothers Lodge, No. 1.

(f) A document to Paul Drayton, National Grand Master, dated at Port-au-Prince, Haiti, December 11, 1864, from Penelon Duplessis, recommending that Brothers Plaisimon Solages; Tibre Toussaint (a Senator), and Benoni Sallem and be appointed respectively, as Representatives of Star of Haiti No. 5; Mount Liban No. 22, and United Hearts No. 24, of the Grand Lodge of New York.

At the triennial election for officers of the National Grand Lodge to serve from 1865 to 1868, the following were selected: Richard H. Gleaves (Ohio), National Grand Master; Lewis Hayedon (Mass.), National Deputy Grand Master; William E. Gipson (Pa.), National Grand Senior Warden; Charles T. Datcher (D.C.), National Grand Junior Warden; John H. Butler (Md.), National Grand Treasurer; Jonathan Davis (Pa.), National Grand Secretary.

On page 40 there is the record that following the election for officers, the National Grand Lodge was opened in the "P. M. Degree," and the National Grand Master, with his Deputy and five Past Grand Masters, duly "installed" M.W. Bro. John W. Harrison, as the Grand Master of the M.W. Grand Lodge for the State of Michigan; Grand Honors were given and the "P. M. Degree" closed.

The appointed officers to serve until 1868, were: Lewis A. Hood (N.Y.), National Grand Senior Deacon; Nathaniel L. Durham (Pa.), National Grand Junior Deacon; James Dolphin (N.J.), National Grand Senior Steward; George W. Melbourne (Md.), National Grand Junior Steward; Joseph H. Deyer (Pa.), National Grand Marshal; Joseph C. Walker (Del.), National Grand Sword

Bearer; William A. E. Smith (Pa.), National Grand Pursuivant; Samuel Van Brakle (Pa.), National Grand Lecturer; James A. Berry (La.), National Grand Tyler.

Pages 49 to 63 inclusive, contain transcripts of communications passed between Brethren in Philadelphia, Pa.; Brooklyn, N.Y.; Haiti, and France. Two letters from France were condolences over the death of President Abraham Lincoln, and these came from:

(a) The "Lodge Renaissance" by the Emulatots of Hiram, working under the Grand Orient of France, and addressed to the "Grand Lodge of the Brothers of Color of the State of New York."

(b) To the "Masonic Order of the United States of America" from "The Brothers of the Lodge of the Friends of the Order."

Both communications were dated at Paris, France, and bore the signatures of the officers of each. Many folks have labored under the impression that Lincoln had been a Freemason, but no evidence of such has ever been forthcoming.

The concluding pages in this transaction contain the Constitution, General Regulations and Code of Procedure of the National Grand Lodge.

Since compiling all of the foregoing matters, a record of the meeting of the National Grand Lodge held in the City of New York on June 25, 1850, has come to hand, and a list of the officers reads as follows: Enos Hall, National Grand Master; John S. Rock, National Deputy Grand Master; George Jackson, National Grand Senior Warden; David Leary, National Grand Junior Warden; James J. Richmond, National Grand Secretary; James Smith, National Grand Treasurer; Henry Watson and James Saunders, National Grand Deacons; Thomas L. Jennings, National Grand S. B. (Sword Bearer?); Philip Hacker, National Grand P. (Pursuivant?); Jonathan Miller, National Grand Marshal; James Henderson, National Grand Master of Ceremonies; David P. Jones, National Grand L. M. (?); Edmund Crapper and Major Robinson, National Grand Stewards; James J. Gould Blas, B. N. C. Warrick, P. D. W. Scureman and (\*) Joshua Woodlin, National Grand Chaplains; Alexander Brown, National Grand Tyler.

(\*) NOTE: This Brother was the  
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## What Is the Order of Knights of Pythagoras?

