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**Grand Master George R. Vaughns**  
**Flies to Washington D. C. For**  
**Banking Conference**

Attorney George R. Vaughns, Grand Master of California, left Oakland airport by plane to appear before the Federal Loan Bank Commission at Washington, D.C., on plea of a charter for a new Federal Loan Bank to be opened at San Francisco in the very near future. When asked if his trip to Washington would include his receiving the 33rd degree in the Scottish Rite Masonic Order, Brother Vaughns stated a trip later on in the year would be for the latter purpose.

**William Hill, Jr.**  
**New Shrine Head**



**New Potentate—Wm. Hill, Jr., of**  
**Merelink Temple No. 36 at Oakland,**  
**Calif.**

William Hill, Jr., at the regular elections of Oakland Masonic fraternities was elected Potentate of Menelik Temple No. 36 to succeed Henry Turner. Hill, a member of Good Hope Lodge No. 29, F. and A.M., Good Hope Chapter, R.A.M., and a Grand Inspector of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge, California-Jurisdiction.

At the last Grand Lodge's annual communication, Hill was appointed to the committee to revise the present Grand Lodge's Ritual. He is President of the Past Master's Council of Northern California.

Young Hill was born in Oakland in 1909, he is the son of William and Ida Hill, both leaders in Northern California's church, civic and fraternal affairs. Mrs. Ida Hill, is the first Matron of South Gate Chapter O.E.S. and a Past Grand Matron, Heroines of Jericho. William Hill senior, is Past Master of Acacia Lodge No. 7 and Past Grand High Priest R.A.M.

Hill junior, following in the footsteps of his illustrious sire, served two years as High Priest of his Lodge's chapter R.A.M., Grand Lecturer of the same chapter for two years, also, he is Past Master of Good Hope Lodge No. 29.

Along with his Masonic activities, he finds time to serve on the Board of Managers of the North Oakland Y.M.-C.A. and is a member of North Oakland Baptist Church, acting as business manager of the Men's Chorus.

He lives at home with his lovely wife, Pleasetta, and of this wedlock, there is beautiful little Margo who is the apple of both of her parents eye.

# PROCLAMATION

I

To all whom these presents may come: GREETINGS!



I, GEORGE R. VAUGHNS, by the power in me vested, by these presents do proclaim that the 92nd ANNUAL COMMUNICATION of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, California and Jurisdiction, will convene at San Francisco, California, July 19th, 20th, and 21st, 1948.

On Sunday, July 18th, 1948, preceding the opening of the Grand Lodge, religious services will be observed at a place to be designated by the local Committee.

Hannibal Lodge No. 1 and Victoria Lodge No. 3, F. and A. M., by invitaiton, are hereby declared hosts to our Sovereign Body.

II

Pursuant to our custom heretofore established, "On the Sunday nearest the 24th of June of each year, which is known among Masons as St. John the Baptist's Day, the various Lodges of this Obedience shall assemble at their hall or some Church for appropriate religious services."

Therefore, I proclaim and designate Sunday, June 27th, 1948, as and for the time of observing the above Masonic anniversary in this year of our Lord A. D. 1948, A. L. 5948.

To this presents you will give full Masonic obedience.

Given under my hand and seal this 18th day of February, 1948, A. L. 5948.

(Signed) George R. Vaughns,  
Grand Master.

Attest:

Lillard G. Dandridge,  
Grand Secretary.

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*Let us follow after the things that make for peace, and things wherewith one may edify another.—Romans 14:19.*

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## DO YOU KNOW

By WILLIAM HILL, JR.

J. Edgar Hoover, of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, was made a Mason in Federal Lodge No. 1, Washington, D.C., November 9, 1920.

Harvey Chisom, of Adonis Lodge No. 25, Oakland, Calif., received the 33rd degree (Honorary) at a special session of the Supreme Council, Southern Jurisdiction, at Baltimore, Maryland; September, 1947. Inspector General Chisom is a Mason with years of faithful service.

The Patron Saints of Masonic Lodges in different countries vary. In the U.S.A., the Patron Saints are John the Baptist and John the Evangelist. In England, it is St. George; in Scotland, the Patron is St. Andrews.

Every Mason in our Jurisdiction should subscribe to ABNET and read each copy thoroughly. It contains words of importance.

The pillars we know of were made by Solomon to commemorate: (1.) The Pillars of Fire and Pillar of Clouds which lead the children of Israel. (2.) The two pillars upon which one was marble and the other brass, was inscribed all the sciences known to man before the flood, by Tubal-Cain and his brother and sister. The pillar on the right was Jachin. The pillar on the left was Boaz.

The old lectures tell us there were three symbolic ancient lodges: Holy Lodge, Sacred Lodge, and Royal Lodge. Holy Lodge was opened in the wilderness in the tabernacle and was presided over by Moses, Aholib, and Bezaleel. Sacred Lodge was opened on Mount Moriah during the building of the first Temple and was presided over by Solomon, King of Israel, Hiram, King Tyre, and Hiram the Builder. Royal Lodge was opened among the ruins of the first Temple, at the building of the second, and was presided over by Joshua, Zerubbabel, and Haggai.

## ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER

Our brothers of Amicus Lodge No. 48, Vallejo and Philadelphus Lodge No. 54, Stockton have set the pace and are going like wild fire. Harvey Chisom, Grand High Priest; William Hill, Sr., P.G.H.P.; Tom Christian, P.G.H.P.; William Williams, P.G.H.P.; Alexander Morrow, Ben Walker, Nat Villa, J. R. Herd and others whose names we could not get, caravanned to Stockton and set up a new chapter, under dispensation, Amicus-Philadelphus Chapter, Pedro Tolentino, High Priest. From reports of these travelers, Amicus-Philadelphus really knows what to have on the menu at a banquet.

## NEW RITUAL COMMITTEE

The Ritual committee met at the home of William Hill, Jr., in Oakland to concur on partial proofs of the new Prince Hall Ritual which will replace the present silver back book of instructions.

Members present were George R. Vaughns, G.M., William Johnson, G.L., chairman; Richard Ellis, senior Inspector; William Hill Jr., inspector; Joe Brooks, secretary; and Mack Bufford, ABNET representative.

The committee held a six-hour session making much progress. A delicious repast was served.

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## ANGEL CITY No. 18

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## ANGEL CITY SPEAKS

By WALTER LAREMORE

It's a stimulating and encouraging feeling when attendance in your lodge is good. Both Master and Craft radiate a mutual feeling of inspiration, on points and issues when attendance is good. If you overhear a brother member criticizing a lecture or disagreeing on a vital point, it shows that the members are not asleep, that they are thinking of the issues at hand. This is a good sign in any lodge, it should be encouraged. When you know a member, more especially a new member, introduce him around to everyone possible, answer his questions, help him along. Remember it's a new experience to him. If this procedure is followed you will find it helps to make better members for your lodge.

A shining example is our secretary, William Faulkner, better known as "Bill". He greets everyone by their name, has a million dollar smile for you. He makes you feel that it's a pleasure to be there. With his seemingly endless amount of duties, he is the heart of the lodge, the pump from which comes an endless stream of perpetual motion, which brings results.

William Carlton Faulkner was born January 3, 1896, New Orleans, Louisiana. There he attended city public schools. Graduating from Thomaly LaFon and Southern University. Coming to California in 1914 to make his home, he worked for the Southern Pacific Railroad.

In 1917 he answered the call to the colors, spending time overseas in France as an officer with the 420 Aero Squadron. Returning to the states, he married Selina Bosseau of New Orleans in 1919. To this union two sons were born, both of whom are veterans of World War II. He entered the Los Angeles' Sheriff's Office in 1927, being the first colored man to pass the open competitive criminal deputy sheriff examination and appointed to the position. He was another "first" when, in open written examination, he was appointed senior deputy sheriff. This position he now holds.

He was Past Exalted Ruler and Chief Antler of the Elks, member of the American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars. He was raised to the Sublime degree of a Master Mason in 1920. He was appointed to serve out the unexpired term of Brother H. W. Markham as secretary in 1931. In 1932 he served as secretary. He was Master of

his Lodge in 1938, and after serving that position efficiently, he returned back to the secretary's desk in 1939 and has held that position ever since. He served two years as assistant Grand Secretary under brother Nathan Hardy, was elected twice to the Board of Grand Trustees for a three year term, and is now serving in the second year of the second term.

He was recently elected to secretary for the Carver National Life Insurance Company, of which Grand Master Geo. R. Vaughns is legal adviser. They have sold over one quarter million dollars worth of stock in their present drive to reach their goal of four hundred thousand dollars.

Anyone interested in getting in on the ground floor of this venture can contact Brother Faulkner.

Remember it takes subscriptions and advertisements to keep ABNET out front. Remind your friends, send in your own.

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Every man should make up his mind that if he expects to succeed, he must give an honest return for the other man's dollar.—E. H. Harriman.

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The finest temples that we own  
Were fashioned stone by stone,  
True greatness after all is won  
By little deeds done one by one.

—Masonic Historiology.

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## DOUGLAS LODGE CONVENES UNDER NEW MASTER

Douglas, No. 33, F. & A.M. meets Second and Third Mondays of each Month. R. E. Salisbury, W.M.; Keiff Boulton, Secretary.

Douglas Lodge, first regular communication of the year 1948 was convened January 15 with a very large number of members and visitors present. The new Master was very much impressed and encouraged by the attendance. Their presence and interest demonstrated to the new Master their loyalty and devotion to Douglas No. 33, and that they intend to support their beloved Lodge and their new Master with the same zeal and fervor that they supported their beloved junior Past Master, Roy Taylor, who through his loyalty and devotion, headed the craft for the past three years in such a commendable manner, that it brought commendation not only from members from Douglas but from members of all the Lodges in the Southern district.

Brother Salisbury, the new Master in making his initial address remarked to the assembled members, "May I say to our beloved Craft, as your new Master, it is my sincere desire to govern and rule the Craft by the same devotion and loyalty, not by force or perogatives, but rather by love and kindness, yet in any trespass against the Masonic rules and regulations, I shall endeavor to judge with candor; admonish with friendship and reprehend with Justice; that peace and harmony shall continue in the Lodge. As your new Master, I realize the great task that lies before me and the Craft. This is of building a Temple, that we can call our own. We have made much progress in our building program, yet we realize that there is much more to be done. Therefore, we intend to announce to the craft the program for 1948 at the next regular communication and expect every brother of the Lodge to prove his loyalty to the Lodge. We do hope there shall be no drones in the hive of Douglas Lodge, and with faith and confidence in the supreme Master of the universe we shall not fail."

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### EXCELSIOR LODGE No. 23 VETERAN MEMBER PASSES

Brother Cornelius Young, Sr., veteran member of Excelsior Lodge No. 23, F. and A. M. of Portland, Oregon; passed suddenly March 5, 1948. Brother Young, joined Excelsior Lodge in 1918.

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It is the greatest good to the greatest number which is the measure of right and wrong.—Bentham.

