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4.	King Solomon	Los Angeles	1050 E. 50th St.	1st & 3rd Tues.	Wm. Tatum	3912 W. 27th St. (18)	J. B. Collins
5.	Beckia	Oakland	2112 Tuolumne St.	2nd & 4th Thurs.	Carl Sholars	1014 1/2 1st Street	Thurman Taylor
6.	St. John	Oakland	925 30th St.	1st & 3rd Mon.	Wm. L. Hill, Sr.	905 Ashton (8)	Wilbert R. Brooks
7.	St. John	Los Angeles	1050 E. 50th St.	2nd & 4th Tues.	Walter R. Norwood	2158 W. 29th Place (18)	John A. Louis
8.	St. John	Los Angeles	30th & Logan Ave.	1st & 3rd Fridays	Albert H. McDougal	508 Olive Street	Harold Mallock
9.	St. John	Bakersfield	527 California Ave.	2nd & 4th Tues.	Alfred H. Dinsdon	1103 O. Street	Alfonzo P. Woolley
10.	St. John	Bakersfield	1475 Lincoln Ave.	2nd & 4th Fri.	Claudius I. Bell, Sr.	1191 Forest (3)	Stonewall Hose
11.	St. John	Pasadena	2835 12th Street	1st & 3rd Thurs.	A. J. Neal	2259 Ninth Street	Charles J. Calloway
12.	St. John	Pasadena	230 E. Fremont	2nd Friday	Claude M. Statum	2628 E. Maple Street	James P. Manning
13.	St. John	Stockton	129 N. Market St.	2nd & 4th Wed.	Francis C. Tanner, Jr.	344 1/2 1st Village	Henry L. Hooks
14.	St. John	Stockton	732 "L" Street	2nd & 4th Tues.	J. W. Lee	861 1/2 1st Street	Nathan Williams, Jr.
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16.	St. John	Los Angeles	1720 Broadway	1st & 3rd Mon.	Harold J. Mitchell	1913 E. 18th Street	Michael Lee Bennett
17.	St. John	Los Angeles	1050 E. 50th St.	1st & 3rd Tues.	L. G. Dandridge	1972 Santa Ana Blvd. (57)	Henry L. Pigford
18.	St. John	Los Angeles	1050 E. 50th St.	2nd & 4th Fri.	W. E. Leonard	1776 W. 35th St. (13)	Don Himon
19.	St. John	Los Angeles	502 Olive Street	2nd & 4th Tues.	James C. Lewis	1036 H. Street	James B. Hayward
20.	St. John	Portland, Ore.	116 N.E. Russell St.	2nd & 4th Mon.	George H. Holliday	2938 S.E. 33rd Ave.	Robert Painter
21.	St. John	Pasadena	1475 Lincoln Ave.	1st & 2nd Fridays	Wm. Howard	434 N. Vermont Ave. (3)	Clyde F. Carter
22.	St. John	Oakland	925 30th St.	2nd & 4th Mon.	Robert Mahorney	1318 N. Vermont Ave.	Loyce C. Olesky
23.	St. John	Oakland	516 W. Esther Street	1st & 3rd Tues.	Samuel Clark	314 Cedar Ave., Wilmington	Ovie S. Randolph
24.	St. John	Oakland	1209 Georgia St.	1st & 3rd Fri.	Frank Boone	318 Third Street	Henry Richards
25.	St. John	El Centro	1401 E. 6th Street	1st & 3rd Tues.	DuBois McGee	301 Hill Street	Henry Schuler
26.	St. John	El Centro	925 30th St.	1st & 3rd Thurs.	Nathan Hardy	845 Rock Street	John W. Johnson
27.	St. John	El Centro	McCloud Lodge Hall	1st & 3rd Fri.	Elijah Anderson	P.O. Box 667	Wm. McDowell
28.	St. John	El Centro	7918 S. Central Ave.	2nd & 4th Mon.	F. S. Stanley	1902 E. 48th Place (11)	Willie McDowell
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35.	St. John	El Centro	3138 Grove St.	1st & 3rd Mon.	Sidney Blackburn	2313 Sacramento St. (2)	John McCaskill
36.	St. John	El Centro	1050 E. 50th St.	2nd & 4th Mon.	Charles R. Hunter	2648 Palm Grove Ave. (18)	Erny Lee
37.	St. John	El Centro	Redman's Hall	1st & 3rd Thurs.	Clarence Lucas	409 Laurel, Pacific Grove	E. R. Allen
38.	St. John	El Centro	960 "U" Street	2nd & 4th Fri.	N. E. Powell	517 So. "R" Street	Zollu Alban
39.	St. John	El Centro	1209 Georgia	2nd Wed.	Speedy Figuracion	925 Glenwood St., Delano, C 1	Ceroy A. Byrt
40.	St. John	El Centro	1050 E. 50th St.	1st & 3rd Wed. at Noon	Paul L. Howard	701 E. 52nd St. (2)	Gerald E. Beck
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58.	St. John	El Centro	1209 1/2 So. Central Ave.	1st & 3rd Tues.	Freddie D. Harris	12015 Belhaven (59)	Cecil Hamilton
59.	St. John	El Centro	1209 1/2 So. Central Ave.	1st & 3rd Sat.	Keiff Boullit	1127 E. 48th St. (11)	Truett Spigner
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62.	St. John	El Centro	1209 1/2 So. Central Ave.	1st & 3rd Wed.	Wm. J. Russell	2904 Harper St. (3)	Wm. A. Petty
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## POWERS OF A GRAND MASTER (In the Interim, Between Sessions)

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*Grand Master  
Jurisdiction of Michigan*

The subject to be treated by this thesis is so academic, that it is hardly probable that you, my contemporaries, will receive it with more than a passing glance.

In pursuing my search for material it was apparent that unless I was to review the Constitutions of each Prince Hall Jurisdiction, I certainly would be unable to say with any degree of accuracy how much our Jurisdiction had in common in defining the interim powers of a Grand Master.

I was fortunate however to obtain an item published by the Masonic Service Association, Washington, D.C. on the "Powers of Grand Masters," and in which such powers of each of the forty-nine (49) Grand Jurisdictions, white, were enumerated.

In making a comparison between our two (2) groups, I noted that the theory of land-marks has had great influence on our group interpretations of Powers. We (and I believe without reservation) adhere to the twenty-five (25) land-marks as promulgated by Mackey and conversely there are fewer than five (5) white obediences, that have the same adherences to Mackey, in many instances in place of land-marks, they are guided by the Constitution of Free-Masonry, Anderson's Charges, or Ahiman Rezon. This, then of course has definite influence on our conceptions of

what they are, where derived, and other points for determining Powers.

While basically the so-called Powers of a Grand Master on comparative Jurisdictional levels, are much the same, we find in our research some variations in interpretation. There is no doubt in my mind, that these variances stem from factors based on geographical location, translations of usages, customs and the landmarks as construed by a Masonic Jurisdiction. It is also very evident that by these differences with their unchallengeable aspects, further accentuates the cherished theory of Jurisdictional Sovereignty.

From my gleanings I offer a generalized definition that "The Powers of a Grand Master during the interim of its settings, is to exercise all of the Executive and Judicial functions of a Grand Lodge in conformity to its Constitutional limitations and its interpretations of those things construed as Ancient Usages, Customs and Inherent Rights." I am of the opinion that the Prince Hall Interpretations of interim powers allows far more flexibility than our counterparts. I believe this is good, for we are constantly confronted by new problems built on Social, Racial, Economic Foundations that necessitate the limitations on our powers not to have the rigidity, noted in most white Institutions. In several of these Jurisdictions they have a group titled "Masonic Board of Controls" and it is obvious from some of their reports that the Grand Master is subject to their will and pleasure. In calling to your attention variations in interpretation of identical Masonic Policies, I find it interesting trying to determine  
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## INCIDENTAL TO NEGRO MASONRY

DENMAN S. WAGSTAFF, P.M. 33

In talking over olden days with Brother Francis H. E. O'Donnell of Oakland at Grand Lodge the other day he vouched for the truth of this narrative. He excited my curiosity by saying that when in Portland, Ore., he had sat in Lodge with a *Past Grand Master of Oregon* who had told him while there that he had received his *three Blue Lodge Degrees in a Negro Lodge*. Here is how it all happened: Just after the Civil War, John Spiegel, just out of school in Germany, came to America. New York treated him coldly. He got no work there. St. Louis appealed to him — many Germans there, the ticket agent told him. He landed in St. Louis, got a cheap boarding house where railroad laborers were housed and fed. A mulatto woman kept the place. Many negroes lived there and a few whites, all working for the firm of contractors building the terminals and also many miles of the new Missouri Pacific Railroad. A fine young mulatto of about John's own age was among the number. He got John a job with these contractors, helped him to learn English. In talking with this young man one day he noticed a Compass and Square on his watch-chain. The mulatto asked him if he knew what it was and John said it looked like a Mason's emblem, but he added, none but the elite of the select few belonged to it in Germany. The young mulatto asked him if he would like to know something about it. He said he would. The mulatto  
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## POWERS OF A GRAND MASTER

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how in some instances Grand Lodges arrive at such widely different interpretative conclusions. As an example:

KANSAS says: "Laws of Masonry, Art. II, Sec. 2, under the caption of "Limitations" "The Grand Master *is not* the creature of the Grand Lodge, the Office existed before the organization of Grand Lodges.

NORTH CAROLINA says: "Chapter III of its Constitution, Sec. 13, regulation 10, Under the caption "Grand Master Prerogatives Subordinate to Laws." "The Grand Master *is the creature* of the Grand Lodge, deriving all his authority from that body."

NORTH CAROLINA further states: In Reg. 14 titled "Grand Master ad Interim Executive." "The Grand Master *is not* the Grand Lodge during vacation, but his decisions must be obeyed ad Interim."