The Order of Knights of Pythagoras is an organization composed of youths from fifteen to twenty years of age inclusive, working under the sponsorship and personal supervision of Prince Hall Masons, to provide beneficial use of their space time, worthwhile companions wholesome, educational environment, and a program aiming to interest and aid youths in their all-around development.

It is not necessary for a boy to be a son or a relative of a Mason to be eligible for membership but all youths who have passed their fifteenth birthday and who are of good character may petition a Council of the Knights of Pythagoras for membership.

It should be borne in mind that this organization is not a Junior Masonic Order but it is merely under Masonic Supervision.

From their first entrance into a Council of the Knights of Pythagoras as a candidate of initiations, the youths are presented impressive lessons, free from hilarity and horse-play. The investiture is built around the nine cardinal virtues of the Order: Adoration and Reverence for God, Love of Parents, Righteous Thinking, Purity, Patriotism, Toleration, Courtesy, Friendship and Constancy.

The Order embraces no particular creed but teaches faith in the one living and true God.

While the Order of Knights of Pythagoras has its rituals with its secret signs and words, it has no secrets to withhold from the world regarding its aims in making its members better sons and better youths than they ever have been before.

Special Ceremonial Days are fixed and their observance is made obligatory on all members of the Order. They are: Devotional Day, Sunday in June, Patriots' Day, July 4th, Parents' Day, Sunday in November.

Such social activities are conducted by the Councils as are advisable under local conditions. All of these affairs are given under the supervision of the Adult Advisor and the members of the Board of Regents of the Council.

Athletic contests and tournaments are conducted by Councils.

In Jurisdictions having three or more councils, annual state con-

claves are held with attendant oratorical contests, exemplification of the Rite of Investiture and competitive drills.

All boys enjoy the many-sided activities of the Knights of Pythagoras. Its entire program is especially designed for them. It gives them the advantage of the highest type of associates at an age when they are active and energetic and Masonry can make no greater contribution than to aid in direction of their efforts in uplifting channels during their spare time. All such endeavors are to be found in the Order of Knights of Pythagoras.

When a member reaches the age of twenty-one, he automatically ceases to be an active member. His passing into citizenship from the Knights of Pythagoras is marked by an impressive ceremony, at which he is given a majority certificate. This certificate proclaims to the world that the possessor has had the benefit of superior training offered by the Knights of Pythagoras under exemplary Masonic leadership. No greater recommendation can be secured by any youth than this.

A youth, between the age limits should file a petition for membership in a Council of the Order of Knights of Pythagoras through any member or at the office of the Knight's Secretary of the Council. On this petition, vouched for by either two active Knights a Master Mason or a Majority Knight.

At present, there are two Councils operating in this Jurisdiction—Charles Tinsley Council No. 1, San Francisco, and Crispus Attucks Council No. 2 of Oakland. Council No. 1 is under the supervision of the San Francisco District Council of Youth No. 12 of San Francisco, and Council No. 2 under the supervision of Oakland Dist. Council of Youth No. 8. There is only one Dist. Council to each Dist. composed of members of the various lodges.

After a Dist. Council is set up by the representatives of its various lodges under the direction and leadership of the Grand Chairman of Youth and Deputy Dist. Inspector, it is then on its own merit with privileges of holding its own election, and transacting its business as would be required by a Grand Council of the Order of the Knights of Pythagoras, if there was one existing. The Dist. Council is the supervisor of all Youth

Councils within its Dist. It is composed of officers necessary to operate the business of the Council, and a Board of Regents to see that the ritualistic work is carried out as prescribed by the Grand Council, and the Ritual of the Order of the Knight of Pythagoras.

A Board of Regents is composed of six members of the Dist. Council. It appoints an overseer or preceptor for each Youth Council within its Dist. The duty of the preceptor is to see that the work of the Order is carried out as prescribed by law, and to see that each youth is proficient in his work. He is to assist in the planning of activities with the youth, and to report all progress or infractions of the Order to the Board of Regents.

