Masonic Rites Conferred S. Matthew Hendershott, 33°

P.M. Raymond L. Gray
Elected Director of Men's Work

Past Master Raymond L. Gray, Sr. was recently elected Director of Men's Work for the Washington Central District of the United Methodist Church.

The Director-Elect is a life-time member of the Ebenezer Methodist Church at 4th & D Streets, S.E., Washington, D.C. He has served as President of the Interdenominational Church Ushers Association, Incorporated of Washington, D.C.

Under the supervision of the District Superintendents of the Baltimore Annual Conference the responsibility of directing, planning and promoting programs and activities for more than 50 United Methodist Men's Clubs.

Brother Gray, a Past Master of Warren Lodge No. 8, is the husband of Mrs. Henrietta D. Gray of Sheba Chapter No. 2 and the father of Raymond L. Gray, Jr.

Past Master Gray's new position has already been filled by other members of Warren Lodge: P.M. Joseph N. Yearwood, Jr. and Mr. Samuel B. Danley who are both members of Asbury United Methodist Church.

JAMES D. GIBSON
Elected Lay Reader for the Washington Central District of the Baltimore Annual Conference

The Masonic Order stands as a bulwark of the human race. The work we do in the lodge is not just for the benefit of our members, but for the benefit of the community as a whole. We are a part of something bigger than ourselves.

J. Gibson
The Baltimore Conference Board of the Laity, at its recent convocation held in Boonsboro, Maryland on September 16, 1973, elected P.M. James D. Gibson of Warren Lodge, No. 8, to the position of Lay Reader for the Washington Central District, Baltimore Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church for the year 1974.
The Editor and Staff of the Prince Hall Masonic Digest announce with deepest grief and sorrow the passing of our beloved founder,

THE HONORABLE S. MATTHEW HENDERSHOTT
33 Degree Past Grand Master
who departed this life

August 29, 1973

PRINCE HALL MASTONS PRESENT $1,000 TO D.C. YOUTH CHORALE

Grand Master Henry A. Dove, the head of Prince Hall Masons of the District of Columbia, presented a check to Dr. Frances W. Hughes, founder and organizer of the D.C. Youth Chorale in August of this year.

The donation was used to help finance the group’s trip to Roumania as goodwill ambassadors of the United States.

Dr. Hughes, accepting the gift on behalf of the group, advised the Grand Master that the funds would be used for the purpose of providing medical personnel to accommodate the 82 members of the choral ensemble.

The group of talented youngsters, represented by students of the 9th through 12th grades of the D.C. Public Schools, is directed by Mr. Edward Jackson.

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The electee, who formerly served as District Lay Reader under the old Washington Annual Conference for eight years, is a member of the Ebenezer United Methodist Church of Washington, D.C. where he is now serving as Chairman of the Worship Commission and as a member of the Administrative Board and holds a certificate as a Certified Lay Reader. In 1969, he was appointed as the district representative on the Baltimore Conference Board of the Layman Scholarship Fund, a position he currently fills.

Past Master Gibson, an active member of his Lodge, Warren No. 8, was congratulated by Grand Master Henry A. Dove for his accomplishment during the Grand Visitation in October. He is also retired federal employee after 38 years of service - 37 of which were as a Transportation Specialist at the U.S. General Accounting Office.

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three sisters - Mrs. Ruth H. Davis, Mrs. Mary E. Bell and Mrs. Naomi E. Wilson of Baltimore. He will be laid to rest at Green Mountains and will be followed by Misses Thomasina Hendershott, Carolyn Dickey, Diane Bell, Deborah Bell and Michele Evans, also residents of Baltimore plus many other relatives and friends.

IN MEMORIAM

"They lived, that when their summons came to join the innumerable caravan which moves to that mysterious realm where they have taken their places in the silent halls of death...they went not as quarry slaves, scourged and chained to their dungeons, but sustained and smooth as by an unfaltering trust, wrapped in the drapery of their cloth, lay down to pleasant dreams."