While VIRGINIA states: "Under Virginia Masonic Law the Grand Master, IS THE GRAND LODGE in vacation with power without limit, except as defined by the landmarks and Constitution of Masonry."

Another oddity is noted on the subject of a Grand Master's right to, or power to make Masons at sight.

KANSAS says: "While the power of the Grand Master to make Masons at sight is undenied, it is one which should never be exercised."

NEVADA says: "It is the sense and opinion of this Grand Lodge that the Grand Master does not possess, and ought not to exercise, the prerogative of making Masons at sight."

NORTH CAROLINA on the same subject says: "This Grand Lodge does not recognize any inherent right or Power, or Prerogative, in Grand Masters to make Masons at sight or will, out of a regular Lodge; and regards the exercise of such powers not only as arbitrary, but in violation of the plain and unmistakable provisions of the Ancient Charges and Constitutions of Masonry."

MISSISSIPPI declares: "It is within the province of the Grand Master to suspend portions of the By-Laws."

IDAHO in contradiction says: "That he shall have no power to suspend the operation of any By-Laws of this Grand Lodge."

Only two (2) obediences give a Grand Master the Constitutional Power to suspend a brother, Maine and Massachusetts."

SOUTH CAROLINA states: In Art. 26, He shall preserve order; and there can be no appeal from his decision, and Art. 39 says, "If the Grand Master should abuse his power, and render himself unworthy of the obedience and subjection of the Craft, it is competent for any Lodge in the Jurisdiction to impeach him on the expiration of his term of Office."

While Texas states: Art. 36 "The Grand Master may be suspended from Office by this Grand Lodge for sufficient cause, after due notice and hearing."

These differences, very pronounced would seem to create some confusion in the matter of Masonic relationships, for certain interpretative contradictions are evident. But obviously it doesn't, for from the information I have gathered there is but one Law that seems to be unchangeable, unalterable and fixed with the steadfastness of the rock of Gibraltar that is the "American Doctrine of Exclusive Jurisdiction."

Incidentally, if it appears I have digressed from my assignment, I assure you that I have not, for every phase of these matters I have called to your attention, are such things that a Grand Master might do in exercising his Powers in the interim of a Grand Lodge Setting.

In closing, may I make a summation based in a great measure on my conception of my powers as Grand Master of Masons in the Jurisdictional confines of Michigan!!!

First, I am an adherent to the school of thought that I am a creature of the Grand Lodge of Michigan, created through the franchise of the Masonic electorate of that State. Therefore, I am subject to the limitations of the Constitutional Laws that vest certain Powers in the Office of Grand Master, suffice it to say that while I respect the traditional theory that there were Grand Masters before there were Grand Lodges, I am likewise aware that at the discontinuance somewhere in Masonic History of the method whereby Grand Masters were appointed by ruling Monarchs of Nations and since our beginning, under the American System of Masonic Practices, every Grand Master has been elected by a body of Masons. I must therefore interpret my interim Powers to be confined to those powers that are allowed by the Laws of my electors and such inherent Powers as they may determine exist.

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boy told him that his Lodge was a colored Lodge, but that in Germany it made no difference. If you would like, I will bring you an application. It was so agreed. He got the degrees and found three or four members there who were also "German." He became Junior Warden after a while. He was diligent in his everyday work. He learned to read "blue prints," topographical charts, run levels, etc. So from the pick and shovel and the sledge hammer he was made "an under boss," then assistant to the superintendent of construction and finally a *section of work superintendent*. Away on the work he did not find a Lodge to visit. He kept up his dues. Then the turning point in his life came. The firm secured a very large Chilian Government contract, to build across the Cordillras and over the Andes into Peru and Bolivia from Valparaiso. They selected John for general superintendent. He liked Chile. After a year there he joined a Chilian Lodge, sent for his demit from the Negro Lodge and continued a member in Chile for upward of seven years. As far as Chile was concerned, it made no difference to the Valparaiso Lodge what color his former confreres were. No color line in any South American country. Through engineering journals he got word of the building of the *Great Northern at Portland, Oregon*. He got a furlough from his firm — as their contracts were about wound up — and permission to figure on some of this new work in Oregon on his own hook. He sailed away, got a contract to build one hundred miles of the new Great Northern, and when his mileage was fairly under way, got another hundred miles, together with a lot of tunnel work, at which he had become very adept in Chile going through the high mountains. He made Portland his headquarters, joined Willamette Lodge No. 2, and when his work was well in hand — he had gotten his Chilian demit — he became Junior Warden of Willamette, and Worshipful Master in due time. He was then made Junior Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge of Oregon and then in turn *Grand Master*.

Now another of Brother O'Donnell's stories will about fit in here, as follows: An old member of Live Oak Lodge and all the Oakland Bodies had a nephew visit him from London,

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## TRUSTEE BOARD REPORTS

Officers elected by this Board for the Masonic year 1953-1954 are as follows: Bro. M. Earl Grant, Chairman, Bro. Mack C. Bufford, Vice-Chairman, and Bro. James R. Vaughns, Sect'y.

Bro. Herbert A. Greenwood, D.C.M., withdrew his request for the loan of \$2500.00 recommended by this Board and favorably passed on by this Grand Lodge at our last Session held in Oakland, Calif., on June 2, 1954.

A request was received from Miss Betty Jane Andrews of San Diego, asking for continuance of her scholarship. Based on the favorable record of Miss Andrews in accordance with the "Student Record" submitted by the Fisk University of Nashville, Tenn., this Board recommends that this Scholarship be continued.

The donations of \$250.00 each for the Community Center for Children in San Francisco and the Fannie Ward Children Day Nursery in Oakland as well as the donation of \$300 for the 28th Street Branch of the Y. M. C. A. in Los Angeles have all been delivered with appropriate newspaper coverage. A letter expressing their gratitude was received from each one of the recipients.

The recommendation of the Grand Master that \$500.00 be sent to the Legal Dept. of the N.A.A.C.P. at Washington in support of their fight in the Supreme Court on the question of segregation has been complied with.

A committee from the Sunset Lodge of Long Beach appeared before this Board to report on the condition of the property. Their report being incomplete and unacceptable, no action was taken at this time. However, a committee from this Board met with this Lodge on March 2nd, 1954 to straighten out the matter of this Lodge's obligation to the Grand Lodge. The result was the receiving of a \$1000.00 check and the promise to follow through with the payments of \$300.00 per month to the Grand Lodge in accordance with their obligation.

A request was received from Keystone and Philadelphus Lodges of Stockton for financial assistance in the purchase of a building. Upon proper investigation this request was denied due to the poor state of repair the building was in. While the investigating committee was in Stockton a civic minded group was contacted that had a suitable piece of property and were

working towards a community center. The following suggestions were made to them as a preliminary step towards a building: property be deeded to the Grand Lodge, labor be furnished as much as possible from the two Lodges and the group. Grand Lodge furnish that part of the money the two Lodges could not raise and a committee come before this Grand Lodge Session with any suggestions.

Regarding the property at Tulare, a lease calling for payments of \$1,000.00 per year for a period of five years was successfully negotiated with the Elba Cattle Company.

A check in the amount of \$58.33 was received from the Credit Union at Riverside as a divided payment at the rate of 4% for the period, August 1953-December 1953, on the \$3,500 deposited with them.

Bro. R. Town, Public Relations Director, presented this Board with a proof copy of the Prince Hall Masonic Directory. It is the recommendation of the Board that these Directories be sold for .50 cents a copy, each Lodge be supplied with copies in accordance with the number of members on their rolls and be responsible to the Grand Lodge for payment of same in order to facilitate their distribution.

San Diego, California  
July 20, 1954

The Grand Trustee meeting opened on the above date and opened officially by Bro. M. Earl Grant, Chairman, with a prayer by our Grand Master. Members present: Bro. James H. Vaughns, Sect'y., Bro. Mack Bufford, Bro. Theo. Moss, Bro. R. McClanahan, Bro. DuBois McGee, Bro. R. Treece and Bro. L. Dandridge.

Regarding the loan requested by Bro. Walter Freeman, Master of Ashler Lodge in Richmond last year to build a Lodge Hall at which time this Board instructed Bro. Freeman to return to his Lodge and present the instructions given to him by this Board. Bro. Alexander Morrow, P.M. appeared before this Board and explained that no information was given to Ashler Lodge last year regarding their request. After discussion this Board instructed the Sect'y to write Ashler Lodge and instruct them as to the necessary details to follow in order to receive consideration for a loan.

Communication received from the Prince Hall Masons Holding Ass'n. regarding the setting up of an office in the city of Los Angeles as a Masonic information Bureau. This re-

quest will be taken under advisement and properly investigated.

Regarding the recommendation of the Grand Lecturer as follows: The Grand Lecturer be permitted to arrange a portion of his visitations to the several subordinate Lodges of his Jurisdiction via Air Transportation. This Board feels that this is a provision for the Grand Master and Grand Lecturer to work out.

Bro. Levie Cooksey, W.M. of Sunset Lodge of Long Beach was requested to appear before the Board and give us a report on the condition existing at this time on the property. Not being able to give a satisfactory report he was excused. After discussion it was decided to recommend the sale of this property to the Lodge at a 4% interest charge, Lodge deed to the Grand Lodge the property then the Grand Lodge retire the indebtedness against this property in the amount of \$3,000.00, resell same, and the difference between the present indebtedness plus the \$1,000.00 already received be credited to the Lodge as a down payment.

This Board recommends that the office expense of the Dept. of Public Relations headed by Bro. R. Towns be increased by \$150.00.

This Board recommends the payment of the following donations: \$300.00 to the 26th Street Branch of the Y.M.C.A. of Los Angeles; \$300.00 to the North Oakland Branch of the Y.M.C.A. in Oakland; \$500.00 to the Legal Department of the N. A. A. C. P. at Washington; \$400.00 to the Grand Sessions Committee. In the past it has been the practice of this Board to recommend a donation to the Janitor and Typist, but at this time we feel that this can be handled within the donation recommended for the Grand Sessions Committee.

