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WHAT IS A MASON?

by Dr. R. Irving Noone, M.A.D.D. - Editor

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A Mason is a man who is earnestly striving to become a better man.

He recognizes the good that resides in the heart of every brother. He knows that the faults he sees in others reflect his own imperfections, and he does not set himself up as a judge of his brothers.

A Mason is one who has learned of life's struggles, of its difficult paths, its disappointments, the price of holding fast to one's integrity, and yet maintains faith in the ultimate triumph of good over evil.

A Mason is a man of generous heart, mind and hand. He looks upon the opportunity to serve humanity as a joyous privilege.

A Mason is bond to promote the interest of his brothers, to avoid everything offensive, to abstain from reproach, censure, and just suspicion; to warn him of the machinations of his enemies; to advise him of his errors; to advance the reputation and welfare of his family; to protect the chastity of his house; to defend his life, his property, and his character against attacks; to relieve his distress; to instill into his mind proper ideas of conduct; and to give of himself unrestrainedly in the support of worthy causes in the interest of the community's welfare.

But a Mason does not confine his gracious and charitable acts to members of the craft; he raises higher in the scale of excellence, and enjoys the observance of honor, honesty and good faith to all men; he espouses the cause of universal benevolence, and brotherhood among all of God's children regardless of race, or rank, or Circumstances.

Courtsey of "The Lamp" Grand Lodge Lays Cornerstone At The Washington Technical Institute

Grand Lodge Lays Cornerstone at W.T.I.

The M.W. Prince Hall Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia was invited to officiate at the cornerstone laying of the Washington Technical Institute on Friday, June 7, 1974.

The very impressive ceremony was performed by P.G.M. Curtis J. Blakely, Chairman of the Committee on Cornerstone and Dedication of Halls and Churches, and the Grand Lodge Cabinet.

The Washington Technical Institute, located at Connecticut Avenue and Van Ness Street in Washington, D.C. - formerly site of the National Bureau of Standards, is one of the Land Grant Institutions established and financially supported by an Act of Congress to provide advanced educational opportunities for District residents.
Honor Graduate Receives
George A. Farrar Scholarship Award

Mr. Wilmot Clay, honor student at the Gonzaga High School in Washington, D.C., was one of the two recipients of the George A. Farrar Scholarship Award of $100.00 presented annually by the M.W. Prince Hall Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia. The other honor graduate who received the award was Miss Linda D. Jones, an honor student of Martha Washington Vocational School of this city. The Honorable Henry A. Dove, Grand Master, who attended the graduation exercises held at St. Aloysius Church in June as a guest of the Rector and faculty of the school presented the scholarship to the honorees, commended him for his outstanding scholastic achievements and encouraged him to continue his educational development. Mr. Clay will pursue his education in the field of Electrical Engineering. The grant to the graduate was a part of twelve scholarship and tuition grants totalling $8,000.00 that were awarded to deserving students this year by the Grand Lodge.

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Raymond L. Gray Honored
By Grand Lodge

P.M. Raymond L. Gray of Warren No. 8 was declared Worshipful Grand Trustee Emeritus by M.W. Grand Master Henry A. Dove and honored on Sunday June 23 1974 during gnpnirudddd during the observance of St. John's Day when the implant and jewel of that office was conferred upon him by the Hon. John D. Howard, R.W. Deputy Grand Master of M.W. Prince Hall Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia. The title was bestowed upon the recipient in recognition of his years of dedication and outstanding service to the Jurisdiction while serving as a W. Grand Trustee.

Vivian O. Armstrong
Joins Digest Staff

Sister Vivian O. Armstrong of Prince Hall Chapter No. 5 joined the newsletter staff in May of this year and was appointed as the Administrative Assistant to the Editor and Chief of the Digest's Subscription Department.

Since joining the staff, Sister Armstrong has completely reorganized the operations of her department as well as the fiscal operations of the newsletter office.

YORK RITE CONVENTION HELD IN JUNE


The annual convention was an impressive parade and the conferring of titles of Past Eminent Commanders upon the co-hosts who had been dubbed and created Sir Knights under a special dispensation on January 29, 1974.


Other activities of the organization during the year include 103rd Semi-Annual Grand Conclave for the review of the State of Knighthood, Ascension Day observance on May 23rd and Cornerstone Laying ceremonies held at Nannie H. Burroughs Church, Lincoln Park United Methodist Church and the Washington Technical Institute.

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Wellington O. Stutely
Appointed
Managing Editor
Brother Wellington O. Stutely of Social Lodge No. 1 has been appointed as Managing Editor of the Prince Hall Masonic Digest.

As Managing Editor, Bro. Stutely will coordinate jurisdictional news coverage through the P.R. representatives and management of the Digest's public relations staff.

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O. E. S. - NEWS

by (STAFF REPORTERS)

THE ELECTORS WENT "SOUTH OF THE BORDER" when Electa Chapter No. 6 sponsored a "Mexican Fiesta" on Sunday, May 26, 1974 at the Masonic Temple Ballroom. It was a gala affair which saw "little boppers," "medium boppers" and "big boppers" all doing "Their Thing to the rollicking music of the "Moonlighters". Adding to the fun-frolic were fabulous door-prizes that were given to the lucky guests during intermission. This event was graciously promoted by Miss Juanita Clyburn and her committee. 

ELECTA CHAPTER CELEBRATED its 73rd Birthday on Thursday, June 13, 1974 during their regular communication. The observance featured a wonderful program which included solo and choruses given by members who were 73 years or older. 

