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Left to right: Richard A. Singletary, Grand Joshua, H. of J.; Jessye Singletary, Grand Ancient Matron, H. of J.; M. W. Herbert A. Greenwood, Grand Master of Masons, California and Jurisdiction, Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons; Carrie Ellis, Grand Matron, O. E. S., and Jefferson Stone, Grand Patron, O. E. S.

Prince Hall Grand Lodge, F.&A.M., California and Jurisdiction, will  
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105th Annual Communication



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

No.	LODGE	CITY	MEETING HALL	MEETS	SECRETARY'S NAME	ADDRESS & ZONE	MASTER
1.	Hannibal	San Francisco	2804 Bush St.	1st & 3rd Wed.	John H. Lumpkin	1644 Lyon St. (15)	James W. Taylor
2.	Philomathean	Sacramento	2804 Bush St.	2nd & 4th Sat.	E. R. Thompson	4040 2nd Avenue	William Allen
3.	Victoria	San Francisco	I.O.O.F. Hall, 9th & K Sts.	1st & 3rd Tues.	Harry T. O'Connell	1256 Oakdale Avenue	Charles B. Posey
4.	St. John	Fresno	1050 E. 50th St.	2nd & 4th Tues.	Randolph J. Williams	1233 S. Catalina St. (6)	John Nelson
5.	King Solomon	Fresno	2112 Tuolumne St.	2nd & 4th Thurs.	W. L. O'Connell	1538 F. Street	Clarence Duckworth
6.	Acacia	Oakland	525 30th St.	1st & 3rd Mon.	W. R. O'Connell	945 39th Street (9)	James L. Wilson
7.	F. Talbot	Los Angeles	3007 Logan	2nd & 4th Tues.	W. R. O'Connell	2158 W. 29th Place (18)	Thomas E. Moore
8.	Fidelity	San Diego	410 E. California	1st & 3rd Fri.	Ludy J. W. Ford	835 So. 33rd Street	James Shelby
9.	San Joaquin	Bakersfield	1475 Lincoln Ave.	2nd & 4th Fri.	Robert W. Ford	907 Worcester Avenue	Thomas Williams
10.	Hiram	Pasadena	2935 12th Street	1st & 3rd Thurs.	Stanley Y. Forley	890 Worcester Avenue	Charles Stevens
11.	Orange Valley	Riverside	230 E. Fremont	2nd & 4th Fri.	Claude M. Forbus	2743 10th Street	Willie J. Billingsly
12.	Keystone	Stockton	127 N. Market St.	2nd & 4th Wed.	James Forbus	205 So. F. Street	Carl Bard
13.	San Bernardino	San Bernardino	1104 - 8th St.	2nd & 4th Tues.	William C. Faulkner	361 N. Western Avenue	Willie Roberts
14.	Prince Hall	Los Angeles	5423 So. Broadway	1st & 3rd Wed.	Perry D. Lacy	1603 East 49th Street (11)	King Titus, Jr.
15.	Angel City	San Antonio	1720 Broadway	1st & 3rd Mon.	Lillard C. Dandridge	1818 1/2 18th Street	Wm. B. Lazenby
16.	Crescent Bay	San Antonio	1050 E. 50th St.	1st & 3rd Mon.	Andrew W. Powell	1972 Santa Ana Blvd. (59)	I. Thomas Norris, Jr.
17.	Holland	Los Angeles	5423 So. Broadway	2nd & 4th Fri.	Robert M. Canada	810 E. 92nd St. (2)	Castro Thompson
18.	Delta	San Antonio	502 Olive Street	2nd & 4th Tues.	Don Winton	204 Gray Ave.	Walter Williams
19.	Unity	Portland, Ore.	116 N.E. Russell St.	2nd & 4th Mon.	F. McKinley Howard	4227 N.E. 12th Street (11)	Trevor Mason
20.	Excelsior	Pasadena	1475 Lincoln Ave.	1st & 3rd Fri.	E. Al Fisher	639 E. Imperial Hwy (59)	Thomas Williams
21.	Adonis	Oakland	925 30th St.	2nd & 4th Mon.	S. A. Clark	314 Gulf Ave., Wilmington, Cal.	Ernest D. Williams
22.	Level	Long Beach	516 W. Esther Street	1st & 3rd Tues.	DuBois McGee	321 Walnut Street	Billie R. Pruitt
23.	Sunset	El Centro	1209 Georgia St.	1st & 3rd Fri.	Nathan P. Hardy	845 Brockhurst St. (8)	Boyce Parker
24.	Firma	Oakland	1401 E. 6th Street	1st & 3rd Thurs.	Abraham C. Phillips	P.O. Box 596, Weed, Calif.	Ezell Hilliard
25.	Good Hope	Oakland	610 - 55th St.	2nd & 4th Fri.	Fritz S. Stanley	1302 E. 48th Place (11)	F. D. Bentley
26.	Pride of the West	McCloud	7918 S. Central Ave.	2nd & 4th Mon.	H. P. Williams	1709 1st Street	Max Wright
27.	Douglas	Richmond	257 - 5th St.	3rd Wed.	T. R. Poston	315 Ramona St., San Mateo	Emmett L. Draper
28.	Ashler	Oakland	925 30th Street	2nd & 4th Tues.	Will H. Ector	416 E. Cypress St.	Thomson White
29.	Palo Verde	Blythe	1st and Rice Street	2nd & 4th Tues.	O. P. Price	344 Ramona St., San Mateo	John Short
30.	Landmark	Monrovia	245 E. Huntington Dr.	1st & 3rd Mon.	Gerald Batcliffe	389 Ramona St. (8)	Odiss Warner
31.	Community	Palo Alto	Foresters' Hall, Redwood City	2nd & 4th Tues.	James Blackburn	3500 Park St. (13)	Elmer F. Brown
32.	East Gate	Berkeley	3138 Grove St.	1st & 3rd Mon.	James Gay	3848 W. 27th St. Apt. 3 (18)	Alvin F. Fowler
33.	Garrison	Los Angeles	1050 E. 50th St.	2nd & 4th Mon.	James D. Henderson	2856 Doan St. Apt. 1 Berkeley	Willbert Hopkins
34.	Peninsula	Monterey	960 "V" Street	1st & 3rd Thurs.	Joseph Brooks	3728 56th Street, Berk. 2	Otis Stroughter
35.	Alamo	Tulare	960 "V" Street	2nd & 4th Fri.	Edgar H. Cook	1350 Sacramento St.	Mariano Espanol
36.	Alamo	Vallejo	1209 Georgia	3rd Sat.	Henry L. Young	1722 Ward St. Berkeley (3)	X. X. Brown
37.	Alamo	Los Angeles	1050 E. 50th St.	1st & 3rd Sat. at noon	Calvin H. Ivory	1152 E. 42nd Place (11)	Jesse E. Walters
38.	Thos. Waller	Los Angeles	1050 E. 50th St.	2nd & 4th Wed.	Leslie Lewis, Jr.	731 E. 21st St. (59)	Wm. K. McKee
39.	Putnam	Honolulu, T.H.	1167 Adams Lane	2nd & 4th Thurs.	Rev. H. Clark	99 9/10 Hawa Heights Rd., Ala	James Robinson
40.	Civic Center	Los Angeles	5428 So. Broadway	1st & 3rd Fri.	Wesley C. Harris	3831 S. Arlington (8)	Bill Davis
41.	Friendship	Brawley	900 Ivy Street	2nd & 4th Tues.	Frederic D. Jenkins	1333 C. Street	Jacob Rin
42.	Philadelphia	Stockton	114 S. American	2nd Sat.	Keith B. Bull	1517 F. Street	Rufus Simpkins
43.	Nickerson, Jr.	Los Angeles	1480 W. Jefferson	2nd & 4th Thurs.	Segundo C. Casio	1234 S. Main St.	Jerome Smith
44.	Western Knights	Berkeley	1480 W. Jefferson	1st & 3rd Mon.	Anthony Hilliard	2741 6th Avenue	Charles Labazon
45.	W. J. Anderson	Berkeley	3138 Grove Street	2nd & 4th Thurs.	Edgar D. Diggs	3014 Park St. (3)	Elmer F. Brown
46.	Challenger	San Diego	2905 Clay Ave.	2nd & 4th Fri.	O. R. Hill	3019 Park St. (13)	Alvin F. Brown
47.	Highland Heights	Los Angeles	7918 So. Central Ave.	2nd & 4th Tues.	James D. Henderson	2856 Doan St. Apt. 1 Berkeley	Jessie Thompson
48.	Fleming	Oakland	925 30th Street	2nd & 4th Sat.	Joseph Brooks	3728 56th Street, Berk. 2	Max S. Vaughn
49.	Hamony	Sacramento	I.O.O.F. Hall, 9th & K St.	2nd & 4th Sat.	Edgar H. Cook	1350 Sacramento St.	Arthur J. Kemper
50.	Eli Baker	Oakland	610 - 55th St.	1st & 3rd Wed.	Henry L. Young	1722 Ward St. Berkeley (3)	Jerry Davenport
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53.	Cedars of Lebanon	San Francisco	Moore Hall, 821 5th St.	1st & 3rd Fri.	Rev. H. Clark	716 Marshall Avenue	Walker Lee Williams
54.	Silver Square	Madera	Laborer's Hall, 650 E. Yosemite	1st & 3rd Thurs.	Wesley C. Harris	20680 Ave. 21 1/2 Chowchilla	Anderson A. Jordan
55.	Edwin H. Clarke	Los Angeles	1050 E. 50th St.	1st Sat. & 3rd Mon.	Frederic D. Jenkins	1409 So. G. Ramsey Pl. (19)	John B. Bryant
56.	T. A. Harris	Los Angeles	7918 So. Central Ave.	1st & 3rd Mon.	Keith B. Bull	12015 E. Ramsey Pl. (59)	Melvin A. Green
57.	John A. Barber	Fontana	1104 - 8th St., San Bernardino	1st & 3rd Tues.	Truitt Spigner	3609 West Side St.	Timothy B. Lester
58.	Jerusalem	San Francisco	Hannibal Hall, 2804 Bush St.	2nd & 4th Thurs.	Segundo C. Casio	1734 W. 7th St. San Bernardino	Antonio B. Ramos
59.	Monarch	Oakland	Key System Employees' Bldg.	4th Sat.	Anthony Hilliard	139 Pierce Street	General Brewer
60.	Monument	Woodland	I.O.O.F. Hall, 3rd & Main	1st & 3rd Fri.	Edgar D. Diggs	6815 Treant (5)	Sandy Diggs
61.	L. J. Williams	Pittsburg	72 Black Diamond St.	2nd & 4th Fri.	C. J. Calton	51 Locust St.	John F. Gholston
62.	Thomas W. Posey	Vallejo	1209 Georgia St.	2nd & 4th Thurs.	O. R. Hill	P.O. Box 603	Henry Alexander
63.	George C. Smith	Marysville	Eagles Hall, 321 C St.	1st & 3rd Tues.	James E. Cooley	914 Pine Street	Osborne Hill
64.	Gustavus Thompson	San Francisco	3007 Logan Ave.	1st & 3rd Tues.	Curtis Hings	8 - 11th Street	Sammy Lacy
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66.	Olympus	Berkeley	3138 Grove St.	2nd & 4th Tues.	Harry T. Hodder	1021 Girard St. (24)	Albert Peyton
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73.	Stirling I. Hopkins	San Diego	2905 Clay Street	1st & 3rd Mon.	Noah D. Johnson	2651 Brighton (18)	Le Roy Morgan, Jr.
74.	Toppa	Berkeley	3138 Grove Street	2nd & 4th Mon.	Walter Brown, Jr.	1705 West Second St.	Joseph B. Collins
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## Grand Master's Address

San Diego, California  
July 20, 1959

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

Greetings.

My second term as Most Worshipful Grand Master of this Supreme Lodge is rapidly drawing to a close. Suffice it to say, these two years of dedicated service have been the most exciting experiences in my life.

To few men comes the privilege of traveling to the remote corners of the Far-West jurisdiction of our Grand Lodge, meeting with the leaders of an organization whose name and fame guarantees him the sincere and fraternal welcome of the best men of the human race. The gracious privilege afforded to talk with Brothers and Dignitaries of every degree in our great Masonic Family makes one all the more conscious of the exalted honor accorded the one holding the highest office in Free Masonry of California and its jurisdiction. So, to all the venerable officers and Brothers who entrusted me with this mission, and to all who gave their hospitality, cooperation and guidance in its fulfillment, I am most humbly and sincerely grateful.

In the narrow limits of this address, mere words could never express our deep sense of gratitude to all the officials and brothers of our Host City, SAN DIEGO, and the Lodges, Chapters and Courts for the true and genuine hospitality accorded each and every one of us here assembled. People of other cities may point with pride to industrial development, to magnificent parks, to beautiful boulevards and homes, but in San Diego — each and every hill and canyon has its romance. The scenic grandeur of the world's most beautiful harbor and the Pacific Ocean are breath-takingly beautiful. Its very immensity, its ever changing moods afford a charm unparalleled. For when the southern moon sheds its beams upon its heaving bosom, the silver sheen reflects the glory of the stars.

The climate is salubrious, the people most hospitable, and the gentle rolling hills sloping down to the sea provide a superb setting for this Metropolis of the Pacific. Combined with the lavish endowments of Nature, Balboa Park with its artistic details, domes and balconies, campaniles and belfrys, reflect the superlative skill and genius in architectural art, in a setting of most picturesque landscape of greensward, flower and vine. Such constant reminders of the might and power of the Master hand have been left to mankind as tokens of the Almighty's supremacy.

