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HOOD RIVER B.P.O. ELKS NO. 1507.

WHEREAS, the Japanese Government has, without warning and treacherously, attacked the United States of America at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, and has invaded other insular possessions of the United States of America in the same barbaric fashion, and

WHEREAS, it clearly appears that Japanese fifth columnists and saboteurs contributed greatly to the success of these attacks, and

WHEREAS, the entire Pacific Coast is infested with Japanese, alien and native-born, and

- WHEREAS, the greater part of these Japanese are located in strategic places and areas where they are in a position to do considerable damage to the public utilities, fortifications, and natural resources of the entire Pacific Coast, and

WHEREAS, it is very likely and possible that these Japanese have already arranged for a certain date on which they will strike the United States of America as fifth columnists and saboteurs, and

WHEREAS, delay will be deadly and costly and will only tend to increase and aggravate the danger, and

WHEREAS, the safety of the United States of America and particularly the Pacific Coast demands that immediate action be taken by the United States Government to rid the Pacific Coast of this menace

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY HOOD RIVER LODGE NO. 1507 BENEVOLENT AND PROTECTIVE ORDER OF ELKS, that we do demand that appropriate action be taken immediately by those in authority toward the removal from the entire Pacific Coast of all members of the Japanese race and all other dangerous alien enemies now residing within such territory.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we demand that the Government also take action immediately for the establishment of strong and sufficient concentration camps or guarded areas where said Japanese and other aliens inimical to the welfare and safety of the United States of America will be carefully protected and guarded to the end and for the purpose that the entire Pacific Coast may be made safe from any fifth column activity or the disastrous work of any saboteurs.

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Portland Lodge No. 142, B. P. O. Elks
1532 S. W. Morrison Street
Portland, Oregon

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RESOLUTION

TO HIS EXCELLENCY
FRANKLIN DELANO ROOSEVELT,
PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES:

WHEREAS the government of the United States and the governments of the Axis Powers are at War, and

WHEREAS the governments of the Axis Powers have demonstrated that they entertain no scruples whatever about perpetrating acts of treachery, and

WHEREAS the governments of Canada and Mexico have seen fit to remove enemy aliens from their coasts to interior points, and

WHEREAS many enemy aliens, who could do us great damage during "blackouts" and other periods of emergency, are living in this vicinity, Now Therefore

BE IT RESOLVED That we respectfully petition that the officials of our government arrange, at once, to remove all enemy aliens to a safe distance inland from the Pacific Coast of the United States of America, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED That a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the President of the United States of America, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED That a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the Congress of the United States of America in Session Assembled.

January 31, 1942

PORTLAND LODGE NO. 142,
BENEVOLENT AND PROTECTIVE ORDER
OF ELKS.

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ALAMEDA LODGE No. 1015
B. P. O. E.



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RESPECTFULLY REQUESTED
FOR ACKNOWLEDGMENT
AND CONSIDERATION

W. H. M. Dwyer
Secretary to the President

Alameda, Calif.,
January 28th, 1942.

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Hon. Franklin D. Roosevelt,
President of the United States,
Washington, D.C.

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Dear Sir:

I am attaching copy of resolution unanimously adopted at the regular session of Alameda Lodge 1015, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, on Monday, January 26th, 1942.

This resolution, which is self-explanatory, deals with a problem which is uppermost in the minds of all Californians, and is sent to you with the fervent hope that you will give it your earnest consideration.

Trusting that our action will in some small way indicate to you the concern of Californians in regard to the Japanese nationals in our midst, I am

Sincerely and fraternally,

Robert A. McDonald
Exalted Ruler

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Portland Lodge No. 142, B.P.O. Elks
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Portland, Oregon

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January 31, 1942

His Excellency,
Hon. Franklin Delano Roosevelt,
President of the United States,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

I have the honor to submit to you herewith, at the
direction of Portland Lodge No. 142, B. P. O. Elks, a
Resolution adopted by the lodge at its regular meeting, Thursday,
January 29th, 1942.