All Dist. Councils are under the Jurisdiction of a Grand Council, having the same boundaries as that of the Grand Lodge which issued to it the charter to operate.

The Grand Council is composed of a Grand Board of Regents, Grand Knight Commander, Deputy Grand Knight Commander, and other officers and members deemed necessary to operate.

The Grand Council has sole Jurisdiction over the various Dist. Councils and Boards of Regents, and the Grand Order of the Knights of Pythagoras, whose officers are Past Master Knights and members are Master Knights, Master Senior Knights and Master Junior Knights.

The Grand Knight Commander is answerable to the Grand Lodge of the Jurisdiction through the Grand Master annually, giving him an annual account of his stewardship, which he, the Grand Master, reports to the Grand Lodge. The Grand Knight Commander is not a member of the Grand Lodge, but works in harmony with the chairman of Youth.

Having presented to you the works of this Order in a general light, we therefore, the chairmen and members of San Francisco Dist. Council of Youth No. 12, Oakland, Dist. Council of Youth No. 8, Charles Tinsley Council No. 1 and Crispus Attucks Council No. 2 Order of the Knights of Pythagoras, do hereby petition this Grand Lodge the following requests:

No. 1 — That this Grand Lodge, under the direction of the Grand Master and the chairmen of Youth, with the assistance of the



Dist. Chairmen, authorize them to meet and formulate the necessary plans of the formation of a Grand Council, which in turn, after being duly instituted and installed, proceed in due form in the organization of the Order of the Knights of Pythagoras.

No. 2—These two Councils, Charles Tinsley No. 1 and Crispus Attucks No. 2, being newly organized, were requested to present to this Grand Lodge the words of the Order of the Knights of Pythagoras, the purpose being that with a knowledge of its work, the Grand Lodge would be in better position to encourage all of its Districts to immediately go to work and make this endeavor a success for our youth.

Being without the necessary funds to make the trip and no time in which to raise it the councils were at a loss as how to proceed, there being no promise of help from the Grand Lodge. Charles Tinsley Council No. 1, being the first Council to be organized, was selected to make the trip. With the courage that makes men great, and above all with faith in God, that all would end well, the council proceeded to the task at hand.

Requests were made to the Lodges of San Francisco, and knowing that all Lodges are to be the backbone of all future councils the council made its request in the form of a loan. These are the San Francisco Lodges that responded: Victoria Lodge No. 3, \$375, Hannibal Lodge No. 1, \$375, Twin Peaks No. 80, being a young Lodge, and assisting in organizing an Eastern Star Chapter, did not have the money to lend, but after two weeks notice, fostered a breakfast that netted the council \$60. From the Master of Bay View Lodge, \$5. \$100 was donated by the Chairman of Youth North. Bay View Lodge 64, has promised to give the council on their return, \$102.00.

Therefore, as our last request, the Council humbly ask of this Grand Lodge, the necessary funds to repay the cost of this trip.

We wish to thank this Most Worshipful Grand Lodge, the Most Worshipful Grand Master, for making this trip possible, and may the little we have done long live in your memory. We wish also to thank the Grand Session Committee for the lodging of the youths, and making our stay here a pleasure long to remember.

## THE NATIONAL GRAND LODGE AND RELATED MATTERS

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author of a 48-page brochure bearing the title of "The Masonic National Union: A History of the Origin of Ancient Freemasonry Among the Coloured Citizens in the United States of America," published at Burlington, N.J., in 1885.

This work concerned matters between the First Independent African Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania and its rival in the state, the Hiram Grand Lodge, also other matters pertaining to the national Masonic movement.

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- 1—M.W. National Grand Lodge of F. & A. A. Y. M., of U.S.A., Prince Hall Origin & Parent Body of All Legitimate Negro Masons, York Scottish.
- 2—Lincoln Grand Lodge, Free and Accepted Colored Masons of America.
- 3—Supreme Workshop of Modern Free and Accepted Masons of the World, Inc.
- 4—Omega Grand Lodge, A.F. & A.M.
- 5—King Solomon Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M.
- 6—Grand Lodge, A.F. & A.M. Scottish Rite.