Suffice it to say, then, that our heartfelt gratitude and bounteous THANKS are full of the kindest benedictions . . .

### NECROLOGY

"It is appointed unto all men once to die, and after death cometh the resurrection." Life everlasting is promised to all those who will just put their trust in the Grand Architect of the Universe and labor in His Temple.

Two of our laborers who were raised to the Sublime Degree of Immortality during the past year were our revered and noble Grand Sword Bearer, Brother C. A. GARRARD and one of our distinguished Past Senior Grand Wardens, Brother WILLIAM H. BOYDEN, Sr. Both were proficient and highly respected toilers in the vineyard, and both have left their footprints on the sands of time, and Mr. John Johnson, Sr., father of Grand Lecturer Luther Johnson. (See page 20, col. 3)

Let us not be sad that our brothers have been lifted from this Vale of Tears, but rather, let us rejoice in the realization that they are now experiencing nothing but perfect bliss, expressing nothing but perfect praise in that Land where love divine ennobles every heart and hallelujahs exalted employ every tongue.

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What message — what impressions — can one bring in these final moments of his term in office? In simple language, the Prince Hall Masonic Grand Lodge as a world force for international brotherhood and service is more firmly founded in world acceptance than at any time in its history.

To speak of an internationalized world is not Utopianism, nor an iridescent dream of an improbable millennium, but plain prose fact. For the world is already partially internationalized; and the evolution of mankind is headed in but one direction — towards a more and complete internationalization.

It is an open challenge to Prince Hall Masons not only to take part, but to take a leading part, in this great movement of our jet age. To be so linked with the great causes which are evolving a new social order is a privilege rare in the annals of history. As such it is one which gives new inspiration to our efforts to increase the membership of our lodges, to make them truly representative, and to inspire them with the true spirit of world fellowship. Masonic fellowship makes friends . . . and friends won't fight.

Abraham Lincoln in his second inaugural address as President of the United States gave sublime expression to this premise when he said "With malice toward none, with charity for all, with firmness in the right as God gives us to see the right, let us strive on and finish the work we are in; to do that which we have not achieved and cherish a just and lasting peace between ourselves and all nations."

If each of us here assembled were asked to define or explain Masonry, there would be almost as many different definitions as there are Masons here. And Masonry is service and brotherhood — national and international.

It is one of the beautiful and significant features of Masonry that it means so very many different things to so many different men. The great diversity of its appeal to practical and thoughtful men is one of the most inspiring phases of our splendid organization. I never cease to marvel at this influence. To most of us, Masonry is the most precious of human contacts we enjoy. It is the last of these contacts with which we willingly would part. It is a fine thing that Masonry possesses this wide diversity of appeal to men, that men read into the organization the variety of ideals that they do. All this makes Prince Hall Masonry distinctly an individual proposition; as men answer to varying values, so does their service value vary, although it still is service, and to go beyond the individual in seeking any instrument to measure the value of service is a waste of time and effort.

Plato advised that the men of his Utopia be told they were fashioned in the bowels of the earth, some alloyed with gold, some with silver, others with iron. Even though one is alloyed with iron, it is far better to ring true to type than to carry unworthily however much of the golden alloy. So, to find the value of service, even Masonic service, first measure your man.

When Newton published his "Principia" he pointed out that geometry was nothing more or less than the humble art of mechanics brought to a state of perfection. Mechanics in the hands of a genius measured the earth, the sun and the moon and the stars, bringing the comet flashing across the sky again "without the untruth of a second." Yet the art of mechanism and its imperfection still calls for the clumsy tools of mediocrity. For this we should not blame the art of mechanics, but the artificer. So Masonry is a marvelous influence and power, just as you and I as individuals make it. As Masons we enjoy delightful opportunities, but we likewise are under extremely weighty responsibilities. There again — when it comes to the question of value of service, it is directly up to you and me.

To me, Prince Hall Masons are an organization of men pledged to the highest standards. They are earnest men, men who believe and whose lives must parallel the belief that the finest opportunity of life is the development of that sacred thing we call character.

The ancient mariner was prompt in recognizing the integrity and utility of the Pole Star, the star that never sinks below the horizon. And the Pole Star of Masonry must be that we are men of character . . . mediums through whom the great moral order shall be exemplified and

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## PRINCE HALL IN CONGRESSIONAL RECORD

### HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Extension of Remarks  
of

HON. JOHN D. DINGELL  
of Michigan

In the House of Representatives  
Monday, August 31, 1959

MR. DINGELL: Mr. Speaker, a fine organization, the Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Michigan, whose grand master is a dear and close friend of mine, Mr. William O. Greene, recently proclaimed September 13, 1959, Prince Hall Americanism Day as a memorial to the founder of Negro Masons in the United States. The proclamation is of great merit, and for that reason I insert it into the Appendix of the Congressional Record:

#### PROCLAMATION

The history of the American Negro, while inextricably interwoven with the History of the United States, has received far too little mention in documents of the recorded past. This omission has dented the educational values to the masses, of facts pertaining to the American of color, and has inadvertently led to the belief among many people that the Negro has made little or no significant contribution to the founding, growth, security, or well-being of this country.

The one phase of history that does emphasize the Negroes participation, is in that area, which in reality should be underemphasized slavery. Because this era of our national life, blemishes its vaunted ideals of Democracy and exposes the blackest blotch on the escutcheon of the United States rectitude of national conduct.

The psychological effects resulting from the denial of the acknowledgment of the credits due the Negro, are inescapably bad. He is looked upon by the uninformed of the dominant group as a welfare subject. Primarily because the records give sparse notice to the heroes of his race, their exploits, or their contributions. Thus, it is commonly assumed that he has not earned a just portion of the fruits of Democracy, and is therefore obligated to receive naught, but the dole of tolerance meted out patronizingly to those who are without earned claim to the benefits that the land provides.

Another of the serious effects, emanating from the lack of group information about the true historical facts are those imposed most strongly upon

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justified. As men of character, what have you to do with more definitions of value or service, since you yourselves are value and service.

I have heard men say that if they would take their lodge and eliminate one-half or two-thirds of the men in it, they would have a lodge that would be a world-beater. That may sound good, but — tell me, who is the man to do the eliminating? Where is the man who can look his God in the eye and say, "Dear God, I am satisfied with myself"? But a man who can say to himself and his God, "By being a real man myself I can help others by the force of example alone," he is then eliminating by a sensible and permanent process. Men will ask — what can we expect in the way of lodge activity as long as the members of that lodge are unwilling to give individual expression to those practical and spiritual values so essential to any concerted action? Is there any greater utility or virtue to a barrel of rotten apples simply because they are barreled?

Let me assure you that you cannot gauge men like you can apples. Some of the grandest characters I know in Prince Hall are serving so quietly that even the Brothers in their own lodge know nothing about it. The value of service lies in serving not in gloating about it.

Just as Masonry is an individual proposition, so are service, duty and life all individual propositions. No matter what our background, as Masons we will agree that there has been justification in all prophets and messiahs who have taught the responsibility of the individual. Almighty God has given each of us our burdens to carry, and there can be no such thing as the delegation of this responsibility.

Emerson once wrote that who so would be a man must be a non-conformist. That he who would gather immortal palms must not be hindered by the name of goodness, but must first make inquiry if it be goodness.

Emerson and Thoreau, as you may recall, were bosom friends. Thoreau was a classic example of the militant, rampant non-conformist, so much so that he elected to go to jail rather than pay taxes. While in jail, Emerson visited him.

"Why are you here, Henry?" asked Emerson.

"Why are YOU *not* here?" replied Thoreau.

Can you imagine a more delicious retort, or a more embarrassing situation for a philosopher? Yet I am in agreement with Emerson that it is not always necessary to demonstrate the soundness of your theories by serving a prison sentence, and that all martyrdoms are ugly things while they are in the making.

Six and a third centuries before the birth of Christ, Solon, the Athenian lawgiver, was born. In addition to being a jurist of classic renown, Solon upon one occasion preached a very practical sermon. For an ancient sermon it was rather unique, for it had the unusual virtue of brevity. It consisted of only two words, which were KNOW THY-SELF.

Twenty-five centuries later, an early and learned American philosopher urged us not only to know ourselves, but to trust ourselves, to believe that what was true for you in your private heart is equally true for all men everywhere, for in that, he insists, lies genius.

How often have you thought thoughts which you immediately rejected merely because they were your own, only to have them return to you at a subsequent time upon the lips or upon the pages of a more sturdy and confident genius than yourself? Goethe once said that there is nothing worth thinking about but it has been thought before. How can a man come to know himself? Never by thinking, but by doing, he says.

#### CONDITION OF THE CRAFT

Last year it was reported to you that our country — which is still growing in all areas from ocean to ocean, and from border to border — was again experiencing one of its "growing pains" described by some as "Recession" and by others more realistic as "Repression."

The condition is still in existence, and many of our brethren have been unable to remain on the rolls of their lodges, because of unemployment.

Having utmost faith in our destiny here in the land of our fathers under the Divine Protection of the Supreme Grand Architect we are firm in the conviction that time, patience and perseverance will solve

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the Negro himself. He being exposed to the voluminous elaborations of the heroes, exploits, and contributions of other ethnic peoples, and so uninformed by folklore and the absence of accounts of his groups historical background, feels the depressive effects of frustration and inferiority very keenly. And too often to compensate, he commits compulsive acts, that violate certain social standards and creates, where understanding does not prevail, a stereotype of a primitive or delinquent personality.

The Negro child, most pathetically victimized by this deficiency in historical inspiration, reacts more pronouncedly to the effects noted, and with his immature mind unable to understand the reasons, he too acts in roles so often repugnant to others, but sufficient and justifiable to him, to prove that "I am Somebody."

Fragmentary evidence of the scope and value of the Negroes' contribution can be found, only, after diligent exploration and search. However, when the accumulated evidence is put together in readable form and sequence, the amazing results are these in part:

Ever since Christopher Columbus, one of whose pilots was a Negro, discovered the New World, men of color have contributed in ever greater measure to its steady development. Especially so, since the establishment of the United States, from a Colonial possession to an international or world entity.

The irrefutable loyalty and courage of the colored citizen has long been traditional. Early tested, during the infamous incident of the Boston massacre, in 1770, when the first American to fall for the then revolutionary cause of freedom was a patriot of color, Crispus Attucks. He was felled dead on the commons of Boston by the leadened ball, from the muskets of red-coated British soldiers. Negroes renewed their show of loyalty and courage again during the civil conflict of 1861, when more than 200,000 fought to maintain the Union of the States, and to purchase their freedom from the shackles of slavery.

He has thus shown his loyalty in every national emergency, including the more recent incident, the so-called "Police action" of the Korean affair of 1948-50, where his life's blood flowed more copiously than in any previous military engagement involving his country. His courage, most vividly demonstrated by Dorie Miller of Naval fame, and Cortney Stanley,

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our economic and social problems and that our unfortunate brothers soon will be enjoying full employment, peace and happiness in their native land.

Despite the setbacks suffered by a large section of our Craft we are still increasing in numbers and are in the best financial condition in our history.

#### OFFICIAL ACTS

- July 23, 1958 — Attended and held election of officers at meeting of Board of Trustees.
- September 12, 1958 — Approved the Demit of Brother W. E. Franklin to Monarch Lodge No. 73.
- September 14, 1958 — Delivered Prince Hall Day address to the Los Angeles Lodges at Mount Zion Baptist Church, Los Angeles.
- September 30, 1958 — Attended Grand Session meeting held in Lodge Hall of Fidelity Lodge No. 10, San Diego.
- November 15, 1958 — Held Grand Inspectors Conference at Hannibal Lodge No. 1, Lodge Hall in San Francisco.
- November 15, 1958 — Presided at Dedication and Consecration of Charles H. Tinsley Lodge No. 92 and at Installation of said Lodge's Officers in San Francisco.
- November 18, 1958 — Appointed Brother Kenneth Levy and Brother Leo Walker to serve on our Authors' Committee for Negro History Week.
- November 22, 1958 — Delivered address at Banquet of Los Angeles Consistory No. 26 given in honor of the Loyal Ladies of Assembly No. 7 Order of the Golden Circle.
- December 1, 1958 — Ordered Westgate Lodge No. 36 to lift the indefinite suspension of Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master Walter C. Taylor forthwith and to restore Brother Taylor to the rolls of the Lodge as a Brother in good standing.
- January 6, 1959 — Authorized the candidates for degrees in Mt. Sinai Masonic Club to be taken into Ashlar Lodge No. 35.
- January 11, 1959 — Ordered Brother Sylvester Roberts, Worshipful Master of Westgate Lodge No. 36 to conduct no business in Westgate Lodge No. 36 unless Brother Walter C. Taylor was restored to the rolls.
- January 26, 1959 — Commissioned Past Master Douglas Dollarhide to deliver the main address on the "Negro History Week" program at 103rd Street Baptist Church, Los Angeles.
- February 3, 1959 — Approved amendment of Article XIV, Section 22 of By-Laws of Gibraltar Lodge No. 58.
- February 3, 1959 — Approved Amendment of By-Laws of Harmony Lodge No. 61 in conformity with increased Grand Lodge tax and Building Fund.
- February 3, 1959 — Approved Amendment to Article 14, Section 22 of By-Laws of Olympus Lodge No. 81.
- February 7, 1959 — Commissioned Past Master Frank G. Allen to represent Grand Master at F.E.P.C. Meeting called by Rev. Maurice A. Dawkins for February 19, 1959.
- February 24, 1959 — In regular meeting of Westgate Lodge No. 36 arrested jewels of Worshipful Master Sylvester Roberts, Senior Warden James C. Smith, and Junior Warden Thomas Doniphan.
- February 24, 1959 — In regular meeting of Westgate Lodge No. 36 suspended indefinitely Worshipful Master Sylvester Roberts, Past Master Rayfield Crowder and Past Master Henry T. Brock.
- February 24, 1959 — Appointed Past Master Emmett L. Draper to act as Worshipful Master at Westgate Lodge No. 36 for remainder of term — with authority to fill all vacant offices in said lodge.
- March 1959 — Written Authorization to Past Master Emmett C. Draper to act as Master of Westgate Lodge No. 36 and to fill vacant offices.
- March 5, 1959 — Approved the amendments of Articles VI, VII, XIII, XIV and XV of By-Laws of Garrison Lodge No. 45.
- March 20, 1959 — Issued duplicate Charter to Westgate Lodge No. 36 which was taken from said lodge in open meeting by Sylvester Roberts, after his Master's Jewel had been arrested.

