Grand Master's Column

Whither Are We Travelling?

S. Matthew Hendershot

The theme perhaps reminds us all with some pertinence of our initial introduction into the mysteries of our Order. We were asked the question then, although novices, whence came you, and also the intentions and methods of your predecessors. Our hopes and ambitions were high then and although we were not sure where we were going then, as we should now know by now, the thrill of a new adventure into mysteries heretofore denied us whetted our thirst for this knowledge.

We have tried to meet the needs of our membership and in some measure we have succeeded in creating a better life for the many as well as the few, but if we are to build up our cherished fraternity, if we are to maintain and increase our membership, we must answer whether the current gains on which we are now resting shall be the foundations for further progress, or whether they shall only be monuments to what might have been—abandoned by a group who called themselves "Builders", but who lacked the will to see their great work through.

The loss of membership must, in most instances, by laid at the door of our leadership. This conclusion is not meant to convey the idea that the intentions and many of the pursuits have not been well intended and, to some extent successful but in a large measure we are not leaving a legacy upon which our heirs, in Masonry, can build.

Each lodge and chapter should examine its capacity for growth in today's world. Some will need to revise their constitutions and their laws to bring them up to date; others will need to reorganize and reshape their method of management to make our fraternity more palatable to today's younger men. This middle generation must be taught to lead for they are scheduled to take over the control of our members and their revenue when we and our hierarchy; but if we are found shrinking, immaturely, from proper decision making, the people in the future, as necessary, are doomed to failure. If the decadent thinking onces suffer confused dismay at being denied their own unobstructed way in our fraternity, that is unfortunate. Allowing weaknesses to lead isn't a cure for our dilemma. Perhaps there is no cure, but the self-protective partial antidote is to be strong and aware. Let us be strong in promoting justice across the board. The secret of Masonry lies in our own weaknesses. We measure ourselves by the extent to which we are able to use our membership for the common good. Our leadership is the key to take heart, be courageous and plan, for if you appoint the right great office of leadership in your respective lodges you should be prepared to provide an enlarged channel program that will not only be constructive but will help to solve some of the problems with which our predecessors have been faced.

The young Mason and the potential Mason must be looking for action; for places to go and for a sense of which solid, well-being is led him, for his family and for his community a better way of life. In our time, our survival, and our graduate, has a good job and a good future, is a leader in his group and has aspirations to go further in all of his pursuits. He wishes to do this through competition with those who whet his innate or trained ability to think. We must embark upon enlightened programs which will, in addition to perpetuating our Fraternity, provide complete new opportunities for our members to be a force for good, as leaders, in every facet of the communities in which they live.

Our failings are the results of yesterdays, and to instances rewarding prosperity, success and temporary affluence has caused a breakdown in the recognition of the "Tenets" of Masonry. Today's generation of "Brothers and prospective Brothers" are rightfully concerned over the arrogant and supercilious attitude by some of us as leaders in deference to the "Free and Accepted" principles our craft espouses. Progress will not be stymied; there are some of us who had to be dragged, kicking and screaming, into this twenty-first century and many who have and will follow us are destined to a similar situation. We are not; as some fail to consider, more seriously, the needs of those to whom we are giving leadership.

Leadership involves three conditions: the present, the past and the future—all simultaneously before a subordinate can contribute. The individual must understand from the bottom up, he must be capable of doing it, and he must be willing to do it. Leadership is a personal relationship between two individuals—the leader and the led. There is no other relationship. This is a different and changing set of conditions, i.e., understanding, etc. A leader must represent the group. Leadership in our Masonic jurisdictions requires therefore, communication to increase understanding, training to increase capability, and motivation to increase willingness. The only way to keep Masonry alive is to let our creative people bring change. The only value is the results rather than procedure. The last act of a dying organization to its membership is to die. The long stretch of history, societies have emerged, flourished and died. This is not inevitable! Most of you may nod your head. But I believe that we know enough about the nature of human makeup, to predict what the ingredients of an ever-renewing society. Using this theorem our later leadership must not permit this period to extend its period of vitality far beyond a point where we would have thought possible.

When an organization, or institution, in its youth, young, they are flexible and willing to "try anything once". As the organization gains in stability, flexibility gives way to rigidity, creativity fades, and there is a lack of capacity to meet challenges from unexpected directions. If we are to be an ever-renewing craft, we will develop a system of training work within which continuous innovation, renewal and rebirth can occur.

The soul of our fraternity inside the "mainstream" has not occurred; we are placed in a part of "limbo" outside this cherished area. There is still another drag on the innovative capacity of our order from the career of its "members". The phrase "vested interests" has become synonymous with individuals or groups of power and wealth, but the vested interests of those being led may be as strong as those of the vested leaders. In many lodges the established ways of doing things and the controls are held in place not simply by habit and human inertia but by the enormous restraining forces of vested interest. Certain rules and customs remain unchanged for the simple reason that changing them would put in jeopardy the rights, privileges or advantages of specific individuals. This theme is projected today by the panic of the old-timers come cranks and trouble-makers; yet from the same ranks come the saviors and innovators.

If we are to survive in the struggle for, and the maintenance of our membership we must create a climate in which the seedlings of new ideas are not uprooted and the deadwood of obsolete ideas can be hacked out. But above all, we must see that our Masonic order depends on the individuals who make it up. Vested interests must be rooted out and versatile men be given room to breathe. Having room to breathe, they will remain and contribute, as only they can, to our cherished Masonic Order's continued vitality.

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What's Happening Brother?

By Lewis J. Juhn

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has Prince Hall Masonic gone to sleep? Inactivity in the lodges has become alarmingly noticeable and from the reports coming into this office the craft definitely needs a shot in the arm.

This isn't something that has recently happened. The relaxing of efforts, like a creeping paralysis, has been observed by the more alert Brothers for some time.