## VALLEJO LODGE HONORS BASKETBALL TEAM

Vallejo Junior College's award-winning, record-setting 1956-57 basketball team will be honored tonight by Firma Lodge No. 27, F & A M, at a giant "Sports Night" program in the lodge hall at 1209 Georgia Street.

The big show, set up as a Father and Son get-together, is scheduled to get underway at 7 p.m.

General Chairman Frank Boone has lined up an impressive array of local talent for the session and has scheduled the showing of the San Francisco 49ers' "Highlights of 1956" film as the closing item on the bill.

Invocation will be led by Rev. T. L. Brown, with John Edmondson to lead the pledge to the flag.

William T. Banks, Worshipful Master of Firma Lodge, will offer the official welcome to the group.

Included among the many musical numbers will be clarinet solos by Larry Cross and Jacqueline Pruitt; a trumpet solo by Burney Stewart, Jr., piano solos by Pat Boone and Wilma Brown, and a piano duet by Rachel and Angeline Woodal. Talented John Turk, Jr., will solo on the piano and trumpet at the same time in a novel act. And the Royal Aces, a local group of singers and musicians seen recently on television, will also present numbers.

The introduction of the Coast Conference championship Vallejo JC team and Coach Stan McWilliams will be made by Times-Herald Sports Editor Dave Beronio. The latter also will narrate the 49er films and report on 49er prospects for 1957 play in the National Football League.

The Redskin cagers, being honored for the first time, captured the league crown and then went on to gain runner-up honors in the state championships.

Dick and Norman Bass, former Vallejo High School sports stars now attending College of the Pacific, will be introduced. Also scheduled for introduction is James Ledoux, Sr., father of Jim Ledoux, ex-Jaycee ball star, who will report on the progress of his son in professional baseball. Young Ledoux is the property of the St. Louis Cardinals and is making his pro start this year with Billings (Mont.) of the Class C Pioneer League.

A special sidelight of the lengthy program will be little Katherine Edmondson's "A Speech About Baseball."



## Menelik Temple Entertains Prince Hall Family

The Masonic Temple, Oakland, was the meeting place of the whole Prince Hall Masonic Family who were the guests of Menelik Temple No. 36, A. E. A. O. N. M. S.

Illustrious Potentate E. L. Draper and his Nobles of the Mystic Shrine presented a program dedicated to a better fraternal relationship and union between all Prince Hall institutions.

Noble P. C. Washington M.C'd the very well attended meeting, which included the representation of the several organizations, as follows:

Deputy of the Desert of California, Walter C. Taylor, who in turn presented his official staff, including Nobles Bernie Williams and Charles Robinson, Director of Public Relations for the Shriners who stressed continued support of the N.A.A.C.P. and United Negro College Funds and closer scrutiny in Federal, State and Local governmental affairs.

The Daughters of Isis was represented by Illustrious Commandress Rose Villa. Deputy of the Valley, Harvey Chisom, spoke in behalf of Scottish Rite Masonry and told of the recent harmonious conditions existing between the Shrine and Consistorial organizations.

The Golden Circle brought forth Sister Ruth Ann Cannon, while Grand Worthy Joshua of the Heroines of Jericho electrified the audience with a brief but exceedingly interesting history of that Order.

Both Grand Master E. Al Fulcher of the Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Masons and Grand Matron Abbie Cantrell of the Golden State Grand Chapter Order of Eastern Star were absent due to making official visits elsewhere. The Grand Master, however, deputed Grand Keeper of Archives, Nathan P. Hardy, to represent his office. After a few remarks complimenting the program, he introduced the Grand officers present who were: Grand Junior Warden Robert Poole, Grand Treasurer Roy E. Treece, Grand Trustee Mack Bufford, and Grand Officers Wm. L. Hill, Sr., Chester Garrard, Dero Howard, Burrill Porter and Royal E. Towns.