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#### P. H. IN CON. RECORD (continued)

of the land forces, whose commanding officer declared him to be "the bravest man I have ever seen." His courage has been unquestionable.

Notable and salutary contributions to the development of this country, and for the advancement of its people, has been made by him in many diversified areas of endeavor.

In the field of medicine and surgery, no name stands out more demonstratively of the Negroes' contribution than does that of Dr. Daniel H. Williams, who performed the first successful surgery on the human heart. Or that of George Washington Carver, the miracle scientist of the peanut fame. No name deserves the plaudits of this nation more emphatically than does that of Benjamin Bannaeker, the inventor of the clock, the surveyor who laid out the site that now contains the Capitol of our great nation, Washington, D.C., and whose formula for world peace could, even now, resolve much of the tension that besets our war-jittery world.

What name stands out in bold relief against a background of ignorance more spectacularly than does that of Booker T. Washington, or Mary McCloud Bethune, educators.

Does not the field of diplomacy count among its great, Frederick Douglas, and Ralph Bunche? A list of heroes, by incidence of birth, Negroes, but whose contributions to our national well-being gives credit to the Negro race, would include Jackie Robinson, the athletic pioneer, Dr. Allen Drew, the creator of the blood bank process and a host of others. A list that would extend to the inexhaustible limits.

And finally in presenting such a list, the archives would not produce a more worthy person for historical accolade than that of a man named Prince Hall, for he undisputably was the forerunner of all of those Negro historical characters, whom history should revere, and to whom memory should pay tribute.

Prince Hall, a Negro, freeborn and of good repute, an American by self-adoption, was a patriot of the early founding days of this Nation during the Revolutionary period. A man of deep understanding, compassion, and vision. He saw, with his prophetic mind's eye, the inevitable need for the preparation of his black brethren so that they would be ready for the time, when the bonds of slavery would be removed and they would be spilled into the common stream of American life.



- March 28, 1959 — Held Masters, Wardens, Secretaries and Treasurers' Meeting at Hall of Fidelity Lodge No. 10, San Diego.
- April 4, 1959 — Attended special meeting of Victoria Consistory No. 25 at Odd Fellows Temple, Sacramento.
- April 21, 1959 — Approved amendments of By-Laws of Philip A. Buchanan Lodge No. 63.
- April 23, 1959 — Held Masters, Wardens, Secretaries and Treasurers meeting at Lodge Hall of Good Hope Lodge No. 29, Oakland, California.
- April 25, 1959 — Attended meeting of Board of Trustees at Lodge Hall of Good Hope Lodge No. 29, Oakland, California.
- May 4, 1959 — Approved the new By-Laws of Acacia Lodge No. 7 with one exception.
- May 12, 1959 — Approved the Revised By-Laws of Holland Lodge No. 20.
- May 21, 1959 — Appointed Brother Charles J. Manning, Past Master of Keystone Lodge No. 14, to act as Grand Master and to conduct a Grand Lodge funeral for the Right Worshipful William H. Boyden, Sr., Past Senior Grand Warden, who was a member of Keystone Lodge No. 14.
- May 31, 1959 — Approved amendments to the By-Laws of T. A. Harris Lodge No. 69.
- June 24, 1959 — Attended the St. John's Day services held by the Los Angeles Lodges at Wesley Methodist Church, Los Angeles.
- June 28, 1959 — Commissioned Right Worshipful T. A. Satchell, Grand Inspector and Past Master of St. John Lodge No. 5 to conduct a Masonic funeral at Sawtelle for Brother William H. Hall of Perfect Ashlar Lodge No. 74, St. Paul, Minnesota, who had been confined to the Veterans' Hospital.
- July 3, 1959 — Approved the amendment to the By-Laws of Monument Lodge No. 74.

#### OFFICIAL VISITS

Total number of Official Visits ..... 19  
 Total number of Lodges visited ..... 79

It was the promise of the Grand Master at last year's communication that he would visit this year those lodges that he did not have the pleasure to meet with during his 1958 visitations. This promise he attempted in all earnestness to keep, and it would have been kept but for the brevity of time and the extent of space.

All the lodges were visited, individually or in groups, except Puuloa No. 51 and Cosmopolitan No. 82 in Honolulu. We assure the brothers of those lodges that, if it had been possible, we would have visited with them, officially and unofficially to enjoy the heralded hospitality of the Islands in the best of their Hawaiian traditions.

We wish to report that Peace and Harmony prevail throughout our Grand Jurisdiction. Every once in a while a little bit of the inevitable friction of all affairs human manifests itself, but the overall view presents a scene radiant with sunshine and softened with just enough shadow to render the picture most appealing.

#### CONSTITUTIONAL CEREMONY

Acting in conformity with the authority vested in us by Grand Lodge at its One Hundred and Third Annual Communication, held at Portland, Oregon, in July, 1958, and assisted by many of our elected and appointed Grand Lodge officers, we Constituted and Dedicated Charles H. Tinsley Lodge No. 92 at a public ceremony at the California Hall, 625 Polk Street, San Francisco, California, on November 15, 1958.

#### NEW LODGES

Upon two petitions presented over the signatures of seven (7) Master Masons in each petition the following Lodges were instituted:

Ionic Lodge U.D., of San Francisco, California by Right Worshipful Walter C. Taylor, Deputy Grand Master, acting Grand Master with Brother Willie A. Stiles serving as Worshipful Master, on December 27, 1958.

Gravity Lodge U.D. of Compton, California by Right Worshipful  
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#### P. H. IN CON. RECORD (continued)

First, the history of Prince Hall tells us, that he became, by self-preparation, one of America's first religious leaders of color, a minister of the Methodist faith in Massachusetts.

Second, his abiding belief in the inestimable values of brotherly love, relief, and truth, inspired him to seek admission into the most ancient of institutions promoting such tenets in the world, the Masonic Fraternity. The records show further, that because of his understanding of the benefits to be derived from association in Masonry, that he interceded in behalf of all Negroes who may qualify for membership. Thus, in 1784 he received permission to organize a Masonic Lodge in Boston, from the fountainhead of freemasonry, the Grand Lodge of England, to be known as African Lodge No. 459. The first and only legitimate source for Freemasonry among Negroes in America, even unto this day.

Third, and in subsequent order, Prince Hall did organize the first school for the formal education of the Negro. The political history of the Massachusetts Legislature records Prince Hall did appear before it, and with eloquence of speech with the logic of humanitarian, did cite the evils of discrimination, protest the un-Christian-like promotion of slavery, and pray by petition for the elimination of these evils in the commonwealth of this Colony.

Then the tyranny of the British reached the intolerable stage, and the people of this new land could no longer bear the inequities in representation and the other enforced restrictions that the English imposed upon them, declared war; Prince Hall, so history relates, did with fervency and zeal petition the Commander-in-chief of the Revolutionary American Forces, General George Washington, for the right of men of color, to fight, and if God so willed, to die for this country.

These exemplary acts of Prince Hall denoting his traits of Americanism, these deeds of positive evidence, conferring historic stature on the illustrious character in American life, should excite the imagination and exalt the pride of people everywhere but more especially those whose fraternal lineage bind them to him designated as Prince Hall Masons.

Thus it is by virtue of these citations that they who cherish such fraternal kinship, do by annual custom, present to the world at large, and to

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T. A. Satchell, Inspector, acting Grand Master, with Brother Foster H. Hydes serving as Worshipful Master on April 16, 1959.

### CORNERSTONE CEREMONIES

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

July 27, 1958 — Union Baptist Church, Barstow, California. Ceremony conducted by Right Worshipful John W. Lee, Grand Inspector, Prince Hall Lodge No. 17 — Host Lodge.

August 10, 1958 — Phillips Temple C.M.E. Church, San Diego, California. Ceremony conducted by Right Worshipful John W. Lee, Grand Inspector, Gibraltar Lodge No. 58 — Host Lodge.

September 21, 1958 — Prince Hall Lodge No. 17, New Lodge Building, San Bernardino, California. Ceremony conducted by Right Worshipful John W. Lee, Grand Inspector. Prince Hall Lodge No. 17 — Host Lodge.

October 5, 1958 — Baker Mortuary, Oakland, California. Ceremony conducted by Right Worshipful Walter C. Taylor, Deputy Grand Master. Philip A. Buchanan Lodge No. 63 — Host Lodge.

October 26, 1958 — Mount Carmel Missionary Baptist Church, Los Angeles. Ceremony conducted by Right Worshipful Roy W. Taylor, Grand Inspector. Douglas Lodge No. 33 — Host Lodge.

January 25, 1959 — Calvary Baptist Church, San Diego, California. Ceremony conducted by Right Worshipful Paul E. Washington, Junior Grand Warden Fidelity Lodge No. 10 — Host Lodge.

March 22, 1959 — Bethel Missionary Baptist Church, Hawthorne, California. Ceremony conducted by Right Worshipful T. T. Satchell, Grand Inspector. Angel City Lodge No. 18 — Host Lodge.

April 12, 1959 — Second A.M.E. Church, Los Angeles, California. Ceremony conducted by Right Worshipful Archille W. Hebert, Senior Grand Warden. William J. Nickerson, Jr., Lodge No. 55 — Host Lodge.

June 7, 1959 — Bethel A.M.E. Church, Portland, Oregon. Ceremony conducted by Right Worshipful Clarke Deane, Jr., Grand Inspector. Excelsior Lodge No. 23 — Host Lodge.

### SUMMARY OF SPECIAL DISPENSATIONS GRANTED

To meet or conduct Business out of Time .....	26
To Enter, Pass or Raise more than the Constitutional number .....	15
To change meeting place .....	2
To change meeting date .....	4
More than One Degree in One Night .....	2
Miscellaneous .....	9
Total Dispensations Granted .....	58

Detailed analysis of Dispensations granted will be found hereto appended.

### IMPERIAL COUNCIL

On the morning of Monday, August 18, 1958 when we arrived at the first business meeting of the Imperial Council of the Ancient Egyptian Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine of North and South America and Its Jurisdictions, Inc., held in Chicago, Illinois, the Imperial Assistant Rabban, our own Past Illustrious Potentate Roscoe C. Washington, announced our presence. Whereupon, we were introduced as the Grand Master of California by the Imperial Potentate, Noble Booker T. Alexander, and invited to address the Imperial Council briefly.

On the following night we were escorted to the Imperial Council by Illustrious Potentate Rupert Lucas and Recorder Clemmie W. Ladd and I was created a Past Potentate of Egyptian Temple No. 5 at the hands of Imperial Potentate Alexander.

### DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Brothers in all sections of our jurisdiction are constantly asking for more Masonic knowledge. We were told during our first lecture in Masonry, "Ask, and ye shall receive, seek, and ye shall find: knock, and it shall be opened unto you." Having so many brothers, asking, seeking and knocking for more light we should do all within our power to aid them in their quest.

Our Department of Education is doing just that and our proficient Directors in this Department have outlined programs that should be encouraged and maintained.

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## REPORT OF BOARD OF GRAND TRUSTEES

Fiscal Year Ending April 30, 1959

The Board of Grand Trustees, in accordance with Article XV, Section 5, Sub-Paragraph I:

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

First, please permit the members of the Board as a whole to thank you for having had the privilege of serving this Grand Body for the past year. Every action has been attended with the whole jurisdiction uppermost in our minds.

We are happy to report to you that the financial condition of this Grand Jurisdiction in every department is sound. There are some improvements yet to be made, recommendations providing for their institution are being presented herewith. There were several weak spots in our operational structure especially in the Loan Department, which we have attempted to correct.

We are all familiar with the fact that most of our Lodges who own buildings depend for revenue largely on social clubs and people in the community renting their facilities. Competition is generally very keen for this type of business in those communities, as a result of which fact, these social clubs usually select the best place they can get to hold their social affairs; and in looking for the best place, the committees generally select the cleanest, the best kept, most recently painted, and the one to them which seems the most beautiful.

Therefore, it follows that if our Lodges are forced to pay out every nickel they get on notes and taxes, they have nothing left to beautify their halls, and as a result are soon out of the running for this business, and consequently are unable to make regular payments on their loans.

A Committee, headed by Bro. S. Y. Beverley, was appointed to get the facts in connection with these delinquent loans. Upon the presentation of the facts and written requests from the Lodges, adjustments were made by the Board enabling these Lodges to take care of the much needed repairs and improvements, and after analyzing the Lodges' ability to pay from information presented by the committee, the payments were set in line with the known ability to pay.

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## YOUTH DEPARTMENT

Our youth movement, while it is flourishing in some sections of our jurisdiction, seems to need more interest on a local level in others.

Under our present Directors a new life seems to have been impressed on the movement.

This may be due in part to the fact that the Knights of Pythagoras has now been adopted and recognized as the authentic Youth Organization of Prince Hall Grand Lodges.