AN AROUND THE WORLD TRIP to Caracas, Venezuela was the theme for October. The tour is under the chairmanship of P. M. Pauline Harrington and will include an itinerary covering exciting ports of Latin America. Reservations are limited and being filled rapidly. Interested parties should contact P. M. Harrington, 882-0073 for information and reservations.

... A VISIT TO ELECTA CHAPTER NO. 1 in Baltimore, Md. was made on July 19, 1974. The visitation was a continuation of a warm and sisterly relationship established in 1973 through exchange visits between Electa No. 6 and her Sister Chapter in that city. 

... SIS. JOYCE SPARROW, RETIRING QUEEN ESTHER FOR 1973, had the honor of crowning the winning "Queen" for 1974. The chapter is proud of Princess Zevetta Hamilton and her committee which sponsored a highly successful "Story-at-Home Test" benefit for Queen Esther Day. 

Lola F. Barnes O.E.S. Reporter-Electa No. 6

EASTERN STAR MEMBERS became involved in a major community activity by assisting in the promotion of the Community Awareness Dance sponsored by the D. C. Association for Retarded Citizens, Inc. which was held at the International Ballroom of the Washington Hilton Hotel.

Those assisting in the activity included: P. M. Mabel B. Guerin - Reservations Co-Chairman; Sis. Ida Mae McClure and P. M. Louise L. Hopkins - Contact; P. M. Dorothy V. Medley, Grand Secretary Cleopatra McCann (PAGL), P.M. Jessie M. West and P. M. Thelma Corbin, Co-Program Chairman.

Under the direction of Sis. Sadie B. Mitchell, wife of Past Potentate Rufus Mitchell, the program proved to be a very successful one. Highlights of the program included an address by the Hon. Walter E. Fauntroy, D. C. Delegate, who was introduced by P. M. Isabelle D. Finley, Secretary of Datcher Chapter and a board member of DCARC.

In his remarks Congressman Fauntroy reminded the propagators of the activity for their interest, and belief in the program and exhorted them to even greater efforts to bring hope to the handicapped.

Other highlights of the evening were vocal renditions by Miss Valerie Harris, a student at Howard University and daughter of Conductress Isabelle Harris of Datcher Chapter No. 7 and Mrs. Leola Dellums, wife of Congressman Ronald Dellums, Honorary Membership Chairman of DCARC, who was unable to attend. Mrs. Dellums, speaking in his behalf, gave statistical of the emotionally disturbed situation within the U. S. and of federal legislation and programs that have been launched as solutions to the problem. At the conclusion the guests enjoyed an evening of dancing to the music of the New Generation Band.

W. John D. Howard, Deputy Grandmaster; presentation of a Jewel and Apron to P.M. Raymond Gray of Warren Lodge, No. 8, who was honored by the Grand Lodge as a W. Grand Trustee Emeritus in recognition of his outstanding service to the jurisdiction; remarks by the W. M. Grand Master Henry A. Dove who thanked the craft for its commendation of support of the observance and introduced G.W.M. Verle Yearwood who presented the officers and members of the Georgetown Thomas Grand Chapter O. E. S. and subordinate chapters and introduction of Adoptive and Affiliative Branch dignitaries by the W. R. Deputy Grand Master.

At the conclusion of the Service, the congregation was invited to a social hour held in the Masonic Temple Ballroom.

P. M. Louise L. Hopkins O.E.S. Reporter
ARE YOU A MATURE MASTER MASON?

dr. R. Irving Boone, M.A.D.D. - Editor

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If you can see a work which you have begun taken from you and given to another without feeling bitterness—that is maturity.

If you can listen to someone criticise you, even unkindly, and receive instructions from it without hard feelings—that is maturity.

If you can see others chosen for a job which you yourself are better qualified to do without feeling hurt—that is maturity.

If you can see a person do an act which is against your christian standards and react without self-righteousness—that is maturity.

If you can hear a man argue a point of view which is contrary to your own and accept his right to his own opinion without a feeling of smugness—that is maturity.

If you can see someone you know deliberately snub you, and still make allowance for his actions—that is maturity.

If you can suffer nagging pain of ache, still singing and praising God, hiding your feelings for the sake of others—that is maturity.

If you can give yourself to help someone else who needs you, without having the idea that you are "a pretty good fellow"—that is maturity.

If you can crawl out of bed at an early hour to pray when you would rather sleep because you realize that here lies your power with God—that is maturity.

Fellowship Lodge Adopts Special Charity Program

W.M. Samuel J. Walters
Fellowship Lodge No. 26

The probability of recovery for severely retarded children at the Hospital For Sick Children became quite evident to W. M. Samuel J. Walters, who visited the institution.

Deeply moved by the compassion and tenderness shown the children by the administrators staff and attendants of the hospital an extensive discussion was held with Mrs. Kathleen Helt and Mary C. Meta Special Education Staff Members to determine specific needs of the institution and ways and means of enhancing the ratio of recovery.

Upon returning to his Lodge W. M. Walters recommended the purchase of the special equipment requested. The Lodge however deeply moved by the plight of the children not only approved his recommendation but unanimously adopted the Hospital For Sick Children as the Lodge's "Special Charity Project".

Within The Craft

(A Digest of Fraternal News) by James L. Martin, Jr.

W. Asst. Director of Public Relations


The affair held in the Potomac Room of the Officer’s Club at B.A.F.B., was preceded by a cocktail hour after which the guests were served a delectable dinner consisting of: roast beef, seafood newburg, curried chicken en rice, potatoes au gratin, green beans, tossed garden salad, cheese cake, ice cream and coffee.