Adapted from Thantopsis

Sirs: Bertha Tidwell, Queen Esther No. 1
P.M. Capitola T. Horn, Queen Esther No. 1
P.M. Irving Mundsell, Charles Datcher No. 15
Bro. Waverly Baird, Social No. 33
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The American Red Cross
BISHOP cont'd from Page 1

Masonry is a light shining in darkness, but thank God, the darkness cannot put it out. The storms of contention and ignorance have raged violently against this great Order but have failed to shatter its influence or weaken its firmness, because both its foundations and superstructure are grounded safely in the solidi-

ty and, stability of those Christian virtues which are built to withstand the fierce winds of opposition, the torrential rains of unbelief.

The searing lightnings of racial hatred and the roaring thunder of sour-grape philosophy — because it is erected upon the bedrock of truth and grounded in sincerity — when all other institutions have become mildewed and eroded by the passing centuries, this Grand Temple — like its counterpart - the church of the Living God - will stand completed as an indestructible monument to man who were not ashamed to turn to God in reverence, bow their heads and pray. "Lord God, most Holy Father, attend unto our prayer and guide your home-bound pilgrims along the heavenly way.

This day of celebration, Thanksgiving, and remembrance should give us a new vision — a new perspective and a new inspiration that will enable us to experience some great social, intellectual, moral and spiritual achievement. Finally, you can take heart in the knowledge that we have been a great force in bringing about many changes which have resulted in a better way of life for our people.

However, you cannot afford to rest upon these laurels and social accomplishments, for we yet have many milestones to count and many rivers to ford before we come fully into the mainstream of the American way of life. Therefore, I beseech and implore you — each of you, my brethren. "To work hard - to till on - to press forward - to keep the faith - to keep on keeping on." — until our racial path is cleared of every ob-

stacle — and the claim of our heritage is staked out and recorded upon the ledger of human activities. In times of over-cities and threatening clouds, remember the source of power that brought you safely thus far and keep on keeping on and don't be ashamed to cry out, "O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come: be Thou our guide while life shall last and our eternal home..."

FOOD - TALK

by Mavolio Reed

The soaring costs of meat, fish and poultry have been a primary concern of consumers in recent months and a major factor in the preparation of food. Chicken, as well as fish, has practically doubled in price per pound but still remains well within the cost-range of the average shopper. Beginning with this issue, Mavolio presents some helpful hints for meeting food-budget costs and suggests money-saving recipes which should prove not only inexpensive but quite delectable, even for the gourmet palate.

For a quick meal, try the following:

CONTINENTAL CHICKEN

1 - 2½ to 3 lb. chicken (washed and patted dry)
½ - green pepper
1 - small onion
Several stalks of celery
1 - Can of golden mushroom soup (Regular mushroom soup, optional)
1 - Can of water
2 tabs - soy sauce

Brown chicken - turning once with tongs. Remove from pan - draining excess fat from chicken. Cut onion, pepper and celery into small pieces. Add to mushroom soup and water and soy sauce. Bring to boil. Line bottom of casserole with instant rice (about half full). Pour half of soup mixture over the instant rice. Line bottom of pan of chicken parts with rice. Pour balance of mixture over chicken parts and rice. Cover and cook in preheated oven (375 degrees - 400 degrees) for approximately 50 min. or until tender. Serve with tossed salad or steamed cabbage.

STEAMED CABBAGE

1 head - Cabbage (shredded)
1 tsp - sugar
¼ tsp - salt
¼ tsp - pepper
½ in. - bacon fat
¾ cup - water

Shred cabbage finely and wash thoroughly in cold water. Preheat bacon fat (about ¼ in.) in Dutch Oven or pot. Add shredded cabbage, salt, pepper, sugar and water. Steam 15 min. or until it becomes crispy; serve hot.

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HAVE YOU GIVEN YOUR BLOOD?