## MASONIC DIGEST

Our Prince Hall Masonic Digest under the able direction of Brother Royal E. Towns is presented to the Craft regularly for their edification and enjoyment.

It is our belief and firm conviction that it affords the best medium possible to spread the light of pure masonry and to combat the evil forces which would destroy us.

Let us do our Masonic duty and assist in putting our official journal on a self-sustaining basis by procuring advertisements for this periodical — that is indispensable.

## GRAND MASTERS CONFERENCE

The 1959 Grand Masters' Conference was held in New York, N.Y. on May 13, 14 and 15. We were fortunate to have with us our Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence and our Senior Grand Warden.

Our Senior Grand Warden was honored in being chosen as the Recorder and to summarize the panel discussion for the C.C.F.C.'s, while our Grand Master was likewise honored to act in the same role for the Grand Masters.

Attorney Wiley Branton of Little Rock, Arkansas, was the featured speaker at the Banquet at the New Yorker which closed the Conference.

## ENTRE NOUS

The splendid idea of the Entre Nous has developed into a reality. Brother Frank G. White, Past Master of Delta Lodge No. 21, who originated the idea has been working tirelessly to bring all brothers together under this bond of symbolism.

He cannot do it alone brothers. He needs 100% cooperation.

I, therefore, charge every brother as his duty as a man and a Mason to support Entre Nous.

## RECOMMENDATIONS

I recommend that:

1. Ionic Lodge U.D. be granted a warrant after having complied with all Grand Lodge laws.
2. Gravity Lodge U.D. be granted a warrant after having complied with all Grand Lodge laws.
3. For the next five (5) years there be awarded to five Senior and deserving members of this Grand Lodge certificates of merit.
4. Grand Lodge incorporate with all of its subordinate Lodges as a non-profit Corporation under the laws of the State of California with its Board of Trustees as its first Directors.

## INVESTMENTS AND INCORPORATION

Last year we recommended that a study be made to invest Grand Lodge funds and assets in order that more revenue would be derived. A committee was appointed by the Board of Trustees to make such study, which will make its report to this Grand Lodge.

Regardless of the report of the Board of Trustees we are of the opinion Grand Lodge should incorporate under the laws of California.

## CONCLUSION

Mention was made in the beginning of this address about the role Prince Hall has made in international relations. One of the most striking examples of that is Africa.

On the continent of our forebears — there was little of world-shaking importance for centuries, yet now it is moving to a permanent place on the world stage.

There are constitutional struggles in East and Central Africa. There is the endless quest for economic and social advancement. There is civil strife in Nyassaland, the Belgian Congo, and Congo Republic. There is the conflict between democracy and communism, colonialism and nationalism, equality and racism. This sudden emergence of Africa into

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## GRAND TRUSTEES REPORT (cont.)

We believe that you not only want these subordinate Lodges to own their own homes but to enjoy them as well. All loans are now being paid, and on time.

In the case wherein an individual (not a Lodge) was the Trustor, the Grand Lodge held a trust deed with an approximate balance of almost \$7,000.00, not one dime had been paid on the principal of this loan for over two years. The taxes had not been paid for more than three years, there had been no insurance on this property for more than one year. All the while the trustors were still living in the house, running a restaurant, operating a trucking business. Of course, the property had reverted to the State for non-payment of taxes.

Immediately after Bro. Dandridge reported this condition to the Chairman of the Board, machinery was put in action to correct this situation.

The Grand Lodge now owns first trust deed on this property in the original sum of \$7,500.00. The new trustor is a garage owner. All taxes were paid up to date by the new owner, proper insurance coverage is in effect in the total sum of \$10,000 and the payments are now being made, and on time.

We had received an application from Eureka Lodge No. 28, El Centro for a loan of \$12,000.00 to help them purchase and remodel a building as a home for their Lodge. This application had been received and processed before the passage of the resolution limiting the loan department. We are happy to report that they are well on the way toward owning their own building.

The San Bernardino Lodge has a magnificent structure which stands second to none, Prince Hall No. 17 had already bought their lot. They own a valuable corner. Right Worshipful Bro. Lee, our Past Senior Grand Warden, a masonic stalwart, is to be congratulated for his part in guiding this Lodge over the years to the occupancy of its home.

In accordance with Resolution No. 7, adopted at the 103rd Communication of this Grand Lodge, no new Real Estate Loans have been made.

A recapitulation of the Department, showing a total number of loans outstanding as thirteen (13).

Total Balance as of July	
31, 1958	\$193,427.49
Loans in Process or	
committed	15,000.00
	\$208,427.49

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the main current of the world stream of events has forced a rethinking of the U. S. State Department toward Africa and its component parts. It has forced the department to revise its departmental breakdown that lumped Africo-Asia under one assistant secretary.

The presence of long established white settlers in the colonies of East, Central and Southern Africa has awakened natives to the point of agitating against rule by the settlers as well as against control by European powers.

Another advance . . .

A realignment with the 28-nation Asian-African block, which represents more than a third of the total United Nations memberships, has emerged during the recent debates before the General Assembly's special emergency session.

The most priceless possession of society is human effort. It is more valuable than gold or silver, of greater intrinsic worth than platinum or radium. It is human effort tinged with high idealism, which has brought Prince Hall Masonry to the crossroads. Will we permit him to cross safely and create the permanent highway for his feet to travel down through the ages to the golden goal of our dreams?

The question will be answered successfully in so far as we can build the vision and then translate the vision into reality on a basis of constantly improving machinery, sober thought and sane business practice. It is well for us to remember that as individual Masons we are builders. We are builders of Prince Hall Masonry. Our Grand Lodge is a builder, building the stepping stone of opportunity for the benefit of all humanity and for the elevation of man's estate . . .

"To each is given a pack of tools,  
A shapeless mass and a book of rules,  
And each shall make, ere life is flown,  
A stumbling block or a stepping stone.  
Isn't it strange that princes and kings  
And clowns that caper in sawdust rings  
And common folk like you and me  
Are building for eternity?"

No man is too small for free and accepted masonry, thank God: No man is insignificant, no life lacking in romance, since man was put here for some purpose by the Almighty. The really gripping literature of the ages deals with the dignity of the commonplace.

To really know a man, get him away from the crowd. I love people, but I avoid a crowd. I love people not for what they do or seem to be, but for what they are capable of becoming. Each man in Free Masonry is a veritable storehouse of possibilities. In each man is a rich pay streak of character, which will pay us to dig to, though we dig deeply to find it. Every institution or organization is the lengthened shadow of some man. Each great reform in society existed at one time as a mere opinion in the mind of some man. Each great epoch in the history of the world evolved around the personality, the accomplishments of some outstanding individual.

Where the average man lacks encouragement and inspiration, Prince Hall is an influence that is reaching down through the shell of your everyday life, taking hold of your real, your better and inner self, bringing that cramped and bleached self into the light of God's sunshine, that you may stand before the world as you really are, and not as you would seem to be. That is your real self. That is character. And service is character in action.

As we come to the end of our second term as your humble servant it is with mixed emotions of thankfulness to the Grand Architect of the Universe, first and foremost, for supplying us with health and strength to carry on, and gratitude for the invaluable assistance of our devoted wife and daughter, and for the team-work of the overwhelming majority of the Craft that we lift songs of praise and adoration to the God of our fathers.

We return to you the Ark of the Covenant and the Gavel of Authority as pure and unsullied as it was in days of yore with a degree of justifiable pride that we have been given the opportunity to serve.

May God bless you, and keep you.

HERBERT A. GREENWOOD,  
*Grand Master*

#### GRAND TRUSTEES REPORT (cont.)

Total Balance Outstanding,  
April 30, '59 .....\$199,821.31  
By Loan Department,  
1958-1959 ..... 7,768.86  
Total Losses .....None  
Total delinquencies .....None

The Board feels that the loans outstanding are good, sound and represent a safe investment.

#### SURETY BONDS:

This phase of our Grand Lodge has proven very unsatisfactory. The rules and regulations are somewhat loose. A committee with Bro. Harde-  
man as the Chairman, has been appointed to investigate and formulate plans and procedures to give the Grand Lodge, as well as the Subordinate Lodges, proper protection.

Some forms have been sent to the Masters and Secretaries of Lodges for information to assist in properly setting up this department. The response from the subordinate lodges was most encouraging. To those who have not sent in the forms, please do so at once in order that the Trustee Board can complete and put into operation a sound Bonding Program.

1958 GRAND SESSIONS: We are happy to report that the recent Grand Sessions at Portland, Oregon returned to our usual pattern. They reported total gross receipts of almost \$17,000.00 to be specific, \$16,933.58. After paying all bills and returning the \$500.00 loaned them by the M. W. P. H. G. L., they retained a net profit of \$5,300.00.

The Grand Sessions Committee put into operation a plan worked out by a committee of Trustees, aided by our Most Worshipful Grand Master and the Chairman of the Grand Sessions Committee, Bro. W. C. Faulkner. This method of procedure, and operational guide is being presented to you for your adoption.

DONATIONS: Requests for assistance were received from the Boy Scouts of America, at Los Angeles, and at Oakland, California. \$250.00 was donated to each of these organizations, a total of \$500.00.

OUR GRAND MASTER: The Grand Master reported to the Board of Grand Trustees on the activities as reported at the Grand Masters Conference held in Cleveland, Ohio in May, 1958.

The part played by the Prince Hall Masons in helping the National N. A. A. C. P. to fight its battle was reported as being tremendous. However, even with the support already given, a continuance of this support is necessary. He urged a liberal do-



nation at this time to assist the National Legal Redress Department. \$500.00 was given to the N.A.A.C.P., \$250.00 to the National Legal Redress Department and \$250.00 as part payment on a \$1,000.00 Life Membership in our local chapter as recommended by the Chairman of the Board.

Our Grand Master also recommended that we donate \$100.00 to assist in the National Youth Organizational movement now underway. The Board adopted the recommendation.

**CLANDESTINE MASONRY:** From time to time reports have been made to you of the concerted efforts by the Grand Masters Conference to stamp out Clandestine Masonry. We felt we owed the Jurisdiction a duty to join in this fight. \$400.00 allotted us was donated to aid in this effort. We feel that if the move is successful, it will prove to be a very worthy investment.

#### Recapitulation

##### Exceptional Children's

School .....	250.00
Boy Scouts of America, L. A. ....	250.00
Boy Scouts of America, Oak. ....	250.00
N.A.A.C.P., Legal Redress	
National .....	250.00
N.A.A.C.P., Local Chapter,	
Life Membership (Part	
Payment) .....	250.00
Total .....	\$1,300.00

By recommendation of the Chairman, the Board agreed to meet only twice unless an emergency arose, in order to save traveling expenses. It is estimated that at least \$500.00 was saved by adopting this recommendation.

**THE PRINCE HALL DIGEST:** By recommendation of the Board Chairman, the Publication months of our *Digest* were set as March, June, September and December.

The month of issue will also appear on the outside cover.

**BUILDING FUND ACCOUNTS:** Resolution No. 3 adopted at the 103rd Communication instructed the Board to place the Building Fund in separate accounts. To accomplish this the Board designated four (4) Savings and Loan Accounts as Building Fund accounts and instructed the Grand Auditor to compute the interest due the Building Fund and credit it to the Reserve for Building Fund. New accounts will be opened as needed for this fund.

#### CREDIT UNIONS Nos. 1 and 2

No. 1—In a report submitted by Credit Union No. 1 it was shown that there are assets in excess of \$68,000. A substantial dividend was paid by

this organization this year. The wife of our late beloved Grand Master, Starling J. Hopkins, is in charge of the books and apparently is doing a wonderful job. We have \$7,000.00 in Credit Union No. 1.

No. 2—Reported assets of over \$9,000.00. They did not pay a dividend this year. Although Los Angeles is about 10 times the size of Riverside. We only have \$1,000.00 in this organization.

**THE HOMESITE PROPERTY IN TULARE:** An offer to purchase this property was received by the Board. The price offered was \$21,000.00. After study by those qualified brothers on the Board, we felt that the offer of \$21,000.00 for this property was not worthy of consideration and so informed the parties involved.

**THE LEASE ON HOMESITE:** The Lease formerly held by the Board for five years, expired December 31, 1958. The Chairman of the Board permitted the Lessee to proceed to business on the basis of a one year lease for 1959 only after which we would decide on a renewal, if it is decided that we do not wish to develop the property. This decision was agreed to by the Board, April 25, 1959 in Oakland.

**MASONIC TEMPLE ASSOCIATION:** A request from the Masonic Temple Holding Association that we designate three (3) brothers to represent the Grand Lodge and vote at the meetings of the organization. To comply with the laws of the association, it was necessary to transfer one share to each brother so designated. The Grand Lodge owns 140 shares at \$5.00 per value. The Board designated and transferred one share each to Brothers Greenwood, Brown and Howard.

**O.E.S.:** We are happy to report also that our wives, mothers, sisters and daughters showed once more that they are with us through thick and thin. A check for \$1,000.00 was received from the Golden State Grand Chapter of the Order of Eastern Star to apply on the loss at Sacramento. The Board recommends that an official letter of thanks be sent to our sisters.

During a report made to the Board, the Most Worshipful Grand Master, recommended that some method be sought for the purpose of investing Grand Lodge money so that there will be no need to further tax the members of this jurisdiction. The Board Chairman was empowered to appoint a committee to study the recommendation and submit with its report a suitable plan for putting this

#### P. H. IN CON. RECORD (continued)

this Nation specifically, Prince Hall's Americanism record for accreditation to his people; to justify their earned right to claim the full benefits of Democracy; to give their young an inspirational figure, a hero of color to emulate, to fill in those blank spaces of history that fail to include the name of this outstanding American. Prince Hall Masons do these and sundry other things, during the birth month of Prince Hall, September. At this time they pay homage and invite public scrutiny to evaluate the continuous efforts of the several thousands of Prince Hall Masons of today, in keeping with their rich American heritage, passed on to them from generation to generation.