Remarks by Grandmaster Dove and Grand Worthy Matron Yearwood concluded the affair following which the guests were invited to the downstairs ballroom by Col. Howard for an evening of dancing. • • • ON FEBRUARY 23, 1974 GRANDMASTER HENRY A. DOVE presented to Children’s Hospital a check for $1800.00 from the M.W. Prince Hall Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia. In addition to the donation, the Grandmaster also presented a check for $100.00 from Ruth Chapter #8. Accompanying the Grand Master on that occasion were Dist. Grand Historian of Fidelity Chapter #10, an employee of Children’s Hospital, who was instrumental in making the necessary arrangements for the presentation and Brothers: Clarence Barham Corinthian #18, Rufus Hamilton — Victory #23, James Butler — Meridian #6, Joseph Daniels — Prince #27, James L. Martin, Jr. — J. H. Hill #6, and Sydney Woods Fellowship #26.

The donations were accepted by Mrs. Hope Ishenwood. Asst. Administrator of the Hospital, who thanked the Prince Hall Masons for their generous contribution. • • • THE M.W. PRINCE HALL GRAND LODGE OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, under the leadership of W.G.M. Henry A. Dove assembled at the Nannie Helen Burroughs School on Saturday May 4, 1974 for the purpose of laying the cornerstone, and the unveiling of a Commemorative Plaque at the New Administration Classroom Building. The cornerstone laying ceremony was done by Grandlodge Cabinet with P.G.M. Curtis J. Blakely Sr., presiding. Attending the ceremonies were: Dr. D. E. King (Pastor, Monumental Baptist Church, Chicago, Illinois, President Board of Trustees, NBHS), presiding, Ms Violet M. Ankrum (Board of Cont’d, page 7 Col 3)

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Freemasonry Tomorrow

(A reprint of an address presented at the Annual Meeting of the Society of Blue Priests by Ill. Brother George A. Newbury, Sovereign Grand Commander, Supreme Council 33, A.S.R., N.M.J., on February 17, 1974, in Washington, D.C. We gratefully acknowledge his gracious permission to reproduce his thought-provoking remarks.)

Freemasonry has had a phenomenal history. From small groups of workmen, primarily with preserving their status as highly-skilled craftsmen, it has evolved over the past two and one-half centuries into a fraternal and philosophical society covering a major part of the entire earth and with several million members. It is properly known as the world’s largest, oldest and most prestigious fraternal organization.

Interesting, even entrancing, though the past of Freemasonry unquestionably is, its future well may be even more so. Obviously, that future cannot be predicted with any appreciable degree of certainty. It can only be hypothesized on. But Freemasonry; like every human institution, is subject to forces external to itself and over which it has no control — forces that in considerable part will shape its destiny. Some of those forces are emerging in our time, and lend themselves to a speculative appraisal. The duty clearly rests on those in positions of leadership to be aware of those forces and to the extent of their ability to condition the Fraternity to cope with them.

Most obvious among those forces is the pronounced trend in the Western World to urbanization. Over the past one hundred years this has changed what primarily was a rural society into one almost completely dominated by great urban centers with tremendous concentrations of population in highly congested areas. This is especially so in Western Europe and North America where masonry has developed its greatest strength. Along with it has come a deluge of social problems, which literally, daily solution or even any reasonable degree of control in many instances.

Thus, the impact of this change and the social problems accompanying it are proving most detrimental to our Fraternity. Where the Masonic Lodge was highly visible and a potent social force in the hundreds of thousands of towns, villages, and small cities in Western Europe and rural North America a century ago, today it is relegated to an inconsequential role in the social life of our great metropolitan centers. Also, to the great majority of our citizens, its visibility is nearing the zero point. Men who a century ago would have ardently sought membership in it, never give it a thought today and most have not the haziest idea of what it is or what it stands for. In fact, many — and perhaps a large majority in North America — equate it with the fun-loving and colorfully costumed Shrine which through its parades, sponsorship of athletic events, circuses, and well-advertised, Hospitals and Burns Institutes has become highly visible.

This is a fact — a fact that serious-minded Masons, and especially Masonic leaders, must come to grips with and soon. The answer, in my opinion, is not to condemn the Shrine, but rather to make the Masonic Lodge more active and its philosophy more meaningful and better understood, not only to its members, but to the public generally.

There are many ways to do this. All of which will prove helpful, if pursued vigorously and intelligently. The active promotion of suburban and neighborhood Lodges is one. The development of wider ranging programs of activity that will involve the entire Lodge membership — and to Cont’d, page 5 Col 2
Of course, picture his course of America is not accurate. However, neither is ours. This phenomenal growth has not only brought us enormous wealth and a comparatively luxurious way of living, but it has also brought us great problems of spreading our wealth to the satisfaction of the several segments of our society; an aggravation of the social problems with which civilized man has always been afflicted; also, and perhaps not least, the problems resulting from the envy, even the hatred, of the less fortunate people of the world.

We like to think, and in large part, with the encouragement of our leaders, that all this will continue indefinitely into the future; that our industrial genius will maintain an ever-increasing wealth; that our problems will be solved; and that we can look forward to even better times in the future. But is this possible and surely all of us hope it will be. But we should not overlook the possibility that it may not be so. In this connection, there are some disquieting facts to be considered.