Willie R. Boyette represented the Worshipful Masters of the East Bay.

In closing the Shrine Potentate called on Burrill Porter of the Youth Program to acquaint the assemblage of the actions of his committee and  
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## If You Would Be Wise — Read Good Masonic Literature

In response to the many replies to my office for interesting books on Masonry, it is a pleasure to release this list of books, the price and where they can be purchased. Brother Harry Williamson is a regular contributor to this magazine, and as a token of appreciation for the excellent contributions we hereby tender to you a complete list of books that may prove interesting to all, especially if they are not already in your Lodge Masonic library.

The articles read on National Com-

pact Masonry in this magazine are forerunners and amplifiers in bringing to you the complete history of our order. It tells you what the National Compact was, how we were founded, the ultimate destruction of Compact Masonry and why it was destroyed. Because of the two factions existing in this state from the early fifties to 1874 when the National Compact Grand Lodge combined with the Convention Grand Lodge, both sides of your ancestral pattern may be obtained by this historic research.

H. A. WILLIAMSON

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## GRAND MASTER'S PAGE

Grand Master E. Al Fulcher has been very busy making his official visitations throughout the jurisdiction and with the exception of the Lodges in the far northern part of the state and in Portland, Oregon, he has visited every lodge in the jurisdiction.

Along with Grand Lecturer Luther Johnson, reports have come in from the several sources that the visits have been rich with "Light" and that the Grand Lodge is progressing in numbers and in the ritualistic procedure.

## PROCLAMATION

To the Worshipful Masters, Wardens, and Members of the Particular Lodges owing obedience to the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons of California and Jurisdiction.

Greetings:

I, E. Al Fulcher, by the power in me vested, do proclaim that the 102nd Annual Communication of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, Prince Hall Affiliation, California and Jurisdiction, will convene in Sacramento, California, 15th, 16th, 17th July, A.L. 5957 — A.D. 1957.

On Sunday, July 14, 1957, preceding the opening of the Grand Lodge, Religious Services will be observed at a place to be designated by the local committee.

All Masons will be required to furnish proof of their regular membership before they will be permitted to register with the local committee to obtain their badges. Your dues card properly executed will be accepted as proof. Brothers not wearing a badge furnished by the local committee will be subject to investigation before they will be admitted into Grand Lodge Session.

Lodges: Philomathean No. 2, Harmony No. 61, Monument No. 74, David D. Mattacks No. 87 by their invitation, are hereby designated host of our Sovereign Body.

To this you will give full Masonic obedience.

### ST. JOHN DAY OBSERVANCE

In accordance with established custom, "on Sunday nearest to the 24th day of June each year, which is known among Masons as St. John the Baptist Anniversary, the Lodges of this Obedience shall assemble in their halls or some church for appropriate Religious Services."

Therefore, I, E. Al Fulcher, by the power in me vested, do proclaim Sunday the 23rd day of June, 1957, as

## PRINCE HALL'S LETTERS OF INTEREST

London, August 20, 1792

Right Worshipful Brother:

I have the pleasure of sending inclosed the printed proceedings of the Grand Lodge by which you will perceive the flourishing state of our society; and in the account of November, 1787, you will find accredited your donation to the charity fund, ten dollars sent by Captain Scott; and that of the 18th of April last, your donation of one guinea. I am much obliged to you for the sermon you sent me, which I think very well written, and very appropriate for the occasion.

When you write next to me, I should be obliged if you would let me know if the lodges in the inclosed list, (\*) which were constituted by the Grand Lodge of England, are yet in being, as we have never heard from them since the commencement of the late war in America, or indeed, long before: and in case they have ceased to meet, which I rather apprehend, they ought to be erased from our list of lodges.