Therefore, let it be known, that I, William O. Greene, with high respect and deep adherence to the forementioned practices, do, by the powers vested in the office of Grand Master of Masons, proclaim to all obedient to the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Michigan, that:

1. Sunday, September 13, 1959, shall be and is, hereby designated as "Prince Hall Americanism Day," to be celebrated in such manner and form, as shall be hereinafter described.

2. Further, it is decreed that each Related Body predicated its prerequisites for its membership on the statute of Prince Hall Masons, shall be, and is hereby cordially enjoined to participate in the aforementioned celebration.

3. And lastly, it is by petition of prayer, that we request all members of the Prince Hall family to promote the attendance of their friends, neighbors, and associates of other organizations, to which they may belong and to the public at large, to share in the festivities of the day.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the M.W. Prince Hall Grand Lodge, F. & A. M. of the State of Michigan, this first day of September in the year of light, five thousand nine hundred and fifty-nine.

WILLIAM O. GREENE  
Grand Master

Attest: DONOVAN A. DOSEY  
Grand Secretary

into reality. The committee: Greenwood, Howard, Beverly, Brown, McGee.

Respectfully submitted,  
W. Robert Brown, Chmn.  
Theodore Hardeman, V.-Chmn.  
Paul L. Howard, Board Sec.  
Stanley Y. Beverly, Member  
M. Robinson Baker, Member





Grand Lodge Activities at San Diego Photographs taken at U. S. Grant





Grant Hotel Banquet and during Grand Sessions at Balboa Park Convention Center.



## GRAND MASTER'S CONFERENCE

The Conference of Grand Masters of Prince Hall Masons of America which convened in our Temple on May 13th, 14th and 15th, 1959 is said to have been one of the best attended and best entertained during the forty years of its existence. Most Worshipful Past Grand Master Henry A. Rhodes, Sr., Chairman of the General Committee, together with his subcommittee chairmen and their co-workers are to be commended for the success of this annual meeting of the Conference. The Conference is not confined to Grand Masters alone, but includes P.G.M.'s, Grand Secretaries, Deputy Grand Masters, Chairman of Committee on Foreign Correspondence and other Grand Lodge officers.

At present there are forty-one Prince Hall Grand Masters, thirty-eight in the United States and one each in the Bahamas, Liberia and Ontario, Canada. Thirty-two Grand Masters attended the Conference and thirty-four Jurisdictions were represented. There were 112 registered delegates.

It was on May 5th, that Robert F. Wagner, Jr., Mayor of the City of New York proclaimed May 13th to 15th, Prince Hall Days and delivered the Proclamation to Most Worshipful Grand Master Williams L. Jordan at City Hall.

Wednesday, the opening day of the Conference was devoted to the registration of delegations, a sight-seeing tour of the City, during which the visitors were greeted at City Hall by the Mayor and other City officials. This was followed by a tour of the Ballantine Brewery, located in Newark, New Jersey, to which two bus loads of Brothers were conveyed from the Temple and where a sumptuous repast was served at the conclusion of the tour. Returning to the Temple in New York City the Grand Masters and other representatives together with their wives were the guests of Eureka Grand Chapter, Prince Hall Order, Eastern Star of the State of New York at a cocktail sip and fashion show.

On Thursday and Friday business sessions of the Conference were held. The Conference was opened with Devotional Services conducted by the Rev. Brothers George D. Carnes, and H. G. Hairston, Grand Masters of the Jurisdictions of North Carolina and Virginia, respectively, Grand Master P. G. Porter of Kansas presented the Conference Program and Grand Master William L. Jordan welcomed the

Conference on behalf of the Prince Hall Masons of the State of New York. The response by Grand Master O. E. Vanderberg of Illinois was followed by a tribute to Deceased Masons by Grand Master John R. Lawrence of Minnesota.

In presenting his annual address, the President of the Conference, Grand Master Amos T. Hall, of Oklahoma reviewed the work of the Conference as a unit and recited its contributions to the Legal Research Bureau of the N.A.A.C.P. and to the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis. He urged those of us who embrace Prince Hall Masonry, not to remain within the confines of our temples and halls, but to move out into the community to serve and to support such agencies as the United Negro College Fund, the National Urban League and to support our Government by purchasing United States Savings Bonds, and that we continue to progress the program aimed to interest and to aid youth in their all-round development by forming Councils of the Order of the Knights of Pythagoras.

The Eighth Annual Report to the Conference on the Prince Hall Masons Legal Research Department, by Thurgood Marshall, Director, revealed the fact that during the eight years of its existence this department has made significant contributions to the funds required to attain the victories won in the courts. During this period thirty-seven Grand Jurisdictions have contributed a total amount of \$144,495.27. This amount has been supplemented by a sum of \$20,602.50 contributed by the Supreme Councils, A.A.S.R.M., Northern and Southern Jurisdictions, the Grand Masters' Conference and the Imperial Council, A.E.A.O.N.M.S. making a grand total of \$165,097.77. The report commented on the work that the Department engaged in during the past twelve months.

The report of the Prince Hall Commission on Clandestine Masonry, which commission has been in existence three years for the purpose of waging a fight to the finish against clandestine masonry, emphasized the fact that Prince Hall Masons must first be educated about themselves and so indoctrinated with facts regarding the history and legitimacy of Prince Hall Masonry, that no argument advanced by a member of a bogus group can sway them. The report commented on suits instituted in the Juris-

diction of Kansas, Connecticut, Georgia, Kentucky, Pennsylvania, Washington, and of preparation for filing suits in the Jurisdictions of the Bahama Islands and Wisconsin. Special mention was made of the committee organized by Grand Master Jordan of our Jurisdiction to investigate spurious Masonry. This committee is headed by Brother Harrison S. Jackson, (38, and has in turn organized several subcommittees, including a Legal Research Committee, Masonic Research Committee and an Education Committee.

On Friday, workshops were conducted in three sections, namely: Grand Masons Section, Grand Secretaries Section and Section for C. C. F. C.'s. The theme of these workshops was, "Masons working together in civic and community projects." The purpose — to help Prince Hall Masons to become better informed, more effective and wholly dedicated members of the Craft, through study, vision and action. In each section treatises were presented portraying the Role, the Qualifications and the means of becoming more effective in the respective offices. There was also a question period and a summarization.

A very interesting statistical report, termed "The Challenge," was prepared by Grand Master Hall and distributed at the Conference. It stressed the necessity of Prince Hall Masonry increasing its strength and pointed out that there are a very few Prince Hall Masons in comparison with the Negro male population. In short: "Masonic Lodges are not building memberships to the highest potential."

The Public Program held at the Abyssinian Baptist Church on Thursday evening was addressed by Grand Master Richard A. Henries, of the Grand Lodge of Masons of the Republic of Liberia, who is also the Speaker of the House of Representatives of the Republic of Liberia, Thurgood Marshall, of the N.A.A.C.P. was also a speaker. A civil rights plaque awarded to Representative Adam Clayton Powell by the M.W. Prince Hall Grand Lodge of the State of New York was accepted by Reverend David Licorish, assistant Pastor of the Abyssinian Baptist Church. Amos T. Hall, noted jurist and civic worker, of Tulsa, Oklahoma, M.W. Grand Master of the Jurisdiction of Oklahoma and President of the Conference of Grand Masters of Prince Hall Masons of America was also presented with an award from the Grand Lodge of the

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## Ancient Egyptian Arabic Order, Nobles of the Mystic Shrine

Los Angeles, Calif. — Booker T. Alexander, Imperial Potentate of the Ancient Egyptian Arabic, Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, refused to permit the introduction of an amendment that would have raised his present \$7,500 a year salary to \$8,700. The proposal was introduced during the seventh plenary session of the convention on Thursday by Dr. John Davis of Cleveland, Ohio, a former Imperial Chaplain.

Imperial Potentate Alexander vehemently opposed the introduction of the amendment. He flatly rejected the intent and purpose by telling the convention delegates he had not earned such an increase and the organization was not in a position to warrant such expenditures. The proposed change was withdrawn following a report of the Jurisprudence Committee.

Earlier Booker T. Alexander, Detroit, Michigan, had been reelected Imperial Potentate of the Ancient Egyptian Arabic Order, Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. The election came on the fourth day of the 58th Imperial Council session here in the Embassy Auditorium. He was unopposed.

Shriners in returning the Detroit to the top Leadership post praised him for an "outstanding job in cementing peace and harmony" within the Prince Hall family. His visionary program for building a "creative Shrine prepared to cope with tomorrow's world," earned plaudits as the delegates for 153 Temples went to the voting box.

Mr. Alexander told the Shriners he was humbly grateful for the expressions of faith. Expressing a firm willingness to serve the Prince Hall family the leader of Shrinedom said that even though the vote of confidence was overwhelming it was the working together of thousands that had built a strong, growing new organization. He challenged the Shriners to work together in supporting the great and noble causes of our time. It was through this effort of unity of effort and cooperation that the Shrine would accomplish greater goals, he said.

Shriners for the second time within the week-long convention heard a ringing challenge to uproot unsuccessful and time worn policies and to study actions and policies that are creative and timely for a jet-age.

Shriners were urged to enter a new crusade. He said the crusade today

could be around building a firm solid membership organization.

Meantime, other officers elected included Genoa S. Washington, Deputy Imperial Potentate, Chicago, Illinois; Thomas F. Poag, Imperial Chief Rabbani, Winston Salem, N. C.; Roscoe C. Washington, Imperial Assistant Rabbani, Los Angeles, California; Rev. John Henry Hester, Imperial High Priest and Prophet, Atlantic City, N. J.; Charles A. Dargan, Imperial Oriental Guide, New York, New York; Alvin Reno, Imperial Treasurer, Indianapolis, Ind.; M. C. Martin, Imperial Recorder, Danville, Va.; William Howe, Imperial 1st Ceremonial Master, Philadelphia, Pa.; Alfred A. Dixon, Imperial 2nd Ceremonial Master, Baltimore, Md.; Marshall S. Johnson, Imperial Captain of the Guard, Pittsburgh, Pa.; L. L. Melton, Beaumont, Texas, Imperial Outer Guard.

G. Steven Marchman, Chicago, Illinois, was elected to a three-year term as auditor.

## MARSHALL ADDRESSES SHRINERS

Los Angeles, Calif.—Thurgood Marshall, chief counsel for the N.A.A.C.P., called for a concerted effort by all peoples of justice against those who would destroy.

In a speech delivered before some 3,000 attending the 58th Imperial Council of the Ancient Egyptian Arabic Order, Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, Marshall castigated the diehards for undermining democracy. He said it seems that we are getting to the point where we are going to have to rely on ourselves.

Marshall told Shriners that there was no need to become concerned for history has proved that "no great social change has ever been easy."

Pointing directly to the situation in the Little Rock Schools, Marshall criticized both Negroes and Whites who called for a "letting alone." He said that the NAACP was not harassing the school board in Little Rock. The only thing important about the Little Rock matter was that several children wanted their rights. He emphasized that the NAACP would forever continue to support those who sought their rights.

The NAACP legal counsel told the audience that there was no way to stop integration in the South. The only possible way he predicted it could be halted was for Negroes to split wide open.

Marshall said there were only five states holding out on granting Ne-

groes their rights. He said that suits for these rights were now pending in four of the five. The only state without a suit was Mississippi.

"Mississippi is going to rejoin the union and we are going to help them to do so," he predicted.

Marshall called on Negroes to keep the record clean. He cautioned against the violation of law and order regardless of the provocation.

Pointing directly to the contribution of Shriners, and Prince Hall Masons to the efforts of freedom in the United States, Marshall told the delegates that "you are leaders with stature and training."

Here he appealed for greater interest and support in a campaign to lift the "little fellow." He said that the securing of rights also entailed additional responsibilities.

Other speakers on the Welcoming Program included Mrs. Blanche McSmith, representative, Alaska; Miss Ethel Payne, CIO-AFL, Washington, D. C.; John Wesley Dobbs, Atlanta, Ga.; Herbert A. Greenwood, Grand Master, Prince Hall Masons, California; Alfred A. Dixon, Baltimore, Maryland, presided.

## GRAND MASTER'S CONF. (continued)

State of New York for his "Outstanding Service to Masonry."

The closing event of the Conference was the Banquet held at the Hotel New Yorker in the City of New York on Friday evening, May 15. The guest speaker was Wiley Branton, R.W. Deputy Grand Master of the M. W. Grand Lodge of Arkansas and the leading attorney in the Arkansas N.A.A.C.P. School Integration Fight. He was introduced by Thurgood Marshall. Brother Harrison S. Jackson, Chairman of the Banquet Committee, presented P.G.M. Henry A. Rhodes, Sr., who acted as Toastmaster and welcomed the guests. There were greetings by G.M. Amos T. Hall, the Conference President and the response to the guest speaker was by P.G.M. William Grasty, of the State of Pennsylvania, 2nd Vice President of the Conference.

The speaking was interspersed with a violin solo by Lucille Johnson and a vocal solo by Marya Russell. M. W. G. M. William L. Jordan who was presented by P.G.M. William B. Carter of New York gave the closing remarks. The Invocation and the Benediction were by R.W. Charles Greenidge, Grand Chaplain.