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

(M.W.P.H. Grand Lodge)

(Date)  (Activity)

November 18  O.E.S. Annual Sermon - 4:00 P.M.  Upper Room Baptist Church
November 25  125th Annual Divine Service - 7:30 P.M.  Shiloh Baptist Church
December 12-14  125th Annual Grand Communication
December 14-15  O.E.S. Annual Session

(Lodges)

(Date)  (Activity)

November 3  Social Lodge No. 1  3rd Degree - 1:00 P.M.
November 27  Corinthian No. 18  Elections
December 6  Social No. 1  Elections
December 12-14  Grand Communications  Elections
December 26  Redemption No. 24  Elections

(Chapters)

(Date)  (Activity)

November 14  Ruth No. 8  Grand Visitations
November 16  Queen Esther No. 1  Visitations
November 16  Queen Esther No. 1  Annual Sermon - 4:00 P.M.
November 25  Queen Esther No. 1  Divine Service: Shiloh Baptist
December 12  Queen Esther No. 1  Elections
December 12  Ruth No. 8  Elections

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Our jurisdiction salutes and pays tribute to an outstanding brother for his varied accomplishments in the fields of medicine, medical research and the arts.

This distinguished Mason, elected as the R.W. Grand Senior Warden in December 1972, brings to our jurisdiction a wealth of practical knowledge and ethical and technical knowledge which not only reflects much credit upon his family but also serves as a means of convincing others, particularly, our youth of the good effects of Masonry.

Dr. Marshall, the son of Edward E. and Dorothy Marshall, was born in the District of Columbia on June 9, 1920. In June 1942 he married Elma Vernette Murfree and is the father of four lovely children: Franz R., Patricia, Richardson, Carole Denney and Dianne Streeter.

He is a product of the D.C. Public Schools, graduated with honors from the American Conservatory of Music, received a Bachelor of Science Degree in Microbiology from Howard University and was awarded a Doctor of Science Degree by The Georgetown University School of Medicine and Allied Sciences.

Among his numerous affiliations are membership in the American Society of Microbiology, the International Society of Clinical Laboratory Technologists, the American Society of Pulmonary Diseases, The District of Columbia Public Health Association and the American Association of Hospital Administrators.

He is an active member of Our Redeemer Lutheran Church where he currently serves as Choirmaster. His church activities began at an early age as an Altar Boy and include a number of responsibilities - the Maryland Synod of the Lutheran Church and is the first black committee man to serve on the Executive Committee of the Maryland Synod-United Lutheran Church in America, as well as his present duty as Choirmaster, a position he has filled since 1943.

In private practice, Dr. Marshall is the Director of the Clinical Diagnostic Laboratories of this City. Since 1943 he has been employed at the D.C. General Hospital where he now holds the position of Chief Administrative officer, Treatment Divisions, and is the Executive Assistant to the Executive Director.

One of Dr. Marshall's most outstanding accomplishments has been his extensive research in the field of Microbiology, particularly in the area of Tuberculosis. His work in this field in the development of diagnostic techniques led to his receiving an honorary degree in recognition of his work.

Among the Stars

O.E.S. News Digest

Among those attending the 80th Annual convention of the Shriners held August 19-24, 1973 in Detroit, Michigan were eleven members of Ruth chapter No. 8. Chapter members attending included: W.M. Elizabeth F. Sutton; W.P. William R. Smith and his wife, Mrs. Ethel Smith; A.P. Alexander; Parker; P.P. Donald Vowels and his wife, G. race: P.C.L. Myrtle B. Vowels; Sisters Katherine A. Jones, Thelma Hopkins, and Martha W. Young; and Bro. Frank Parker.

Members of Ruth chapter seem to exclude no areas inside or outside the continental United States for vacations — some cities visited by members included: W.C.; Atlanta, Ga.; Chattanooga, Tenn.; Trenton and Atlantic City, N.J.; Los Angeles, Calif.; Windsor, Montreal, and Quebec, Canada. Caribbean cruise areas were included in the itinerary of many members.

As a representative of the National Institute of Health Library, P.M. Ruth, C. Smith, travelled extensively, attending Library Association and Medical Library meetings in Kansas City, St. Louis, Pittsburgh and Boston.

Congratulations to Sis. Mary Chisholm, Directress, Senior Isisserette, Mecca Court No. , Girls' Precision Drill Team, the Majorettes and the Drum and Flag Units. The Drill team won first place honors in national competition with other drill teams for the third consecutive year. The Majorettes won a trophy for "Best in Show" while the Drum Unit was honored to play for the Grand March. Again, congratulations to Sis. Chisholm and her husband, Noble Lloyd Chisholm, who instructs the drill team.