Very respectfully yours,

/s/ J. B. Rhodes,
Secretary

RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS: California is in the combat zone as designated by the United States Army, and;

WHEREAS: There are a great many defense industries located in California, and;

WHEREAS: Most of the Japanese Nationals in the United States are living in California, and;

WHEREAS: It is a well known fact that the Japanese Nationals are --because of religion and temperament-- loyal to Japan, and;

WHEREAS: Sabotage by enemy aliens is an ever constant threat to the vital defense production of the United States:

THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Alameda Lodge of Elks No. 1015, emphatically urges the President of the United States and the Secretary of War to cause the immediate removal from California of all Japanese Nationals; and be it further

RESOLVED that the Secretary of this lodge transmit copies of this resolution to the President of The United States and to the Secretary of War, and to the Grand Lodge and to the State Elks Association.

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FOR ACKNOWLEDGMENT
AND CONSIDERATION
H.M. McIntyre

RESOLUTION SUBMITTED BY
HANFORD LODGE #1259, B.P.O. ELKS
HANFORD, CALIF., MARCH 12th, 1942

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WHEREAS, the Japanese Government has without warning and treacherously attacked the United States of America at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, and has invaded other insular possessions of the United States of America in the same barbaric fashion, and

WHEREAS, it clearly appears that Japanese fifth columnists and saboteurs contributed greatly to the success of these attacks, and

WHEREAS, the State of California, as well as the entire Pacific Coast, is infested with Japanese, alien and native-born, and

WHEREAS, it is very likely and possible that these Japanese have already arranged for a certain date on which they will strike the United States of America as fifth columnists and saboteurs, and

WHEREAS, delay will be deadly and costly and will only tend to increase and aggravate the danger, and

WHEREAS, the safety of the United States of America and particularly the Pacific Coast requires that immediate action be taken by the United States Government to rid the State of California and the Pacific Coast of this menace

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY HANFORD LODGE NO. 1259, OF THE BENEVOLENT AND PROTECTIVE ORDER OF ELKS, that we most strongly urge that appropriate action be taken immediately by those in authority toward the removal from the State of California and the entire Pacific Coast of all members of the Japanese race and all other dangerous alien enemies now residing within such territory,

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we urge that the Government also take action immediately for the establishment of strong and sufficient concentration camps or guarded areas where said Japanese and other aliens inimical to the welfare and safety of the United States of America will be carefully protected and guarded to the end and for the purpose that the State of California and the entire Pacific Coast may be made safe from any fifth column activities or the disastrous work of any saboteurs.

HANFORD LODGE, No. 1259, B.P.O. ELKS,

Geo F. Ballman
Exalted Ruler

Harry Kimball
Secretary

To the President
of the United States,
Franklin D. Roosevelt,
Washington, D.C.



RESOLUTION SUBMITTED BY THE

3-30-42 MODESTO CALIFORNIA LODGE B.P.O. ELKS NO. 1282

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WHEREAS, the greater part of these Japanese are located in strategic places and areas where they are in a position to do considerable damage to the public utilities, fortifications, and natural resources of the entire Pacific Coast, and

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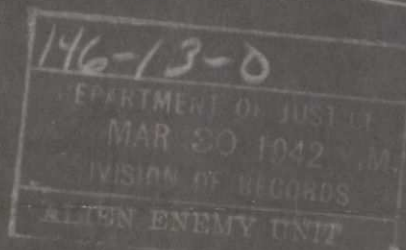
WHEREAS, the safety of the United States of America and particularly the Pacific Coast demands that immediate action be taken by the United States Government to rid the State of California and the Pacific Coast of this menace

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY MODESTO LODGE NO. 1282 OF THE BENEVOLENT AND PROTECTIVE ORDER OF ELKS AT MEETING ASSEMBLED MARCH 9, 1942, that we do demand that appropriate action be taken immediately by those in authority toward the removal from the State of California and the entire Pacific Coast of all members of the Japanese race and all other dangerous alien enemies now residing within such territory.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we demand that the Government also take action immediately for the establishment of strong and sufficient concentration camps or guarded areas where said Japanese and other aliens inimical to the welfare and safety of the United States of America will be carefully protected and guarded to the end and for the purpose that the State of California and the entire Pacific Coast may be made safe from any fifth column activity or the disastrous work of any saboteurs.