## ADDRESS OF JOE WESTBROOK, ST. JOHN LODGE No. 5

Brethren:

We have come to a close of another Masonic year for St. John Lodge, a year in which we find much to be thankful for, thankful because among other blessings God has spared our lives to assemble this evening once more in due bond of Masonic fellowship. Twelve months ago you elected me Master of this Lodge which has given me the prerogative to direct its affairs for the assembly. It is therefore fitting that I give an account of my work during the period of my administration. First, I wish to thank you sincerely in a collective way for the splendid cooperation that you have given me; without that interest we could not have succeeded. The financial conditions of our lodge is very good. Our membership has increased twofold and above all we find the spirit of Freemasonry has taken on a new awakening for the good and welfare of our beloved institution.

During my term in office, we have



JOE WESTBROOK, Jr. P.M.  
St. John Lodge No. 5

lost one member through death. The Great Creator has been pleased, out of His infinite mercy, to remove our brother from labor to reward. To him whose Love has surpassed all our understanding, we say, "Thy Will be done."

In a brief resume of our records we find 31 were raised to the sublime degree, 45 passed and 50 entered. Six were re-instated and one affiliated and I am thankful to say that we only suspended three for non-payment of dues.

The Lodge extended the courtesy to conduct the funeral rites of Brother H. K. Knowles, of Pine Grove, Lodge No. 97, of Texas.

You have given me the sacred jewel of this office, the Square. I have used it to the best of my ability for the good of the Craft. And I am now surrendering it to you, untarnished and unblemished.

## BROTHER T. A. SATCHELL ADDRESSES MASTERS COUNCIL

(Editor's Note: Rt. Worshipful T. A. Satchell, Junior, Grand Warden of the California Jurisdiction is one of the foremost Masonic lecturers on the Pacific Coast. Bro. Satchell, served as Master of St. John Lodge No. 5, F. and A. M. for five consecutive terms. Due to the heavy demands upon his services as assistant to the younger Masters, Brother Satchell, feels he can better serve Masonry by assisting these younger Masons by being free of other obligations when the time demands.)

It is the pleasure of ABNET to present his outgoing message to the Council of which he had served as its president since 1945.)

**MEMBERS OF THE MASTERS COUNCIL OF 1945, Greetings:**

As president of this organization, I speak to you this evening with a thought of Reverence to Almighty God whose goodness, divine love and spiritual grace have spared the lives of all our members to see the close of another Fraternal year. We are indeed fortunate to be Masons and members of an organization instituted on principles which are constantly admonishing us to walk uprightly before God and man; principles that remind us in no uncertain manner that you and I are keepers of our brethren. It is indeed gratifying to note that the exemplification of your Fraternal life in our circle of Masters have given rise to spiritual improvement.

I am not unmindful of my obligation to this Council and my gratitude to you for the confidence which you have

are worthy of mention here. On two placed in me. My two years service to this Council have brought me closer to you than anything else could have done. You have been indeed loyal and faithful to your trust. May this Fraternal tie, which is so vividly exemplified among our members, bind our hearts and minds together, even in stronger way, as we strive to labor in the Vineyard of Righteousness to assist others who are less fortunate than ourselves.

The activities of our Council in 1947

occasions we were called to Santa Monica and conferred the Sublime Degree. The Lodges in Pasadena also called our services there. The result was truly a credit to the effort you put forth. The Masters Council of 1945 was instrumental in bringing into operation the Past Masters Council of the Los Angeles area. Thanks to every one who has made this organization possible.

Tonight we shall have our election of officers. Every member of this Council is fully qualified to fill the highest office it has to offer. In this instance, you cannot err in your judgement. I am not a candidate for re-election.

Again, please accept my sincere thanks for your loyalty and devotion to service during my term of office.

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### That Important

Remember, your responsibilities are so great they cannot be slighted or over looked. On behalf of the Lodge, the committee is given the task of scrutinizing the petitioner's fitness to become a member.

The proper procedure is to first make inquiries of those who daily have contact with the applicant. Next, make contact with the character references and finally a personal call on the petitioner and his family. From these contacts a good decision can be made as to the kind of report to make.

—Editor, Temple Topics, Chicago

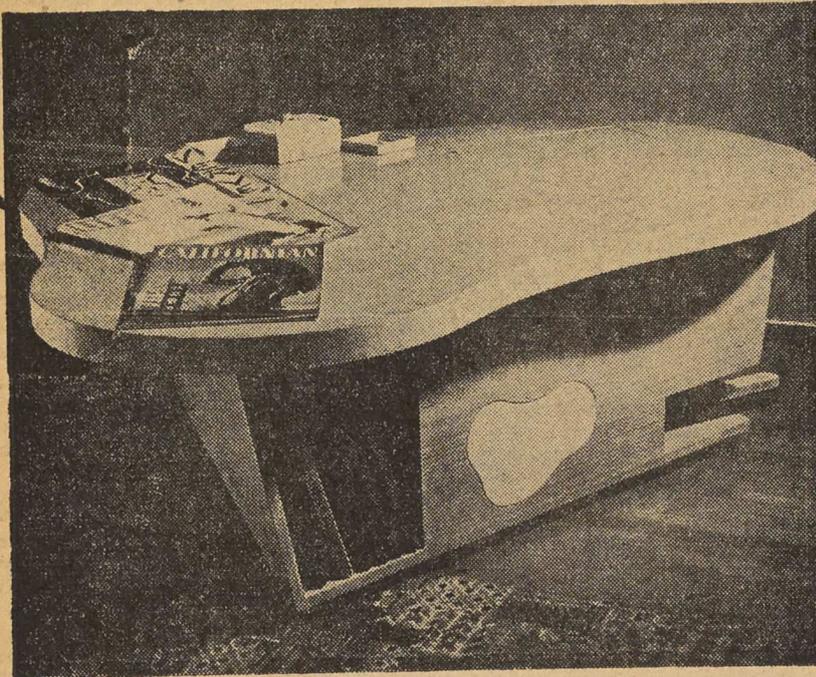


WILLIAM COLLINS, W.M.  
St. John Lodge No. 5

# "LITTLE MAN, WHAT NOW?"

by Lester Matthews

When Brother Bottler asked for a feature article for ABNET a panic welled up inside akin to that of a tuna who had suddenly found himself in the middle of a desert. Being acquainted with Fine Arts and Designing, the writing of articles is a bit foreign to me. So if you will bear with me, an attempt will be made to do this in an informal, conversational way, man to man. So let's get acquainted.



**DESIGNED FOR HARMONY**—Artistic ingenuity successful in cocktail table 'wired for sound.'

Regarded as one of the most technically-difficult pieces to re-design, the radio-phonograph combination offers the designer a sometimes baffling problem with its sound and space requirements.

When Lester Matthews decided to create a cocktail table with a radio-phonograph combination, he drew on a fine and extensive art background for the solution. The elimination of the conventional radio cabinet posed the problem of integrating three functions in one piece of furniture: a practical, yet pleasing, furniture style; sufficient record storage space and top-notch tonal quality.

His understanding of radio is an irrevocable requirement for his designing of radio cabinets. He has also recently completed the designing of new offices and showrooms for Levi Strauss & Co. in Los Angeles, and experimental furniture designs for R. C. Thurman & Co. in Burbank, California.

—from "DESIGNS"

## PEARL OF WISDOM

Most persons would succeed in small things if they were not troubled by great ambitions.

I am Lester Matthews, 36-years of age, artist graduate of the California College of Arts and Crafts, at Oakland. Studied at California School of Fine Arts in San Francisco and at University of California at Berkeley, California. More or less a protege of Sargent Claude Johnson of Berkeley with such people as Dr. Glen Lukens head of U. S. C. Art Dept.; Prof. Worth Ryder of U. C.; etc., winner of American Academy in Rome National Prize in 1942, Art Association Annual Prize of San Francisco in 1939 plus having many works allocated to schools and public buildings by the Federal Arts Projects.

My Masonic affiliations are Adonis Lodge No. 25, F. & A. M. Abyssinia Chapter No. 5 Royal Arch Masons; St. Bernard Commandery No. 4 Knight Templars and Menelik Temple No. 36 A.E.A.O.N.M.S. all of Oakland. Was of the nucleus of the small group that originated the "Masonic Forum" of the bay area which encourages the study of Masonic History and Education.

Now that we are a little better acquainted we can settle back, discuss our travels and try to ascertain "where do we go from here." The question of where do we go from here is a good starter. In the beginning, in total darkness, we all told the voice that ques-

tioned us that we put our trust in God. We were then told our faith was well founded, to arise, and follow our Trust and fear no danger. Much later fully equipped with tools, knowledge and some experience we faced the East, declaring we were induced to become Masters of our trades in order that we might travel in foreign countries, work, receive Master's wages, being better enabled to support ourselves, families and contribute to the relief of worthy distressed fellowmen their widows and orphans.

With these qualifications and tools, we journeyed forth to make our fortunes. Some of us found the going tough, even treacherous. To some the God's were much kinder. But all of us however have seen or felt the need for man to stop and take inventory of himself. We have just been through another "war to end war" preserve democracy and freedom of all peoples. Yet within the limitations of our immediate surroundings we find people lacking these very things we fought to secure for others.

It's natural that my conversation should deal with the artist; the man who attempts to create. Heretofore, the artist has been looked upon as a "dreamer who is happy to starve in his garrett." The war brought out the fact that these dreams could be of some use. The training they received in visualizing and putting on canvas, ideas had given them a sixth sense; the power to convey ideas an objects to others pictorially, completely digested. They were in camouflage; intelligence, etc. Few of us realize our houses; our cities; trains; automobiles; furniture; electrical appliances; planes; almost every thing we possess has passed through the hands of the man we call the artist. History was written; the parchment grew old and deteriorated, but only time, water and God can destroy the cave drawings that depict the epochs of history of man. Man, the artisan.

It is often said the artist is temperamental, unpredictable. Not so, who appreciates being the "show piece of the party." He is however the very sensitive creator of many things to ease the burden of his fellowman. He often bolts when his inner senses tell him he is about to be trapped by unscrupulous brothers who unthinkingly take advantage of his ability. Why does he try to be so sincere because he is of common stock,—common man.

So let's change "Love Thy Neighbor" to "Help Thy Neighbor." In my endeavor to establish a business I have encountered many difficulties for various reasons. I for one would like to see these eliminated for others who may at one time or other be confronted with similar situations. This situation can be eased by civic leaders such as our group. Masonry has long been, throughout the ages, the pillar of society. So if we

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## CITY OFFICIALS BIDS PRINCE HALL GRAND LODGE TO HOLD 92nd ANNUAL CONVENTION AT SAN FRANCISCO

The Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of the Masonic Lodge Association and Eastern Star  
Attention: Mr. George Vaughns, Grand Master  
Gentlemen:

The City of San Francisco extends a cordial invitation to the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of the Masonic Lodge Association and Eastern Star to meet here July 18-25, 1948.

We wish to place at your disposal the convention facilities of our great city and the San Francisco Convention and Tourist Bureau will cooperate to the fullest extent in supplementing the hospitality of the California members of your society.

Now more than ever San Francisco is a thrilling city. Located by the Golden Gate, it provides a never-ending pageant of interesting things to see and to do. The two great bridges, famous Fisherman's Wharf, the old missions, and Golden Gate Park are only a few of the outstanding places to see, and the many scenic beauties of San Francisco will have no small effect on the attendance at your meeting.