\$300.00 to the scholarship fund.

This Board also recommends the payment of the B. Pasquale Co., bill in the amount of \$997.75. The policy of this Board is not to acknowledge any bills without verifiable statements.

This Board also recommends that in the future all officers not re-elected turn over to this Board all property in their possession within a period of thirty days after closing of the Grand Session, give and receive a receipt for same. The Board will then pass this property on to the newly elected officer and give and receive a receipt for same.

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# By-Laws for the Board of Grand Trustees of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge, F. & A. M. of the State of California and Jurisdiction

## SECTION 1 — NAME

This board shall be entitled: The Board of Grand Trustees of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge Free and Accepted Masons of California and Jurisdiction.

## SECTION 2 — MEMBERSHIP

The Membership shall be composed of nine Grand Trustees who shall be selected as follows: The Grand Master, Grand Auditor, Grand Secretary, Grand Treasurer, by virtue of their respective offices; And five additional members who shall be elected by the Grand Lodge.

a. *Term of Office.* The term of office of Grand Trustees, elected as such by the Grand Lodge, shall be for a three-year term.

b. *Manner of Election.* Grand Trustees shall be elected each year according to the following sequential system: 1—First year, two Grand Trustees elected for three years; 2—Second year, two Grand Trustees elected for three years; 3—Third year, one Grand Trustee elected for three years.

## SECTION 3 — OFFICERS

The officers of this Board shall be Chairman, Vice Chairman and Secretary.

a. *Term of Office.* The term of office for each respective officer of the Board of Grand Trustees shall be for one year.

b. *Election.* Upon the first meeting of the Board of Grand Trustees following the convening of the Grand Lodge, with the subsequent election of new members to the board, of the reelection of a former member. Officers shall be elected by secret written ballot.

c. *Duties.* The duties of the officers shall be those generally accepted for like positions.

## SECTION 4 — OBJECT

The object of the Board of Grand Trustees is that of supervising matters relating to the financial welfare and well being of the Grand Lodge, and of providing for the safe keeping of all real and personal property of the Grand Lodge.

## SECTION 5 — DUTIES, POWERS, AND AUTHORITY OF THE BOARD

It shall be the duty of the Board of Grand Trustees to:

a. Prepare a budget which shall be a guide to all officers regarding expenditures of the Grand Lodge. This budget shall be prepared and presented to the Grand Lodge in session each year.

b. Approve all depositories and transfer of funds.

c. Make loans as prescribed by the Grand Lodge. Said loans must not be in excess of 70% of the appraised value of the committee. All property appraisals to

be made by the appraisal committee of the Grand Lodge.

d. Refer all applications in excess of \$20,000.00 to the Grand Lodge.

e. Keep an accurate inventory of, and to have and hold all real and personal property of the Grand Lodge. They shall designate and provide a safe storage place for same.

f. Recommend Grand Lodge taxes and assessments according to the needs of the Grand Lodge. And in accordance with the income and expenses of the Grand Lodge.

g. Call for, and inspect documentary proof, if necessary, of all bills presented to be paid by the Grand Lodge. They shall certify as to the correctness of the same and order them paid if found valid, except current expenses and salaries.

h. Be consulted on all business transactions that involve property and finances which shall be binding on the Grand Lodge. They shall be consulted on all matters of increased expenses contemplated by any person authorized to recommend such matters.

i. Report in writing each year to the Grand Lodge, in session their activities and business transactions for the past year.

j. Receive a quarterly report from the Grand Secretary, Grand Treasurer and Grand Auditor.

k. Elect an executive committee to act in an emergency. Time permitting all acts of this committee must be approved by a majority of the Grand Trustees.

## SECTION 6 — MEETINGS

It shall be the duty of the Grand Trustees to call and hold four meetings in the Grand Lodge year. These meetings are to be called by the Chairman or the Grand Master. Or any three members of the Trustee Board with either of the above mentioned officers.

## A — SPECIAL MEETINGS

Special meetings shall be called in accordance with the provisions established by the Grand Lodge.

## SECTION 7 — RULES OF ORDER

Roberts Rules of Order will govern the deliberations of this Board.

## SECTION 8 — QUORUM

Five members of the Board of Grand Trustees shall constitute a quorum to transact business of the Grand Lodge. Three elected members of the Board of Grand Trustees, and two members designated by the Grand Lodge as members of the Board of Grand Trustees by virtue of their respective offices shall comprise the specifications necessary to complete the complement of the quorum.

## SECTION 9 — WAYS AND MEANS

For the faithful performance of their  
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## Tribute to Deceased Members

by F. CURTIS ROGAN, Grand Master  
Prince Hall Grand Lodge, Illinois

Today we present this paper as a testimony and eulogy to those honored brothers who, having left their designs at rest on their trestle board, are now in company with the Grand Architect of the Universe.

It is only natural for man to have a fear of death, because we fear anything we do not understand. We do not know the day or hour when death might strike.

We are reminded of the sudden demise of our Grand Master Hiram Abiff, assassinated before the Temple was completed; we think of our Past Grand Master Ashby B. Carter, who was called from earthly labors before his work on the building was finished. Who of us here has not plans for the future, plans that we hope will be realized before we are called to the seat of judgment. But we know that the best plans of mice and men go astray; be not surprised when death does strike, but be ye ready.

In our eulogy to the departed brothers, why speak to the living? Because it is said that so soon as we begin to live, that moment also we begin to die; and the book of Holy Writ also states that "As a man liveth, so shall he die." One writer has said:

"The shaping of our own life is our own work. It is a thing of beauty or a thing of shame, as we ourselves make it. We lay the corner and add joint to joint, we give the proportion, we set the finish. It may be a thing of beauty and of joy forever. God forgive us if we pervert our life from putting on its appointed Glory."

We know the deceased brothers whom we speak of today have lived such a life that if every man was such as they, this earth would surely be God's Paradise.

Allow me to speak of a personal friend and brother, the late Grand Master of Illinois, Ashby B. Carter, born October 20, 1898, deceased October 28, 1953, two weeks after being elected for the eighth time to the office of Grand Master. I sat with him in conference interchanging thoughts on many and various situations that arose in our Jurisdiction. His ears were always open to constructive criticism, his tongue was always ready for debate; but when convinced that he was right, he stood firm and resolute upon his convictions.

Brother Carter was a Christian. After finishing high school, he took a course in religious education at Central Y.M.C.A. College in Chicago and worked as part-time religious secretary at Wabash Avenue Y.M.C.A. for a few years.

Every true man derives his patent of nobleness direct from God. One writer has nobly said, "Christianity is the good man's text; his life, the illustration." In

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## HOSPITALITY REPORT

San Diego, Calif.  
July 21, 1954

*Most Worshipful Grand Master, Right Worshipful Grand Lodge Officers, members of this Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the State of California and Jurisdiction, and Brethren:*

Greetings:

We the Hospitality Committee submit the following report:

Inspiration is the prime factor in the life of man that has served to keep him moving steadfastly, against currents of fierce opposition, along the pathway of life, toward the real and cherished attainment, by Divine guidance, of those universal truths reflected in the great lights of freedom as expressed in the ideals Liberty, Fraternity, Justice, and Equality for all.

The 98th Annual Communication of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the State of California and Jurisdiction, meeting in Grand Sessions with its Adoptive Rites, The Golden State Grand Chapter, order of the Eastern Star, Prince Hall Affiliation, and the Prince Hall Grand High Court, Heroines of Jericho, in California's first and beautiful city of San Diego, has been inspired by the real demonstration of true fellowship and cordial friendship that has been evinced by the people of the city and county of San Diego.

Ever since the historic event when Father Junipero Serra first led his faithful followers to kneel in prayer on the shores of San Diego Bay to give thanks to God for their safe journey to this beautiful land of promise, the spirit of Prayer and Dedication seems to come natural and easy to the people of the area of San Diego. For nowhere in our travels and nowhere in our experiences have we found a more genuine dedication to the goal to which we, as Masons, aspire — the Universal Acceptance of the fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man. Unique in its import and of particular significance was the fact that many of the city officials, judges and other speakers addressed our bodies both in the statute and in the language of men and Masons.

We wish, herewith, to extend our expressions of appreciation to Hon. John Butler, Mayor and Hon. Chester Snyder, Vice-Mayor for the warm

and cordial welcome extended our Order; to Mitch Angus, Chairman of the Convention Bureau; to Leo B. Calland, Balboa Park Director; to Hon. John J. Brennan, Judge of Superior Court No. 4; to the office of the District Attorney Don Kellar; to Bert S. Strand, Sheriff of San Diego County; to the San Diego Police Department, Elmer N. Jansen, Chief; to Postmaster William N. Krenning; to Percy H. Steele, Secretary of the Urban League; to Dennis V. Allen, President of the San Diego Race Relations Society; to KFMB television news-reel service, and to the Union Tribune, especially Bob Neilson, city reporter, for the liberal and generous coverage of our convention activities; to El Cortez Pontiac Co. and Campbell Chevrolet Co. for their generous contribution of courtesy cars; to the San Diego Hotelmen's Association; to the various merchants and distributors for their many kind considerations; and to the El Morocco Caterers;

A special word of appreciation is given to Miss Carol Lish, soloist and to her employer, Sears & Roebuck Co. for making her appearance at our Grand Session's Banquet possible; and to Brother Lee Glover for his very splendid rendition of classical songs.

Brother Wallace L. Noble, Chairman of the Grand Sessions Committee, and his splendid staff of officers are to be highly complimented for the excellent and harmonious organization procedure demonstrated by them in their cordial reception of and the hospitalities shown these Grand Bodies.