*New York Sentinel*



## Report of Chairman of Education Committee, Prince Hall, Commission on Clandestine Masonry

Since the work of this Committee began just recently and it is not too well known in the various jurisdictions, its purpose and procedure are given as a part of this report:

### *Purpose:*

a. To conduct research into the origin, procedure, and methods of operation of bogus groups.

b. To be specific and direct in exposing the false and misleading pretensions of such bogus and spurious groups.

c. To promote an educational campaign designed to create an awareness of the regularity and legitimacy of Prince Hall Masonry as the sole source of Ancient Craft Masonry among Negroes in America.

d. To foster and promote in any honorable way friendly and sympathetic contact with Masons of the white race with the idea of hastening the day when such Masons in America may publicly declare Prince Hall Masonry to be the only legitimate Masonry among Negroes.

### *Operation:*

a. To prepare in keeping with the above purposes such news articles, brochures, pamphlets and other public releases as may be required and directed by the executive office of the Commission and approved by the legal committee.

b. To answer and refute the defamatory and derogatory utterances about Prince Hall Masonry.

c. To work with any jurisdiction in the preparation of its history and such other material as it may desire to develop in its campaign to expose bogus masonry in its particular jurisdiction.

d. To assist any jurisdiction in conducting an intensive, educational campaign among its own membership. (We believe that an informed Prince Hall Masonic Lodge can do more to disrupt bogus Masonry on the local level than any other agency.)

e. To do such research as may be required by the committee on education and public relations of any jurisdiction.

In furtherance of the above, we sent a circular letter to all of the jurisdictions on December 8, 1958, asking their cooperation through the establishment of public relations officers in their jurisdictions who would cooperate with the director of public rela-

tions of this committee. This phase of our work will be submitted to you in a report given by our public relations officer, Brother O. C. W. Taylor. I do wish to say, however, that we have gotten better than expected cooperation from the Negro Press. In fact, the cooperation from the Press has been greater than that we have received from our own Masonic jurisdiction.

In order to save time and expense, we secured the cooperation of the Committee on Masonic Education of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Louisiana in producing a type of workshop syllabus that we felt would be useful to all jurisdictions in a program of education. We used this pamphlet in the jurisdiction of Louisiana in our last Workshop and have found the results to be unbelievable.

Immediately upon observing the success we experienced in the use of these pamphlets, we contacted the other jurisdictions and sent them a copy offering the services of the committee of this Commission to assist them in developing a similar pamphlet for use in their jurisdiction. To date we have had only one request for this pamphlet. Naturally, this pamphlet, as such, could not be used in other jurisdictions. It was not developed in accordance with their history. We call your attention to items "C" and "D" as listed under our method of operation. This indicates that our committee is willing to work with any of the other jurisdictions in developing similar material. It could be, too, that we may have more information in our library on their history than they have themselves.

We do not wish to minimize the value of the legal attack on bogus masonry. Our experience so far has been that this attack can be very effective if the offending outfit is attacked in time. Another experience we have is that as often as these folk are put out of business in one name they spring up like hydro-headed monsters in several other places at the same time under different names, but yet they are the same people peddling the same wares. We are driven, therefore, to the belief that the best defense that Prince Hall Masonry has against bogus and spurious masonry is a well-informed public. The question is: How can Prince Hall Masonry inform and keep informed the public and at the same time remain within the bounds of Masonic propriety?

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## Greetings from Grand Lodge, Republic of Liberia

Brethren of the Mystic Tie:

I extend you sincere greetings and felicitate you on behalf of the Grand Masonic Body of Liberia, a Jurisdiction affiliated with Prince Hall Freemasonry the world over, on the occasion of this auspicious assemblage of Grand Masters. I commend very highly the creative idea of bringing together the Grand Masters of the Jurisdictions which comprise the Prince Hall Freemasonry and those in affiliation with it, for the purpose of presenting and discussing the problems and circumstances as they exist in the various Jurisdictions and to work out solutions for such issues, and thereby promote the progress and shape the destiny of the Fraternity in its entirety.

The Liberian Jurisdiction, founded by and under the countenance of our stalwart, freedom-loving forebears who migrated from the great United States of America to these shores of the western sector of the African Continent, the continent of their origin, with over 90 years of existence, has under the unconquerable sheltering banner of the Great Grand Master of the Universe pondered through odds to pose as a reputable institution, and as an organization not engaged in transient deliberations, but one dedicatedly engaged in proceedings which stamp indelible imprints on the pages of history, and thus perpetuate the hope and ardent wish with which those sainted men of valour planted the order and enunciated its tenets and teachings within our territorial confines; and most gratifyingly, we have so far been successful in preserving those lofty teachings and principles, and they have with a graceful course blossomed through the years and have been made living monuments to the ingenuity of our beloved forefathers.

From the birth of this Jurisdiction, the cherished privilege has been ours to maintain affiliation with Prince Hall Freemasonry and to nourish with utmost pleasure and zeal the very cordial relations which such affiliation has begotten; and although many have been our obstacles, we have striven through the perilous times to assume an honourable station in the Prince Hall family, with the dogged conviction that it is only in this way that we can cope with the esteem with which the exalted order of Free-

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## ELECTED AND APPOINTED OFFICERS

### Officers Elected at the 103rd Grand Session, and Appointed Officers, Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge, F. & A. M., State of California and its Jurisdiction, 1959-1960

Grand Master	*Herbert A. Greenwood (18)	3011 - 12th Avenue, Los Angeles 18
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Grand Treasurer	*Roy E. Treece (29)	6926 Lockwood St., Oakland
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Grand Lecturer	Luther Johnson (63)	872 - 69th Avenue, Oakland 21
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Grand Sword Bearer	Claude E. McKinney (20)	1211 E. 18th Street, Los Angeles
Grand Flag Bearer	Willie Atkins (69)	1625 Santa Barbara Ave., Los Angeles
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Grand Organist	Charles Pryme (49)	835 - 90th St., Los Angeles
Grand Marshal	Burney B. Irvin (18)	757 E. 53rd Street, Los Angeles
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Dist. 5 - (36-44-57-81-89-93)	Emmett L. Draper (36)	636 - 47th Ave., San Francisco
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## WHITHER GO WE?

(Part III and Conclusion)

Brethren, you have twice before in the last three issues, borne with me as I have mused aloud upon the topic that to me is of paramount importance. Upon our first meeting, you listened to me challenge the concept that nothing controversial should be brought up on the floor of a tyled Masonic meeting, when I bluntly stated that I intended to speak for three consecutive weeks upon a topic that might conceivably endanger the harmony of the meeting unless it was considered in candor and fairness in a search for truth and not for the purpose of partisan dissension. You have listened attentively, and I appreciate your courtesy, as I have tried to answer in part the question "Whither Go We and For What Purpose?" by saying that we have a choice of two paths: one of freedom, of the Masonic way of life, and the other one of slavery, tyranny, and the degradation of the individual. If we choose the former, we must be alert to the dangers that beset it. Two of the greatest dangers are Russia and Rome, and though neither may be minimized, Rome is the greater, for Rome is intellectual and spiritual slavery. You came back for the second section of the series in which I attempted to bring out The Great Tradition of Freemasonry and its close association with The Great Tradition of American Democracy. Tonight we look more closely to the immediate surroundings in which we find ourselves. We are now in this country at the end of a great cycle. The forces of good and evil are marshalled against each other as they never have been before. This country has not only passed through several great recent wars but has come to the end of the world's first industrial revolution. Just what are the effects on the people? This industrial revolution has changed the entire face of the American System, and this change has given the world a new picture of the United States. Regardless of what the world thinks, Americans regard good citizenship in the United States a high privilege, as it means a greater chance for security. The ordinary American finds that instead of engaging in business as his father did, he must accept a job. It has naturally followed that under these circumstances a high moral question arises as to his Old Age Security, and, whether the people of this country want to or not, they must face this question. And in facing it are we as

American citizens going to lose ground as far as liberty and free conscience are concerned, or are we going to maintain our dignity as free men and be just as free in spite of our working conditions as were our fathers? That is an issue. Such problems must be faced and must be solved; and if we win through and retain our liberties it will be because we have been able to adjust ourselves to the new conditions brought on by this great industrial revolution. The central issue is whether, as in the past we, as Masons, shall let things go by default and reap the benefits provided by the apparent collusion of this great Order of ours and those other peoples who back our free American way of life — or, shall we awake to our individual responsibilities as Masons and inaugurate an educational program that will fill the voids of past neglect and never again risk so much as we have risked by inexcusable passiveness and lethargy.

Shall we say that truly this is the end of an old regime, a cycle, and the beginning of a new, and shall we say that we will look after our birthright, and by the aid of this great instrument which we will educate ourselves to understand, and then with that understanding, educate newly made Masons to full citizenship so that in all time to come we will have provided defense in depth behind our Constitution and Bill of Rights, which will resist all attacks from any source inside or outside the borders of the United States, either physical or spiritual?

To approach this problem properly we must understand exactly what is taking place in our country today and lay our plans for education accordingly. We must begin then with the theory that one or more of our calculations are right and will provide a solid foundation on which to build our structure. We will begin then with our own government and the ingredients that go to creating it, or have gone to creating government. I need not remind you that our government came into being because men wanted to be free.

After more than 2000 years of struggle in this, our present western civilization, liberty finally raised its bruised and beaten head above the morass of human slavery in 1649, when it was declared there in London, as I previously related, that "The people are under God the Original of all just power." This was the first time in history that the people spoke.

Forty years later in 1689, the people of Great Britain forced their rulers to give them the Great British Bill of Rights in which for the first time in the history of man, his rights as an individual were finally set out.

The repeal of the Edict of Nantes four years before, followed by the passing of the British Bill of Rights, brought a flood of freedom-seeking people from continental Europe. They sought to participate in this newly-won freedom, and dedicated themselves to protecting it as a new and most sacred thing.

The Revival of Speculative Masonry as a vehicle to carry on the work of defense, was a natural result — a sequence that had to follow. These people moved to the new continent, and when their liberties under the British Bill of Rights were threatened by a great mercantile revolution they again declared themselves free on July 4, 1776, and organized the Continental Congress. They fought through eight years of war and then framed the Constitution of the United States and its Bill of Rights. There you have a government created by the people.

I would not have you believe that the government of the United States was created between 1649 and 1791. I have merely pointed up the mechanical processes that our government went through in that period in order to emerge. No, the Constitution and its Bill of Rights did not come that easily. The roots of the Constitution of the United States and its Bill of Rights go deep into the soil of the past, and the freedom and liberty-loving peoples of all nations since the beginning of time have contributed something to its completeness. Over and beyond the rituals of and the laws of the Ancient Free and Accepted Masons this Constitution and its Bill of Rights are, and ought to be, the creed of every Mason.

The first duty of a Mason is to understand that Constitution and that Bill of Rights. He must know that so long as it stands, his government will stand. The question that naturally arises now is — "Into whose hands is the power of such a government going to be placed?"

You cannot have government without a sovereign, and sovereignty carries with it power. In Russia the power is in the hands of the dictator, and the people are slaves. In England the power is in the hands of Parliament, the King and his Cabinet of Ministers, and the people acknowledge



themselves subjects of His Majesty's government, even though they mean more nearly what we call "citizen" by the word "subject." In the United States the power is in the hands of the people and the people are sovereign, and their elected and appointed officials are the servants of the people, and all are citizens of equal rights who go to make up the various commonwealths, that, united make up these United States. Thus the government is placed in the hands of the people.

Admitting that by and large, we, as a nation, have drifted somewhat from our original ideology, and that in some spots the Constitution, and even the Bill of Rights, has been obscured, we still have a government that is democratic in form and is still the cleanest and freest government on the face of the globe. I think also, if we examine closely, that we will find no fundamental of the free American way of life has been completely broken.

Thus, having begun with the calculated theory that our government has been conceived and brought forth under proper auspices, we go on to the second of our calculated theories. Having proven to ourselves, then, that a government based on the Constitution of the United States and its Bill of Rights is the true basis for the preservation of the American way of life, we must now acquaint ourselves with a method of defending and preserving it. The means is undoubtedly education — the education of the Mason in his inherent rights. Here we have a phenomenon that has never heretofore existed in the whole history of the world; a government that meets all the requirements of free men, that should be preserved for free men. A group of four million of its citizens are willing to give up life itself, if need be, to preserve that government. This group, however, will have to give thoughtful attention as good citizens if they keep themselves properly informed as to the welfare of their governments. To accomplish this then, we must make Masons the best informed group of citizens in the United States. That is the answer. And why not? Think of the vast amount of work done in ritual every year merely to make pin-wearing members of candidates. This work at times almost seems drudgery — drudgery especially to those conferring the work, drudgery far greater than the accomplishment. With education towards the highest type of citizenship the ultimate objective for this Master-

Mason-to-be, those conferring the ritualistic work will feel that they, too, are participating in the finest effort of good citizens of these United States. A forward step that will never be retraced will thus be made in Masonry.

To make sure that they will become the best informed group of citizens in our country we must enlarge our educational activities. Before any educational program can be carried on successfully we must make sure that every member of the Order understands that the main objective of the program is to make the Master Mason the best informed man in America on the science and logic of his government. By accomplishing this we know that when the Master Mason goes into the silence of his voting booth, alone with himself, his conscience and his God, he will cast his votes most carefully. Having done so we will find him following through. He will follow closely the activities of those his vote helps put in our legislative halls, and he who was put into our administrative positions. He will watch the judiciary whom he helped elect and will act swiftly if he finds that in any way the Constitution, the Bill of Rights or any phase of his government is being adversely affected.