Take a long hard look at our members in the jurisdiction. A couple of years ago a survey was taken and it was revealed that the average age of the Brothers was a disheartening 56 years. That statistic alone should be an eye opener. What is happening? Where are our youth? Why haven't they shown any interest in the craft? Is it because they all think we are an "arrogant bunch of men", as one young told a member of the Light Staff?

If it is because we are not militant enough to suit their desires? Is it because they have seen Brothers ignore others in the craft who are in distress? Is it because we have not order to learn.

Our jurisdictions must respect the sources of our own energy and motivation. Too much uniformity can destroy the opportunity for new ideas to rise. While I am aware that from the ranks of the trustees come cranks and trouble-makers; yet from the same ranks come the saviors and innovators.

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shown enough progress? Are we too apathetic toward the civil rights programs? Are we too aloof from the colleges and universities? Is it because most of us meet in rented homes and own very old property in which we can point with pride?

Is it because of our lack of interest in those politicians and leaders who rule our towns and cities? Is it because we fail to capitalize on the achievements that the "movers and shakers" in our fraternity affords us?

Some of the youths have asked us, "Who are the leaders in your lodge? What have they done?"

Do you have to name a bumbling Brother who has no administrative ability? One who went through the chairs only on his attendance record and acquired the reputation of making piecemeal contributions to the Light in attendance, and an honest desire to do good in Masonry are excellent qualifications but there are many more needed to make a good leader.

There are many members who have been in the craft over 20 years who would miserably flunk the test of qualifications of becoming a potentially good Master. And yet many of us vote for him because he is a "good guy", likeable and keeps his mouth shut. We seem to never analyze why he has nothing to say or pro or con in the lodge meetings. Perhaps it is because he doesn't know what to say. Yet we elect him. And the young people find it out and they say:

"Well, if he is your leader, then you must not have much of an organization and I don't want any part of it."

And then there are times when we elect capable leaders. They are powerful Masons. They do a good job. And they are removed from the chair because of a distorted sense of tradition that warps the logic of some of the old-timers who say, "When ever since I can remember, we have elected a new Master every year and I think we ought to continue to do so."

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vision. However, the social action was not on the wall nor on the mountain, but in the valley below. In summary then—what are the challenges which we as Masons face in our valleys at the foot of our mountains and not on the city walls?

The major question which confronts us on the streets, in the parks, in the schools, on college campuses, in our communities and national life, in our individual and corporate lives is can man master his environment, but can man control man? Our entire planet is so involved in revolutions which have been brought about by science and technology that Ambassador Goldberg said to an audience in Seattle a few nights ago that mankind probably had no more than a 50-50 chance of escaping nuclear destruction. This appalling pronouncement is our call to duty. We must not let the myth of powerlessness stop us from enlisting the power of little people everywhere to curb the arms race and block the building of machines which are capable of destroying entire Nations within a few minutes of any given day.

The usual convention formalities were observed at the opening of the sessions on Thursday, May 8. After the welcoming address, the Cabinet attended and remarks, the Conference Chairman dismissed the delegates to the various Workshops. I delivered a short talk on "Expanding Masonry through Increased Member Involvement" in the Grand Masters Workshop and participated in the general discussions and recommendations of the group, before moving on to the C.C.F.C. Workshop, where I also submitted a paper: "The general discussion in this workshop was on the "Role of the C.C.F.C. in Expanding Prince Hall Masonry". P.M. Gilbert W. Smith of Louisiana and P.M. Luther Townsend of Wisconsin also submitted materials for this workshop.

The C.C.F.C. Workshop submitted the following recommendations for consideration for the conference: 1. Grand Masters of each Jurisdiction make available, facilities, manpower and materials to Social Service Organizations, to assist these groups in providing useful service and information to citizens of the poverty areas to assist them in achieving better living conditions. 2. That C.C.F.C. Officers renew the practice of exchanging information on Jurisdictional programs and ritualistic work.

The past Grand Masters report was read in the general conference session and then referred to the Grand Masters executive session for consideration. The recommendation to abolish this Workshop and assign its members to the Grand Masters Workshop was approved for an executive session on a limited basis.

I am pleased to inform my brethren that, the Most Worshipful Grand Master and Members of his Cabinet attending the conference were all well prepared with material relating to the Conference Theme and Workshops"... attended at a very high level of competence; therefore, you may expect a good at the Annual Grand Communication in December. The next conference will be held in Boston, Jurisdiction of Massachusetts in August, 1970.

The Prince Hall Masonic Digest is at a turning point in its growth and expanding its activities. As we approach the 21st Century, alert Jurisdictions should be setting up procedures for reappraisal of their administrative operations. These tasks were uppermost in the minds of the delegates and were widely discussed at the Conference of Grand Masters of Prince Hall Masons of America which convened in Los Angeles.

The question, "As We Serve-We Grow," offered a great challenge to the delegates to weld together a meaningful program that will include more services to the community while pursuing the goals of Freemasonry. Grand Master Hendershot set the tone of the conference; while president of the United States, he breakfast luncheon. He noted, in his remarks that some brethren were so set in outdated programs; that they not only failed to see the arrows of direction set by their leaders, but missed the Indians also. He expressed the hope that if anything were to come from this meeting, it would be something that would be relevant to our several Jurisdictions, so that they would become a driving force in the world of the future.

The Eighteenth Annual Report presented by Brother John W. Davis, Special Director, Department of Teacher Information and Security, NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund, provided a timely and thought-provoking message for conference members. Excerpts from his speech are reprinted for your information.