Again we thank you, and trust that you will, one and all, accept our expression of deep appreciation and gratitude for the kindnesses shown the accord evinced, and the courtesies accorded these Grand Sessions.

Be it, therefore, resolved that this report be deposited as a memento in the Archives of this Grand Lodge for the kindnesses and hospitalities extended these Grand Sessions and that a copy be sent to all parties mentioned herein, or otherwise concerned with, as our last official act of this 98th Communication of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the State of California and Jurisdiction.

Fraternally submitted,

ARCHIE W. HERBERT, (50)  
Chairman

JAMES H. FINIS, (20)

WILLIE MOORE, (29)

## TRIBUTE TO DECEASED

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man, there were those men whose minds spite of the noble character of this great were filled with envy. It was those men who erected the cross and crucified Brother Carter when he sought the 33rd Degree. Upon his head was placed a crown of falsehoods, into his side was thrust the sword of jealousy and evil, but our Grand Master did not complain, by which we are reminded that "Never does the human soul appear so strong and noble as when it foregoes revenge and dares to forgive an injury."

Brother Carter was a crusader in a quiet way against the evil of racial discrimination. As President of National Alliance of Postal Employees, he was successful in breaking down the bars that limited employment of Negroes in one hundred ten branches in thirty-four states to positions of low rank.

He became a Mason at the age of twenty-one; and from then until his death, his supreme effort was to improve Masonry in all its branches. We read a quotation from Grand Master Carter that shall always live in Illinois Masonic history — "Not more men in Masonry, but more Masonry in men."

His deeds in civic affairs are too numerous to mention, so we can only say with the words of Beecher, "No matter what a man's aims, or resolutions, or professions may be, it is by one's deeds that he is judged, both by God and man."

To Brother Carter and to the others who may have passed, we are happy in the knowledge that their "ashes rest in peace."

To the living, let us remember the first and second verses of the 91st Psalm:

"He that dwelleth in the secret place of the most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty. I will say of the Lord. He is my refuge and my fortress; My God; in Him will I trust."

## POWERS OF A GRAND MASTER

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And so distinguished members of this Conference I close as I opened, defining the Powers of a Grand Master during the Interim of a Grand Lodge setting thusly: "A Grand Master's powers are to exercise all of the Executive and Judicial functions of the Grand Lodge to which he is beholden, in conformity to its Constitutional latitudes, limitations and its interpretations of those things construed as Ancient Usages, Customs and Inherent Rights."

And albeit, they may differ in interpretation from those made by another Jurisdiction, they are safeguarded by the immunity of respect for the Jurisdictional Sovereignty of Freemasonry.

## THE C.C.F.C.'S CORNER

The Grand Lodge of California acknowledges some very interesting letters of fraternal greetings from many of the Prince Hall Grand Lodges throughout the country, which we deeply appreciate. They were received by our Chairman of Foreign Correspondence, Jerome L. Hubert, Sr., from other correspondents or through the Grand Masters of the several jurisdictions. One greeting came from Louisiana, through our representative Near the Grand East of that jurisdiction, Buell A. Thomas, Sr.

Greetings were extended from the Prince Hall Grand Masters' Conference, District of Columbia, Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Kentucky, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, New Jersey, New York, Oklahoma, Rhode Island, Texas, Virginia, Washington, and Louisiana.

Greetings:

On the occasion of your Annual Grand Lodge Session, the Most Worshipful Grand Master, the officers and members of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge, F. & A. M. of the State of New York, extend to your Most Worshipful Grand Master, officers and members congratulations and best wishes for continued success.

May brotherly love bind us closer together, and may the tenets of our Ancient and Honorable Fraternity inspire nobler deeds, higher thoughts and greater achievements throughout the realm of Freemasonry.

Please accept my sincere thanks for all communications, Grand Lodge rosters and other Masonic papers sent to this office during the Masonic year.

Jesse E. Wright, C.C.F.C.

Greetings:

In this your Annual Communication of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of California, the Conference of Grand Masters is happy to extend to you our greetings, best wishes and prayers for a harmonious and successful session.

It is our hope that the blessings of Heaven will attend you in all your laudable endeavors. We sincerely hope and pray that the Spirit of the Master of the Universe will guide and direct you and that all of your objectives may be obtained.

Amos T. Hall, President,  
Conference of Grand Masters

Greetings:

As representative of the Grand Lodge of Louisiana near the Grand East of California, I bring fraternal greetings from Grand Master John G. Lewis and the jurisdiction of Louisiana, and best wishes for a most harmonious session.

Buell A. Thomas Sr., P.M.

Holland Lodge No. 20

Representative from Louisiana near the Grand East of Calif.

Greetings:

I take this opportunity to advise you that the 98th Annual Communication of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Indiana will convene in the City of Evansville, Indiana, August 11-13, 1954.

Under the very able leadership of our Grand Master the Hon. C. R. Richardson, Masonry in Indiana is steadily progressing, the year 1953-1954 being one of our most successful years.

The Grand Master extends you a personal invitation to honor us with your presence at this Communication. If you find it impossible to attend, I would be greatly pleased to read a letter of Greetings from your Grand Jurisdiction.

We sincerely hope that your every effort in the past year has been crowned with success and that the future will find all of us striving to put and keep Prince Hall Masonry in its rightful place in the eyes of all men.

Thanking you for your letters, proceedings and rosters received during the past year and hoping that our future correspondence will draw us closer together in the high principles of Masonry,

I remain, yours for Service,

W. W. Waldon, C.C.F.C.

Greetings:

Our Most Worshipful Grand Master, the Hon. C. R. Richardson and members of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Indiana take pleasure in extending fraternal greetings to your Jurisdiction during your 98th Annual Communication.

May the Great Architect of the Universe smile upon your deliberations and crown your every effort with success.

W. W. Waldon, C.C.F.C.

Greetings:

The Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge F. & A. M., of Kentucky, Inc., extends to you and the Grand Lodge of California fraternal greetings and we wish for you a successful Grand Session.

The Grand Lodge of Kentucky will hold its 87th Annual Grand Session in the city of Georgetown, Kentucky, August 3, 4, 5, 1954. We would be glad to receive greetings from your Grand Jurisdiction during our session. Any greetings will be received at 346 Brown Street, Georgetown, Kentucky.

Our best wishes for your continued success, I remain,

Chas. H. Howe, 33°

M. W. Grand Master

Greetings:

Starling James Hopkins, Grand Master. Previous engagements prevent our presence at the banquet honoring you tonight. We would that both you and Laura have an enjoyable evening.

Lillard and Anna Dandridge.

Greetings:

Fraternal greetings and best wishes from the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge, F. & A. M., of Michigan. Grand Master William O. Greene and the Craftsmen join me in wishing you a peaceful and harmonious session on your 98th Annual Communication.

Many thanks for your kind invitation to attend your Annual Communication and I regret that I cannot fellowship with you. I will certainly be with you in spirit and praying for your continued success.

We hope that the plans and designs on the Trestle Board will lead you on to higher heights in this world of trouble and confusion. May the guiding spirit of the Father of us all guide and direct you during your deliberation, I am

Walter J. Stewart, P.G.M., C.C.F.C.

Greetings:

May I now present to you as one of the links in the fraternal chain that binds the Prince Hall Grand Jurisdictions together, greetings and fraternal felicitations to the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of California. We wish for you a very happy and harmonious Grand Communication.

We thank you for your fine greetings, letters and other matters of Masonic interest. We wish to advise that the M. W. Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Texas had a very harmonious and successful Grand Communication. However, we regret to report, that death has paid a visit to 405 Masonic homes in Texas during this Masonic year. Although it is not for us to understand the Divine plan of Almighty God, believing in immortality we rejoice in the hope that we all will meet again in the Celestial Lodge above.

We pray for the families of our departed Brethren, that they may better understand and be comforted. We divided our Relief Fund between 405 beneficiaries, giving each the sum of \$981.27. The Grand Lodge closed with peace and harmony prevailing, all Grand Lodge officers were re-elected.

J. T. Maxey, C.C.F.C., Texas

Greetings:

The officers and members of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of New Jersey join me in extending Fraternal Greetings to Grand Master Hopkins and the Grand Lodge of Prince Hall Masons in California. We earnestly hope and pray your Communication will be most harmonious and fruitful. Our Grand Master, David D. Nicholas, a recent visitor to your State during the Grand Masters' Conference, is loud in his praise of the very fine hospitality shown him and feels it his duty to send special greetings to your Annual Communication.

May God's wisdom and blessings continue to guide you and the Masons of your great state.

Robert W. Gwaltney, C.C.F.C.

Greetings:

I note from the official roster that the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of the State of California will convene July 19, 1954. It is a sincere pleasure for me to send greetings to the Most Worshipful Grand Master Starling J. Hopkins and the entire Craft of California.

The memory of a very enjoyable stay in your fair city at the Grand Masters' Conference is still bright in our minds. Truly Californians showed themselves to be true diplomats of hospitality. You are to be especially commended for the very fine part that you played in making the conference a grand success.

Kansas held its 79th annual communication in June of 1954 and was crowned with peace, harmony and success. We wish for you the spirit of brotherly love and continued success in your undertakings.

T. Roosevelt Butler, C.C.F.C.

Greetings:

Realizing that you are on the eve of your annual communication, I would not feel that I had performed my Masonic duty if I did not relay to you the best wishes from the members of Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Washington and its Jurisdiction.

M. W. Hilliard Hood, G.M., desires that a special invitation be extended to M. W. Starling Hopkins, G.M., and any of his co-workers to attend our 51st Annual Communication, which will be held in Tacoma, Washington, July 11, 12, 13 and 14, 1954.

We as Prince Hall Masons have a job to do in upholding Prince Masonry in this great west and northwest to the high pinnacle on which this great organization deserves to rest.

It will take the co-operation of not only one, but all of us to accomplish this feat. I am sure that the members of your great jurisdiction are in accord with this great victory and let us all look forward to seeing that day when we can view our work with pride. At the same time rejoice because the Grand Master of the universe will be pleased.