The strength of our Masonry today lies in its ancient laws and usages. The government of this great Order has rolled along on those ancient laws and landmarks for a period of 233 years. No change in the construction of government of the Craft has ever taken place except to tighten some of the original regulations and landmarks as first laid down. Any change in the physical or spiritual fabric would injure and cripple the Order and lessen the perspective of the Master Mason.

May I point out that to educate Master Masons in the manner we suggest, will in no way change the system that has been successful for so long a time, but will enhance and enrich the system itself. To have necessary knowledge about our government is not a new thing among Master Masons or the common people. This, the Continental Congress learned the hard way. They found it was not enough that the War for Independence had been won and the British had laid down their arms. The people clamored for more tangible evidence of a government for a free people, and so the weary Continental Congress went to work and framed a Constitution. Still the people held aloof. Congress was at first surprised, then angered. Hadn't it put in four hot

summer months giving the people something on which to hang their hats? What more did they, the people, want? And clearly, as though a bell tolled, came the answer from the throats of the people, in no uncertain tones, "*We want our Bill of Rights!*"

The Continental Congress was thrown into an uproar, but the people held tight and so the tired, weary Continental Congress almost at the end of its patience, went back to work and produced the first ten amendments, commonly known as our Bill of Rights. The change in the attitude of the people was almost magic. Applause rolled in on the Continental Congress from every corner of the Colonies, and there was no question now that the warring between factions was over, victory was the people's, and peace settled over the land. Because of this, the first term as president, for Washington, was ushered in as though this country had long existed; as though perhaps this Constitution and this Bill of Rights had *guaranteed* a peace-loving people peace.

I have spoken tonight as though we needed an educational program. This is not exactly so, for we have in Oregon, well under way, an educational program that is outstanding in the Masonic world, and has been quite successful to date. This program is being carried on by Research Lodge No. 198, under mandate of the Grand Lodge of Masons in Oregon. We hope through our effort here in Oregon, that this plan of education will spread throughout the 49 jurisdictions of the United States.

On this occasion of the 100th anniversary of Willamette Lodge No. 2, I was happy to announce my idea on this program and to say that I believe firmly that it is because of the great record of Lodges like Willamette that we will be successful. I know that in making 5% of the male population of the United States so well informed on the basic principles of the government of the United States we can build a mental and spiritual barrier against the subversive attack from within and without our borders that will hold firm for as long as we support such a plan. Assure yourselves that sovereignty and power lie with the people of the United States through understanding the Constitution, its Bill of Rights and every other important instrument that goes into the foundation of our free government.

*Read and re-read them.*

I want to draw your particular at-



tention to the first, ninth and tenth amendments which set out in no uncertain terms the powers of the people. The precedents we set today are constantly in collision with the precedents set by our fathers yesterday; but if we will but keep in mind the precious, eternal truths buried in the heart of those great instruments of government our fathers gave us, we will grow and keep strong in the faith that they were right and that we are now reaping the benefits in our American way of life.

Let me for a moment dwell on the tenth amendment which is, to my mind, the greatest of all instruments ever given by the hand and brain of man. Listen:

"The powers not delegated to the United States by the Constitution nor prohibited by it to the States are reserved to the States respectively or to the people."

There it is. Simple and understandable. The things the government could do under the Constitution were written down, and the things that the people could do under that same Constitution were not written down, thus forever placing power and responsibility in our government into the hands of "we, the people." Are we, who love liberty as we love life itself, going to take up this challenge and make sure that through a method of education we will insure the future? I think we are. I think God has made it very easy for us so to do. May we therefore dedicate our great Masonic effort here in Oregon to preservation of the true American way of life.

Brethren, I am for peace when we have won an honest peace. Be sure that this country will die if it ever gives up defending human liberty here in the United States and fighting for it everywhere in the world.

The question, as you will recall, raised at the opening of this discussion and referred to several times within,—the topic which provided the springboard for our present deliberations is: "Whither Go We?" The answer which I have tried to spell out this evening is this: We are going forward with strength and certainty of victory, guided by the great lights of Masonry *only* if we have the courage to face the truth under the full effulgence of the illumination of God's wisdom. Masons *may not with safety* practice within the tyled walls only the repetition of words and rituals. They must cast their glances outside into the world at large, the world referred to in our language as the "pro-

fane." They must ascertain facts and study the meaning of facts together as Brethren. BUT each man, each Mason, free born and well regarded by his fellows both within and without the Lodge, must reach his own conclusions without bias or rancor and act as he understands the truth. Masonry is, therefore, and shall continue to remain, as long as the thesis I have advanced tonight prevails, the greatest dynamic force of Western Culture.

With this note, my Brethren, I conclude the series of three presentations which you have so patiently received. In my introduction tonight I tried to refresh your memories as to the import of the first two sections, and to that summary let me add these words for tonight:

An old economic age is past and gone, and as we stand within the very gates of the new one, which our insatiable demand for more material goods and the means of producing them has in large measure opened for us, we have complicated what at the time was very simple. With the passing of much of what we have termed "small business," and the development of the intricately organized large business which serves millions, we have made wage earners of what once were independent business men. As the life expectancy of our population has increased, the threat of insecurity in old age has created the demand for government to provide that security. This is but one instance of the close interdependence within the tangled pattern of modern culture which has provided a humanitarian basis for our appeal to government to become paternalistic and to become a thing apart from the people who, actually under the Constitution, are the government. Our present economic and social organization is such as to provide very fertile soil in which to sprout the seeds of subversion, which in turn will grow into the strangling vine of Russia or Rome, or any other tyranny.

To meet the challenge of these present conditions we, as Masons, need to know more, to gather facts, to study, to reach conclusions from our efforts. We have in Oregon made strong beginnings. Ignorance and stupidity are our greatest enemies, for these may be within us without our being aware of their presence, and we cannot drop atom bombs upon them.

The truth shall make us free. Let us as Freemasons dare to learn the Truth.

— J. H. SROUFE

## Departed Brothers

Cleveland E. Holman (1)  
George W. Wilson (2)  
Jesse White (2)  
Clabe Long (5)  
Cosstella Andrews (5)  
Osa S. Glover (5)  
William Kennedy (6)  
Jules B. Handy (7)  
Clinton L. Jones (7)  
Lee E. Grigsby (8)  
Charles E. Jackson (8)  
Jesse Chunn (8)  
Louis S. Gafford (8)  
S. J. Marmillion (8)  
William N. Galbreth (10)  
Edward W. Williams (10)  
George Handis (Dr) (11)  
Cornelius H. Harvey (11)  
Benjamin F. Armstrong (13)  
Clyde Flanagan (13)  
Theo. P. Fritz (14)  
Gus P. Little (17)  
Arthur E. Jarvis (18)  
Charlie Lee Jones (18)  
Harry A. Southard (18)  
A. Caplis Williams (18)  
Royal Mabry (18)  
Isaah Carter (19)  
E. J. Peters (19)  
John W. Arnold (19)  
Ira Smith (20)  
Claude A. Johnson (20)  
James M. Busby (20)  
Arthus F. Adams, Sr. (20)  
Joseph L. Oliver, Sr. (20)  
Johnie Moore (20)  
Jesse A. Smith (20)  
Prince Ivory (21)  
Maurice Walker (21)  
Charles H. Downing (23)  
George W. Mullen (23)  
Willie Binns (23)  
Anthony Smith (23)  
William J. Bibbs (24)  
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Thomas Payne (33)  
Robert Blackmon (33)  
Cornelius Roberson (33)

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## PRINCE HALL GRAND LODGE, MASSACHUSETTS, 1873

### Excerpts — Proceedings

(A Serial)

—“Its jurisdiction commensurate with its masonic form, and designed to advance our race to a higher degree of prosperity and happiness, by inculcating the principle of Brotherly Love.” — (Published 1874, Boston, Mass.)

“At a special communication of the MOST WORSHIPFUL PRINCE HALL GRAND LODGE, HELD AT BOSTON, on the 25th day of August, 1870, A.L. 5870, the following resolution was presented and adopted unanimously.

Resolutions of Honor unanimously adopted by the members of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge in behalf of our Most Illustrious and Learned Brother, J. G. Findel.

WHEREAS: From the beginning of our existence we have known no historian in Europe or America who has mentioned us as an organized body of Masons in other than a degrading manner until Brother J. G. Findel published his invaluable “History of Freemasonry,” wherein we find another spirit towards us manifested, that of TRUTH and brotherly love expressed in the following words: “It was long doubtful whether they were continued in a local manner, until Brother Dr. Bartholomew of Brooklyn, proved from the history of their origin, that they were, so that recognition of the fact could no longer be denied to them.”

And whereas, this pioneer of truth and justice stands to this day true to the above acknowledgment, as representative of our cause in his famed and victorious Fatherland, exerting himself to obtain recognition for our disputed Masonic claims before the civilized people of the earth;

Be it resolved, that he be elected to life-membership of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of the State of Massachusetts, with the rank and title of Honorary Grand Master.

Be it further resolved, that a fitting diploma under seal of this Grand Lodge be transmitted to him, and that the Grand Secretary send to his address a copy of these resolutions and transactions.

Done at Boston, Massachusetts, August 25th, 1870, A.L. 5870, and in the 86th year of our existence (organization).

*Lewis Hayden, G.M.*

*Francis P. Clary, Dep. G.M.*

*Edw. Ruhler, Gr. Sec.*

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From the date of our admission as equals in arms in the late war, and the publication of some of our history as a Masonic Body in a documentary form, our friends both in America and Europe have been constantly increasing, and manifesting their sympathy for us. Among the most prominent and earnest workers in our behalf on this side of the Atlantic we mention that of Brother Jacob Norton, to whom we as a Lodge, and the Masons throughout this country and the world are deeply indebted. His unwavering spirit, his untiring zeal for right, the exposure of wrong in every form, which characterizes his numerous articles in all of the most prominent Masonic journals on both sides of the Atlantic, point him out as a strong advocate and an able defender of the right. Philanthropically associated with him are Brothers J. Fletcher Brennan, Samuel Evans, P.G.M. Gilbert, and P.G.M. Bierce, and many others.

We feel that all of them were inspired by the writings of that profound historian, Brother J. G. Findel, whose Treatise on Masonry only needs a perusal to insure its wide circulation among all Masons, and we here recommend that Masons throughout this jurisdiction possess themselves a copy.

Upon reading the above work and noting the spirit that pervaded it, we were led to open correspondence with that eminent Brother, which resulted in his consent to become an Honorary Member and Grand Master of our Grand Lodge, and also our Representative to the Grand Lodges on the continent of Europe. The importance of this step is seen in the masterly way in which he disposes of the fallacious statements of Von Mensch, the representative of the Grand Lodge of New York at Germany; a portion of their correspondence on the subject we here submit.

(Before doing so, however, we feel bound to say, that Brother Findel recognized Brother Dr. Barthelmes late of Brooklyn, New York, as having led him to make those researches which resulted in our favor, furnishing to him the ground work of our history, as given by Brother Findel in his Treatise on the early commencement of the African Lodge at Boston; and not only do we as a Grand Lodge have much esteem for them, but our entire race hold both in high regard.)

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(From the “Bauhuette,” Leipzig)

The Grand Lodge of Colored Masons in the United States of America; and in particular the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge.

“After I had already demanded, ten years ago, the recognition of the Colored Grand Lodge as a matter of justice and fraternity, and a Masonic duty by order of the Just and Perfect Prince Hall Grand Lodge, in Boston, I addressed sometime ago the request to the German Grand Lodge to be recognized and eventually get into closer brotherly connection with them. Now, the Grand Lodge of the Eclectic Union, Frankfort-on-the-Main, which, in the so-called Jews’ question, was ahead of all in decidedly maintaining the correct Masonic ground, was also first to officially congratulate me upon my appointment as an honorary Grand Master, and to unreservedly declare in favor of recognizing my constituents. From the nine German Grand Lodges, the Grand Lodge of Hungary approved of getting into closer connection by mutual representation. The Grand Lodge “Zur Sonne,” in Beyruth, had actually recognized the colored Grand Lodges of America before allowing its filial Lodge in Karlsruhe to issue circulars to them, and by receiving from them and receipting contributions for Strasburg and Kehl. It would be an outrage at once revolting and demoralizing to assess on Colored Lodges contributions for Masonic purposes, and afterwards deprive these colored Brethren and Lodges of their charter as Masons, and shut them out from the Lodges. He, who knows the delicacy of sentiment and nobleness of our Brother Von Cornburg, will not doubt for a moment that he and with his Lodge mean to resolutely come forward in the defense of the colored brethren. But by this very acceptance of money contributions, and the thanks tendered to the colored Brethren, especially those of Ohio, for their brotherly advances, have not only the Brethren in Karlsruhe, Kehl, and Strasburg, not only the Grand Lodge “Zur Sonne,” but all German Masons have taken upon themselves a debt of honor from which they can never withdraw. The Grand Lodge of Hamburg being, as a matter of course, in the very beginning, in favor of recognition, did not want to take the lead in this affair, exposed, as it already is, to the hatred of the American Grand Lodges. The Grand Lodge Royal York in Friendship, at Berlin,

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## HOSPITALITY REPORT

We, the Committee of Hospitality respectfully present an unbiased opinion of the many attending the 104th Grand Masonic Session, the 76th Annual Communication of the Order of Eastern Star and the 34th Grand Chapter of the Heroines of Jericho. This represents the scattered opinions of many people contacted during the several conventions convening in this beautiful city of San Diego, Calif.