San Francisco is noted for its many fine hotels with their excellent facilities for handling conventions, both large and small. It will be a pleasure for the San Francisco Convention and Tourist Bureau to arrange with the hotels you select whatever reservations and accommodations are needed to insure the success of your meeting.

As soon as the final decision has been made concerning your convention site for 1948, we will very much appreciate your advising us, and it is the sincere hope of the San Francisco Convention and Tourist Bureau that The Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of the Masonic Lodge Association and Eastern Star will select San Francisco in 1948.

Cordially yours,  
Walter G. Swanson  
Vice President and Gen. Mgr.

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### I AM THE DOOR

The four panels of a door in your home have in relief the sign of the Cross. This is no accident. The wood craftsman's Guild in England in the middle ages took as their motto, the words of the Saviour "I am the Door". Then they wrought in each door the sign of the Cross. It is a beautiful pattern, suiting both the hand and the eye.

Think of it every day in your home. We go in and out through the sign of the Cross. When that sign becomes real on all doors of business, of conferences, of homes as well as in our hearts, Peace will come to our tragic generation.

—G. A. Butterest.

The Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of the Masonic Lodge Association and Eastern Star  
Attention: Mr. Geo. Vaughns, Grand Master  
Gentlemen:

As Mayor of the City of San Francisco, I wish to extend to the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of the Masonic Lodge Association and Eastern Star a cordial invitation to conduct its 1948 meeting here July 18-25, 1948.

You may be sure that all the facilities we have at our command to aid you in the conduct of this important and distinguished meeting are available to you.

Sincerely yours,  
Elmer E. Robinson  
Mayor

The Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of the Masonic Lodge Association and Eastern Star  
Greetings!

In behalf of the San Francisco Chamber of Commerce, I wish to extend a cordial invitation to the members of your organization to hold their 1948 convention in San Francisco.

San Francisco is renowned as an ideal center for convention, work and play because of its mild climate, unexcelled hotel and restaurant facilities, close proximity to points of scenic grandeur, and the hearty spirit of hospitality which has become a part of the people in this City by the Golden Gate.

We are looking forward to the opportunity of welcoming you to San Francisco.

Louis B. Lundborg  
General Manager

### Hannibal No. 1, and Victoria No. 3 California's Oldest Lodges to Host Grand Session

Special attention from San Francisco's chief executives was assured last week when Most Worshipful George R. Vaughns, Grand Master of the Prince Hall Grand Lodge of the California Jurisdiction received special invitations from Mayor Elmer Robinson, chief executive of the City of San Francisco; Mr. Louis B. Lundborg president of the San Francisco's Chamber of Commerce and Mr. Walter G. Swanson, president of San Francisco's convention and travel bur-



over 10,000 members including the Blue Lodges, Order of Eastern Stars and Heroines of Jericho. It is estimated, this year these joint bodies will send well over 3000 official delegates to attend the San Francisco Convention.

Under the chairmanship of Mr. Walter Sanford, the convention committee are sparing no expense in making this the greatest convention ever to convene in California.

The California Jurisdiction, under the capable leadership of Attorney Vaughns, as the Grand Master has reached the proportion where it is recognized as the largest in the nation. Its strides toward community advancement and interracial goodwill and harmony is noteworthy throughout the governing bodies of the State.

The Security tax-fund recently established by the Grand Lodge affords young worthy graduates the necessary finances when setting up their respective vocations or professions. Under this act by the Grand Lodge, it is no longer necessary for youngsters graduating from school, to serve long years of apprenticeships at menial occupations in order to secure finances to start out in their chosen vocations. This fund is in addition to the Scholarship fund already long established by the Grand Lodge.

It is expected that the Grand Lodge this year will announce the acquisition of its \$100,000 home to be centrally located in the state.

Cecil P. Baugh sau.

This year the Grand Lodge returns to its official home headquarters where two of its oldest Blue Lodges reside—Hannibal No. 1 and Victoria No. 3. Philomathean Lodge No. 2 is in Sacramento.

The California Grand Lodge formerly was known as the Most Sovereign Grand Lodge, but about three years ago when other Free and Accepted Masonic Grand Masters convened it was decided to identify themselves as Prince Hall Grand bodies commemorating the recipient of the original Charter extended to the first Masonic Lodge to be set up in America by the recognized Mother Lodge of England.



Albert W. Penney  
The California Grand Lodge numbers

## NEGRO FREEMASONRY

By HARRY A. WILLIAMSON, Grand Historian, N.Y.

(Reprint from the San Luis Obispo County Mason and Eastern Star) Editor's Note: So that this publication remains on an impartial basis, I feel it only fair that we also publish this information which has been sent to our office of publication in reply to the article which appeared in our October issue, written by William B. Ogden, P.G.M., of the State of California.

I have before me a copy of the San Luis Obispo County Mason and Eastern Star for October, 1947, and note that beginning on Page 8, there is a contribution bearing the above title, and in view of the fact that Freemasonry admonishes its devotees to hew close to the principles of "right, truth, and justice," also, because it is a principle that both sides to a controversy must be given a hearing, I am taking the liberty of commenting upon various statements appearing in the article in question and trust that in the spirit of fairness, you will accord this discourse equal publicity for the sake of the record.

On Page 9, the writer of that article refers to a so-called "American Doctrine." This is an alleged principle which very few American Masonic writers possess the slightest knowledge concerning either its origin or its original purpose, but who invariably follow what another has written upon the subject without the least investigation by themselves.

I can state without the least fear of documentary contradiction that the origin of that doctrine had absolutely no connection with Negro Masonry and I challenge any Masonic Historian to disprove this statement.

Strange as it may seem there was at least one Caucasian Grand Lodge which repudiated the principles of that so-called doctrine and that was Virginia as the records will prove.

The several points I shall endeavor to bring out are as follows:

(a) The first record to be found anywhere in American Masonry which can be construed as a promulgation of that so-called doctrine, was an agreement between the jurisdictions of New York and Massachusetts about the year 1797, in which each agreed that in the future neither would establish a Lodge within the state territories of the other.

(b) When the question of the Freemasonry of the Negro became a pertinent controversy, the various Caucasian Grand Lodges made use of that so-called doctrine as an excellent vehicle for the express purpose of attempting to discredit the status of the Prince Hall organizations.

(c) There is neither a copyright nor a patent in existence in the United

States whereby exclusive rights have been granted to any Caucasian Grand Lodge of Freemasons to legislate for the citizens in any of the American states, therefore, for any one of these attempts to assume such an attitude is not only without fundamental justification but one of ambiguity.

(d) In view of the fact outlined in the above clause I ask by what process of rational reasoning can a Grand Lodge of Caucasian Masons aggregate unto itself the inherent or exclusive right to determine the status of an organization consisting of Negroes, when the former neither admit as members or visitors, persons of a race over which they do not possess Masonic control. Such a jurisdictional claim is not only absurd but it is really amusing.

(e) In 1898, a committee of the Grand Lodge of California in passing upon the subject made itself very ridiculous by accusing the Prince Hall group with having introduced "segregation" into Freemasonry because it established Lodges consisting of men of its own race, irrespective of the fact that at no time have Lodges belonging to that body been willing to admit into their membership, men possessing a colored skin indicating Negro ancestry, and the same applies to Lodges in all the other states.

(f) A Judge Angelotti is quoted as stating: "Indeed, our own Grand Lodge has many times passed upon this subject, and always that the color of a Man's skin, or his race, does not either fit or unfit him for Masonry."

(g) Naturally I have no idea when that statement was issued but rest assured if the gentleman is still active in the California Craft, or if there be others who support that point of view, it is very evident that neither the Judge nor his successors are informed upon the facts in the premises. He and they will be greatly surprised that there are at least nine (9) Caucasian Grand Lodges which have either "regulations" or "official decisions" entered upon their records which state in no mistakable language that Freemasonry is a "Caucasian's institution," and to prove this, I cite the following illustrations:

(1) The Constitution of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina, edition of 1915, Section 110, page 50, states a candidate "must be a free born white man."

(2) Two Grand Masters of the Grand Lodge of Quebec refused to dispensate a Lodge of Negroes. (See proceedings for 1923 and 1927.)

(3) About 1851, the Grand Lodge of New York adopted two resolutions; one about the American Indian and the other about the Negro, and both resolutions declared the men of those races as "unfit material for Masonry."

(4) A Grand Master of Idaho likewise

## FRATERNITY

Life is so sweet because of friends we have made,

And the things that in common we share;

We want to live on, not because of ourselves,

But because of the people who care. It is giving and doing for somebody else—

Upon that life's splendour depends; And the joy of the world, when we sum it all up,

I find, is the making of friends.

—Courtesy of the Square and Compass in the Masonic Historiography.

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Cultivate simplicity, or rather, I should say, banish elaborateness; for simplicity springs spontaneous from the heart, and carries into daylight its own buds of genuine, sweet and clear flowers of expression.—Charles Lamb.

declared a candidate must be a white man and his decision was sustained by the Committee of Jurisprudence. (See proceedings for 1916, page 16.)

(5) On August 24, 1924, the Grand Master of Louisiana ruled that a mixture of white and black blood in a man's veins, made him ineligible for the degrees.

(6) The Masonic Digest, also, the proceedings of Mississippi for 1914, contains the statement that should a Mason discuss the Craft with a Negro, the former should be expelled. (See proceedings, ADD NEGRO MASONRY ..... 1914, page 43.)

(7) In 1867, the Grand Lodge of Delaware prohibited the initiation or visitation of "any Negro, mulatto or colored person of the United States."

(8) In 1851, the Grand Lodge of Illinois adopted a regulation similar to that of No. 7.

(9) The Constitution of Kentucky, edition of 1919, page 38, declares that a candidate "must be a free-born white man."

The foregoing are merely a few expressions appearing in the records of Caucasian Grand Lodges which any right thinking Freemason will be compelled to admit are a long way from the truths and rules as laid down in the Volume of Sacred Law.

In view of these indisputable facts why should any Freemason or his Grand Lodge worry about what Massachusetts has done or what interpretation can be placed upon its action? The thing for all the other Caucasian Grand Lodges to do is, to first make their "practice" coincide with their loud "professions" of adherence to the Fatherhood of God and brotherhood of man; otherwise, clean their own houses of racial prejudices, they they will see clearly to "remove the mote that is in their brother's eye."



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## WESTGATE No. 36, F. and A. M. FIRST LODGE TO UNDERWRITE ABNET

Under the leadership of Worshipful Master Walter Taylor, West Gate Lodge No. 36, F. and A.M., holds the unique distinction of actually underwriting the entire 145 members of its Lodge for a year's subscription to ABNET, the Grand Lodge's monthly publication.

W. M. Taylor, in sending his Lodge's subscription stated to the Editor, that he felt this gesture was a very small contribution toward the progress and inter-Lodge fraternization throughout the year that the Grand Lodge has established in creating ABNET.

Now that the basic ground work of ABNET is just about completed, all Lodges are being asked by the Editor, to underwrite their membership or intensify their efforts toward securing a 100% yearly subscription from their respective Lodges.