"It is safe to project that there is more unbridled use of not-dreamt-of raw power than man has discovered to date in modern social world, powerlessness has too high a rating and priority in materials, in our environment, and in human beings. So often we hear someone say, he is powerless and useless. Our system of education assigns 1,000,000 children each year to the amount-to-nothing dump heap. The higher and ever higher quality ratings of our top colleges and universities cause them to be more and more distant from the people they were planned to serve. This is not to suggest the devaluation of our institutions. It is rather to suggest that they remain relevant to the needs of people and to their communities.

As Prince Hall Masons we are Watchmen on the Wall. The elevation of our position not only aids us in pledging anew our personal self-renewal and improvement, but gaining as well a fuller recognition of the suffering and frustration of people outside of the city wall. The tears of such suffering people represent signs of wasted power and offer beneficial challenges to the more powerful who would relieve their plight.

It might be as pleasant to remain in our comfortable citadels of three to suggest building three tabernacles on the Mount of Transfiguration so as to remain there in comfort to enjoy the glories of the inspiring mountain top of.
Brother Oscar Scott presents a plaque for outstanding service to PM Warner Patterson at a recent testimonial. Other members of C-18 Club shown (left to right) are: Bros. Ulysses Applewhite, Samuel Holmes, William King, Oscar Scott, PM Patterson, Roscoe Ayers, Charles Goither, Leswy Banks, John Miles, and Lee daughter.

C-18 Club Honors
PM Patterson

PM Warner Patterson of Corinthian Lodge No. 18, F.A.A.M. (P.H.A.) was honored at a testimonial dinner held during the spring at Lindsay's on Florida Avenue.

Brother Patterson was born in Natchez, Mississippi, and received his education in the public schools there. He came to Washington, D.C. in 1944 to accept a position with the Library of Congress where he is still employed. He is an active member of the Metropolitan Baptist Church and a teacher in the Primary Department of the Sunday School. He is married to the former Thelets B. Mckeen.

In 1945 he became a Masonic Mason of Corinthian Lodge No. 18 and served in various stations until, in 1968, he reached the highest office in the lodge—that of Worshipful Master. He joined the C-18 Club in 1946 where he served as Chairman of the Activity Committee and, from 1950 to 1956, as its President.

In 1968, in recognition of his dedication and devotion to Masonry, he was elected Grand Treasurer of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia (P.H.A.).

PM Patterson has more than demonstrated his love of family, of church, lodge, and club by his unselfishness, untiring efforts, and willingness to lend a helping hand whenever and wherever and whenever needed.

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When the road you're trudging seems steep,
When the funds are low and the debts are high,
And you want to smile, but you have to sigh,
When care is pressing you down a bit—
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Life is queer with its twists and turns.
As everyone of us sometimes learns,
And many a fellow turns about
When he might have won had he stuck it out.
Don't give up though the pace seems slow—
You may succeed another blow.
Often the goal is nearer
It seems to a faint and faltering man
Often the struggler has given up
When he might have captured the victor's cup.
And he learned too late when the night came down
How close he was to golden glory!
Success is failure turned inside out—
The silver tint of the clouds of doubt
And you never can tell how close
It may be near when it seems afar,
So stick to the fight when you're hardest hit—
It's when things seem worst that you mustn't quit.
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A Master's Viewpoint

The rapid advances made in the educational, social, economic, political, technical and other areas within recent years, as well as the attendant and increasing demands of the new society, have forced the people and organizations to change their mode of thinking. The meeting of these demands and attainment of objectives presupposes judicious selection of leaders on the basis of qualification and merit, rather than friendship. Therefore, it can only follow that any organization, without a reserve of qualified, potential leaders, would be in a state of profound distress, leading to decay and deterioration.

Although the ranks of Prince Hall Masonry are still staffed, to some degree, with men of capability and competency, our Fraternity is realizing a decadence in the flow of wise and good men into its alliance. This alarming condition, I believe, may be due to the fact that the Order no longer enjoys the attractiveness it once held. A few years ago, a prospective candidate's field of pursuit was very limited. Now, he has an unlimited freedom of choice and can pursue any profession, affiliate, practically, with any social or charitable organization, build a successful career in many fields of endeavor and acquire an education in any institution of learning in the country. Thus our beloved institution must compete, in a large measure, for the attention and interest of the young, progressive and forward thinking man or prospective Prince Hall Mason.

In my opinion, Prince Hall Masonry, if it is to survive, must adopt a new point of view. I do not mean, however, that traditions should be disregarded but I do feel that the mere antiquity of some of our practices and procedures does not, necessarily, justify their maintenance. I strongly believe that programs, streamlined with today's thinking, could be developed to captivate the interest of the young men of this generation... programs that would neither blemish nor destroy any of the valuable and sacred "Landmarks" that are basic and fundamental to the very purpose and meaning of Freemasonry.

What did our ancient brethren do in those centuries when evil elements and war threatened to destroy "Operative Masonry"? The answer appears to be quite obvious, for there would be no "Speculative Masonry" for us to enjoy (the earliest record of such a Lodge being 1703) had our ancient brethren maintained the practice that "only worthy "Operative Masters" or "Cathedral Builders", actual stone and brick workers, could join their ranks.

If Prince Hall Masonry is to stimulate the interest of the "new breed of men" it should become more involved in the controversial issues of the day... the Model Cities Project, the War in Vietnam, the Safe Streets Program and others dealing with the betterment of community life. There are many noteworthy issues in which our organization could and must take a firm stand or position. Such action, I think, would not only give public expression to its time-honored precepts but would, indeed, "convince the world-at-large of its good effects".

The new generation is observing the people and organization that are doing things, taking an active part in the shaping of the present and future society. Our Subordinate Lodges can and must demonstrate an awareness of and need for a broader involvement in community affairs. They should even go a step further. Their views on issues of merit should be submitted to the Grand Lodge for suitable consideration and positive action.

What is Prince Hall Masonry going to do? Will it adhere tenaciously to the "old school of thought", in all respects, and die or will it acquire a new vision and perspective and survive?