P.G.P. Julian F. Browne and his wife, P.M. Edna Browne, are proud grandparents of a beautiful new granddaughter.

COMING EVENTS

Grand Chapter visitation, Wednesday, November 14, 8:30 p.m., Masonic Temple

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The figures indicate total contributions and do not assume any growth through capital gains or dividend payments.

Voluntary Contributions

Under the existing Salf-Employers Retirement Plan, if an employer has an employee with three years of continuous service of at least 20 hours per week, the employee must be included in the plan. Also, both the employer and the employee are permitted to make a voluntary contribution of after tax dollars of 10% or $2,500, whichever is less. The total contribution as it presently stands is $5,000 maximum.

Table III will illustrate the new proposed rate and the impact on total contributions, which can go up to $16,000.

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Proposed 15% Employer Contributions

| Proposed Voluntary Contributions |
| **$750** |
| **$1,500** |
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Total Contributions

| Per Year |
| **$1,500** |
| **$3,000** |
| **$6,000** |
| **$12,000** |
| **$24,000** |

Eligibility

Under the current retirement plan, eligibility is set at three years, but the current law does not make any provisions for the attainment of a specific age for eligibility. Under the proposed bill, age is a determining factor for eligibility. Table IV will point out this fact.

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As the table shows, employees under age 30 could be required to have three years of service before they are eligible to participate in the retirement

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FOOD. cont'd from Page 3

GARDEN PLATTER SALAD with DUTCH ONION RINGS

1 tsp - lemon
2 - Medium onions
3 - Large tomatoes
1 - Cucumber
1 - Bottle or can of ripe olives
1/4 cup - Sour cream
1 tsp - Celery seed
1 tsp - Pepper (coarsely ground)
1 tsp - Dill seed

Prepare Dutch Onion Rings in advance (slice 2 medium onions 1/4 in. thick, separate into rings. Place in bowl and cover with boiling water; let stand for 2 min, drain and chill. Before serving - combine 1/4 cup of dairy sour cream, salt, celery seed and lemon juice; toss with onions.) At serving time, pile in center of platter; border with overlapping tomato and cucumber slices. Drizzle tomatoes and cucumbers with salad dressing and sprinkle with salt, pepper and dill seed, and parsley. Trim platter with ripe olives and leaf lettuce. Makes 4-6 servings.

To compliment the suggested a.d. inexpensive menu, pound cake may be served with ice cream, sherbert or jello as a dessert.

POUND CAKE

3 sticks - Soft butter
1 box - Confectionary sugar
6 - Eggs (unbeaten)
2 cups (plus 2 tbsp) - All purpose flour
2 tspns - Vanilla

Gradually mix soft butter and confectionary sugar; add sifted flour gradually with vanilla. Beat with electric beater for approximately 2 minutes. Preheat oven at 300 degrees and bake for 1 hour or until spongy. Serve with ice cream, sherbert or jello.

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The Meaning of Free Masonry

By Grafton J. Daniels Editor in Chief

THE ANTIQUITY OF MASONRY

Freemasonry, in principle, is indistinguishably co-existent or co-evolved with the creation. The institution, however, in its peculiar organization as we now know it, rightly traces its origin back to the building of King Solomon's Temple. The inquiring Mason, delving into the stratae of antiquity, discovers that that origin is closely and inseparably related to and interwoven within what may be termed the Ancient Mysteries. Man, in his primitive condition, was created in the very image of his Creator and, in that lofty estate, was richly endowed with the attributes of spirituality and profound knowledge of the true nature and identification of Almighty God. But, by his own choosing, the progenitor of the human race not only lost the purity of his nature and knowledge of God but also evoked a moral degeneration which endured until the Great Flood eradicated from the face of the earth the evil and wickedness that had caused his fall from grace. To Noah, the first great patriarch of the human race, and to his posterity was intrusted the knowledge of the true God. For to heed the continually repeated admonition regarding the effects of sin and degradation, man rebelled again. In the resultant confusion of tongues which occurred during the untimely erection of the Tower of Babel, the great truths of Masonry — the universality of God and the immortality of the soul — were lost to all but the patriarchs in whose line true Masonry or the knowledge of these dogmas was preserved. Mankind, notwithstanding, turned from the ever-living and true God and substituted in His place the names of countless heroes and distinguished men whom the religious worship of the world was focused.