Some of the Lodges have already expressed a willingness to underwrite and according to Editor Bottler, those giving personal assurances that they will underwrite at their next stated meeting are Adonis No. 25 at Oakland; Or-

ange Valley at Riverside; Prince Hall at San Bernardino; Holland at Los Angeles; Crescent Bay at Santa Monica; Sunset at Long Beach; and Landmark at Monrovia.

Other Lodges reporting a substantial effort just slightly short of their entire membership are Excelsior No. 23 of Portland, Oregon, who was the first to send in over half of their membership individual subscriptions through the tireless work of Brother L. R. Blackburn, ABNET's correspondent. Bottler, states his staunchest supporter comes from Firma No. 27 with Brother Peter Larieau, Jr., as ABNET's correspondent. Not only has Brother Larieau

secured most of Firma's subscribers, he is the most regular and punctual reporter. Fidelity No. 10, with young Fred I. Gray, is running Firma a good second for subscribers and punctual reporting. Good Hope No. 29, takes the coveted first for selling their full allotment of individual copies. Last month Good Hope reported \$30.00 for single copy sales at 15c each. Douglass No. 33 while engulfed in a building campaign that takes most of their resources and time, through the efforts of Junior Past Master Roy Taylor, turned in a goodly number of Douglass members at the last stated meeting. All that Brother Taylor doesn't contribute financially, he makes up with encouragement and helpful suggestions.

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**O. E. S.  
Bay Area Note  
Book**

by **ETHEL BUFFORD**

During the month of November, at the Masonic Temple in Oakland, Calif. the Royal Degree of the Amaranth was conferred upon twenty-eight candidates, namely Lenora Allain, Theresa Anderson, Robinson Baker, Eula Belle Bates, Oreal Berry, Hazel Butler, DeLores Cannon, Lee Carr, Willa Carter, Ora Ellington, Minnie Lee Ford, Mary O. Fountain, Evelyn Green, Luberta Harbert, Thelma Hill, Befia Little, Pearl B. Livingston, Mary C. Mason, Jessie Masters, Frances Nelson, Rosa L. Smith, Ossie Lee Sutton, Willie May Turner, Effie Upsham, Rosa Villa, Nettie Whitfield, Dorothy Williams, and Melvina Williams.

The Matron, Patron and other officers of Beulah Chapter No. 24, O.E.S. are to be commended for their splendid work. The Royal Matron Pearl Holman and the Royal Patron Harvey Chisom, were splendid.

The election of officers was held the first meeting in December and installation on the second meeting in December. After the Installation, a banquet-supper was served and a beautiful and useful gift was presented to each officer by the Royal Matron. This was the close of another very successful year for Beulah Chapter.

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Adonis Lodge No. 25, F. and A. M., West Gate Lodge No. 36, F. and A. M., Victoria Consistory, A.A.S.R.M. and Menelik Temple No. 36, A.E.A.O.N.O.M.S. were joint hosts to a banquet honoring Claude Buchanan and Adrjan Bridges, Saturday, November 22, at the Masonic Temple.

Weston Massengale, presiding officer of Victoria Consistory No. 25 was master of ceremonies. Grand Officers of the Golden State Chapter, O.E.S. of California and Jurisdiction were present and read telegrams from the Mayor of Oakland, chief of Police Beck of Berkeley and other dignitaries expressing their regrets for not being able to be present.

Byron O'Reilly, the sport radio commentator; Dr. McCarken, ex-Mayor of Oakland; Judge Fox of Oakland all spoke encouraging remarks to the officers. Miss Barbara Sall, sang "Danny Boy" and "Trees" which were well rendered and enjoyed by all. Most Worshipful George R. Vaughns, Grand Master, stated in his remarks, that the police department had asked them to recommend two men who might qualify for officers and Buchanan and Bridges names were submitted. They have now

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**"Little Man, What Now?"**

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start with our neighbor or brother, attempt to uninquisitively seek his problems, help carry his burden, encourage other brothers to do likewise. Do it. Don't sit in Lodge halls, meetings, etc. and discuss it. Do it without fanfare, but with the words of Robert Frost, "I shall pass this way only once, any good I can do for any human at any time, let me do it now. Let me not neglect nor defer it for I shall not pass this way again." This could be a nucleus of spiritual, physical and even financial aid to brothers and worthy men. The time has come for all men to unite for one God and common good. For example, my two years in this area has been lean in spots but when gasoline or the price of a gallon meant much I could teach gratis, every Saturday morning from 10:00 a.m. to 12 noon, a blind group at Braille Institute, pottery and ceramic sculpture. Not as a martyr but because they gave me as much or more in spiritual uplift as I gave them in clay. My feelings have continually grown the same towards Masonry, no matter how much I put into it I feel I could not in two life times put back as I have already received.

Lastly I have three ambitions; to become a great artist; to become worthy of a 33rd degree; have the satisfaction of knowing I have contributed something to mankind; that I have not lived in vain.—"It is later than you think."

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**TO ALL MASONS**

By **ANDREW A. LACY, JR.**

Are you a Mason? That question has a familiar ring. It is a question we can all ask ourselves every day, whatever, our degree or station may be. Yes, we are members of a Masonic fraternity; we have given verbal assent to its principles and have taken its obligation; yes, we wear the insignia and carry a dues card identifying us as members of a fraternity in good standing, and as such, entitles us to rights and privileges of same organization.

Where were you first prepared to be a Mason? You know the answer to that question; you replied to it. But Brothers with Masonry in their hearts practices it daily—this he cannot help—for it is a part of him.

Brothers as builders we must have a firm foundation. If we have within our hearts a desire to promote the practices of good brotherly love, relief and truth, only then is our foundation well founded. Our foundation is well started. Now brother can we strive for perfection?

**Affectionate Chapter  
Fetes Worthy Patron**

By **T. V. NORMAN**

Whether women put on an unusually fine performance or act coy to attract the masculine contingent, is a moot question. But what happens after they get him can better be expressed by the celebration staged recently at the 50th Street Hall by Affectionate Chapter, O.E.S. No. 18, honoring their Worthy Patron T. V. Norman, who had served the chapter for 20 years.

Sister Gertrude Devers, commandress of Affectionate chapter was the general chairman and Past Matron Mae Oliver, was mistress of ceremony. In citing his record and the untiring service he had rendered the chapter from 1927 to 1948, Sister Helen Thompson, outlined her remarks quite capably when she gave the history of the patrons 20 years of service.

The very large and attentive audience was thrilled with the solo of Sister Verna Hall while telegrams, gifts and cards was read from Deputy Grand Master and Mrs. Starling J. Hopkins, of Riverside, Calif.; Rev. Geraldine O'Connor, Grand Lecturer of the Golden State Grand Chapter, O.E.S.; Mr. and Mrs. Carter, of Riverside, Calif.; the Queen of Sheba Chapter, O.E.S., No. 7 and many others.

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**THE EASTERN STAR**

(Written especially for ABNET)  
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## ADONIS No. 25 OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA



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### Past Master Joseph Brooks Of Adonis Lodge 25 Prepares Scrapbook

After persuing a scrap book compiled by Past Master Joseph Brooks of Adonis Lodge 25 of Oakland, Calif., it is indeed a pleasure to call the attention of the craft to the noteworthy achievements of that organization during the past year. It might well serve our purposes in helping to spread the doctrine of friendship, morality, and brotherly love, if more of our lodges were to adopt a pattern after that of Adonis.

There appears to be frequent contact between the lodge and members of the civic governing bodies and we all know what that can mean, in a community, to our race. Among true Masons, who know no color line, many things should be able to be worked out which will prove beneficial to us all in the future.

Adonis lodge seems to be on the right track toward reaching such a goal when they sponsor such movements as the East bay chapter Green Cross Awards which brought together the mayor, representatives of the police department, and members of our group. Also as was shown by their recent donation of \$1000 to the Y.M.C.A. for the completion of a recreation room. Such activities sew the seeds for thought and when thought travels in the proper channels, it brings about enlightenment; therein lies a stepping stone toward better relations between all mankind.

The very origin of the name Adonis, as it is commonly understood in everyday usage, is inspirational for it is significant of masculine beauty. Adonis lodge is definitely masculine, and the beauty seems to push itself to the fore as is evident in their efforts for constant improvement and greater achievement.

Should one care to delve into the mythological study of Adonis, it might be found that he was also recognized as a God of vegetation to whom the females of ancient Greece held an annual festival honoring him and invoking his aid to promote the growth of vegetation. There may be seen a parallel in this too, as Adonis lodge seeks to promote fellowship among its members, and a good influence in the community to which it belongs. This cannot but have productive results which are

## ADONIS LODGE UNDERWRITES ABNET

### IN MEMORIAM

Brother Martin Ritchie, one of the oldest members of Adonis Lodge, who has been bed-ridden for many years, passed on at the call of the Great Grand Master in the Celestial Grand Lodge above where all good Masons eventually will be called.

Brother Ritchie had suffered for years but in the past few months had taken a turn for the worse and died in the Highland Hospital. Funeral services were held at the Hudson Funeral home with the Adonis Funeral committee officiating.

### ACTIVITIES OF ADONIS

As usual, the annual Easter Egg hunt staged by Adonis Lodge was eagerly awaited by the youngsters of the various Oakland Lodges. Under the auspices of the North Oakland, Y.M.C.A., this year the affair was held at the Raimondi Park at 18th and Woods streets, Saturday afternoon March 27th at 2 p.m.

Brother Joshua Rose was in charge of activities.

### ABNET UNDERWRITTEN

All members of Adonis Lodge will receive a year's subscriptions of the Grand Lodge publication "ABNET". It will be mailed directly to you from the publishers in Los Angeles and it will keep you abreast of the happenings in the Prince Hall Grand Lodge Jurisdiction. This action comes as a result of a motion passed at the last business meeting where Three Hundred (\$300) Dollars was voted.

At the same meeting the Secretary's salary was raised from \$15 to \$25 per month. The Assistant Secretary and the Treasurer were voted a salary of \$10 per month. Neither the Secretary's assistant nor the Treasurer have ever been paid a salary heretofore.

A very large attendance were present at the last meeting and a definite interest in the business of the Lodge was manifested by those present.

For the balance of the first quarter calendar, the next meeting will be held

bound to be felt by all who are concerned.

This writer thinks that the same attributes which are accredited to Adonis lodge are also possessed by many of our other worthy lodges, and if a little effort is put forward in the right direction, much might be accomplished both for the good of the craft and the things for which it stands, as well as for our group as a whole in its continuous effort toward progress.

—Earl Whaley



on March 22nd. The feature attraction for that evening will be work by the degree team headed by Junor Warden Jesse Glosson, who is doing some fine work and a great deal of credit must be given to him and his worthy assistants for the type of ritualistic work they are performing. If you haven't seen or heard this group in action, be sure to attend this meeting.

Then the word is going around that quite a few of the newly made brethren are getting together and working up several drill teams and they hope to form some sort of friendly competition. Good work fellows, get into it, we know you can do it!

Note Bene: Don't forget that the Past Masters sponsor the Craftsman's Forum on the 26th of March. From what I hear, it is going to be a real treat. You should be among those present for that occasion. In another column you can find the time and place and the general program of the Forum.