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E. N. Barnhart

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424 Wheeler Hall
6 May 1949

Secretary, Elks Association of California
225 10th Street, Richmond, California

Dear Sir:

I am making a study of public opinion on the West Coast at the time of Pearl Harbor and shortly thereafter. I find that a number of Elks Lodges passed resolutions urging that the Japanese-American population be evacuated from the state, feeling that their presence was a danger.

I would like to know exactly how many Elks Lodges passed such resolutions. Would it be possible for you to inform me, from your records, how many had done so? I would like to secure copies of these resolutions, if there be any, but since this would be quite a bit to ask of your office, if you could give me the names of the Lodges I would correspond with them directly.

If this information is not in your files, I would appreciate suggestions as to where I might obtain it. In your opinion, would it be profitable to write to each of the Lodges in California? How many of them are there? Could I secure a list from your office?

Sincerely

Edward N. Barnhart
Assistant professor

424 Wheeler Hall
17 June 1949

California Elks Association
Secretary Edgar W. Dale
315 Tenth Street
Richmond, California

Dear Mr. Dale:

Thank you for your letter of May 10, in which you inform me that the information I requested about post-Pearl Harbor resolutions of the Lodges was not available in your office, and that it is against your policy to provide a mailing list for non-members of the organization.

Would it be acceptable to you if I provided you with 90 letters in stamped envelopes, with return address envelopes enclosed, to be mailed from your office? I would be glad to pay for the secretarial work involved in addressing these.

If you feel that this might be acceptable, I will be glad to send you a copy of the letter requesting the information, setting forth what it is we want and why.

Sincerely

Edward N. Barnhart
Assistant professor

Woodmen

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424 Wheeler Hall
6 May 1949

Woodmen of the World
1447 Tremont Place
Denver, Colorado

Gentlemen:

I am making a study of public opinion on the West Coast at the time of Pearl Harbor. I find that a number of lodges of various fraternal and benevolent societies passed resolutions urging the evacuation of the Japanese-American population from California, feeling that their presence was a danger.

I would like to know if any W.O.W. Lodges passed such resolutions at that time. Would it be possible for you to inform me, from your records, how many had done so? I would like to secure copies of these resolutions, if there be any, but since this would be probably too much to ask of your office, if you could give me the names of the Lodges I would correspond with them directly.

If this information is not in your files, I would appreciate suggestions as to where I might obtain it. In your opinion would it be profitable to write to each of the lodges in California? How many of them are there? Could I secure a list from your office?

Sincerely

Edward H. Barnhart
Asst. professor



WOODMEN OF THE WORLD

Fraternal Life Insurance on Legal Reserve Basis

Denver, Colorado

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May 11, 1949.

1447 Tremont Pl
Denver 2, Colo.

J. F. FREEMAN
Secretary-Treasurer

Mr. Edward N. Barnhart,
Assistant Professor,
University of California
424 Wheeler Hall,
Berkeley 4, California.

Dear Mr. Barnhart:

This is in answer to your letter of May 6, 1949.

We have had no information from any of our Camps in California that a resolution, such as you mention in your letter, was passed. We believe that if a resolution had been passed by any of our Camps that a copy of it would have been sent to this office.

With best wishes, we remain

Sincerely yours,

J. F. Freeman
Secretary-Treasurer

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Mason

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#24 Wheeler Hall
6 May 1949

Grand Secretary
Masonic Temple
Market & Van Ness Streets
San Francisco, California

Dear Sir:

I am making a study of public opinion on the West Coast at the time of Pearl Harbor. I find that a number of fraternal association lodges, Elks, Sciots and others, felt the danger of the large number of Japanese-Americans on the Coast and passed resolutions urging that they be evacuated from the state or from the coastal areas.

I would like to know if any Masonic Lodges had taken this action at this time. Would it be possible for you to inform me, from your records, of how many had done so? I would like to secure copies of these resolutions, if there be any, but since would be probably too much to ask of your office, if you could give me the names of the lodges I could correspond with them directly.

If locating this information requires considerable time by your staff, I would be glad to pay for secretarial assistance, if you will let me know how much it would cost.

If this information is not in your files, I would appreciate a suggestion as to where I might obtain it.

In your opinion, would it be profitable to write to each of the Lodges in California. How many of them are there? Could I secure a list of them and their Secretaries from your office?