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In order to erect a perpetual memorial to the memory of Prince Hall, African Grand Lodge met on June 4, 1808, and changed her title to the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge, F.A.M., Jurisdiction of Massachusetts, as it is today.

It is of particular interest to note that in 1869 a fire destroyed the Grand Lodge headquarters and a number of its priceless records. The charter, in its metal tube, was in the Grand Lodge chest. The tube saved the charter from the flames but the intense heat curved the piper. Grand Master S.T. Kendall crawled into the burning building and, in peril of his life, saved the charter from complete destruction. Thus a Grand Master's devotion and heroism further consecrated this parchment to us, and added a further detail to its already interesting history. The charter has long since been made secure between heavy plate glass and is kept in a fire-proof vault in a downtown Boston Bank.

From Whence We Came

Any history of Negro Masonry in the District of Columbia must begin with a brief sketch of the origin of Negro Masonry in the United States. The following is a copy of the constitution, rules and regulations of the most worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Masons, printed at Boston in 1819.

"First, we will submit an account of our creation as Masons, taken from our ancient records.

"March 6th, 1775, by Master Babb they made these Masons: Prince Hall, Cyrus Jonas, Bureton Slinger, Thomas Sanderson, Prince Tayden, Cato Speare, Boston Smith, Peter Best, Fortin Howard, Prince Rees, John Cante, Peter Fruman, Benj. Tiber, Duff Bufom, Richard Tilley.

"The legality of this making was acknowledged by the Grand Lodge of England, in 1784, by the issuing to Prince Hall, Thomas Sanderson, Boston Smith, and their associates, Charter 459," constituting them a regular lodge of Free and Accepted Masons, with all the rights and powers thereto belonging.

"For this charter we are much indebted to the Right Worshipful Brother William Moody, a member of the Grand Lodge at London, with whom Prince Hall was in correspondence for that purpose, as the following letter shows:

"Boston, Mass. Aug. 12, 1785

Mr. William Moody: Righte worshipful sir. I received yours of the 21st of June, through the politeness of Captain Washington, in which you inform me that you have got the constitution from the Grand Lodge of England, in accordance with my letter in behalf of the African Lodge, for which kindness receive our gratitude. We are sorry that our Brother Gregory, when in London, and after you had so often pressed him to do his duty, failed to take the charter from the Grand Secretary. By Captain Scott, I forward you an order, and you will oblige me by transmitting the document through him. Wishing prosperity to you and the lodge,

I am your affectionate brother, Prince Hall.

The charter was granted and placed in charge of Captain Scott, who, with his ship, St. James, was at Boston, whereupon Prince Hall announced the same in the "Commonwealth News," April 30, 1787, printed at Boston, in these words:

"By Captain Scott, from London came the charter, etc., which his Royal Highness, the Duke of Cumberland, and the Grand Lodge of Great Britain, have been graciously pleased to grant to the African Lodge in Boston. As the bretheren have a desire to acknowledge all favors shown them, they in this manner return thanks to a certain member of the fraternity, who offered the so generous reward in this paper some time since, for the charter supposed to be lost, and to assure him, though they doubt of his real friendship, that he has made them many good friends. Prince Hall.

"It is the consensus of opinion among historians that the following sequence developed leading to the establishment of the African Grand Lodge.

"On March 6, 1775, Prince Hall and 14 other free Negro brethren were made Master Masons by Worshipful Master J. B. Babb in Army Lodge No. 1, the first lodge (not on registry) at Castle William, approximately 2 1/2 miles from what was then Boston. This Lodge was attached to one of the regiments of General Gage, then stationed near Boston. On July 3, 1776, African Lodge No. 1 was organized in Boston by an assembly of uninitiated Negro brethren and with authority from Army Lodge.

"Official acknowledgement of the legitimacy of African Lodge No. 1 was immediately made by John Rowe of Boston, Provincial Grand Master for North America, looking upon African Lodge as the Grand Lodge of the world, of that name. He issued a warrant authorizing the Lodge to appear publicly as a Masonic body in procession for the purpose of celebrating the Feast of Saint John and to bury its dead. (They performed no "work" until they received the charter.)

"On March 2 and June 30, 1874, African Lodge No. 1 applied to the Grand Lodge of England for a charter. The charter was issued to them, as "African Lodge, No. 459," with Prince Hall as Master, September 29, 1874, but, owing to various vexatious misadventures, was not received until April 27, 1877.

"The Lodge was organized under the warrant on May 6, 1877. It remained upon the English registry occasionally contributing to the Grand Charity Fund, until, upon the amalgamation of the rival Grand Lodges of the "Moderns" and the "Ancients" into the present United Grand Lodge of England (1813), it and the other Lodges in the United States were erased.

"On June 4, 1791, on call by Prince Hall, a general assembly of the craft was held in Masons Hall, No. 100, Market Street, Boston, Massachusetts, and African Grand Lodge was formed, Prince Hall being chosen Grand Master, which office he held until his death in December, 1807.

GW Matron Linda Lovell and MW Grand Master S. Matthew Hendershott crown the Queen, Carolyn Phillips, at the 1969 O.E.S. Collation. Members of the Queen's Court are (left to right) Shyla Simpson, Anita Johnson, Sandra Fletcher, Valerie Harris, Rene Joyner. Escort provided by ROTC Unit at McKinley High School.

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My Stewardship as Grand Master

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Joseph S. Thomas, PGM

RESUME OF WORK

When we began our administration, the re-establishment of our image in the community and the instilling of the Craft in the minds of the people were our main objectives. Therefore, the designs drawn upon the Trestle Board were designed to fulfill the hope and desire of our Members in this Jurisdiction. The appointment of Officers and Committee personnel were selected to provide leadership, and the officers and total participation by Officers and Members represented the best professional women to achieve our goals.