I am much obliged to you for the account you give respecting your own Lodge, to which I sincerely wish success, as I should be happy to have it in my power to contribute thereto.

the day and date of observing the above Masonic Anniversary in the year of our Lord A.D. 1957; A.L. 5957.

### PRINCE HALL DAY OBSERVANCE

In accordance with established custom, "on Sunday nearest the 12th of September each year, which is known among Prince Hall Masons as 'Prince Hall' day, the Lodges of this Obedience shall assemble in their halls or some church for appropriate celebration."

Therefore, I, E. Al Fulcher, by the power in me vested, do proclaim Sunday the 15th day of September, 1957, as the date of observing the Anniversary of the birth of our First Grand Master, the Illustrious Prince Hall.

It is suggested that all Lodges in close proximity hold a joint celebration.

To these presents you will give full Masonic obedience.

Given under my hand and the private seal of the Grand Master this the 30th day of April, A.L. 5957; A.D. 1957.

/s/ E. AL FULCHER 33°  
Grand Master

Inclosed I send you one of the calendars for the present year, of which I beg your acceptance.

I remain, with fraternal regard,  
Right Worshipful Brother,  
Your obedient servant and brother,  
(Signed) WILLIAM WHITE,  
Grand Secretary,  
Grand Lodge of England

\* Lodge No. 2 in Boston, constituted Feb. 15, 1749.

New Haven Lodge in Connecticut, constituted in November 1750.

Providence Lodge in Rhode Island Government, constituted Jan. 19, 1757.

Marblehead Lodge, in this Government (Mass.) constituted March 25, 1760.

Letter from Prince Hall in reply:  
To the Grand Secretary, London,

Worshipful Brother:

I received yours of the 20th of August last, together with the printed accounts of the state of the Grand Lodge: and am happy to see the flourishing state of the Society and I am very sorry to see so many Lodges whose behavior hath been such as to put the Grand Lodge to so disagreeable task as to erase them from so honorable a society. I have made inquiry about the Lodge you wrote me about, the Lodge No. 42, which used to meet at the Royal Exchange, and kept at the Assembly house, at the head of Orange Tree Lane, has kept a regular Lodge, and was joined last year by one or two more Lodges. Their present Grand Master is John Cutler, chosen last year, and walked to Trinity Church, where a sermon was delivered by Rev. Walter, D. D., June 25th. The Lodge No. 88 hath joined the above Lodge ever since the death of their Grand Master, Henry Price, Esq., for he is long since dead — a worthy Mason. As for Marblehead Lodge No. 91, I cannot give any information of it, whether it keeps or not; but I believe they don't, for if they did, I should have heard from her. As for the Lodge No. 93, in New Haven, Connecticut, I hear they keep a regular Lodge, and I have reason to believe it. The Lodge No. 142 do keep the same, as some of them hath visited our lodge, and heard it from their own mouths.

I am happy that you approve of the sermon. I have sent you a charge delivered at Charlestown, on the 25th of June last. I have sent one to your Royal Grand Master, his Royal Highness, the Prince of Wales, and another to his Deputy, and three for the Grand Lodge, which I hope will meet your approval.

(Signed) PRINCE HALL

PRINCE HALL MASONIC DIGEST



## GOLD IN SACRAMENTO! JULY 13, 14, 15, 16 and 17

The latch string will be out in Sacramento for all those who plan to be in attendance at the 1957 Grand Sessions in this beautiful Capital City of California on July 13, 14, 15, 16 and 17, when the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons and their affiliated Ladies Rites of adoption, The Golden State Grand Chapter, Order of Eastern Star and the Prince Hall Grand Chapter of the Heroines of Jericho, each meet concurrently. And, to all who are fortunate enough to be in attendance, we promise the finest Grand Session you have ever held.