Sincerely

Edward H. Barnhart
Assistant professor



GRAND LODGE
FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS
OF CALIFORNIA

MASONIC TEMPLE
25 VAN NESS AVENUE
SAN FRANCISCO, 2

May 10, 1949

LLOYD E. WILSON, P. G. M.
GRAND SECRETARY

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Edward N. Barnhart, Asst. Professor
Department of Speech
University of California
Berkeley 4, California

Dear Mr. Barnhart:

Neither this Grand Lodge nor any of its constituent Lodges passed any resolutions relating to Japanese, nor did it take any action of any kind or character in this connection.

We are quite different in numerous respects from other fraternal organizations, and one distinctive feature is that we never adopt resolutions relating to public questions.

Fraternally yours,

Lloyd E. Wilson
Grand Secretary

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Scott Rite

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424 Wheeler Hall
6 May 1949

Judge W.R. Hervey
458 South Spring Street
Los Angeles 13, California

Dear Judge Hervey:

I am making a study of public opinion on the West Coast at the time of Pearl Harbor and shortly thereafter. I find that a number of lodges of fraternal and benevolent societies, such as Elks and Sciots, passed resolutions urging the evacuation of the Japanese-American population, feeling that their presence here was a danger.

I would like to know if any Scottish Rite Lodges passed such resolutions at that time. Can you give me such information?

If this information is not available at your office, can you suggest how I might go about securing it? Would it be profitable for me to write to each of the lodges in California? How many of them are there? Could I secure a list from your office?

Sincerely

Edward N. Barnhart
Assistant professor

WM. RHODES HERVEY
EDWARD HERVEY
W. R. HERVEY, JR.

HERVEY & HERVEY
ATTORNEYS AT LAW
458 SOUTH SPRING STREET
LOS ANGELES 13
May 12th, 1949

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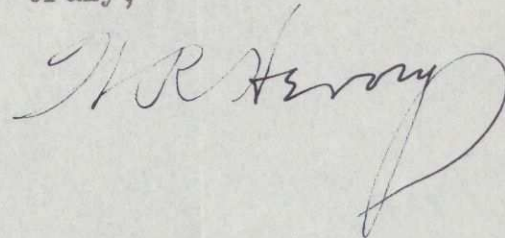
Mr. Edward N. Barnhart
Department of Speech University of California
Berkeley 4, California

Dear Mr. Barnhart:

I do not know of any resolutions urging the evacuation of Japanese-American population passed by any Masonic body in this state. None of the Scottish Rite Bodies, which are Masonic in character, passed such resolutions so far as I know. It is the law and the practice of Masonic Bodies not to pass any resolutions directed to any matter of Government action, legislation or politics.

There are about 650 Masonic Blue Lodges in the State of California and Lloyd E. Wilson, Grand Secretary, Masonic Temple, San Francisco, could furnish you a roster of those lodges. There are fifteen sets of Bodies of the Scottish Rite in the State.

Yours very truly,



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Shrine

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424 Wheeler Hall
6 May 1949

Mr. R.S. Abernethy
297 13th Street
Oakland 12, California

Dear Mr. Abernethy:

I am making a study of public opinion on the West Coast at the time of Pearl Harbor and shortly thereafter. I find that a number of lodges of fraternal and benevolent societies such as Elks and Sciots, passed resolutions urging the evacuation of the Japanese-American population, feeling that their presence here was a danger.

I would like to know if any Shrine lodges passed such resolutions at that time. Can you give me such information?

If this information is not available at your office, can you suggest how I might go about securing it? Would it be profitable for me to write to each of the Lodges in California? How many of them are there? Could I secure a list from your office?

Any information you can give me would be appreciated.

Sincerely

Edward W. Barnhart
Assistant professor



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BOB ABERNETHY, Recorder
Office of Recorder and Potentate
297 Thirteenth Street
Oakland 12, California

May 10, 1949

LESTER A. HIGH
Illustrious Potentate
FRANKLIN L. VAN FLEET
Chief Rabban
HOWARD K. CROSS
Assistant Rabban
PAUL MORRISON
High Priest & Prophet
W. SCOTT MANSFIELD
Oriental Guide
FRED C. WELLS
Treasurer

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Edward N. Barnhart,
Dept. of Speech,
424 Wheeler Hall, U. of C.,
Berkeley 4, Calif.