The plans for Unity-Progress and Security set forth in our brochures are at long last beginning to bear fruit. We now have unity of purpose, we know what we have accomplished and we know where we are going. Through the Jurisdiction there is evidence of a high degree of enthusiasm, peace and understanding of the problems involved in carrying out our objectives.

We are charged with leadership in the Jurisdiction, set the work schedules and the wheels of progress, supported by many sturdy spokes extending from the hub to the outer edges of this Jurisdiction, begin to slowly turn onto their course down the pathways of time.

In laying the foundation for progress in Jurisdiction No. 1, it was my policy to encourage wide participation in our affairs by the Officers and Committee personnel. The procedure improved the operating efficiency of each individual and raised the level of active participation in the management of our programs this year. My evaluation of the work of these Officers, Chairmen and Committee members is that of the highest percentage and I salute them for a job well done.

Through the efforts of all the dedicated Members of this Craft, we have secured this Temple. We have secured our home by laying a solid foundation on all four corners, which are (1) Full participation on all program plans; (2) Our cash reserves, enough to meet unforeseen emergencies; (3) A fixed investment plan, under the direction of the Grand Trustees; and (4) The beginning of a growing investment program.

The decision to hold the Grand Lodge activity programs in this Temple was right. This decision encouraged the utmost in our Temple, and built and held successful affairs here also. These activities, Operation Boot-Strap, advance, rent plans, Subordinate Lodge and national Chapters contributions, the O. E. S. Volunteers, the Children and many special groups aided in increasing the capacity of our operation. We could not have done this job without faith, hope and personal application. Through this tireless application of hard work, the Grand Lodge is sound, we have continuity in program planning and we leave to our successors a healthy Jurisdiction.

The record of this administration is set forth in the reports submitted for your information and evaluation.

History has taught us that the value of progress in any given administration, cannot be fully determined in a year, or two, therefore, such programs may have achieved in this administration must await the testing scales of time.

Now we come to the crossroads, where the past meets the future. I say to you this night, you are what we are and the future of this great Craft lies with you.

The STATE OF THE NATION

If you can reduce more than thirty thousand words to a single paragraph on national affairs, you would have to say the main thrust of our society, is toward stabilization of the Federal, State and City power structures regarding civil rights.

The multiple studies and research ventures into the civil rights field on behalf of men and women of color have come to a dead-end passage, while men and women of color pray for equality and justice. We say to the Commissions, the study groups, the department heads and all freedom loving people, men and women of all races must come together and solve these problems that hold back twenty million American citizens. We must set aright the mistakes of the past and lift the blanket of oppression that has been the lot of our people for more than one hundred years.

American must wake up and come to realize that we will no longer be satisfied with handouts and paternal care, we want a piece of the action. We want to be a part of this growing economy here in America and we want it now.

I am sure you are aware of the growth, stability and well being of our Nation's progress. The reports and records are documented each day for your information. Therefore, I shall now waste the time of this busy Grand Lodge Session to repeat or review information that is available to you through the news media. I am hopeful, however that Grand Masters will see fit to eliminate this title in future address and insert an information title on the problems.
Expanding Masonry
Through Increased Activities


Brother Chairman and Past Grand Masters.

Expanding Masonry through increased activities is a project that every Prince Hall Subordinate Lodge should undertake. Before the step is taken to expand, however, one must be able to answer "Definitely, yes," to each of these questions.

1. Are there a definite number of qualified brethren to do the job?
2. Can a project be done without substantial increases in lodge expenditures?
3. Are there sufficient people in the community to support regular activities and a special program?

If the answer to these questions is yes, then you must set in motion new programs that are attractive to the community. These programs must create an interest in the minds of this vast reservoir of untapped young men. Our doors must be securely tied, and yet remain partly open to inspire the imagination of men. That we are receptive. That we do have a place for young men in our Order. That our programs are no longer dull and routine. That Masonry is a going thing.

It is wise, therefore, for each Subordinate Lodge to establish several Lodges (located in one City) to move outside of our Sacred Walls from time to time and sponsor programs geared at the community. I suggest to you that we set up monthly forums that will bring to the people, Masons and non-Masons, the type of informative programs that will lend aid and assistance in the pursuit of their vocations. Within the framework of such programs, we find topics on employment, social service, civic affairs, proper investments and the Masonic purpose in the community. This type of program will introduce Craftsmen to the community and the people of the community to our Society.

We must revalue our policy of quietly lending aid to worthy public projects, and abandon the policy of being seen and heard in no other way. This community. The young men of today want to know what you are doing, and they want to know before they join--Masonry or any other organization.

Masonic Activities

Too often the reason a lodge fails to increase its activities and increase its membership is that it has no real and important requirements for individual members. The programs set upon our Trestle-Boards must be clear and specific and understood. We must set up programs that induce members to fully participate in all lodge programs. We must see that information reaches every member in his regular lodge mail. Especially those who do not attend lodge regulars.

Lest we forget, there are more than 20 million Negro men that live in this Nation who pride themselves on Masonic identity in some organization can be fulfilled by Prince Hall Masonry. If we undertake these programs based on some of the modern ideas of this century, we shall fulfill the dreams of these men and expand our activities serving behind our Sacred Walls to become our people. We must come to us. We must show these men that our Society is real and on the move. That we can adjust with the times as our Illustrious Brethren of centuries ago adjusted to conditions of their time. We cannot have effective working lodges until we have effective program planning. The programs of today must be geared to 21st century thinking in its planning stages. An eminent Mason advised one day, "In times of great crises, one should read Masonic history and listen to the word of young men." His advice was good, because Masonic history reveals the flexibility of our early brethren, who molded fashioned and fashioned the Masonic Rituals to suit their times.