The Worshipful Master will announce his program for the Second Quarter in the next issue of ABNET, and more activities will be planned including a

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## FIRMA No. 27



VALLEJO, CALIFORNIA

Sam Atwood, W. M.

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### FORWARD WITH FIRMA

By PETER LARIEAU

Friday, Jan. 16—The 100% attendance of officers continued tonight, also general attendance was very good, with more than forty members around the lodgeroom including many Pastmasters. After the opening ceremony the meeting was turned over to the Senior Warden, Bro. Walter Freeman who lead a discussion on the correct handling of petitions.

This covered the issuing of the petition, investigation committees, etc. Bro. Freeman brought out the fact that a brother, having been asked for a petition, should know the man or make an attempt to find out about his general character before recommending him to the lodge since he is responsible for the conduct of that person. In every day life, if you recommend a person for credit, to a store or loan company, that business acts on their knowledge of your character and assumes that you would not recommend a person short of the needed qualifications. So it is with your lodge. Rev. J. E. McCorkle, a visitor from the Palo Alto Lodge, had a short talk in which he concurred with the Senior Warden on this point. It was his opinion that Masons selected men on several points known to all of the brothers and they should be looked for before the person was recommended. As every brother who has served on an investigating committee knows, you can find out some of the information needed by questioning the petitioner and observing his actions in his home but one or two visits to that home as an investigator will not uncover some of the most important things.

Then there is the system of some investigators of inquiring in the neighborhood and among friends. This is a considerably hard job and in some cases is unrewarded by the information obtained. Whereas, if the petitioner is known and can be testified for by the recommending brother, most of this, excepting documentary information, can be eliminated. Many views were expressed and questions asked and answered. Grand Inspector John Edmondson was on hand and gave valuable assistance.

Brother John W. Ware of Eastgate Lodge 44, Berkeley, was present and had a short talk. Mr. Ware is an officer in the newly formed Carver National Insurance Co.

Also visiting in this meeting was

Brother Lofton a member of Dixie Lodge 7, in the Mississippi Jurisdiction. Both of the visiting brothers were impressed by the attendance and interest of the members in the discussion.

The meeting was closed on time and everyone left feeling well benefitted by what he had learned.

Monday, Jan. 19—In line with Firma's policy of co-operation and brotherhood among lodges—Brothers W. Freeman and E. Brown journeyed to Oakland and visited with Acacia Lodge. They reported having a nice time, sitting in on a first degree.

The icy hand of the Grim Reaper was felt by Firma Lodge on Tuesday, January 20, 1948, when Brother John W. Vann passed from this life as the result of an automobile accident in which he figured Sunday, Jan. 18.

Brother Vann, a native of Denton, Miss., and a resident of Vallejo for several years, besides being a member of Firma Lodge and Harmony Court No. 18, Heroines of Jerico, was religiously affiliated with Kyles Temple A.M. E. Zion Church and was a member of John King Post 619, American Legion.

Firma Lodge paid final respects to Bro. Vann at the funeral services Tuesday night, Jan. 27, at Twin Chapels Mortuary and interment took place Wednesday at the Golden Gate National Cemetery, San Bruno, Calif.

Left to moan his loss are, the widow, Mrs. Erma Vann, five sisters, three brothers and a host of other relatives and friends.

Although your reporter was not acquainted with the deceased, he was highly impressed by the several scores of friends that filled the chapel to pay their last respects. My mind was carried back to the duties inculcated in the Masonic Lodges, of which Bro. Vann must have been mindful in life to be so respected in death.

During the early hours of Saturday, January 30, Past Master J. M. Owens, while enroute to his home, driving his small truck, collided with a bus owned by the city of Vallejo. The truck was completely demolished and brother Owens was taken to the Community Hospital where he was found to be suffering from a compound fracture of the left leg, contusions and lacerations. He was later removed to the Oak Knoll Veterans Hospital in Oakland where he

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### MASONIC YOUTH MOVEMENT

By ARCHIE HERBERT  
(W.M. of Guardian Lodge No. 50)

The Most Worshipful Sovereign Grand Lodge, (now the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge) Free and Accepted Masons, for the State of California and Jurisdiction, in its Seventy Ninth Annual Communication, in the City of San Diego, California; July 17, 18, 19, 1933; authorized the organization of a Juvenile Department, to be operated under the authority of the Grand Lodge for the benefit of our boys. This action was taken on the recommendation of Grand Master Theodore Moss, of San Jose; who, realizing that the growth of the Fraternity was not as rapid as it should be and acting upon the impulse that Juvenile organizations, under the supervision of the Grand Lodge, would furnish channels through which there would come a steady flow of trained, cultured, and trustworthy young men into our Lodges. Brother Moss recommended that a Commission be authorized by the Grand Lodge to compile a ritual and supervise the consummation of such plans as may be improvised for such an organization.

The Grand Master appointed the following Commission: Rev. N. P. Greggs, R. H. Broyles, D.G.M.; and E. V. Johnson, P.M., who after months of earnest labor, gave to the Jurisdiction of California a plan of action, complete in every detail. This plan of action, compiled by the late Rev. N. P. Greggs, was adopted by the Most Sovereign Grand Lodge, July 19, 1934.

Upon due inquiry of our Grand Master, George R. Vaughns, by the Masters and Wardens Association of Southern California, regarding the present status of this movement, we have been informed that the Order of the Junior Craftsmen were going quite well in Northern California until the leaders of the Order were called by our Government, to serve in the last war.

It appears that an excellent start in this direction in Southern California was interrupted by the untimely death of Rev. Greggs, who had served nobly as a guiding spirit of this movement from the time of its inception.

Today we are being continually faced with a compelling demand to devote more and more of our time and attention to the urgent and immediate needs of our youth for adult companionship and guidance, love and understanding.

The Masonic Youth Movement, which is unique in its own right, has such a sufficiency of wealth and beauty incorporated in its structure, that continued lethargy in this direction, on the part of our Craft, would rob our deserving youth of their just heritage.

Grand Master Vaughns, has requested

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## Eureka Lodge Plans Program For Coming Year; Officers Installed

By SIDNEY L. STATON

The fact that we have been absorbed in a full program for the year 1948 which we think will indeed be an asset to our Craft and at the same time place Community Lodge among the finest in the Jurisdiction, also, keeping foremost in our minds that we cannot accomplish our objectives without the moral and financial support of every Mason and friend.

May we first introduce the officers elect for the year 1948; Earl C. Shepard, worshipful master; J. H. Rose, senior warden; Robert Greene, junior warden; Paul L. Smith, treasurer; Sidney L. Staton, secretary; N. B. French, senior deacon; C. Davis, junior deacon; G. H. Moseley, senior steward; C. K. Williams, junior steward; K. Mack, chaplain; A. L. Davis, marshal; and D. M. Watkins, tyler.

The building program has been instituted by our Worshipful Master E. C. Shepard, who has placed on the Trestle Board a most comprehensive and unified work for the year. We have started with a BANG, the social functions which have been successful, the first held in Redwood City, January 13, with joint cooperation with the Pride of Peninsula Chapter No. 136, O.E.S., at a pot luck dinner. You can rest assured that these two Lodges will put over the program they have undertaken.

Another outstanding social sponsored by the Eureka Club was enjoyed by many members and friends on Saturday, January 31st. As hostess for the evening sister and brother T. J. Smith in their beautiful south Humboldt street home at San Mateo. The launching of the Frasier Manhattan automobile to be given away by our Lodge was discussed in our January meeting and a good live committee was appointed to present this project to the public. S. L. Staton, chairman; D. M. Watkins, co-chairman; P. Smith, W. Landry, R. Greene, make up the promotion committee. The Jurisdiction can look forward to the reception of tickets which will be released soon. Your support will be solicited in this worthy cause toward the building of our Masonic Temple. Our Slogan could be "Lift As We Climb." At the January meeting the worshipful master gave the Gavel to senior warden J. Rose, who gave instructions of receiving the Grand Master, a matter of which was indeed beneficial to the Lodge.

There is much that can be said about the initiative that has been practiced by worshipful master Shepard, in the weekly meetings of the newly initiated brothers who have met from house to

house on the importance of Masonry in their lives. We know from experience that this spirit of fellowship will make Community Lodge the finest in this Jurisdiction. This is not a boast brothers, but you come down and visit us and you can be sure that we will exemplify that of which we speak, plus a visit to your Lodge. Try us and may we all mutually fraternize for the good of the Order.

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## Tribute is Paid To Womanhood

(Contributed by Past Master Harvey Chisom 33<sup>rd</sup>, of Adonis Lodge)

In my articles I have, at times, casually mentioned the part women have played in the rearing of those who later became outstanding members of the Masonic Fraternity, but I feel that I have been, lax in not hitherto having taken the opportunity to pay homage and profound respect to good women throughout the world.

Brethren have often talked to me in or near the lodge room and stated that they were present because their wives either objected to their remaining away from the meetings, or that they received consent from the Queen of the Family to leave her side, though she was somewhat indisposed; but never have I heard the remark that a brother left his domicile in a disgruntled mood because of the insistence of his loved one that he should absent himself from the lodge, and I can conclude, from my own experiences that the spirit of Masonry hovers over the home and influences all within it.

Women, as a rule, are keen. Indirect remarks of a Brother with regard to some Masonic activity are more than fairly well understood by his dear one, be it wife, mother, sister, or daughter, and while of course she has little conception of the degree work, she does realize that the principles involved savor of all that is pure, inspiring and noble, this realization being heightened by the articles, for instance, in the various Masonic magazines which come to her hands.

And while I am upon the subject, permit me to state that I am strongly of the opinion that more occasions should be found to bring together the families of the Brethren—not to perfunctorily introduce them, but to see, if at all possible, that such introductions ripen into friendships that become beautiful and lasting; for as we meet in

the lodge room so should we and our loved ones meet upon that same firm ground wherever Masonry, directly or indirectly, is concerned. In the latter case our good women have a rare opportunity to assist, and there is no doubt that in many instances in the past they have done so; but I may be pardoned when I earnestly beseech additional activity.

Woman is the personification of all that is grand and lofty. The poet, Edgar Allan Poe, was literally an idolater at the feet of woman and gave vent to his admiration for her when he stated: "Because I feel that in the heavens above,

The angels, whispering to one another,  
Can find among their burning terms of love

None so devotional as that of "Mother."

As to the names of women, they all appear to be in keeping with the sex, soft and alluring. I am never able to pronounce the name "Mary" without being affected, for those of my faith in the long ago knew and loved "a Mary". My dear aunt was blessed with that name, and the words "O, Mary" were sobbed by my sainted Mother over her bier.

Yes all women's names are beautiful, and these gentle creatures are going to continue to be patient when we are away from the fireside, thoroughly understanding in their own good way,

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## FORWARD WITH FIRMA

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is said to be doing nicely.

Friday, Feb. 6—Firma tonight for the first time in their new home, 1209 Georgia St. The meeting was well attended as usual by brothers who are showing a lot of interest in the business of the lodge. During the evening many issues were brought before the body and either disposed of or deferred to committee.

The lodge is now preparing for a first degree which is slated to take place in March or April.