We recently have been made acutely aware that to maintain and operate our industrial complex, as well as to drive our cars and heat and light our homes, we must import energy that is under the control of other peoples who are not overly concerned with our difficulties and who can ask what we consider exorbitant prices for it. Little as yet has been said of the fact that virtually all of the bauxite — the ore from which aluminum is made — comes outside of our borders and the countries that control those deposits are setting up a meeting this month to consider following the lead of the Arabs and making us pay more dearly for it; and this may be only the beginning. In the St. Louis Journal reported last month, we in the United States rely on imports for most of our chromium, manganese, nickel, tin and zinc. Perhaps even more significant, forty per cent of the iron ore that feeds our steel mills comes from foreign sources.

In all this there lies the possibility of chaotic dislocations of our economy. The sobering fact is that our whole industrial complex here in the United States would require vast downward adjustments and it were to be deprived of the raw materials currently imported from other countries, many of which have no particular love for us.

Looking into the future, we cannot overlook the possibility that we in the United States and the people of the industrial countries of Western Europe may face the hard necessity of adjusting ourselves to a considerably more austere way of life than that to which we have become accustomed and devoid of many of the luxuries we have come to regard as necessities of life. This will not be an easy adjustment, if it has to be made, not only for the reason that it will involve tightening on the part of all of us, but also to a certain extent social unrest among the several segments of our population with its attendant crime and demoralization. It will test the stamina of even the most stouthearted. Our forebears of the pioneering days in America would have taken all this in stride. They faced greater difficulties than we are ever likely to be called on to face. Can we?

Obviously this a dark picture. One possible solution to the difficulties suggested by these facts may never develop; or if they do, will develop gradually so that the necessary adjustments will be made in an orderly way and without catastrophic dislocations. However, the energy crisis that we are experiencing is real and the possibility that they may develop, and more rapidly than will be comfortable. If they do, how will Freemasonry fare?

Many modern writers have pointed out the dangers we face because of the shift of American attitudes from a "work ethic" to a "leisure ethic," which leads to decreased production and a multiple of social ills, such as the use of drugs, cheap entertainment, and escapism. Escaping wealth permits increased leisure, but expanding leisure does not generate wealth. Our real wealth is derived from human effort, multiplied by technological discoveries: but our national productivity is no longer rising at a healthy predictable rate.

With all this in mind, what can we do now for Freemasonry?

A quick appraisal might suggest that it would fare poorly. Unpaid dues would be expected to mount in the face of a tight economic situation. The maintenance of Masonic Temples and Scottish Rite Cathedrals could become a problem. Preoccupation with personal and business crises could well leave little time and inclination for fraternal activities. These are obvious possibilities. However, in my estimation, the difficulties posed by these problems would quickly fade before an awakened sense that Freemasonry has much to offer to help men meet the vicissitudes of adversity.

In our time the mutual helpfulness of the Freemasonry of an earlier day has all but disappeared. We no longer stand vigilant by the bedside of an ailing Brother, ministering to his needs. He is rushed off to a hospital. His more urgent needs — financial and emotional — are lost sight of by the government assistance or the services of a social service agency than by the Brothers of the Lodge. His daily tasks are not counted.

Candidates To Vie For Grand Junior Warden

The approaching Grand Lodge elections promise to be quite interesting as several candidates have indicated their intent to contest the nomination for the Grand Junior Warden's seat. Foremost candidates for the coveted office are R.W. Richard C. Farrow, incumbent, and W. Thomas Johnson, Grand Senior Deacon. The Digest has also received word or intention concerning the possible candidacy of P.M. David Harris, a prominent trial attorney and former Vice President of the Acaia Masonic Hall Association.

Profiles of the candidates vying for the elective office will appear in the current and November issues of the newsletter.
THE SOUND OF MUSIC
by Malcolm J. Taylor
W. Minister of Music

THE PRINCE HALL MASONS FAMILY CHOIR
The Prince Hall Masonic Family Choir is the outgrowth of two separate choirs, formerly known as the Masonic and Eastern Star Choirs that were under the direction of Brother Malcolm J. Taylor, Sr. and P.G.M. Ruth E. Duckett. The newly-formed choir came into being during the administration of P.G.M. David P. Crosby.

At the suggestion of former choir directors, the choirs which had been performing separately in jurisdictional activities united their rehearsals in preparation for scheduled events of the Lodges, Chapters and Grand Jurisdictional programs.

Since its origin, the choir has increased its numerical strength, as well as the quality of its performances, and is concentrating its efforts to develop a group of

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P.M. Thomas Lee Johnson
W. Grand Senior Deacon

Past Master Thomas L. Johnson of Social Lodge, No. 1, the W. Grand Senior Deacon, has brought honor and distinction to our jurisdiction through his outstanding work as the Grand Lodge's representative to the Advisory Board of the Sherman Avenue Corps of the Salvation Army. This world-wide religious organization enjoys a history of humanitarian service to the downtrodden and impoverished which dates back more than one hundred years - providing food, shelter and clothing to the needy regardless of race, color or creed.

The Corps is under the able leadership of Captain and Mrs. Allen Wiltshire.

Grand Master Henry A. Dove, recognizing the need for a more active role by the jurisdiction in community affairs, appointed P.M. Johnson as the Grand Lodge's representative to the Corps to fill the vacancy created through the retirement of Colonel West A. Hamilton from that position. Since assuming his responsibilities in 1973, the appointee has achieved numerous accomplishments, one of which was in being instrumental in recovering more than $7,000 in back rent. Mrs. Dove, in gratitude for the service rendered to the community.

Brother Johnson's Masonic career began with his being raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason by Social Lodge, No. 1 in 1961. In recognition of his profound interest in Masonry, ability, and dedication to the welfare and progress of his Lodge, he was appointed to the Board of Directors of the Lodge.