It is not enough to merely endure the pain of lost membership and hope for better times. To stand on the frontiers of a new century, we must reach out and gather young men who want to live and contribute in the making of a lasting program for better Masons and Masonry. May this be our purpose as we seek to set in motion new programs and programs, and with confidence, the mission of Prince Hall Masonry in our time.

Frequently:
P.G.M. Joseph S. Thomas District of Columbia

OVER THE RAMPARTS
WE WATCH!!

"COMMUNICATION"

No matter what the Grand Lodge does in our jurisdiction, we can be sure of one thing: there will be reactions, both pro and con. I can believe that even if we were to exempt all members from dues and other requisites, someone would object.

A lot of these reactions are helpful, and, believe it or not, are given serious consideration. There is room of comment, of discussion, of thought, which ought to go into the wastebasket without a second glance; this is the unsigned "poison" note. My attitude is very simple: if a person has the courage to state his case and put his name to it, then he has my attention and respect, even if I disagree completely. If he does not, and hides behind an anonymous mask, his views merit no second look and are disregarded, even though I may agree completely with him.

Neither the office of Grand Master nor any other Lodge or Chapter could possibly maintain the popular reputation, but an honest effort is made to learn the member's views and put them to the test. If possible, I urge all of you to make your voices heard - through your Masters and Masters精准扶贫. And then, if you are so motivated, my personal office, door, telephone and mailbox are open to you directly. Speak now, or forever hold your peace!

S. Matthew Henderson
Most Worshipful Grand Master

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NEGROLOGY
On May 26, 1968, the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge convened in solemn Lodge of Sorrows, in memory of deceased Master Masons, who have passed through the sunset of mortal life to awaken in that golden City of everlasting life.

"The sun goes down into its glory, And darkness descends on the land But dawn comes quickly to cheer us For time is running sand Man both down and truth not, Till the heavens be no more."

In this vast universe, our lives are as a day with morning, noon and eve and all the things we see, we can compare to the sun setting as it is the time of the day when the sun sets in the west, signifying the sunset hour of many brethren, who are passing beyond the mysterious divide, to join the Fraternity of the spirits of just men made perfect, Dear Lord, may we ever remember that:

"He is the only priest that can even blind the soul."

Love is the only angel that can bid the gates sing out:

And when He comes to call thee, arise and follow fast; His way may be through darkness, But it leads to light at last."

GRAND MASTERS' CONFERENCE
This year, the full report on the Conference is submitted for your consideration by the Grand Master. The Workshop reports of the Deputy Grand Master, Grand Secretary and C. C. F. C. will be presented during this communication. Once again, the R. W. Deputy Grand Master, S. Matthew Hendershot, made an outstanding contribution to the work of the conference and demonstrated fine leadership ability in the workshops. The C. C. F. C. P.G.M. George A. Farrow, continued to be the moving spirit in the C. C. F. C's Workshops, bringing to that body sound and workable programs and the R.W. Grand Secretary, Richard C. Farrow (attending his first

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The Meaning of Free Masonry

This is the second in the series of articles, "Free Masonry," by P. M. Grant J. Daniels.

PART II
"FREE MASONRY: ITS LIFE AND REJUVENATION"

Amid the turbulence of our present-day life and the tidal wave of social revolution sweeping over the entire world, Freemasonry, like other organizations, whose very life is dependent upon the interest of its members and their self-dedication to the goals set by its processes and teachings, can only survive if its members recognize the declension that is slowly but surely creeping into its environs and take the necessary steps to thwart the cancerous destruction of its vital organs.

Those of us who cherish the great heritage left us by those stalwart men who in the days of courage and determination laid the basis for the existence of Prince Hall Masonry should be deeply concerned about the status of our Fraternity. Those of us who deplore the conditions which have led to this very evident deterioration should, because of that concern, seek ways and means of regenerating its life and of rejuvenating its influence upon the lives of its adherents.

The Hon. Stewart A. Minor, Past Master of Cherrydale Lodge No. 42, in an address delivered at the Concord Lodge No. 407 of Vienna, Va. on February 7, 1967 said: "Organizations, like people and nations, enjoy a cyclic existence. Their youth is green and succulent and, in maturity, they develop flourishing strength, but old age finds them moribund and useless.

Defining the flexibility of such life-cycles, P. M. Minor classifies them as human (animate) and organizational (inanimate) and differentiates their characteristics as follows: "The length of human life and the internal divisions thereof can be fairly well approximated. Man's years are, generally, three score and ten; custom has divided this time into rigidly defined periods of preparation, labor and rest.

Many have seen the fountain of youth but none have found it. Sooner or later, the grim reaper calls us all to a rendezvous with death. The cycle of human life is regular and predictable.

"Organizations, however, differ from people in that their life cycles are not approximations but are precise. An organization may go from youth to old age in two or three decades. On the other hand, it may endure for centuries. More importantly, an organization may go through a period of stagnation and then revive itself. Decline, for it, is not inevitable. Organizations need not stagnate at all. That they do is because the art of organizational renewal is not widely understood.

The fact that our Fraternity need not die, from stagnation, or the repeated attempts of dissidents and malcontents to discredit its benign influence is, indeed, one of far-reaching impact. Many complain about the misfortunes that have beset our organization. Among our ranks are many who are impatient and whose dissatisfaction evidences a rightful concern about its present status. Yet few are willing to make the necessary sacrifices or devote time in an unselfish quest for a workable solution to the problem.

To find the suitable antidote against the poisonous effects of the general lassitude that is sapping the life-strength of our Fraternity we must, first, determine our place in the "Fraternal Life-Cycle," and, then, utilize our minds and thoughts and efforts in search for a definite plan or program of organization and rejuvenation of interest among its members.