Beginning on Saturday, July 13th, with registration and last-minute housing, and winding up on Wednesday, July 17, with the Grand Promenade at Governor's Hall, you will find the program replete with business sessions and gaities that will please one and all. And when the time comes to bid adieu to those with whom you have co-mingled for several days, you will be able to understand, more keenly perhaps than before, what was meant by that beloved bard, William Shakespeare, when he penned the immortal line, "Where a welcome ever smiles, and farewell goes out sighing."

The Local Grand Sessions Committee has been working diligently to smooth things along the way — all the way. And, to make certain that you are thoroughly comfortable and happy while here, we would like to make just one little suggestion at this time — and that is — if you have not already done so, send in your request for hotel or motel accommodations NOW. Accommodations are adequate, to be sure, and no doubt all of you have had experience at one time or another in making hotel or motel reservations, so are fully cognizant of the fact that in order to get the best it is wise to act immediately.

The ladies? They have not been forgotten. The Ladies' Committee has many treats in store for those who will not be attending the business sessions. While friend-husband is diligently digesting every morsel of information which is possible, the little lady will have the opportunity of engaging in a variety of diversions — she may shop to her heart's content in one of the many fine shops for which Sacramento is noted or, if it be her whim, she may just relax in Sacramento's beautiful sunshine.

No visit to the Capital City is com-

plete without a visit to the State Capitol Buildings and beautiful Capital Park. Nature really has outdone herself in this magnificent park of forty acres, where will be found trees and shrubs from virtually every country on the globe, each thriving as well as in their native clime. A field-day is really in store for those who would have the desire and the inclination to just mosey along amid all of the grandeur to be found in regions where plant-life abounds.

The State Capitol Building sets like a jewel in the center of Nature's handicraft — and is open daily to the public. To those who have never been through the spacious corridors of this stately edifice, a thrill beyond description awaits you. Mere words would fail to portray its beauty. The \$7,000,000 annex to the State Capitol Building must be seen to be appreciated — it has many interesting displays depicting the wealth of California.

Turning back the pages to the days when California was still in its infancy, one will find in Sutter's Fort a colorful display of many of the reminders of early-day strife and toil when grizzled miners worked unceasingly from morning until night to catch a glimpse of that precious metal which would mean the difference in prosperity and poverty — GOLD! For, it was at Sutter's Fort, in 1839, that James W. Marshall, one of Sutter's men, took off on that trek to Coloma which resulted in the establishment of a mill-race and the resultant discovery of gold at Coloma on January 24, 1848. In Sutter's Fort today will be found the pans and rockers, tools and weapons of those frenzied miners. Sutter's Fort was the western terminus of the Pony Express, which was one of the richest and largest trading posts in the West, and the very core of the great gold rush of 1849 and 1850. Yes, there is a lot to be seen in Sutter's Fort. It has been completely restored and is now maintained as a State Museum. Don't miss it — it is open daily.

Then there is the Crocker Art Gallery — established in 1863 by Judge and Mrs. E. B. Crocker. To those who enjoy the immortal works of the Great Masters, take our advice and include a leisurely tour of the Crocker Art Gallery in your schedule. The Art Gallery is one of the cultural attractions of the City of Sacramento. It contains an invaluable collection of

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upon the Director of Public Relations, who told how the Masonic Digest could be made more interesting and personal, by the assistance of all presiding officers and all committee chairmen acting in the behalf of their organizations, aiding and assisting in getting news to the unfortunate members who cannot attend all Lodge or Grand Lodge sessions.

A feast followed where all had a chance to talk over and digest not only the well prepared food but also the topics of the evening.

### APOLLO LODGE

Apollo Lodge No. 84 entertained the Grand Lodge officers at a Presentation Evening, when Past Master Ray Blackshear was presented with a beautiful Past Master's apron by Worshipful Master Ewing in appreciation for the work done in organizing the Lodge and the work accompanied in the past, expressing many thanks to the Craft.

The recipient, Past Master Blackshear, also made a very impressive acceptance speech.