Fred U. Harris, C.C.F.C.

Greetings:

On behalf of Most Worshipful Grand Master Dr. F. C. Rogan and the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge, F. & A. M. of the State of Illinois, I extend greetings to Most Worshipful Grand Master Starling J. Hopkins and to the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of the State of California on this occasion of your annual Grand Communication.

It is our sincere prayer that your Grand Session will be a happy one in which brotherly love shall prevail.

Alonzo V. Crim, C.C.F.C.

Greetings:

The season for holding Annual Communications has come again and we take stock to see how well we have carried out the designs on our trestle boards. We also make other designs for the ensuing year. These designs include the spiritual, physical and charitable aims of our noble and ancient brotherhood.

Our prayer is that your sessions will be mountain tops from which you get Pisgah sources of power to deal with the problems that concern the progress of the Craft toward the attainment of the ideals of Prince Hall Masonry.

I extend fraternal greetings to you, your Most Worshipful Grand Master and the officers and members of your Most Worshipful Grand Jurisdiction, on behalf of M. W. Grand Master John Wesley Dobbs, and the officers and members of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Jurisdiction of Georgia.

May your Annual Communication be attended by peace and harmony, and may the blessings of the Supreme Architect of the Universe be with you and all regular Prince Hall Masons.

Thanking you for all items of correspondence.

R. W. Gadsden, C.C.F.C., Georgia

Greetings:

Prince Hall Grand Lodge, F. & A. M., of the State of Rhode Island very happily and sincerely extends to your Grand Lodge its fraternal best wishes for the success, peace, harmony and ever greater achievement in and of your Annual Communication on July 19, 1954.

Joseph G. Le Count, P.G.M.  
and C.C.F.C., Rhode Island

Greetings:

The Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of the Bahamas extends to you fraternal greetings on your Annual Session. May the fine work that you are doing may gloriously promoted continue and fight perpetual be your constant guide. May the blessing of the Almighty rest upon us and all regular Masons.

W. W. Thompson,  
Most Worshipful Grand Master,  
Bahama Islands

Greetings:

Sincere greetings to you and to your Grand Master as you go into your 98th Annual Communication, may this be one of your best, may peace, harmony and good will prevail and all good things come to pass. I wonder if you have any idea just how much we enjoy your bulletins and the pictures? They are wonderful! G. M. Lawrence tells me that the G. M. meeting was the finest ever. Congratulations.

Here in the great state of Minnesota, Land of 10,000 Lakes, sky blue waters and fine fishing, we are moving along under G. M. Lawrence's fine leadership, going places and doing things. We wish for you God's choicest blessings, and the complete work under your Trestle Board. Come and see us some time!

Samuel L. Ransom, P.G.M., C.C.F.C.

Greetings:

Annually it becomes my profound pleasure to extend very warm and fraternal greetings to you and your jurisdiction as an integral part of the Prince Hall Family. When we look back upon the many achievements and the outstanding progress made by you as distinguished followers of Prince Hall in the great State of California, it makes us very happy to join with all the other brethren in sending congratulations on the occasion of the convening of your 98th Annual Communication, July 18-21, 1954.

Realizing that it would be impossible to estimate the contributions which your Grand Jurisdiction has made in its lifetime to the knowledge, understanding, and improved fraternal relations upon the lives of Master Masons, we salute you for your beginning, your keeping together, and your working together which denotes progress. It is our sincere desire that you will continue to represent the best that is in the fraternal world in your effort to serve not only California, but to enhance your influence throughout the entire Prince Hall Family and the Nation.

Your Most Worshipful Grand Master and Illustrious Brethren have my best wishes for further success as you rapidly approach the century mark of longevity.

Most Worshipful Barry Hampton, Grand Master of Masons of the District of Columbia, joins me in these felicitations because you have been a constructive influence in the life of your jurisdiction.

With highest fraternal regards, I am  
Clifton O. Lyles, C.C.F.C.

Greetings:

The Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Ohio extends to you the Grand Lodge of California fraternal greetings on this your 98th Annual Session.

May the fine work which you have so gloriously promoted continue and Light Perpetual be your constant guide. May the blessings of the Almighty rest upon us and all regular Masons.

Ralph D. Taylor, C.C.F.C., Ohio

Greetings:

Brethren, I am happy and honored to again greet you on the occasion of your Annual Communication, now sitting in Grand Session at San Diego, California.

M. W. Brother James R. Lesueur, M.D., Grand Master, and Prince Hall Masons of Massachusetts join with me in wishing you and the Brethren of your jurisdiction every delight which success can afford, with honor to yourselves and with pleasure and profit to the Craft.

We are grateful for all your kind favors during our sojourn at the Conference of Grand Masters at Los Angeles May 20-22, and we shall ever cherish the memory of your warm and cordial hospitality.

Cleo W. Wooten, C.C.F.C.  
of Massachusetts



Grand Lodge activities shown herein; Good Hope Lodge Past Master Riverside; Constitutional Rites of Twin Peaks Lodge No. 80 and C Byron Rumford (25). Top center, Gustavus Thompson Lodge with presentations made to Oakland and Los Angeles Y.M.C.A.



t Masters' Night; Prince Hall Day scenes from San Francisco and  
 and Olympus Lodge No. 81, with the banquet scenes, with Hon.  
 e with Mrs. Thompson, his widow, seated with the group. Check



Bottom pictures from Riverside Prince Hall Day. Top left, Grand Lecturer Gertrude Pursley presents South Gate Chapter with Efficiency Cup and the officers of the Eastern Star, showing flowers presented. Center: Past Masters honored by Good Hope Lodge. Extreme right pictures show Joseph J. Tucker, Master of Thompson Lodge and Banners, and Grand Master Hopkins and Grand Senior Warden E. Al Fulcher.

Greetings:

The activities in the Golden Poppy Flower State were filled with much sunshine on the occasion of our recent visit to your grand jurisdiction. Upon reflecting upon the thrills, fellowship and super-fine entertainment furnished by your jurisdiction during our attendance at the Conference of Prince Hall Grand Masters, we find it a pleasure beyond description. Words are a very poor medium to express our many thanks and appreciation for the warm welcome, reception and happiness offered by the loyal Master Masons and Honored Ladies of the Adopted Rite. Figuratively speaking we offer our thanks in the form of "Boutonnieres" to the Master Masons and beautiful "Corsages" to the participating ladies of honor.

Without a doubt, we can with great assurance say "Eureka" because we found it in the hearts of all Masons in your jurisdiction together with very pleasant surroundings. Your hotels were grand and offered every facility for our comfort and entertainment. The sight-seeing tours were very inspirational and informative. Your transportation facilities met our every requirement for which we return our thanks also. The natural and recreational settings are to be glorified too for the diversions offered after those very tense sessions of deliberations. Our entertainment was fully exalted by serving those delicious, toothsome and delectable meals served in those select and choice places where our appetites were fully satisfied.

Beyond a doubt, everything was well planned and well executed thereby reflecting the very fine spirit of your planning committee. The job was well done and our thanks are extended for a great achievement.

We arrived home safely, with renewed spirit of love and devotion and frequently say "Eureka," thinking of the Golden Poppy State.

Again the Jurisdiction of the District of Columbia says, "Thank you, California."

With highest fraternal regards, I am  
Clifton O. Lyles, C.C.F.C.,

We are enclosing in this issue a roster of chairmen of the committees on Foreign Correspondence, so that when you are unable to hear from any other source of information you desire, this is for your individual convenience. These are the Bees, which characterize the well known Bee-Hive.

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## BUILDING ATTENDANCE

Through a Program Designed By  
the Views of Youth Fraternities

By MILTON R. SIMONS

Chairman of Youth, Northern Calif.

A program so designed to stimulate both our Masonic and community interests can accomplish much to build lodge attendance. As a whole our programs have included too few projects that could be classified as "community" projects. We as Masons must remember that we are also citizens of the community and have responsibilities and obligations as such. If we would have our order placed upon a pinnacle of society, we must demonstrate to society that Masonry is not a selfish organization, concerned only with the benevolence of its own, but an organization deeply interested in the welfare of the entire community.

Masons are builders and in keeping with our profession we can perform a noteworthy service to the community as well as ourselves, by building the character of today's youth so that he will be adequately equipped to become tomorrow's upright and distinguished citizen.

Our youth are constantly being challenged by evil and wrongdoers and the perils of life. All too often, youth have drifted into delinquency only because no one was interested enough in their future to offer them guidance and assistance along the straight and narrow path which leads to honor, self-respect, and pride.

The Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge, F. & A. M. of the State of California and its Jurisdiction, as have other Prince Hall Grand Lodges, set into action a youth development program by the adoption of the Order of the Knights of Pythagoras as the official Masonically sponsored youth organization or fraternity in this jurisdiction.

The Order of the Knights of Pythagoras is an organization composed of youth from the ages of fifteen through twenty. The activities of the Knights of Pythagoras are carried on under the sponsorship and supervision of Prince Hall Masons. The organization's purpose is to provide a wholesome and educational environment, activities for the beneficial use of spare time, worth-while companionship, and a program of general interest to youths in their all-around development.

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## Attention, CCFC's!

The Prince Hall Masonic Digest is very interested in gaining any news of historic or educational value from any of the Prince Hall Masonic Family. We ask you to submit your articles, typewritten and double-spaced, to the Editor, who sincerely believes such articles would be a credit to Prince Hall Masonry, 718 35th St., Oakland.

We also solicit your printed Masonic magazines or Lodge bulletins, which may be issued by your Prince Hall Grand or Subordinate Lodges. In this manner, the world, instead of your individual jurisdiction will know of your activities, as our circulation girdles the globe.