Dear Mr. Barnhart:

In reply to your letter of May 6th,
please be advised that we did not pass any such
resolution as you mentioned in your letter. Neither
did the other California Temples.

Very sincerely,

Bob Abernethy
Recorder

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Eagles

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424 Wheeler Hall
9 May 1949

Mr. Paul A. Daily, State Secretary
Fraternal Order of Eagles
San Jose, California

Dear Mr. Daily:

I am making a study of public opinion on the West Coast at the time of Pearl Harbor. I find that a number of lodges of various fraternal and benevolent societies, such as Elks and Scouts, passed resolutions urging the evacuation of the Japanese-American population from the coast, feeling that their danger here was a danger.

I would like to know if any Eagle Lodges in the state passed such resolutions at that time. Would it be possible for you to inform me, from your records, how many had done so? I would like to secure copies of these resolutions if there be any, but since this would be asking your office quite a chore, if you could give me the names of the lodges I would correspond with them directly.

If locating this information requires considerable time by your staff, I would be glad to pay for secretarial assistance, if you will let me know how much it would cost.

If this information is not in your files, I would appreciate a suggestion as to where I might obtain it. In your opinion, would it be profitable to write to each of the Lodges in California. How many of them are there? Could I secure a list from your office.

Sincerely

Edward N. Barnhart
Assistant professor

Eagles

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424 Wheeler Hall
17 June 1949

Fraternal Order of Eagles
Secretary C.C. Guenther
1737 McGee Street
Kansas City 8, Missouri

Dear Mr. Guenther:

A colleague and I are writing a history of some of the events in California in the months after Pearl Harbor. We find that at that time a number of fraternal and benevolent societies were active in public affairs and passed resolutions of one sort or another. We are interested in getting a picture of these activities and to that end, would like to communicate with the various Eagle lodges in California asking them what actions they took and the like.

Could we have a list of the lodges in California from your office?

I have communicated with the San Jose office but apparently I do not have the correct address as the letter was not answered.

Sincerely

Edward N. Barnhart
Assistant professor

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Fraternal Order of
Eagles



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Chief Auditor

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Department

1203 Locust Street
Kansas City 6, Mo.

July 19, 1949

Edward N. Barnhart, Ass't Professor
University of California
424 Wheeler Hall
Berkeley 4, California

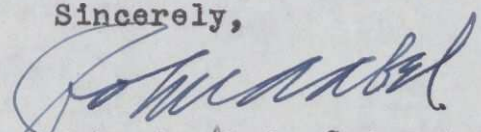
Dear Mr. Barnhart:

I am sorry that there has been delay in replying to your letter of June 17th, which was addressed to our Mr. Guenther. Our State Aerie Conventions throughout the entire jurisdiction from coast to coast were held during the month of June and this required the attendance of various officials from the headquarters offices to these conventions. For that reason, your letter was held until my return because of its nature requiring my personal attention.

I am indeed sorry to advise that our laws do not permit the releasing of the names and addresses of our various units. However, I do have this suggestion. I will be glad to furnish you with the name and address of the Secretary of say a half-dozen California locations, if you will select the cities. Of course, we have units in almost all of the major cities in California, such as San Francisco, Los Angeles, San Diego, Oakland, East Oakland, Sacramento, San Jose, Bakersfield and hundreds of others.

I await your any further advices.

Sincerely,


John A. Abel, Chief Auditor

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REMEMBER THE MEMORIAL FOUNDATION

Sciots

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424 Wheeler Hall
3 June 1949

Sciots Supreme Pyramid
Phelan Building
San Francisco, California

Gentlemen:

I am making a study of public opinion toward the Japanese in California at the time of Pearl Harbor. I find that many organizations, feeling the danger of espionage and sabotage from the Japanese population on the coast, passed resolutions calling on the Federal Government to evacuate all enemy aliens or individuals of Japanese ancestry.

I find that a number of Sciots lodges passed such resolutions, but I do not know how many of them did so. Would it be possible for you to inform me from your records, how many of the California lodges passed such resolutions?

If this information is not obtainable from you, could I secure a list of the Lodges in California and their addresses? I would like to write to them and ask for this information.