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Masonic Choir Presents "Seven Last Words" - Dubois' on Palm Sunday

Grand Master Receives Father's Day Gift

Willmot Clay Expresses Gratitude of Scholarship and Tuition Grant Winners

P.G.M. Curtis Blakely Blesses W.T.I. Cornerstone

Grand Master Dove, Grand Worthy Matron Yearwood and P.M. Robert Vinson Pose for Forum Rainbow Tea

Sister Katherine Henson Receives Distinguished Service Award

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MECCA * NEWS
by Noble DeVolden Jones
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MECCA TEMPLE NO. 10 held its Annual Awards Banquet on February 23, 1974 at Ramada Inn. Guest speaker for the occasion was the Honorable Benjamin L. Hooks, Commissioner of the Federal Communications Commission. Highlighting the program was the presentation of plaques and certificates to the following honorees who were cited for meritorious contributions and outstanding service to their communities: Dr. C. M. Long, Jr., Pastor of Mt. Aryan Baptist Church, "Outstanding Male in the Community," Mrs. Frankie Perkins, Administrative Assistant to the Director of Drug Abuse Department of Justice, "Outstanding Female in the Community, Daughter Mildred Crosby, Past Commanders, Mecca Court No. 2, "Outstanding Service Award" and Noble Frank Cozzen, "Nor- bale of the Year." Special Service Awards were received by Nobles Richard Stone, Norman Jones, Arthur White and Daughter Viole White. THE POTENTATES "SPECIAL CHARITY OF THE YEAR" included the presentation of $1,000 for the purchase of educational sewing aids to the sewing classes of Martha Washington Vocational School.

DESPITE THE HEAVY RAINS WHICH SHROUDED THE ANNUAL CHERRY BLOSSOM PARADE the clowns weathered the storm and cowered in the spectacle that was displayed on the national TV screens. NOBLES PAID A VISIT TO MECCA COURT NO. 2 and then entertained the Daughters and their guests from Jerusalem Mocha and Magnus Courts in the Masonic Ballroom. CONGRATULATIONS

TEAM PARTICIPATED.

A GALA EVENING WAS ENJOYED by all who journeyed to Marshall Hall during the recent boat ride. Music was furnished by the Bobbi Fields Band. THE FINAL CHAPTER TO POTENTATE RUFUS MITCHELL'S administration was the Recreation Department's Annual Parade which officially opened the D.C. Summer in the Park program.

CRAFTS:
TRUSTEEs, Dr. George W. Hill, (Pastor Calvary Baptist Church), Mrs. Geneva Edwards Walker (Board of Trustees), Rev. Leon H. White (Pastor Mt. Bethel Baptist Church and Board of Trustees), Dr. Aurelia A. Downey (President NBHS), Rev. Jerry A. Moore (Pastor 19th St. Baptist Church and member Board of Trustees) and Attorney Clifford Alexander Jr.

The music for this historic occasion was rendered by the Sanctuary Choir under the direction of Charles W. Fleming. After listening to several members of the Board of Trustees speak, M.W.G.M. Henry A. Dow wished for the Nannie Helen Burroughs School much success in future years. He congratulated the members for the tremendous effort they have shown in responding to the needs of our youth and to mankind.

Before closing, M.W.G.M. Henry A. Dove presented to the Nannie Helen Burroughs school the fund on behalf of the M.W.P.H.G.L. of the District of Columbia a check for $100.00 HENRY A. DOVE, GRAND MASTER, PRINCE HALL MASONS for the DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA attended a meeting consisting of leaders from national service and Masonic affairs on Friday, March 22, 1974. The group represented extensive experience and interest in providing educational, housing, economic, and personal services and was most helpful in generating valuable recommendations for further exploration. Grand Master Dove has worked most diligently in his endeavor to ensure the community that all the necessary programs, services, and facilities are available to persons in HUD-assisted housing. Grand Master Dove was congratulated by Mr. H.R. Crawford (Asst. Secretary, Dept. of Housing and Urban Development) for his efforts in this venture. Rev. Ernest B. Cunningham, Pastor of the Unity Baptist Church, was also commended during the month of March. The Illustrious Potentate of Mecca Temple #10 presented the Patent to Noble Rev. Ernest B. Cunningham from the Imperial Council, designating him as Imperial Deputy Organizer. ** SUNDAY, JUNE 23rd, Com'd, page 8 Col 9

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cabinet that same year. Several years later, as Senior Deacon, he brought honor to the Lodge when he was awarded the "Mason of the Year" award and was the winner of the Jewel Contest for superior exemplification of the Middle Chamber. While serving as Worshipful Master in 1969, he was elected by his peers to serve as President of the Masters' and Wardens' Council during that year. Under his leadership, the Council initiated a program to renovate the fifth and sixth floors of the Temple. A mark of its efforts resulted in the restoration of the Mosaic Pavilion and Blasting Star, rededication of the windows and remodeling of the East.