Primarily, all were greatly inspired by the Annual Services at the Calvary Baptist Church Sunday afternoon, July 19th, where the Annual Sermon was delivered by our Grand Chaplain R.W. Leon Carson, and we are deeply thankful for the inspirational singing by that great choir of Brother Reverend Lockridge's church. It was wonderful and we must give credit where it is due, to Devonone Morris, director, who led this augmented group.

To the San Diego Grand Sessions Committee we express our deepest appreciations for their efforts to entertain us so wonderfully in approximate succession. Each time has been an improvement over the past. Our deepest wish is to come back again very soon.

Under the capable leadership of Chairman McKinley J. Courts, the General Committee started off with a get acquainted evening at the Elks' Home. Again we give our compliments to them for a well planned entertainment. The evening was very entertaining and we did get together.

The Banquet Committee under Sister Constance Moore won plaudits in the type of banquet and program presented at the Palm Room of the U. S. Grand Hotel. The master of ceremonies, James O. Whaley, started the ball rolling with his own inimitable way and followed by an array of speakers including the speaker of the evening, Dr. William C. Rust, president of Calif. Western University, who electrified us with his rhetorical ability, Mayor Chas. Dail representing the city of San Diego, Hon Hugo Fisher, representing the Governor's office, and a host of luminaries and dignitaries, past and present of the Masonic family were at the speakers' table.

To the city of San Diego, we give thanks for the Mayor's most hearty welcome on behalf of the city and his presentation of the key to the city to our Grand Master Herbert A. Greenwood; to the county of San Diego for their fine representation; to the Social

Welfare Committee for the help given this committee.

To the Convention and Tourist Bureau for the help they gave us from the very start for the beautiful pictures donated, for the assistance of helping the housing committee in getting us reservations in the best hotels and motels San Diego has to offer. Mr. Johnson and Mr. Frederick Mabbatt, III, were very helpful to the *Digest*.

We want to thank those citizens who also housed guests and delegates to these several conventions in their beautiful homes.

To the Ragsdale Mortuary for their donations of ball point pens for the package purchasers.

We learned that the shops, restaurants, stores and hostelrys have all been very courteous to us and that smile of true friendship meets us whenever we enter any of these enterprises.

Through the pamphlets distributed by the Convention Bureau, we all have a yen to stay a few more days in this sunny metropolis after our conventions have ended to see the natural beauty in this vicinity. We are going to enjoy this sunshine at the beaches, the excellent fishing in the waters of the Pacific off San Diego. We are going to visit Tijuana and Ensenada to get a slant at the Mexican atmosphere. We are going in the back country to El Cajon, Warner Springs, Mt. Palomar and the many scenic drives we didn't enjoy because we had our minds on the convention when we entered your fair city.

Words alone cannot express our appreciation, it is only semblances of what we feel in our hearts. We know of no unpleasant happenings that would change our mind that hospitality is the word here in San Diego, and that San Diego knows how.

Again we give thanks to God who made all things possible and may He bless the good citizens of this community and the Grand Sessions committee that have extended their utmost efforts to make us happy.

### PUBLICITY

The presence of any kind of publicity regarding our Grand Sessions has been noticeably absent from the local newspapers, notwithstanding the fact that our Public Relations Department has sent literature and spoke to the city editors of the San Diego Tribune and the Union. No mention was made whatsoever of our Adoptive rites, the Golden State Grand Chapter of the Order of Eastern Star and the

Grand High Court, Heroines of Jericho, in these papers, while only a brief account appeared in one paper Saturday evening telling of our coming convention. None of the 3,000 attending had clippings to take home.

On the brighter side, we the committee wish to express our appreciation to the local radio broadcasting stations for their generous time.

Finally, the courtesy car service rendered by the Grand Sessions Committee was highly appreciated by all who had the occasion to use them.

The Publicity Committee report to the Eastern Star stated "The local daily newspapers have been contacted to cover our convention. We were informed that their policies are not to cover conventions but will accept news items from the local committee. Photographs were taken at the banquet in the U. S. Grant Hotel of present elected and presiding officers of the three bodies along with the Mayor of this city, General Committee chairman, and the guest speaker but nothing resulted, after being submitted.

This report has been considered a cross-section of opinion taken from those we contacted during this convention.

Fraternally submitted,  
Royal E. Towns, Chairman, #57  
Albert C. Payton, #81  
General Brewer, #73  
Sandy Diggs, #74  
Marvin Brown, #79  
Sammy Lacy, #80  
Henry Alexander, #77

### GREETINGS FROM LIBERIA (cont.)

masonry is regarded and the challenge which it offers.

I should like to make special mention here of the deep love and interest which Past Grand Master William V. S. Tubman, our beloved President, entertains for Craft Masonry and his great contribution to the Craft by taking a very active part in the promotion of its cause.

We congratulate you, brethren, on this historic convention, and it is our fervent hope that the proceedings of this Grand Body will generate great success, invaluable progress and harmony to the Order of Freemasonry as a whole, and happiness, pride and honour to its posterity.

May our Great Grand Master in His bounty bless this convocation and diffuse the candescent rays of His light upon its deliberations.

Fraternally yours,  
RICHARD A. HENRIES,  
Grand Master of Masons,  
R. L., Republic of Liberia



## STATISTICAL MEMBERSHIP

Annual Year 1958-1959

On rolls of 80 Lodges April 30, 1958	7606
Increases:	
By—Rolls of New Lodges (#92)	30
By—Affiliated	50
By—Raised	263
By—Reinstated	62
By—From Armed Forces, etc.	20
Increase Total	425
Membership Loss for Year	173
On rolls of 81 Lodges April 30, 1959	7433

### U.D. LODGES

Ionic Lodge U.D. — 12-27-58      Gravity Lodge U.D. — 4-16-59

## THE MOST WORSHIPFUL PRINCE HALL GRAND LODGE CALIFORNIA AND JURISDICTION

Statement of Financial Position — April 30, 1959

### EXHIBIT "A"

	General	Relief	Totals
Cash (Schedule 1)	\$ 29,512.90	\$ 83,799.24	\$113,312.14
Accounts Receivable	1,500.89	176.10	1,676.99
Notes Receivable (Schedule 2)		199,821.31	199,821.31
Supplies	4,707.39		4,707.39
Other Assets (Schedule 3)	1,443.94		1,443.94
Land and Building	10,000.00		10,000.00
Equipment	1,066.50		1,066.50
Shares (Masonic Holding Assoc.) (Schedule 4)	6,222.50		6,222.50
TOTAL	\$ 54,454.12	\$283,796.65	\$338,250.77
LIABILITIES AND SURPLUS:			
Trust Funds	\$	\$ 578.00	\$ 578.00
Reserve for Building Fund		38,776.01	38,776.01
Reserve for Surety Claims	4,905.00		4,905.00
Reserve for Civic Activities	1,678.50		1,678.50
Unappropriated Surplus	47,870.62	244,452.64	292,323.26
TOTAL	\$ 54,454.12	\$283,796.65	\$338,250.77

## MASONIC DIGEST

April 30, 1959

Other Assets:	
Cash in Bank of America, Emeryville Branch	\$ 635.98
Petty Cash (Central Valley National Bank)	81.77
Deposit (U. S. Post Office) (Prepaid mailing fee account)	20.19
Equipment	606.00
Supplies	100.00
TOTAL	\$1,443.94
Cost of Operation:	
Postage	\$ 502.61
Labor	430.00
Printing	3,779.26
Expenses of Director	785.86
Supplies	30.71
Misc. Expense	134.77
TOTAL	\$5,663.21

The Equipment and Supplies have been reduced to approximate resale value and charged to Surplus.

The Increase in Cost of Operation is due to 4 issues being published during this fiscal year.

MASONIC DIGEST

## DEPARTED BROTHERS (continued)

Charles Carter (33)  
William A. Easter (33)  
Charley Moore (35)  
David D. Watkins (35)  
Samuel Rubin (35)  
Timothy E. Davis (44)  
Willie A. Albrier (44)  
Archibaldo E. Harrison (44)  
Thomas J. Lewis (44)  
Joseph C. Suttles (45)  
Morris Cook (45)  
Vernon R. Gray (45)  
San Fabriga Frando (45)  
Burt E. Grayson (49)  
Nathaniel B. Simon (49)  
Louis T. Robinson (51)  
Olin Brown (55)  
Emory H. Overton (57)  
Edw. Washington, Jr. (59)  
Willie Jones (59)  
Homer McKinley Johnson (60)  
William W. Dewey (65)  
Bert Cannon (66)  
Francisco P. Querido (72)  
Frank Hollis (78)  
Buford Gissendanus (83)  
Orlen Johnson (87)  
Sandy Brown (87)  
Thos. Edw. Crunk (89)

## EDUCATION COM. REPORT (cont.)

The Committee feels that the only approach to this is a well-informed Prince Hall Lodge in each community. If our brethren know the Prince Hall story as they should know it, and if they have been completely indoctrinated into the philosophy and procedures of the Masonic institution, they can better defend it against its adversaries and enemies.

Most of these bogus and spurious outfits know that they are just that. They know also that they have absolutely no claim to regularity and no defense to offer in that respect. It happens, then, whenever brochures or pamphlets such as we have prepared fall into the hands of their membership and their membership begins to ask its leadership questions, that leadership is embarrassed and likely as not, begins to lay the foundation of its own destruction.

If the Conference sees fit to continue the work of this committee and the public relation effort which it has also assumed, we would ask the hearty cooperation of each of the Prince Hall Jurisdictions.

Fraternally submitted,  
John G. Lewis, Jr., Chm.  
Committee on Education



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## PRINCE HALL GRAND LODGE, MASSACHUSETTS, 1873

### EXCERPTS—PROCEEDINGS (cont.)

in declining to enter into closer connection, has expressly recognized the Prince Hall Grand Lodge as being Just and Perfect. In the Grand Lodge of Saxony further inquiries were to be made before definitely adopting a resolution. The whole affair, however, was finally brought before the forum on the Union of German Grand Lodges, which will not make a definite decision before next year. Brother Von Mensch, representative of the Grand Lodge of New York, has already tried to exert his influence in the last session, by the following document, addressed to the late Br.o. Warnath:

"M.: W.: GRAND MASTER: Animated by the desire to contribute, as much as is within me, to the maintaining of friendly relations fortunately existing, with but a solitary exception, between the Most Worshipful German and North American Grand Lodges, and view of the German Grand Masters' Convention, which is soon to meet, I have the honor of asking your attention to an offer which the alleged honorary Grand Master and representative-in-chief of the colored so-called Prince Hall Grand Lodge, at Boston, Massachusetts, Brother Findel, at Leipsic, has, in accordance with their desire, submitted to the German Grand Lodges, the assurance of which offer is to bring about a closer connection between them and his constituents. I beg leave, Most Worshipful Grand Master, to respectfully call to your mind the resolutions and notions which the Grand Lodge of Saxony has passed in its session of June 28, 1860 (see protocol No. 54), whereby the North American Colored Lodges and their members are denied, for the present, recognition as "just and perfect" Masons. In the Grand Lodge Convention, held on December 16,

1871, protocol No. 97), it was resolved, however, to institute new inquiries about the genuineness of these Lodges, and more fully understand the question of the legitimacy of Prince Hall Grand Lodge. The motives which lead the Grand Lodge to its first resolve, hold good this very day in their full extent unchanged and mitigated, and since June 28, 1860, when the above-mentioned resolution was passed, no new argument could be advanced to show that the Prince Hall Grand Lodge was legally constituted and established just and perfect.

"Such valid evidence, which cannot be furnished however, must necessarily be placed in the hands of the German Grand Lodge Association, which is soon to meet, and to which, according to the Constitution, is reserved the task of examining into and deciding upon this point, before this could be decided upon the regularity and recognition of Prince Hall Grand Lodge, which it is well known, is disputed by the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts next interested in it, and by all the other Grand Lodges of the United States.

"The only supposed proof in evidence (is that) which Brother Dr. Barthelmes of Brooklyn put in, to found the legitimacy of Prince Hall Grand Lodge, is the charter, the constitutional patent of the year 1874, of the Grand Lodge of England, for the Colored African St. John's Lodge No. 459, at Boston.

In regard to that charter, it is to be remarked, however, that it extinguished itself on account of non-use. The Lodge soon after its establishment had failed to report to the Mother Grand Lodge, and did not meet for a number of years. The said Mother Grand Lodge of England, soon afterwards, as will be seen from its correspondence, struck the name

of the Lodge from the register of its Daughter Lodges, and the returned charter has never been renewed.

"The African Lodge therefore had no longer a legitimate existence. Of said charter a copy has been retained in Boston, and this illegal copy conserved in the archives of Prince Hall Grand Lodge, and not the original document, form the basis upon which some persons started anew the extinct Lodge. Out of this irregular Lodge and two other St. John Lodges in Providence and Philadelphia, whose rightful establishment is nowhere proven, the Colored Prince Hall Grand Lodge in Boston has sprung, from which all other Negro Lodges and Grand Lodges in the United States of North America, deduce their origin and their authority.

"All these, and other corroborating circumstances are well known to the German Grand Lodges from the various publications of the Grand Lodges of Massachusetts and New York, and need not here be enlarged upon, as there has never any attempt been made to refute them.

"But supposing the case that the Colored Grand Lodges in the United States were originally just and perfect Lodges of Freemasons, which decidedly is not admitted, even the their recognition on the part of the German Grand Lodges would violate the principles of the Masonic Law of the United States. The Grand Lodges in the United States claim for themselves the exclusive right of jurisdiction within their own territory, and grant the same to foreign Grand Lodges. The inference is that the 'African Lodge,' constituted by the Grand Lodge of England, long after the establishment of the legitimate and generally acknowledged Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, would not have had a lawful existence even if its members should not have been negroes.

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