Searching through the dim light of nature, ancient philosophers and sages retained traces of those great Masonic doctrines. History records the fact that the teaching of those doctrines was a necessity, done in secret. Socrates, the renowned philosopher and teacher, forfeited his life for proclaiming the truths to the Athenian youth. Thus, in ultimate secrecy, were preserved and nurtured those Ancient Mysteries — those truly Masonic institutions and the truths of which the prohibited dogmas and truths were inculcated in the minds of the initiate through solemn and imposing ceremonies. Extreme caution had to be exercised in the selection of candidates upon whom were imposed exact obligations of secrecy in order to safeguard the teachers and protect them from the existing dangers of bigotry and fanaticism.

The right to fully participate in the esoteric knowledge of Masonry, it was obtained by its members only after undergoing secret ceremonial initiations in consequence of certain modes of recognition known only to those qualified initiators pertaining to the existence of a Supreme Deity and the emblematic illustration of the doctrines of the "resurrection" and the immortality of the soul which was dramatically presented in a legend of the death and subsequent restoration to life of a divinity in a place.

An example of these religious institutions was that of the Dionysian Mysteries held throughout Greece and Asia Minor, and in which one learned of the legend of Bacchus, or - as the Greeks called him, Dionysus - by the Titans and his subsequent restoration to life. The priests of Dionysus, devoting themselves to architecture, established a society of builders in Asia Minor, which was called the "Fraternity of Dionysian Architects" and whose development was given the privilege of erecting temples and other public buildings.

Continued in the next issue.

The SOUND OF MUSIC

by Malcolm J. Taylor, W. Minister of Music

"Music it was we brought from Heaven as man's first breath so pure. And it alone may we carry back, as a thing which shall endure. And thus uplifted do we mount, like some celestial thing. To realms of world forgotten joy On wings of living song."

The Prince Hall Masonic Choir still rehearses every Saturday evening at 6:00 P.M. on the 4th floor of the Temple. Once again, I appeal to the brethren and sisters of our jurisdiction for their much needed help in increasing the personnel of our group in order that it may become a grand asset.

The Choir has been invited to present the Christmas portion of Handel's Messiah and, to make it an effective performance, we must augment the voices of the group.

The M.W. Grand Master and the Grand Worthy Matron have both expressed the hope that the choir's complement can be increased to 100 voices or more. It can be done with your help and the cooperation of the Lodges and Chapters. If two (2) persons from each of those subordinate bodies volunteered their services, our goal could well be attained.

The Masonic Choir is at the service of the Lodges, Chapters and Affiliated bodies upon request. If such service is needed in your program for the coming year of 1974, please inform us upon completion of your calendars in order to avoid possible conflicts.

Give us your voices and we will, in turn produce music of which the entire Prince Hall Family will be justly proud.

Fraternally yours,
Malcolm J. Taylor, Grand Master.
News In Panorama

Dr. Bishop Dedicates Public Address System

Col. West A. Hamilton, 33rd Degree, and 50 year Member of Pythagoras Lodge No. 9, presents YMCA Century Club Plaque to Grand Master

Miriam Chester Receives Citation

Grand Master Dove Being Escort to Shiloh Baptist Church for St. John's Day Service

M.W. Grand Master Henry A. Dove Presents $1,000 Check to Lt. Clay W. Colston, Director of Metropolitan Police Boy's Club


Cornerstone Laying At E.L. Williams Educational Center

Grand Masters Attending 84th Annual Grand Master's Conference, May 9-11, 1973 at New Haven, Connecticut

PGM Blakely Congratulates Officials After Cornerstone Laying at E.L. Williams Educational Center

St. John's Day Observance at Shiloh Baptist Church

Grand Secretaries Attending 84th Annual Grand Master's Conference Held in New Haven, Connecticut