Following his tenure as Worshipful Master, the Junior Past Master was appointed to the Grand Lodge where he continues to give unselfish service to the jurisdiction. As a Grand Officer, he has offered many useful suggestions for enhancing the viability of the jurisdiction and currently serves on several committees: Chairman of the Prince Hall Day Service, Asst. Secretary of the Committee on Constitution and By-Laws, R.W.G. Senior Warden on the Committee for Cornerstone Laying and Dedication of Halls and Churches and the Grand Lodge Scholarship Committee. In his community activities he has served as President of his Civic Association, is a Past Vice President of the Federal Communications Commission Federal Credit Union, Past Superintendent of his Sunday School and is currently a Sunday School Teacher and Chairman of the Board of Trustees of his Church. In the academic field he holds a Bachelor of Science Degree in Electrical Engineering and has done graduate work at the George Washington University. During his military service he received numerous citations for superior performance as an instructor in Chemical, Biological and Radiological Warfare - First Aid and Signal Communications. He is presently employed as a supervisory engineer at the Federal Com't, page 8 Col 1

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A CALL WRITING PROGRAM

A Call Writing Program
A call writing program is a premeditated investment plan in which the investor undertakes a program of writing (selling) call options on a continuous basis with the goal of obtaining an attractive rate of return on his funds.

I. Who Writes Calls?
Generally calls are written by three types of investors: wealthy stockholders, institutions, and individuals.
A. Wealthy Stockholders
Many wealthy stockholders, who maintain large stock portfolios, find that they can enhance the yields on their portfolios in the area of 10% by writing calls against their stocks. The logic of their decision to undertake a call writing program is easy to understand. First, it should be understood that these investors are contented to hold the stocks now in their portfolios, and plan to continue holding them until there is a fundamental change. Thus, the premiums received represent to the portfolio owner three things: (1) if the stock is called, he views the premium as profit from liquidating stock position; (2) if the stock is not called, he views the premium as reducing his cost basis by either cutting his losses or enlarging capital gains when he ultimately sells out; (3) he views the premium as income.

II. A Call Writer's Philosophy
A regular investor makes an investment, and his chances of making a profit is one out of three, i.e. if the price of his stock rises he makes money, if it falls he makes none, and if the price remains the same there is no profit; if the price declines he loses money. A call writer is generally an extremely conservative person, and is interested in a consistent rate of return on an investment. He will give up the rare opportunity of a doubler or tripler for a consistent 10% return or more. The call writer often compares his investment ideas with the baseball strategy of the old Brooklyn Dodgers, who would give up the home run for more singles, doubles, triples and fewer strike outs. Thus, the Dodgers were consistent winners for years. For example, suppose a call writer bought 100 shares of stock at 30 and sold it 6 months, 10 day call against his stock for $300. He profits, if the price of the stock moves up, by the amount of the premium. He also profits if the stock's price remains the same throughout the life of the call by $300. In addition, he has a downside cushion or protection against loss until the stock's price drops to $27 per share. Thus, the call writer's objective is to increase the return on his capital, and reduce his risks. By employing this concept of investing, he increases his chances of profit from one out of three to two out of three, and reduces his exposure to loss by the amount of premium received.

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T但他们有梦想

by P.M. Grafton J. Daniels, W.G.E.I.C.

The prominence or greatness of any ethnic group may be measured by the pride its people manifest in their national origin, development of their natural resources, their awareness of civic responsibility and unity of purpose and involvement in the religious, social, political and economic life of the communities in which they live.

Black Masons throughout the length and breadth of Prince Hall Masonry should view with great pride the heritage that has been left to them by Prince Hall - The Founder of our Fraternity, and Prince Hall Masons within the District of Columbia owe an immeasurable debt of gratitude to the Patron of our great order and to those valiant brethren who "Had A Dream", the dream of which has made it possible for us to enjoy the rights, benefits and privileges of our time - honored institution.

The origin of Prince Hall Masonry within our jurisdiction reaches back almost 200 years to the establishment of African Lodges in Boston, Massachusetts by Prince Hall in the year 1787. Despite spurious and even legal attempts to deny men of color the right to engage in and enjoy fully the privileges of the Craft - even the continued refusal of our white Brethren to acknowledge and accept the legitimacy of that right - Prince Hall Masonry, since its inception in 1825, has played a significant role in the communal life of our jurisdiction - and wherever Black Lodges have been duly constituted.

Prince Hall, the son of Thomas Prince, an English leather maker and a Free Negro Women of French extraction, was born October 12, 1748 in Bridgetown, Barbados (British West Indies). At age 17, he booked passage aboard a sailing vessel bound for Boston, Massachusetts - reaching port around March 1765.

Settling in that city, he entered the leather-making trade which he had learned from his father and by age 25 had acquired some degree of independence which enabled him to establish voting eligibility.

Evidencing a profound probity for learning and self-improvement with a desire to improve his knowledge he began taking lessons at night. Manifesting a keen interest in religious organization, he organized the Methodist church and, several years later, became an ordained minister and pastor of a church located in Camden, Massachusetts.

At the start of the Revolutionary War, Prince Hall became an ardent "Champion for Freedom" of Black Men in the colonies. Pioneering an untried path to enlist Negro men in the Continental Army, he was instrumental in obtaining that freedom and to unite and further those efforts, he and 14 other free colored men were initiated into Masonry by a military lodge of an Irish regiment attached to the army of General Gage stationed in Boston. When the British Army evacuated that city in 1776, permission was granted them to meet and assemble as a Lodge and to observe certain ceremonies but were denied the privilege or right to confer degrees.

Shortly thereafter, Prince Hall...
The Meaning of Free Masonry

by Grafton J. Daniels
Editor in Chief

The Significance of The Three Masonic Degrees

During the 25 years of my association with Masonry, it has been my privilege to have been a member of the Oldest Prince Hall Lodge within this area - one that has the distinction, not only of being the progenitor of Prince Hall Masonry below the Mason-Dixon Line but was also instrumental in bringing to fruition the creation, establishment and constitution of our M.W. Prince Hall Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia.