Sincerely

Edward M. Barnhart
Assistant professor

WALTER F. GIBSON, SUPREME GOVERNOR
OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA

MALCOLM R. GILES, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
MOOSEHEART, ILLINOIS

EDWARD A. MIFKA, GENERAL GOVERNOR
MOOSEHEART, ILLINOIS

Supreme Lodge of the World
Loyal Order of Moose

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OFFICE OF
MALCOLM R. GILES, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
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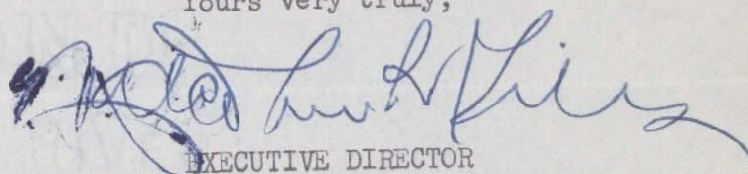
July 1, 1949

Mr. Edw. N. Barnhart
Assistant Professor
Dept. of Speech
424 Wheeler Hall
University of Calif.
Berkeley 4, Calif.

Dear Mr. Barnhart:

In reply to your letter of June 17 in which you request a listing of the Moose Lodges in the State of California, may we kindly suggest that you contact our Regional Director for that state, Mr. James B. West, 444 North Camden Drive, Beverly Hills, California. Mr. West will not only be able to supply you with a listing of the Moose units in the state, but will also give you a complete picture of the activities of our organization in California. Incidentally, our next international convention will be held in California, August 14 - 18 in San Francisco.

Yours very truly,


EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

MRG:BK

424 Wheeler Hall
5 July 1949

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Mr. James B. West, Regional Director
Loyal Order of Moose
444 North Camden Drive
Beverly Hills, California

Dear Mr. West:

A colleague and I are engaged in writing a history of the events in California in the months following the attack on Pearl Harbor. We are interested at the moment in the resolutions passed by many organizations calling for the removal from the coast of the enemy aliens, especially the Japanese, due to the fear of espionage and sabotage from these groups. We find that both public as well as private bodies urged the government to take this action.

I would like to know if any of the Loyal Order of Moose Lodges in California passed such resolutions. I recently wrote to Mr. M.R. Giles, asking if he had such information and he suggested that I write to you.

If you have any information about the clubs which might have or did pass such a resolution, I would like to know how many did. I would also like to secure copies of the resolutions or statements.

If you do not have this information, might I have a list of the Moose Lodges in the state so that I could write to them directly?

Sincerely

Edward N. Barnhart
Asst. professor



SUPREME LODGE OF THE WORLD LOYAL ORDER OF MOOSE

MOOSEHEART, ILLINOIS



MEMBERSHIP ENROLLMENT
DEPARTMENT

OFFICE OF
JAMES B. WEST
REGIONAL DIRECTOR
LOYAL ORDER OF MOOSE
444 NORTH CAMDEN DRIVE
BEVERLY HILLS, CALIF.
PHONE: CRESTVIEW 1-1955

July 13, 1949

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Mr. Edward N. Barnhart,
Assistant Professor,
University of California,
424 Wheeler Hall,
Berkeley 4, California.

Dear Mr. Barnhart:

In acknowledging your letter of July 5th, for which we thank you, I wish to advise that I have taken the liberty of forwarding your correspondence to Mr. A. E. Lusk, who is familiar with things that may have transpired within our organization in the months immediately following the attack on Pearl Harbor.

I became the Regional Director of this State on October 1st, 1942 and my knowledge of the organizations activities prior to that date would be of little documentary value. I will ask Secretary Lusk to answer your letter to me, as though it had been written to him. This will save time and correspondence.

Again thanking you for the privilege of rendering even so slight a service, I am,

Cordially yours,

James B. West.
Regional Director.

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424 Wheeler Hall
17 June 1949

Loyal Order of Moose
Secretary M. R. Giles
Mooseheart, Illinois

Dear Mr. Giles:

A colleague and I are engaged in writing a history of events in California in the months immediately following Pearl Harbor. We find that various fraternal and benevolent societies were active in public affairs, passing resolutions and the like favoring various measures in the public interest. We would like to get a complete picture of the activities of the Moose Lodges in California.