Grand Master Weston Massengale represented the Grand Master, E. Al Fulcher, who was unable to attend because of previous commitments. A host of Grand officers were present and all had a word to say over the banquet table. Our compliments to the Apollo wives who prepared the repast and to the membership who were perfect hosts.

### IMPORTANT

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

paintings and art objects which it is seldom anyone's privilege to witness. Conservative estimates are that the contents of the Gallery would exceed \$5,000,000 — and that's a lot of art! It is always a "must" when art connoisseurs are in California's Capital City. The Gallery will be open daily to those in attendance at our convention.

"Time Waits For No Man" — and NOW is the time to begin thinking about our Most Worshipful Grand Lodge Sessions on July 13, 14, 15, 16 and 17, in SACRAMENTO!

Sacramento really has the convention know-how — and is anxious to demonstrate to you that it has really earned the reputation of "Host to the Coast."



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**B. F. TALBOT LODGE No. 8, LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA**

## **TENTATIVE PLANS FOR SACRAMENTO CONVENTION**

Completed plans for 1957 Grand Lodge Sessions have been made to hold its Sessions at the beautiful State of Calif. Fair Grounds, located at Broadway and Stockton Boulevard.

Plans completed are as follows:

**SATURDAY, July 13, at 10 a.m.** — Grand Master to be met at Front and Capitol Ave. by the Honorable Mayor Clarence L. Azevedo, with a police escort and proceed down Capital Ave. to 10th St., to L St., right on L St. to Hotel Senator, where there will be a social hour in the Grand Master's Suite.

**SATURDAY, at 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.** — Registration and Housing, Memorial Auditorium, 16th and J Sts.

**SUNDAY, July 14, 1 p.m.** — Motor Cade presentation of Grand Lodge officers and affiliated bodies' officers starts at Hotel Senator via L St., K St. and on J St. to Memorial Auditorium. The Mayor will take a part in this affair and personally welcome each Grand Officer as they are announced by the Grand Marshal.

At 2:30 p.m. — Devotional Service at Memorial Auditorium.

9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 4:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. — Registration and Housing Committees, at Memorial Auditorium.

5 p.m. — Meeting of Grand Matron, Little Theatre, Memorial Auditorium.

7 p.m. — O.E.S. Grand Juvenile program, Memorial Auditorium.

**MONDAY, July 15, 8:00 a.m.** — California State Fair Grounds — Free parking for all cars all day.

Buildings to be used are as follows: Governor's Hall and Little Theatre in the same building, will be used by the Golden State Grand Chapter.

### *Business Sessions*

**MONDAY, July 15 — 8 a.m.**, Business Sessions, Food Hobby Building.  
1st Section — Grand High Court, H. Jericho.

2nd Section — M. W. P. H. Grand Lodge.

8 p.m. — Banquet, Governor's Hall.  
**TUESDAY, July 16 — 8:00 a.m.**, Business Sessions; 8:00 p.m., Lodge of Sorrow, Governor's Hall.

**WEDNESDAY, July 17 — 8:00 a.m.**, Business Sessions; 9:00 p.m., Grand Promenade, Governor's Hall.

(Grand Lodge picture will be made Monday, July 15 at 1 p.m. sharp. — State Fair Grounds.)

The local Committees will open and operate Dunlaps Cafeteria at the Fair Grounds for the convenience of the Delegates breakfast and lunch. Breakfast will be served from 7 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. Lunch, for 11:30 to 2:30 p.m., Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and possibly Thursday.

The local committee has reserved the Press Radio Building on the Fair Grounds to entertain the various representatives of the press. The Public Relations Dept. will maintain an office in the Lounge of this building. Arrangements have been made for the Trustee Board to use the TV Room in Press Radio Bldg., beginning Saturday, July 13 throughout the Sessions.

The Youth Dept. will have their own concession at Fair Grounds, supervised by Chairman of Youth Fraternity.

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