Reflecting upon that great heritage it has been my pleasure to enjoy. I cannot help but feel an unmitigated sense of pride in the commanding role Social Lodge. No. 1 has played in the development, growth and progress of our Grand Jurisdiction, as well as the integral part it has assumed in community affairs during its formative years and throughout the century and a half of its existence.

At the same time, however, my heart has become saddened in recent years, by the inroads of innovation, lethargic membership, ritualistic deficiency, administrative inefficiency and flagrant indifference to the traditions, customs and lodges that contributed to her greatness - all of which have led to a gradual deterioration and loss of her rightful place of distinction as the Mother Lodge of this jurisdiction.

The annals of history record incredible evidences of a similar decay, which has led to the ultimate destruction of many institutions that once exerted a profound influence upon the lives of their members - a decay which has been provoked by ignorance and indifference to the tenets and principles that are the very foundation upon which their greatness and existence had been erected.

From time immemorial, Freemasonry, through its symbols and the lessons it inculcates, has served as a means of enhancing the glory and permanence of one of the oldest fraternal organizations known to the world. To the Mason and non-Mason, alike, a better

Scott: one of the signers of the Declaration of Independence - and formal erection and constitution of the Lodge completed on May 6, 1787 at The Golden Fleece on Water Street, Boston Massachusetts.

With the establishment of African Lodge No. 459 a significant cornerstone in American Negro History was laid. From that seed planted by Prince Hall and his 14 original brothers in 1775 has germinated an organization, the roots of which have spread to Germany, France, Africa, Korea and West Indies with a membership totaling over one half million and capital assets of more than $78,000,000. Since the organization and establishment of the African Grand Lodge on June 24, 1791 with Prince Hall as the First Most Worshipful Grand Master - the name of which was later changed in 1808 to the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge in memory of its founder, Prince Hall, who passed on December 7, 1807 - more than 40 Grand Lodges have been organized and duly constituted. From this noble beginning, Prince Hall Masonry has grown into a formidable organization which merits a rightful place in the Masonic World.

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FREEMASONRY TOMORROW:

whereby he makes a livelihood for himself and his family are too complex to permit the Lodge Brothers to substitute for him when he is disabled, as our forebears did, doing his chores and tending his animals if he was a farmer, tending the store if he was a small local merchant, providing wood for the stoves in his home, and so on. Our modern way of life has deprived Freemasonry of the opportunity of doing these personal and brotherly things that were the source of its major strength in an earlier day. There may be greater opportunity for them and need for them in a less affluent society than our present one.

But it is in another area that we see the greatest opportunities for Freemasonry, should we be called on to make the adjustments in our way of life that may be necessary to keep us in business. Freemasonry is more than a brotherhood of men, wonderful though that may be. It is a philosophy of life embracing the basic ingredients upon which our civilization has been built: belief in God and the immortality of the soul, high moral standards, the Ten Commandments of the Hebrew Law, a concept of brotherhood and our duties to our fellowmen. These are things that enable men to rise above the pressing circumstances in which they find themselves enmeshed: to see a brighter future beyond them, the thrill of helping and serving others. They are the things. Joseph Fort Newton had in mind when he wrote his famous Lines In The Builders in answer to the query: "When is a Man a Mason?"

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as the initiate. The secrets of the Order are those found only within the hearts of its initiates and their true meaning or understanding obtained only through the cumulative experience acquired by those who seek and apply their Masonic knowledge in their daily lives.

The Reverend Martin L. Wagner, Pastor of The Divine Evangelical Lutheran Church of Dayton, Ohio, author of "Freemasonry - An Interpretation," writes, "Not one in ten thousand Masons has the key to the mysteries of Masonry."

Thus, it is evident that the true Masonic experience is a continuous quest for truth and knowledge. The First Degree has rightfully been named "A Degree of Light" for the Entered Apprentice, as the candidate is called, represents a young man coming from a world of utter darkness, Shrouded with blind ignorance, who enters a new world of light into which he is escorted and instructed in those principles that will serve as beacons to illuminate his pathway through life.

Those cardinal principles which have already been taught him from birth are simply restated and explained from a Masonic viewpoint and, from the very moment he is received into the Lodge, his thinking becomes transformed and his actions governed by his application of those principles as a Freemason. The First or Entered Apprentice Degree, therefore, symbolizes the birth of intellectual and perceptive light.

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As a matter of fact Freemasonry functions best and most effectively in a social climate of adversity. When the going is tough, as in times of war as it was in 1717 and during the pioneering period in America men are given to more serious thinking and instinctively band together for their greater security physically and emotionally.

What then is the task of Freemasonry today as we look down the road of the future? What is the challenge to its leadership? Clearly that task and that challenge are to make Masonic philosophy a more dynamic force in our Lodges and in the lives of its members. Programs must be developed and expanded that will make that philosophy come alive. In many cases, these programs can and should involve our families and our non-Masonic friends.

III. Advantages of a Call Writing Program

A. Lessens Dependence Upon Prediction

The call writer generally does not care whether the market goes up, sideways, or down so long as it does not fall more than the premium received.

B. Cash in Hand

The day after he writes his call, the writer receives his profit in advance. I. e. cash on the barrel head. If a person buys stock and simultaneously sells a call, his capital commitment is reduced by the amount of the premium.

C. Investment Planning Made Easier

The uncertainty of gains in stocks with up and down moves makes any dollar savings from selling a call highly speculative. The call writer is in a much better position to plan his profits. He knows fairly precisely how many calls he can sell on his portfolio during the year.

D. Minimizes Emotional Decision Making

The investor, even the most sophisticated one, is a more emotional animal. Rare is the investor, who has not kicked himself many times for allowing his emotions to overrule his better judgment.