Brother Walter Freeman reported on the progress of the school. The last meeting was held Wednesday, Jan. 28, at the home of Bro. Sam Brown. The guest of the evening was grand officer, Richard Ellis. Subject discussed was "The Landmarks", the first fifteen was read and explained by Bro. Freeman with the assistance of Bro. Ellis. The Grand Inspector displayed, in his unobtrusive way, a vast wealth of Masonic knowledge which astounded the brothers. The rest of the "Landmarks" will be taken up at the next regular meeting of the school.

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## SCOUT TOPICS

By REV. B. C. COOKE

The Masonic Lodges here in the city of Los Angeles were among the leading organizations in the community to aid in making the "National Boy Week" a real attraction for the interracial groups. Thomas Waller Lodge, No. 49, Willard McDaniel, W. M.; Civic Center Lodge, No. 52, Robert S. Ball, W. M.; and Guardian Lodge, No. 50, Archie Herbert, W. M.; lead in the service to boys for this great week.

While a greater number of brothers are needed in the leadership and supervision of our boys, the brother Masons here in Los Angeles are greatly aware of our keen responsibility to the youth of the communities. Just here a summer ago I spent a whole week in Camp where Brother Frank Jones of Angel City Lodge, No. 18, H. H. Greenwood, W. M., was giving guidance to the boys of the troop sponsored by the Masonic Lodges of Los Angeles.

S. C. Bottler, director of public relations for Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge, of the California Jurisdiction, is a field Commissioner for Interracial Service for Los Angeles Area Council, B. S. A.

Brother Archie Herbert, president of the Masters and Wardens Association of Los Angeles has given hearty approval to the Boy Scout Program and is himself a Scouter of sacrificial service. He gives unselfishly of his time for boys.

Brother R. E. Salisbury, W. M. of Douglass Lodge No. 33 of which I am also chaplain; has expressed a great desire to have the Lodge sponsor a Troop in South Los Angeles (Watts). Brother C. Williams, senior Warden of Douglass No. 33 is a scouter and former chairman of committee on scouting at St. Paul Baptist Church, while Brother Le Roy McDowell is an ardent supporter of the scouting program.

The Western Knights Lodge, U. D. brother Claud Devers, W. M., has invited the Scout officials for a personal conference in order to plan some way to serve the boy in Scouting in West Los Angeles.

Lonzie Jones, W. M. of William Nickerson Lodge No. 55, was the former district commissioner for the McKinley



**MEMORABLE MOMENTS**—Clarence Walder, John Sandoy, Phillip Jenkins and Louis Kenny (the latter absent) outstanding Boy Scouts of Troop 344 in the McKinley district of the Los Angeles Area Council received their Star Scout Award recently before an audience of 1000 spectators in the main sanctuary of the St. Paul Baptist Church.

Ernest Walder, scoutmaster; Rev. John L. Branham, pastor; Attorney Bernard S. Jefferson, field Scout Commissioner for Interracial Service made the presentation and Rev. B. Clarence Cook, field Scout Executive arranged the details.

Scout District, L.A.C.C., an ardent believer in Scouting was succeeded by Rudolph Walker, who also is a brother Mason.

John L. Thompson, J.P.M. of William Nickerson Lodge No. 55, has long been registered in Scouting and is greatly responsible for the leadership furnished boys by the Golden State Insurance company.

Many other Masons here in Los Angeles who are making contributions to boys through the program of the Boy Scouts of America, whom I have not mentioned here, I will be glad to hear of your activities, service and intentions as a Scouter, a Mason or Lodge. Write: Rev. B. Clarence Cooke, Field Scout Executive, 216 Bendix Bldg., 1206 So. Maple Avenue, Los Angeles.

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### EQUALITY

There is no free state where the laws do not rule supreme; for the law ought to be above all. A government in a constant state of turmoil is weak. The only stable state is that where everybody possesses an equality in the eye of the law, according to his merit, and enjoys his own unmolested.—Aristotle.

### MASONIC YOUTH MOVEMENT

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that the Masters and Wardens Association investigate the possibility of initiating the movement in Southern California. Accordingly, we are requesting that comments from members of the Craft, regarding their opinion of the merits of; and the need of this organization for youth in our southern district, be sent to the Masters and Wardens Association, Los Angeles Prince Hall Masons, c/o Archie W. Herbert, 1225 E. 41st St., Los Angeles 11, California.

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## SAN DIEGO'S FRATERNAL ACTIVITIES

By FRED I. GRAY

According to the hustle and bustle of San Diego's Fidelity Lodge No. 10, F. and A. M.; spring is really here. And by the way of repeating what we have already said on so many occasions and with sincerity, FIDELITY No. 10 and its auxiliaries extend to the brothers, nobles, sisters and daughters of Isis and their families a very cordial welcome and urges all that may be visiting in the border town on any of the following dates to pay us a visit.

**First and Third Wednesday** of each month. Fidelity No. 10 holds its meetings.

Vernon B. Holloway, is the Master and Walter McDonald, is the secretary. Watch our Master, he is doing a very fine job as a young and progressive officer. He spends most of his time these days working with the building fund committee.

**Second Saturday** of each month, Consistory No. 91 holds its meetings. Illustrious Commander, C. M. K. Reeves, presides.—A mighty fine man and Mason he is. He has a well planned program outlined which assures the members as being the thing it takes to put them all out in front of the pack this year.

**Second Tuesdays** of each month, there is that GREAT group of Nobles talking Shrinedom. Presiding, you will find a personable and active young man by the name of Wallace Nobles. He has made a good start and should make some fine progress this year.

**Second and Fourth Monday** of each month, Ruth Chapter No. 11, O.E.S. goes into action with Worthy Matron Ethel Williams presiding. These evenings are filled to the brim with information and the workings of the Stars.

**SPECIAL EVENT:** The Daughters of ISIS No. 104, has just about completed plans for a Fashion-Tea which is to take place at the Y.W.C.A. at 4 p.m., April 18, 1948. Don't miss this one, it promises to be nice and swell-elegant. Participating will be from the cradle to crutches, or shall we say, both young and old will participate. The program committee is a working group, chaired by Mattie Gray, ably assisted by Virginia Courts, Cora Smith, and Youlande Chapman, all in there to make this affair a success.

Ruth Chapter No. 11, O.E.S.: There

has been days of trials and tribulations through the years insofar as fraternal activities are concerned at San Diego. The old timers inform me that there have been times when progress was so slow that it seemed as if they were walking backwards. Now, things are different. San Diego's fraternal groups for the past few years all remark, "what a decided change has taken place." When our Grand Lecturer, Geraldine O'Conner, came here recently on her official visit, her preliminary remarks were the same before beginning her lecture "Marching Toward God."

When an organization can have and cause such persons as the Grand Lecturer to compliment them, then it is truly a time for rejoicing. Usually critics do not see where efforts have been exerted. Ruth Chapter No. 11, takes pride in announcing the active part the young women are taking in the chapter and compliments coming from such outstanding persons certainly should add enthusiasm to their efforts.

The Grand Lecturer's talk of the evening was filled with words of instructions and information as to what was going on in and about the Jurisdiction. The evenings ended with a sumptuous repast being served by the chapter and a gift of appreciation was presented the Grand Lecturer.

Joe Oliver in surprise visit: Isis officers and Nobles were greatly and pleasantly surprised Tuesday evening March 9, when Imperial Ass't Rabban Joe L. Oliver, of Los Angeles, dropped in on them. Brother Oliver's interest is among the most sincere whose aims are to keep San Diego's Nobles interest and ideas at the top of the list. He coaxed the Nobles in a very timely manner to keep up their good works. This relationship and spirit as manifested by our celebrated Imperial officer is what it takes to move any organization on to success; Joe, after his instructive remarks, opened the meeting for a brief forum where he answered timely questions angled at him from all quarters. In his final remarks, he again complimented the Nobles and urged them to make plans and preparations for the Cancer drive that would be inaugurated by the Imperial Divan.

"A stitch in time saves nine," is an old proverb which we all can profit. The ways and means committee of

Isis Temple do not expect to be any exception. They do not only mean to start in time but they mean to be ready. Ready for the Shrine convention which is to be held this year at St. Louis, Mo. The Bennie Waters affair will be just one of their means of preparation. From all indications it should put the Nobles of Isis Temple well on their way toward St. Louis. From what I've heard, most of the Nobles have sold their allotment of tickets and returned for an extra load. Let's keep up the good work Nobles, and we will surely be well represented at the convention in a most worthy manner.

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### San Diego Consistory Stages Annual Banquet

One of the most admirable affairs of the San Diego Masonic social season was the annual banquet-breakfast staged by San Diego Consistory No. 91. The luxurious cafe of Brother Wallace Cameron was the setting for the delectable breakfast and it was hosted by the Consistory's entertainment committee composed of the Messrs. Fred I. Gray, McKinley Reeves, van L. Carelton, Henry Spencer and George Garrett.

During the highly interesting program, illustrious Commander McKinley Reeves, after speaking briefly on the upper houses of Masonry, complimented the committee for such a splendid affair and expressed the hope, that the same spirit prevailing at the banquet would continue throughout the year.

Invitations were extended and accepted to the leaders and members of the lower houses of the San Diego Prince Hall Masonic fraternity. It was their expressions and questions that proved an interesting part of the open forum that followed the speeches of Commander elect McKinley Reeves and McKinley Courts.

### Federal Chorus Offers Program

Federal Choristers, a group headed by Lujean Burney, Organist of St. John Lodge No. 5, and representing the custodial force at the Federal Building, presented a half-hour program of Easter music and songs in the Spring street lobby of the building at noon Good Friday.

Postmaster Michael Fanning, estimated that nearly 2000 employees and visitors to the building enjoyed selections by the white-robed singers.

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## INSPECTORS CORNER

By **ANDREW A. POWELL**,  
Inspector Southern District No. 1

To the Director of Public Relation, Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge, California and Jurisdiction, and Editors of ABNET:

I have just read with delight your last issue of ABNET. I find we are fortunate to have some Masonic editors alive to the needs and opportunities of our time,—men who see as all earnest and deep thinking Masons, a peril in material success unless advancement and prosperity are used to further greater good.

We are living in a world that needs as never before the principles of Masonry, especially those cohesive qualities of goodwill and fellowship. The world at this time is torn asunder by various hatreds and divisions. Daily, screaming headlines are hurled at us, and so much sordid grasping for place and power that we find it difficult to assimilate and coordinate facts and principles, in order to place true values where they will guide us over the rough pathways which we are at present traveling.

Today in our city of Angels, flags and banners are waving on high, awaiting the arrival of the "Freedom Train," with its many teachings of liberty. Today we hear people making a great ado about liberty, and what is liberty. If it means that every American citizen is a law unto itself, then neither this nor any other country has ever had the right to grant such liberty.

When any government vouchsafes to every man the right to take the law into his own hands, that government is going straight to doom. American liberty means freedom with restraint. Liberty and law must go hand in hand. There can be no liberty without law, and there can be no law without God.

In every city in our land there are men shouting this appeal for freedom to thousands. Their shibboleth is free thought, free love, free everything. They endeavor to convince us that there should be no law, no restraint to government and hundreds of thousands who dare not join their ranks openly, accept their principles privately, they and the government are menaced from all sides with open and threatened violence.