St. John's Day Observance at Shiloh Baptist Church
GRANDMASTER HENRY A. DOUGLAS

MEMBERS OF THE M. W. PRINCE HALL GRAND LODGE OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, AS ASSOCIATED WITH THE MASTERS AND WARDENS OF 1973, SURPRISED THE M. W. GRAND MASTER WITH A CELEBRATORY CELEBRATION ON THE OCCASION OF HIS 54th BIRTHDAY. THE SURPRISE BIRTHDAY PARTY WAS HELD AT THE MASONIC Temperature Ballroom On Joining Grand Master Dove at the head table were his lovely wife, Christine, their two sons, daughter-in-law, and four grandchildren. Since that time, however, the Dove's have been blessed with their fifth grandchild. The Grandmas and Grandpa wish the party was quite a surprise and one he would always cherish. After dinner remarks were given by the R. W. Deputy Grand Master and other members of the Grand Cabin. The evening was extended with felicitation to the honoree. The 100 guests attending the party were indeed pleased that the party had been very different to fool the Grand Master, however, after some crafty maneuvers and a few untruths, the feat was accomplished. We salute our Grand Master with the wish for him many more Happy Birthdays.

THE SCOTTISH RITAE MASONS OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA were hosts to the United States at the 53rd degree of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry. The Scottish Rite Affiliation was held in our Twenty-Ninth Triennial Session, held on Monday, October 8, 1973 at the Shoreham Americana Hotel. During the session the Supreme Council paid homage to the outstanding Masons by conferring the following awards of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry. The Gold Medal Achievement Award was presented to Master Freemasons Emeritus, James A. Minga, and his Distinguished Service Award, conferred upon him by M.W.O.M. Henry A. Dove.

MASON'S notes established an enviable record of accomplishment. Another noteworthy achievement was accomplished by the Juvenile Marching Unit of the Daughter of Harriet Tubman who captured first place in the Junior Division of the contest.

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

P. A. ASS'T. DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC RELATIONS

GRANDMASTER HENRY A. DOUGLAS, in his annual address, "The Craft in an urgent communication on June 23, 1973, asked the Lodge to stop attending the funeral services of the late Reverend John L. Franklin, the Worshipped Master, Reginald Colbert, officers, and members of Harmony Lodge No. 22 of which the late Rev. Franklin had been a member and Past Master. Services were held at the Second Baptist Church in this city where Brother Franklin had formerly pastored. The services were presided over by the Rev. Willie Allen, Vice President, and the Baptist Ministers Conference of Washington, D. C. During the sermon eulogizing the life of their Brother, remarks were made by the Reverend Fowler, Tucker and White - members of the Lodge - who commented on Rev. Franklin's life in and contributions to the Masonic Lodges. The Rev. E. C. smith, Pastor of Metropolitan Baptist Church, delivering the eulogy gave recollections of Rev. Franklin's association with the church and spoke glowingly of his many religious and various accomplishments he had achieved during his ministry.

Following the regular church services, the Masonic Rites were performed by the Lodge under the Grand Master assisted by his Grand Cabinet. Active pallbearers were Past Masters of Harmony Lodge No. 22.

The 125th Annual Observance of St. John's Day was celebrated on Sunday, October 24, 1973 at Shiloh Baptist Church. Members of the Craft assembled at the Masonic Temple where more than 2,000 brethren joined the traditional parade to the place of worship. The R.W. Grand Warden, Junior Grand Warden, presided over the festivities during which the over-flowing and thronging, laden with food and drink, were served with the finest in Masonic hospitality. The keynote was a speech by the late Rev. Franklin was made.

The Washington Hilton Hotel was the site of the annual Grand Master's Ball on September 28, 1973. On that memorable evening, thousands of guests cavorted to the melodies strung forth by Bobby Fielder's orchestra. Numbered among the numerous guests were distinguished figures related to the Masonic Jurisdiction of Maryland, Virginia, Delaware and New Jersey. Immediately after the dancers, the 100 guests, were seated to await the Hon. and Mrs. Henry A. Dove who hosted the guests at a delicious buffet breakfast.

MECCA TEMPLE No. 116

CONTINUED ALL of the awards at the Annual Shriners Convention held in Detroit, Michigan on August 19 through 24th of this year. Through a determined effort, the Nobles excelled in every contest bringing home to this jurisdiction more than 15 first place medals. Please see column 6.