Such an antidote has been offered by P. M. Minor through the creative work he has termed, "Gardner's Rules." In October 1965, quotes P. M. Minor, "Mr. John W. Gardner, Secretary of the Department of Health, Education and Welfare, wrote an article for Harper's Magazine entitled, 'How To Prevent Dry Rot.' In it he listed the following nine rules which may be used to determine whether or not an organization is afflicted by and can be saved from the rot that is slowly eating away at it's structure.

(1) "Recruitment and Development of Talent"
(2) "Hospitality Environment"
(3) "Self Criticism"
(4) "Structural Fluidity"
(5) "Internal Communication"
(6) "The Rule Book"
(7) "Aqueducts Need Maintenance"
(8) "Past and Future"
(9) "Motivation, Conviction and Morale"

"The use or application of those rules," says P. M. Minor, "may help us intelligently diagnose the Masonic Order."

Within our own Jurisdiction there is, certainly, a great need for such an examination to check the deterioration now prevalent within the Craft. The first of the suggested rules should receive serious study and consideration because it points out very clearly one of the basic causes underlying the decay or 'dry rot' that threatens our Fraternity's integrity.

RECRUITMENT AND DEVELOPMENT OF TALENT

"The Point," quotes P. M. Minor, "an organization must have the capacity to add to its membership. No organization can maintain itself unless it recruits and develops talent at the highest quality. In the Masonic Lodge, however, recruiting, as such, is not permitted. Nevertheless, we may be assured that, what we say or do, has a great deal to do with the character and numbers of those who come knocking at our door. In this sense, we are competitors with other organizations. Once talent is in the fold, the real work should begin. To hold back the tide of the novel, the organization must motivate and direct him into useful channels. Good men should not be permitted to go to seed, get sidetracked or cornered and thus waste our resources. The questions we must answer are these: Is our program bringing the best talent to the Lodge? Are we developing the talent we have to the fullest?"

Perhaps one of the foremost causes of the decadence that has become so evident stems from the lack of interest in the work, "If, in the circle of your acquaintance, you do not find a person desirous of being initiated into the Fraternity, be particularly careful not to recommend him unless you are convinced that he will conform to our rules. Promotion of the honor, glory, peace and reputation of the institution may be firmly established and the application of what has its good effects."

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The Masonic Digest

Every decade history records an outstanding aggressive leader in professional, civic and community endeavors. For the Masons, the Master was such a leader. Here, recorded from the report given by his daughter and granddaughter, and his daughter-in-law is a courageous woman. She was a true example of the woman of today, a mark of the best that any human being could hope to become. Her capacity to love her fellow man was touched with a spiritual fire to serve. It inspired the friends around her, who were glad to take up the banner to forge ahead for the Order of the Eastern Star.

The homeland of Georgian's most famous war hero was rocky war-torn peninsula of Spain. Many countries struggled to control this passageway to the Mediterranean. Through the Treaty of Utrecht, which concluded the War of Spanish Succession, England retained possession of Gibraltar. The English also had control of the province of Georgia and at the close of the war England staffed the textile mills in Canada with many of the people of Gibraltar who were expert weavers.

Miss Neil Weitswirts, Georgian's most famous weaver, left home at the age of 15, on one of the ships bound for Canada. She soon discovered that the children of this union would be the example for all her fellow Georgians. After her only child, Georgian, was born, her husband was sold to another owner. Shortly after her marriage Georgian was put on a ship bound for Canada. Neil learned of an underground movement...that certain wagon men were going to transport children to freedom in the United States for a fee. She planned to save her money and get Georgian along with the other children. The children would be smuggled across the border in bales of cotton or covered wagon to the mills. It was a dangerous risk, for many of the youngsters either suffocated or were captured. Neil was willing to take the risk to provide a chance for her children now seven years of age. She saved her money and left for her last voyage. Georgian was put in a spring wagon and towed through the roads at night. Before approaching the border inspection stations the wagons were taken from the wagons and hidden in high weeds, it was there that they were detected. Discovery meant deportation.

Members of the family recall Georgian's statement, "Arriving in the United States was not the end but the beginning of my life of trials. Even though she was very young, she never forgot the terrifying experience of traveling in such a manner to Kentucky...the method of delivering children had changed. Finally, my brother Thomas arrived in the United States, they had arranged for a wagon and all who served as their foster parents. Georgian was placed in the home of John F. Coke of Oxon Hill, Maryland. She often spoke of the trip and the time they spent in Washington, D.C., at what is now called Flushed Avenue. Mr. Coke maintained a residence in the area of Georgia, and was also the farm in Oxon Hill and resided in it. Georgian finally came to Washington to attend school. It is recorded that she was one of the students to be elected in the class of 1863. John F. Coke Elementary School on M Street, N.W.

Maritila Coke, a niece of John F. Coke, a cousin of Mr. Coke, and was then 14, could be permitted to remain with him, and with the boarding house and the homes of the family. She was then 17. Datcher, a relative of the Cookes. The family was active and prominent Masonic men in the District of Columbia and the boarding house catered to many Senators and Congressmen, who were also Masons.

Georgiana was inspired by the desire of strong organization. She took advantage of every opportunity to learn about the evidence of strength organization. She took advantage of every opportunity to learn how this bond of brotherhood could be of value to Christians in the community, organized into a community. Many of the women were interested but reluctant to be identified because of the sympathizers of the war. Although the war was over and Georgians were returned to their former self-expression and still under the influence of the war, the women did not approve and were afraid of identification. The Masons continued to study how Masons could apply to interested women and meetings were held. The lock of the men commented that the meetings usually ended in failure. Now he set back the Georgians' advancement by a year.

Georgiana was the owner of a large farm in Maryland and a boarding house at 15th and L, Streets, N.W. known for its specialty German food. The staff of the White House staff were also used by the White House staff to have established President Lincoln and his wife.