Could we secure a list of the lodges in this state from you?

I have written to the Moose Lodge in Oakland but have not received an answer.

Sincerely

Edward N. Barnhart
Assistant professor

Moose

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424 Wheeler Hall
6 May 1949

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Mr. Charles E. Brooks
Loyal Order of Moose
1428 Alice Street, Oakland

Dear Mr. Brooks:

I am making a study of public opinion on the West Coast at the time of Pearl Harbor. I find that a number of lodges of various fraternal and benevolent societies, such as Elks and Scouts, passed resolutions urging the evacuation of the Japanese-American population from the coast, feeling that their presence here was a danger.

I would like to know if any Moose Lodges in the state passed such resolutions at that time. Would it be possible for you to inform me, from your records, how many had done so? I would like to secure copies of these resolutions if there be any, but since this would probably be too much to ask of your office, if you could give me the names of the lodges I could correspond with them directly.

If locating this information requires considerable time by your staff, I would be glad to pay for secretarial assistance, if you will let me know how much it would cost.

If this information is not in your files, I would appreciate a suggestion as to where I might obtain it. In your opinion, would it be profitable to write to each of the Lodges in California. How many of them are there? Could I secure a list from your office?

Sincerely

Edward N. Barnhart
Assistant professor



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November 28th 1950

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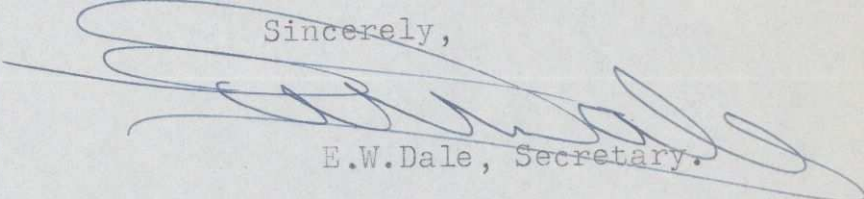
Dear Sir:

In answer to your letter of November 25th
in regard to the status of an Elks Club within the
B.P.O. Elks.

Nearly all of our lodges maintain club
rooms and the use of the term "Elks Club" is many
times applied when in the strict interpretation
it should be "Elks Lodge". No Elks Club as such
exists without it being a part of and under the
control of the Lodge.

Mr. Frank Kryger of 607 South Park View
Ave., Los Angeles, is the Secretary of B.P.O. Elks
No. 99.

Sincerely,


E.W. Dale, Secretary.

B. P. O. ELKS No. 99

607 SOUTH PARK VIEW

LOS ANGELES 5

December 8, 1950

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EXALTED RULER

Mr. Edward N. Barnhart
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University of California
424 Wheeler Hall,
Berkeley, 4, Calif.

Dear Sir:

Referring to your letter of December 3rd, have
to advise that I fail to find anything in our
records of 1942, where a resolution was passed
calling for the evacuation of the Japanese
alien enemies.

Yours very truly,

Frank Kryger
Frank Kryger
Secretary.

FK:IM

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F.6 Fraternal and benevolent societies

Expressions of opinion in regard to evacuation appear to have come from only two of the many fraternal and benevolent societies.

Of the 90 Elks Clubs in California, 3 passed resolutions

Alameda - January 26 ^{"the union of all"} remove Jap. nationals " (C)

Modesto March 9 - enemy aliens and "all members of Japanese race"

Hanford - March 12 - almost identical with Modesto (D)

^{Oregon}
Two Elks Clubs in ~~Washington~~ appear to have passed resolutions.

Portland January 29 remove enemy aliens (B)

Hood River - no date same as Hanford and Modesto (A)

judging says " - we have only copies of 5.

judg. says (223) Elks Club of L.A.

*wrote 25
Nov*

Denied

1 lodge of Sciots appear to have come out publically favoring evacuation.

*wrote L.A
3 Dec.*

Fraternal Organizations

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Grodzins reports on fraternal organization's resolutions (page 55
of the book) mentioning the following:

<u>Club</u>	<u>No. passing evac. resol. according to Grodzins</u>	<u>His source of information</u>	<u>In files</u>	<u>Tolan</u>
Elks <i>how many clubs in Calif. are work = 90</i>	11	Justice files	{ 2 ORE. 3 CALIF }	#A 0
Supreme Pyramid of Sciots <i>N of clubs =</i>	1 (Grodz. book p. 21)	does not indicate	0	0

Hood River - no date - "all members of Jap race"
Portland - Jan 21 - "remove e.a."