### BY-LAWS (from page 6)

duties as Grand Trustees, they shall be paid \$200.00 annually, and shall be paid traveling expenses when on official business of the Grand Lodge.

### SECTION 10 - AMENDMENTS

These By-Laws may be amended by a majority vote of the members present, providing that notice of amendment has been directed to each member of the Board thirty days prior to voting. Said amendments to become official with the approval of the Grand Lodge.

### ADDITION

#### SECTION 11 - SUBSECTIONS

1-Be obligated to accord a measure of respect in regard to financing official extra duty assignments made by the Grand Master, and delegated to members of the Craft when the same are designed, in his judgment, to contribute to the best interest and welfare of the Grand Lodge.

J. L. Taylor, *Past Master*, Lodge 5  
W. C. Faulkner, *Past Master*, Lodge 18  
M. Earl Grant, *Past Master*, Lodge 24  
Mack C. Bufford, *Past Master*, Lodge 25  
Louis Hill, *Past Master*, Lodge 36

## INCIDENTAL TO NEGRO MASONRY

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Ontario, Canada. He got a job in Oakland for him and the boy did well. A negro janitor who wore a 33° ring and an immense K. T. charm got him interested in his talk on Masonry. Knowing that colored men were not barred from English Lodges at home he listened to the janitor, got a petition and was elected and did take the three degrees. His uncle found it out and advised him to withdraw at once or - better still - to go back home and let it all drop. He returned to Canada, visited several Lodges there and finally, after getting his demit from the Oakland Colored Lodge, became a full-fledged member of Kil-winning No. 62, A. F. & A. M. His uncle was getting old in the meantime and, wanting confidential help in his business, sent for the boy. He came and engaged with his uncle. He got busy with his Masonry again, petitioned Live Oak - unbeknown to his uncle - was elected, got his demit from London as signed the By-Laws. On his first visit there he met his uncle. *Some SURPRISE PARTY.* This boy now wears a K. T. charm and is an officer in the Shrine. *Can you beat it?* - Trestle Board, 1928.

## Christmas Greetings

To All

GRAND MASTER HOPKINS  
AND STAFF

### ESTIMATED BUDGET - May 1, 1954 to April 30, 1955

Estimated Income .....		\$29,000.00
Miscellaneous Expense -		
Bonds, Taxes, Insurances, etc. ....	\$ 2,000.00	
Donations .....	1,000.00	
Scholarship .....	300.00	
Grand Session .....	2,500.00	
Public Relations Dept. ....	4,350.00	
Grand and Asst. Grand Sect'y Office ..	2,200.00	
Grand Treasurer's Office .....	750.00	
Grand Trustees and Auditor .....	2,000.00	
Printing and Supplies .....	1,800.00	
Grand Master's Office .....	3,000.00	
Grand Lecturer, Grand Inspectors, Committees		
Appointees, etc. ....	4,000.00	
Grand Masters' Conference .....	1,000.00	
Total Estimated Budget .....	\$24,900.00	\$24,900.00
Balance .....		\$ 4,100.00

## ADDRESS OF WELCOME PRINCE HALL DAY

by SAM M. MARKOWITZ, Pres.  
Library Commission

City and County of San Francisco

It is a happy privilege for me to be with you today and to convey the cordial greetings of our Mayor and friend, Honorable Elmer E. Robinson. I was in the Mayor's company when he attempted to change his schedule in order to be with you today, but many people would have been inconvenienced had he cancelled his prior engagement. I am glad that he was unable to be present because it gives me the honor of being with you this afternoon.

San Francisco has been called the city where every man is a good neighbor. I think it is important for organizations with noble motives and purposes like yours to give some thought to that description of our city.

Here, beyond any city in this nation, men of good will find themselves given the warm hand of fellowship, the helping hand of the good neighbor, and the strong hand of community cooperation.

This is not an accident. It is not something created by you or by me, or by any man now alive. Rather it is something you and I have inherited in this wonderful city — inherited from men with a profound respect for their fellow human beings.

Today, my friends, the world is tragically split by preachers of hatred who would turn the hand of man as a clenched fist against his neighbor. Even as we meet here as friends and brothers, in other parts of the world other men are suffering wounds and agony because there is hatred and not brotherly love among the children of our common father.

We may not be able to reach across the seas and crush out the embers of hatred, fanned into flame by the breath of fanatics. But to the limit of our ability, as individuals and as members of a noble organization, we can spread throughout the circles we frequent, the feeling of brotherly love and kindly understanding as part and parcel of a civilized human being. We can assume, by our patience and sympathy with our fellow man, that he will recognize in all of us, a brother.

It is too easy — far too easy — to drive a wedge between a man and his neighbor. Every person in this assemblage has seen in his own lifetime, the horror and outrages perpe-

trated by cruel fanatics against helpless people, helpless families, by the cruel preachers of hatred who mocked and scorned the very notion that all men are brothers and that all are created equal.

We cannot all deal directly with great affairs of civic or national importance, but each of us, no matter how humble, can add to the glory of our country and the strength of our American heritage by proving to the hilt in word and in deed — that we accept the responsibility for making democracy work in every aspect of our lives.

It is for us to light that "lone candle in the darkness" and to tend the flame with all the devotion that we can bring to that solemn, and indeed sacred task.

Let us think for a moment what would happen if we were to devote all our energies and all our abilities to the promotion of brotherly love. Now, to the cynical, that might seem a futile enterprise, but you are not cynical, or you would not be at this meeting today.

It can be done — this crusade to promote a feeling that every man is our brother. It not only can be done, but if we are to be consistent with the spirit of this organization, then *it must be done*.

I earnestly hope that out of this assembly there will rise the conviction that a very difficult challenge is to prove that the forces of brotherhood are stronger by far, and more appealing by far, than those forces of discord, animosity, suspicion, prejudice and cruelty.

This is the time when people like you and people like me, recognizing the need, must accept the challenge, light our torches and lead the way to the higher ground of all mankind.

Now, therefore, my friends, in closing may I admonish you to ever remember in whom you put trust and ask the Supreme Architect of the universe for guidance and strength in accepting this challenge to bring about a real brotherhood of man.

### TELEGRAM

Greetings:

We are unable to attend the banquet tonight which honors our Grand Master Starling James Hopkins. However, Buell A. Thomas, Senior, Past Master, will represent Holland Lodge on this occasion.

Michael Lee Bennet, *Master*.

## PRINCE HALL DAY

In conformity with the Grand Master's orders, Prince Hall Day was held throughout our jurisdiction on Sunday, September 12, with two exceptions. Each city in our jurisdiction held appropriate programs observing the occasion.

Of the exceptions referred to above, San Francisco lodges held theirs on the 19th of September, with Grand Master Hopkins making an address, "Prince Hall and Americanism." The other being held at Riverside, California, Sunday, October 31, 1954, when Fidelity (10), Orange Valley (13), Prince Hall (17), Eureka (28), Palo Verde (37), Friendship (53), Gibraltar (58), John A. Barber (71), Gustavus A. Thompson Lodge No. 79, and Golden West Lodge, U.D., jointly held their services at the Irving School auditorium. Nathaniel Badie (10), being master of ceremonies. Included in their program was a welcome by Stonewall Hose (13), a response by Thomas J. Johnson (28), the speaker of the day, Jerome L. Hubert, Jr., who used for his subject, "Prince Hall's Trestleboard, and the Designs We Still Have Use For." It was very timely and will be printed in the next issue of the Digest. Concluding remarks were made by Grand Master Hopkins. The choral selections were rendered by a local church group and the High Marine Double Octet of Gustavus Thompson Lodge. This group will be the talk of the jurisdiction, their excellent training and vocal arrangements were outstanding.

### Zephaniah Lodge U.D.

Zephaniah Lodge U.D. will meet in the I.O.O.F. hall at Delano, California, on the first Friday of each month. Alberto Baclig is the Worshipful Master; S. Alcaide, S. W.; Henry Alterado, J. W., and Pablo P. Perillo, secretary.

The membership is as follows: Leandro T. Corpuz, Pablo P. Perillo, Francisco Peralta, Crescencio, J. Damo, Francisco Turbania, Pedro P. Galo, Marcario P. Naidas, Teodorico Balalio, Antero T. Banes, Esteban S. Sarrellano, Eulogio, G. Relojero, Roberto S. Ulep, Vincente Ulep, Eugenio Thomas Ulep, Pedro Bollozo, Albert Baclig, S. Alcaide, H. Alterado, C. Collado, F. Marcos, E. Sinco, S. Tolentino, F. Piza, A. B. Aquino, F. Romero, F. Navarro and Z. Pamo.

## Testimonial Dinner Given Grand Master

A testimonial dinner was given by the Acacia Club of Orange Valley Lodge No. 13, at Riverside, California, Saturday evening, October 30, at the local Y.W.C.A. Mission Room, for Grand Master Starling J. Hopkins. A group, representing the entire Masonic family, of two hundred and fifty attended the ceremonial.

Du Bois McGee, of El Centro, California, Grand Auditor, was the master of ceremonies. Among the speakers presented were Buell Thomas, Jerome Hubert, Sr., Roy E. Treece, John Lee, Royal E. Towns of the official staff of Grand Lodge officers, P. M. Leon Simms of Holland Lodge No. 20, a friend of Grand Master Hopkins since 1915, Ralph H. Johnson, a schoolmate of 1904, and B. F. Armstrong, a 54-year member of Orange Valley Lodge who was presented with a 50-year pin back in 1950. Henry Spears spoke in behalf of the 1945 Grand Masters' Council.

Louis Jones, Inspector, presented a handsome traveling bag from the Grand Officers of the Jurisdiction, Stonewall Hose, Worshipful Master of Orange Valley Lodge, presented the Grand Master with a Life Membership in his Lodge, Sister La Gulia Shaw presented a Visitors register to him, that all present signed. A set of cuff links were presented by Past Matron Sister Lulu Keys in behalf of Deborah Chapter No. 13, O.E.S. of Riverside.