She met and married William Alfred Thomas. Five children were born of this union—Hein Ann, Charles, Thomas, Caleb, and Sarah. They also had a child. She is also known to have had Presbyterian Church members in the community.

Georgiana Henson Thomas was a leader in the Methodist Episcopal Church and an ardent worker in the vineyard of the Lord. She was a great and beloved Church.

She spent many hours working at the plans for a sisterhood of Quakers and at the work of the Masons granted her wish to form a chapter of the Woman's Relief. The Queen Esther Chapter No. 1 was the first chapter, and the meeting was held on December 31, 1874 in Mrs. Thomas' home at 708 "O" Street, NW, Washington, D.C. The foundation she laid for us should remind others to build with a worthy cause, to pursue their ideas, and to make a contribution to society.

In 1963, during the death of President John F. Kennedy, Secretary E. Perry, plans were formulated for the idea of preservation of Georgiana Thomas and in 1964, the Board of Trustees had approved the presentation at the unveiling of the picture in the O.E.S. Room, the Museum of the Masonic Administration of G.W.M. Minnie Boyce.

June 8, 1969, was set aside to present and our Gracious Mrs. Landrum. She was a gracious and beautiful person. She was a great person and contributed greatly to the Order of the Eastern Star as well as other worthy causes.

The Masonic and Eastern Star Lodges have a long history.

The Hall Day, Divine Service and annual conference and programs were well attended. Reorganization of the Order of the Eastern Star was the center of attention, whereby the Lodges might become better prepared to assume leadership in the future of the Masonic Order. These programs also made possible the increased flow of information to individual members of the Craft.

Administrative management of Subordination is a matter of great concern. Officers and committees are performing more efficiently and improved methods of record maintenance have been developed.

In the life of every human being is a period of service to mankind. That moment came in full force when the children of the World of Master Masons, after the children of the World. The motto of the World Masons and the guidance of the World Master is that we shall never forget you."

Thus, in the West to art in majestic glory, so moves the administration of Subordination of the Grand Master to its zenith and final resting place in the arches of the Order of the Eastern Star. On the morrow, we offer these further guides:

- Respect the views of others even though they may differ from your own; some may change your thinking.
- Don't be obseinate; admit your mistakes and learn from them.
- Accept disappointments; life is full of them.
- Be tolerant; remember that the Jews were told to be tolerant of many kinds of brothers and sisters.
- Be industrious; you can live to repent for your future tomorrow.
- Be considerate; if you expect others to treat you with concern.
- Be courteous; the reputation of your office depends upon it.
- Be truthful; reputations are founded upon it.
- Be gracious; it is the hallmark of gentleman and gentwoman.
- Be forgiving; it will mellow your later years.

But the favorable climate/traffic patterns are better than the surroundings of yesteryear.

It is my fond wish to address you, thank you again for your assistance, cooperation and your understanding administration. May we continue to build in the minds of our youth the true meaning of morality, adorned with leaves of wisdom, our unity of purpose, the financial pillars of strength. The work of the World Worshipful Grand Master is finished.

So mote it be,

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Fraternity. For centuries, pursuant to this custom, the preceding Grand Master, in compliance with his duties and responsibilities, must report all official acts during the tenure of his office. Accordingly, a full report on the official acts of this administration has been submitted and is contained in the booklets which have been distributed to you. THE STATE OF THE CRAFT

One hundred and twenty years ago, eminent residing in the District of Columbia formed this Grand Lodge. I need not tell you how much I admire the fortitude and resolution of those stalwart men. Those brethren set out to find a place for men of color in the midst of slavery and second class citizenship. Over the years, in good and bad times, in periods of misunderstanding and disappointments, there has been no let-up in the building of a Masonic Society in this Jurisdiction.

We, upon whom the destiny of the Craft has devolved, are happy and proud to report to you that the dark hours of yesterday were but the forerunner of the brilliant victory bursting forth today.

We have forged ahead in Civic and Educational Fields because we believed that, if we are to gain our rightful place in these endeavors, it will not be because we are members of the Order but, rather, because of our purpose and a keen awareness of our great need for community involvement and the importance of establishing a strong fraternal relationship with every segment of the community in which we live, as well as the maintenance of a solvent financial background.

The single and most important fact tonight is the great economic stability we are enjoying throughout our domain. It is pleasing to note that 90% of our programs are in full operation. We are well within our budget allotments and, as of this date, our financial resources are quite sound.

The economy of the Adequate Masonic Hall Association is growing, its management and fiscal operations are more efficient and working relationships have improved.

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GRAND VISITATIONS-1969

September-4 Social No. 1
6 Acacia No. 25
9 John F. Cook No. 10
13 James H. Hill No. 16
15 Hiram No. 4
18 Prince Hall No. 14
23 Corinthian No. 18
25 Harmony No. 22
October-6 Felix No. 3
8 Fidelity No. 20
13 Eureka No. 5
15 Charles Datcher No. 15
17 Doric No. 19
22 Redemption No. 24
24 Victory No. 23
27 S. John No. 12
November-4 Meridian No. 6
5 Warren No. 8
7 Ionic No. 17
11 Prudence No. 27
13 Widow's Son No. 7
15 Fellowship No. 26
18 Pythagoras No. 9

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

1969
May 31 - "Operation Reclaim"
June 21 - Charity Activity Spon-
sored by the Grand Lodge and Grand Charter
June 22 - St. John's Day, Metropo-
lian Baptist Church
September 14 - Prince Hall Day
October 21 - Fellowship Day
November 1 - Grand Lodge Activity
November 2 - "Thornton A. Jack-
son Day." Recital by the
Masonic Family Choir
November 16 - Divine Service,
First Baptist Church of
Deanwood
December 7 - Lodge of Sorrow
December 10, 11, 12 - Annual
Grand Communication