It is time that every Mason should do some honest hard thinking on these subjects, we should, everyone of us, stand unflinching to uphold of Democratic form of government, safeguard the rights of life, liberty and promote respect for every form of constituted authority, defend the integrity of family, love of country and reverence for God.



**INSPECTOR—Rt. Worshipful Andrew W. Powell, Grand Inspector of Los Angeles local area District No. 1.**

## BROTHERLY LOVE

By **HAYWARD L. KELSEY, W.M.**  
B. F. Talbot No. 8

Uniting in this great design, let us be happy among ourselves, and endeavor to promote the happiness of others.

We feel very happy and also make others happy, when we have lived up to our Masonic duties, such as visiting the sick and helping those who are less fortunate than we ourselves.

We, as Masons, have made many promises and are under many obligations and it is up to each of us to abide by them.

It is indeed a pleasure to have so many brothers out to our meetings. We have so much that we are trying to accomplish for the betterment of the fraternity and we must all work together.

All of the Masonic Lodges are co-operating and uniting in their ideas to improve Masonry as a whole.

It is inspiring to come out and hear the candidates make their proficiency. These men are eager to go places in Masonry and are studying hard. So let's all encourage them in this wonderful step that they are taking.

A surprise was in store for all who came to our Intermediate meeting March 23rd. We were entertained by our own Queen of Sheba Chapter, O.E.S.

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### Question and Answer Box

What was the name of Noah's wife?  
Noah's wife isn't named in the Bible, but there is a Jewish tradition that says his wife was Naamah, the sister of Tubal-cain.

## O. E. S. Bay Area Note Book

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been recently appointed Inspectors. Chief of Police Tracy of Oakland, Calif., assisted by Capt. Rhodes presented the two officers their badges. Mr. Rice and Mr. Crawford and their committee left no stones unturned in making the affair one long to be remembered.

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South Gate Chapter No. 27, O.E.S., held their election of officers the first meeting in December. The newly elected officers are as following: Nettle Pergerson, Worthy Matron; Henry D. Johnson, Worthy Patron; Carrie Johnson, associate Matron; Milton Pursly, associate Patron; Ethel Bufford, conductress; Maude Wisemen, associate conductress; Julia Carter, re-elected treasurer; Ruth Wilson Larche, secretary; Zilica Foster Williams, re-elected assistant secretary; and the Star-Points are as follows: Marion Payne, Adah; Clara Perrin, Ruth; Minnie Williams, Esther; Earnestine Allen, Martha; Tena Gatliff, Electa; Elizabeth Jonen Antyne, Warder; Henry Godfrey, Sentinel; and Bertha Stone, Marshall.

Joint installation was held with East Gate Lodge No. 44, Ashler Lodge No. 35, Rahab Court No. 5, Heroines of Jericho. A sumptuous banquet followed the public ceremonies.

The Star social ended their year with a Christmas party at the home of Irene Simms, of Oakland. With the Shadow group entertaining the Sunshine group. The president, Ella Lashly Jones, presented a unique idea at the beginning of the year, as to raising money. Since there are no dues collected in our Star Social. Here's the rub: For the first two months in the year, if the sun shines before 10 a.m. the sunshine group puts away 10c. If the sun does not shine, the shadow group puts away 10c. The group paying less entertains the ones who pay the most. (Ed. Note: What a sucker I was sitting down in that PoKeno game.) It is a most interesting idea as the weather being as it is around the Bay area at that time of year, the members choose the group they wish and each group selects a chairman. Tena Gatliff is the chairman for the Sunshine group and Ruth Wilson Larche, chairman for the Shadows. Each are to be commended for their splendid work.

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## Western Knights and William Nickerson, Jr. Lodges Raises 28 Candidates March 13

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The oratory flowed like wine . . . Yes brothers, it would have warmed the cockles of your heart had you been present at the joint raising, on March 13, of candidates from Western Knights and William Nickerson, Jr., Lodges and witnessed the ceremonies as performed by representatives of our Grand Lodge and local Past Masters and Masters.

No one was vieing with the other for top honors, but each, just being himself and showing by sheer ability what an integral part he was in our great organization.

The candidates, twenty-eight in all, even though they had not yet reached the point of understanding what it was all about, could not help but appreciate the finesse which was shown. All Master Masons present could readily recognize the wealth of experience, and the results of many hours of conscientious study that was being paraded before them.

There is so much credit to be given to so many who participated, that it might well cover this whole issue were we to attempt to eulogize each individual. So, we are just going to say, "You were all excellent."

The Grand Officers, Rt. Worshipful Starling J. Hopkins, deputy Grand Master; the Rt. Worshipful Dr. Titus P. Martin, senior Grand Inspector; and Andrew W. Powell, Hassell W. Davis,

Grand Inspectors and junior Grand Warden T. A. Satchell, all exemplified that degree of perfection which we all should strive to come as near to attaining as each individual's humble limitations will permit. With such leadership and representation, if other members of the craft will only adjust their compasses to steer a course near to that chartered by these lights, the fraternity as a whole will become stronger and gain the proper recognition, the heritage of which, so rightfully belongs to all Prince Hall Masons.

Also not to be overlooked in this report, is the work of members of the degree team which hails from Garrison Lodge No. 45. This team is composed of brothers Ed. Towns, Woods, Lupe, Hoxie and McKassin. It was really a pleasure to watch these brothers in action and we intend at a later date to tell our readers more about them. If you haven't seen this team in action, don't miss your next opportunity to do so. We are sure that you won't regret having spent your time watching them.

## ITINERARY FOR SOUTHERN DIST.

### INSPECTORS

#### Senior Grand Inspector—Dr. Titus P. Martin

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

#### Grand Inspector, District No. 2—Hassell Davis

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

#### Grand Inspector, District No. 1—Andrew Powell

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

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

## Abnet's Correspondents

William Jackson, Hannibal No. 1, San Francisco.

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

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

Clarence Brooks, Orange Valley No. 13, Riverside.

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

Andrew Powell, Delta No. 21, Los Angeles.

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

Willie Anderson, Jewel No. 24, Pasadena.

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William Vaughns, Adonis No. 25, Oakland.

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

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

E. L. Thompson, Pride O' West, Me-Cloud.

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

Alfred Harris, Ashler No. 35, Richmond.

Roy Simpson, West Gate No. 36, Oakland.

Frank Adams, Palo Verde No. 37, Blythe.

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

Ludy Douglas, Superior No. 41, Bakersfield.

Sidney Staton, Community No. 43, Palo Alto.

E. S. Figueracion, Amicus No. 48, Vallejo.

Archie Herbert, Guardian No. 50, Los Angeles.

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## Adonis Lodge Underwrites Abnet

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caravan to one of the nearby cities, yet to be selected, however, keep your eyes and ears open.

Yes, in case you don't already know it, the Grand Lodge convenes this year in San Francisco and Walter Sanford, P.M., of Hannibal Lodge is working his head off right now making plans to put it over in a big way.

What deep sea fisherman recently turned tables and instead of catching fish, fed them—so steadily? ? ?

### FUNERAL COMMITTEE

The new Funeral Committee Officers for the year of 1948 are as follows: Past Master George Turner, chairman; Past Master Harold McGee, vice-chairman; Past Master S. T. Easley, treasurer; Past Master H. H. Godfrey, secretary-marshall; Brother Abraham, chaplain; Brother Lagera, sgt.-at-arms.

The funeral committee has done some excellent work in the past and in the future they need the assistance of every brother who can possibly attend funerals to do so.

### CRAFTSMAN'S FORUM SCORES

Those of you who were fortunate enough to hear Mr. Harry Sapper, of the East Bay Fellowship Organization on the "Jewish Question," can consider yourselves very fortunate to hear such an able speaker present such an enormous subject with relative ease. Mr. Sapper started from the very beginning of the Jewish history and came up to the present Palestine situation.

A return engagement of this powerful speaker with his potent message, all minority groups should hear him and particularly the members of the Masonic family.

Responding to his message was our own Grand Master, George R. Vaughns, who thanked the speaker and gave some parallel problems that our race meet and we are certain Mr. Sapper enjoyed what was said in behalf of all present.

A question barrage was then started by the interested and curious group of some twenty-five who heard the talk. These too, were ably answered and emphasized. Yes, we learned about racial prejudice, another phase of it.

From Firma Lodge at Vallejo came a very fine message regretting they could not attend en masse, but it was on their meeting night and they had work to do. However, we hope on the next occasion that they will be free to hear this speaker and to see pictures

## THE LETTER "G"

He entered the Lodge and filled each chair,  
Was sent to the East and presided there,  
He could give the lecture of each degree,  
But fell down on the letter "G".

Though he said each head must "in honor bow,"  
Yet out of the Lodge he forgot, somehow,  
From his careless and prayerless lip,  
The Name of Jehovah would oft times slip.

He recited the lecture with solemn tone,  
When the letter "G" to the Lodge was shown,  
But he knew at once why the world did scoff  
When we heard this man with his apron off.

The Fellowcraft, too, when the Lodge was through  
Listened as you and I would do,  
But the work though finely exemplified  
Was spoiled by his talk in the room outside.

For no one did as the Master said,  
Not a "humble bow" from a single head.  
So the Fellowcraft thought as he said goodnight,  
"I will talk as before and 'twill be all right."

If Masonry does what we claim for it  
We should guard our tongues lest we forget  
To use that great high Name with care  
While employed at work or engaged in Prayer.

For the world is watching both you and me,  
To see if we honor the letter "G",  
And our lives and teachings they compare,  
To see if we're plumb on the Square.

—Charles T. Duffie in  
Scottish Rite Sun

of the world's most modern city Tel Aviv.

The next meeting of the Craftsman's Forum will be held in the Masonic Temple, Friday, March 26th and the meeting will be sponsored by the Past Master's Council of the Northern California section of this state. A fine pro-

## NORTHERN CALIFORNIA COUNCIL MEETS

Past Masters, Masters and Wardens Council, held their regular meeting Friday night, February 27th. The Council meets every fourth Friday night at 925 Myrtle street at the Masonic Temple in Oakland.

The attendance at this meeting was below par because many of the members had left the Bay area for Stockton to set up a new Royal Arch Chapter. Discussion was general and included plans to entertain the Masonic Forum at their next meeting, March 26. There will be a quiz program for the Past Masters and a collation after the meeting.

Among those present were Henry Custer, Master of East Gate Lodge No. 44; William Hill, Jr., President and Past Master of Good Hope Lodge No. 29; Walter Taylor, Master of West Gate Lodge No. 36; John A. Francis, Treasurer and Past Master of Hannibal Lodge No. 1, of San Francisco; Sam Williams, Past Master of West Gate Lodge No. 36; Max Davidson, Past Master of Adonis Lodge No. 25; Joe Brooks, Treasurer and Past Master of Adonis Lodge No. 25; Hayden Sissons, Past Master of Acacia Lodge No. 7; Mack Bufford, vice-President and Past Master of Adonis Lodge No. 25. Visiting was William Vaughns, president of the Masonic Forum.

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## ARCHIE W. HERBERT, NEW PREXY OF MASTERS AND WARDENS COUNCIL OUTLINES CONSTRUCTIVE PROGRAM

The Masters and Wardens Association of the year 1948, is particularly concerned with making the greatest contribution possible to the needs, as we see it, of our entire Masonic family.