Members of the Heroines of Jericho and Eastern Star Chapters were introduced as were the members of the jurisdiction in attendance.

Grand Master Hopkins responded at the conclusion thanking his friends and admirers for their gifts and attendance.

The committee headed by Stonewall Hose and Secretary Lottie Holt is to be commended upon the arrangements of the hall and the very tasty chicken served by Sister Blossie Adams, cateress.

Letters and telegrams were received as follows:

### Greetings:

Thanks for the letter informing me about the testimonial for our Grand Master, Brother Starling J. Hopkins. I sincerely regret that I will not be able to be there with you in person. Rest assured that I will be there in spirit.

Fraternally, yours,  
Herbert A. Greenwood, D.G.M.

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## THOMPSON LODGE CONSTITUTED

On Friday evening, September 10th, 1954 at 9 p.m. an Occasional Grand Lodge was opened by the M.W. Starling J. Hopkins, Grand Master of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge, F. & A. M. of the State of California and its Jurisdiction, in the city of San Diego, California at Fidelity Hall, 30th and Logan Streets.

Purpose: To Constitute and Dedicate Gustavus A. Thompson Lodge U.D. of San Diego, California.

Grand Lodge officers present: M.W., Starling J. Hopkins, Grand Master; R.W., E. Al Fulcher, Grand Senior Warden; R.W., James H. Finis, Grand Lecturer; R.W., John W. Lee, Grand Junior Warden; R.W., Royal E. Towns, Director of Public Relations; R.W., Wallace Nobles, Grand Pursuivant; R.W., A. C. Bridges, Assistant Grand Secretary; R.W., Luther Johnson, Insp. Dist. No. 8.

Officers participating in opening of the Occasional Grand Lodge: M.W., Starling J. Hopkins, Grand Master; R.W., Deputy Grand Master, E. Al Fulcher; R.W., Grand Senior Warden, Luther Johnson; R.W., Grand Junior Warden, John W. Lee; R.W., Grand Treasurer, M. K. Courts; R.W., Grand Secretary, A. C. Bridges; R.W., Grand Senior Deacon, V. B. Hollaway; R.W., Grand Junior Deacon, Jesse Scott; R.W., Grand Chaplain, James Hillard; R.W., Grand Tiler, J. A. Godwin; R.W., Grand Marshal, Nat. Batie; R.W., Grand Senior Steward, E. J. Botts; R.W., Grand Junior Steward, J. A. Lewis.

The M.W., Starling J. Hopkins was introduced to the group assembled by Joseph M. Tucker, W.M. of Gustavus A. Thompson Lodge U.D. who acted as Master of Ceremonies. The Grand Master then introduced all Grand Lodge officers present. He then proceeded with the ceremonies.

After the Constitutional Ceremonies the R.W., Grand Lecturer, James H. Finis, installed the officers of Gustavus

A. Thompson Lodge No. 79.  
Joseph M. Tucker, W.M.  
Archie L. Haynes, S.W.  
Augustus L. Holdclaw, J.W.  
Jewel Johnson, Treasurer  
Samuel Williams, Secretary  
Moses Tillis, Chaplain  
Paul E. Washington, Senior Deacon  
Robt. H. Batie, Junior Deacon  
Harold Welcher, Senior Steward

## TYRE LODGE INSTITUTED

September 25, 1954

On Saturday evening at 8 o'clock in Carpenters Hall, 811 Palm Street, in the city of San Luis Obispo, an Occasional Grand Lodge was opened in due form by the M.W. Starling J. Hopkins, Grand Master of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge, F. & A. M., of the State of California and Jurisdiction.

Purpose: To degree a group of individuals and form Tyre Lodge U.D.

Grand Lodge Officers present:

M.W., Starling J. Hopkins, Grand Master; R.W., E. El Fulcher, Grand Senior Warden; R.W., John W. Lee, Grand Junior Warden; R.W., Roy E. Treece, Grand Treasurer; R.W., Jerome L. Hubert, Sr., C.C.F.C.; R.W., Louis H. Jones, Grand Inspector; R.W., Luther Johnson, Grand Inspector; R.W., Buell Thomas, Grand Session Comm.; R.W., A. C. Bridges, Assistant Grand Secretary.

The degrees were confirmed as follows: First Degree by R.W., E. Al Fulcher; Second Degree by R.W., John W. Lee; Third Degree by R.W., Luther Johnson, all acting as the Grand Master assisted by the other Grand Lodge officers present. After the conferring of the degrees and raising the Dispensation from the Grand Master was read by the R.W., Grand Senior Warden E. Al Fulcher and explained to the group in detail.

Following are the names of those raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Masons: Nathaniel Johns, Johnny M. Johns, George T. Jones, John A. Stewart, Simpson Holmes, John C. Anderson, James C. Bowers, Ervin Lewis, David Galbreath, John H. Wilks, Aquire A. Johnson, R. B.

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Travis Dunn, Junior Steward  
Vincent Conedy, Marshal  
Edward J. Spriggs, Tiler  
Marcus G. Butler, Assist. Secretary.

Before closing the group was entertained by songs from the Marine Choir of No. 79 and the Lord's Prayer by the R.W., J. H. Finis.

The Grand Master then introduced the widow of Gustavus A. Thompson for whom this Lodge was named and spoke of his activities in the Masonic Lodge in San Diego and the Grand Lodge.

The Occasional Grand Lodge was then closed by the R.W., Grand Lecturer, J. H. Finis. A repast was served in the banquet room.

## New Lodges Constituted

Olympus Lodge and Twin Peaks Lodge, under dispensation, were duly dedicated, consecrated and constituted into the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the State of California and its jurisdiction Friday evening, October 8, 1954, at a joint ceremonial in East Gate Lodge Hall, Berkeley, California.

Preceding the Grand Lodge Constitutional Rites a short program was presented by the two Under Dispensation Lodges, opening with a prayer by Rev. Asa J. Davis, Jr., followed by the National Anthem. Hon. W. Byron Rumford was the speaker of the evening, with Royal E. Towns, Grand Public Relations Director, as master of ceremonies.

The Constitutional Ceremonies followed:

On Friday evening, October 8th, 1954 at 7:30 p.m., an Occasional Grand Lodge was opened by the Most Worshipful Starling J. Hopkins, Grand Master of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of the State of California and Jurisdiction, in Berkeley, California, at East Gate Hall, 3138 Grove Street.

Purpose: To Constitute and Dedicate the Twin Peaks Lodge, U.D., F. & A. M., and Olympus Lodge U.D., F. & A. M., respectively of San Francisco and Berkeley, California.

Officers presiding for the Grand Lodge:

M.W., Starling J. Hopkins, Grand Master; D.G.M., R.W., E. Al Fulcher, Grand Senior Warden; G.S.W., R.W., Luther Johnson, Inspector District 8; G.J.W., R.W., John W. Lee, Grand Junior Warden; G.S.D., R.W., Frank Boone, Inspector District 7; G.S.S., R.W., Wm. L. Hill, Sr., Grand Senior Steward; G.J.S., R.W., Milton Simons, Youth Chairman (N); G. Treasurer, R.W., R. E. Teece, Grand Treasurer; Grand Secretary, R.W., A. C. Bridges, Assistant Grand Secretary; Grand Chaplain, P.M., Leon F. Marsh, Sr.; Grand Tiler, R.W., LaMarr Vaughn, Chairman Education (N); Grand Marshal, R.W., S. Y. Beverly, Grand Marshal; G. J. D., R. W., Rayfield Crowder, Grand Junior Deacon.

Other Grand Lodge Officers present: P.G.M., George R. Vaughns; Grand Lecturer, James H. Finis; Grand Inspectors, R. W., Earl C. Shepard, H. Brown and Robert Poole; Harold

Mitchell, Education (S); P. G. L., Walter C. Taylor, and P.G.J.W., Chas. D. Robinson.

After proper ceremonies governing this affair, the R.W., Grand Lecturer, James H. Finis was called to the East by the M.W., Grand Master, Starling J. Hopkins, to install the officers of Twin Peaks Lodge No. 80 and Olympus Lodge No. 81.

Officers installed for Twin Peaks Lodge: W.M., David V. Roston; S.W., Charlie Cox; J.W., Charlie Harmon; S.D., John B. Diggs; J.D., Leo J. McClain; Tiler, L. C. Chatman; Treasurer, Willie Franklin; Secretary, Roger Sanders; S.S., Jimmie L. Harris; J.S., Palmer W. Jackson; Marshal, James Dixon; Chaplain, Louis Lee.

Officers installed for Olympus Lodge: W.M., Lionel J. Wilson; S.W., Leon F. Marsh, Jr.; J.W., Hymel S. Eads; Secretary, Howard C. Richardson, 857-A 53rd Street, Oakland 8; Treasurer, Carl C. Kern; S.D., Lehman Jenkins; J.D., James E. Butler; Chaplain, Albert C. Peyton; Tiler, Faigy Booker; Marshal, Leroy C. Graves; S. S., Wesley Perry; J. S., Stephen Magruder.

The Grand Master then spoke, welcoming the two new Lodges into the Prince Hall Masonic Family. There being no further business to come before this Occasional Grand Lodge it was closed in ample form by the M.W., Starling J. Hopkins and all repaired to the banquet rooms.

## TYRE LODGE INSTITUTED

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Dorsey, Maximino A. Pacleb and Luther Bines.

Those to serve as officers: W.M., John C. Anderson; S.W., Aquire J. Johnson; J.W., J. C. Bowers; S.D., George Jones; J.D., Nathaniel Johns; S.S., J.S., and Chaplain to be named later; Tiler, Ervin Lewis; Marshal, R. B. Dorsey; Treasurer, John Stewart.

After the names of officers had been read and instructions given them, Tyre Lodge U.D. was welcomed to Prince Hall Masonry by the M. W. Starling J. Hopkins, Grand Master.