✓
Hanford - March 12 - e.a. & "all members Jap race" *almost all as Hanford*
Staneda - Jan 26 - remove Jap. nationals.
Modesto - Mar, 9

I wrote to five other fraternal & benevolent organizations asking for information aboutt resolutions for evacuation. Woodmen of the World, Blue Lodges and Scottish Rite Masons, and Ashes Temple (Shrine) stated ^{that} none of their lodges had passed such resolutions. The ^{local} Masons indicated that they never "adopt resolutions relating to public questions."

~~Also wrote to Eagles and Loyal Order of Moose but to date (13 July) no answer received.~~

grand Lodge free & Acc. Masons
none paired

6. Fraternal and Benevolent societies

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Expressions of opinion on the Japanese matter appear to have come from lodges of only two of the many fraternal and benevolent societies, the Elks and Sciots. Responses to inquiries addressed to Blue Lodge and Scottish Rite Masons, Woodmen of the World, Grand ~~xxxx~~ Lodge Free and Accepted Masons and Ashmunes Temple Shriners appears to indicate that none of the lodges of these societies passed resolutions.

Of the 90 Elks ^{Lodges} ~~in~~ in California, ³ passed resolutions. on Alameda Lodge No. 1015 on January urged the President and Secy of War "the immediate removal from California of all Japanese nationals." Lodges in Modesto and Hanford on March 9 and ¹⁴ ~~14~~ respectively passed identical resolutions urging that "appropriate action be taken immediately by those in authority toward the removal from the State of California and the entire Pacific Coast of all members of the Japanese race and all other dangerous alien enemies now residing within such territory" and that "the Government also take action immediately for the establishment of strong and sufficient concentration camps or guarded areas where said Japanese and other aliens...will be carefully protected and guarded."

Grodzins (p.55) states that "eleven lodges of the Benevolent Protectorate...favored evacuation" giving as his source JD files. He does not indicate lodge locations or dates of actions. He also claims, in listing demands for evacuation from Los Angeles that "the Elks Club" favored evacuation (p.223). The Secy of the major lodge in L.A., No. 99 denies this: "Have to advise that I fail to find anything in our records of 1942 where a resolution was passed calling for the evacuation of the Japanese" (Frank Kryger, Dec. 8, 1950).

Of the Elks Lodges in Oregon there is evidence to show that 2 passed resolutions: Portland Lodge No. 142. On January 31, petitioned "the officials of our government...to remove all enemy aliens to a safe distance inland from the Pacific Coast." Hood River Lodge No. 1507 passed, date unknown, a resolution identical to that of Modesto and Hanford listed above.

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There is no evidence to indicate that any of the Elk
lodges in Washington expressed themselves in favor of evacuation.

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the San Jose Lodge of the Ancient
Egyptian Order of Knights (Supreme Pyramid
named said. Feb 28 calling
for removal of alien & all Japanese
inland.

Where
known?

Fresno Bee March 8

Sup. Mgt of Knights send
remove all J. from Calif
J.C. is "endangered by the presence of
a large popul. of J. and alien
J. who own or control great areas
of ag. lands adj. to
ind. plants engaged
in work of war
impl."

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Addressee

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(92")
Elks - E.W.Dale, Secy.
Elks Association of California
315 Tenth St., Richmond.

Asked for permission to
send him letter for mailing

no answer

Woodmen of World - J.F.Freeman
1447 Fremont Pl.
Denver, Colorado

"No information from any
of our Camps in California
that a resolution...was
passed."

Masons -
Blue Lodges
Scottish Rite

"Never adopt resolutions
relating to public questions."

AAhmes - Shrine

"Did not pass any such
resolution. Neither did the
other California Temples"

Eagles -

~~no answer~~
*will give list of some
Secretaries*

~~Sciots -~~

sent list of clubs.

~~Sciots -~~
Moose - James B. West
444 North Camden Drive
Beverly Hills, California

wrote for inf. or list