PSYCHOLOGISTS TELL US THAT INITIAL DECISIONS ARE USUALLY THE MOST DIFFICULT TO MAKE. SO WHERE THE INVESTOR MAKES THE DECISION TO UNDERTAKE A CONTINUING CALL WRITING PROGRAM, HE HAS MADE THE MOST DIFFICULT DECISION IN THE GAME.

A call writing program, once initiated and followed, removes a great amount of emotion from his decisions. A call writing program can be quite mechanical and can be managed on the basis of policies which were established under rational conditions without the emotional pressures of the market to distort the decisions.

E. Enables Investor to Buy Below Market

Assume an investor decides to buy XYZ Company at $30 per share. Normally, he buys the stock and waits for it to rise in price. The call writer is of a different breed. He buys the stocks and writes a 6 month, 10 call at $30. What happens? He puts out $3,000 plus commission, but immediately his account is credited for the $300 call premium for a net cost of $2,700 plus commission for his acquisition.

An investor who methodically pursues a policy of selling calls on all his acquisitions will acquire a portfolio at a cost of nearly 10% below that which he would otherwise have had to pay. In my opinion, this is a rather significant improvement in one's position as well as a greater return on the portfolio.

From The Desk of the R.W. Grand Director of Public Relations

Courtesy of "The Lamp", published by the M. W. Prince Hall Grand Lodge of the Jurisdiction of Ohio

The best way to begin this article is by stating a fact: Hopeful that it will leave a thought in your mind today and everyday.

YOU CAN'T PUSH YOURSELF FORWARD BY PATTING YOURSELF ON THE BACK.

The heart of the lodge should be that program designed upon the treasury board that will enable the lodge to move ahead in accord with experiences of the past and knowledge of the present. Therefore, show me an active lodge and I will show you an inspired craft. Show me an interested craft and I will show you an active program. Most often we MASONS sell ourselves short by bragging of our accomplishments.

We, too, fail to realize that the inactive brother is the one doing the bragging. He is not the one to assist in the affairs of the lodge but equally shares the accolades, plaudits, citations of merit and other honors locally or nationally. Yes, these things of honor he is willing to accept. But, oh, when the salt loses its flavor - he is not willing to stand tall and accept his fare share of the bitter vetch.

Yes, I can plainly remember a campaign slogan that was used annually and I certainly agree that was full and complete meaning relative to Prince Hall Masonry. Slogan "GIVE YOUR FAIR SHARE" I am sure you have seen as well as heard it. WHEN DONE, IT REALLY WORKS.

When I was at the Work Shop in Columbus, Ohio in the month of April, a brother asked an unusual question. Since I strive to do my homework on matters pertaining to Public Relations of Prince Hall Masonry, I just could not wait to give my opinion to the question.

QUESTIONS If you had ten wishes for the success of Prince Hall Masonry what would they be?

ANSWER (1) For every brother to love one another;
(2) Growth of the Fraternity through untried efforts;
(3) Aid for our sick and distressed brothers and sister;
(4) More benevolent and mission work;
(5) More Worshipful Masters with the determination to make their lodges grow.

...Senior Wardens prepared to continue lodge growth through untried efforts;
...Junior Wardens to watch the craft at labor. Above ALL, to see every brother is not in distress and report the same accurately to the Master as well as to the craft. Suggest ways and means to assist worthily distressed and sick M.M.'s.

(6) Instruction classes for the craft that will make them more knowledgeable on the facets and landmarks of masonry;
(7) A combined and unification of all lodges (all districts) to carry our instructions to all brothers of the craft where lodges will draw men as opposed to repel;
(8) More harmony and unity;
(9) More PUBLIC RELATIONS in the "WE AND US" category;
(10) 99 1/4 less "I SHOULD A MAN FAIL. IT IS BECAUSE HE FAILED WITHIN HIMSELF."
Arnold Toynbee, one of the world’s leading historians, pointed out that all civilization had progressed through a process of “Challenge and Response.” Men throughout history have been confronted with a series of challenges. When they responded to those challenges successfully, they advanced. When they failed to respond to a challenge successfully, they went into a period of decline and eventually disappeared—as in the case of many ancient civilizations.

The same thing is true of organizations and, incidentally, of men. Throughout our lives we are challenged time and time again. When we respond to those challenges successfully, we advance. When we fail to respond successfully, we go backward.

Freemasonry today is confronted with such a challenge. That challenge may be even more stern in the years ahead of us. Let us hope that we will respond to it successfully. Let us hope that our leaders will sense the great changes in the environment in which Freemasonry functions today, and will recognize the need to adapt our practices and procedures to that changed environment.

Freemasonry has tremendous inherent strength. Its philosophy has stood the test of time. It is the product of the greatest thinkers of the ages. But every generation must make that philosophy come alive in the minds and hearts of its members. It must be seen and recognized as an effective and dynamic force for good in the real world that men see about them.

In the words of Brother Johann Wolfgang von Goethe, a great thinker and philosopher in his time as well as a great poet: “That which has been bequeathed to us must be earned anew if we would possess it.”

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The king, I enslave,
As easily as I subject his slave;
I speak through the birds of the air,
The insects of the field,
The crash of water upon rock-ribbed shores,
The sighing of the wind in the trees,
I am heard by the soul that knows me in the clatter of wheels on city streets.
I know no brother; yet all men are my brothers,
I am father of the best that is in them.
They are fathers of the best that is in me,
I am of them;
I am the instrument of God
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