There being no further business to come before this Occasional Grand Lodge, it was closed in ample form by the M. W. Starling J. Hopkins, Grand Master of the M. W. Prince Hall Grand Lodge of the State of California and its Jurisdiction.

The members of Tyre Lodge U.D. then took all the Grand Lodge officers out to dinner.

## GRATITUDE

Dear Mr. Grant:

I am taking this opportunity to "Thank You" and the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, for the contribution of three hundred (\$300.00), which they have contributed to the support of the 28th Street Young Men's Christian Association.

As you undoubtedly know, the 28th Street Branch receives no support from the Los Angeles Community Chest. As a result it is necessary to solicit the whole-hearted cooperation of individuals and organizations in order to meet the program demands for the thousands of youth which the Branch serves in the Los Angeles area.

The support which the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of California and Jurisdiction has given is greatly appreciated. It has come at a time of dire need and it will serve as a great stimulant in our effort to provide adequate services to the youth of this community.

I would like to personally commend the Grand Lodge for its foresight in extending its services to meet community needs. I know about its philanthropic assistance to other worthy causes and I am personally proud to be affiliated with such an organization whose officers and administrative staff have the Christian philosophy which is exemplified in their desire to help others.

The Board of Managers of the 28th Street Young Men's Christian Association join me in thanking the Grand Master, Starling J. Hopkins, his administrative staff, and the thousands of brother associates who have helped to make this gift possible.

Kenneth A. Morris *Executive Secretary.*

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With such a program in effect, we will have less reason to say that all too frequently heard phrase, "What will become of the younger generation?" With an active youth program we will be able to proudly say that we know our youth are headed in the right direction because we will have started them on the right path and by proper teaching and guidance we have instilled in their minds the ability to determine right from wrong, and good from bad.

Our Most Worshipful Grand Master has repeatedly stressed the importance of training the young so they may be better prepared to meet the future.

The Youth Program can have another all important meaning. By implanting in our youth, the stature of Prince Hall Masonry, we are also lay-

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San Bernardino, California.

Greetings:

This is truly an honest expression of thanks to you for sending me an invitation to be present at a fraternity dinner in honor of our Grand Master Starling J. Hopkins, Saturday, October 30, 1954. It is my deepest regret that the physical condition of Mrs. W. S. Johnson and myself will not permit us to be present at the testimonial dinner given as an honor to Grand Master Starling J. Hopkins, who has long been an honor to the Masonic Fraternity. We also regret very much that many of our true friends are not aware of the fact that Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Johnson are now, and have been under hospital care for about four years, and our doctors will not permit us to visit large gatherings, and we are striving to be obedient because the Bible says "Obey those who have the rule over you." And now, in closing it shall be our daily prayers that the Fraternity sponsoring this program shall live eternally. May God bless and keep each one of you. Since I cannot be present at this special fraternity dinner, please read this poem to those present: If with pleasure you are viewing . . . Any work a man is doing; If you like him or you love him . . . Tell him now . . . Let the words of kind affection now be said . . . Do not wait till life is over . . . And he's underneath the clover . . . For he cannot read his tombstone when he's dead. My prayer is for a brotherly love affair.

Fraternally yours,

W. S. Johnson (17)  
(953 Eighth Street)

### City Official Pleased

Dear Mrs. Campbell:

It was my privilege to substitute for the Mayor of San Diego at the convocation of the Grand Lodge of Prince Hall Masons and the Golden State Chapter, O.E.S. last July. It was an added pleasure to give a message of welcome to the Grand Master, Starling J. Hopkins; Grand Worthy Matron, Geraldine O'Conner; Grand Worthy Patron, Leon F. Marsh; and Miss Jewel O. Moore, Grand Most Ancient Matron, Heroines of Jericho, and trailers and members attending. A still greater enjoyment was my being able to present to the Grand Officers the Keys of the City of San Diego in appreciation of their visit to our city.

It was an impressive occasion and I was proud to be a member of the brotherhood of Masons and a Patron of the Order of the Eastern Star.

I will state again, as I remarked before, that I sincerely hope that the way will open for a complete mutual recognition between our orders so that the worthwhile purposes will be combined for the benefit of all mankind.

Fraternally,

Chester E. Schneider,  
Councilman, Third District

## 500 COPIES OF DIGEST TO GEORGIA

September 22, 1954

Most Worshipful Prince Hall

Grand Lodge  
Office of the Grand Master  
John Wesley Dobbs  
330 Auburn Avenue  
Atlanta, Georgia

Editor, Prince Hall Masonic Digest

My Dear Brother:

Your Volume 4, No. 1 is a very fine issue. I like it very much. Please quote me a price on (1) 400 copies, (2) 500 copies. I would like to send them to my lodges.

Thanks, fraternally,

Signed, J. W. Dobbs.

September 22, 1954

Grand Master Dobbs

Dear Sir and Brother:

Your complimentary letter received and its contents noted. Enclosed you will find the printer's quotation. 500 copies One Hundred Fifty-five (\$155.00) Dollars; 400 copies One Hundred Forty (\$140.00) Dollars. Railway Express charges would be about Twenty (\$20.00) Dollars. This price includes setting up the press, the press work and the paper in both of the above cases stated.

Many thanks for your kind expression about our last edition. Very happy to learn you liked it.

Fraternally and Sincerely yours,

Royal E. Towns, Editor,  
Director of Public Relations

Eureka

Greetings:

Thanks so very much for your letter agreeing to print extra copies of the Prince Hall Masonic Digest for me.

I am enclosing our check for \$175.00. This will cover the quotation price for 500 copies, plus \$20.00 for the transportation. Please rush them to me.

Again thanking you, I am,

Fraternally yours,

John Wesley Dobbs  
Grand Master

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ing ground work to combat irregular and clandestine masonry. As a result of our work and authenticity, when the youth grows up to manhood, he will possess an enthusiastic loyalty to the name of Prince Hall.

So let us include in our activities a youth development program and insure its manifestation by vigorous and devoted work.

## Lodges to Hold Prince Hall Day Rites

Oakland area lodges of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of the State of California and its Jurisdiction will hold their annual Prince Hall Day Services Sunday at BeBee Memorial C.M.E. Temple, 598 31st Street.

The program will start at 2:30 p.m., and William Byron Rumford, assemblyman from the 17th District, will be the guest speaker.

The ceremony will mark the 170th anniversary of the granting by the Masonic Grand Lodge of England of a warrant of Constitution to African Lodge No. 459, designating Prince Hall, a Boston Negro, as the first lodge master. The occasion marked the beginning of the Negro Masonic fraternity, according to William R. Wilson, chairman of the Joint Prince Hall Day Committee.

Participating in the ceremony will be members of Acacia, Ashler, William J. Anderson, Adonis, West Gate, Fred C. Brooks, Good Hope, East Gate, Eli Baker and Phillip Buchanan Prince Hall Lodges.

The commemorative service will be open to the public.

### Grand Lodge Activities

Grand Lodge activities for the last month included a meeting of the Grand Lecturer, Grand Inspectors, Chairmen of Education, North and South, and the Department of Youth, North and South. The Grand Master called a meeting for Oakland, California, and placed Grand Senior Warden in charge of a discourse, "Should the Department of Education and Department of Youth be merged with that of the Grand Inspectors?" Some very nice papers on the subject were presented and they will highlight the next edition of this magazine.

At Fresno, California, the Grand Master and members of his cabinet, all Master Masons wishing to attend, and the masters of lodges were invited to submit their ideas on the necessary changes to be made in the "Book of Instructions," which is in a phase of compilation.

At a somewhat lengthy meeting, after thorough perusal and discussion, of the old book in its entirety, corrections and deletions were made that were in accord with those present. The Assistant Grand Secretary, Adrian C. Bridges, was ordered to bring a rough draft of the corrected version to the next meeting to be held in Oakland, at 10 a.m. Saturday, January 8, 1955, along with the copies of the Uniform Code of By-Laws for subordinate Lodges that have been approved by the Grand Lodge for final approval.

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### **1955 Grand Sessions Committee**

Grand Master Starling J. Hopkins, the Grand Lodge Sessions Committee, consisting of Roxber Chambers, Buell Thomas, Sr., and Wm. Tatum, met with the San Francisco Grand Sessions Committee at the Booker T. Washington Community Center in San Francisco to make plans for the coming 99th Annual Grand Communication of the Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the State of California and its jurisdiction, the 72nd Annual Communication of the Golden State Grand Chapter Order of Eastern Star, 30th Annual Communication, Prince Hall Grand High Court of the Heroines of Jericho, and the Centennial Celebration, July 17-21, 1955.

The Grand Master outlined his plans which include three days of business sessions and one day for the celebration of the centennial, One Hundred Years of Progress, 1855 - 1955.

The Grand Sessions 1955 Committee, consisting of the above Prince Hall Masonic groups and its affiliates, under the direction of P. M. Dero Howard (64), chairman, are

busily engaged in laying out the plans for the coming events.

The officers appointed to assist him in this historic task are as follows:

P. M. Chester Garrard (3), Vice-Chairman; Edythe Gibson, P. M. Secretary; Estella Houston, Assistant Secretary; P. M. Walter Harrison (3), Treasurer; Mary Carter; P. M. Wm. K. Jarvis (3), Program Committee Chairman; P. M. Royal E. Towns (57), Publicity Chairman; Advisory Committee: Walter Sanford, Clifford Cannon and Augustine Nurse.

The committee has been functioning and although the events planned are some six or more months away, they are busily engaged in trying to make this Centennial Celebration and Grand Session one that will go down in the annals of Prince Hall Masonry as the finest. The whole realm of Prince Hall Masonry has been invited to congregate with us, in the City by the Golden Gate that knows how to entertain you.

**San Francisco invites you --- make your plans now for July 1955**