This thought was most excellently presented the brethren of our Craft by Brother Hayward L. Kelsey, W.M. of B.F. Talbot Lodge No. 8, in his opening address of the year. In part Mr. Kelsey stated, "First, we must face this year with a new determination, that is, to always step forward. To do so, we must unite and work together, not only for the betterment of our Lodge, but for the whole Masonic family."

In attempting to determine the line of action that we should follow, there are three choices open before us. First, that of adopting an all-embracing outlook on the interrelationships and problems which affect all units of our order. Second, our operation on a specifically limited range of action. The third and last choice represents one of our minimum interference with the "status quo" or just letting things happen.

It is our opinion that since no units have adequately investigated and set up specific recommendations related to the all-embracing aspects of our problems, this course is the only one left open to us. Any other line of action would mean that we would continue to operate as a conglomeration of disjointed units, blind to the implications of the greatness of the moment that is within our grasp and realizing only a small portion of the magnitude of our just growth and expansion.

Accordingly, prudence dictates that the first step that we must make in fulfilling our new orientation is that of obtaining all information possible, pertinent to the great need of clearest understanding of our position. Further, in order to know where we stand, we must know where those who are about us stand also. We wish, therefore, to make formal inquiry, of all our related units, for such information as listed below:

- (1) General
  - a) Their History
  - b) Progress Made
  - c) Their Aspirations
  - d) Their Expectations
  - e) Their self Evaluation of their present status
- (2) Particular
  - a) Complete report on past, present, and future building fund procedures
  - b) Scholarships
  - c) Youth Programs

Secondly, we should direct a communication to the Grand Master, asking that we be given information regarding

the Public Relations Agency of the Grand Lodge. We should then proceed to set up a joint Public Relations Agency in our district. Such an agency should aspire to the services of a trained psychologist. One who is familiar with the psycho-semantic reactions of individuals and of groups of individuals, one who is schooled in the exercise of extensional and intensional devices as well as the multitude of other devious means that these experts use to bring clear thinking and order out of this age of complexity. Some of the features of our planned Public Relations program should be as follows:

1. Scholarship, Building Fund, Benefit-show integrated undertaking based on a ten-year plan.
2. To encourage each Lodge to sponsor a Boy Scout of America Troop.
3. To reorganize the Masonic Youth Movement program namely, "The Circle of Constantine."

Regarding our inter-fraternal relationships, we have, in the presence of our Past Masters, a wealth of expendable talent and energy at our command. Accordingly, we would like to ask the Past Masters Council to assign Lecturers to the various Lodges at frequent intervals to emulate the work of our Grand Lecturer and to strengthen our conceptions and our comprehensions of the beauty of our arts. We would also like to ask the other Lodges in our area to join with Holland No. 20, who has already made notable strides in this direction; to set up a Masonic circulating library, for the benefit of the Craft. Further, we wish that machinery would be set in motion to make the publication of the Prince Hall Masons Directory an annual affair.

It has been suggested that all Lodges coordinate in setting up an annual budget to contribute to our principal charities on a per capita basis.

The naming of some of the new Lodges, which are destined to be instituted in the future, in honor of the late Past Grand Master T. A. Harris, Rev. N. P. Gregg and Rev. Samuel Beane, whose memories we revere and whose contributions to our noble institution have been of inestimable value, would be of the highest order.

Finally, the thought is here presented that under such a program, our greatest emphasis should, in the 10-year

period, be placed on the building of our institution rather than the structure which has been aforementioned. Leading educators of today are rallying more and more to the fight, as some of them have so nobly put it, "to make real to all men their common humanity, their basic oneness." And the world, certainly has reached a point where it is more important to discover, and stress, similarities than it is to take narrow pride in differences of birth and environment.

By our taking advantage of such an opportunity for making of better conditions, better relations, better life, as has been pointed out by our Grand Master George R. Vaughns, we can make tremendous inroads in the direction of fostering those causes of Liberty, Justice and Equality which are so near and dear to our hearts.

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Thanks kindly, for the copies of ABNET, of which we hastily submit our \$2.00 for our year's subscription.

I loaned our good friend Armand Bedarride my copy and he immediately expressed his pleasure of knowing that you are connected with the fraternity. I believe he is a Grand officer of the French Grand Lodge.

Under separate cover, you will receive three French Masonic Books of which he wishes only you to possess. During the war, the Germans prosecuted the Masons and all their books were destroyed. And also, Masons here form a very secret sect. They hide that they are such and keep their secrets. To find the explanation of their symbols, means to buy a book against them, and there are many here which abuse them. You see here it is absolute secret. In England it is open, this is why we have no works about them here. So, Sam, as I know he would have me express it to you, guard well these books, if only out of sympathy to him. Personally, I should think you would feel honored to be the recipient of them. There isn't a conversation in which he engages for which he inquires after you. Your kindness and thoughtfulness of his sons during the war touched him deeply.

In a few days you will be receiving a letter from him also.

Our friendship and interest always,  
—Oswald  
29 avenue des pages

## SANDS OF THE NOBILITY

Sirs:

We acknowledge with thanks your able comments in the February issue

of your magazine on the official organ of the Ancient Egyptian Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine—The PYRAMID. We, members of the official family, are always pleased to have the comments of our readers. It is by this way and manner we secure an overall view of the material our readers desire most from quarter to quarter.

All of the Nobility, wherever dispersed, are proud of our Nobles on the Pacific Coast. It is the fine co-operative spirit and sincere effort of the members of our California Temple that have served in a constructive way to further the true goals of Prince Hall Masonry.

With all good wishes for your continued progress to the goals of the high calling of Masonic journalism, believe me to be,

Fraternally and sincerely,  
Paul E. X. Brown  
Deputy Imperial Publicist & Editor.

## ITS ONLY GREAT

San Bernardino, Calif.

To the Editorial Director:

You will no doubt be surprised to receive this letter from me, but I received the February copy of the ABNET which I must confess is a wonderful source of information and instruction to all young and old Masons with Prince Hall Affiliation.

Therefore, I am taking the liberty to ask you to bring an additional 6 copies with you when you pay us your official visit Tuesday evening, March 9, 1948. The information is so forthright interesting that I am sure many brothers will gladly pay \$1.00 as the annual fee.

Fraternally yours,  
W. S. Johnson, Sec'y  
Prince Hall Lodge, No. 17

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## MASONRY CAN ONLY HELP

To be a Mason may be a recommendation, but it is no guarantee of a man. It is a help, but it does not make the man. Right thinking and right living alone can do that.—Morals and Dogma.

## FORWARD WITH FIRMA

(Continued from Page 14)

Well, every month I find myself in a hole for a way to end this column. An ending that will get over some message that will be a benefit to the readers. This time I'd like to remind all brothers that this is a year that brings us an opportunity to exercise our right to vote. In many states, this privilege is denied people who are interested so it is up to us, who can, to do our best to see that this country get the best leader offered. The ballot is the most powerful weapon we have. It is a recognized fact that in the eastern states Negroes wield the balance of power. This accounts for some of the difference in living standards for Negroes in the north and south. In the last several years many of us came west and decided to settle out here but instead of taking advantage of the opportunity to make this a better place to live in we have sat idly by and left others to carry the load. This must stop! Voting is not only a privilege but a duty. Here are the requirements: Residence in the state, one year and in the county three months. If you meet these requirements go to the registrar of voters, if there is none in your neighborhood you will find one in the county office or they will direct you to one. Registration takes only a few minutes and there is no hard questions to answer.

I sincerely hope that every brother who is not already registered will do so at his earliest convenience, or if you are registered and have moved since the last election, state, county or municipal, it is important that you have your change of address recorded or re-registered.

Remember, I pass this way every month and would like to know that some, besides me, read my scribbings. Your brickbats will reach me if you address them to: Peter Larieau, Jr., 249 Fifth St., Apt. 152, Vallejo, Calif.

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Sirs:

Regret the negligence on my part. However, I am enjoying the ABNET, and best of all, I will urge a solid subscription in my Lodge, Sunset No. 26, F. and A.M.

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The Grand Trustees of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of California-Jurisdiction, met recently at Sacramento, California, with the Philomathean Lodge No. 2 for the purpose of passing on a loan requested by the Lodge for the purpose of purchasing their new home, the present Eagles Hall.

Worshipful Master Robert Poole, Master of California's second Masonic Lodge has on his building committee the Rev. D. D. Mattocks, grand inspector; Past Masters Levi Hays, Howard Williams, and Lodge officers J. B. Agnew, S.W.; Manny Barryman, J.W.; and representative members Mack Gindratt, E.G. Covington and Rutherford Sanford.

The two bodies inspected the properties and building in question and after considerable discussion, the Grand Trustees, voted to make a loan of \$30,000.00 first mortgage if Philomathean Lodge and the property owners can agree on a fair price.

Other business on the Grand Trustees' agenda was the Tulare Home Site lease which was renewed at approximately \$200 per year increase. Reports of accounts with Broadway Federal and Liberty Building Loan company and other financial reports showed approximately \$2500.00 unearned profits on investments for the year 1947. It was also voted to earmark \$10,000.00 to be deposited in a Federal Loan Bank at San Francisco if and when the same is chartered. A committee was appointed to obtain prices on a typewriter and an adding machine for the Grand Secretary's office.

ABNET's request for an addressograph was approved by the Trustees, which insure speedier and accurate coverage of the Grand Lodge's official publication.

M. Earl Grant, chairman of the board; in summarizing the activities of the committee stated, he hoped to see the day come when the Grand Lodge will hold all mortgages of Lodges and Chapters at a low interest rate.



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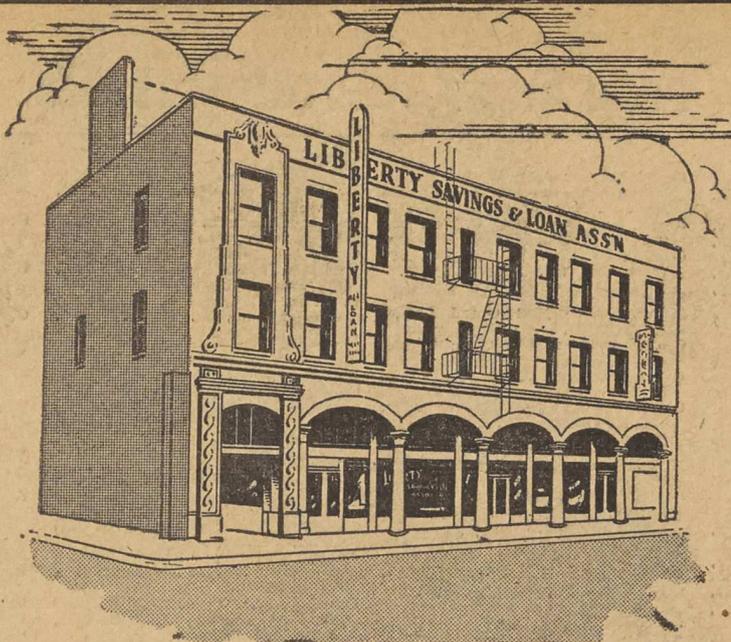
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